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

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GREYSTONE LAUNCHES INTERACTIVE WEBSITE, CREATES NEW DVD



Greystone recently launched a dynamic and interactive website that includes an updated video. This state-of-the-art website has tools designed to reach out to social media “players” as well as to encourage dialogue among future, current and former Greystone students. Website visitors will have the opportunity to “Join our team,” and find out what’s going on in the Greystone program, from daily news posts to major upcoming events. Whether you are looking for more information about Greystone Prep School for yourself, your son/daughter, friend or if you are comparing academy prep schools in order to make an educated decision, we invite you to browse our website and contact us if you have any unanswered questions. If you would like us to send you a complete package of Greystone information, just ask and a package will be in the mail to you shortly!



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COMMANDER'S CORNER



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

You are now on your "final" approach into final exams, Howlin' at the Moon and the ARC! It's hard to realize that you have been at Greystone for seven months. Think about all the different projects, events and activities you have completed. You have grown and matured, excelled as scholars, performed as exceptional athletes and, most importantly, you have "come into your own" as a leader! We have come a very long way together and have overcome many obstacles: in the classrooms, in the gym, on the track and between each other. You should be very proud of your many accomplishments – on your own and as a team.

In my position as the Director, I have the ability to not only observe what you have done and what you are doing, but I am also able to see in the not-so-distant future! For many of you, the academies are waiting. You earned your appointment and now may be "stressing" about what kind of misery awaits you this summer. Based upon what I have learned from former Greystoners, the summer will seem like a "cake walk" compared to what you have experienced here at Greystone! Take comfort in that statement and smile about it, should things get

challenging over the summer!

For other members of the team, your Greystone experience will take you to colleges and universities around the country in programs such as ROTC, USMC PLC or USMAPS. (These programs also represent outstanding opportunities to serve our nation as a leader in the Armed Forces.) All of your work and effort for "them" will manifest itself in you as a confident leader of significant courage, mental clarity and moral commitment – with the tenacity to overcome and endure!

You are now ready to take this experience to the next level! You now have the knowledge, self-confidence, self-respect and self-esteem you developed here as a result of your many struggles. I ask that you never forget those you worked with, those who cared about you and your dream of becoming a leader. As you continue on your "final" Greystone touch-down, make sure you take a moment to thank those who made this opportunity possible and successful for you. Think about your parents who sacrificed to pay for your Schreiner experience, your classmates who sweat and bled with you to overcome and endure challenges, your professors who ensured that you "made the grade" and wrote letters when you needed them or about all those from Greystone who gave of themselves – not for a paycheck (remember, you paid nothing for all that Greystone has done for you) – but for the chance to play a part in helping to make you the person of your highest potential. Think about Colonel Crum and his Murder Board, Captain Vortmann and all the time he counseled you on your academics, Mrs. Bailey and all she did with your nomination and appointment applications, working with DoDMERB or your congressional reps or senators or Mrs.

McMurrey for all the times you needed to fax something or get your keys or schedule an appointment or ask a question. These are the people who came into your life every day and helped you to grow. They empowered you because they believed in you! Thanks to the Greystone network your dream is about to come true!

Our lives are now and forever intertwined because of Greystone. As you move forward, never give up on your dream. Giving up or quitting is something someone would do for themselves – for the "me" in all of us – but as a Greystoner, your life is no longer about the "me" in you; it is now dedicated to "them."

I wanted to share these sentiments with you because over the course of the next six weeks, you will become overwhelmed with tasks and projects, physically exhausted, mentally spent and morally tempted to cut corners. However, I need you to be strong. Dig down deep and use that extra 10% of the 110% effort I asked you for during our Orientation back in August! You have what it takes mentally to excel through every academic challenge that awaits you. You have the moral compass that knows where true north is so you do not lose your way. Most importantly, you have a team of brothers and sisters here who will gladly give of themselves for you – because you are part of their lives!

Finish stronger than you thought possible – because I know you can!

Cheers,

CDR B

GREYSTONE, SCHREINER SIGN NEW AGREEMENT

Dr. Tim Summerlin (right), Schreiner University President, and COL Bill Crum, Greystone Chairman of the Board, signed a new agreement that extends the Schreiner/Greystone arrangement. The Greystone program, which has grown since it started in 2004, is anticipating the largest class in fall 2012.



GREYSTONE CANDIDATE WEEKENDS

What better way to learn about Greystone than to actually live the life of a Greystone student?

Each spring semester Greystone organizes several three-day sessions, which enable high school seniors to visit the Schreiner campus and shadow a Greystone student. Candidates will hear an overview of Greystone from CDR Bailey and staff, attend a university-level class and meet Schreiner professors, engage in the Candidate Fitness Assessment, have one-on-one questions/answers with the

Greystone students, sleep in the dorm rooms and participate in Character Development, Leadership Training and a Greystone Toastmasters meeting.

Don't miss the opportunity to attend the next scheduled weekend on April 19-21. Sign up today on the website by following these simple steps:

- Go to www.greystoneprepschool.org
- 1) Click on "Join our team"
- 2) Click on Forms
- 3) Click on Candidate Weekend Registration

- 4) Complete the form and submit!

To view the various activities during a Candidate Weekend or to find out how to schedule an individual visit:

Go to www.greystoneprepschool.org

- 1) Click on Visit Greystone
- 2) Check out the standard schedule for the Candidate Weekend
- 3) Find out how you can schedule a day visit

'MEMBERSHIP' HAS ITS REWARDS!

Last fall semester's final grades were overall excellent among the Greystone students at Schreiner University.

Freshman students who earned a GPA of at least a 3.5 were invited to join the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society and were inducted in February.

Twenty students among the 37 total inductees were Greystoners!

Following the induction ceremony, the President's dinner, hosted by Dr. Tim Summerlin, congratulated all Schreiner students who earned at least a 3.7 GPA during the spring and fall of

2011. Seventeen current Greystone students attended the prestigious dinner and 11 Greystone students from last spring were recognized.



Dr. Tim Summerlin and Connor McLaughlan

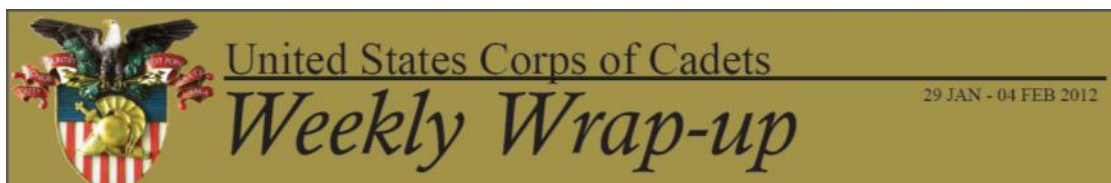


Dylan Schlemmer and Megan Toomey enjoy the company and food of the President's Dinner!



Dr. Summerlin and Chris Croushore

ALUMNI NEWS

2nd REG

C2 CDT Brendan Lorton competes for a spot at the Combat Diving School this summer. He was chosen as the company's "Ace of the Week" because he placed in the top 5 during tryouts.

Email to CDR B from:

CDT PVT Kevin Sampson, USMA (Greystone Class 2011)

"Sir,

The Corps was sent the attached, called "The Weekly Wrap-up" and it has a nice shout out to Brendan.

Combat Diver School is the hardest school that the Army has to offer. He will be going through that school with pretty much exclusively Green Berets."

Pictured in this excerpt on left is C2 CDT Brendan Lorton, USMA (Greystone Class 2010)

Email to CDR B:

"Great news! It may have been the last piece of paper his pen touched, and the ink was still wet as the change of command ceremony concluded and he sped away in the RHIB [rigid-hulled inflatable boat] but I hold in hand my designation letter as Officer of the Deck (Underway). I am obviously excited. Thought you'd like to know."

Very respectfully,

ENS Alan Janigian, USN
[Greystone Class 2007]
Gunnery and Ordinance Officer
USS Chancellorsville (CG-62)

Note from CDR B:

OOD Underway is a big part of the journey toward earning their Surface Warfare Designation (like aviator's wings). What makes this special is that Alan is on a cruiser — a BIG ship — and he is doing very well among a larger group of junior officers all striving to earn their SWO designation!



Except from letter to The Greystone Family, from Vincent Molina (Class of 2011).

"I haven't forgotten the lessons I learned at Greystone. In fact, because of what I learned, I was selected as Platoon Leader. Being in charge of 50 cadets was crazy hard! I had to delegate to the Platoon Sergeant, who delegated to the Squad Leader, who delegated to their two team leaders. If someone screws up in that CoC [Chain of Command], it is my tail. I had to take detailed notes during mission briefs, OPORDs [Operation Orders] and make sure all the leadership under me received every word. No problem for me. I was XO [Executive Officer] at Greystone!"

Vincent Molina is attending the ROTC program of the University of Texas Arlington, where he earned a full-ride scholarship to complete his bachelor's degree.



ALUMNI NEWS

USMA Plebe Parent Weekend, 9-11 March 2012



While fellow Greystone alumni undoubtedly see each other throughout the year as Plebes, here they pose together almost one year after they completed the Greystone program. From left, Ian Barnes (Oregon), Kelly Walsh (Arizona), Kevin Sampson (Oregon), Luke Holmes (Texas) and Darrin Alba (Texas) smile for a “family” shot.



Darrin Alba pictured with his dad, LTC Albert Alba, (Ret.), USMA Classes of 2015 and 1989, respectively.



Kevin Sampson pictured with parents, Bill and Nancy.



Luke Holmes rehearses his presentation before the benediction.



Ian Barnes, right, prepares to march in the color guard for the PPW parade.

Email from Susan Barnes:

“West Point hosted the Plebe Parent Weekend in March. Of the 1,100 plebes three former Greystoners were selected for special duty. Darin Alba was selected to be Sergeant Major for his battalion, Luke Holmes was selected to present the benediction at the formal dinner and Ian Barnes was selected to be part of the color guard for the parade.”

Email note from Colonel Albert Alba:

“Darrin and the F2 Zoo Plebes received their National Defense Service Medals. I had a blast pinning on my son’s very first military decoration.”

We want to thank Susan Barnes, Bill Sampson and Colonel Albert Alba for contributing pictures and comments.

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING



Honoring our Wounded Warriors

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

10 Feb, 24 Feb 2012

Keith Martin and Dwayne Heady of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo invited Greystone to volunteer on two nights when the Wounded Warriors were honored. Greystoners were on hand to assist the Warriors in registering and distributing the black Stetson hats, trophy buckles and

cowboy shirts – all generously donated to the entire group of Warriors.

Patrick Williams, pictured above and to right, shakes hands with one of the more than 200 warriors who were given a special Texas-style rodeo and dinner that night. In addition to the volunteering duties, the Greystoners also were given free admission to the day's events and concert.

Helping the community to kick off wrestling program



Mason and Zach demonstrate the technique of skillful wrestling.

When the Kroc Community Center announced right after Christmas break that it would begin to offer youth wrestling coaching, Mason Kraft volunteered his services. Zach Zski and Tim Nosco soon joined the coaching fun. Wrestlers in high school, they dedicate two evenings per week to coach the eager youth!



Tim instructs "good form."

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,

Mr. Keith Martin
Mr. Dwayne Heady
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Benham
Mr. and Mrs. Wm Pinckard

COL and Mrs. Howlett
CAPT and Mrs. Fred Vogt
Mrs. Virginia Spikes

*The following donors have given in memory of a dear friend of Greystone, **Bronson Evans**, who passed away in February. All donations given in Bronson's name are placed in the scholarship fund.*

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dickinson, COL and Mrs. Wm Crum, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pitts, Mr. Clack, Ms. Bruno, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Furbush, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGee, Dr. and Mrs. Dee Ragan for donating to this special fund.

In addition to the donations, Bronson's vehicle, dubbed "The Bones Mobile," was also generously donated to Greystone.

WISH LIST

Dear Friends,

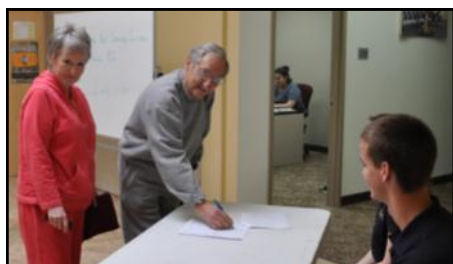
The Operations side of Greystone is only partially funded. The unfunded events and programs are as vital to Greystone as academics. Providing students with many opportunities in leadership, community service and additional athletics, these programs are an important part of Greystone because they directly 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.

Assisting in Blood Drives

Greystoners assist in the coordination, sign up and registration of Schreiner's quarterly blood drives. Their assistance has contributed to the drive's success in attendance and donors.



Pictured at left, Friends of Greystone Romaine and Charlie Chiarelli sign up to donate blood.

Pictured at right, Greystoners flex their pink-banded arms following their blood donations.



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.

Send donations by check or money order to:

Greystone Preparatory School
2100 Memorial Blvd. CMB 6255
Kerrville, TX 78028

Save the date!

Howlin' at the Moon

May 10

Achievement Recognition
Ceremony (ARC)

May 11

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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.

THE GREYSTONE OPERATION

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