

## Greystone Meets the Naval Academy Superintendent

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The Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, Vice Admiral Mike Miller, visited San Antonio on Thursday evening 01 March '12. The Naval Academy Alumni Association – Alamo Chapter hosted the dinner presentation at the Olympia Hills Country Club. Admiral Miller talked about the extraordinary events and accomplishments happening at the Academy. In attendance were Alumni, parents and three candidates from Greystone Preparatory School in Kerrville, TX. Greystoner Connor McLauchlan, Chris Croushore and Gerrit Porter sat with the Director of Candidate Guidance, LTC Jim Hanley, USAF (Ret.) who talked about the current status of the Academy application process. He made recommendations for the Greystoners to ensure that their applications remain current and that any improvements need to be forwarded to the Academy for inclusion in their file.



***Vice Admiral Miller with USNA Candidates Gerrit Porter, Connor McLauchlan and Chris Croushore.***

Colonel Hanley talked about the extraordinary group of over 20,000 young men and women candidates who have applied to the Naval Academy this year and how competitive the appointment process is this year. To ensure that each candidate is as competitive in this field of



***USNA Candidate Gerrit Porter, LCOL Jim Hanley, Chris Croushore, CDR Dave Driskell Greystone BGO and Connor McLauchlan.***

extraordinary candidates, Colonel Hanley recommended that candidates update the Academy with any information regarding their academic accomplishments, athletic achievements and leadership responsibilities. Communicating with their Blue and Gold Officers (BGO) and their Academy Regional Coordinators is also something he recommended to ensure that the Academy has all that the candidate has submitted. As Academy candidates, it is the responsibility of each individual to oversee their application file and to never assume that someone else will “get it done”. Being proactive and tenacious will ensure that your file is correct and complete.

The mission of the Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University is to provide a college-level program to post high school students who are seeking an appointment to one of the five Federal Service Academies. Through their Greystone experience, candidates prepare themselves academically, physically and ethically to earn the congressional nominations which will lead to an appointment to either the Military Academy at West Point, Naval Academy at Annapolis, Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY or the Coast Guard Academy at New London, CT.

Greystone offers candidates a unique one-year program with emphasis placed upon academic excellence, total physical conditioning and leadership/character development. Through an affiliation with Schreiner University, Greystone students enroll in courses that 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.

Students who complete their Greystone challenge are better prepared for the scholastic, physical and leadership challenges that await them at the academies and therefore are more apt to maximize their four-year academy opportunity leading them to graduation and their commissions.