

Washington D.C. – Today, Congressman McCarthy announced the recipients of the Congressman Kevin McCarthy Merit Award:

· **Mr. Clark Goossen** – Arroyo Grande High School · **Mr. Matthew O’Connell** – Atascadero High School

Mr. Zachary Schultz
– Coastal Christian School

·
Mr. Grayson Dole
– North County Christian School

·
Miss Valerie Lloyd
– Paso Robles High School

·
Mr. Matthew Schuman
– Shandon High School

·
Mr. Ryan Elliott
–Templeton High School

“This award is intended to honor the achievements of our communities’ best and brightest, recognizing their positive achievements and inspiring all of our students to work toward their goals,” said Congressman McCarthy. *“By coming together and recognizing these students, I believe we help to create a positive community environment that supports the hard work of the next generation’s leaders.”*

Earlier this year, high school principals were invited to select one outstanding graduating senior per school to receive the Congressman Kevin McCarthy Merit Award. The Congressman Kevin McCarthy Merit Award was created to recognize outstanding high school students who have demonstrated academic excellence, exemplary school citizenship, volunteerism, community service, involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership skills, and have earned a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Award Presentation Ceremony:

Monday, May 10, 2010 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Atascadero Unified School District Office (Board Room)
5601 West Mall Atascadero, California