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Saint Thomas Academy Returns to AMCSUS

AMCSUS is very pleased with the return of Saint Thomas Academy (www.cadets.com). Saint Thomas was very active in the Association for many years, with one of their previous Head of School serving as AMCSUS President in the early 1960s. Saint Thomas is an all-male Catholic military day school with approximately 650 students in grades 7-12. The Academy is located in Mendota, MN (near Minneapolis/St Paul). Please welcome Matt Mohs & his staff back to AMCSUS!

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Student & Alumni Survey Reports Released

The second round of student and alumni surveys were extended through May and the data has been gathered and reports provided to all participating schools. Thanks to the efforts of Bill Hargraves (Culver) and Rewa Mariger (VA Tech), schools now have objective data as well as some very useful quotes which can be incorporated into their marketing and outreach programs. This quantitative and qualitative information can strengthen marketing and admissions areas by highlighting what our students and graduates believe are the significant strengths/outcomes of their military education experience. One such example was the large number of graduates who are self-employed, highlighting independence and ability to recognize opportunities and address needs.

Operation Centennial Colors

At the Feb 2014 AMCSUS conference, the Association's Commandants drafted the plan for Operation Centennial Colors. The operation commemorates the Association's Centennial by having each member school's corps use a single ceremonial U.S flag at an event of their choosing. At the completion of the event, the colors are forwarded to the next participant. With the completion of Operation Centennial Colors the flag will be designated as the Association's ceremonial flag and used at all annual conferences during the Association's second century.

Carson Long cadets included the Centennial Colors as part of the school's end-of-year parade.

Benedictine College Prep carried the Centennial Colors while marching in the 70th Anniversary of D-Day Parade in St. Mere Eglise, France.

Shout Outs!

Russ Holden & Kelly Smith

For spearheading Norwich's outstanding support to the 2014

Commandant's Workshop

Bill Hargraves (Culver) &

Rewa Mariger (VA Tech)

For extensive time & effort processing student and alumni survey data

16 AMCSUS members can be found in the USA TODAY Back to School magazine which hits the streets 15 July.

Need <u>Your</u> Topics Recommendations:

- AMCSUS WEST
- New Heads Training
- MJC Conference
- SMC Conference

Conference planning is currently underway; please forward proposed agenda items to amcsus@cox.net

Transitions

- **Congratulations to Rick Wallis** who was selected to move from CMI Principal to OMI Superintendent
- **We bid a fond farewell to Heads of School Tom Kastner** (NYMA), **Merle Hinkle** (Massanutten), **Kathleen Anderson** & **Jeff Brown** (VFMA&C) & Cmdts **Doug McVey** (TMI), **Leo Mecado** (Citadel) and **Tom Trumps** (VMI)…expect announcements on replacements soon.
- **Welcome to Bill Wanovich** (VMI's new Commandant)

Miscellaneous…

- **AMCSUS has contracted with MultiView to advertise on the Association's website (amcsus.org)**
- **Association is partnering with Dr Kelly Jordan on a book highlighting the strengths of the 21st Century military school; 18 month project will include inserts from many AMCSUS senior leaders**
- **Send news articles & photos to amcsus@cox.net; they'll be uploaded immediately to our home page**
- **Forward job vacancies to amcsus@cox.net for inclusion in AMCSUS website's Career Center**
- **Visit amcsus.org Directory to ensure your school's information and admissions POC are up-to-date**
- **Would appreciate your ideas and recommendations on what more AMCSUS can do to support you**

Mark Your Calendar

- **AMCSUS West Meeting:** 7-9 Sept 2014 at New Mexico Military Institute
- **New Heads' Workshop:** 14-16 Sept 2014 at Randolph-Macon Academy
- **Senior Military College Meeting:** 19-21 Oct 2014 at Texas A&M
- **Military Junior College Meeting:** 26-28 Oct 2014 at Valley Forge
- **AMCSUS Annual Conference:** 22-24 Feb 2015 at Alexandria Westin
- **Commandant's Workshop:** Jun 2015…seeking Host!

2014 Commandants' Workshop

Norwich University
18-20 Jun

Values

- They matter!
- What are your school's values and where did they originate?
- Are your values truly incorporated into your programs or merely terms students must memorize?
- Do you measure how your cadets internalize your values, and if so, how?

Honor

- Honor Council & Boards
  - Composition, qualifications, training, tours of duty & time commitment
- Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) considerations
- Academic versus Honor violations
- Consistency of policies across campus (corps versus broader student body)
- Appeal process and "withdraw in lieu of" consideration
- Concern over rolling end-of-year judgments until cadets return in Fall
  - Some schools opt for staff decision in lieu of waiting for Honor Council's return
- Range of punishment (remediation, probation, suspension, expulsion)
  - Transition into Honor system (day one, first week of orientation, etc.)
- Desire for self reporting (appears to be increasing)
  - Toleration period for self-reporting varies (e.g. 24, 48, 72 hours)
- Disposition of student records varies (optional, immediate shredding, hold for 5-7 years)

Additional topics included Sexual Assault/Harassment prevention and on-line education opportunities

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