

The Torchbearer

Leading the way toward Bethesda Academy being America's best school for young Christian leaders



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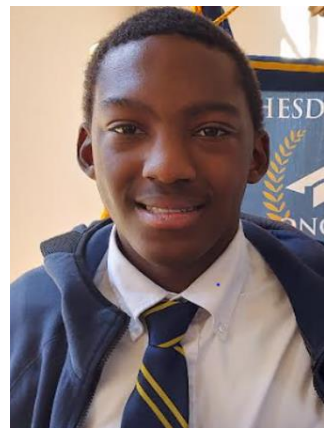
Love of God-Love of Learning-A Strong Work Ethic-Honor-Respect-Consideration of Others

Honors Cohort Leaders Rescue Homeless Ministry

The Bag Lunches for the Hungry and Homeless mission at Christ Church Anglican in downtown Savannah was recently in serious danger of being discontinued due to a lack of support. It seems that there were not enough people interested in helping to make and package the lunches for the mission to continue. This would have meant that those in need who depend on those lunches would be forced to do without. Seeing Christ Church's need for help as an opportunity to take ownership of their own mission and to directly help others, Bethesda Academy's Leader Development Honors Cohort has formed a partnership with Christ Church in which CCA will provide funds, and the young leaders of the cohort will make and package the lunches right here at Bethesda Academy. A representative from Christ Church will then deliver them to those in need. This is a significant opportunity not only to be a blessing to others in real need, but to show Savannah and the world that we are not just learning about Christian leadership, but also really leading. As our handshake's challenge and response says, we rise by lifting others!

Jadon Turner Celebrates Birthday by Serving Others

On Saturday, February 4th, the men of the Honors Cohort met here on campus for a brunch catered by Chik-fil-A, enjoyed an episode of the television series about the life and ministry of Jesus called "The Chosen," and then headed downtown to Christ Church Anglican for their monthly mission outreach Saturday. At Christ Church the young men became a brown-bag lunch-making machine, churning out lunches for over fifty homeless and hungry in the space of under a half-hour. We are very proud of the young men who come in on their Saturdays off from school to help others, expecting nothing in return. We are especially proud of Saturday's birthday boy, Mister Jadon Turner, pictured here, who celebrated his big day by serving others. Jadon continues to be a fine example of what "right" looks like here at Bethesda. God bless you, Jadon!



Jadon Turner

Men of Bethesda Support Fundraising Shoot



Micah and Drew

Each year Bethesda Academy has to raise funds in order to remain in operation. This has been true since we were founded by the Reverend George Whitefield in 1740. During his day, Whitfield traveled all over the then American colonies and to England in order to raise money for Bethesda Academy to survive. One of our earliest supporters was also one of America's founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin! The need for funds continues today and one of the ways we raise money is to host a skeet-shooting tournament at the Forest City Gun Club, the oldest gun club in America, and a friend to Bethesda. Thirty-five four-person teams signed up to shoot sporting clays and to help raise much-needed money to help us meet our budget here. All of the LDI young men helped support the event, including Drew Adkins and Micah Calhoun pictured at left.

Bethesda Academy – Building Leaders since 1740

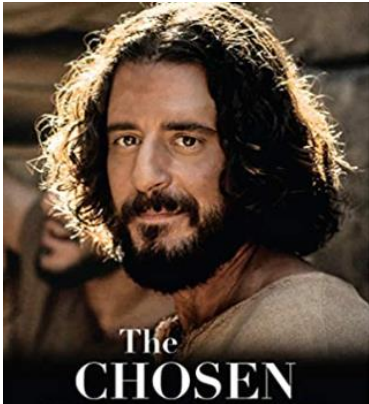
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More Good News From Bethesda's Honors Cohort

LDI: Equipping Bethesda graduates with the tools to lead and be of high moral character

Leader Lab Planning Clubs and Ministries "Matthew and Madden" to Kick Off in Fall

The young men who are members of the LDI Honors Cohort are spending their "work-study" time each day in the LDI Leader Lab. Leader Lab is a workshop in which our young men learn how to plan, prepare, rehearse, conduct, and then learn from our weekly seminar sessions and case studies. As everyone is aware, our upperclassmen are actually teaching already, which is great for their confidence and public speaking abilities. In addition to that, they are also planning some really fun things for next year. Micah Calhoun will kick off the fall with a club called "Matthew and Madden" which is being planned to be held on Tuesday afternoons right here on campus. Club members will have a brief devotional on the Gospel of Matthew, and then enjoy a Madden NFL Football tournament. You won't want to miss signing up for your spot on the bracket. If you are interested in joining, please see Micah Calhoun, because spaces will be limited.



Jonathan Roumie
as Jesus in The Chosen

Honors Men Continue Enjoying The Chosen

The Chosen is a wonderful television series that tells the story of the life of Jesus Christ. It is great because, while it is based upon the Holy Scriptures, the characters and scenery used in the show help to bring these Biblical stories to life in a way that is very cool. During the series, we have come to know people like Mary Magdalene, John the Baptist, Nicodemus, the disciples, and, of course, Jesus himself. We have come to understand the situation at the time of Jesus, like the fact that Rome was an occupier of the Jewish homeland and Roman soldiers and Jews did not like each other. We see the hope for a messiah, and we are beginning to see Jesus teach and perform wondrous miracles. We are enjoying the second season and it is helping us to learn and to understand more about Christ and His life with each episode. If you haven't seen The Chosen, you really should, so, check it out!

You Can Be a Part of The Transformation

Help Make Bethesda Academy the Best in America

The LDI was created to lead Bethesda Academy away from our past as an orphanage and a home for troubled youth. We aren't any of those things anymore. But we don't want to be just another day school in Savannah either. We want to realize the vision of our founder, Reverend George Whitefield, and be an institution that produces graduates who can leave us and not only be successful, but also significant. Whether one chooses to be a plumber, farmer, shoe salesman, soldier, movie star, professional athlete or any other vocation, we want to also be ambassadors for Christ who can lead others to Him. You can be a part of that movement, a new culture. You can help change the world for the better. You have talents and gifts that can be used for God's kingdom. Consider joining the LDI and be a part of the transformation.

Can YOU become a member of the Honors Cohort? Just ask Colonel Ken!