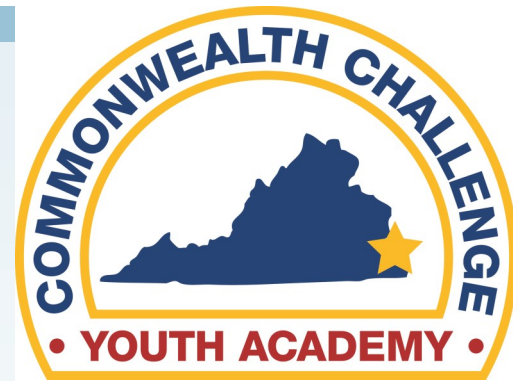


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# Challenge Courier

## 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.



*Commonwealth Challenge staff congratulate Silver Phase Cadets on their progress.*



*Cadets hold ropes to show their status as Silver Phase Cadets.*





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*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*





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*Cadet Williams Z., Silver Phase  
Virginia Beach, Va.  
Tallwood High School*



*Cadet Wilson J., Silver Phase  
Chesapeake, Va.  
Indian River High School*

*On behalf of all Challenge  
Staff, Congratulations Silver  
Phase Cadets!*

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



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