

# Cadet LIFE



## VISITING NEW CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

by LTC Quentin Johnston

**E**ducation is an amazing expedition, a marvelous blend of sights and sounds, soliloquies and sermons, experiments and experiences that can open vistas in the mind never before imagined.

Providing Cadets with the variety of learning opportunities that captures and retains their attention is a significant goal we pursue. Cadets have a variety of interests, find some subjects more appealing, and are gripped by diverse themes. In other words, when it comes to 115 Cadets, one size definitely does not fit all!

This winter we provided activities designed to challenge preconceptions and open doors to worlds they had never thought they would enjoy visiting.

In December we hosted the newly formed Alcorn University Operatic Society, which performed “Amahl and the Night Visitors,” an opera in one act by Gian Carlo Menotti. Lasting only 45 minutes, the opera, set near Bethlehem just after the birth of Christ, tells the story of Amahl, a crippled boy who lives with his impoverished mother. When the Magi stop off on their way to visit the Christ child, a series of events leads to the faith of the boy and his previously covetous mother, and to his miraculous healing. Although most of the Cadets had never experienced opera, nor been exposed to that particular style of singing, they sat enthralled and cheered enthusiastically when the curtain fell.

January brought eight select Cadets to their first Winter Formal. The students at Brashear Hall, the girls’ campus we established in the center of town, invited a few Cadets to a formal meal and dance held in the facility in which they have most of their classes. In preparation for the dinner, the Cadets and students were separately instructed in the use of silverware in a multi-course meal. Using a knife and fork “English style” was a new experience, but they tried their best on the night. After dinner, LTC Johnston and his wife taught the boys and girls, along with the adults present, a Scottish country dance. Fifty minutes of whirling, twirling, reeling and wheeling left the dancers “puggled” as they would say in Scotland (utterly exhausted). All expressed huge enjoyment and an eagerness to do it again.

This year we were pleased to welcome Cadet Paul Yu, a freshman, whose family lives and works in Beijing, China. In order to try to make him feel a little more “at home,” we celebrated Chinese New Year together on February 13th. His dorm room door was framed with traditional placards offering best wishes for the new year, and we decorated the DFAC with dragons, Chinese lanterns, red table cloths, and red cards with the appropriate “happiness” character printed on them. For dinner, Chef Gregory prepared lo mein, spring rolls, fortune cookies and cake. Each Cadet received a red envelope, but in place of the customary cash, we placed specially made gold foil wrapped chocolate coins with the Chamberlain-Hunt seal on the obverse and the “happiness” character on the reverse. A great time was had by all, with more requests for extra coins than we could answer!



Each of these three events introduced Cadets to cultural landscapes they had not previously encountered. New appreciation was expressed by many regarding opera, “Wow, that was totally different, but cool”; fresh faced enthusiasm was evidenced for formal dining and “wild” Scottish reels; and cultural insight was gained by honoring a well-liked Cadet and helping him celebrate the start of the Year of the Tiger.

Winter 2010

## MAIS Honor Society Recipients

### Chamberlain-Hunt Academy

Cherry, J. (LA)  
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Easton, J. (NV)  
Giordano, T. (VA)  
Guthrie, S. (MS)  
Hanks, J. (MS)  
Hobbs, B. (TX)  
Hodges, B. (TN)  
Holland, C. (LA)  
Laidlaw, M. (MS)  
Roberts, R. (LA)  
Schneider, C. (PA)  
Shurtleff, A. (FL)  
Skinner, J. (FL)  
Straka, Jo. (MS)  
Straka, Ju. (MS)  
Wiersema, M. (IL)  
Williams, R. (TN)  
Young, D. (LA)  
Yu, P. (Beijing)

### Brashear Hall

Hartley, Faith (MS)  
Hartley, Hannah (MS)  
Lambert, Candace (MS)  
McClure-Carter, D’Erra (MS)  
Pollard, Alayna (MS)  
Pollard, Briea (MS)

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### Spring 2010

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
Apr 2-12	Easter Break
Apr 17	Expert Cadet Badge
Apr 24	Alumni Day
Apr 28	Progress Reports Mailed
May 9	Phone Calls
May 18-20	Term Testing
May 21	Baccalaureate,
	Sports Banquet, Speeches
May 22	Final Pass in Review



## HALFWAY THERE

by LTC Todd Patterson

The start to our second semester has come and gone, and we are rapidly approaching the halfway point to the finish line - the final Pass in Review. Before we focus our thought and energy on May 22, let me take you back and highlight several very eventful activities that your sons have been involved in:



For those who joined us mid-way through the year, let me welcome you to the Chamberlain-Hunt family. Our initial Basic Training included eleven Cadets with a handful more added to our rolls in the weeks following. The mid-year Basic Training always poses several challenges for my staff. First, new Cadets have difficulty integrating into a format and system that is already established. It is like running alongside a moving train and trying to jump on. It's tough. I'm pleased to say, though, that they met the challenge head on and have adapted faster than expected. That's good.



Second, you never know what the weather is going to do. A rare cold front moved in and temperatures dropped into the single digits at night. While I do think that inclement weather can be a tool to help shape and enforce training programs, single digit temperatures are no laughing matter, and we took special precautions to ensure the Cadets were not exposed to any danger. By the time Basic was over, our Cadets - your sons - were ready to go and eager to integrate into their assigned Companies and begin school. Yes, you read correctly – they were eager to begin school. I guess cold weather, a lot of physical fitness and some creativity (like carrying 300lbs logs) will make you beg to solve Calculus equations.



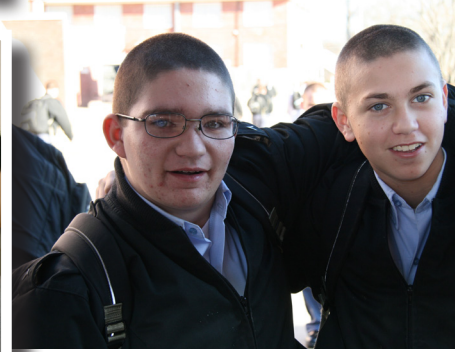
Part of our ongoing training strategy is to introduce Cadets to military life and teach them skills that can benefit them in life. Recently SFC Patterson, TAC officer from Charlie Company, demonstrated the techniques to combat life saving. In a one hour module, SFC Patterson covered basic CPR and expedient ways to administer self-aid, essential if you were injured and alone. For many of our Cadets, hunting is as common so these lessons learned may well come in handy. These techniques, while extensively covered, are not associated with the Red Cross CPR training, and I would encourage you to sign your son up over a break or the summer and have him go through that certification process – it can save a life!

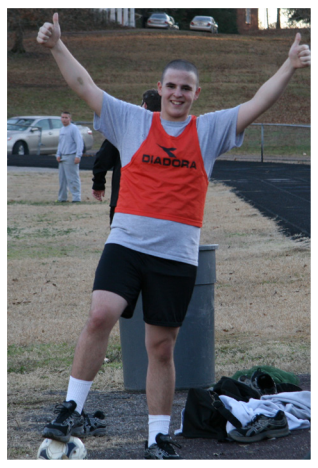
What else can I say other than, “WHO DAT!” While I do not call Louisiana home, I can appreciate the fervor and tenacity of the Saints fans in finally winning the “Big One” - even more so, because I am a Tampa Bay Bucs fan. It was a great game, and there is nothing better than watching it on the big screen and having snacks to fill the tummy. Thanks to our support network of Cadre ladies and wives, the Cadets had plenty to eat to keep them energized through the game. It was a great night, and our 23 Colts fans even conceded that the Saints could not be stopped. They all marched out singing, “O When the Saints Go Marching In.”

That's a brief look back at some exciting winter events here at Chamberlain-Hunt. I look forward to what lies ahead and am glad your sons can share in the experience of what we do here. We are going strong, and we expect to finish strong as we gain momentum for the spring and set our focus on the finish line.





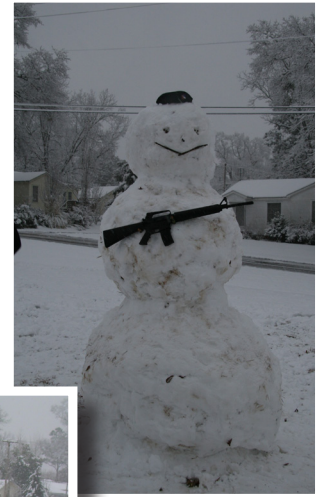




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# Winter Wonderland

Rare, but beautiful. Seldom do you hear of a tropical climate such as Mississippi having snow, even in small amounts. But on Friday, February 12th, Cadets woke up to an brilliant, snow-covered campus. Because an event like this happens so seldomly, Cadets were able to take a little time before their early classes to enjoy the powdery ice before the entire scene melted away.



## Alumni Day - Saturday, April 24th

Please make plans to attend our Annual Alumni Day Celebration:

- 0900-1000 Coffee in the White House
- 1000-1100 Assembly in McComb Auditorium
- 1100-1145 Dorm Inspection
- 1200-1300 Lunch in the Pavilion\*
- 1300-1400 Wilderness Demonstrations
- 1400-1500 Refreshments at the White House



\*The complimentary lunch will be served buffet-style in the Pavilion. You won't go away hungry! Please let us know you will be joining us for lunch by calling 601.437.8855 or by emailing [alumni@chamberlain-hunt.com](mailto:alumni@chamberlain-hunt.com). We'd like to get a head count by Friday, April 16, 2010.

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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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## From the president's desk . . .



**A**chievement. Sir Edmund Hillary, who was the first to climb Mt. Everest, once said, "It is not the mountains we conquer but ourselves." When we recognize Cadets' achievements, like their being named to the MAIS (Mississippi Association of Independent Schools) Honor Society for academic performance, we do more than acknowledge a job well done. We acknowledge that Cadets have, in some way, conquered themselves.

Despite evidence to the contrary, the "everyone's a winner" philosophy, which seeks to make children *feel* successful in school, has been a disastrous educational fad in America. The truth is that most children are not fooled by it. They know when they are *given* something, and they know when they *achieve* something. In the short term, they like the ease of being given a grade, or a trophy, or an allowance they did not earn; they know, however, that they did not earn it. The interesting thing about that is that instead of building their self-esteem, such "awards" undermine it. Children may not articulate it, but being given these things when they have not been earned makes children question whether they are competent, able to win the prize.

Boys who doubt their competency do not want to be shown to be incompetent, and that fear motivates them to withdraw from the challenges of life, to become either passive or rebellious. One of the very first things boys have to conquer on their way to manhood is themselves, especially their fear of being shown to be incompetent.

Chamberlain-Hunt Cadets daily face unavoidable challenges, whether spiritual, social, physical or intellectual. When they conquer, they know they have achieved. Such victory changes their lives forever.