

**Up on High Ground** is an American teen and early twenties drama television series based around East Valley Academy (High school) and the apartment life of college Psychology students. The “dramedy” series, created by Bryan Kreutz and Brayden Patterson is set to air on TV and internet premiering in 2014 in the United States and abroad.

The series revolves around the lives of two roommate college students who are majoring in Applied Developmental Psychology courses in teacher-student interactions at EV-Academy located in a Saint Louis' Upper East Side town.

The main character that the series primarily centers around is Dillon Magnum a College Psychology student who is studying the relationships between students and teachers. Dillon, a Christian in his early 20's sets the table of being a good steward in the presence of his two roommates, neighbors, and classmates. He particularly focuses on his young widowed neighbor Jaris and her children by of witnessing and loving thy neighbor as thyself, thus upholding Christian values in each TV episode.

The series begins with the illusion that the soon to be established College Student Dillon Magnum is the actual teacher of a high school classroom. Dillon is apartment neighbors with one of the students, Griffin, whom he is speaking to and the student has a need of a ride home instead of infecting the bus to leave school. Due to a highly contagious illness he visually displays he gets a mom approved ride home from his neighbor teacher Dillon.

Soon it is evident that Dillon honorably sets forth his actions to Love Thy Neighbor as yourself with all understanding and with all strength. With Dillon bringing home this neighbor student Griffin, it's soon established that the Griffin has a mother with three kids, is a widow needing help and positive male influences for her children that she can get from apartment neighbor Dillon.

As a young early twenties college student Dillon is a rare almost out of his element steward of upright moral behavior in a world, high school, and college full of chaos and immoral behavior.

The Principal for the high school is a very straightforward and easy to understand leader of school and also the entire school council board of directors. Principal Guidry is a Buddhist and it becomes more and more evident that he and the Christian community, as well as others, find better ways to resolve their differences to not only coexist but thrive.

Dillon and his college roommate Landon are also coaches for the high school Track and Basketball teams and have a third wheel roommate Bogroe who has crashed on the couch and mooched seemingly forever.

Elements of the students high school private lives afterschool and in a heated audition for a new show choir elective course are at the forefront in this offbeat and turbulent drama series. At the forefront of auditions are more than obvious emotionally charged student friends Savannah and Sydney versus friends Erin and Miri.

Regular cast members are Dillon Magnum (Played by Brayden Patterson), Landon Lofton (Played by Cody Jarvis), Bartholomew Bogroe (Played by Billy Patricks), Savannah Swanson (Played by Rylee Cravens), Sydney Ashdown (Played by Sydney Thomas), Griffin Sundin (Played by Matthew Becker).

Besides the six regular cast members mentioned above, several more characters appeared in the two part pilot episode.

Many characters appear as guest stars as parents, teachers, classmates, and other relatives of the main cast. The most prominent recurring characters not in the main cast are Hayley Sundin (Played by Molly Cravens), Brody Vanderschmidt (Played by Bryan Kreutz), Neil Rowleigh (Played by Neil McDonald), Erin O'Byrne (played by Erin Morris), Hialeah Oxendine (Played by Sarah Cotton and Principal Guidry (Played by Joe McGettigan)

Guest stars that have appeared more than once are Jaris Sundin (played by Courtni Aries), Ms. Fritz (Played by Allison Shadwick), Miri Cyanne (Played by Malissa Williams), Roxy Sundin (Played by Aliyah Studt), Veronica Earney (Played by Emma Jane Mitchell), Avril O'Byrne (Played by Kate Barton), Londyn Downey (Played by Brianna Langford) and Thea Swanson played by (Jessica Jordan).

**Logline:** *A likeable college psychology student is tested daily with his roomies, one in friendship, and the other on patience as a third wheel freeloader.*

*A contemporary life effort in the psychological, even pathological, and pretty typical day of students who make this school of no fools and broken rules.*

2-PART PILOT RUNNING TIME: 46 MIN.

GENRE: DRAMA

FORMAT: HDVIDEO

COMPLETED & READY FOR AIR: 2014

### **Biography**

Bryan and Brayden draw upon their experience of raw non-studio backed indie projects and their shared visual sensibilities to create the filmmaking process. Extensive backgrounds in broadcasting audio and non-linear video editing and on hand experience as actors working around the industry, the two learned a lot. Particularly the knowledge learned for the two came from Director Elizabeth Wiegard when the early stages of Pre-production began for the short film "To Inflict".

Kreutz wrote the two-part pilot episode after the story idea was pitched by Patterson. The process to write, produce, and production design films and Television by creating a compelling story synopsis is carefully thought out and planned. Producing TV is not a first for Kreutz as he has directed, produced, and written over fifty Television talk show episodes encompassing two different series on the Christian Television network. Patterson primarily an actor and Kreutz a Television producer and actor, the two relied upon consulting with other industry producers, intuition, and a real world perspective on what an audience member needs to see for this Television pilot project and series Up on High Ground.

'Up on High Ground' is their first television series in a collaborative effort: 'The real life Style of relatable storytelling' - a loose cycle of tangled storylines and tricky loyalties that result in tragedy and transformation. Each segment of the 'The storytelling' exists as a stand-alone piece but when watched together as a series, the stories portray a mythical noir society and expose the rhyme and reason to life struggles and achievements as a high school and college student. In Up on High Ground, three roommate men – two the protagonists—one the antagonist are determined to live a life of neighborly wholesome value based lifestyles. Their methodology is unorthodox, yet mostly effective; particularly rubbing off on the people they live next to and attend school with. Their personalities clash severely. But their quest, in true dramatic and sometimes comical fashion, is successful.

Filmed on digital high definition video by a dedicated team of a skilled crew, "Up on High Ground" was funded almost entirely by the filmmakers, a generous grant, and along with product placement. The funding represents nearly a year of hard work and commitment.

Bryan Lives in St. Louis and Brayden lives in nearby Granite City.

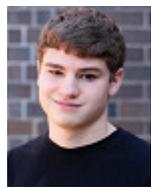
"When Brayden Patterson and I started story-boarding the conceptual material for the TV Pilot, we both thought what type of series speaks to teens and young adults that can really make a life changing impact on society particularly a hot topic issue. Things started rolling from there and we sought out a director all-ready on that cusp of greatness who could visualize the story in a meaningful way to let viewers relate to the story. That's really how "Up on High Ground" got started." - Bryan Kreutz (Producer/writer/Actor)

## **Contact**

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# Cast



B. Patterson

C. Jarvis

B. Patricks

R. Cravens

M. Becker

S. Thomas

E. Morris

M. Cravens

B. Kreutz

J. McGettigan



H. McDonald

M. Williams

S. Cotton

C. Aries

E. Mitchell

A. Studt

A. Shadwick

K. Barton

B. Langford

J. Jordan

**Brayden Patterson – as—Dillon Magnum**

**Cody Jarvis– as—Landon**

**Billy Patricks – as—Bartholomew Bogroe**

**Rylee Cravens – as— Savannah Swanson**

**Matthew Becker– as— Griffin Sundin**

**Sydney Thomas– as— Sydney Ashdown**

**Erin Morris– as—Erin O’Byrne**

**Molly Cravens– as—Hayley Sundin**

**Bryan Kreutz – as—Brody Vanderschmidt**

**Joe McGettigan– as—Principal Guidry**

**Neil McDonald – as—Neil Rowleigh**

**Sarah Cotton – as— Hileah Oxendine**

**Courtnei Aries – as— Jaris Sundin**

**Malissa Williams – as— Miri Cyanne**

**Emma J. Mitchell – as—Veronika Earney**

**Aliyah Studt – as— Roxy Sundin**

**Allison Shadwick – as— Ms. Fritz**

**Kate Barton – as—Avril O’Byrne**

**Brianna Langford – as—Londyn Downey**

**Jessica Jordan – as— Thea Swanson**

## Character Profiles

**Dillon Magnum (Brayden Patterson)** – Along with his best friend and roommate Landon, he's a college student majoring in applied developmental psychology directly studying at East Valley High in teacher-Student interactions. A devout Christian, Dillon is a rare almost out of his element steward of upright moral behavior setting forth examples to love thy neighbor particularly with his widowed neighbor and her children.

**Landon (Cody Jarvis)** – Best friend and roommate with College student colleague Dillon, he is also a basketball coach at East Valley High. He's often a fun guy to watch an anime or a basketball game with at the apartment. Also a devout Christian he has to be reminded of patience and good will as he merely tolerates their third wheel roommate Bogroe who is his antagonist throughout most of the beginning of the program.

**Bogroe (Billy Patricks)** – Couch crasher roommate who originally was going to stay for a month and has still been paying nothing for several months. One of Dillon's two best friends since early childhood, an overly confident and worldly young twenties man in need of Christ. His mysterious employment status is often the subject of frequent debate. He gets all the girls, has connections to get basketball, baseball, and hockey tickets often, which is always a bit shady.

**Savannah Swanson (Rylee Cravens)** – Nicknamed Savvy, Savannah the stylin' popular chick has an on again off again boyfriend, Shane. She is a best friend with Sydney Ashdown. Savannah knows beforehand info on auditions for the new high school show choir cause she's a teachers pet, this makes her rival and former friend Erin O'Byrne jealous and starts a feud among friends in the pilot episode.

**Sydney Ashdown (Sydney Thomas)** – Nicknamed Syd. Sophomore, 16, She is a best friend with Savannah Swanson. Syd is Prone to sarcastic remarks. New transfer student Eben who lead his last high school to State in show choir the previous year enters into Syd's life and the two begin to secretly date even though Syd has a boyfriend Jake.

**Griffin Sundin (Matthew Becker)** – Eighth grader, 14, who is so smart he gets bumped to a freshman early with his older sister Hayley. A multi-talented dancer, singer, and basketball player he gets private basketball lessons from coach Landon a year before he is supposed to be in high-school. He is best friends with Cameron who is also Munny-theatre kid like Griffin and encourages him to try out for the new school show choir.

**Hayley Sundin (Molly Cravens)** – A 15-year-old "Verbally-vivacious freshmen" with a widowed mother. She has a habit of walking into her neighbor's apartment occupied by three roommates without knocking then making an awkward off the wall comment upon entry. Her catchphrase is "Do we have to start like this" following after a rude remark.

**Brody Vanderschmidt (Bryan Kreutz)** – One of Dillon and Landon's neighbor's in the same apartment complex. Brody is the serious one, 30's, who doesn't understand sarcasm, immature, slight geek who doesn't know it. His apartment is barely furnished, but littered with toys and coin-operated arcade games. He's a fun guy to kick it with often.

**Erin O'Byrne (Erin Morris)** – A high school drama student and judo athlete who lettered her freshmen year in theatre. Sophomore, 15, Straightforward, introverted, she is a pretty red-haired girl who is class president of the drama department. With high smarts she intimidates former friend and classmate rival Savannah and gets very jealous using her best friend Miri to get inside info among other things from Savannah and Sydney.

**Principal Guidry (Joe McGettigan)** – Guidry is a very straightforward easy to understand leader of East Valley High. Principal Guidry is also the leader and spearheaded the movement to rid the district of a school board taking it on himself among a few other hand picked selected teachers. Guidry a Buddhist works well with the Christian community, as well as others, finding ways to resolve their differences to not only co-exist but also thrive.