



The Torchbearer

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



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Honors Cohort men continue to lead the way

The young men of the LDI Honors Cohort continued to lead the way in January as many were recognized for their achievements in academics and in servant-leadership. As we move into our next century at Bethesda Academy, these young men are leading us toward our goal of being America's best school for young Christian leaders.

Jadon Turner first to be awarded coveted Silver Torch

"Coach" Jadon Turner has become the first young man in the history of Bethesda Academy to have been inducted into the Silver Degree of the Order of the Torchbearer. The Order of the Torchbearer is an elite fraternity made up of the best of the best here at Bethesda Academy. Jadon won the honor by gaining at least 2,500 points in a combination of academics and athletics, and in leadership and servanthood. Jadon is a standout in the classroom and in sports and he also serves on the Leader Development Initiative's Justice Panel. Most notably, as his very own personal ministry to others here at Bethesda Academy, Jadon leads morning prayer every day in our chapel before the start of classes. His maturity, faith, strong work ethic, and compassion for others are all part of a great example he sets for others to follow here at Bethesda Academy. We are very proud of Jadon and congratulate him on being our first Silver Torchbearer. God bless you, Jadon!



Jadon Turner

Brooks, Calhoun, and Holiday awarded Golden Laurels

Laurels have been awarded for centuries to signify achievement. Both the ancient Greek and Roman societies used the laurel as a way to honor those who had attained a level of excellence worthy of respect and admiration. The Golden Laurel is awarded here at Bethesda Academy for those who achieve a

stainless record for a period of two consecutive semesters, equal to a full academic year, and who, in the opinion of their mentors, have lived the Bethesda Academy Core Values and Code of Conduct. We are very proud of all three of our Golden Laurel awardees.



Quentin Brooks



Daniel Calhoun



Chase Holiday

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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

Nate Monroe celebrates by serving

Blue Lodge Brother young Nate Monroe had a big birthday in January, and celebrated with a big party at Defy. But before his party, which was reported later to have been the social event of the season, Nate selflessly scheduled his celebration such that he could first attend Mission Saturday with his brothers from the Honors Cohort. Mission Saturdays are the one day a month during which the young leaders of LDI give back to the community by supporting local ministries. This Saturday, after brunch from Chik-fil-A and an episode of The Chosen, the young men volunteered at PACK, where they helped to provide food for over 400 needy kids. Afterward, our young men traveled to Pooler for some laser tag, bowling, and pizza. The big winner in laser tag was Micah Calhoun, who seemed to delight in zapping his brothers. The winner of bowling was "First Place Chase" Holiday. Happy birthday to Nate and a big "well done" to all our brothers who gave up their Saturday.



Mister Nate Monroe

Monroe and Randall win Blazer Bucks

We continue to be so proud of our youngest brothers, as they have gone "all in" regarding being members of the Leader Development Initiative's Honors Cohort. They are a significant part of our leading the way toward a culture of Christian servant-leading. Matthew Randall was a scholastic standout last quarter, having made straight A's. Nate Monroe received the gift of some virtual reality goggles at our Christmas party, and selflessly gave them to Matthew. These are fine young men who are already doing great things here and will accomplish even greater things in the future! Well done, guys!



Matthew Randall and Nate Monroe with Blazer Bucks in hand

Coach Dixon:

Super Scooper

In the LDI our men work hard to meet our high standards, but it's not all work. Here's Coach Dixon serving up some banana splits. He is a super scooper!



Coach Doug, scooping star

Jalil Calhoun visits SSU!

On Saturday the 21st, Gold Lodge senior Jalil Calhoun had an official visit to Savannah State! We are very excited for Jalil, who will no doubt do great things at SSU and beyond. God bless you, Jalil!



Jalil Calhoun and his proud parents

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