

# The Greystone Compass

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Newsletter for prospective, current and former Greystone students, families and friends.

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## RAISING THE BAR



One thing that sets Greystone apart from all other academy prep programs in the country is its unique relationship with Schreiner University. Greystone is the *only* program affiliated with a four-year, fully accredited university and because of that, our students are able to experience the level of academic challenge that they will face at the academies. By working hard here at Schreiner, they set themselves up for success during plebe year and beyond!

That being said, this year's Greystone class should be in good shape for next year. Once they figured out how to make the transition from high school to college level studying, this class was able to set a new Greystone record. Together, the class finished the Fall semester with a cumulative GPA of 3.81! Yes, you read that correctly—3.81! Twenty two students earned a perfect 4.0 GPA. Thirty two were able to earn a spot on the Schreiner University President's List with a GPA of 3.7 or above and nine were included on the Dean's List (GPA of 3.3—3.69)!

Because of this achievement, our students were invited to the Annual President's List Dinner to celebrate their accomplishment. Congratulations to the Class of 2013 on an outstanding semester!

## ONGOING AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CHECK OUT THE GREYSTONE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS!

WWW.GREYSTONEPREPSCHOOL.ORG

*Boys and Girls Club at the Kroc   Camp Rays of Hope   First Tee   Physical Readiness Test  
Character Development and Leadership Training   Greystone Candidate Weekends   SU Recall Week-  
end   President's List Dinner Toastmasters   Board of Directors Meeting   Alpha Lambda Delta Induc-  
tion   Klocko Leadership Lecture   Hatchett Character Lecture   Captain Stevens Movie Night   Camp  
Flaming Arrow Service Project   Howlin' at the Moon   Achievement Recognition Ceremony (ARC)*

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## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Shawn Quillen and  
Dr. Danette Vines, Ph.D.

Greystone has been extremely fortunate to have worked with the outstanding faculty at Schreiner University. One in particular, Dr. Danette Vines has been a great asset to the Greystone program. Dr. Vines obtained her Ph.D. in Organic Chem-

istry at Iowa State University having completed her B.S. at McNeese State University. After 10 years working as an industrial research scientist in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry, she decided to pursue her teaching career. She currently serves as Associate Professor at Schreiner University. Her specialties include oversight of a small undergraduate research group, teaching organic and general chemistry, and advanced topics in chemistry. During her teaching career she has received the Pinnacle Excellence Award in teaching (2008), the Elmore Whitehurst Award for Creativity in teaching (2011) and the Margaret Hossler Award for Excellence in teaching (2012). Throughout her career, she

has patented, published and presented on industrial and pharmaceutical science, and has been actively involved in mentoring undergraduate research students and future scientists.

Dr. Vines has been a constant source of encouragement to the Greystoners. It is absolutely clear when talking with her that she truly cares about all of her students. When asked about her thoughts on the program, she said this:

*"Schreiner University is blessed to have on campus an active military presence in the form of the Greystone students. Although they may appear a homogenous group, they are not. These students come from all over the country, each one with their*

*own unique experiences, gifts and characteristics. There is however one common tie that binds them together —dedication to a life of service to this great country. It is both a pleasure and an honor to teach them."*

As a program, we are equally as pleased to have Dr. Vines on our team. She's been known to come to campus late at night to help with homework and test reviews at a moment's notice and does so with a smile. It's hard to find a professor that is so dedicated to the success of her students and for that, we are grateful. Thank you, Dr. Vines for all you do!

## GREYSTONE ALUMNI ATHLETES

A good portion of the students that come to Greystone were athletes during their high school careers. It's a component of the application process that can make them more competitive for the academies. Being recruited for a sports team can put your application at the top of the list. Just ask some of our Greystone alumni. Meghan Connor (Greystone Class of 2010) is now on the USNA Marathon team, Megan Toomey (Class of 2012) is on the swim team at USCGA, and Gerrit Porter (Class of 2012), who was a gymnast in high school is now on the USMMA diving team and doing very well.

So if you're an athlete applying to an academy and want to get a competitive edge, try talking to a coach. It can only help!



Meghan Connor and teammate finish  
a marathon with style



Classmates Gerrit Porter and Megan  
Toomey at a USMMA vs. USCGA  
Swim Meet



In his first year diving,  
Gerrit earned the  
recognition of  
Landmark Diver of the  
Year!





## CONGRATULATIONS!



James Pazdral—  
USMA, USMMA



Nathan Guney—  
USNA, USMMA



Claire Clark—  
NROTC Scholarship



Jake Ashcraft—  
USMA



Ryan Scott—  
USMMA



Phil Strunk—  
USNA, USMMA



Erin Thamm—  
NROTC Scholarship

There is no better time at Greystone than when the students start receiving their academy appointments and ROTC scholarships. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication they've shown to achieving their goals. Congratulations all! We can't wait to see you at the academies next year!



Chris Cowen—  
USMMA



Sam Kuznetsov—  
USMA



Matt Munson—  
NROTC Scholarship



Tyler Sharpless—  
NROTC Scholarship  
with Marine Corps  
Option



Victoria Reyes—  
NROTC Scholarship



Liam Catoe—  
USNA



Thomas Parker—  
USMA



Ed Clukey—  
USMA



The four Falcon Foundation Scholars, Jeffery Walton, Jeffrey Puhek, Zach Eppinger, and Howlett Cohick show their appointment emails to CDR B!



Zack Kazmierski—  
USMA



Ian Correll—USMA



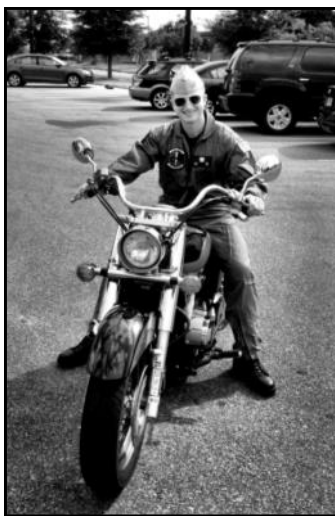
James Pazdral—USMA

These are the appointments and scholarships as of 1 March...Keep an eye on the website for more!

## AN ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE—ENS MARK REIS, USN

As of the moment I'm in Advanced Training for Helos in Milton, Florida (HT-28 flying the mighty TH-57). I hope to end up in Japan or California when I select but that decision won't be made for a while. I chose helicopters because of the variety of duty stations and missions. Plus they're just fun to fly.

To this year's class of Greystoners I'd like to just pass on what has worked for me so far: Work as hard as you can. Burn the midnight oil and try to learn as much as possible. On the same note, put your books aside and make time to go and hang out with your buddies. Not only because you'll need to get away, but also because you're cultivating life-long relationships. And believe me, those are what's going to matter in the end.



ENS Mark Reis, USN  
Greystone Class of 2007

Live beyond your comfort zone and try new things.

Take calculated risks but also seek cultural enrichment. I traded a major conduct offense to see Game 7 of the World Series. I was able to spend a summer in Paris learning French before my Firstie year. I made my friends sign up for waltz lessons with me and because we did that, we were invited to the Viennese Christmas Ball in Washington, D.C. as well as the Russian New Year's Ball.

Lastly, whenever your day/week/month feels truly awful and you question your goals, take a moment to realize that what you're doing is unique, challenging, and fun. Greystone will prepare you for your time at the academies if you just put in the effort.

## ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA INDUCTION

Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta is an honor society for students in their first year at an institution of higher education. This honor society recognizes those students who have succeeded in maintaining a 3.5 or higher GPA, **and** are in the top 20% of their class, in their first year. Alpha Lambda Delta's mission is to "encourage superior academic achievement... to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society."

This year, Greystone is proud to present 36 of 43 students to the Schreiner chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. These students are:

*"To encourage  
superior  
academic  
achievement..."*



Scarlett Marshall with Dr. Summerlin  
after ALD Induction



California Candidates, Jesse Austel and Michael Eller with  
Dr. Tim Summerlin, President of Schreiner University

*Congratulations to the Class of 2013  
on your outstanding achievements!*

Jacob Ashcraft

Jesse Austel

Joao Bermudez

Shannon Brown

Matthew Bullock

Joshua Calderon

Liam Catoe

Samuel Chadwick

Murphy Cissel

Claire Clark

Edward Clukey

Chris Cowen

Michael Eller

Zachary Eppinger

Austin Fine

Brandon Grice

Nathan Guney

Evan Hovenden

Zack Kazmierski

Sam Kuznetsov

Dillon Lewis

Scarlett Marshall

Nathanael McGlothlin

Matthew Munson

Thomas Parker

James Pazdral

Jeffrey Puhek

Joseph Puza

Victoria Reyes

Miguel Rodriguez

Ryan Scott

Tyler Sharpless

Philip Strunk

Erin Thamm

Jeffery Walton

Brandon Welty





*Calderon and Feldman take on the trail.*



*Brown paints while stylishly protecting her eyes.*



*Bravo section working hard.*

## LENDING A HAND

Participating in community service is an important part in the development of a leader, especially those who aspire to be in the military. To serve your country, you must first be able to serve your community.

Greystone's first service project of the semester was at the YMCA Camp Flaming Arrow in Hunt, Texas. The Greystoners worked on two separate projects. Alpha Section was tasked with cleaning up trails in anticipation of Camp Flaming Arrow's 5k that's coming up in March. They lopped stray branches, moved potentially ankle-turning rocks, and smoothed out the dirt. Bravo Section worked on cleaning up the equestrian arena—sanding and painting the railings.

Luckily, they had a beautiful, cool, sunny day to work in! The campers this summer will surely appreciate all of their hard work!



*Guney is ready to tackle those branches.*



*Quillen and Eppinger truly enjoyed painting.*





# 1ST ANNUAL STONE HAMMER BOWL



The Army-Navy Game is celebrated annually at Greystone with some good food and friendly rivalry. This year we decided to enhance the entire experience and have our own Army/Navy Spirit Week complete with pranks, t-shirts, and a flag football game!

In this game, the Army and Air Force hopefuls were pitted against the Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard/Merchant Marine candidates competing for the coveted sledge hammer trophy. The ball was escorted to the game field by Kerrville PD; and the coin toss was conducted by County Judge Pat Tinley with a Greystone Challenge Coin.

It was a hard fought game with a strong showing from each team, but in the end the Navy/Marine side took the win with a score of 49 — 40.

Be sure to join us next year as we continue this new tradition!





## THANK YOU, FRIENDS



*Thank you Judge Tinley and Kerrville PD for helping make the Stone Hammer Bowl an event to remember!*

The service project out at Camp Flaming Arrow makes our third trip to the camping grounds this year. Each time we visit, Becky Lapolice, the Camp Director has made our students feel welcomed and appreciated. Thank you, Becky for giving our students and chance to spend time in the great outdoors!



And lastly, we would like to say thank you to the Greystone Ladies Auxiliary who have opened up their homes to the Greystone students this year. Every month our students had a chance to get off campus to relax in a Hill Country home with a good



*Josh Calderon with a Birthday Cupcake!*

hot meal. It does wonders for the morale! They come back to the dorm room, refreshed, well rested, and ready to take on their studying for the night.

The Ladies Auxiliary has also been wonderful in providing baked goods—sometimes for birthdays, sometimes for holidays, and sometimes for no reason at all!

Thank you, Ladies for your hard work and hospitality! This program would not be the same without your generous hearts.

## WISH LIST

Dear Friends,

The Operations side of Greystone is only partially funded yet 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 integral part of Greystone because they directly coincide with the expectations, preparedness and extra-curricular activities found at the U.S. Federal Service Academies. Any financial help in deferring these costs is greatly appreciated.

*These "other" events, programs and items are what sets Greystone apart from other preparatory schools.*

### Events and Programs:

**Toastmasters** **\$1500**

*(An international organization aimed at developing communication and leadership skills)*

**ACE Reader** **\$1000**

*(A USAFA-affiliated speed reading and comprehension program designed to enhance SAT and ACT scores on the reading and verbal sections.)*

**Skeet and Trap Shooting (\$17/student/day)** **\$714**

**Fun Gun Day** **\$1000**

*(Schreiner Coach Bill Thomas teaches weapon safety and familiarization.)*

**"New" Van Upkeep and Maintenance** **\$1500**

*(A Schreiner-donated gift is in need of repair and maintenance)*

If you've visited Greystone this semester, then you have probably been invited into the brand new Greystone Conference Room at the end of the building. Thanks to Peg Layton (Dean of Students) and Bill Muse (Vice President of Finance & Administration), we now have a space that better fits our needs! There are still a few things that could make it better though: 1) Pots and pans for the kitchen and 2) now this is a big one, a flat screen, smart TV that can be used for presentations, conference calling, group study, and our academic programs—ALEKs and ACE Reader. If you have or know someone who has these items and are willing to donate them, please send them our way to help us make this next school year, the best at Greystone to date! For those that haven't seen the Conference Room yet, pictures are forthcoming in the next Compass!

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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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