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

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INTRODUCING THE GREYSTONE CLASS OF 2015!

The Greystone Class of 2015 is a diverse group of 47 young adults who are willing to dedicate another year towards earning their academy appointments. They originate from all across our great nation and through various events, activities, and being accountable to each other, the class of 2015 has quickly bonded and learned the true meaning of teamwork.



Tyler Amison
Marion Bautista
Morgan Bean
Michael Bonagura
John Bosquez
Chris Brown
Mitchell Bruckman
Olivia Capasso
Maria Carter
Jeremy Cerf
Sean Chieves
Chase Dean

Maria Dronen
Noah Eppinger
Triston Halbert
Hannah Hetzler
Daniel Hilf
Jack Huntress
Rae Ibinson
McGuire Johnson
Daquan Joy
Katie Kohler
Sarah Kreiser
Michael Leyba

Dane Livengood
Renee Loucks
Nicky Manitzas (XO)
Lex Mathis
Shannon McAllister
Patrick Metts
Benson Moore
Rollins Olmsted
Scott Pofahl
Charlie Pottorff
Josh Proulx
Luke Raines

Gabrielle Rupard
Chad Russ
Matthew Sears
Hank Secrist
Esther Song
Amy Stallard
Cameron Stephen
Dylan Tracy
Chaz Wagner
Andrew Weliver
James Yoon

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SUMMER SESSION 2014

The time spent during summer session is devoted to the students putting together their nomination, academy, and back-up plan applications. It is also filled with presentations and speeches by various academy graduates and representatives to further the students knowledge of their options. It is the period of time to get fully prepared for the integration of Greystone lifestyle into college life. During summer session, initial leadership positions were established and the students were given a taste of what was to come.

Top Left: The Greystone class meets Dr. Kiley Miller

Bottom Left: The Greystone Class of 2015 brings the dorm to life!

FIRST CAMPING TRIP

YMCA Camp Flaming Arrow

At the end of the second week of summer session, the Greystoners went to YMCA Camp Flaming Arrow (CFA) in Hunt, TX. The camp was a fun teambuilding experience. The Greystoners experienced setting up and tearing down the camp as a team. Different squads cooked and cleaned up after each meal. During their weekend at CFA, the Greystoners had the opportunity to go kayaking, hiking, complete a high ropes course, swim in the river, and many more fun activities. After the busy days packed with activities, the Greystoners bonded sitting around campsites where they sang, danced, and told memorable stories into the night. It was an experience the class will always remember.



Top Left: McGuire Johnson and Brooks Johnson relaxing at camp

Top Right: Greystone students on the high ropes course

Bottom: Greystoners kayaking on the Guadalupe River



Left: Charlie Pottorff, Chase Dean, Dylan Tracy, Lex Mathis, and Michael Leyba gather around Scott Pofahl as he waits for his free haircut

Right: Katie Kohler meets two of the many veterans in town who support the Greystone program



FIRST GREYSTONE HAIRCUTS AT LUCKY'S

Another 'First' for the Greystone class of 2015 was getting a free military-style haircut from our friends at Lucky's Classic American Haircuts in Kerrville. Some opted to go with a more traditional look, while others chose to get a zero-cut to help deal with the Texas summer heat. Either way, every student had a chance to sit in the barber's chair and then meet with a few local veterans who stopped by to meet these aspiring military officers. At the Greystone program, we are fortunate to have the support of the community around us and we continue to be grateful for their contributions to the students!



Top Left: Matthew Sears



Top Right: Chaz Wagner

Bottom Left: Chad Russ

Bottom Right: Shannon McAllister



KLOCKO LEADERSHIP LECTURE WITH COL SIMONELLI



Even after his presentation, COL Simonelli stayed with the class to answer any questions they had and to share some of his experiences as a military officer.

An important piece of the Character Development and Leadership Training (CD/LT) program at Greystone is the Klocko Leadership Lecture Series. Through this series, the Greystone students learn about different styles of leadership from military officers of all different branches. This year, we were fortunate enough to hear from COL Joseph Simonelli—West Point graduate and close friend of COL Buhidar. His insight on the qualities that make an effective leader resonated with the class and helped to foster meaningful discussion later on in CD/LT. Additionally, through the stories and advice that is given by our incredible speakers in this series, the students start to figure out and develop a leadership style that best suits them and the soldiers/sailors/airmen they will lead in the future.



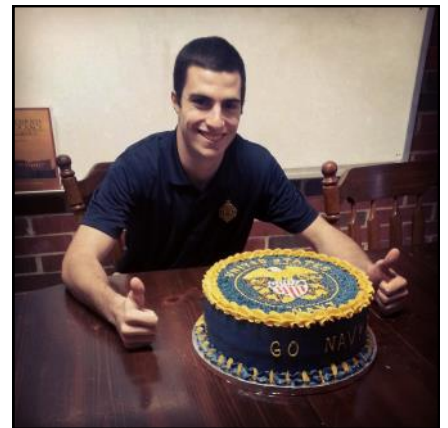
Top: Katie Kohler, Kat Tinnirello, Sean Chieves, and Maria Carter enjoying some of the birthday cupcakes

Bottom Left: Birthday Boys—Robert Leyba, Rollins Olmsted, Dylan Tracy, Dane Livengood, Chad Russ, and Noah Eppinger

Bottom Right: Jeremy Cerf with his Navy birthday cake

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

At the end of every month the Greystoners gather in the yard to celebrate their teammates' birthdays. The Greystone Auxiliary donates birthday cupcakes for each student and the class joins in on a few fun games and songs. Everyone enjoys a small, nice break from reality — to relax and have a cupcake with their class mates. It's always a good time!



GREYSTONE PT & FITNESS TESTS

Every morning, Greystoners roll out of bed for PT (physical training) by 0530. It may be early, but they are ready to get a great workout in! They do a variety of exercises to prepare for the CFA/PRT and for future academy life. A typical morning of PT consists of approximately 10 minutes of stretching, 20-30 minutes of running, and 20-30 minutes of intense upper body, lower body, and core workouts. Every month, the Greystoners take the CFA, pushing themselves to maximum capacity in order to score extremely high. PT is important to the CFA scores, which can be the deciding factor for an appointment. Greystoners love their PT!



The day starts with morning PT. Top: Matthew Sears, McGuire Johnson, Lex Mathis

Bottom Left: Noah Eppinger, Brooks Johnson, Renee Loucks

Bottom Right: Shannon McAllister



And the hard work pays off in the CFA!

Left: Josh Proulx and McGuire Johnson

Bottom: Sean Chieves, Maria Carter, Olivia Capasso, Jeremy Cerf, Jack Huntress, Noah Eppinger, Hannah Hetzler, and Maria Dronen



NAVY VS. TX STATE GAME

The Greystoners had the opportunity to see Navy beat Texas State Saturday, September 13. They went to the Navy tailgate and met the Superintendent, Commandant, and the Dean of Admissions of the Naval Academy. The Greystoners were professional and had a blast! At the actual game the Greystoners got to sit right behind the Navy football players and participated in the cheers and chants. All-in-all it was extremely enjoyable and great bonding time.



Left: James Yoon, Sean Chieves, Dylan Tracy, Benson Moore, Dane Livengood, Katie Kohler, Chaz Wagner, Marion Bautista, Sarah Kreiser, and Josh Proulx with Bill the Goat.



Right: Kat Tinnirello, Josh Proulx, Olivia Capasso, Charlie Pottorff, Sarah Kreiser, Dylan Tracy, Marion Bautista, Benson Moore, Hank Secrist, Logan Workman, Col Buhidar, Amy Stallard, Dane Livengood, Patrick Metts, Michael Bonagura, and Chris Brown with Vice Admiral and Mrs. Carter

VISIT WITH FROM THE USNA FOUNDATION

Captain Wallace, President of the USNA Foundation visited Greystone to talk about the requirements of the Naval Academy and to answer the students' questions. He spoke with the Navy Foundation students assuring them that if they continued to work hard, they have an amazing opportunity awaiting. He also spoke with the Navy free agent students, encouraging them to put in hard work now to reap the benefits later. He answered many of their questions and gave them noteworthy advice on how to achieve success. It was wonderful having him here on campus. He has become a great inspiration to all Naval Academy hopefuls.



Top: Captain Wallace and Michael Bonagura

Bottom Left: USNA Foundation students with Captain Wallace



Bottom Right: Captain Wallace and Rae Ibinson



Bravo Section waits patiently for the ceremony to begin.

Front Row: Olivia Capasso, Maria Carter, Daniel Hilf, Robert Leyba

Second Row: Ty Amison, Esther Song, Dylan Tracy, Renee Loucks, Gabrielle Rupard

Third Row: James Yoon, Sarah Kreiser, Morgan Bean, Rollins Olmsted, Noah Eppinger, and Marion Bautista

HONOR CODE & STANDARDS OF CONDUCT CEREMONY

In preparation for attending the academies and careers in the military, the Greystoners spent weeks debating and creating the honor code and standards of conduct documents. When the ceremony began the documents were read and the audience of community members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Once the ceremony concluded the Greystoners signed and agreed to live by the honor code and standards of conduct. After the ceremony, all the attendees enjoyed refreshments in the Greystone grounds. The experience gave Greystoners a good idea of what they will be doing at the academies next year.



The Honor and Conduct Committees with Judge Fred Henneke

Scott Pofahl, Chad Russ, Chase Dean, Judge Henneke, Chaz Wagner, Amy Stallard, and Lex Mathis



Above: Sean Chieves, Maria Dronen, Hank Secrist, and Chris Brown sign the Honor Code and Standards of Conduct that they helped develop with the Class of 2015.

Left: After the ceremony, everyone came back to the Greystone office to relax and enjoy refreshments.

Left to Right: Maria Dronen, Hannah Hetzler, Dylan Tracy, Luke Raines, Mitchell Bruckman, Dane Livengood, Jack Huntress, Ty Amison, Kat Tinnirello, Marion Bautista, Josh Proulx, James Yoon, Scott Pofahl, Katie Kohler, and Maria Carter

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In order to give back to the community, each of the Greystoners volunteer weekly at one of the local elementary schools in Kerrville. Alpha Section helps out at Nimitz Elementary school while Bravo Section goes to Notre Dame Catholic School. They are split into two students per classroom to help the teachers with work and to mentor the children. The Greystoners fully enjoy volunteering at the schools because most get to lead the kids in various activities.



Left: Chaz Wagner is excited to be on his way to Notre Dame



Right: 4th squad takes a quick picture before heading to the classrooms

MURDER BOARD

Every week, four Greystone students are chosen to participate in a Murder Board—an interview resembling a congressional nomination interview. They dress in their business attire, complete with nametag and lapel pin, and prepare a 2-3 minute speech about themselves and their desire to attend the academies. Once they finish with their introduction, the board (comprised of retired military members, university staff and faculty, and local business men and women) questions them. The Greystoners must answer with poise and confidence. When the interview is over, the Murder Board panelists have the opportunity to critique and give advice to the student. The Murder Boards prove to be effective practice for the interviews. They help the Greystoners to think quickly on their feet and help them to pinpoint what areas that need to be improved before their actual nomination interviews.

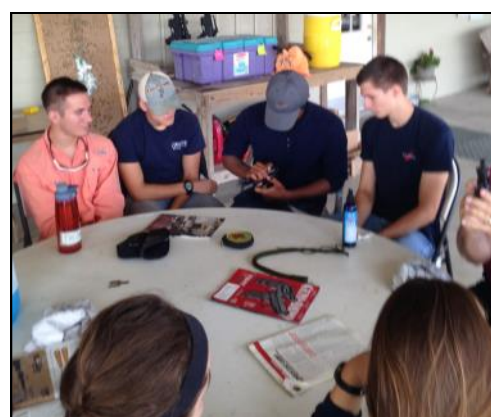


Scott Pofabl interviewed with the Murder Board twice to ensure that he was fully prepared for his Congressional Nomination Interview



9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

In the yard by 0700, the Greystoners were dressed in their best to commemorate the fallen in the 9/11 attack. The class stood at attention as the flag was raised to full mast then to half mast signaling the death of servicemen and women. Major Eva Buhidar spoke about a West Point graduate she had served with who perished in the attacks. Two other Greystoners made brief, meaningful speeches filled with encouragement in what the class is working toward. Colonel Buhidar concluded the ceremony and the Greystoners wore their dress attire all day in honor of the fallen. It was a somber and quiet day.



WEAPONS FAMILIARIZATION

Over Fall Break, students an afternoon out at the Hill Country Shooting Sports Center where they worked with Coach Bill Thomas to learn about firearms safety and to have a little fun out on the range.





HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

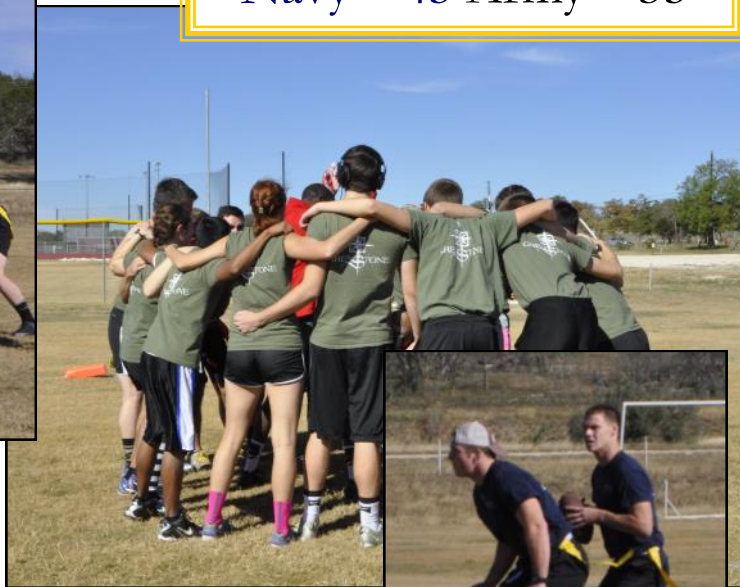
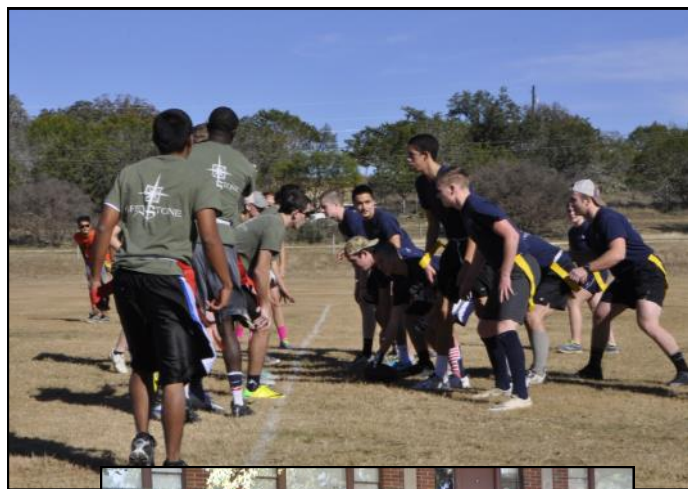




3RD ANNUAL GREYSTONE HAMMERBOWL

23 November 2014

Final Score:
Navy—45 Army—35



CLASS OF 2014—WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



First Row:
Tina Roberts
Drew Julius
Megan Cessna
Collin Berenguer
Josh Calderon
Betty Ballard

Second Row:
Tony White
Vincent Fanst
Alan Rogers
Jacob Crippes
Noah Pehrson
Garrett Southerland



Conner Drum
Evin Rude
Grayson Strouse
Delaney Musselman



Grant Parks
Macy Miller
Sam Chadwick



David Langston
Frank Walter



*Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets
Chris Tanega, Drew Vick, Emily Bailey,
Nathanael McGlothlin, Jordan Anderson
Not Pictures: Matt Jones and Sandro Leone*



*UTSA Army ROTC
Austin Fine and Max Campoli*

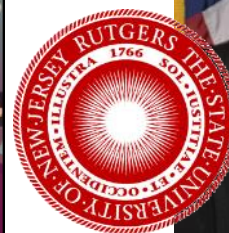
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Maryland—
Baltimore
County
Air Force
ROTC
Jason Raines*



*Virginia
Military
Institute
Army ROTC
Will
McNaughton*



*Rutgers
University
Army
ROTC
Salonika
Kakoulakis*



*Ole Miss Navy
ROTC
Tom Paolucci*



*The Citadel
Army ROTC
Aaron Beck*



*Texas A&M
University at
Galveston
Corps of Ca-
dets Brandon
Parmely*



UPCOMING CANDIDATE WEEKENDS

What is the Greystone Candidate Weekend?

The Greystone Candidate Weekend is an opportunity to experience first-hand the life of a Greystone student at Schreiner University. You will attend Schreiner University classes and mandatory study hall, engage in physical training with the current class, partake in the Character Development and Leadership Training, participate in Toastmasters (public speaking training) and take an official Candidate Fitness Assessment. Additionally, you will learn why Greystone at Schreiner University is considered the premier academy prep program for those students not willing to give up on their dream of attending a service academy.

Candidate Weekend Itinerary

Thursday

- 1630 Candidates Arrive
- 1700 Candidate Registration
- 1730 BBQ Dinner
- 1900 Welcome, "Greystone 101", and Study Hall

Friday

- 0545 Physical Training
- 0730 Breakfast
- 0800 Attend Classes with Greystoners
- 1200 Lunch in the Schreiner Diner
- 1230 Toastmasters
- 1400 Schreiner Campus Tour
- 1500 Character Development
- 1600 Leadership Training
- 1800 Dinner in Kerrville

Saturday

- 0700 Candidate Fitness Assessment
- 0830 Breakfast
- 0900 Closing Remarks & Parents Discussion
- 1000 Check Out
- 1030 Depart for SAT

2015 Candidate Weekend Dates

February 26-28

March 26-28

April 9-11



Candidate Weekend Costs

The entire cost for the Candidate Weekend is \$50.00, which includes room, board and activities.

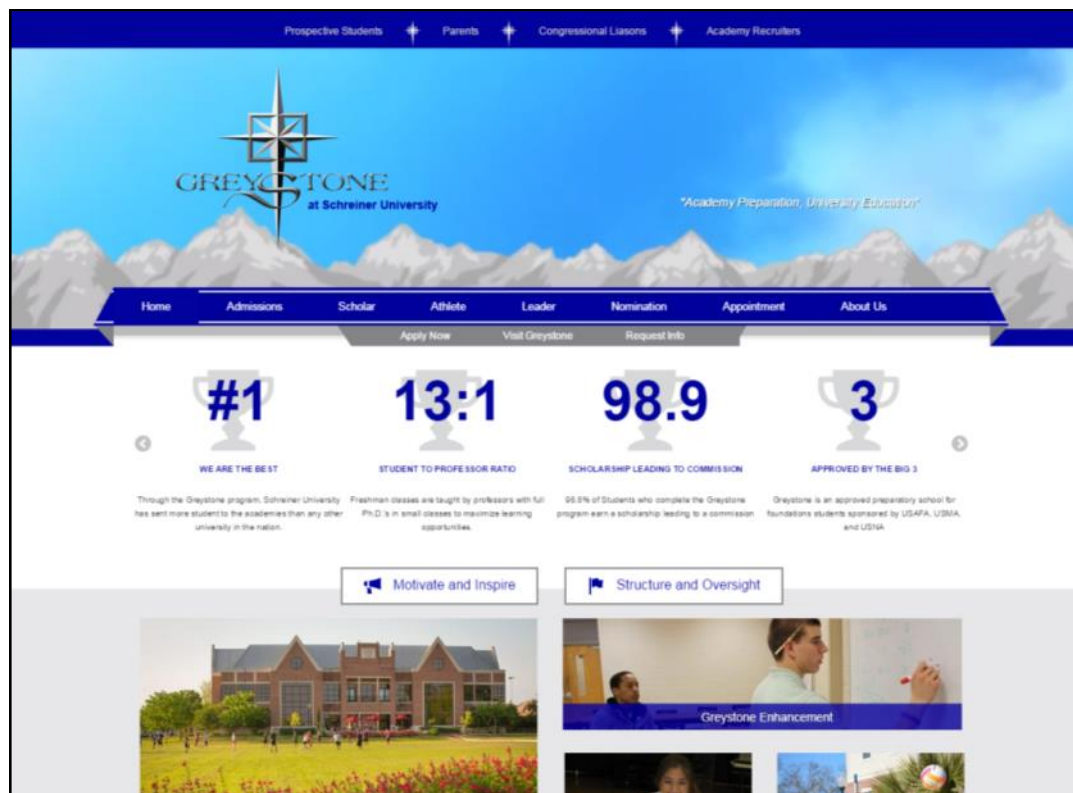
Each candidate is responsible for arranging transportation to/from Greystone at Schreiner University. For those candidates traveling by air into San Antonio International Airport (SAT), Greystone will provide transportation to/from SAT at no additional cost.

Those flying into SAT should make arrangements to arrive no later than 3PM on Thursday afternoon and plan on departing no earlier than 12PM on Saturday.

*For more information, or to register,
please visit*

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NEW GREYSTONE WEBSITE COMING SOON!



Over the years, the Greystone website has become our window to the world and soon it will be receiving a dramatic and beautiful facelift with the help of our friends at OrgSync. The new homepage will retain all of the same functionality, but now in a more user-friendly format. We are extremely excited for the final reveal which will become a reality here, very soon!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT KEVIN YOUNG, LTJG USMMA '12, GREYSTONE '08



Graduation from USMMA



Winging Ceremony

Greystone is proud of all our alumni, but this month we are especially proud of a member of the Greystone class of 2008, Kevin Young. Kevin is a Kings Point graduate in the class of 2012. He commissioned into the Navy with a billet for flight school in Pensacola, Florida. This month, he earned his wings and is now off to San Diego to start his career as a helo pilot. Congratulations Kevin!

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.

Events and Programs:

Scholarship Fund

(We want to help every qualified student attend Greystone, regardless of the cost.)

New Greystone Van

(We have outgrown the number of seats in our 2 vehicles and need a third to transport students to and from events.)

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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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