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I recently became involved in the U.S. Public Service Academy, a proposed undergraduate institution with a specific focus on public service. Just like the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., the U.S. Public Service Academy will help shape the future leaders of our great nation.

As both the bills in the U.S. House and Senate continue to rack up co-sponsors, plans go forward for this military-style academy to house this first-in-the-nation concept. Leaders from around the world have endorsed the idea, including U.S. Reps. Steven R. Rothman and Rush Holt, both D-N.J.

The real question that comes to mind is do we really need a university created solely for public service? The answer is yes. Americrop, City Year and Teach for America are just some of the organizations that have revolutionized the public service sector of the United States, but a specific focus during college is what is truly needed.

Like West Point and Annapolis, the Public Service Academy will be tuition-free for all students with a pledge to work for five years in public service after graduation.

Robert F. Kennedy once said, "Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation."

The Public Service Academy will be that act that changes the history of my generation and many like it. I hope everyone will join the cause and help support America's future leaders. Join the fight at www.uspublicserviceacademy.org.

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