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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY NAMES SCHWARTZBAUER 100TH CADET COLONEL *Five Additional Seniors Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel*

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., Nov. 21, 2007 – N. Schwartzbauer, of Chaska, Minn., was named the 100th Cadet Colonel of Saint Thomas Academy in a ceremony earlier today. Surrounded by fellow cadets, administrators and faculty, more than 30 previous cadet colonels, parents and community members, Schwartzbauer was handed the Fleming Saber by Headmaster Dr. Thomas Mich to signify his selection as head of the corps of cadets.

“Colonel Schwartzbauer is a well-rounded young man with high aspirations,” said Commandant of Cadets Lt. Col. Michael DePuglio (ret.), U.S. Army. “He truly epitomizes the type of man Saint Thomas strives to develop in every boy who attends the Academy. He applies himself academically, demonstrates his commitment to the community and his faith, and is an outstanding leader and example to underclassmen. He will serve the corps, the Academy and the community well.”

Schwartzbauer, son of Pamela and Rodd Johnson of Chaska and Michael Schwartzbauer of Lino Lakes, has attended Saint Thomas Academy since eighth grade. He has a cumulative GPA over 3.60, and is an Eagle and Torch academic award winner as well as a National History Day regional qualifier. A multiple letter recipient, Schwartzbauer was the 2007 track team captain and a starting linebacker for the 2007 varsity football team. He serves as the student council secretary, a campus minister, a peer counselor and a member of the anti-drug group “Choose.” He participated in a service trip to a mission in Guatemala in 2007. He was selected a cadet captain, and was commander of Delta Company. He has been named cadet of the quarter repeatedly and won the “Military Order of World Wars for Scholastic and Military Excellence” medal. Outside of school, Schwartzbauer is a cadet officer in the Minnesota Civil Air Patrol, receiving the “Billy Mitchell Award” for completion of leadership training. Since 2006, he has worked part time on a cattle farm in Watertown, Minn., and at Asset Marketing Group in Burnsville, Minn. He hopes to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point following graduation.

“My decision to attend Saint Thomas Academy has been the best decision of my life,” Schwartzbauer said. “Saint Thomas Academy in all of its aspects has been an enormous influence in forming me into the person I am today. The school’s Latin saying, ‘Ex Umbris in Veritatem,’ translates directly into: ‘Out of Darkness, Into Truth,’ and that is exactly what Saint Thomas Academy has done for me – brought me into truth.”

The cadet colonel works closely with the Academy’s administrators and military leaders to implement a wide variety of events at the Academy, including the formal JROTC military review, Brigade Formal Inspection, in the spring. The cadet colonel also acts as liaison between the cadets and the faculty and administration, often influencing or handling disciplinary matters.

The cadet colonel is chosen based on his academic performance, co-curricular involvement, merits and demerits, military performance and leadership abilities. A panel including the

commandant of cadets, the assistant headmaster, the dean of students, the dean of academics, a faculty representative and a student representative choose the cadet colonel from the 16 senior captains.

The traditional symbol of the cadet colonel's authority, the Fleming Saber, is named in honor of U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Capt. Richard E. Fleming '35, who served as a flight officer in Marine Scout-Bombing Squadron 241 during World War II. He was posthumously awarded the highest decoration for heroism, the Medal of Honor, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for his "dauntless perseverance and unyielding devotion to duty." Fleming died in the line of duty on June 5, 1942. For additional background, visit: <http://www.cadets.com/page/288>.

Five additional seniors were promoted from captain to lieutenant colonel. They are:

- P. Hertenstein, son of Jere and Kathleen Hertenstein, Apple Valley, Minn.
- C. Nocker, son of Kim Nocker and Debra Messinger, Woodbury, Minn.
- B. Schneeman, son of Eric and Kathy Schneeman, Mendota Heights
- A. Schneider, son of Patrick and Lauri Schneider, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
- P. Waldvogel, son of James and Mary Waldvogel, Mendota Heights

About Saint Thomas Academy

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