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## *Phil Black to Share Inspirational Message about “Grit” on April 20*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Inspirational speaker Phil Black will visit Gardner-Webb University on April 20 to share his

experiences and the keys to his professional successes in a program sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Entrepreneurship. The event is free and open to the public.

photo of Phil Black

Black is a Harvard Business School graduate, former Goldman Sachs investment banker, Navy SEAL officer, firefighter, and an entrepreneur who appeared on the ABC television network show “Shark Tank.” He currently operates PrepWell Academy, an online mentoring program for high school students that uses the college admissions process as its model for instruction.

“We live in an age of relentless disruption driven by technology, constant connectivity, and political uncertainty,” Black shares. “Overnight there are new channels, new markets and new business models. Meeting these challenges takes more than intelligence, education, and quarterly town halls. It takes ‘grit.’”

In a program beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Hamrick Hall’s Blanton Auditorium, Black will speak about the pivotal role “grit” has played in his life. A question-and-answer session will follow.

To learn more about this event, contact Mischia Taylor at [mataylor@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:mataylor@gardner-webb.edu).

***Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704.406.4264 or email [servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu) with your request.***

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