Challenge Courier

Cadets Earn Merits in First Round of Silver Phase

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CAMP PENDLETON, Va. — 14 Cadets from the Commonwealth Challenge Youth Academy earned recognition for their progress and leadership during the first Silver Phase ceremony of Class 44 on Monday, November 16, 2015

Of the 167 Cadets to start the program, these 14 Cadets have most exemplified the Eight Core Components of Challenge. The Components include Academic Excellence, Life Coping Skills, Job Skills, Health and Hygiene, Responsible Citizenship, Service to the Community, Leadership/Followership and Physical Fitness.

The Silver Phase Cadets hail from all corners of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Cadets to earn Silver Phase on November 16 include: Cadet Hunter (Hampton, Va., Hampton High School), Cadet Johnson A. (Woodbridge, Va., Gar-Field High School), Cadet Ruffin (Suffolk, Va., King’s Fork High School), Cadet Crisoptimo (Newport News, Va., Denbigh High School), Cadet Melone (Ashburn, Va., Loudoun Academy of Science), Cadet Roberts C. (Dumfries, Va., Potomac High School), Cadet Romero (Woodbridge, Va., Gar-Field High School), Cadet Wilson Ju. (Chesapeake, Va., Indian River High School), Cadet Charboneau (Mattaponi, Va., Gloucester High School), Cadet Frazier-Gibbs (Fredericksburg, Va., Stafford Senior High School), Cadet Orange (Virginia Beach, Va., Green Run High School), Cadet Stemple (Virginia Beach, Va., Green Run High School), Cadet Williams, K. (Danville, Va., George Washington High School) and Cadet Williams Z. (Virginia Beach, Va., Tallwood High School).

Silver Phase occurs weekly during weeks 6-22 of the Challenge program. In order to earn Silver Phase, cadets must be outstanding in all phases of their daily life. The Cadets must be punctual, comply with physical fitness standards, be respectful to peers and staff, adhere to uniform and classroom standards and comply with honor codes.

As a reward for their achievements, Silver Phase Cadets are allowed longer phone calls to family and friends. Cadets may also use CD players with five CDs, in their free time.

Cadets also receive a silver rope, in order to show their status on their uniforms. Silver Phase Cadets are eligible to work towards Gold Phase, which allows for even more privileges. Gold Phase begins in January 2016.
Cadet Charboneau, Silver Phase
Mattaponi, Va.
Gloucester High School

Cadet Crisoptimo, Silver Phase
Newport News, Va.
Denbigh High School

Cadet Frazier-Gibbs, Silver Phase
Fredericksburg, Va.
Stafford Senior High School

Cadet Hunter, Silver Phase
Hampton, Va.
Hampton High School

Cadet Johnson A., Silver Phase
Woodbridge, Va.
Gar-Field High School

Cadet Melone, Silver Phase
Ashburn, Va.
Loudoun Academy of Science

Cadet Orange, Silver Phase
Virginia Beach, Va.
Green Run High School

Cadet Roberts C., Silver Phase
Dumfries, Va.
Potomac High School

Cadet Romero, Silver Phase
Woodbridge, Va.
Gar-Field High School

Cadet Ruffin, Silver Phase
Suffolk, Va.
King’s Fork High School

Cadet Stemple, Silver Phase
Virginia Beach, Va.
Green Run High School

Cadet Williams K., Silver Phase
Danville, Va.
George Washington High School
The Cadets have several events coming up in the coming weeks and months. In addition to the coming Holiday passes, Cadets will have several opportunities for Field Trips and activities. Cadets have also begun trying out for sports, including basketball, soccer and flag football. Listed below are events for the coming months:

**NOVEMBER**
24-29 Nov: First Pass (Thanksgiving)

**DECEMBER**
05 Dec: Edgar Allen Poe Museum Trip
12/13 Dec: Fort Eustis Field Trip
14-18 Dec: Service to Community
19 Dec: Color Guard Performance at TCC Graduation
23 Dec-3 Jan 2016: Second Pass (Christmas Holidays)

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**JANUARY**
09 Jan: Marine Corps Museum Trip
16 Jan: Aviation Museum Tour
23 Jan: Centura College Tour
25 Jan: Gold Phase Begins
30 Jan: Nauticus Field Trip