



PRESS RELEASE

Oakland Military Institute College Preparatory Academy's Alums at West Point Receive Visit from School Staff

Oakland, Calif., April 15, 2009— West Point cadets Cody Kopowski and Mashawn Wilson, both sophomores at the United States Military Academy at West Point. were recently visited by the senior leadership of their high school Alma Mater, The Oakland Military Institute College Preparatory Academy. School Superintendent Dr. Mark Ryan, Commandant Major Matthew Kus, Sergeant Major CathyAnn Depp, and a contingent of military staff visited the West Point cadets as part of an effort to learn how the Oakland Military Institute can best prepare students for entry into and success at the nation's service academies.

Cadets Kopowski and Wilson were part of OMI's first graduating class in June of 2007. "Cody and Mashawn are the pride of OMI. They are doing so well at West Point and the OMI community could not be prouder of them. They embody what OMI tries to teach – citizenship, patriotism, discipline, academic excellence, teamwork, and leadership," said Sergeant Major CathyAnn Depp, who taught them in 7th grade when they entered as part of the first class at OMI.

Dr. Mark Ryan, OMI Superintendent, added, "The trip to West Point has given us important information about how we can best prepare students for the Military Academy. OMI already does a great job academically and preparing cadets with leadership experiences. West Point showed us how we can redesign our physical training program and our leadership development program to align them with the expectations of entering Academy cadets. We also got great ideas about aligning our academic curriculum with the expectations West Point's academic departments have for entering freshmen."





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ABOUT OAKLAND MILITARY INSTITUTE COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

The Oakland Military Institute is a free college prep charter school. It provides a structured and rigorous academic college preparatory program for boys and girls in grades six through twelve. Students are from throughout the Bay Area. The school prides itself on developing students into leaders, scholars, critical thinkers and citizens. Seventy-five percent of OMI's graduating class attends four-year universities.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2009-2010 school year.

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