

# Cadet LIFE



Fall 2009

## First Quarter President's List 4.0 GPA

T. Giordano (VA)  
J. Hanks (MS)  
M. Laidlaw (MS)  
A. Shurtleff (FL)  
J. Straka (MS)  
R. Williams (TN)

## First Quarter Principal's List 3.6-3.99 GPA

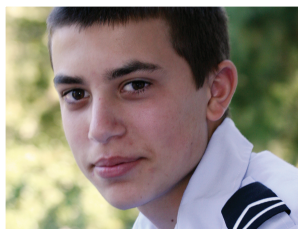
A. Bly (MS)  
J. Cherry (LA)  
K. Dubose (CT)  
S. Guthrie (MS)  
F. Hartley (MS)  
H. Hartley (MS)  
C. Lambert (MS)  
M. Lavigne (LA)  
P. Lopez (LA)  
D. McClure-Carter (MS)  
L. Murphy (MS)  
J. Myrick (MS)  
A. Pollard (MS)  
R. Roberts (LA)  
C. Schneider (PA)  
C. Stevens (MS)  
J. Straka (MS)  
M. Wiersema (IL)  
D. Young (LA)  
P. Yu (PRC)

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### Winter 2009

Jan 5	New Cadets Report 0900
Jan 8	Returning Cadets Report
Feb 10	Progress Reports Mailed
Feb 14	Phone Calls
Feb 19-Mar 1	Winter Break
Mar 11-13	Term Testing
Mar 19	Report Cards Mailed
Mar 22-26	Crusader Challenge
Mar 28	Phone Calls

## From the president's desk . . .



We have been hearing through the media this past year a great deal about *change*. "Change you can believe in." Of all the change that is taking place in our country, one change stands out to me. One change that I can believe in. That change is taking place at Chamberlain-Hunt. It is not an easy change and it is not free, but it is real and it gives real hope for the future.

The change to which I refer is, of course, the change that takes place in a boy when he understands that his actions have consequences—for himself and for everyone around him. Our principal, Quentin Johnston, is quick to remind Cadets that "if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got." It is the same sentiment otherwise expressed in the biblical language "what you sow, that shall you also reap." It is a very simple lesson, yet so profound. It is a lesson that does not come "naturally"; it must be learned.

Adolescent angst does not like the lesson. It prefers, on the one hand, life to carry on as it did in childhood with Mommy and Daddy shouldering all the responsibility and, on the other hand, life to be free from the constraints of Mommy and Daddy's rules. That many adults try to hold on to this preference is evidence that the lesson must be taught and learned—and too often has not been. That many adults try to hold on to this preference is both sad and scary. Our culture is in crisis because of it.

I have had the great privilege this semester to sit with the seniors in my office and listen to them tell stories about their experiences at Chamberlain-Hunt. Now, having learned the lesson, they look back at the difficulties they formerly faced with academics, behavior or relationships and laugh with a sense of pride. "This isn't the place I've always wanted to be," they say, "but it is where I needed to be." They know they have changed.

The truth is that Cadets do not learn the lesson because we are so good at teaching it, nor because they are so smart as to embrace it. Biblical discipline, nurture and instruction are tools God gives to us, and we are responsible to use them faithfully. However, it is his Spirit who works the change. So, we pray. A lot. We invite you to pray with us for the Cadets in our care, that God would change them from boys to the men their future families and our country so desperately needs.

## VETERANS DAY OBSERVED

by LTC Todd Patterson



Everyone loves parades! I am no exception, having served twelve years in the Marine Corps where parades take place almost weekly. I took every opportunity to go out, hear the drums, and watch disciplined Marines move meticulously to a grand tune and beat. Nothing evokes the full emotion of patriotism like seeing the wind catch Old Glory's stars and stripes and gently wave them back and forth.

We have our own parade here at Chamberlain-Hunt. Each year, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Cadets and cadre gather to honor and give thanks to those that have served and are still serving this great nation. It is fitting and appropriate to spend the time and effort to pay tribute to those that have sacrificed so much for the freedoms we cherish. The Cadets put on their dress uniforms and march to the beat of the Drum Corps down Port Gibson's Church Street proudly carrying an American flag.

That flag, massive in its proportion (30ft x 60ft) took 38 proud Cadets to carry. But it was not the only flag waving that day. We were met by many of Port Gibson's residents who came to celebrate with us, eager to do their part. Following the parade, a ceremony is held at the First Presbyterian Church to honor our veterans. This year, we were visited by over twenty veterans who served in campaigns and battles from WWII to the current War on Terrorism. Mr. Bob Bailey, of Yazoo City, Mississippi, spoke to the Cadets and cadre challenging us to follow the example of US Representative Sonny Montgomery in his lifelong pursuit of godly character.

As a Christian educational institution that uses the military system to develop discipline, camaraderie and esprit de corps, Chamberlain-Hunt desires to instill in our Cadets those long honored character traits that are commonplace in our veterans: integrity, selflessness, courage, honor and commitment to name a few. These are the character qualities that embody the spirit of our fighting men and women.

The Veterans Day parade and ceremony is a highlight of the year for the Cadets who put in hours of practice to get things just right. While I stress the importance of marching in a straight line, I pray the Cadets walk away from this experience with a greater appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy here in America.



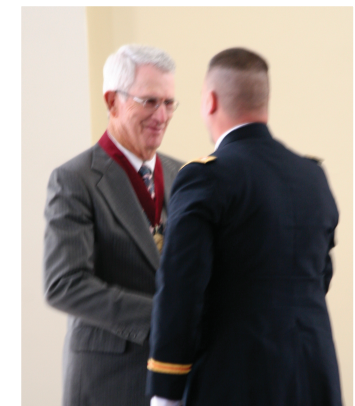


## FOUNDERS DAY: BUILDING ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

Founders Day is the first big event of each school year, held on the Friday Cadets are released for the October Break. It is the first time Cadets get to see their parents since they reported for Basic Training. In addition to this cause for celebration, the purpose of Founders Day is to reflect upon the legacy of two great Christian men—Dr. Jeremiah Chamberlain and Mr. David Hunt—and to encourage one another to follow their godly example of generosity, piety and service.



Each year at Founders Day, Cadets, cadre, parents and friends convene in Oakland Chapel, where Dr. Chamberlain and Mr. Hunt laid the foundation for Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, for a program that includes inspirational music, special awards and an address. This year's address was delivered by the Reverend Major Marty Fields, who is the senior minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church (EPC), the instructor of apologetics and ethics at Laurel Christian School in Laurel, MS and a chaplain in the Mississippi Air National Guard.



The Alcorn State University Men's Chorus performed a special music selection, *Let the Nations Sing*.

Each year the *Chamberlain Award* is given to someone who exemplifies devotion and service to Chamberlain-Hunt Academy. This year the Chamberlain Award was presented to Mr. Charles Taylor. Mr. Taylor came to the Academy in 1956 as the physical education director. In his early years, he served as track coach and as social studies teacher. His gift for administration was recognized, and for over 20 years he served as the Academy's principal. One summer term he served as commandant. In flush times as well as lean times, the Academy could always count on Charles Taylor.



During the autumn term of 1975, and during the entire 1984-1985 school year, he served as the president of the Academy, efficiently managing its affairs while the board sought permanent leadership. Presidents from Dr. Gruchy to Dr. Randolph came and went, but for 33 years Charles Taylor was always there to guide, support, encourage and maintain the Academy's progress towards academic excellence. Although he retired from his duties in November of 1989, he continued to make Claiborne County his home and

remained a loyal friend and supporter of the Academy until his death on 27 October 2009, at the age of 88, just a few weeks following the Founders Day convocation.

Chamberlain-Hunt bestows the *Hunt Award* each year on someone who generously supports the ministry of Chamberlain-Hunt Academy. This year the Academy presented the Hunt Award to the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwood, Mississippi. Organized in 1846, First Presbyterian Church is a 400 member congregation with



## HONORING LOVED ONES & HELPING CADETS

### Memorial

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**COL Battle M. Barksdale**

Mrs. Beth R. McCullen

**Mrs. James Beesley**

Mr. Robert S. Murphree

**Mrs. Audrey Brand**

Bennett, Lotterhos, Susler & Wilson

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Cade, Jr.

Mrs. Peggy B. Cannada

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Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Chestnut

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Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cox, Jr.

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Mr. Leon Dale

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Mrs. Hope Reid Huebner

Mr. Carson M. Hughes

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Mrs. Otho S. Johnson, Jr.

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Mrs. Anna Mae Lemon

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**Mr. Orville Carrington**

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Pegram

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Mrs. Edwina M. Wise

**Mr. Chess Mymond**

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley P. Lowry, Jr.

### Honor

**Mrs. Dane Heard Brinsko**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heard

**Mr. William C. Deviney, Jr.**

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley P. Lowry, Jr.

**Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Duckett**

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley P. Lowry, Jr.

**SSG Wade M. Powers**

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Powers

**Cadet Steven Earl Segrest**

Ms. Mary Hedrick

**COL Jack West**

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O. Staer

Although our enrollment fees are relatively low—even in comparison to private *day* schools across the nation, many of our families struggle to pay them. This year fully half the Cadet Corps is receiving some level of need-based financial aid. As you know, we are committed not to turn away any otherwise acceptable applicant simply because his parents or guardians cannot afford the fees. Of course, we can fulfill this commitment only when others share our desire to provide boys the biblically-based discipline, both in the classroom and out, that we offer at Chamberlain-Hunt. If you share our desire and have the financial resources to help, please give to our Financial Aid/General Scholarship Fund.

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## Sports...

### Cross-Country

Congratulations to the Cadets of the cross-country team! The Chamberlain-Hunt Wildcats' Cross-Country Team brought home 2nd place among 12 schools in the State. The MAIS Cross Country Championship 2009 was held on October 26 at Choctaw Trails, at Mississippi College in Clinton. The Cadets ran the 5K, which is about 3.2 miles.



Chamberlain-Hunt is a 1A team, but Cadets also held their own as they ran against much larger schools such as Jackson Prep and Columbia earlier in the season. The Cadets have been training since early September. They anticipate being in great shape for track season in the spring. Coach Slayton, who has spent 14 years of his life investing in Chamberlain-Hunt, feels very confident that the foundation for the track season coming up has already been laid, gauging by the performance of those who ran in October.

**Cross-Country members include: A. Bly (MS), J. Cleary (ME), T. Giordano (VA), B. Hodges (TN), M. Lavigne (LA), W. Ruffin (MS), C. Schneider (PA) and D. Weddington (FL).**

**Head Coach: Daniel Slayton Assistant Coach: Jackson Bowden**

### JV Basketball

Chamberlain-Hunt JV Basketball team has had the greatest start of the basketball season in years! Currently undefeated, there is good talent both among the starters as well as on the bench. Coach Slayton says that he anticipates a very strong year and a terrific future as some of his boys move up to varsity level next fall. "It's great so far this year," beams Coach Slayton, "I have one Cadet scoring 28 points a game and another right behind him, with several others picking up 8-10 points each game." Go Wildcats!



**Jr. Varsity members include: J. Cherry (LA), J. Clemons (MS), K. Dubose (CT), D. Fong (LA), S. Guthrie (MS), F. Hunt (GA), R. O'Connor (LA), R. Roberts (LA), W. Ruffin (MS), S. Segrest (MS), B. Shewbart (MS), J. Skinner (FL) and N. Thompson (MS).**

**Head Coach: Daniel Slayton**

### Varsity Basketball

On Tuesday, November 10, Chamberlain-Hunt welcomed the Greenville Christian Saints to the Kennedy Gym. There were several Cadets volunteering in concessions with Mrs. Johnston. The energy in the gym was high. It was terrific to see the Cadets, guests and cadre come together and support our Wildcats. This is a building season for the basketball team. After taking division runner-up in the State last year, we have an almost entirely new team. Coach Bailey explains, "We are working on the fundamentals of the game. Many of the Cadets on our team have never played competitively before. We are learning teamwork and building a foundation."

Coach Bailey, from Port Gibson, MS, played and coached football professionally for four years. He had coached both Varsity and JV

basketball for two years at Port Gibson Middle and High School prior to accepting the position at Chamberlain-Hunt. Coach Bailey genuinely loves these young men and his primary concern is that they learn character, academic and athletic discipline, and keeping a Christ-like attitude no matter what.

**Basketball members include: B. Brenke (LA), S. Dwiggin (MS), V. Hester (CA), P. Lopez (LA), S. Mills (NC), H. Murphy (LA), L. Murphy (MS), L. Murry (MS), B. Rackley (MS), J. Sparkman (MS) and J. Straka (MS)**  
**Head Coach: Alvin Bailey**



### Varsity Soccer

Varsity Soccer Wildcats took the win at the season home opener. On Saturday, November 14, Chamberlain-Hunt challenged Columbia Academy. Spectators from both teams watched from the bleachers on a perfectly breezy and sunny fall day. Our team was able to keep the pressure on the opponent's side of the field for the entire game. That is good strategy in anyone's book. Currently, we are 1 and 1, and team Coaches Walker and Brannen expect that the best is yet to come.

Coach Walker has a impressive achievements. Coach Walker entered Chamberlain-Hunt as a Cadet in the summer of 2003 and graduated in 2007—attending each summer school session as well. He was Battalion Commander in his senior year, a Crusader, and his senior class salutatorian. He attended Mississippi College for two years prior joining the staff at Chamberlain-Hunt as the duty Tac.

Coach Walker is majoring in Political Science and is returning to Mississippi College this coming spring to complete his last year. He played soccer in Jackson Futbol Club for 5 years and for Chamberlain-Hunt for 4 years—captain for 3, all-district all 4 years, all-state senior year. He knows the school and he knows the game.

Coach Brannen also has a colorful story. A "Jack-of-all-trades," Coach Brannen served in the U.S. Navy prior to college. After college, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army. Most recently, MAJ Brannen worked in manufacturing prior to accepting a position to teach High School English at Chamberlain-Hunt. He was an officially registered referee in soccer for the ASA while his son was in high school.

**Soccer members include: J. Arnold (CA), B. Bullock (MS), W. Davis (MS), J. Easton (NV), T. Giordano (GA), C. Graves (MS), J. Hanks (MS), B. Hodges (TN), T. Johnson (WA), T. McKey (LA), C. Schneider (PA), J. Scott (MS), A. Shirey (AL), A. Shurtleff (FL), D. Stephens (MS), T. Taylor (LA), T. Toppino (LA), D. Weddington (FL), M. Wiersema (IL), R. Williams (TN), S. Williams (MS) and J. Wingfield (LA).**



million in total income over the last decade. The congregation strives to show God's love for all of his people through a large variety of missions and benevolences. It dedicates 27% of its General Budget to mission causes. For many years members have generously supported the ministry of Chamberlain-Hunt through gifts from Sunday school classes, women's circles and congregational benevolences. Their minister, Dr. Rusty Douglas, and Travis Clark of their Witness Committee accepted the Hunt Award on behalf of the congregation.



Prior to coming to Laurel to pastor Westminster, Marty Fields served as a campus minister, a church planter and pastor, a teacher and a research scholar in areas of theological philosophy and apologetics. He has written numerous articles in theology, philosophy, culture and apologetics, and contributed to various books and periodicals including Table Talk, The Atlanta-Journal Constitution, The Savannah Morning News, USA Today, Reformed Perspectives Magazine, The Biblical Worldview and Premise Magazine. His work on Postmodern philosophy has been used as a resource by Christian schools, colleges and the US Army Chaplain's School. He is currently finishing an introductory book on the defense of the Christian faith.



MAJ Fields knew just what to say. He spent several years at Riverside Military Academy, which had a profound influence on his life: "I went in the fall of 81—28 years ago—and hated it! Why? Because overnight I went from non-conformity to conformity, permissiveness to rules. About two months into it I realized I could get kicked out or make changes. By God's grace I changed and am in a different place today than certainly I would have been. I look back on those days as some of the best years of my life."

He then unfolded the reasons he believes the military structure had such a positive impact on his life. "Military schools believe in standards," he said. "They understand the qualities that make for a successful person—discipline, self-respect, respect for others, personal responsibility, integrity and hard work; and they focus on the *kind* of person you need to be, not just on what you *do*." This, he observed, is quite different from the current cultural perspectives, which focus on relative *values* and *personality*. Instead, he challenged the audience to refocus on definite *virtues* and godly *character* that are rooted in biblical norms.

Following the convocation at Oakland Chapel, Cadets, cadre, parents and guests all returned to the Chamberlain-Hunt campus for a celebratory fish-fry (with all the trimmings) under the pavilion. After lunch the Cadets assembled for a final formation before being dismissed for the well-earned October Break.

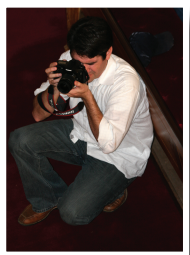
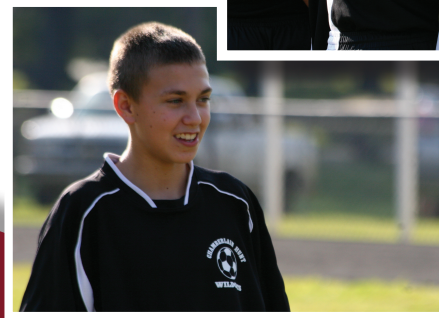
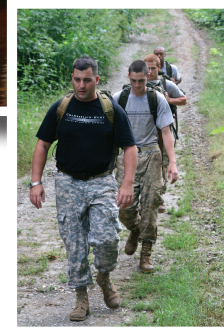
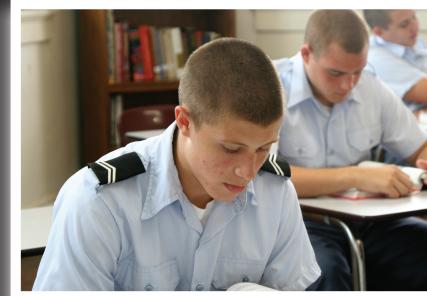
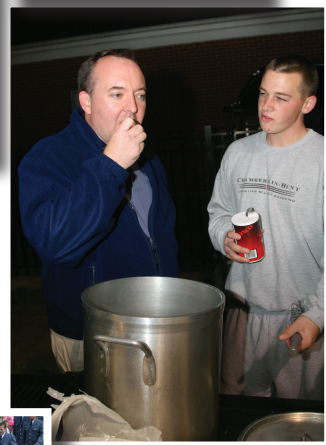
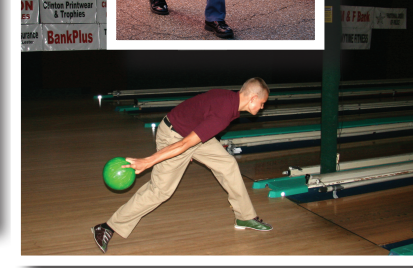
## ALUMNI NEWS...



Pictured here is John Moss (left) with Don Rasmusson (right) and Frank McCraven in the middle. Don and John graduated from Chamberlain-Hunt in 1966. Frank McCraven was their commandant and chaplain for several years. John writes, "Don and I have remained good friends ever since our CHA years, and I went to visit him and his wife, Jane, recently in Los Angeles. Frank lives in North Hollywood so we got together for a nice lunch. I owe Frank a lot because he taught me discipline and confidence. Frank had already been a Marine by the time he started working at CHA; during his tenure there he attended seminary and became a Presbyterian minister. He left CHA to lead two different congregations in Mississippi before joining the Navy (the Marines don't have chaplains). Frank is now retired but is still active as a chaplain."

ALUMNI: If you have news or photos to share, please send them to [alumni@chamberlain-hunt.com](mailto:alumni@chamberlain-hunt.com)!





**WEB SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

In November, everyone noticed lots of cameras around campus. Liquid-Creative, an advertising and design firm based in Jackson, is helping the Academy with a Web site redesign and a video of campus life. We expect to launch the new Web site in early 2010.