



BETHESDA

ACADEMY

A HOME & SCHOOL FOR BOYS SINCE 1740

ANNUAL REPORT 2010 - 2011



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MISSION STATEMENT

*Founded in 1740 as a Home for Boys,
Bethesda Academy transforms the lives of
young men by promoting a Love of God,
a Love of Learning, and a Strong Work Ethic.*



*Bethesda celebrates a 100% acceptance rate into college at our 2011 Commencement Ceremony.
Dr. Tribble is honored for his 20th anniversary as President.*

Dear Friends of Bethesda Academy,

We remain amazed at the continuing transformation of this beloved institution. No one would doubt that for an organization to reach 271 years of service that 'change' is involved. In fact, Bethesda seems to thrive on the ebbs and flows of its institutional memory. There is so much history to honor - a legacy of service for orphaned children in the 1740's; a place of safety for displaced young boys after the Civil War of the 1860's and 70's; caring for families and young boys of the Great Depression era of the 1920's and 30's; and in our present day, responding to the challenge of young boys facing uncertain futures due to educational underachievement, ethics based on the situation at hand, and a lack of real engagement in 'manning up' to these realities.

There are many reasons why Bethesda Academy matters. It matters that behind every story of concern and seeming failure there are solutions, if there is effort. It matters that a young man discovers a sense of personal industry - his work ethic. It matters that a boy begins to see himself the way that God sees him - he counts. It matters that education becomes the bridge to opening his mind to see possibilities - he dreams of something better. And along the way, through school, cottage, chapel, team sports, and campus work opportunities, a new life begins to emerge. There is that word again - 'change'.

Our annual report is hopefully not only informative but inspirational as well. We want you to know why Bethesda matters. Our programs, volunteers, events, and stewardship are provided to give you a better understanding of all the ways we support the transformation of young boys into young men. We want you to see who has joined in our efforts, how we think about our mission, and how we are striving to find enhanced ways of instructing, training, and motivating the lives of these young men. Our passion, what makes us strive for excellence in all phases of our work, is tied to one undeniable truth: These young men need Bethesda at its very best.

Earlier this year when we announced the new name of 'Bethesda Academy' the eruption of cheers from our boys made us take notice of something most valuable to them. They wanted their school name to inspire them. A name they could live up to, be proud of, and honored by their best efforts. Bethesda Academy matters...to our young men.

Thank you for taking a few moments to look through our annual report. We believe that Bethesda Academy is truly a treasure in our community, state, and nation. We are honored to have your support, and we are committed to the stewardship of our mission, resources, and services. We believe that every young man we enroll is offered a new opportunity, a fresh start - and a new life. Your commitment makes all of this possible. Go Blazers!

Most Sincerely,



Dave Smith
Chairman, Board of Governors
Bethesda Academy



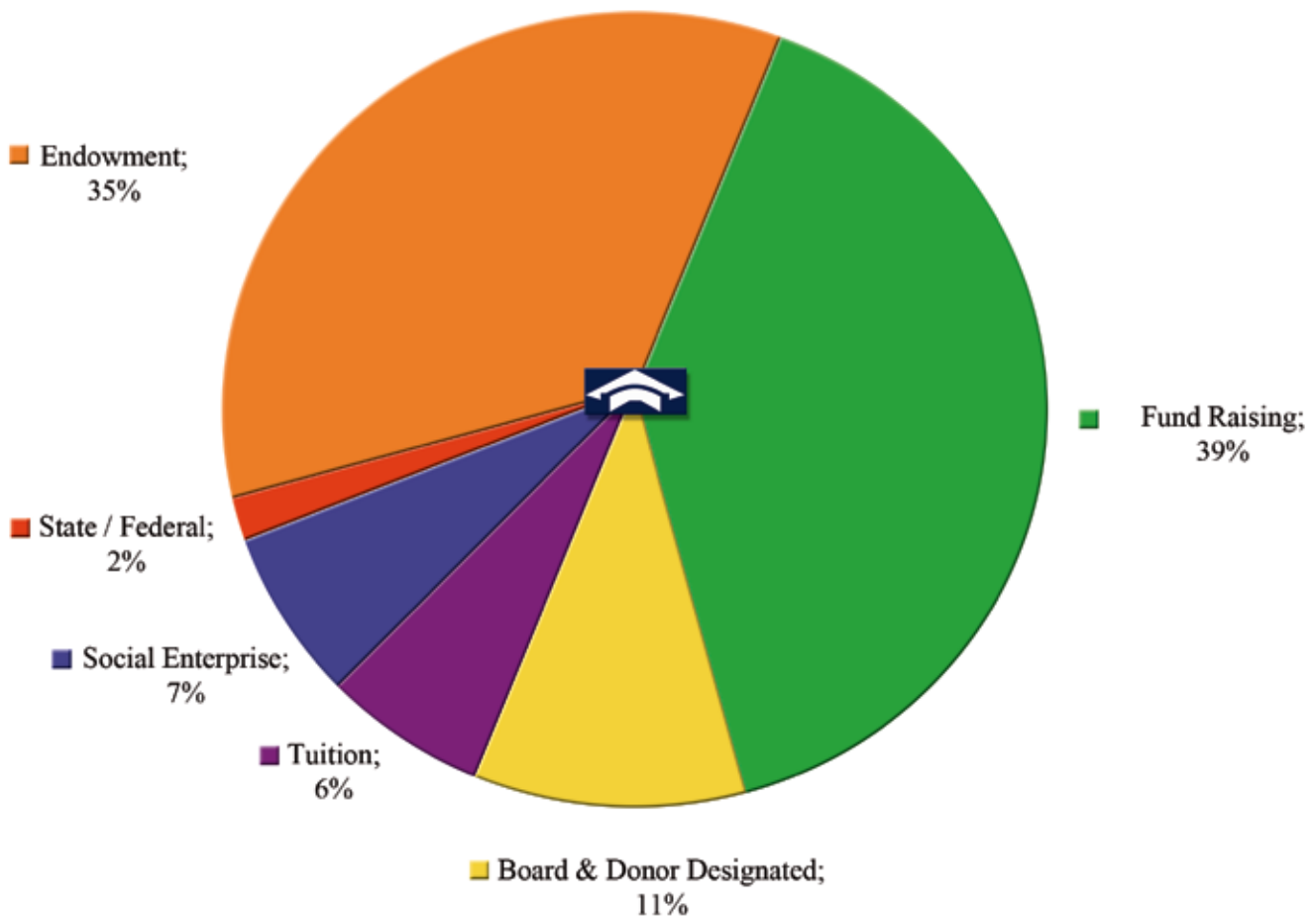
T. David Tribble
President
Bethesda Academy



FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2010-2011 audit for The Bethesda-Union Society of Savannah, Inc./Bethesda Academy was completed by Holland, Henry & Bromley. On October 25, 2011, Holland, Henry & Bromley submitted a letter to the Board of Governors expressing an unqualified opinion. A copy of our most recent 990 can be found on the “About Us” page our website: www.BethesdaAcademy.org

94 cents of every tuition dollar is provided by donors, investors, and other revenues - meaning that no child is turned away due to their inability to pay.



Explanation of funding:

The sources of income for The Bethesda-Union Society/Bethesda Academy are represented in the above chart. Fund Raising includes donations to the Annual Fund, Gateway Scholarships, GOAL Scholarship Program, and special events such as the Celebrity Golf Tournament and Bethesda Sporting Clays. Social Enterprise includes revenue generated through our Video Production Program, Bethesda Farm & Garden, as well as rentals of the Whitefield Chapel. The State and Federal revenue represents funds received from the USDA for breakfast and lunch programs for low income students.

Bethesda Academy is an equal opportunity provider.

ENDOWMENT TRUST COMMITTEE OF THE UNION SOCIETY

2011

Endowment Trust Committee

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Chair

Dolly Chisolm
Secretary

Ellen Bolch
Gene Cartledge
John Helmken
John Kane
Lowell Kronowitz
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Dave Smith

"The Endowment Trustees are guided by the goal to balance the needs of the present with the inevitable demands of the future. This requires engaging portfolio managers that have the ability to deliver on these goals and to demonstrate it consistently. Fund Policy simultaneously fosters and tempers the portfolio manager's initiative in addition to serving as a template for future Trustees."

*Jimmy Hungerpiller, Chair
Bethesda Endowment Trust Committee*



The Endowment Trust Committee sets the spending limits from the endowment in support of Bethesda Academy, based on a policy that merges prudent spending with market conditions. Currently, Bethesda Academy receives a disbursement from the endowment based on a 12 quarter rolling average of market values, tied to a spending policy of no more than 5% of that average.

BETHESDA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Bethesda Alumni Association is one of the ways that former students and residents of Bethesda fellowship while supporting the current student body. The president of the Alumni Association holds an ex-officio position on the Board of Governors, keeping alumni informed about the place that made such an impact on their lives. The Alumni Association helps prepare and host the Thanksgiving Luncheon for the students, plays in the Anniversary Day Alumni vs. Student Softball Game, and presents each graduate with an engraved Bible at the Commencement Ceremony.



Bethesda boys, past and present

This level of personal involvement allows current students to learn about the impact Bethesda had on the lives of the many men who walked the campus before them. While the daily routines of today's students may differ from the daily life of a resident of years past, the experiences of all "Bethesda boys" revolved around our unchanging core values: Love of God, Love of Learning, and a Strong Work Ethic.

2011

Bethesda Alumni Association

Marvin Patterson, President
Charlie Cason, Vice President
Bill McIlrath, Jr., Treasurer
Walt Cason, Secretary
Betty Richards, Corr. Secretary
Bill McIlrath, Sr., Chaplain

WOMEN'S BOARD OF BETHESDA

2010 - 2011 Executive Board

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Elizabeth Hamrick, Treasurer
Anne Coakley, Corr. Secretary
Melissa Rasplicka, Recording Secretary
Ellen Boch, Nominating Chair

2011 - 2012 Executive Board

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Elizabeth Skeadas, Treasurer
Adair Woods, Corr. Secretary
Melissa Rasplicka, Recording Secretary
Kathy Piette, Nominating Chair

Founded in 1914, the Women's Board of Bethesda has served a vital role in the Bethesda Community. Their mission is to look after and enrich the lives of the students. With fifty active members and many sustaining members, this mission is filled with a sense of service and enthusiasm.

The Women's Board is the driving force behind campus Christmas and Easter celebrations. They have played an active role in cottage renovations, in addition to regularly reinforcing the value of education by sponsoring academic awards, honor roll accolades, and the annual essay contest highlighted at the Anniversary Celebration. The Women's Board also sponsors one of Bethesda's valued rites of passage: the Senior Ring Day ceremony. Bethesda's "Cottage Life & Residency" platform is well supported by the dedication of this group.



Members of the Women's Board and the Class of 2011

THE BETHESDA JOURNEY



There are three distinct pieces to our new logo. First, there is a pathway that leads through the Bethesda arch. This pathway is symbolic of the journey that every young man is about to begin when he starts his Bethesda experience. Secondly, the arch itself is a distinctive image of Bethesda, highly recognized in our community as a symbolic representation of the stability and heritage that comes with our historic mission. And finally, the pathway through the Bethesda arch leads to the ultimate expression of our mission today, as each young man proudly dons a mortar board for his graduation from Bethesda Academy.

1740 - George Whitefield and James Habersham establish Bethesda Orphan House and Academy for 61 orphaned children;

1750 - The St. George's Society is established (later Bethesda-Union Society) to support the children and craftsman of Bethesda Orphan House;

1770 - George Whitefield dies. His vision of establishing Bethesda College not realized. Property is bequeathed to Selina Hastings, the Countess of Huntingdon;

1776- American Revolution: Bethesda "stripped of everything except land and buildings."

1801- Newly established Georgia legislature takes control of Bethesda;

1804 - Bethesda campus is closed, and children are sent to families as an early version of the foster care system, under the watchful eye of the Union Society;

1854 - The original Bethesda property is re-purchased by the Union Society, and reopened as Bethesda Farm School;

1862 - Bethesda students are removed to Wadley, Georgia and 'Old Bethany' as a result of the Civil War;

1900 - Bethesda Farm School is renamed as Bethesda Home for Boys;

1953 - Bethesda School is closed and boys sent to the public schools;

1992 - The Bethesda School is re-opened for grades 4-8;

2001 - High School is added to Bethesda School;

2004 - Eckburg Educational Building is established, bringing together the entire student body in one building;

2005 - First graduating class from Bethesda School;

2011 - Bethesda Home for Boys is re-branded as Bethesda Academy. Dr. David Tribble celebrates 20 years as Bethesda's President.



Groundbreaking ceremony for the Eckburg Education Center, 2004



First Commencement Ceremony for newly-named Bethesda Academy, 2011



Dedication of Tribble Plaza, 2011

*For 271 years
Bethesda's core values
remain unchanged.*



BETHESDA ACADEMY PROGRAM PLATFORMS



"Before I came to Bethesda, I was sometimes embarrassed by my faith. Now I feel more free to practice my love for God."

Henry Brown, Class of 2013

Bethesda Academy is a non-sectarian organization and, as such, believes that life has meaning and that each boy was created to fulfill his own purpose. At Bethesda, we help each young man discover meaning in their lives by helping them develop a relationship with God.

Prayer is an important component in the daily lives of our students. They attend weekly chapel services, are members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and actively participate in Bible Study, in both the school and cottages. Each school day begins with one of the students sharing a "Moment of Thanks."

This platform has also inspired our focus on developing a Servant Leadership program that focuses on community service. When students graduate from Bethesda Academy, we want them to be well on their way to a lifetime of servant leadership.



"Bethesda prepared me for college life in both my study habits and my ability to balance school and work."

**Anthony Smith, Freshman, Savannah College of Art & Design
Bethesda Graduate, Class of 2011**

While maintaining a low student-teacher ratio (13:1), we have implemented an integrated, boy-friendly approach to address academic needs and inspire pride in academic achievement. Our teachers give serious consideration to the basic elements of how boys learn. Curriculum is delivered in a way that capitalizes on natural strengths while mitigating weaknesses.

Bethesda's 650 acres of lakes, marshes, a river, our cattle farm, and poultry operation all combine to create an outdoor science laboratory that is unequalled. Through Wildlife Management, students observe the life cycle of fowl and mammals through raising quail and cattle; Bethesda Farm & Gardens teaches plant science through the growing of crops, and economics through their sale at the weekly Farmer's Market.

Developing and encouraging a lifelong love of learning is the focus of the Bethesda educational experience.



"My teacher tells us that men are judged by the way they work, by what they do, not what they say. I'll take that philosophy with me when I enter the work world."

Wyatt Ingram, Class of 2012

The Work Experience program is Bethesda Academy's on-campus vocational training. Through organic farming, wildlife management, television production, and more, students become well-versed in one of Bethesda's three core values - a strong work ethic. Each student is expected to learn and demonstrate the skills necessary in becoming productive, self-sufficient citizens.

Work Experience also offers students after-school and summer jobs. Student employees are held to the same standards that are expected in the work force. The program is designed to equip our young men with the tools they need to succeed in today's competitive job market.

a comprehensive approach to integrative programming and learning



COTTAGE LIFE & RESIDENCY

“My houseparents gave me the freedom to make my own choices, but they held me accountable for those decisions.”

**Alonzo McKinney, Freshman, Alabama State University
Bethesda Graduate, Class of 2011**

Bethesda Academy currently has four residential cottages on campus (Alumni, Hepper Hall at Perkins, Cohen, and Robinson) that can collectively house up to a total of 46 residential students. Students participating in the Residential Program live on campus from Sunday evening until Friday afternoon. The students are home with their families for weekends, holidays, and during the summer. Coupling the residential program with the academic program minimizes negative peer pressure and helps keep students focused throughout the school week. Families are encouraged and expected to play an active role in the lives of the young men who reside on campus. Each cottage is staffed fulltime by a married couple. The students live as a family: eating, doing homework, and attending outings together. Since each cottage houses 10-12 students, the house parents are able to form a strong bond with each resident-student. The house parents work closely with the students' families, which helps build a seamless foundation of support for each student.



ATHLETICS

“The same work ethic that is taught in the classroom and in Work Experience is expected on the playing field. I know that if I can be successful in sports through hard work, I can be successful anywhere.”

Daniel Carter-Sweatte, Class of 2013

Athletics are used to cultivate responsibility, teamwork, dedication, healthy competition, and good sportsmanship. Our coaching staff works diligently to educate, train, and motivate our student-athletes to experience success with character and integrity. For our middle school students, Bethesda offers football, basketball, and baseball. Our high school students compete in football, basketball, baseball, track and field, and golf.

Our athletic program is guided by AUDIT – our 5 pillars of success. AUDIT represents: Accountability, Uniformity, Discipline, Integrity, and Teachable Spirit. Many life lessons can be learned through athletics, and the focus on AUDIT helps develop character traits that are critical to success on the playing fields and in the classroom. This character development also provides an important foundation that our young men can use in college and throughout their careers.

Bethesda's core values have driven the organization for 271 years.

*Our platforms best exemplify how we teach, implement, and express the values of
“Love of God, Love of Learning, and a Strong Work Ethic” in the daily lives of our students.*

Athletics teach and demonstrate the value of performing as a team. Spiritual Development offers the value of living life with purpose. Academics teach that a mind devoted to learning and curiosity is its own reward. Cottage Life & Residency teaches the value of living in a community of brothers. And finally, Work & Industry teaches the value of personal industry and diligence.

Currently, Cottage Life & Residency is not available to every student, as we can only accommodate 46 residential students. Our goal is to double the number of youth in residence in the next few years ahead.

BETHESDA ACADEMY

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

One of this generation's most critical responsibilities is conserving our natural habitats. Georgia is a state that benefits greatly from an abundance of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Unfortunately, hunting, fishing, and a reliance on our forests are all things we might easily take for granted. Learning what is involved in conserving and reclaiming these resources is the focus of Bethesda's Wildlife Management program.

This year, Program Director Tom Brackett has taken full advantage of Bethesda's own array of resources and wildlife to give students a hands-on, close-up look at this important responsibility. By incorporating other subjects into his own lesson plans, Brackett has worked with math instructors by having students measure the growth and food consumption of the 350+ quail his classes are raising. Science classes assist in monitoring the water in our marsh, and AP Biology classes weigh cattle in helping determine feeding regimens. Students have conducted deer census surveys, taken part in the reclamation of Bethesda's three-acre pond, and have begun a bee colony, which should yield our first crop of honey next season.



Tom Brackett oversees a construction project

The program is moving toward self-sustainment through a variety of grants received that serve as added educational opportunities. The National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has awarded \$19,000 toward the replanting of pine trees, which Bethesda harvests regularly for additional income. NRCS has also awarded grants for the creation of a rotational grazing system, a heavy use water station for our cattle, and funds for the application of herbicide to help eradicate the spread of invasive Chinese Tallow trees.

Hedgerows serve as a natural barrier for our property and Bethesda has received a \$9,500 grant for their planting, and GQF Manufacturing has generously donated quail eggs and chicks to assist in the ongoing populating project.

An integral part of the Work Experience program, Wildlife Management is making a difference in the lives of our students by teaching them how they can make a difference in the lives of others.

VIDEO PRODUCTION



Students gain studio production experience

We live in an age where information is a key element of business and the ability to convey this information through technological means is a coveted talent. Bethesda Academy has taught video production for nearly a decade. This medium has become more relevant than ever with the increasing reliance upon the Internet among businesses everywhere. Students learn studio and field production, editing, graphic design and more. Bethesda Academy also airs local programming through a decade long partnership with Comcast Cable Corporation. In addition to airing our own flagship program, *A Look Through The Arch*, Bethesda Video Productions airs and produces programs for clients and generates revenue through the sale of airtime to local businesses, churches, and non-profits.

Organizations that have used our production services include: Savannah Chatham County Public School System, Savannah State University, Union Mission, Savannah Technical College and many more. Our campus studio is able to handle multi-camera productions, contains six digital edit stations, and doubles as a classroom for the Video Production course. Bethesda Video Productions generates over \$100,000 every year in production and airtime and is a model for Bethesda's goal of creating a Work Experience program that is entirely self-sustained.

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BETHESDA FARM & GARDENS



The garden at harvest

Bethesda Academy Farm & Gardens expanded its offerings this year with the addition of free-range chickens to the garden. Program Director Reid Archer added an assistant, Kerry Shay, to help build on the existing teaching aspects of the garden in addition to overseeing the new revenue stream of egg production. During the winter the garden added 50 laying hens, which have provided fresh eggs to the farm stand. The garden is now marketing through four main venues: CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) produce boxes, the market each Tuesday in the plaza of Bethesda Academy, the Forsyth Farmers Market, and local restaurant sales.

The garden has obtained grants through the Natural Resource and Conservation Service for cover crops to improve soil quality. Another exciting partnership is a mentorship with Georgia Organics, who serve as pro bono consultants. The farm also pays student employees, via a grant, for up to 16 hours weekly, which allows the garden planting and harvesting seasons to be continuously enhanced.

In the classroom, the garden links back to the Bethesda Academy curriculum through a course in Plant Life science. The 7th grade Explorer class introduces middle school students to the wonders of the garden, and in 2012 the Animal Science class will be bolstered by the introduction of goats to the farm for milk and cheese.

Finally, the Bethesda Academy Farm and Gardens wishes to express our profound gratitude to the Trustees Garden Club for their gift of a 1500 square foot greenhouse. Members of the Trustees Garden Club also volunteer and work with students in the garden on a regular basis.



Trustees Garden Club joins in the dedication of Bethesda Greenhouse

CLUBS & LEADERSHIP



The Key Club service project at Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church

Club participation serves as a vehicle to build students' interpersonal skills while reinforcing their work ethic. At Bethesda, our clubs are an extension of our core values. Through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes students develop a more meaningful relationship with God. Members of the Chess Club exercise their critical thinking skills, and the Key Club practices servant leadership through community service.



Bethesda's Chess Club is ranked 16th in the nation.

"After school activities and clubs, such as the Key Club and chess club, provide much-needed opportunities for our students to exercise their leadership, cooperation, and focus under the guiding hand of our faculty."

*Kelly Burke, Principal
Bethesda Academy*



Ms. Burke presenting an Anniversary day award

2011 SPECIAL EVENTS

Each year, our special events generate critical funds necessary for us to carry out our mission, but events also provide us an opportunities to share information and successes in a casual environment.

Our students take an active role in our events, which allows them to personally thank participants, as well as engage with members of the community that they might not otherwise meet. We hope that spending time with our young men further validates our participants' support of Bethesda Academy.

On January 28, 2011, Bethesda hosted the **2nd Annual Sporting Clays Tournament**. The event was held at The Forest City Gun Club and 17 teams registered for the competition. Following the shoot, there was a wild game dinner and raffle drawings. We would like to offer special thanks to Chris Cantrell, The Forest City Gun Club, and Driftaway Café for their contributions toward the event's success.



A sporting clays participant takes aim



Mike Smith and Bethesda athletes

Bethesda's Sports Banquet took place on May 12, 2011, with Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Mike Smith as the keynote speaker. The banquet was held at the Hyatt Regency Savannah. Coach Smith spoke eloquently about the importance of discipline on and off the field. The Bethesda students took to heart all that Coach Smith had to say. Some of them even took notes during the presentation!

The 11th Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament was held on May 13, 2011 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa. Long-time Bethesda friend Robert Baker again organized the event and it was another fantastic day of golf! Thirty celebrity athletes participated in the 2011 Tournament – including Tyler Thigpen, Jose Alvarez, Fred Stokes. Many thanks to all the athletes, teams, and sponsors. We would also like to thank Tubby's for providing lunch. The event culminated with a dinner party at the Harborview Room of the Hyatt Regency Savannah, where the crowd was treated to dinner and incredible entertainment by The David Vincent Williams Band.



Sam Rapczak, Mike Smith, Robert Baker, Chris Driggers and Adam Deleanides at the 2011 Celebrity Golf Tournament



A camper tries on the Super Bowl ring of Former NFL player Fred Stokes

Early the following morning, many of the same celebrities from the golf tournament were on Bethesda's campus to facilitate the **Celebrity Sports Camp**. Clinics were offered in baseball, basketball, and football. These professional athletes and coaches worked with approximately 100 community youth to improve their skills and understanding of their chosen sport. Beyond learning techniques, the camp participants also benefitted from the many life lessons taught by the "Camp Coaches" throughout the day. At the end of the clinic, participants had the opportunity to get autographs, take pictures – and even try on a Super Bowl ring!

Thank you to the many corporate partners who supported Bethesda Academy through 2010 - 2011 event sponsorship

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PFC Cedric Franklin, Class of 2010*

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2010 -2011 PHILANTHROPY

Bethesda Academy deeply appreciates the annual financial support we receive. Generosity from individuals and companies alike continue to be the foundation of Bethesda's financial structure. The following pages list donors whose contributions were received during the last audited fiscal year (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011). Thank you to these faithful supporters for their ongoing patronage.

Habersham Society

Named for James Habersham, a life-long friend of Rev. George Whitefield. Habersham chose the picturesque site along the Moon River where construction began in 1740. James Habersham served as the acting governor of Georgia in the early 1770s.

Major Capital Donations

During 2011, significant campus renovations and improvements began as a result of major capital donations received from the individuals and organizations listed below.

The students, faculty, and staff of Bethesda Academy are sincerely grateful for and inspired by the benevolence of these leadership givers.

The Chatham Foundation
The Deen Family
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hepper
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hepper
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hepper
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Stephens
Trustees' Garden Club



Georgia's First Lady, Sandra Deal, tours Bethesda



Students display new carpet with the Blazer athletic logo donated by Tandus Flooring

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\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Milledge Society

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Named for Richard Milledge, one of Bethesda's first orphans, who would later become one of the three named founding members of the Bethesda-Union Society.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Kane



Graduation Day 2011

Sheftall Society

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Named for Benjamin Sheftall, who along with Richard Milledge and Peter Tondee, founded the Bethesda-Union Society. Sheftall was involved with the establishment of Congregation Mickve Israel, and actively supported Revolutionary War efforts as a member of the Savannah Parochial Committee.

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