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A PLEDGE OF HONOR



Judge Pat Tinley, standing, addresses the Greystone students and audience during Greystone's annual Honor Code and Standards of Conduct Ceremony.

HONOR CODE AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT CEREMONY

“As Greystone students, we will not lie, cheat or steal nor tolerate those who do,” begins the new Greystone Honor Code.

Greystone students formally presented their own Honor Code and Standards of Conduct to members of the community, with The Honorable Pat Tinley, Kerr County Judge, presiding. “The students developed these codes and standards to prepare to become the leaders they aspire to be,” Tinley told the audience.

During the presentation, the student panel invited the audience to question any or all points of the Code or Standards. Following many questions, confidently answered by Kevin Sampson, Honor Committee Chairman, and Keyawna Danai, Chief Investigating Officer, all Greystone students lined up to sign both contracts.

You can view media coverage of this ceremony and others by visiting our website: (CTRL + click)

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

It has finally happened – we have reached the end of the Fall semester! It's hard to believe that 120 days ago, 28 strangers came together for the first time – with only the desire to serve their country as academy trained and educated leaders in common.

As I watch them depart the parking lot, shaking hands and embracing as friends, I see a strong team that has endured the most significant test it has yet encountered. This is the magic of Greystone – the strong bond that binds friends together and transforms them into an effective team.

As we discussed during our orientation, you are stronger together than you are alone – and you are all now living proof of this truth! Looking back over the past four months, I can only shake my head in amazement at all you have accomplished. Academically,

you are walking away as true scholars having just earned up to 18 credit hours of academy-level courses – and knowing that from this point on, grades are something you must really work for if you are to exceed the Greystone standard for success!

Athletically, you have endeavored to overcome your own preconceived limitations and proven to yourself that you can get stronger, faster and better looking... OK, maybe not better looking, but you are in superior shape physically – enough to “max” most of the Candidate Fitness Assessment!

As leaders, I have watched each of you mature into honorable young men and women I would be proud to serve with – you got the job done and done very well! Each of you stood up and as-

sumed a leadership role in order for this team to excel to the level it achieved. In hindsight, you will see that each member of the team needed other members of the team to become the success that each is now – and as a result, the entire team has elevated the overall level of performance!

Looking back, there should be no regrets, no “if onlys” – just pride in yourself for daring to reach for excellence and in the process, attaining levels you could only dream about back in August.

To say I am proud of you would truly be an understatement, but I am very proud of you!

Carry on Team and have a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years!

Cheers,
CDR B

A FEW FEET FROM THE YARD

FROM FORMER GREYSTONERS *TONY FAZIO AND CHRIS SIEDSMA*

After completing three and a half arduous years at one of the nation's finest institutions, we, Midshipman 1/C Fazio, and Midshipman 1/C Siedsma, were finally selected to become a Marine 2nd Lieutenant (Fazio), and Ensign as a Naval Aviator (Siedsma) upon graduation!

After completing Greystone Preparatory School in Kerrville, we set out to tackle Plebe year at the

U.S. Naval Academy. Our experiences at Greystone not only prepared us to succeed at the Academy but to excel and stand out as distinguished members of the Brigade of Midshipmen.

The fundamentals and knowledge imbued upon us as members of the Greystone Class of 2007 were essential to our success at the Academy.

We could not have done it without you, Commander

Bailey, or without the Greystone Support Team.

Thank you for all your hard work to mold us into fine young men, Midshipmen, and soon-to-be commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.



Tony Fazio, left, and Chris Siedsma proudly display their Service Selection certificates.

LEADERSHIP FOCUS: GREYSTONE TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Outside the Schreiner academic world, Greystone students engage in a variety of leadership opportunities carefully selected to enhance specific skills. This issue features the *Greystone Toastmasters* – a new and valuable addition for Greystone students.

It's a typical Saturday morning at 0645. Greystone students rise for PT at 0700, shower, eat breakfast and then meet CDR B at 0900 for two hours of Character Development and Leadership Training.

Now, the students are primed for . . . *Greystone Toastmasters!*

Toastmasters is a globally recognized organization that started in 1924 in California and now has more than 12,500 clubs in 113 countries. Its focus is to help members develop and improve public speaking and leadership skills. As a testimony to the value of the program, most of the Academies either have a Toastmas-

ters club or they invite well-known Toastmasters to be Keynote Speakers for special occasions.

This year, Greystone chartered its own club, *Greystone Toastmasters*, and the students have already begun reaping the rewards.



Club President Molly Dundon had never heard of Toastmasters – like the majority of students – but soon realized

how fun *and* helpful it is.

"Table Topics

[extemporaneous speaking] has helped me to have confidence in answering questions quickly and with conviction," says Molly. "I'm sure that Toastmasters has had a positive influence on my nomination interviews."

In addition to enhancing speaking skills, the program encompasses effective body language, good listening techniques and constructive evaluating.

While most clubs target members already in the professional world, *Greystone Toastmasters* provides students another avenue to set themselves apart from other Academy applicants as well as other young adults.

"I'm sure that Toastmasters has had a positive influence on my nomination interviews."

- Molly Dundon

Inset: Molly Dundon greets guest Bob Couch of Kerrville Area Toastmasters Club, who offers the new club his support and expertise.



TableTopics focuses on "thinking on your feet." The speaker must be able to answer a question – no matter how ridiculous it is – in a timely, convincing manner. Standing, left picture, Darrin Alba delivers an entertaining response. Right, Victoria Maya turns the speaker's control over to Ian Barnes before he gives a formal speech.



ONGOING AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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Winter Holidays * Spring Semester Begins * Venturing Crew Camping Trip * PRTs * Klocko Leadership Forum * JuMP Start * Nimitz Mentoring and Tutoring * Toastmasters * Friends of Greystone Appreciation Luncheon * Board of Directors Meeting * Spring Break * Schreiner University Military Recall Breakfast * Prospective Student Weekend * Howlin' at the Moon * Greystone Achievement Recognition Ceremony * Greystone Summer Seminar *

A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY BRIAN SHIRLEY

Parents:

Greystone prepares students to accomplish goals throughout their life. The challenge of transitioning from high school to college life is tough on many students. At Greystone, the transition is even more daunting as activities above and beyond the "normal" college activities are added to a student's schedule. What makes Greystone special is the additional support and instruction that a student receives during this transition period. For many students, I believe the year at Greystone will make the difference between succeeding in life and just surviving in life.

Students:

We all know that students who choose Greystone have serving their country as a military officer as one of their major life goals. The key to achieving goals is incorporating activities in your schedule, on a regular basis, that move you in the direction of accomplishing the goal. Mastery of schedule and prioritization is a skill that is taught and required at Greystone. Though you may not recognize it at this time, this skill unlocks the universe of possibilities in your life.

Greystone also teaches you to have a back-up plan, and a back-up to your back-up plan. The goal of serving as an officer does not change, but the pathways available to you may. You have already experienced this as you received a rejection letter from an academy. You may have thought that was your one and only chance. Then you found out about Greystone. Eureka! Another pathway!

My son, Ian, executed the plan, the back-up plan and then the back-up to the back-up plan to find the pathway to achieving his goal of serving his country as an officer. Though Ian did not receive an academy appointment and did not receive a national ROTC 4-year scholarship, he did locate a university that excels in training students in the skills necessary for his preferred Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and also has an ROTC program. Because of Ian's desire to be a doctor and serve in the military, he chose to apply at several universities in Texas that met his criteria and was accepted at all of them (the Greystone academic requirements and support really paid off here.) In the end, Ian chose to accept admission to Baylor University because of its superior medical school. The grade point

average (GPA) he transferred from Greystone (Schreiner) earned him an academic scholarship and that GPA, combined with his CFA scores, leadership skills and great attitude, earned him a 3-year, full Army ROTC scholarship (he transferred in as a sophomore.) Ladies and gentlemen, you read that right – an academic scholarship on top of a full ROTC scholarship. Ian is excelling at Baylor because of the skills and habits developed at Greystone. He has even raised his GPA beyond what he had at Greystone.

The one skill that you will need that is not taught at Greystone is putting up with your parents and relatives proudly telling others of your successes. Please, be gracious and understand that what you have chosen to pursue brings great pride in those who know you and are related to you. You have chosen to pursue one of the most difficult and honorable professions available in our country. You will be in charge of the human treasures of many American families. God speed and protection on your journey to your goals.

Brian and his wife, Maggie, live in Marble Falls, Texas. Their son, Ian, graduated from the Greystone program last year.

ARMY-NAVY GAME 2010



Some happy. Some . . . not. Greystone students and friends enjoy camaraderie during the game.



Last year's Greystone graduates from left, Kellen Lewis, Eddie Ortega, Meghan Connor and Brendan Lorton enjoy the game live at Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia.

MO-RANCH TEAM BUILDING – A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!

Greystone students didn't know what they were getting into when they read *Mo-Ranch Challenge Course* and the *Greystone Team Pledge* were scheduled one Saturday.

On this particular day, Mo-Ranch Counselor Conn Carson, being familiar with last year's class, customized a course geared to the exceptional capabilities of Greystone.

Activities included:

- Swimming across the COLD river to retrieve a tarp *without letting it touch the water's surface.*
- Rock climbing and repelling a 40-ft. cliff. (Some had to complete this challenge *blind-folded* with only verbal instructions from classmates.)
- Canoeing down the river and portaging over a dam. (Most of these team members were blind-folded and received verbal directions from one, sighted team member.)

"My favorite activity was the blind-folded canoe adventure," said Greystone student Kelly Walsh, "because it was a true test of leadership and trust."

To wrap up an enlightening day, students took the Greystone Team Pledge and celebrated with burgers and much needed hot chocolate.

*Excerpt from
the Greystone Team Pledge*

♦ ***I acknowledge that together, we are stronger than we are on our own.***

♦ ***With dignity and respect for my teammates, I pledge to set self aside for the good of our team.***

♦ ***Together, I promise to do whatever is required of me to ensure our collective success – as scholars, as athletes and as leaders.***



MEET COLONEL WILLIAM P. CRUM, USAF (RET.)

Colonel William P. "Bill" Crum is serving his fourth year as Chairman of the Board with Greystone. A West Point graduate of 1956, he earned his commission as an Air Force officer. (The Air Force Academy did not open until 1955.) Bill served as an Air Force Fighter Pilot, completing 22 years of active duty, including two tours in Vietnam.

Dedicated to his wife, three children and seven grandchildren (one of whom is an E4 in the Infantry), Bill says, "I am proud of my family for many things, especially for putting up with the rigors

of military life!

"As Chairman, I continue to serve our country by helping outstanding men and women – Greystone students – who are the future leaders of our country, in both the public and private sector."

In addition to leading the quarterly Board of Directors meetings, Bill also coordinates the ever-popular "Murder Boards" for each student. Consisting of a committee of professional and prominent community citizens, Murder Board interviews simulate the actual Nomination and Academy interviews that each Grey-

stone student will eventually contend with.

Bill became involved with Greystone shortly after meeting David Bailey. "I hold great admiration for Dave because, first, he had a vision in helping students achieve their dream of one day graduating from a Service Academy and, second, because he made it come true," said Bill.

"Dave and his wife, Brenda, have accomplished so much in a relatively short amount of time to make Greystone a growing success. As long as I have known them, they have truly dedicated their lives to this mission."



Colonel William P. Crum

CLASS LEADERSHIP – FALL SEMESTER

“This is not the Dave Bailey Show!” If CDR B has said this once, he’s said it a thousand and one times.

An important aspect of the forever-evolving Greystone Program is establishing and defining student positions, and then matching students to those roles. All 28 students have had a leadership position this Fall Semester and they are commended for excellent performance.

Some of the positions demanded “On Call” 24-7 attention; some were more event-focused. Either way, each position contributed to the successful team as a whole.



Officers pictured from left: CAPT Tom Vortmann, Aaron Rambo, Stephen Roquemore, Luke Holmes, Brad Haag, Robby Fontenot, Molly Dundon, Zach Watt, Vince Molina, Cody Womack, Matt Zatkovich, Joel Davis, Mike McGee, Kevin Sampson, Gage Hollingsworth, Seth Bond, Owen Corn and CDR David Bailey.

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THANK YOU, FRIENDS

We are grateful to the many people 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.

This Fall Semester, Greystone received a total of \$5,000 in financial contributions.

Thank You:

Bank of the Hills
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Danielle Schaefer assumed the awesome responsibilities as the Greystone Athletic Coordinator beginning in August. As the person in charge of morning Physical Training, she was there for our Greystoners as their coach and source of motivation! Danielle just graduated from Schreiner University with a degree in Bio Chemistry and will now be departing for the real world! She will leave behind a significant legacy of 28 physical specimens who were capable of maxing most events of the Candidate Fitness Assessment, becoming more confident swimmers and even 14 being able to run a marathon! Danielle, your leadership, friendship and motivation have inspired us all to greatness! (. . . If only you could have done something for CDR B and staff!)



Board Member Arthur Bell, a marathoner in his own right, sponsored the Greystone Marathon jerseys, above, for Greystone students who participated in the recent San Antonio Rock N Roll Marathon.

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

Events and Programs: Funds Needed

Toastmasters	\$700
<i>(An international organization aimed at developing communication and leadership skills)</i>	
"New" Van Upkeep and Maintenance	\$1,500
<i>(A Schreiner-donated gift is in need of repair and maintenance)</i>	
Klocko Leadership Forum	\$300
<i>(Experienced leaders presenting military topics one evening per semester)</i>	
High Adventure	\$2,000
<i>(Summer Venturing Crew Camping Trip)</i>	
Family Sports Center	\$1,575
<i>(Students have daily access to an off-campus activity center that has an indoor pool and workout facilities)</i>	
Howlin' at the Moon	\$1,500
<i>(The last night student celebration before the Achievement Recognition Ceremony)</i>	

Join the Friends of Greystone!

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100

Event and Program costs can be subdivided into "chunks." You may also choose to earmark your contribution.

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Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas, is a unique program that combines intense service academy preparation with a challenging university education for high school graduates committed to earning their appointments to one of the five Federal service academies. In the last seven years, 98 percent of all Greystone graduates were accepted into military officer programs and 90 percent of those graduates earned academy appointments. This success rate remains unmatched by any other academy preparatory program in the nation!

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