CDT Poole’s Experiences in Thailand

Through the Culture and Learning Program at BGSU, I had the privilege to spend my 2014-2015 winter break in Thailand. Studying abroad is not always an option for a student enrolled in the ROTC program. However, I seek out and pursue any chance I can to see the world outside of the United States. This particular program, lasting roughly two weeks, focuses on Thai learning and teaching systems. Open to students of all majors, this program gives students a unique Thai cultural experience, unlike any they could receive on their own. Week one of the abroad program involved day visits to ancient ruin cities, exotic beaches, temples, palaces and the occasional elephant ride.

During week two, we settled down in the city of Kamphaeng Phet. Here, we worked side by side with Thai college students and professors, planning and executing a math camp for elementary school students. The Thai students made us feel like family from day one. We had the rare opportunity to learn from this country’s education system, as well as give them pointers on how things are run here in America. Overall, this was an affordable, rewarding trip that pushed me out of my comfort zone and had a lasting impact on my cultural awareness.

Cadets of the Month

Cadets Riley Lane and Jonathon Balzer were selected as the Cadets of the Month for last November and December. CDT Lane was selected for his positive attitude, physical fitness and willingness to volunteer. CDT Balzer was awarded due to his leadership abilities and for the great amount of effort he puts into the program.
Combat Water Survival Test

On January 22, Cadets participated in the Combat Water Survival Test for their weekly leadership lab. They participated in several different events that tested their ability to swim and their personal courage. Events included a 25 meter rifle swim, tread water test, load-bearing equipment vest removal and a blind-folded five meter drop with a rifle. Cadets take the assessment every semester and prepare for it through pool workouts conducted at the Student Recreation Center.

Fall of 2014 Dean’s List Cadets

Congratulations to the following Cadets who earned a 3.5 GPA or higher from the Fall semester. Those indicated with a star earned a 4.0:

Alexa DiPietrantonio  
Ed Gero  
Victoria Lisman  
Thane Walton  
Alex Bowman  
Samantha Crist  
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Christopher Hicks*  
Riley Lane*  
Andrew Langmeier*  
Connor Lewis  
Guy Leygraaf*  
Jeffrey Pendleton  
Danielle Wildman  
Dennis Shammo  
Justin Weir  
Lucas Wertman  
Braden Croft*  
Valerie Stearns*  
Garrett Wadsworth  
Ryan Widmer  
Ethan Brown*  
Brandon Matukas  
Thomas Savage  
Lisa Wendel  
Johnathan Balzer  
Brent Burnfield

Upcoming Events:

February 26 - APFT  
March 12-15 - Pershing Rifles National Convention  
March 27-29 - Leadership Training Exercise  
April 12 - Mountain Man Memorial March  
April 24 - Spring Awards Ceremony

Connor Lewis takes the oath of office. Congratulations to CDT Lewis on contracting and receiving a 3 year scholarship.