



The Torchbearer

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



VOL. 2, No. 12

APRIL, 2023

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

Quentin Brooks Awarded Silver Torchbearer Degree

On Tuesday, April 18th, our own Quentin Brooks became only the second man in Bethesda Academy's almost 300 year history to be inducted into the very elite Order of the Torchbearer, Silver Degree. Quentin qualified for consideration for this honor by amassing over 2,500 torchbearer points while here at Bethesda. Quentin is the leader of our Servant-Leadership Program, is the Justice Panel Chair, and is the head of the Gold Lodge of the Honors Cohort. The Silver Torch is awarded by the president in recognition of an observed commitment to a level of personal excellence in the demonstrated living of the Bethesda Academy Core Values and Code of Conduct as reflected through superior displays of personal leadership in the areas of servanthood, through academic excellence, and through the support of or participation in sanctioned-extra-curricular activities. We are very proud of Quentin for having received this honor. Congratulations, Quentin, and God bless you!



Quentin Brooks

Randall and Turner Awarded Blazer Bucks for Straight A's



Matthew Randall

Two of the youngest members of the Honors Cohort were awarded Blazer Bucks and one hundred Gold Torchbearer Points each at the end of the most recent academic quarter for having made straight As on all courses completed during the term. The outstanding students were Matthew Randall and Jordan Turner. Well done, men!



Jordan Turner

Honors Cohort Men Lead By Example; Making Honor Roll and High Honor Roll



Loving to learn and having a strong work ethic are a part of our core values. The following guys exemplified those traits through academic achievement last quarter. They are: (L-R) Quentin Brooks, Matthew Randall, Jadon Turner, Nate Monroe, Chase Holiday, and Jordan Turner. Well done, men!

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

Honors Cohort Welcomes Antwan Mitchell

The men of the Honors Cohort unanimously voted to invite their newest Blazer Brother, Antwan Mitchell to join the group in hopes and prayers of becoming inducted as a full-fledged member next year. Antwan understands that being a member of the Honors Cohort requires a commitment to living the Bethesda Academy Core Values and Code of Conduct, being willing to do what is needed to learn to lead, and being willing to serve as a positive example to others here. Antwan is doing that daily, and we are excited to have him as a member of our group, and we are certain that he will do great things in the future, both here at Bethesda Academy, and beyond. Welcome, Antwan, and God bless you!



Antwan Mitchell

Quentin Brooks Speaks at Fairways Fore Change Golf Event



Quentin Brooks
and Coach Paul Johnson

Bethesda Academy's own Quentin Brooks represented us very favorably last month when he participated in the third annual "Fairways Fore Change" event that was connected to the Club Car Golf Championship held nearby at the Landings Golf and Athletic Club on March 21st.

The "Fairways Fore Change" is an event held at the Palmetto Clubhouse and is all about growing the popularity of golf by finding ways to make the sport more available to those who might not otherwise have a chance to play.

One of the groups that the event is designed to help is kids. Fairways Fore Change wants to make it easier for kids to play so that they can stick with the sport and continue to play into adulthood.

Quentin is, of course, a very keen golfer himself and plays for Bethesda Academy in SCISA events. We are proud to have had Quentin represent us at this very worthwhile event.

Sign Ups to Begin Soon for Matthew and Madden Club for Fall

Would you be interested in learning about the life of Christ as told from the Gospel of Matthew, having some fun, and maybe becoming the winner of Bethesda Academy's own private Super Bowl, all while enjoying pizza, tacos, sub sandwiches, snacks, drinks, and ice cream...all for free?

If your answer was "yes" to any of these questions, then you are in luck. Micah Calhoun is putting the finishing touches on his plan for an entire semester of fun and learning. Matthew and Madden is his club and ministry that he will lead during instructional focus time this coming fall, and spaces will be limited to between ten and twelve. So, if you are interested in participating, see Micah now about getting a slot.



Stiff-Arm the Devil!

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