



# The Torchbearer

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



VOL. 2, No. 8

November, 2022

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

## Quentin Brooks speaks at Christ Church Anglican



The Gold Lodge's own Quentin Brooks, who is the leader of the Honors Cohort, as well as being a member of the elite Order of the Torchbearer, represented Bethesda Academy Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> when he spoke before the men of Christ Church Anglican in downtown Savannah. Mister Brooks delivered a briefing to the gentlemen of Christ Church about how Bethesda Academy is transforming itself from former orphanage and home for troubled youth toward being America's best school for young Christian leaders. He explained how the Honors Cohort was constructed, as a family-like unit, how we start every morning with Win the Day, and how each week we study a particular character trait that helps us to develop a servant-leader mindset. He also discussed our Thirty Six Heroes series of case studies, an examination of men who are examples of those character traits. Mister Brooks did an excellent job and showed himself to be every inch a leader. Well done, Quentin. God bless you!

### Honors Cohort sets new record in feeding the hungry Prepares food for over five hundred people

The Honors Cohort set a new record on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for the number of homeless and hungry people for whom they helped to provide food during their monthly mission-outreach day. First, our young men worked at Christ Church Anglican where they prepared sack lunches for fifty homeless people in the Savannah area. Then they traveled to PACK, a local charity that supports needy children and prepared a record 487 bags of food to be distributed to those less fortunate. In sacrificing their Saturday mornings, getting up early, and coming to work for the benefit of others, expecting nothing in return, these young men embody the servant-leadership ethic demonstrated to us by Jesus Christ. In fact, servant-leadership is the only leadership style ever validated by Christ. We are very proud of the way our young men of the Honors Cohort are "leading the way" in the transformation of Bethesda Academy toward our being America's best school for young Christian leaders.

Bethesda Academy – Building Leaders since 1740

# The Torchbearer - Page 2

More Good News From Bethesda's Honors Cohort

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

## Men of Honors Cohort Study Grit

This quarter the young leaders of the Honors Cohort continued their study on "grit." Grit is the combination of passion and perseverance. It is the desire to reach a goal and the guts to do whatever it takes, no matter how difficult the circumstances to achieve an objective. Grit is a desirable character trait in that when one develops the habit of being willing to work hard to win, and to never, ever quit, then there is nothing one cannot accomplish, whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, or anywhere else in life. Grit is especially important for leaders because when things get tough, leaders have to take charge and keep those they lead going. The men conduct a workshop each Tuesday on the steps needed to be taken to become "grittier." Grit is something we all need in our lives. "Don't quit, have grit!"



Andrew Adkins leads his brothers in a workshop on developing grit

## Landon Hines celebrates birthday

One of our newer brothers of the Honors Cohort, Mister Landon Hines celebrated his birthday on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. We are very happy to have Landon as a member of our family, into which he has jumped with both feet, having already begun to attend Leadership Lab with his fellow upperclassmen, and having begun to teach in the Blue Lodge room. Landon is a fine young man known for having a servant's heart and lots of potential to do well in our program. God bless you, Landon! Happy Birthday!



Landon Hines

## Newest brothers finding ways to lead

### Randall wins Blazer Buck

In the Leader Development Initiative's Honors Cohort, every young man is challenged to live our core values, set the right example, and be willing to do what is needed to learn to lead. Even our youngest and newest brothers understand this and are stepping up to serve others. A great example was in chapel last week as 6<sup>th</sup> grader Matthew "Monster Matt" Randall bravely stood up, took the microphone, and led the rest of his brothers in singing. Lots of gown ups are scared to death of speaking or singing in front of others, but Matthew did it like a pro! Well done, Matthew!



Matthew Randall

**Happy Thanksgiving to all  
from the Honors Cohort!**

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