



Revolutionaries!

Inviting the Calling

“When God gives you something to do, you should go out and do it,” says retired healthcare executive John Siefker. John entered *The Master’s Program* at a perfect time... in the twilight of a successful career at Pacific Care, in preparation to transition into ministry. It was during his time in *The Master’s Program* that he started to commiserate with fellow *Master’s Program* attendee Mike Kiley. Founder and president of the Chamberlain Group and fellow father of teens, Mike shared his concern with John about the lack of preparation for Christian high school students to be able to not only survive, but thrive, in their faith once they entered secular university settings. Inspired by *The Master’s Program* to invite God to give them a calling, and encouraged by Bob’s urging to think like Kingdom Entrepreneurs, John and Mike began to pursue the idea of making something happen that would give high school students sharper tools to enter and succeed with their faith throughout their college years.

Thinking Outside the Box

Through strategic research and conversations with others, John and Mike went from what John called “whining in the same key about the problem” to action. In a matter of months they hired an executive director, found 40 bright students to participate, and secured a location to host their inaugural conference. From there it was off and running.

Their organization, now known as the Wheatstone Academy, is in its seventh year of conferences. In addressing the needs of Christian students entering the university setting, the academy engages older high school students with important ideas and challenges them to new levels of thought and dialogue concerning their faith and Christian

world-view. Their faculty is comprised of some of the brightest Christian scholars in their fields, and equips students to thrive in their faith in the midst of potentially hostile university environments. They have found distinction by allowing for relationships to form between scholar and student and conversational learning to take place. In turn, students leave the academy with a sharper focus of their Christian world-view, the ability to be engaging and communicate well in the culture, and a fuller understanding of the theology behind their beliefs.

Kingdom Entrepreneurs

Since its inception, John and Mike have been able to step back from their active roles in the academy and now serve in advisory and funding roles. In tracing the beginnings of the Wheatstone Academy back to their time in *The Master’s Program*, John said “there is something magical about two guys daring each other to do something. I don’t think either one of us would have done this by ourselves.” As Mike stated, they “had the gifts but didn’t know how to apply them...looking at the Wheatstone Academy, it’s obvious that God’s thumbprint is on it.” *The Master’s Program* brought two Revolutionaries together who were able to identify a need, and together envision a way to address it in a way that will forever change the kingdom...John and Mike answered the call to significance by using their time and resources to become kingdom entrepreneurs!

To find out more about this exciting ministry, go to www.wheatstoneacademy.com

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