

Van Orden Campaign: spotlighted by national GOP group in race against Kind

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HAGER CITY, WI – This week, Derrick Van Orden was named a 2020 NRCC Young Gun, a candidate that has met rigorous benchmarks and has displayed a clear path to victory in a key Congressional race.

Derrick is running to bring his decades of tested, proven leadership as a Navy SEAL and a small business owner to Washington.

The La Crosse Tribune covered the announcement yesterday. See below for excerpts from their article and [click here for the full version.](#)

Derrick Van Orden, Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, has been named a top candidate to watch by a national Republican committee, his team announced on Wednesday.

The candidate from Hager City was named a “Young Gun” by the National Republican Congressional Committee, a group on the Hill that works to elect members from its party to the House of Representatives.

The title is given to candidates who have established a “clear path to victory,”

according to the NRCC. To reach Young Gun status, a candidate must meet certain funding and campaign benchmarks.

...Van Orden is the only Wisconsin GOP candidate on the 2020 Young Guns list, though Senate Majority Leader, Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, who is also running for the 5th Congressional district, is on its "Vanguard" list.

Former Wisconsin congressman and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Janesville, helped launch the Young Guns program in the 2007-2008 election cycle, in which four of its candidates defeated Democratic incumbents.