

# The Greystone Compass

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

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## SEVENTH ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY



Greystone 2011 graduate Zachary Watt, left, accepts his Certificate of Achievement from CDR David Bailey, Greystone Executive Director. Next in line are GEN Dave Palmer, Keynote Speaker and former West Point Superintendent; COL Bill Crum, Greystone Chairman of the Board, and CAPT Tom Vortmann, Greystone Deputy Director. Jack Teer, Greystone Vice Chairman, announces this year's Achievement recipients.

Zachary Watt earned appointments to three academies: West Point, Air Force and Navy. In the end and after intense deliberation, Zach accepted his Naval Academy appointment.

Throughout the Greystone year, students set their sights on earning an academy appointment or an officer program; however, their immediate sense of pride is earning their Greystone Certificate of Achievement, proving they made it through the Greystone program with their fellow Greystoners. On 6 May, Greystone held the Seventh Achievement Recognition Ceremony and the Class of 2011 celebrated its success with families and many community members who have supported Greystone in mind, body and spirit.

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## PERSPECTIVE: FROM GREYSTONE GRAD TO ACADEMY GRAD

Greystone's success is built upon the premise that gives students who previously applied to the Academies a "second chance." These students represent an exceptional breed of character. They know they cannot count on luck and be given an appointment.

From the beginning of summer GoToWebinar™ meetings with incoming students throughout the Greystone program, students are educated on how to *earn* their appointments. As the competition to earn appointments at the academies gets tougher, these students realize they have to go beyond the

paperwork, standard grades and passable athletic scores. They learn they must never give up.

Among many powerful words to describe Greystoners, one is all encompassing – TENACIOUS!

This summer was a riveting moment that achieved yet another milestone in Greystone history.

In previous years, CDR Bailey swore in the new incoming Naval Academy Class of recently graduated Greystoners

in a private ceremony; however, this year Naval Academy grads who just earned their commission in May (Greystone Class of 2007) were present to swear in their Greystone "family" members and deliver the Oath. The bond among Greystoners through the years is indeed a strong, dependable bond that will last a lifetime.



## TOP THREE ACADEMIES APPROVE GREYSTONE

Greystone is now considered a preferred prep school among the top three Federal Service Academies: Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Naval Academy Foundation approved Greystone six years ago. The West Point Foundation (Association of Graduates) added Greystone to its elite list of approved prep schools in the summer of 2010.

Now, following a personal visit last spring by LT GEN (ret) Jay Kelley, Falcon Foundation President, and COL Carolyn Benyshek, Air Force

Academy Director of Admissions, Greystone was told that it made the approved prep school list for the Air Force's Falcon Foundation.

Many unique qualities – individually and/or combined – contribute to Greystone's growing reputation as a prep school of choice:

- ◊ Students attend university courses that are similar to those they will take at the academies and are taught by university professors with classes of 24 students or fewer. Completion of one year at

Schreiner University will provide 36 hours of university education.

- ◊ The program is structured so that all selected activities in which students participate throughout the year have one purpose: to enhance their performance in academics, athletics and/or leadership.
- ◊ The Greystone students deliberately *do not* participate in marching exercises, nor do they wear uniforms because the academies advise that their

students will learn academy-specific marches, as well as learn how to wear their uniforms upon arriving at the academies. (However, students participate in intensive physical training to improve CFA scores. They also wear business attire to maintain professionalism and a clean appearance.

Greystone's goal is and always will be to prepare students to *succeed* at the academies and into their careers.

## THE ROAD THEY'VE TAKEN ...



Connor Duran will be Greystone's XO next year!



Jeffrey Engel will attend Texas State and enter the PLC program!



Bradley Haag will attend Texas A&M Galveston, Maritime!



John Kroon will attend University of Houston in the Fall, Rice U. in the Spring, NROTC!



Vincent Molina (pictured with parents, Paula and Gilbert) will attend University of Texas Arlington, AROTC. He completed boot camp at Fort Campbell this summer!



Aaron Rambo will attend Texas A&M Galveston, Maritime!



Stephen Roquemore will attend University of Houston, AFROTC!



Matt Zatkovich will attend SUNY Maritime!



Michael Papes will attend Texas Christian University!



# THEN ... AND NOW

## "ACADEMY" CLASS OF 2015



Darrin Alba



USMA



Ian Barnes



Kelly Walsh



Kevin Sampson



Ian, Kelly and Kevin share a few words before chapel services.

Luke Holmes

Seth Bond



Also joining the Class of 2015 is Eddie Ortega, Greystone Class of 2010.



USAFA



Owen Corn



Cody Womack





## USNA



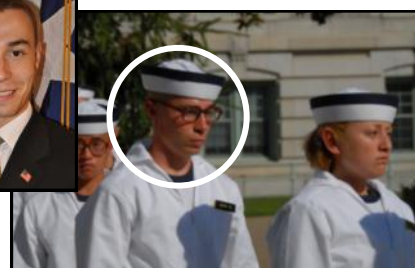
Claire Longabaugh



Father Luke Dundon, CHC, Molly Dundon's big brother, delivers a blessing.



Also joining  
the Class of  
2015 is  
Mitchell  
Fitzgerald,  
Greystone  
Class of 2010.



Josiah Smith



Joel Davis, far right, and Mitch Fitzgerald, Greystone Class of 2010, state the Oath.

Zach Watt



Andrew Stallard



Rob Fontenot



Keyawna Danai



## USCGA



Mike McGee will attend the Coast Guard Academy after its Scholar's Program.



## USMMA



Victoria Maya will attend the Merchant Marine Academy following its prep program.



## MEMORIES OF SPRING

### *Evans Picnic*



Hosts Karen and Bronson Evans invited the Greystoners for a day in the sun on the river and for some tasty Tex-Mex! Pictured, Molly Dun-don and Brad Haag get set for a kayak race.

### *Joint Field Training Exercise*



LTC Albert Alba coordinated the JFTX and invited the Greystoners to participate in a weekend of intense training at Fort Hood, TX, the largest military base in the world.

### *Camp Rays of Hope*



Greystone students buddied up with school-aged children who recently suffered the loss of a loved one. They enjoyed a weekend together at the annual Camp Rays of Hope, located at Camp La Junta in Hunt, along the banks of the Guadalupe River.

Left picture, Matt Zatkovich takes his

turn masking his buddy. Right picture, John Kroon and his buddy enjoy canoeing.



### *Howlin' at the Moon*



Traditionally, Howlin' at the Moon is the last day of finals, the day before the ARC and the day before the Greystoners say, "So Long" to their "brothers and sisters" and start the new chapters in their lives.



## 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:

Karen and Bronson Evans                      MAJ Lorrin Peterson  
Three Anonymous Donations                  Gilbert and Paula Molina

*In special memory of Greystone supporter Thomas Ratcliff of Hunt, many friends and family generously donated to Greystone in his honor. We offer heartfelt condolences to all who knew him.*



**HATS OFF!** All 11 of the Greystoners Class of 2007 who went to the Naval Academy proudly celebrated graduation on 27 May. The Baileys were present to congratulate them.

## 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.*

### Events and Programs: *Funds Needed*

<b>Toastmasters</b> (An international organization aimed at developing communication and leadership skills)	<b>\$1,210</b>
<b>White Boards for each suite</b> (Helpful when students peer tutor)	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Klocko Leadership Forum</b> (Experienced leaders presenting military topics one evening per semester)	<b>\$600</b>
<b>High Adventure</b> (Venturing Crew Camping Trips)	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Family Sports Center</b> (Students have daily access to an off-campus activity center that has an indoor pool and workout facilities)	<b>\$5,000</b>



### 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 and donate to an area of greatest need.

Send donations by check or money order to:

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## OF SPECIAL NOTE!

*On behalf of the Greystone Board of Directors, Staff and the many supporters, this issue is especially dedicated to all Greystoners Past. You make us proud! You towed the line! You are exemplary beings and excellent role models for all future Greystoners. With most sincere appreciation, we thank you!*

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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 commission.

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