

The Greystone Compass

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

PREMIERE ISSUE — FALL 2010

MEET THE GREYSTONE CLASS OF 2011



The Largest Class Ever!

Alphabetically: Darrin Alba, Ian Barnes, Seth Bond, Owen Corn, Keyawna Danai, Joel Davis, Molly Dundon, Connor Duran, Jeffrey Engel, Robert Fontenot, Bradley Haag, Gage Hollingsworth, Lucas Holmes, John Kroon, Claire Longabaugh, Victoria Maya, Michael McGee, Vincent Molina, Michael Papes, Aaron Rambo, Stephen Roquemore, Kevin Sampson, Josiah Smith, Andrew Stallard, Kelly Walsh, Zachary Watt, Cody Womack and Matt Zatkovich.

Greystone staff includes from bottom left, Captain Tom Vortmann, Mimi McMurrey, Brenda Bailey and Commander David Bailey.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CHECK OUT GREYSTONE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS!

WWW.GREYSTONEPREPSCHOOL.ORG

*Nimitz Elementary Mentoring/Tutoring * Honor Code/Standards of Conduct Presentation * MIDN Fred Ebers' USMMA Presentation * Character Development and Leadership Training * Rotary Fish Fry * Murder Boards * U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Celebration * Toastmasters * Board of Directors Meeting * Thanksgiving Break * Final Exam Midnight Breakfast * Army-Navy Football Classic * Christmas Holiday Break*

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

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

While it's hard to believe that Greystone celebrated its 12th birthday on October 17, it's harder to fathom how far we've come!

Twelve years ago Greystone was conceived. Just a twinkle in our eyes. After literally many years of in-depth research, meetings, traveling all over the country in search of the right location, Greystone opened its doors on the Schreiner University Campus in the Fall of 2004 and welcomed its first class of five students.

Of the five, four are now serving our country in various capacities. They are *reaping the rewards!* They are *living in the light of the tunnel!* They are *realizing their dreams!* They are a true testament to *taking that second chance and making it work!*

This year the program has doubled last year's enrollment to 28 students. Greystone is not the same program it was seven years ago — it's better. Each and every student has put his or her mark on "the grey stone" bringing it to what it is today. Equally, students forthcoming will be an integral part of the ever-evolving Greystone.

The increased enrollment led to a natural expansion of bringing on board two paid staff members. They, in addition to our many valued volunteers and our devoted Board members, bring a synergy to Greystone that cannot be accomplished by one.

As Executive Director, my role is to introduce the program to the students, help facilitate it, then stand back (with pride) and watch them

do what they have learned to do so well — lead themselves and each other with excellence! In a sense, they live the Academy life here so that when they actually step foot on Academy grounds, they feel "at home" and thrive.

The Greystone Compass is yet another tool to keep you informed about our program. Each issue will feature students' activities, leadership programs, parents' perspectives, individual recognition and upcoming programs and events. The Greystone family is widespread, comprising former, current, and potential students, their families, volunteers and friends.

Cheers,
CDR B



John, Ian and Zach demonstrate the concept of probability in unique ways.



Keyawna shows how problem solving can be fun!

LEADERSHIP FOCUS: NIMITZ ELEMENTARY MENTORING/TUTORING

Outside the Schreiner academic world, Greystone students engage in a variety of leadership opportunities carefully selected to enhance specific skills. *Toastmasters, Skeet and Trap Shooting, JuMP Start, Mo-Ranch and Big Brothers/Big Sisters* name a few of these programs. Each *Greystone Compass* will feature one of these programs. This issue features **Nimitz Elementary Mentoring/Tutoring** — a program that has been a Greystone success for six years.

Each Friday at 1300, eleven Greystoners drive to Nimitz Elementary School where they separate into PE, Music, Art, Library and 3rd grade groups.

Coordinated by Robby Fontenot, the Greystoners serve many functions, including helping to instruct a class while the teacher is working one-on-one with a student, or

perhaps providing the one-on-one tutoring for a child who is struggling in a subject.

"Seeing the looks on the kids' faces when we arrive and spend time with them makes going to Nimitz an event to look forward to every Friday," says Robby.

In addition to the weekly program, the Greystoners also have participated in Math

Night and the Nimitz Fall Festival.

While the older and younger students thoroughly enjoy this activity, the underlying value goes far beyond this year.

"The children who Greystone students mentor today will be the soldiers they lead tomorrow," says CDR Bailey.

PTs AND CFAs RUN HAND IN HAND

In addition to **academics** and **leadership** excellence, an individual's **physical capabilities** are scrutinized for academy potentials as well.

As the "third leg" that upholds the Greystone triad, physical training (PT) provides the students challenging athletic conditioning at least six days a week. PT begins promptly at 0545 and ends around 0715. Exercises include swimming, calisthenics, running and weight training — all designed to strengthen physical and mental stamina, in preparation for the monthly Candidate Fitness

Assessment (CFA). Academies use the CFA to determine if a candidate possesses the stamina and movement skills in order to perform the duties required of commissioned officers in the uniformed services.

"Satisfactory" completion of the CFA is one of the requirements for admission to the academies. (Satisfactory means performing a predetermined maximum score.)

The CFA consists of six physical and motor fitness events designed to measure muscular strength and endurance, cardio respiratory en-

durance, power, balance, and agility. Students perform a basketball throw, pull-ups, 40-yd shuttle run, crunches, push-ups and 1-mile run.

When they push beyond their perceived limits they amaze themselves and each other. CFA scores are improving! PT is the reason!

First CFA: 2 students maxed 3 events; 5 maxed 2 and 17 maxed 1.

Second CFA: 10 maxed 3 events; 7 maxed 2 and 23 maxed 1.

Third CFA: 1 maxed 4 events; 18 maxed 3; 15 maxed 2 and 9 maxed 1.

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Early morning PT running



Matt and CFA pull-ups



Mike M. and CFA 40-yd shuttle

MEET DIANE GREEN

Diane Green graces Greystone with her active spirit and eagerness to communicate with *Friends of Greystone*.

A Greystone Board member since 2009, Diane's newly appointed role is to serve as the liaison for the many volunteer and financial supporters.

"I am excited to be a part of the Greystone family," says Diane. "I look forward to working with the Board and staff to ensure that this is a

year of great involvement as we support this exceptional and talented group of 28 Greystone students. I would like to encourage participation in as many upcoming events as possible, not only to show support to these outstanding students, but to also provide encouragement."

Well known around town for her savvy business sense and involvement in Kerr County community activities, Diane was recently awarded

"Woman of the Year" by the Kerr County Chamber of Commerce.

Diane is charged with keeping *Friends of Greystone* apprised of the many upcoming events and opportunities to get to know this special group of students. Be on the lookout for events such as our Honor Code Assembly, Greystone BBQs, Chili Noel, the Army-Navy game and more.



Diane Green

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY? *NO WAY!*



How do you clear your mind after an intense morning of ACT exams? Virginia Spikes knew exactly how to get their minds on other things when she invited Greystone students to her house for an afternoon of swimming, floating and kayaking on the Guadalupe River followed by a Tex-Mex feast with homemade chicken enchiladas, tamales, beans, guacamole, pico de gallo AND her famous lemon pound cake. With students coming from the West Coast, East Coast and in between, this kind of Texas Hill Country fun was “a memorable first” for many and a one-of-a-kind blast for all!

Thank you, Mrs. Spikes!

A PARENT’S PERSPECTIVE

BY JEFF ROWLAND

The one thing we almost all have in common is that our son or daughter was rejected from a service academy. To our sons and daughters, Greystone offers a second chance. To parents, a second chance with unintended side benefits is delivered.

Greystone is a win-win. First, in all probability, the initial dream — an appointment to one of the five service academies — will come true. Second, the accomplishments and knowledge achieved in two short semesters is immense. At the very least, it is a tremendous start on college level performance. He will be far ahead of most students in academics, time management, athletics and most importantly — leadership. This of course plays well at a service academy, but if there is a goal change, excelling at a ‘normal’ university becomes relatively easy.

Greystone’s side benefits to my son were incalculable. Let me tell you what 3rd Class Midshipman Max Rowland (2013) USMMA has relayed to me since he began as a plebe at the academy: “Dad, I’m glad I was turned down by the Coast Guard Academy. I am SO much better off now.” And, “The academics here are pretty easy compared to Schreiner.” Also, “Greystone was a lot more demanding than the Plebe Year at the Merchant Marine Academy.” And how about this one, “If I hadn’t got into an academy, I would have easily finished college in two years after Greystone.”

Bear in mind, Max did receive his USCGA appointment. He also had a “wait-list appointment” from West Point. And of course he also received the USMMA appointment — the one he chose to accept after attending and excelling at Greystone.

The best thing is not the free education he is receiving. Not even knowing he will be a positive, productive human being in this great country tops the list. The single best thing for me while he is attending this great university is sleeping through the night, sure he is not going to call and say, “This is too hard.” Or, “I flunked out.” Or, “I got kicked out for smoking dope.” At 20 years old, he is already a man who takes responsibility seriously, leads by example without even knowing it, is self-sufficient and will NEVER be a drain on society.

Was Greystone worth it? Many times over!

Jeff and his wife, Jeanne, live in Point, Texas, north of Dallas.

THANK YOU, FRIENDS

BUILDING BUNKS

Greystone prides itself on — expense in designing, and is known for — immersing students in a total “academy-like” lifestyle.



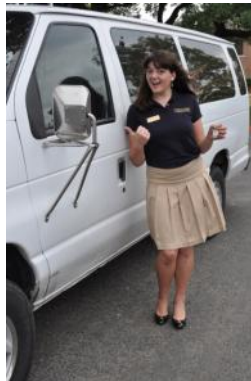
When hearing the need for additional bunk beds, similar to what the academies provide, Eddy Wood, father of former Greystone student Adam Wood, and Dan Green, Adam’s godfather, donated the time, effort and

manufacturing and shipping 24 new bunk bed kits from Washington State this past summer. Thanks to them, as well as to our family of assemblers, COL Bill Crum, Jack Teer, Vincent Molina and Cody Womack, the beds were ready just in time — with one day to spare!

OUR “NEW” VAN

Claire Longabaugh, class travel coordinator, gladly accepts the “new” van keys on behalf of Greystone.

This second van, generously gifted by Schreiner University, will enable all students to get to a place at the same time, alleviating the expense of renting another vehicle or the hassle of arranging many other passenger vehicles.



It is through the continued support of donors, sponsors and friends that Greystone is able to expand its program and meet its goals every year.

Thank you!

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.

Send donations by check or money order to:

Greystone at Schreiner University
2100 Memorial Blvd. CMB 6255
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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 extracurricular activities found at the U.S. Federal Service Academies. Any financial help in deferring these costs is greatly appreciated.

These “other” events, programs and items are what sets Greystone apart from other preparatory schools.

Events and Programs:

Toastmasters **\$1500**
(An international organization aimed at developing communication and leadership skills)

Honor Code/Concept Presentation **\$500**
(A community-invited ceremony to honor Greystone students for writing and presenting their Honor Code and Standards of Conduct)

Skeet and Trap Shooting (\$17/student, once a month) **\$476**
Fun Gun Day **\$1000**
(Schreiner Coach Bill Thomas teaches weapon safety and familiarization.)

Mo-Ranch Challenge Course (\$25/student) **\$700**
(A team-building day filled with unique activities specifically tailored to Greystone needs, led by professional staff on the grounds of the famous Presbyterian conference center)

“New” Van Upkeep and Maintenance **\$1500**
(A Schreiner-donated gift is in need of repair and maintenance)

Work Study Scholarship **\$1500**
(Schreiner student Danielle Schaefer is our loyal “Go-To Gal” helping out any way she can — leading early morning PTs, driving — whatever it takes!)

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COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Your feedback is important to us! Feel free to e-mail any of the Staff members, "snail-mail" a note or call us. We'd love to hear from you.

Do you know someone who would like to be included on our e-mail distribution list to receive *The Greystone Compass*? Please e-mail Mimi their contact information.

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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