

Kalah Haley Named Queen of the Military Ball

On March 4, more than 550 6th Battalion JROTC cadets gathered at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center for the 118th annual Military Ball. IB senior **Kalah Haley** was announced as Queen of the Ball, selected from among 10 top female cadets, one from each DPS high school.

As GW's candidate, Kalah had to prove herself at the Queen's Luncheon, where the 10 nominees' academic and extracurricular résumés, comportment, speech, etiquette, knowledge of current events, and general poise and demeanor were judged by a panel of female community leaders.

Being named Queen of the Ball literally crowns Kalah's distinguished four year career in GW's JROTC unit where she rose through the ranks from cadet, to company commander, to personnel officer, to her current position as executive officer.

Earlier this year, Kalah won the annual 6th Battalion speech competition, based on the quality and content of her prepared speech as well as her JROTC résumé and her uniformed appearance. She will receive a cash prize at the battalion's May 6 award ceremony.

Kalah has been a member of GW's Honor Platoon for 3 years, by virtue of her strong academic record. The platoon placed first among 14 teams in the 2010 cadet challenge at the battalion's Pentathlon, which tested cadets' endurance and physical strength. She is also a Drill Team member and is looking forward to this competition season, beginning on March 12 and culminating in the Rocky Mountain Regional competition at the Denver Coliseum in late April.

Kalah's leadership abilities are evident in JROTC and beyond. She has been influential in recruiting IB students into JROTC, where they are now a strong presence, by educating her peers about the holistic approach to character building and civic responsibility that marks the program today. Her positive approach to leadership is evident in her statement, "I'm proud of each Patriot cadet's morale and spirit, proud of our rifle team which placed 3rd in the state, and proud of all our honor cadets."

Kalah's encouraging approach is further in evidence within IBBO, where she works to "motivate and mentor all minority students to stay in IB, and to feel the confidence to succeed and excel in the program."

Outside of school Kalah is very active in the Denver Church of Christ and recently helped organize a regional church retreat for over 90 teens. She was also active in the junior sorority of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. for 5 years.

This extraordinary young woman hopes to continue her commitment to leadership and service at the US Air Force Academy. Like many seniors she is eagerly awaiting the results of her college applications. Whatever institution succeeds in attracting her will find its community greatly enriched.