



BETHESDA ACADEMY

A HOME & SCHOOL FOR BOYS SINCE 1740

2011 - 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



BETHESDA ACADEMY PROVIDES YOUNG
MEN A TRANSFORMATIVE SECOND
CHANCE AT SUCCESS BY PROMOTING AND
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LEARNING, AND A STRONG WORK ETHIC.



A LETTER FROM BETHESDA ACADEMY LEADERS



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Dear Friends of Bethesda Academy,

By any measure, 2011-2012 was a landmark school year at Bethesda Academy. Our basketball team won the state championship and had the opportunity to meet Georgia Governor Nathan Deal in Atlanta. Our chess team boosted its already-impressive national ranking, securing the #11 spot in the United States. We had the largest graduating class on record, ushering a fine group of young men into manhood.

Please join us in celebrating the many successes at Bethesda Academy. In the pages of this Annual Report, we hope you'll learn about what makes Bethesda unique and about the remarkable history of this beloved institution.

Since Bethesda's founding in 1740, we've been committed to helping young people reach their fullest potential. We remain faithful to George Whitefield's founding mission to promote "a Love of God, a Love of Learning and a Strong Work Ethic." Nearly three centuries of history have underscored the wisdom of this edict. Every graduate of Bethesda Academy carries this mission in his heart, going out into the world equipped with the tools to succeed.

We believe that Bethesda Academy is truly a treasure in our community, state and nation. We're committed to helping boys develop their talents and are deeply honored by your support. We're confident that every young man who passes through the arch at Bethesda enjoys a new opportunity and a fresh start.

At Bethesda Academy, we're focused on success. We're focused on achievement. We're focused on excellence. Our talented staff is keenly attuned to the unique educational needs of boys and shares a commitment to helping our students reach their fullest potential in life.

At the same time, we have our eyes firmly set on the future. We look forward to the opening of the William H. Ford Museum and Visitor Center in January of 2013. This state-of-the-art facility, which will be located on the main floor of Burroughs Hall, will showcase Bethesda's impressive history, legacy and accomplishments. We also look forward to celebrating the 20-year anniversary of the re-establishment of our on-campus academic program. It is clear to us that the reintegration of the academic program has driven so much success for our young men over the past two decades.

We hope this Annual Report will do more than just inform you – we hope it will enlighten and inspire you as well. We appreciate your support, your commitment and your faith in Bethesda Academy. Go Blazers!

Most sincerely,



Dave Smith
Chairman, Board of Governors
Bethesda-Union Society of Savannah, Inc.



T. David Tribble
President
Bethesda Academy



ABOUT BETHESDA ACADEMY



"Our values - a love of God, a love of learning, and a strong work ethic - link together almost three centuries of service to our young men. These timeless values drive our mission, motivate our instruction, encourage our students, and safeguard the investments of others."

- Dr. David Tribble, Bethesda Academy President

Bethesda Academy nurtures boys in grades six through twelve through a flexible instructional program so they will grow into responsible, productive citizens. Founded on a belief in God, our curriculum is designed specifically around the ways boys learn most effectively, offering a smaller, supervised, supportive environment.

At Bethesda, we understand that education is the key to opening a young man's mind to see the possibilities in life, set goals and make dreams come true. We also recognize the fact that boys face a wide range of social, emotional and educational challenges in society today.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Bethesda Academy teaches students on our beautiful 650-acre campus, offering real life experience and emphasizing the importance of a strong work ethic. Our students can enjoy organic farming, wildlife management, state-of-the-art video production and other innovative programs.

Eighty percent of our graduates attend college after graduation. Our alumni enjoy successful careers in business, professional sports, the military and the arts. More than 12,000 boys have been a part of Bethesda's legacy since its founding in 1740. We are proud of our success.

Do you know a young man who could benefit from the Bethesda Academy experience? Contact our admissions office at 912.351.2068.





EDUCATING BOYS



"Bethesda is a sacred place where a young man learns about life as it could be. It is where a boy's innate goodness and gifts are discovered and celebrated as a foundation for receiving the instruction, guidance, support and attention that he needs to become the young man that God intended him to be."
- Kelly Burke, Bethesda Academy Principal

Boys walk a difficult path through academia in today's world. Fewer boys are graduating with a high school diploma, fewer young men are being accepted into colleges and universities and even fewer are graduating with a college degree.

However, there is one demographic of young men that has grown substantially over the past 20 years: the number of incarcerated young men ages 18 to 25. This is true across all socio-economic and racial lines within the United States.

There are many questions about how and why this is happening, and few answers. The truth is that the focus must now shift to how our society views and values its male children. We must begin by understanding that boys do not grow into manhood by virtue of their birth. Boys that grow into responsible men are developed and made.

In truth, there is powerful and overwhelming scientific evidence that boys are wired differently than girls. Boys exist in a state of nature and boundless energy. They respond instantly to signals in their environment and constantly seek to know themselves through the world's reaction to their words and deeds. To curb their natural curiosity and tactile approach to life is to corral them into a constant state of repressing their inborn curiosity and preferred way of taking in information.

Educating boys with this in mind challenges the very core of the educational system as we have known it in the United States for the past 100 years. Most schools ask the impossible of boys. We expect them to learn optimally in a classroom environment that deprives them of the very visual, mental and physical stimulation they require to take in information -- and we expect them to adjust their behavior and learning style to accommodate this deprivation.

Boys have social and emotional needs that our families and society often fail to recognize and even more frequently fail to fulfill. These include nurturing parents and caregivers, a clan or tribe which gives them a true sense of belonging, a spiritual life, important work that they believe they can accomplish, mentors and role models, clear and consistent rules, opportunities to learn how to lead and follow, games that are fun and competitive and an important role in life. Most importantly, our boys need for schools, parents and society in general to reverse the unstated but comprehensively perpetuated myth that boys are inherently flawed creatures and it is society's role to "fix" them. It is a message that boys have heard from every angle, over many years, and it is a message they have internalized well.

Bethesda Academy believes that there is no inherent flaw at the core of masculinity. Because society has devalued the very traits they view as inherently destructive within boys -- their physicality, competitiveness, single-mindedness and assertiveness -- boys have responded by channeling these traits into destructive forces.

By surrounding boys with an environment that recognizes and nurtures these natural attributes, Bethesda Academy faculty and staff lead boys to use their innate gifts and talents to achieve, compete, build, protect and focus. The approach leads to what Bethesda Academy does best – to celebrate boys and support their journey to healthy manhood.





2011

July

- Simultaneous renovations of Robinson Cottage, Perkins Cottage, and Diamond Dining Hall are well underway

August

- Renovations are completed
- Boarding students move onto campus
- 2011-2012 academic year begins
- Dwarf Nigerian goats are donated to Bethesda Academy Farm & Gardens

September

- Re-dedication of renovated buildings
- President's Dinner is held
- Hepper Family receives the 2011 Transformative Givers Award

October

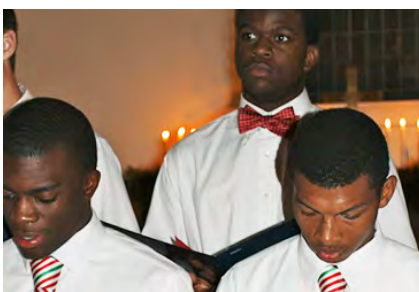
- Rep. Jack Kingston holds Academy Day on campus
- Blazers Football supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month with pink socks
- Skidaway Kiwanis Club helps launch Bethesda's Key Club

November

- Blazer football team season ends after advancing to the 1st round of playoffs
- Thanksgiving luncheon for Students and Alumni
- Blazer basketball season begins
- Dedication of the Hugh Bell Rehabilitation Center
- Bethesda students are invited to take part in the 2012 Paula Deen Thanksgiving Episode

December

- Volunteer Holiday Tea
- Lessons & Carols Christmas Program
- Annual Student vs. Alumni Holiday Basketball Classic
- Armstrong Atlantic State University Pi Kappa Alphas and Bethesda students hold Annual Basketball Game and Christmas party
- Bethesda holds breakfast for area business leaders





2012

January

- Chess Team competes in Brunswick
- 3rd Annual Sporting Clays event is held

February

- Blazers basketball team wins GISA Region 4AAA Championship and GISA State Championship

March

- Science class participates in an on-campus archeological dig
- Track and Field, Baseball, and Golf seasons begin
- Blazers Track and Field team places 2nd at the Augusta Border Bash Relays
- Blazers State Championship Basketball team visits Atlanta to meet Governor Nathan Deal and Rep. Lester Jackson

April

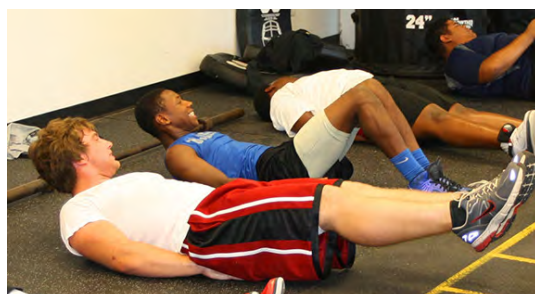
- Bethesda celebrates its 272nd Anniversary
- Blazers Track and Field team advances to the GISA AAA State Track Meet
- Blazers become the two-time State Champion in both the 100 Meter Run and the 200 Meter Run and place 2nd in the 4x400 Meter Relay
- Chess Team competes in the US National Chess Tournament in Minneapolis and places 11th
- New Bethesda Academy website is launched
- Rotary West helps launch Bethesda's Interact Club

May

- Bethesda's Celebrity Sports Weekend takes place
- Class Ring Ceremony is held
- Blazer Basketball team is presented their State Championship rings
- 2012 Commencement Ceremony is held
- 2011-2012 academic year ends

June

- Dwarf Nigerian goats have their first Bethesda "kids"
- Baby chicks are added as a 2nd flock of laying hens
- Blazer football workouts begin
- Horizons Savannah – Bethesda Academy collaboration begins with 6-week summer enrichment program for grades 6-8 being held at Bethesda





WHY BETHESDA ACADEMY?



A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF BOYS - At Bethesda, we've been educating young men for nearly 300 years. We understand what motivates boys and how they learn best. Our single-sex classrooms and boarding school environment offer fewer distractions, more open discussions, engaging lessons and individualized opportunities to help every student achieve his maximum potential.

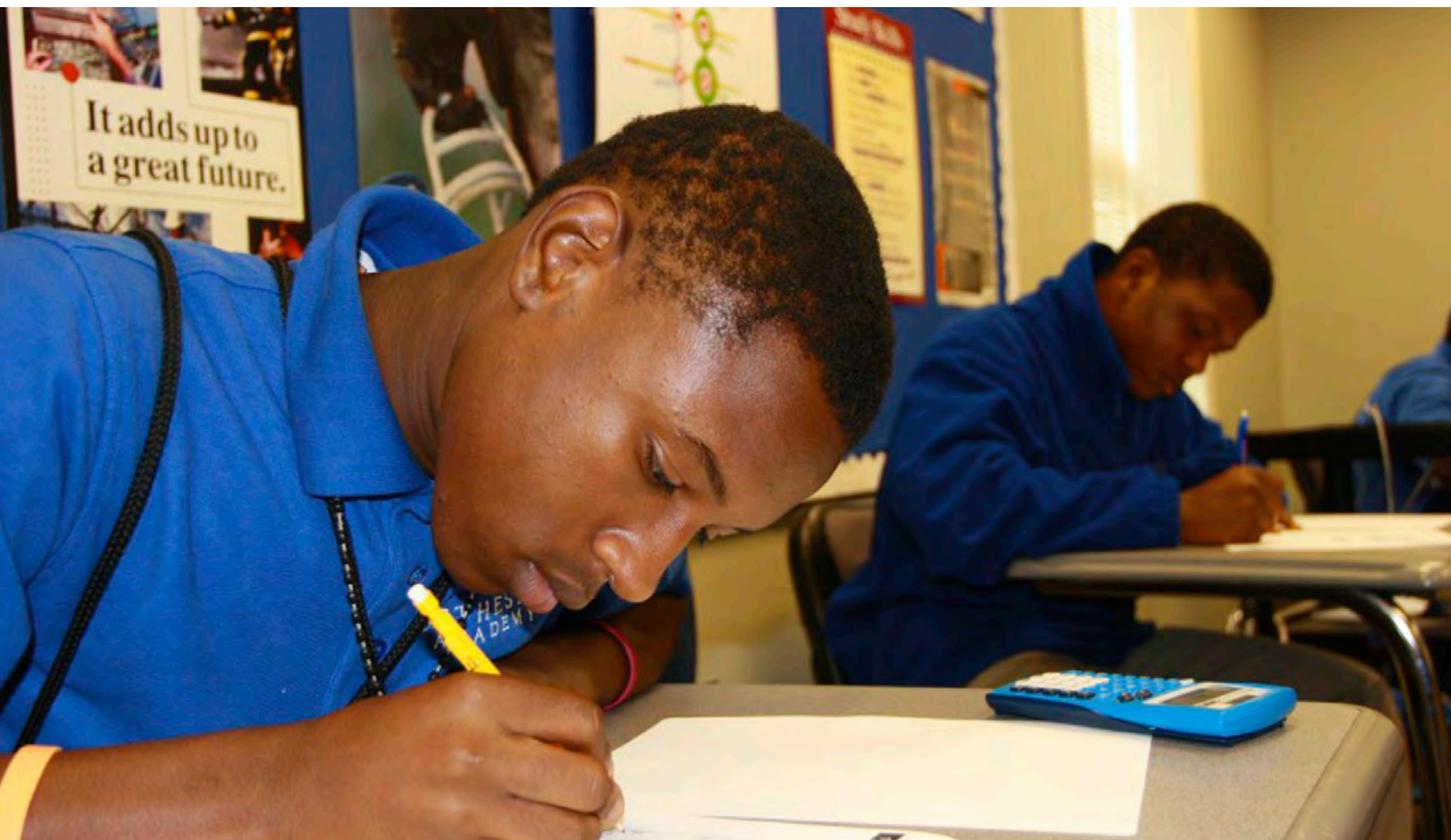
AN INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM - Our immersion curriculum combines traditional classroom teaching with hands-on work experience and computer-based proficiency assessment. By offering the best of each of these worlds, students are able to become independent learners, developing critical thinking skills and gain valuable work experience. By taking a broader view of education and allowing each student to experience a range of learning opportunities, students are able to achieve new goals and set new standards for success. Our students also learn organizational, time management, note-taking and test-taking skills, which help them excel long after graduation.

BOARDING PROGRAM IMMERSION - Boarding students at Bethesda Academy benefit from the skills and friendships they acquire through communal living and their relationships with residential staff. Our houseparents provide a structured environment fostering personal responsibility and independent living skills that are critical to continued success in a college or university.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT - At Bethesda Academy, spiritual development transcends the chapel, underscoring every lesson learned in the classroom, every job completed successfully and every victory on the sports field. We offer Bible Study classes, weekly chapel service, cottage and staff devotionals and a servant leadership program.

EXCEPTIONAL SPORTS PROGRAMS - At Bethesda, sports are more than just a way to have fun. Our athletic programs offer an important way for boys to learn self-discipline and teamwork. From football and basketball to track and field, golf and baseball, students enjoy a wide range of sports opportunities. Our basketball team has won the GISA regional championship twice and won the AAA state championship title in 2012. Our football team has competed in the state playoffs for two consecutive years.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY - Through Bethesda Academy's Work Experience Program, students learn to work cooperatively with others, develop skills, meet expectations and enjoy the rewards of a job well done - attributes and experiences that readily transfer to all aspects of their life. Regardless of the field in which they work, each young man must show up on time, work hard at the job he has been assigned and lead by serving others.





2011-2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



During the summer of 2011, long overdue campus renovations took place in two of our boarding cottages and our dining hall. And, as is common with older structures, there were surprises and challenges at almost every turn! The effort was flawlessly coordinated by Daniel Winters, Bethesda's Maintenance Director, who worked closely with our partners at **Batson Architects** from Greenville, SC, and **Rives E. Worrell Company, Inc.** In order to complete the projects in the small window of time allotted between the school year ending in June and beginning in August, these companies and their vendors worked around the clock. It was a herculean effort by all involved and the faculty, staff, and students of Bethesda Academy continue to be so grateful for the dedication shown by these companies and their employees.

The many capital projects that were completed during the 2011-2012 fiscal year, as well as projects that will be completed during the 2012-2013 fiscal year, would not have been possible without strong financial support from the following individuals and organizations:

The Chatham Foundation

The Deen Family

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Ford

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Dining Hall before renovation



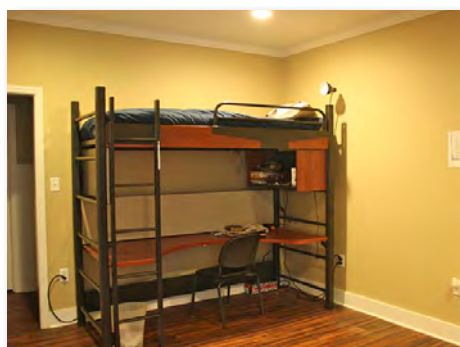
Dining Hall during renovation



Dining Hall renovation completed



Cottage during renovation



Renovated cottage bedroom



Renovated cottage common room



Diamond Dining Hall re-dedication and ribbon cutting, September 2011



ALUMNI UPDATE



The faculty and staff of Bethesda Academy would like to congratulate Gary Byrd, Bethesda alumnus and coworker, for his recent graduation from the Savannah College of Art & Design. We are proud of Gary and expect to see more great things from him! Here is what Gary had to say:

"As a graduate of Bethesda, I will always be connected to Bethesda. I feel that it is my duty to set an example for my younger brothers and let them know that there is a place for them in this world, just as I learned there is a place for me. I have become a man who realizes that a "real man" does not quit. I have learned that the only way to truly get what you want is to work really hard for it. Much of my hard work came to fruition in June, when I received my diploma from SCAD - a BFA in Visual Effects with a Minor in Motion Graphics. Without the values and foundation Bethesda helped to instill and reinforce, I do not know that I would be able to call myself a SCAD alumnus today.

It is funny how things have a way of going full circle. While attending SCAD, I also worked part-time in Bethesda's Video Production department. I am now full-time staff. My teachers are now my co-workers and now I have the opportunity to positively impact current students. Hopefully, I can be an example of what hard work can accomplish. In addition to working with the students, I get to do what I do best, which is creating powerful visuals that will help advance and promote Bethesda Academy. Bethesda has been good to me, so it is important that I give back to Bethesda.

At Bethesda, I learned that a strong spiritual connection can keep you grounded, that living and learning go hand-in-hand, and that your goals – whether they are in school, work, or life – are more easily accomplished when approached with structure and discipline."

Gary Byrd
Bethesda, Class of 2008
SCAD, Class of 2012



CLASS RING CEREMONY



In the past, seniors have been awarded their class rings during their senior year; however, that did not give them much time to wear the rings on campus. The decision was made to present rings to the junior class so that they would have them for the entirety of their senior year. In May, class rings were presented to both the class of 2012 and the class of 2013.

The Ring Ceremony took place in Whitefield Chapel, where Dr. David Tribble and Principal Kelly Burke presented the rings to the students. Following the ceremony, The Women's Board of Bethesda hosted a reception in Tribble Plaza. We would like to thank The Women's Board of Bethesda for their help in making this such a wonderful celebration for our students and their families!





2012 GRADUATION



The Class of 2012 was special for many reasons. This was the largest graduating class of Bethesda Academy. They shined as a group and excelled individually - with talents and gifts as unique as their personalities. In May, the faculty and staff joined with the families of these young men in pride and celebration as they received their diplomas and turned toward their futures beyond the historic arch of Bethesda. Of our eighteen graduates, fifteen were scholarship recipients. It is with great pride that Bethesda's long-standing involvement with the armed forces continues with one young man joining the Navy. As with each class, we are excited to see the success that awaits each graduate.

The Class of 2012 received acceptances to the following colleges:

Abraham Baldwin	Gordon Tech
Aiken Technical	Gwinnett College
Alabama State	Middle Georgia
Albany State	Ogeechee Technical
Armstrong Atlantic State University	Savannah State University
Benedict College	Savannah Technical College
Brewton Parker	Savannah College of Art & Design
East Georgia College	University of Wisconsin
Georgia State	Voorhees College
Globe Institute	Young Harris



Congratulations to the Class of 2012!





2012 SPECIAL EVENTS



Bethesda Academy holds two annual fundraisers: Bethesda Sporting Clays Tournament and the Bethesda Celebrity Sports Weekend. As in the past, staff worked closely with volunteer committees to ensure the success of the 2012 special events.

Bethesda Sporting Clays

The 3rd Annual Bethesda Sporting Clays Tournament took place in January. It was held at Forest City Gun Club and grew to 22 teams. The weather was picture perfect, the clays were flying, and the participants had fun. Some of Bethesda's students worked as trappers for the event and, besides getting to miss a few classes, they truly enjoyed being a part of the shoot! The event included a wild game lunch as well as a post-shoot cocktail reception featuring wild game hors d'oeuvres. Driftaway Cafe created amazing menus for both the lunch and reception.



Critz Team: Norm Fisher, Dale Critz, Jr., Jackie Johnson, and Sonny Howard



Pre-shoot lunch buffet



Cash Express Team: Gary Dorsey, Justin Giles, Brandon Woods, and Russ Waters

Celebrity Sports Weekend

In May, the Bethesda Celebrity Sports Weekend began with Thursday's Game of Life Kick-Off Dinner. We were thrilled to welcome ESPN's Jeremy Schaap as our keynote speaker. Friday saw the Celebrity Golf Tournament which took place at The Club at Savannah Harbor. The golf tournament teams were comprised of threesomes of golfers and a celebrity (athlete, musician, or an active member of the military) served as the fourth in the group. This year was another picturesque day on the course and the celebrities, as always, made it such a great experience. Friday evening, the golfers, celebrities, and sponsors were invited to the After-Golf Party. Along with the incredible musical talent of **One Night Rodeo**, guests were also entertained by Grand Old Opry comedian **Bubba Bechtol**.

On Saturday, the celebrity athletes, along with our friends from Bolles Academy in Jacksonville, FL, facilitated the Celebrity Sports Camp. The camp was free and open to children throughout the community ages 11 - 18. It was a weekend packed with activity for adults and children alike! Bethesda would like to give special recognition to our main sponsors and volunteers at **R.B. Baker Construction** and **Reeves Construction Company**. Their continued involvement was critical to the weekend's success.



THA Group Team: Matthew Repella, Pro golfer Kenny Knox, Jeff Bolch, and Bubba Victor



Richard Shelton, Greg Coleman, and Bryan Barker get ready for Sports Camp



MeadWestvaco Team tees off with former Atlanta Brave Robert Belloir



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2012 Sporting Clays

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HABERSHAM SOCIETY

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

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Reid Archer discusses work ethic during the 2012 Reflection Walk



Members of the Chess Club practice at the U.S. National Chess Tournament



2011-2012 PHILANTHROPY



MILLEDGE SOCIETY

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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. Don Waters



Wyatt Ingram gives his Valedictory address

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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JCB hosts Bethesda students



Members of Bethesda's Fellowship of Christian Athletes visit Butler Elementary School

TONDEE SOCIETY

\$500 - \$999

Named for Richard Tondee, another of Bethesda's first orphans and co-founder of the Bethesda-Union Society. Tondee is also known for his place in Revolutionary War history. Tondee's Tavern was a famous meeting place for the Sons of Liberty.

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2011-2012 CHESS CLUB



The Chess Club at Bethesda Academy earned 11th place at the U.S. Chess Federation's 2012 National High School Championship. This was a jump from 2011, where the club placed 16th at the tournament. The 2012 Chess Club was coached by middle school science teacher Jean Delgado and volunteer coach Barrett James. Annette Young and Althea Clark served as the team's teacher volunteers.

The tournament, which attracted 1,300 high school students from across the country, was held in Minneapolis, Minn. in April 2012. Our students had the opportunity to face some of the country's best chess players. Our Chess Club did an outstanding job of representing not only Bethesda Academy, but the City of Savannah.

Thanks to the generosity of a local attorney, the Chess Club members were able to take in a Minnesota Twins game - which was a welcome reward for such a great showing at the competition!





2011-2012 BASKETBALL



What an exciting season this was for the Blazers!

The Blazers ended the season with a record of 28-3. With a definitive 71-46 victory over Griffin Christian, the Blazers are this season's GISA AAA State Champions!

We are extremely proud of how our athletes represented us throughout the season. There were some outstanding individual performances and, while each player seemed to have a game in which to shine, the team always played as a cohesive unit. We commend the athletes for their sportsmanship and teamwork, as well as the coaches, led by Clevan Thompson, for providing sound direction and guidance.

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Coach Thompson was also named GISA Basketball Coach of the Year!





2011-2012 FINANCIALS

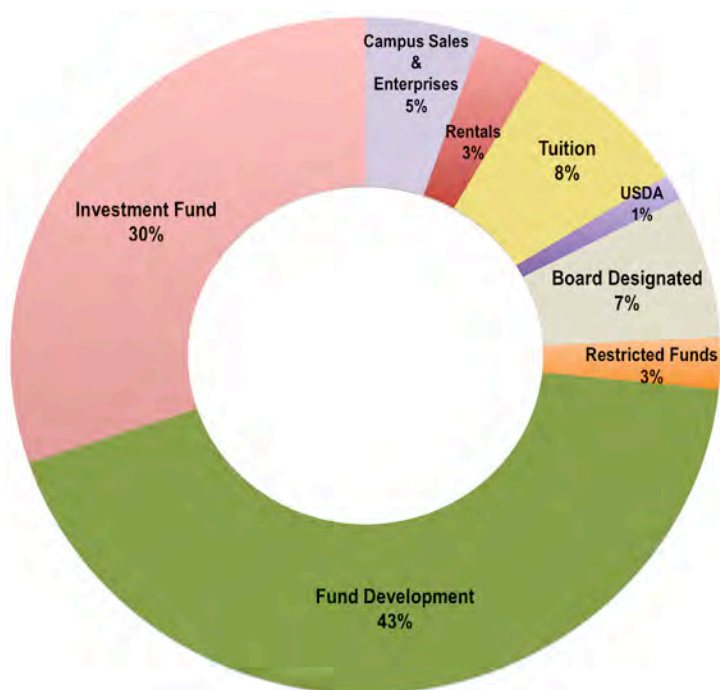


During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, Bethesda Academy continued to deliver organizational excellence with accountability and efficiency. With aggressive fundraising efforts and careful spending, we rely on the oversight of Bethesda's Finance Committee and the Endowment Trust Committee. Bethesda also receives an annual independent audit, which has consistently been given an unqualified audit opinion.

Even with a balanced budget, it is important to remember that tuition revenues do not fully cover the costs of operating the school. Every student at Bethesda Academy is awarded scholarship and/or financial aid. The majority of these awards are made possible through our annual endowment disbursement and contributions received through Annual Fund, Gateway Scholarship, GOAL Scholarship, and Special Event solicitations. Supporting those development efforts continues to be essential, picking up where tuition revenues leave off and helping cover the full cost of a Bethesda Academy education. As we move forward, please know that Bethesda's staff and Board of Governors remain committed to being good stewards of the resources invested in us, and that our collaborative efforts will positively impact the lives of the young men of Bethesda Academy.

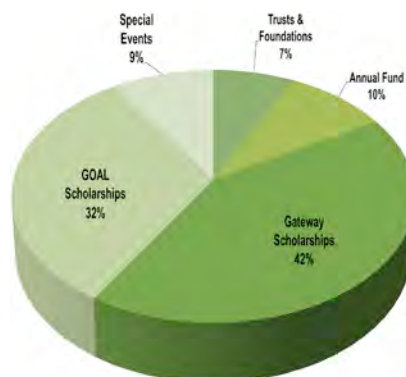
Financial Summary June 30, 2012 (Unaudited)

Revenue



Campus Sales & Enterprises	\$184,920.00
Rentals	\$103,779.00
Tuition	\$273,649.00
USDA	\$43,228.00
Board Designated	\$236,321.00
Restricted Funds	\$87,429.00
Investment Fund	\$1,052,542.00
Fund Development	\$1,508,648.00

Total Revenue: **\$3,490,516.00**



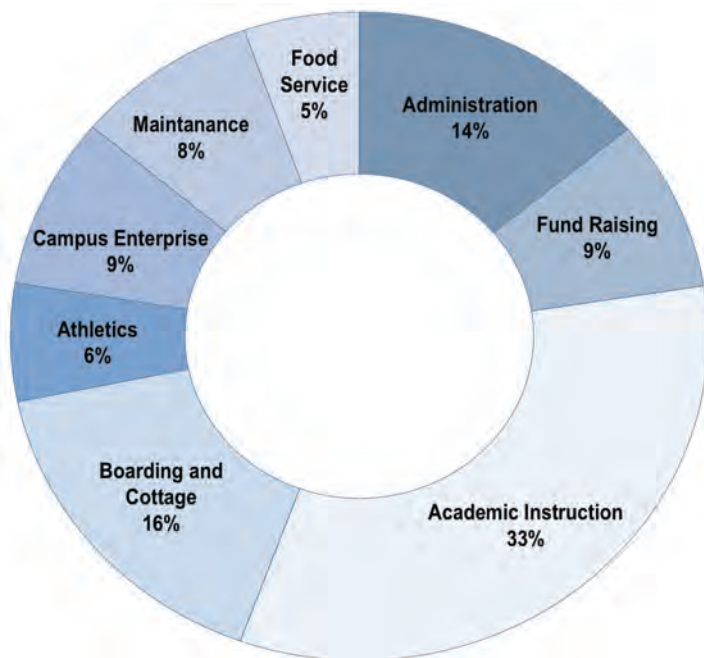
Fund Development Detail

Trusts/Foundations	\$110,699.00
Annual Giving	\$141,250.00
Gateway Scholarships	\$636,774.00
GOAL Scholarships *	\$479,000.00
Special Events	\$140,925.00

Fund Development total: **\$1,508,648.00**

* \$164,975 as a receivable from GOAL Scholarship at the end of the fiscal year.

Expenses



Administration	\$490,441
Fund Raising	\$299,877
Academic Instruction	\$1,159,320
Boarding and Cottage	\$569,478
Athletics	\$206,445
Campus Enterprise	\$299,134
Maintenance	\$298,081
Food Service	\$187,836

Total Expense: **\$3,510,612**

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