

THE 126TH YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE

August 2005 was a *L-O-N-G* time ago—when Chamberlain-Hunt began its 126th year of continuous operation full with Cadets from all over the United States. Basic Training set the stage for a great year. However, no sooner had the semester begun than Katrina blew through—turning the world upside down for a number of Cadets’ families and testing the patience and ingenuity of staff and Cadets during four days without water or electricity. Just as routine settled in, along came Rita...

These ups and downs set the stage for a year full of the same. Throughout it all, God was good. His gracious provision was seen clearly in the year’s good end.

May was very busy, especially for seniors. Not only did they have to maintain focus on the normal Cadet duties, they faced the particular challenges of oral and written comprehensive exams and Senior Speeches.

May was not “all work” for the seniors, however. And most of the non-work centered around food: Local friends, like Cindy Beesley and Linda and Dalton Williams, feted seniors off-campus with a pool party and a cookout. COL and Mrs. Blanton hosted the seniors and faculty for breakfast in their home. LTC West and MAJ Blackwell treated them to an evening of “all-you-can-eat/build-your-own” ice cream sundaes the night before the Baccalaureate Service. Following the Baccalaureate Service was the Athletic Banquet.

Perhaps the best treat of month was the Senior Banquet, held at *Denney’s* in Jackson. The menu featured hand-carved roast beef, chicken cordon bleu and snapper with

crabmeat. Salad, an assortment of vegetables and desserts completed the meal. The best part of the banquet was not the delicious food, however.

Each senior invited a staff or faculty member who influenced him during his time as a Cadet. They each wrote an essay describing that person’s influence and read it at the banquet. The guests, likewise, each wrote an essay about the Cadet who had invited them. The exchange truly was encouraging to all who attended. In addition to the serious reflection, seniors lampooned memorable faculty moments with skits that had the crowd in stitches.

The Baccalaureate Service, held at Port Gibson’s First Presbyterian Church, was a time of thanksgiving for God’s blessing on the year and a time of blessing on the seniors as they move on to the next phase of life. Dr. Neil Stewart’s challenging sermon, “What’s Really Important,” can be heard over the Internet at www.fpcportgibson.org/sermons.html.

The final week of May included lots of study time for exams, as well as time for cleaning up campus, swimming in the pool and practicing for the final Pass in Review—plus Senior Speeches and

Awards Night. As more than one faculty member commented, “These were the best speeches we’ve had in years!” The seniors are to be commended on their diligent preparation.

This 126th year ended well, coming to a close with the retiring of the Colors as Mr. Dennis Staer played *Amazing Grace* on the bagpipes.



The Color Guard at final Pass in Review (pictured above) were Cadets N. Putnam (PA), C. Thompson (MS), C. Phillips (MS) and X. Audhya (CA).



This is the last issue of *Cadet Life* in its current format. Many of you who are interested in what’s happening at Chamberlain-Hunt have been receiving both this monthly *Cadet Life* newsletter and the quarterly *FCA Today/CHA Cadet Life* newspaper. In light of the growing distribution of *Cadet Life* and the particular needs of both French Camp Academy and Chamberlain-Hunt, we are making a change. Following the June issue of the joint newspaper, French Camp will continue publishing its own quarterly newspaper. Beginning in August 2006, Chamberlain-Hunt will distribute a bi-monthly publication, a “new & improved” *Cadet Life*.

If you know of someone who would be interested in receiving news about Cadet life at Chamberlain-Hunt, you may give us his name and address via e-mail: cadetlife@chamberlain-hunt.com or phone: 601.437.8855. Likewise, if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please let us know. ■

(left) Crusader K. Kwarteng (GA) received the Military Excellence Award for his leadership in Battalion Staff and the Distinguished Cadet Award.



(left) At the final Pass in Review, COL Blanton presented Crusader K. Clingan a sword in commemoration of his appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point. Clingan, who attended Chamberlain-Hunt since seventh grade, was the Valedictorian of the 126th graduating class.

(below) LTC Helman assisted COL Blanton in presenting scholarships to top Cadets. Pictured (l to r) are Cadet R. Iannarelli (GA), Crusader K. Kwarteng (GA), Cadet B. Nickolaus (AL), Cadet N. Walker (MS), Crusader C. Kalos (AZ) and Cadet K. Davis (MS).

2005-06 AWARDS AND HONORS

The *Thomas H. Bowen, Jr. Bible Award* recognizes a junior who demonstrated an exemplary love for the study of Scripture and is accompanied by a scholarship applied to the Cadet's senior year tuition. This year's recipient is **Cadet R. Iannarelli (GA)**.

The *Robert Michael Greenlee Sportsmanship Award* is awarded to the Cadet who showed the highest standards of Christ-like sportsmanship in all areas of life at Chamberlain-Hunt. This award is presented in memory of Robert Michael Greenlee by Robert's

mother, Mary Jane Greenlee, and his brother Charles, Chamberlain-Hunt Class of 1988. This year's Greenlee Sportsmanship Award recipient is **Crusader K. Kwarteng (GA)**.

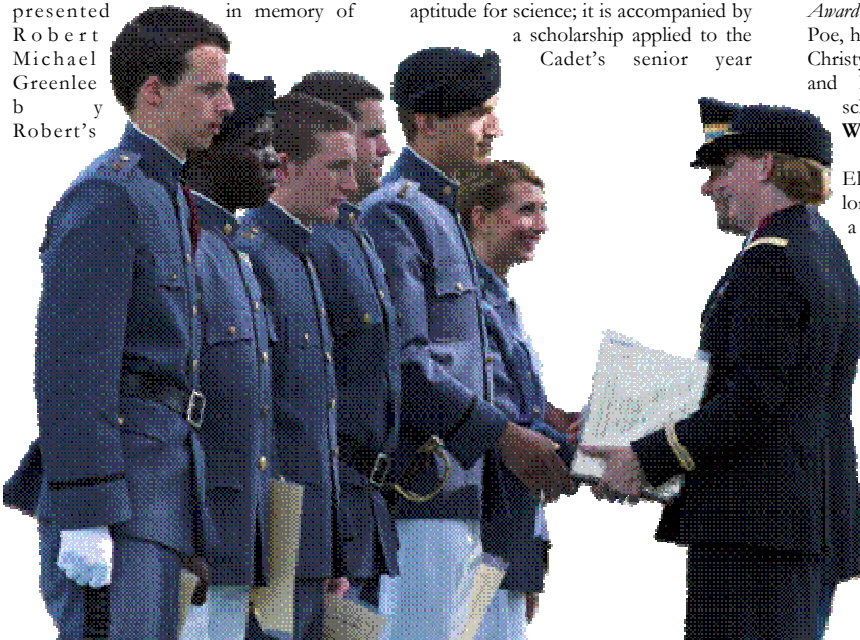
The *MAJ Allison Killingsworth Science Award* is presented in memory of the Academy's beloved "Maj" Killingsworth, who ably served Cadets both as Commandant and as science teacher during his 44-year tenure. This award goes to a junior who demonstrated an aptitude for science; it is accompanied by a scholarship applied to the Cadet's senior year

tuition. The first recipient of the Killingsworth Science Award is **Cadet B. Nickolaus (AL)**.

French Homer Poe was the son of Oakley and Christine Poe of Cleveland MS. During his distinguished life, he was an alumnus of Chamberlain-Hunt, a UDT Frogman, a member of the elite US Navy Seals and a war veteran who was decorated for actions in Southeast Asia. A scholarship is established in his honor. The *French Homer Poe Memorial Award* is given by his widow, Connie L. Poe, his daughters Deborah Star O'Neal, Christy Lee Shirley Poe, Pamela Jean Poe and his grandchildren. This year's scholarship award goes to **Cadet N. Walker (MS)**.

Ellen Steele Satterfield was a longtime educator. In her memory, a scholarship is awarded to the senior who showed the greatest love for English. This year's *Satterfield Award* goes to **Crusader C. Kalos (AZ)**.

The *Gage Award* is given to the Cadet who is judged superior in the annual Senior Speeches. The Seniors are judged by a panel of three staff members on a series of categories, including vocal projection, diction, appearance, content and stage presence. This year's award goes to **Cadet K. Davis (MS)**.



The Principal's Service Award
Alex Penkert

The Citizenship Award
Kyle Clingan

The President's Award
Chris Kalos

The Military Excellence Awards
Jeffery Remington - Alpha
Briton Ortolano - Bravo
Ryan Theriot - Charlie
Kwab Kwarteng - Battalion Staff
Daniel Edwards - Overall Excellence

The Distinguished Cadet Award
Kwab Kwarteng

The Distinguished Performance Award
Patrick McLoud

The DAR Citizenship Awards
Kyle Clingan & Xaver Audhya

The American Military Colleges and Schools Award
Kyle Clingan

The GEN Douglas A. MacArthur Leadership Award
Kyle Clingan

The Achievement Medals
Jeffery Remington, David Seymour & Justin Bonvillian

Highest Grade Point Averages
7th Grade - Gem Panicker
8th Grade - Winston Sykes
9th Grade - Matthew Trono
10th Grade - Ryan Theriot
11th Grade - Benjamin Nickolaus
12th Grade - Kyle Clingan

Bible and Theology
7th Grade Bible - Josh Goodwin
8th Grade Bible - Xaver Audhya
Bible I - Matthew Trono
Bible II - Chase Whittemore
Bible III - Chris Kassela
Bible IV - Kyle Clingan

English
7th Grade English - Gem Panicker
8th Grade English - Aaron Gammage
English I - Acey Day
English II - Chris Hill
English III - Chris Kassela
AP English III - Patrick McLoud
English IV - Matt Kassela
20th Century Literature - Briton Ortolano
AP English IV - Kyle Clingan

Math
7th Grade Math - Chase Deculus
Pre-Algebra - Gem Panicker
8th Grade Math - Ryan Blackmon
Algebra I - Matthew Trono
Algebra II - Ryan Theriot
Geometry - Josh Jenkins
Pre-Calculus - Chris Kalos
Advanced Math - Kyle Clingan

Science
7th Grade Science - Gem Panicker
8th Grade Science - Winston Sykes
Biology I - Matthew Trono
Anatomy & Physiology - Wes Scaffner
Chemistry - James Seiler

Social Studies
Logic I - Josh Goodwin
Logic II - Jordan Stauffer
Omnibus I - Stuart Angle
Omnibus II - Adam Bly
Mississippi History - Dillon Bogenreif
US History - Chase Whittemore
World History - Chris Hill
Geography - Wes Scaffner
Government and Economics - Briton Ortolano

Languages
French I - Audrey Thompson
Latin I - Ryan Bisson
Spanish I - Chris Hill

Electives
Computer - Matt Kassela
Art Fundamentals - Justin Bonvillian
Advanced Art - Wes Scaffner
Music - Matthew Trono
Choir - Wes Scaffner

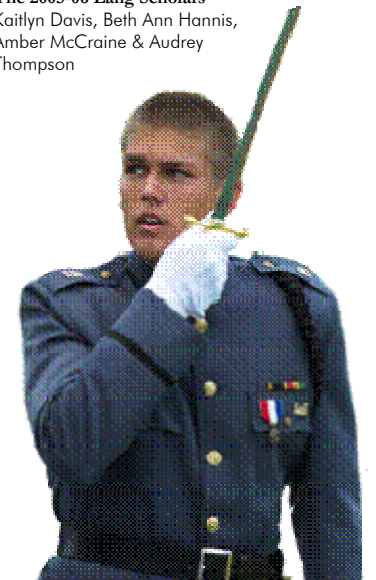
The Spirit of Learning Awards
Stuart Angle, Chase Deculus & Dillon Bogenreif

The Faculty Award
Chris Kalos

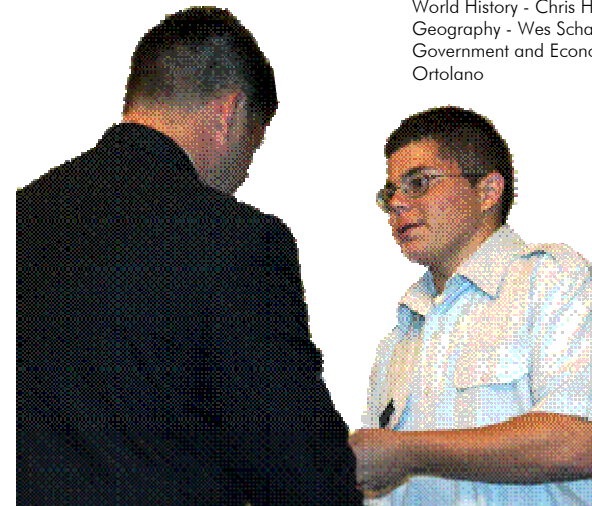
The Jr. High Faculty Award
Josh Goodwin

MPSEA Awards
Tom Fulton - 2nd Place in Algebra
Wes Scaffner - 3rd Place in Anatomy & Physiology

The 2005-06 Lang Scholars
Kaitlyn Davis, Beth Ann Hannis, Amber McCraine & Audrey Thompson



(above) Cadet B. Ortolano (LA) received the Military Excellence Award for his leadership in Bravo Company



(left) Chamberlain-Hunt is especially proud of two Cadets who placed in the Mississippi Private School Education Association's *Academic Betterment Competition (ABC)*. At Awards Night, COL Blanton presented Cadet T. Fulton (CA) an award for placing second in Algebra in the MPSEA. Cadet W. Scaffner (AR) received an award for placing third in Anatomy & Physiology in the MPSEA.