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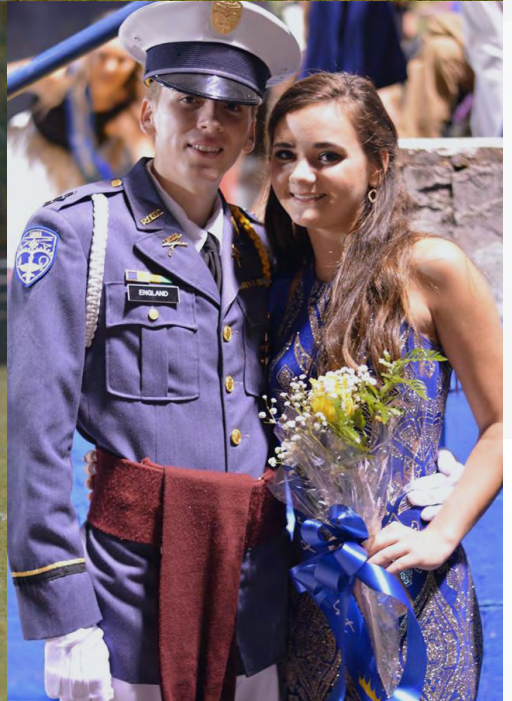
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WE ARE SOUTHERN PREP

We believe that every young man wants to be a part of something great. He wants to become as wise, as strong, as brave, and as respected as he can be. We also believe that each young man can become his very best self when he discovers that responsibility and hard work can make anything possible. Capable young men with this potential to achieve are the young men of Southern Prep.

Since its founding in 1898, the focus of our school has been to provide students with opportunity. The opportunity to experience something more; to do something bigger; to be someone better. This same transformational experience remains at the core of the school's mission today and is rooted in Southern Prep's close-knit community of adults and students living and learning together in an environment that balances challenge and support.

We are an independent boarding school committed to preparing young men of integrity and strength for leadership in college and beyond. Our graduates are proud to be Southern Prep men. Proud of their achievements. Proud of their success. Proud to be a part of something great.



LTC JARED NORRELL

11th President of Southern Preparatory Academy

LTC Jared Norrell is the 11th President of Southern Preparatory Academy. His tenure at Southern Prep began as the Commandant of Cadets in August of 2014. He took over as President in February of 2017. President Norrell believes passionately about the mission of the academy and its importance in developing young men of character. This is not only vital for the State of Alabama, but for the future of the entire United States. President Norrell is certain that there is nothing more important than developing the youth of today to be the servant leaders of our nation and global community for tomorrow. He states, "The best part of my job is when I get to see a young man grow in confidence, and start to believe in his own God given abilities. Once a young man truly believes in his own ability there is almost nothing he can't do." President Norrell is a graduate of the University of North Georgia and served in the United States Army for twenty-four years.

President Norrell currently lives in Camp Hill, AL with his wife, Debbie, and his son, Heath. Rogan Norrell attended Southern Prep for four years and was accepted to West Point in February of 2018. His daughter, Audrey, currently resides in Texas.



MR. MARK MORGAN

Dean of Academics

Mark Morgan is originally from Collinston, Louisiana. He attended Northeast Louisiana University, where he earned a B.S. in Construction Management. He was also commissioned in the US Army as an Ordnance Officer. Later on, Dean Morgan earned a Masters of Arts degree from American Military University with a focus in Land Warfare. He served five years on active duty and five years in the Pennsylvania National Guard. Dean Morgan was a faculty member and administrator at Carson Long Military Academy for 24 years, where he worked as a building officer and teacher, head of the Middle School, Vice President of Administration and Finance, Interim President, and Academic Dean/Headmaster. He taught multiple subjects including middle school math, physical science, algebra, business, and multiple military history classes. Dean Morgan is married to Nichol Morgan, who is currently the librarian at Southern Preparatory Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan began working at Southern Prep in the Fall of 2018. They have two daughters, Brook and Emily.



MAJ STEVE MAYER

Commandant of Cadets

Major Steve Mayer is originally from Freehold, NJ and is a Graduate of The Citadel in South Carolina. Among his assignments were tours with 1st Bn 75th Ranger Regiment, 101st Air Assault Division, and West Point as an Instructor with the Department of Military Instruction, and a Tactical Officer at the United States Military Academy at West Point (Co G-1, USCC). For the past 26 years, Major Mayer has served as Commandant of Cadets at three different military boarding schools. In this role he has been responsible for the morale, welfare, discipline, and military training of all cadets. He and his wife Caroline began working at Southern Prep in the Fall of 2018.



MISSION STATEMENT

PURPOSE

Our purpose is to prepare the cadet for the responsibilities of life and offer the best in academic instruction coupled with the discipline of a military program. Southern Preparatory Academy will be recognized as one of the best military boarding schools for young men in the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

A private military boarding academy providing the best in academics, leadership, and athletics structured on a foundation of moral and ethical values that develops young men of integrity, competence, and excellence who are prepared for the work of life.

STRENGTH OF ACHIEVEMENT

First we are a school, then we are a military academy. For our students, the advantage is that we are both. This is because when students apply the structure, organization, and self-discipline of military principles to their academics, they become efficient with their study time, excelling in both the quantity and quality of the work they can accomplish.

Our small class sizes and incredibly dedicated faculty contribute to learning environments where teachers are uniquely capable of providing students with individualized attention when they need it most. This has been pivotal in helping boys to identify and establish learning styles that work best for them.

Our teachers go beyond simply instructing and take the time to know their students, working hard to build relationships that encourage boys to achieve their full potential. Grades and progress are monitored closely, making it impossible for a student to fall through the cracks. As a result, students at Southern Prep experience significant increases in grade point average and graduate fully-prepared for college-level work

Academics are at the highest level of importance at Southern Preparatory Academy. At Southern Prep, the curriculum is designed to provide seven years of academic study to students in grades 6-12 who are preparing for vocational training or admission into a college or university. The curriculum is challenging, yet rewarding, and is driven by faculty members with over twenty years of teaching experience. Dual Enrollment opportunities are provided through two local community colleges, Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City, AL and Southern Union State



Community College in Opelika, AL. In addition, cadets have the opportunity to take Honors courses online. Advanced Placement (AP) courses are taught through a hybrid online and classroom model. All online courses are provided through Edgenuity.

The academy has an average class size of twelve cadets and possesses a 10:1 cadet to teacher ratio. Each cadet is required to attend mandatory study hours for 1.5 hours each evening to ensure that assignments are completed and to prepare for upcoming examinations. On average, 90% of the graduating class will attend a college or university following graduation.

Southern Preparatory Academy is continuing to build community partners to assist in various vocational training programs. Cadets will be able to participate in academic studies that relate to welding, carpentry, K9 detection services, and more!

10:1
student to teacher ratio

90%
of graduates enroll in a postsecondary institution

VR
Cadets can now use virtual reality (VR) to learn hands-on in the classroom



STRENGTH OF LEADERSHIP

Southern Prep's military traditions provide opportunities for leadership through structure, discipline, and hierarchy. This system of earned privilege and respect is vital in teaching cadets to take accountability for their actions. What is most significant is that our students do not merely learn about leadership—they practice it daily.

Our military structure creates cadet hierarchies based upon motivation and inspiration. As cadets progress, they earn promotion along with more privileges and responsibilities. This creates a system where cadets lead one another—by both example and incentive.

Because military standards surrounding organization, self-care, and respect are clear and consistent, it creates an environment where the possibility for achievement is equal among all cadets. For many boys, this provides a new opportunity to prove themselves...and they do. This success based on personal merit and accomplishment creates the self-motivation and self-confidence that leads to a future of achievement and success.



Military Leadership Opportunities and Requirements

- Chain of Command within the Corps of Cadets

- Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

- Sword Drill

- Parades

- Classroom Procedures

- Daily tasks



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Southern Preparatory Academy has been developing young men of outstanding character in Alabama for over a century. Now more than ever we need institutions like Southern Preparatory Academy to teach the next generation of leaders the values of hard work, self discipline, and service to others.

- *Senator Tom Whatley*

STRENGTH OF OPPORTUNITY

At Southern Prep, opportunity for growth isn't limited to classrooms, dorms, and athletic fields—our signature programs provide plenty of additional opportunities for young men to discover their potential. Our goal is to provide students with a link between learning and doing by tying knowledge to hands-on experiences.

Youth today are navigating a world that's becoming increasingly complex—where success is driven not only by knowledge but by the ability to enact that knowledge. Therefore it's more important than ever to provide young men with hands-on experiences that will hone their ability to explore, to investigate, to make sense of information, and to solve tough problems. These are the skills gained through our signature programs.

When students have the vision to dream, we take it upon ourselves to provide them with the opportunity. This is what drives the implementation of signature experiences such as our Aviation Program—which provides our boys with the opportunity to (literally) soar to new heights. There is no comparison to the self-confidence and pride a young man exudes when he earns his private pilot's license. At Southern Prep, this experience is possible.



AVIATION

Southern Preparatory Academy offers a unique aviation program to its cadets who are 16 years of age and older and meet the required academic and medical qualifications. Cadets will have the opportunity to undergo rigorous academic studies and training to earn a Civilian Private Pilot's License. The curriculum for the program consists of approximately forty-five hours of flight time, one semester of ground courses, and a preparation course for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) written test. The program is taught by experienced professionals, including a Senior Captain for Delta Airlines, Auburn University Aviation Professor, and a Retired United States Army Colonel.

The flight instruction for this program is completed at the Alexander City airport in partnership with Brown Aero Flight School. Alexander City is located approximately twenty miles northwest of the academy. The courses will be taught on campus in Tallapoosa Hall, the main academic building for Southern Prep. One classroom has been repurposed for aviation studies and is designed to look like an airport hangar.



DRONES

Drone training at Southern Prep is designed to move past hobby drone operation and be an introduction to aviation and flight training for our junior students. The academy provides both an introductory course and an advanced course. Both courses include supervised flight training, classroom ground curriculum, and an introduction to the aviation industry spectrum. Introductory training will be completed with Mavic Pro quadcopter and advanced training utilizes fixed wing RC aircraft.

Students will not only learn how to safely operate their drone, but how to assimilate it into a flight environment to include designing a runway and traffic patterns. Outside the classroom, drone students volunteer monthly at The Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham, Alabama.

Aviation students are invited to attend community events, travel to airshows and tour airports and other aviation facilities to become familiar with and build their network across the aviation industry. Current aviation students are assigned and fly under their "Scout" callsign.

DRONE DEMONSTRATION TEAM

We are excited to be the first high school level program in the country to feature our very own, completely un-automated, drone demonstration team.

We spend long hours perfecting our maneuvers and mixing the music with narration to create a one of a kind visual and auditory experience. Pilots and team members travel to air shows, schools and other events to showcase their maneuvering skills in close formation flight.

Our pilots fly under the "Scout 01" through "Scout 06" call signs, and each earns their place on the team through a rigorous interview and evaluation process held in December.



STRENGTH OF BROTHERHOOD

Ask any student, past or present, what he values most about our school and the answer will likely be: the brotherhood. Southern Prep provides young men with a unique opportunity to benefit from an environment that fosters the development of these bonds: where cadets share a common goal of not only becoming leaders but also becoming part of a team.

This bond of brotherhood often forms within the first weeks of school, when cadets are navigating the same new challenges and discover that by working together and supporting one another they will persevere. This unwavering trust between cadets creates lifelong bonds that would have been unimaginable to many boys prior to their Southern Prep experience. They learn quickly that these friendships are built upon dependability and trust and will serve as a foundation for future relationships—whether at school, at home, or beyond.

The bonds at Southern Prep aren't limited to the brotherhood of the boys. We are a community of students, faculty, and staff who know each other well, celebrate our victories, band together in times of challenge, and possess mutual respect for one another. We believe that when your son becomes a part of our community, we become your extended family. We support your continued involvement throughout your son's experience, and we hope that you, too, will experience the strength of our community.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Southern Preparatory Academy is a small school on purpose. One of the benefits of attending a small school is the opportunity to participate in athletics and various extra-curricular activities. Southern Preparatory Academy is a member the Alabama Independent Schools Association (AISA) and competes against schools from across Alabama. As a small boarding school, the focus of participating in a sport is not necessarily about skill level, but rather the motivation and drive to improve themselves and the team.





SPORTS OFFERED:

- **FOOTBALL**
- **BASKETBALL**
- **BASEBALL**
- **SOCCER**
- **CROSS COUNTRY**



ACTIVITIES OFFERED:

- **COLOR GUARD**
- **DRILL TEAM**
- **RANGER TEAM**
- **SCHOLARS' BOWL**
- **BETA CLUB**
- **SWORD DRILL (PRECISION SILENT DRILL WITH SWORDS)**



STRENGTH OF PREPARATION

As a college preparatory school with a military boarding structure—we do more than prepare young men—we transform lives. One of the most significant benefits of military boarding life is that boys learn to face challenges and work through them. When things are difficult or tedious, they don't have the option of shutting down or avoiding; instead they tackle them with the focus and discipline to move forward.

Each day at Southern Prep transforms a boy just a little bit more, leaving him smarter and stronger. Despite a challenging academic program, he rises to meet expectations and push his own learning potential. Outside the classroom, through encouragement from mentors and coaches, he becomes empowered to chart his own course. And eventually, he might just find himself growing into someone he never expected.

To be ready for college and life beyond means much more today than academic preparation; it means preparation for life. Our graduates move on with the skills to lead; with strong abilities in self-discipline, organization, and teamwork; and with the drive to achieve. They have grown, they have transformed into men, and they are truly prepared for success.



The purpose of Southern Preparatory Academy is to educate and to enable young men from various backgrounds. One hundred percent of Southern Prep graduates have a post graduation plan, no matter if the goal is to enroll in a two-year or four-year college or university, enlist in a branch of the United States Armed Forces, or join the workforce. Southern Prep graduates have attended numerous colleges and universities throughout the country. Below is a collection of several colleges and universities that have been attended by our graduates.

- **Harvard University**

- **The United States Military Academy at West Point**

- **The Citadel**

- **Norwich University**

- **Auburn University**

- **University of Alabama**

- **University of Kentucky**

- **Marion Military Institute**

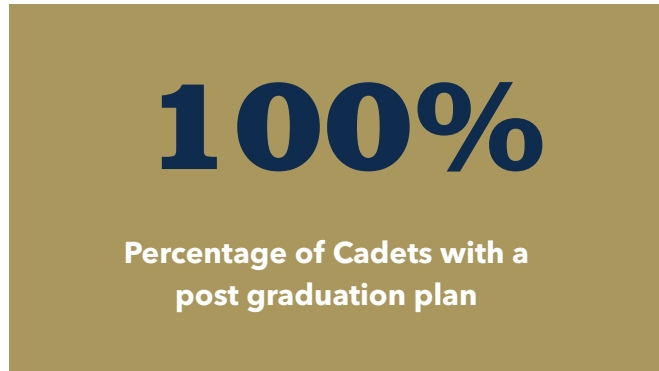
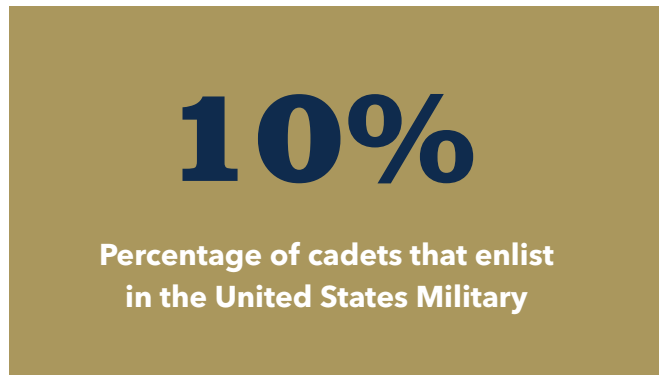
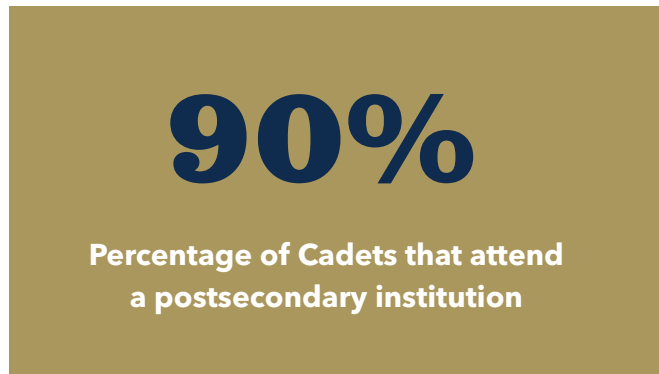
- **Emory University**

- **Georgetown University**

- **Georgia Military College**

- **University of Louisiana - LaFayette**

- **Charleston Southern University**



FORGED BY OUR VALUES

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“It is by the grace of God that the academy has touched so many lives for more than 120 years, and it is by His grace that this institution will continue to do His work for the next 100 years.”

LTC JARED H. NORRELL

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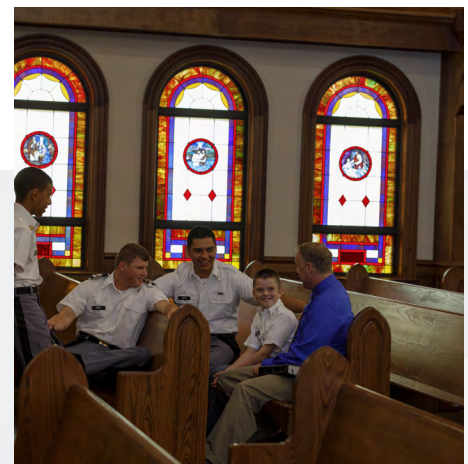
Dr. Lyman Ward believed a true education is of the mind, body, and spirit. Cadets across campus have an opportunity to better themselves in a variety of ways, such as through the weekly worship service in the Dixon All Faith Chapel on campus. This non-denominational service inspires young men to become more than they ever thought is possible.

The worship service pastor, Reverend Rod Siggers, is also the campus barber! As the pastor, Rev. Siggers develops a meaningful and personal connection with each cadet on campus!

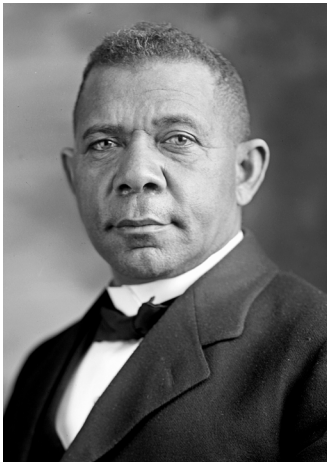
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Teach me knowledge and good judgment,
for I trust your commands.

Psalms 119:66



THE HISTORY OF DR. LYMAN WARD



Southern Preparatory Academy has a long and storied history. The academy was founded in 1898 by Dr. Lyman Ward, a Universalist minister from New York. The school envisioned by Dr. Ward would “prepare young men and women for the work of life, whether in manual training or in literature and art.” Dr. Ward began a fundraising campaign of \$5,000 to establish the school from various churches and communities in eastern Alabama. This campaign framed the groundwork for the academy.

Dr. Ward’s view on education was primarily influenced by Booker T. Washington. They both believed in the importance of education in molding the minds of young men and women, particularly those in impoverished situations. It was upon hearing a lecture from Booker T. Washington that Dr. Ward decided to move south. Dr. Ward attended Tuskegee Institute with the sole purpose of learning new methods and techniques that he could bring to the academy. Dr. Ward, however, adopted an additional approach for the academy--- contributions of labor, thus teaching the value of hard work while developing self-reliance in his students.



Booker T. Washington and Dr. Ward developed a unique friendship in the late 1890’s. The two leaders traveled together to speak to groups of people about the schools and fundraised for various projects. In many ways, Tuskegee Institute and Southern Preparatory Academy, then Southern Industrial Institute, are considered to be sister institutions. Booker T. Washington was influential in the core values of Southern Prep, particularly its non-denominational focus of religion, and played a critical role in its overall success.

Southern Preparatory Academy has adapted through the decades. However, with the help of influential men and women, including Booker T. Washington, the core values of integrity, honesty, and loyalty for the academy have remained consistent. The academy now seeks to continue building upon the legacy of Dr. Lyman Ward as new cadets from across the world earn the necessary education and leadership skills to be successful throughout life.



LOCATION



Southern Preparatory Academy is located 63 miles (101 kilometers) from the Alabama state capital, Montgomery, 92 miles (148 kilometers) from Birmingham, Alabama, and 113 miles (182 kilometers) from Atlanta, Georgia. Camp Hill is located only 13 miles (21 kilometers) from Lake Martin, which is consistently ranked as one of the best lakes throughout the United States. In addition, Southern Preparatory Academy is located 23 miles (37 kilometers) from Auburn University. Cadets have the opportunity to participate in various Auburn University tours and community outreach events. Transportation to Southern Preparatory Academy is typically accommodated to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta.

WHY SOUTHERN PREP?

Our world can be a complicated place, and as a result family situations can also be complicated. But no matter what our family situation may be, we all want our children to experience a safe, structured and nurturing environment for learning and personal growth. At Southern Prep, our pristine campus offers this space, free from the distractions and temptations found in public and day schools. We provide a significant alternative to schools that may not be meeting a child's needs. Days are full and structured with time for classes, meals, study, activities, and sports. Through 1:1 attention, students are supported and are fully engaged in fulfilling their potential.

HOW?

- **Small class sizes and dedicated teachers provide personal instruction for mastering learning skills and developing new ones.**

- **Military boarding structure provides opportunities for leadership**

- **Innovative signature programs provide an opportunity to discover and explore interests.**

PERCEPTION SHIFT

- **We find that many people have misconceptions about who we are and what we do.**

WHO ARE WE THEN?

- **We are the same as any other college prep boarding school...but better.**

WHY?

- **Because we provide students with the discipline and structure needed for focus, self-reliance, and success. Beyond our strong academic program, our military traditions teach students how to become distinguished citizens and confident leaders.**

ROAD LESS TRAVELED

One of the top if not the most important turning point of my life. From a deviant, self conceited, truant child, Southern Prep molded me to a young adult who, to this day, cherishes enlightened discipline and recognizes that nothing in the world can take the place of persistence to achieve success. Mantras of my Alma Mater!

-Mario Camara, Class of 1993

Southern Preparatory Academy helped mold me into the man I am today. I attended Southern Prep for three years, and during that three years, I developed life- long values and made life-long friends. Southern Prep helped prepare me for the real world. It instilled values in me that I wouldn't have received otherwise. The dedicated faculty and staff are committed to providing excellent guidance and instruction in a caring and professional manner.

- Don Moore, Class of 1983

A great institution, where the teachers and faculty treat you as if you were their own son. Years after leaving the academy, I still have the confidence to lead and succeed anywhere in the world. If you want to achieve your goal, Southern Prep will give cadets the tools and opportunities to achieve those goals. This school saved my life.

- James Ramsey, Class of 2008

Southern Preparatory Academy has been a life changing decision for my son. His attitude towards school has changed greatly and his desire to succeed in the classroom is amazing. He has been able to play sports again which has given him more confidence in himself. The discipline and structure at Southern Prep is proving successful for him.

- Andrea Moore, Parent of Former Southern Prep Cadet

It changed my life, it made me realize my full potential which public school could not. It gave me the confidence and strength I lacked and helped transform me into someone entirely new. You get out what you put into it and I was able to get a scholarship to Marion Military Institute. I've made life-long friends I never had back at home. I don't know where I would be now without what the school has done for me. Now I have a challenging but great future ahead of me in the United States Air Force.

- Michael Logan, Class of 2017

This has been a fantastic school choice for us. Southern Prep has made a tremendous difference in my son's life. He is thriving in a structured environment, his grades are improving, his attitude about himself and others is improving, his dedication to self improvement and forward thinking is something I am most proud to see in him... all because of the great folks at Southern Preparatory Academy!

- James Ezell, Parent of Southern Prep Graduate

Southern Preparatory Academy saved my son, they taught him to be the man that I could not, they mentored him, guided him, were tough on him and held him accountable. Most importantly they believed in him 100% and loved him. I will forever be grateful.

- Sarah Pickard, Parent of Southern Prep Graduate

ARE YOU READY TO CHANGE YOUR SON'S LIFE?

Schedule a tour with the Admissions Office today!

Admissions Checklist

- Call 256-675-6260 or 256-675-6269 to schedule a tour of our pristine 300 acre campus in Camp Hill, Alabama.

- Speak directly to current or former parents and cadets to learn firsthand the impact that can be made in your son's life.

- Enroll! It will be one of the best decisions you have ever made.



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