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GREYSTONE STUDENTS REACH OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS



Linda and Tim Williams, Toastmasters District 55 Governor and Area Governor, respectively, pictured at center, presented this year's members with a personal Greystone Toastmasters Club banner. An international organization aimed at improving public-speaking skills, Toastmasters has become an integral part of the Greystone program.

Toastmasters is one of many programs and activities that uniquely define Greystone Preparatory School. Students attending the year-long Greystone program transform from high school seniors to successful university-educated freshmen who have learned to manage time, attain excellent academic scores, excel in physical fitness and participate in various leadership opportunities.

This preparation not only helps them to earn their academy appointments but also helps them to succeed throughout the academies and beyond.

Check inside to see how active Greystoners were last Fall Semester!

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



**CDR David T. Bailey, USN (Ret.)
USNA '81
Executive Director**

Happy New Year Class of 2012! My New Year's wish for you is that during 2012 you begin to live your dream of service to our nation as a confident and experienced leader in the Armed Forces.

You have all worked very hard over the past five months to achieve academically, athletically and as leaders – the best year Greystone has ever experienced! Academically, this team of 25 earned a collective Grade Point Average of 3.77 – the highest Fall semester GPA in Greystone history!

This tells me that you are truly “academy” material, which means that now is the time to ensure that your academy recruiters, regional coordinators, congressional academy liaisons, LOR writers, academy application writers – anyone with whom you have made contact regarding your academy appointment – know of your success!

This is a time for you to feel proud of

all you have accomplished – as you can tell, I am very proud of you!

The next task that lies ahead is to continue to excel – scholastically, physically and as leaders. What that means is that you cannot afford to slide backward academically. You have sent a very strong message to the academies that you are capable of academic excellence at the college level – while taking the same full load of courses that academy first-year students are currently engaged in ... and you are doing very well!

Continue to pursue excellence in the classroom by moving that GPA up higher. For those 12 who earned a 4.0 GPA, your task is to maintain your 4.0! Show the academies that your success last semester was not a “flash in the pan” but rather a true reflection of your academic potential.

Physically, you must continue to press the outer limit of your endurance, strength and stamina. This is not a good time to “coast” – this is your time to push yourself like never before! Last semester, I was there to “push” you in our morning PT sessions and you improved your CFA scores dramatically. I will not be there with you in the Spring which means you will be on your own. Use what you have learned to push yourself now in preparation for where you will be next year!

Military service is not for those who are physical train wrecks – your life and the lives of those you will lead may depend on your ability to perform physically. You must continue to excel in the gym, on the track and in the pool!

As leaders, you have all evolved into men and women of character, integrity and honor. Based upon the small number of honor and conduct offenses encountered last semester, it is clear that you have raised the standard – your moral compasses are properly aligned now and you are ready to move forward without fear of ethical lapses in judgment.

You are ready to make your dream into a reality. Now, unleash the demon within and go out – way out onto the jagged edge of your performance. That is where you need to be – always. This is where excellence is for you. Get out there without fear because you have proven to yourself that you can leave your comfort zone and venture out where there is no net. Should you go too far, know that your team will catch you – it has proven to you that trust and confidence are the bedrock for this team.

Get out there and stay there – where true leaders live and lead. Remember “them” as you contemplate your return. Set your goals high – not for you, but for them – those you will soon lead. They deserve nothing but the best from their leaders. If you want to be part of that leadership, you must be relentless in your pursuit of excellence – for them!

Again, I want to wish you an extraordinary New Year – full of success and accomplishment. It will be exactly what you have earned!

Cheers,
CDR B

SPRING SEMESTER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

As we begin a new semester with new leadership positions, many thanks to all the Greystone students who served in their respective leadership roles in the Fall Semester. You represented the program well, whether you served your

fellow Greystoners, Schreiner University or the community. You provided excellent role models for the upcoming new leadership.

To the new leaders: This program is yours – you run it and the staff steps

back. Your new leadership roles and how you perform them will set the tone for the incoming class.

Remember ... pursue excellence for "them"!

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2nd Vice President (Program) ...	Kamron Murrell
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FALL GPA: SLOW START, STELLAR FINISH!

The first four-week grades were a wake-up call for the Greystone students and they answered the call! Their cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.11, which may seem good to the "average student," is simply not competitive for academy-bound hopefuls.

In an effort to raise these grades the first call to action was to find out why they were that low. It was discovered that many of the students just did not know how to study for university aca-

demics!

Even though all Greystone students participated in mandatory study hall for four hours, six nights per week, if they didn't know how to study in the first place, the time was not spent as effectively as possible. Consequently, Greystone created a new leadership position and **Max Bulba** stepped in as Academic Coordinator. With his direction and oversight, as well as strong support from others on the team, especially **Connor**

McLauchlan and **Tim Nosco**, the class attained the high average of **3.77!**

Of the 25 Greystone students:

- ⇒ Twelve students earned a 4.0
- ⇒ Seventeen students made the President's List (4.0-3.7)
- ⇒ Six students made the Dean's List (3.69-3.3)

Congratulations to each and every Greystone student for your obvious hard work and *proven success!*

WRAPPING UP FALL SEMESTER 2011

"REQUIRED" FUN WITH A PURPOSE



Following a day of team building during the **Greystone Annual Challenge Course at Mo-Ranch**, Dylan rides the sled down the steep waterslide for a refreshing, fast, cool plunge into the Guadalupe River.



Students, like Mason, improve public-speaking skills as members of the **Greystone Toastmasters Club**. They entertain themselves and each other in presenting organized and impromptu speeches. Not only does Toastmasters help them in Academy interviews for the immediate future, but becoming better public speakers is a trait they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.



Schreiner's Skeet and Trap Shooting Club, coached by Schreiner University's Bill Thomas, enables students to become familiar with the sport of aiming and shooting, while learning gun safety. Mattie takes aim, pictured above on left. Megan poses before beginning her shooting practice.



WRAPPING UP FALL SEMESTER 2011—CONT.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Each year the Viet Nam Veterans Association calls upon Greystone to **raise U.S. and state flags in front of the Veterans Hospital in Kerrville**. The 100-flag display commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. Pictured from left: Drew, Trent and Ross.



Greystone volunteered at **Dallas' 9-11 5K Heroes Run**. If they didn't help facilitate, they ran the run!



The **Annual Kerrville Rotary Fish Fry** at Tivy High School gives Greystone "the job" of taking dinners to the drive-thru patrons while Greystone students sell sodas and water for their own fundraiser. Zach, pictured top right shows how the job gets done!

This year students added a side show – Trent's and Mason's push ups and Gerrit's back flips (thanks to Allie's selling skills). The extra entertainment brought in more money than drinks!



WRAPPING UP FALL SEMESTER 2011—CONT.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES



Flights in the B-17 Aluminum Overcast: Thanks to Lt. Col. Hal Buxton, USAF (ret.) pictured third from right, this once-in-a-lifetime dream became a reality for Greystone students. When the B-17 was touring in Kerrville, hosted by Experimental Aircraft Association's local chapter, several students who were available at the time (no classes scheduled) were lucky to fly in this World War II bomber.



Greystone Board member **Diane Green and her husband, Bob**, hosted a memorable evening at their home with Tex-Mex cuisine and entertainment by The New Buddy Holly Band. At the end of the evening Greystone celebrated the **Marine Corps Birthday**. CMD SGT MAJ Skip Rich, Greystone Advisory Board member, cut the traditional cake taking the first piece as the senior Marine present and giving the second piece to the youngest Marine – or, in Greystone's case the youngest *future* Marine – Patrick.

THANK YOU, FRIENDS

We are grateful to the many people and organizations who help in endless ways to make Greystone what it is. Whether you pitch in financially to help support students' valuable programs and scholarships, devote time in volunteering for CFAs, cheer students on during events, bake "comfort food," shuttle students, tutor — you name it! We sincerely appreciate the positive difference you make.

Thank You,

Lt. Col. Hal Buxton, USAF (ret.)
Maj. Lorrin Peterson, USA (ret.)

*To all parents and friends who
sent/delivered special treats and
snacks to students during Finals
Week, THANK YOU!*



Greystone students experienced a "first" when they supported the Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign recently in Kerrville. Undoubtedly they discovered a new-found appreciation for all bell ringers for years to come! Sohrob, left, and Javaughn ring in the charm.

WISH LIST

Dear Friends,

The Operations side of Greystone is only partially funded. The unfunded events and programs are as vital to Greystone as academics. Providing students with many opportunities in leadership, community service and additional athletics, these programs are an important part of Greystone because they directly coincide with the expectations, preparedness and extracurricular activities found at the U.S. Federal Service Academies. Any financial help in deferring these costs is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Greystone Preparatory School
at Schreiner University

*These events, programs and items set Greystone apart
from other preparatory schools.*

Events and Programs: Funds Needed

High Adventure (Venturing Crew camping trips)	\$ 2,000
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Save the date!

Howlin' at the Moon **May 10**

**Achievement Recognition
Ceremony (ARC)** **May 11**

Join the Friends of Greystone!

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other _____

Event and Program costs can be subdivided into "chunks." You may also choose to earmark your contribution or donate to an area of greatest need.

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Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University uniquely offers Federal Service Academy candidates a one-year program with emphasis on academics, athletics and leadership through its affiliation with Schreiner University. Schreiner courses are fully accredited and taught by experienced professors with their doctorate degrees. All academic courses are in sync with first-year academy courses, providing Greystone students with a significant advantage over their academy classmates because they are more prepared for the true rigors they will encounter at the academies – academics, athletics and leadership challenges. In addition to university-level academics, Greystone supplements its program with a demanding athletic and physical conditioning program, as well as significant character development and leadership training throughout the entire year of study. Students who graduate from Greystone are better prepared for the scholastic, physical and leadership challenges that await them and therefore are more apt to maximize their four-year academy opportunity leading them to graduation and their commissions.

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