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Keeping On Track

*Jazmine Alderman '19 is breaking down barriers
as first female grad heading to West Point*

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Emmett Senentz '20 waves as he and Rex Walrond '20 sail in Boca Ciega Bay off of Farragut's waterfront.

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3rd grader Claire Lynch shows off a ball
python lemon blast morph brought in by
Farragut grad Steve Gross '04.



Note: Graduation years prior to 1945 and after
1994 do not have a "N" or "S" following them.
Northern campus 1933-1994
Southern campus 1945-present

A word from the Headmaster

It is with great delight I introduce this edition of *Reveille*, one that highlights some of our current and past student-athletes. Most fitting is the cadet featured on the cover: Jazmine Alderman '19. She came to us in the eighth grade and immediately was a key part of our successful girls track program these past five years. Today she is running track at the United States Military Academy Prep School and will be attending West Point in 2020.

In addition to Jazmine, the class of 2019 had at least 20 others who went on to play sports at colleges and universities throughout the nation. Of course, our stories show that alumni are making their mark in many ways, not just sports -- and that current students and cadets continue to achieve amazing things. All of those featured are continuing to "aim high," (a Charlie Duke '53S reference as he recalls his own Apollo moon landing).

As much as we value the people of Farragut, we can't forget the important contribution our facilities have on student opportunities. Thus, this edition also celebrates the opening of DeSeta Hall (named for alumnus and donor Ed DeSeta '67N).

Farragut continues to grow, whether it is in enrollment or curricular additions. For example, this year we will have our first five cadets earn an AP Capstone diploma in addition to their Farragut diploma. You can learn more about the AP Capstone Program on the following pages as well as much, much more.

Sit back, relax, and read about Admiral Farragut Academy today.

We are Farragut!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "R. J. Fine, Jr.", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert J. Fine, Jr.
Headmaster, Admiral Farragut Academy



The new DeSeta Hall dedicated

Admiral Farragut Academy dedicated its new multipurpose creative and performing arts facility, DeSeta Hall, on Friday, Oct. 18 during Alumni Homecoming Weekend.

"This multimillion-dollar state-of-the-art multi-use facility is one more piece in the master plan to enhance the 40-acre campus," said Art Musicaro '73, Vice Chairman of Farragut's Board of Directors.

DeSeta Hall is named after Farragut alumnus Ed DeSeta '67 and his family for their generous giving to the school. See related story on page 60.

The dedication for the new 500-seat home of Farragut's creative and performing arts follows a successful three-year, \$4.3-million capital campaign.

"In this splendid facility, Farragut students will demonstrate the

dedication, pride, leadership, and many talents that are the hallmarks for Admiral Farragut Academy," said Headmaster Robert J. Fine, Jr.

In addition to enhancing Farragut student life, the facility is open to the community for weddings, meetings, dinners, and other events.





PREKINDERGARTEN:

Where a lifetime of learning begins

Children work at their own pace in Farragut's multi-age classroom

They start the day at little tables, using little hands to do big things.

Ashton Davis, age 4, grabs a card with a lowercase letter “b” and walks around the table until he finds its uppercase match.

Eleanor Glassmeyer, age 3, picks up different blocks -- flat and narrow, flat and curved, small and chunky -- and carefully rearranges them on a blue mat until they take on the shape of a stick person.

Kaylee VanCuyk, age 4, holds a ball of yellow play-dough in one hand and presses a googly eye into it with the other as she transforms the blob.

Matching letters builds early reading skills. Forming the stick person (“Mat Man”) with straight

and curved shapes prepares them visually and tactilely for handwriting. Making creatures out of play-dough builds fine motor skills.

This is prekindergarten at Admiral Farragut Academy, where children ages 3, 4, and 5 learn and play together. Such activities, said teacher Shauna McKee, are foundational blocks for kindergarten and beyond.

“These skills are like blocks on the bottom of the learning pyramid,” she said, gesturing toward the table activities. “Without these blocks, when we send them to kindergarten, the next (level of learning) blocks won’t have a strong foundation to build upon.”

For its first 66 years, Farragut served students in fifth through

12th grades -- and for most of that time, it was boys only. In 1989, girls joined the student body. A decade later, children down to kindergarten were added to the lower school, and in 2002 prekindergarten was launched.

Today, 20 years after that lower school expansion, Farragut’s younger half still catches people by surprise.

“I hear that all the time,” McKee said. “Some people still think Farragut is only a high school. I have to remind them that the lower school has actually been here a while.”

McKee team-teaches prekindergarten with Allison Gormley. They are an impressive duo.

McKee is a board-certified speech-language pathologist and developmental specialist who also has taught elementary music (and still adds song to her lessons) as well as American Sign Language (ASL). Meanwhile, Gormley also is a developmental specialist and the former Director of New Mexico's Project Jericho Inclusion Program, for which she traveled throughout that state training preschools on developmentally appropriate practices.

"After working with children ages birth to 5 as a developmental specialist, I see each child for what they can accomplish with our support," Gormley said.

Today, Farragut is among the area's finest prekindergarten programs. The community agrees. In 2019, Farragut won the People's Choice Best of the Bay for best private school for preschool and grade school.

The multi-age classroom has many advantages:

- It provides a sense of family and community.
- Children are encouraged to learn at their own developmental level regardless of chronological age.
- Older students develop a sense of leadership and mentor their younger peers.
- Younger students develop independence and confidence by watching and engaging in activities with their older peers.

"All of this instruction is designed to allow each child to develop at their own pace and celebrate each measure of progress and success," McKee said.

As the children go through their schedule, the hours are filled with both learning and plenty of play, often intertwined. For instance, one day during morning carpet time, the children were doing their best to copy the movements shown on an A-B-C video when McKee hit the pause button.

"Let's practice this," she said, slowly demonstrating the movements. "Touch your shoulders," she said, and then waited for the children to catch up. "Hands on your waist," she said, again modeling the action. "Touch your knees" was the final instruction.

When satisfied that the group had the hang of it, she resumed the video.

"Strengthening fine and gross motor skills is as important to early childhood development as cognitive learning," McKee said.

Beyond the traditional PreK curriculum that encompasses literacy, math, science, and social studies, the children also learn ASL (McKee is fluent) and Spanish. Although the children have a structured Spanish class three times a week with "Señora O," the teachers sometimes ask 4-year-old Marcos Diaz, who is bilingual, for help.

"¿Cómo se dice?" McKee may ask Marcos, using the Spanish words for "How do you say?" She finishes the question with an English phrase and Marcos answers in Spanish. Then the teachers sprinkle in that new phrase during the rest of the day.

Each day also includes music and movement as well as a rotation of enrichment programs such as



art, physical education, music, and library.

When it's time to go outside, the prekindergarteners have a dedicated, shaded space. Their private area includes padded tiles, a sandbox, playhouse, large hopscotch, picnic tables, and other toys.

Whether inside or outside, working independently or playing with friends, the children are not only learning from their teachers but also from each other.

"Our classroom environment allows our students to develop a spirit of cooperation versus competition," Gormley said.

Throughout the day, McKee and Gormley, offer guidance and encouragement. When a child figures something out, one of them may say: "Kiss your brain."

Kiss your brain? Marcos explains with a demonstration. He loudly kisses the palm of his hand, firmly sets his palm on his head, and says with a smile: "It means I do something great."





Dragon Jacob breaks blocks with his foot.



Dragon Jacob, left, and Tiger Jacob in Korea over the summer.



Tiger Jacob breaks blocks with his foot.

Lower School students earn gold at the AAU Junior Olympics

Tae kwon do inspires both boys to excel and help others

Seventh-grader Jacob Arias and third-grader Jacob Cuesta have more in common than their school and first names: Both have tae kwon do black belts, and both gold-medaled at the July 2019 AAU Junior Olympics.

At the time, Jacob Arias was 12, and Jacob Cuesta 8. Already, they'd been in the sport for most of their lives (Jacob Arias started training at age 5, and Jacob Cuesta at age 2). In addition, both study with Master Tony Perri Tae Kwon Do just a few blocks from Farragut's campus.

Jacob Arias won four gold medals, two silver medals, and one bronze. Jacob Cuesta won five gold medals and three silver. They shared one of those gold medals as part of a three-person team, for synchronized forms. (The third competitor, teammate Kristian Ramlochan, is not a Farragut student.)

Like the boys, tae kwon do is fairly young -- having emerged as a martial art less than 100 years ago. It is characterized by an emphasis on kicking,

including head-height kicks, jumping and spinning kicks, and fast-kicking techniques.

The Jacobs visited the epicenter of tae kwon do in 2017, when they and several others studied at South Korea's Chosun University. While there, yet one more Jacob was with the group. To lessen the confusion, Jacob Arias became Dragon Jacob and Jacob Cuesta became Tiger Jacob, nicknames they still carry today.

"This helped when someone was calling for Jacob and all three boys turned around," said Diane Trumbull, mother of Jacob Arias.

Both boys were drawn to the strength and discipline of tae kwon do. Plus, you never know when those skills will come in handy.

"I started practicing tae kwon do so I can protect my family and friends," Jacob Cuesta told WTSP 10 News.

Both he and his grandfather, John Cuesta, say their life mission is to serve the public.

Jacob Cuesta hopes to attend the United States Naval Academy and have a career as a U.S. Navy officer. John Cuesta was a Tampa Police officer before becoming an attorney.

Meanwhile, Jacob Arias, a second-degree black belt, aspires to serve in a different way: "His engineering interests are to develop new communication and weapon systems for the military to keep our country safe," said Trumbull, through whom Jacob met -- and has been inspired by -- many Raytheon engineers.

To achieve tomorrow's dreams, both boys are working hard today. For instance, their before-school routine includes weighing in, stretching, doing forms, and running on the treadmill for about two miles.

"To be successful in TKD takes goal-setting, focus, and hard work," said Jacob Arias, "just like what is needed to be successful in my Farragut classes."





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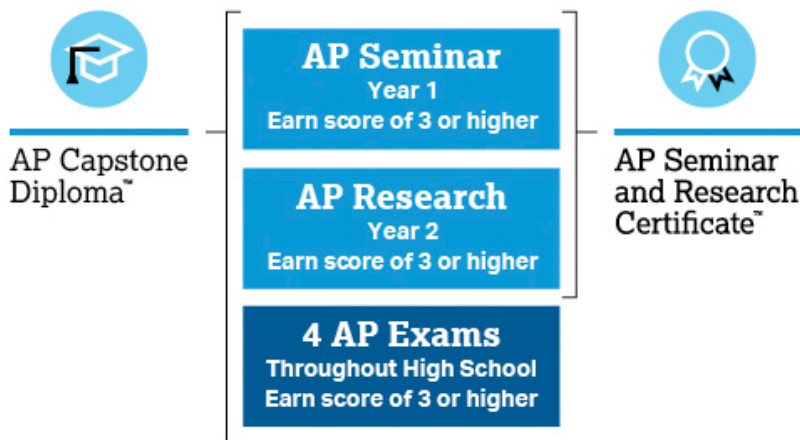


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Upper School students flourish in AP Capstone Diploma™ program

Founded by the College Board, it includes seminar and research classes



Turiya Moka '21 had never taken an advanced-placement class and wondered whether jumping into AP Seminar was such a good idea.

"I was shy and terrified," Moka said of that course, which she started in the fall semester of her sophomore year.

Soon, her fear turned to confidence as she realized this was one of the most helpful and important classes of her life. The class, which emphasizes critical thinking and teamwork, is known as the "Think Tank."

"This is a class that teaches how collaboration is not only essential during high school and college, but how collaboration is necessary for entering the workforce and living a happy life," Moka said.

Classmate Ansley Fine '21 agreed, saying AP Seminar has made her a better student: "So far, Seminar has helped me in

some form or another in almost every single one of my classes."

AP Seminar is one of two required classes in the AP Capstone Diploma Program, launched internationally by the College Board in 2014 and adopted by Farragut in 2017. The second course in the program is AP Research, in which students learn how to conduct independent research in order to produce and defend a scholarly academic paper.

Teacher Cathy Windish taught AP Seminar in London, England, before joining Farragut in 2017.

"One of the most gratifying aspects of teaching this course stems from hearing students think, and witnessing them reach beyond their comfort zone," she said.

So far, 19 students have completed AP Seminar and 18 more are enrolled this year. The five students who started in the

AP Capstone program in 2017-18 are enrolled in AP Research and more will follow suit their senior year.

The early results are impressive. So far, all AP Seminar students have passed with a score of 3 or more on a 5-point scale. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, plus four additional AP exams of their choosing, will receive the AP Capstone Diploma. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, but not on four additional AP exams, will receive an AP Capstone Certificate.

"AP Capstone is great preparation for college coursework," said Jeri Williar, Director of Counseling, adding that it "looks very good on a student's resume."



19 Farragut students recognized as AP Scholars by the College Board

Each year the College Board recognizes students who have demonstrated exemplary college-level achievement on AP Exams. We are excited to have 19 past and current Admiral Farragut Academy students who have achieved this honor. Please join us in congratulating the following students.



Three students are recognized as AP Scholars with Distinction. These students have received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more AP Exams.

- Angela LoRusso, Class of 2019*
- Jared Ariza, Class of 2020
- Bianca De Silva, Class of 2020



Fourteen students are recognized as AP Scholars. This recognition is granted to students who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

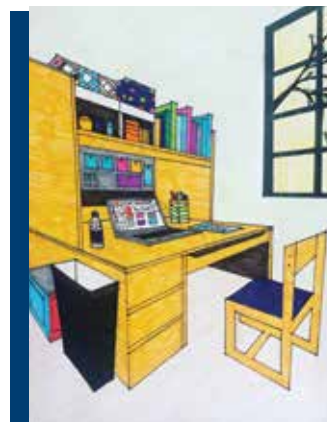
- Cassandra Andrion, Class of 2019*
- Hunter Gordon, Class of 2019*
- Spencer Kirtland, Class of 2019*
- Evan Schlifstein, Class of 2019*
- John Sowers, Class of 2020*
- Shyann Laporte, Class of 2020
- Ashton Raymer, Class of 2020
- Fernando Robalino, Class of 2020
- Erik Sokolowski, Class of 2020
- Kathryn Bonilla, Class of 2021
- Ansley Fine, Class of 2021
- Maurice Leon, Class of 2021
- Turiya Moka, Class of 2021
- Ella Sokolowski, Class of 2021



Two students are recognized as AP Scholars with Honor. These students have received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of three or higher on four or more AP Exams.

- Theodore Walrond, Class of 2020
- Justin Ariza, Class of 2020

* Not pictured.



DID YOU KNOW?

91% of surveyed boarding school students say that their school is academically challenging, versus 70% private day school and 50% public school students

Study by the Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)

Artwork by Jia-Syuan "Megan" Li '22

AVIATION STUDENTS ARE *Flying High*



Since 1998, Admiral Farragut Academy has prepared young men and women to soar. While students at other schools might be focusing on an upcoming math exam, students in Farragut's Aviation program master the fundamentals of flight, both on campus and in the air.

"Earning a private pilot certificate in high school is a tremendous accomplishment that requires both dedication and perseverance," said Aviation

Program Director Rob Ewing. "Students who choose to take aviation gain self-confidence, responsibility, career exposure, and a skill that looks impressive on a resume."

Students may choose to take Aviation courses out of interest, while others sign up for Aviation Academy, which means they spend three periods during the academic day on flight training in order to earn the hours needed for their certificate.

On campus, they use a state-of-the-art flight simulator. In the sky, they hone their skills as pilots in one of the many rented Cessnas based at St. Petersburg's Albert Whitted Airport.

Since our last Spring/Summer 2019 edition of *Reveille*, two more students earned their private pilot certificate and three more earned their solo endorsement. Here's a little bit about each one, which are all featured on the next page.

Private Pilot Certificates



Alex Oi Moreno '19

Oi Moreno, a 7-day boarder from Japan who attended Farragut from eighth grade to graduation, passed his private pilot check ride with an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner on May 15, 2019.

Biggest Challenge: "The toughest part of the process was the theory. There are many rules and procedures that I had to memorize and learn, but it was all worth it."

Why Aviation? "I love being in the air," Alex said. "Farragut has such a rigorous program, but when you're in the air, it takes away all the stress and worries about homework and academics. It's very freeing."

College and Major: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Aeronautical Science

Career Goal: Commercial Airline Pilot



Eiki "Luke" Matsuyoshi '19

Matsuyoshi, a 7-day boarder from Japan who attended Farragut from 10th grade to graduation, passed his private pilot check ride with an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner on May 15, 2019.

Biggest Challenge: "Having all of the knowledge necessary. The test itself wasn't that difficult because I was prepared, however, for the oral portion, you sit down and talk for 2.5 hours to the examiner and they ask you textbook as well as situational questions."

Why Aviation? "I love seeing a birds-eye view of the world. I fly drones, but that's different because you're on the ground. You're looking at it through a camera. But when you're in a plane, you're seeing it for real."

College and Major: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Aeronautical Science

Career Goal: Commercial Airline Pilot

Solo Pilot Endorsements



Jinsong "Harold" Zhang '19

Zhang, a 7-day boarder from China who attended Farragut from 11th grade to graduation, flew solo for the first time on April 9, 2019.



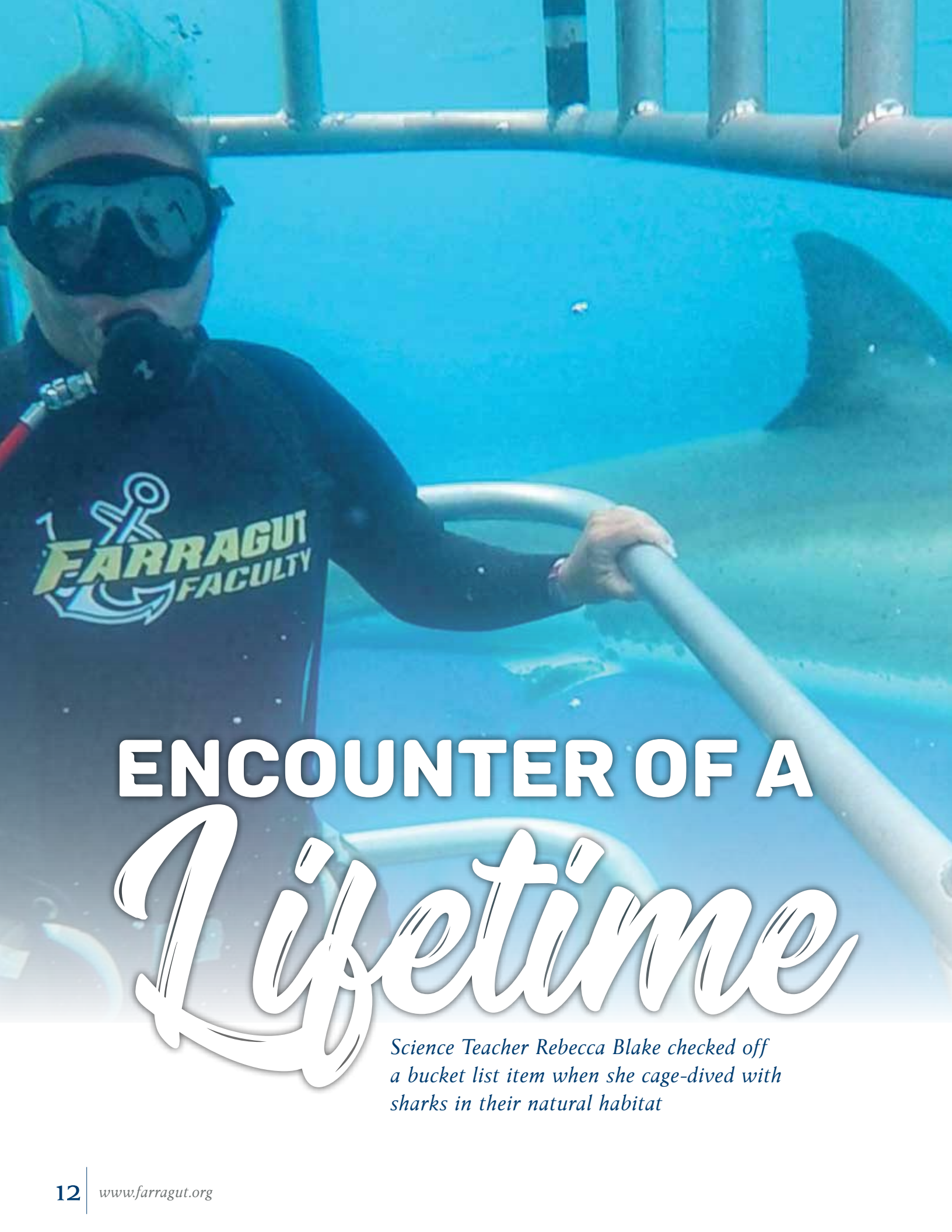
Huayao "David" Zhou '20

Zhou, a 7-day boarder from China who has attended Farragut since 10th grade, flew solo for the first time on April 24, 2019.



Philip Henderson '20

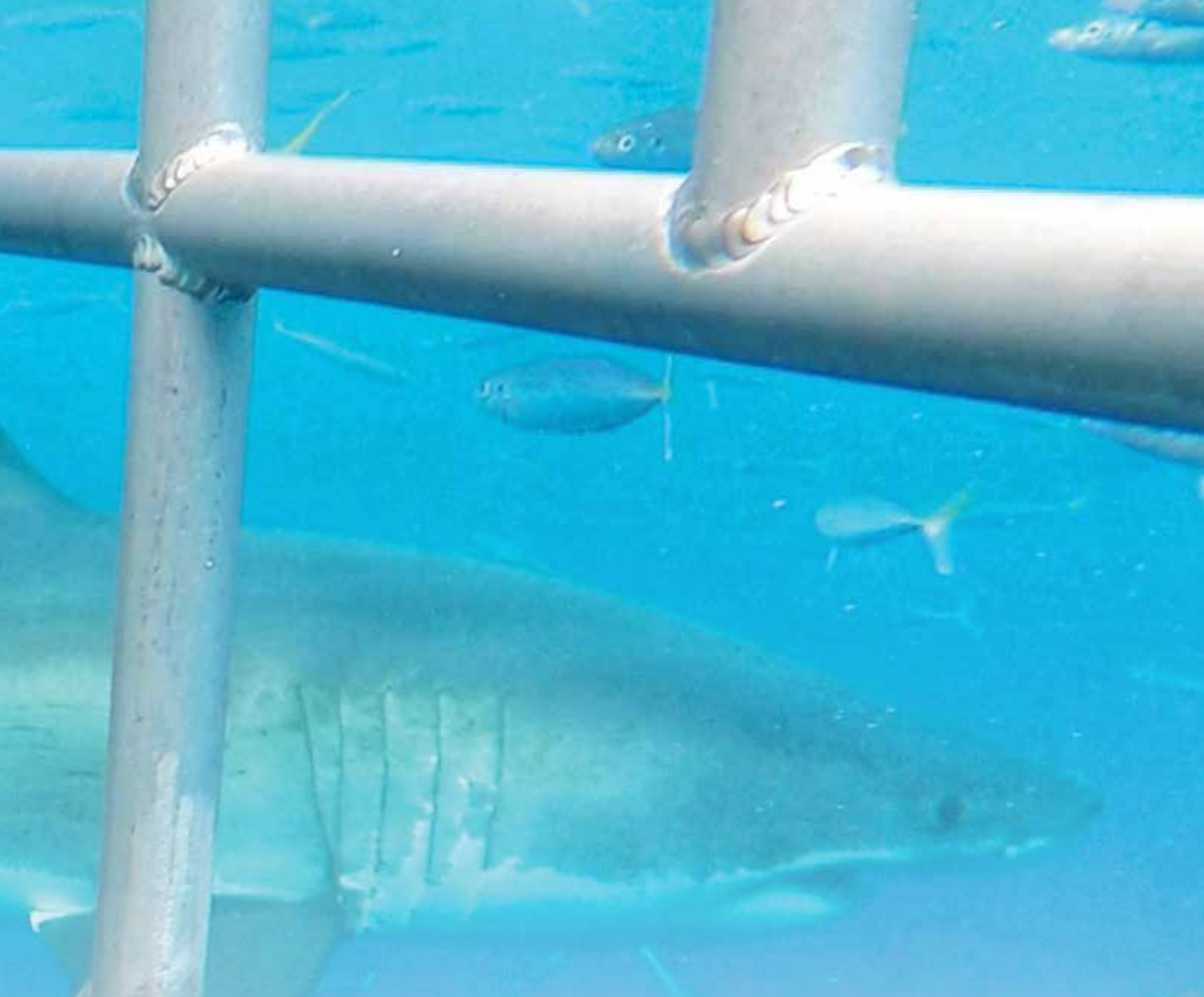
Henderson, a day student from St. Petersburg who has attended Farragut since ninth grade, flew solo for the first time on Oct. 10, 2019.



ENCOUNTER OF A

Lifetime

Science Teacher Rebecca Blake checked off a bucket list item when she cage-dived with sharks in their natural habitat



To Rebecca Blake, floating inside a cage surrounded by great white sharks seemed like a fantastic idea. So, she did it.

For five days in August 2019, she and 21 others lived aboard a research vessel moored off Guadalupe Island, Mexico. The opportunity came via nonprofit Sharks4Kids, whose mission is to create the next generation of shark advocates through education, outreach, and adventure.

"It has been a dream of mine since I can remember," Blake said. "I had no fear, which was crazy, and I was just awestruck to be in the water with them. Their presence is like a gladiator walking into a stadium."

She learned about the excursion while at SharkCon, a convention for shark enthusiasts. Those who joined her included shark admirers from all walks of life -- aquarists, scuba divers, underwater photographers and cinematographers, marine

scientists, shark biologists, and more. The 79-foot vessel *MV Horizon* was home.

Blake witnessed feeding behaviors during the day and night. She, along with the rest of the group, went in the cages four times a day, each dive lasting about 45 minutes. They would be accompanied by scientists doing tagging and laser measurements of the sharks, along with underwater photographers and cinematographers.

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The scientists used chunks of tuna to bring the sharks closer, but Blake said they rarely needed it.

"They do come after the bait, but it's also almost a sense of curiosity with them," she said. "They are intelligent animals, and they're very curious. They want to know about the sounds of the cages and the people in the water."

The group photo-identified several, recognizing 25 individual sharks over the course of three days.

"The entire experience just showed that they're not these mindless killers that people portray them to be," she said. "Great whites are individuals. They have different personalities. They all look different. They all have a variety of markings and their fins are shaped differently."

In the evenings, after the dives were finished and dinner was done, they would watch presentations by scientists, who would teach them everything from anatomy to predation to behavior interactions, and would present recent studies that they'd worked on.



Blake, far left, poses with fellow shark enthusiasts on the MV Horizon.

These nights and days with great white sharks and fellow scientists seem to have been inevitable for Blake, whose life has been immersed in the sea.

[I] was just awestruck to be in the water with them. Their presence is like a gladiator walking into a stadium.

Her undergraduate career began at the U.S. Naval Academy, where she studied Oceanography and was a recruited swimmer for the Division 1 Women's Swimming and Diving Team. After two years she transferred to the University of Tampa and completed her undergraduate degree in Marine Science and Biology.

From there, she focused on the marine and animal sciences, working: as a fisheries research biologist; with bottlenose dolphins in California and sea lions in Key Largo; and as a veterinary technician specializing in horses, cattle, farm stock, and then small domestics and exotics.

After getting a master's degree in Science Education, Blake taught in Maryland before coming to Farragut, where the shark-diving trip has provided material for several lessons in the marine fish/shark unit -- behavior, anatomy, and the satellite tagging system.

"When I got back, it was all the students wanted to talk about," she said. "I'm going to take everything I learned and apply it to teaching my kids."

There's a good chance she'll have more such adventures to share with students: "It was quite an experience. I will carry it through a lifetime because it was amazing. And I would do it again tomorrow and the day after that, and the day after that."



School Highlights



We are pleased to announce our **2019-2020 Lower School Student Council** members. Kindergarten – Charlotte Love & Landon Killius, 1st Grade – Dallas Genzel & Lillian Van Cuyk, 2nd Grade – Axel Crum & Ayman Tageddine, 3rd Grade – Jacob Cuesta & Cora Singleton, 4th Grade – Sereen Shamseddine & Simay Dykes, 5th Grade – Jacob Singleton & Benjamin Deskovich, 6th Grade – Carson Covington & Sophia Preston, 7th Grade – Sumayah Lewis-McIntosh & Kelis Sims, Vice-President – Hannah Singleton, President – Bella Reynolds



The Advanced Placement United States History (APUSH) class recently attended their **13th annual Cannon School** in St. Augustine, FL. Students learned how to roll gunpowder into canisters, load, and fire them according to the field manual of Spanish soldiers who manned the Castillo de San Marcos circa 1740. After spending one day in the classroom and one day practicing on the gun decks, the class donned the uniforms of 18th-century artillerymen and performed 17 different cadences, all directed in Peninsular Spanish.



Upper School **engineering students made tiny home designs at scale** as a culmination of learning building code, structure and forces, and architecture. The home could be no more than 240 sq. ft. and had to be a creative energy efficient livable dwelling. They were required to include areas for sleeping, hygiene, safe food storage, food preparation, and disposing of waste. Students enjoyed applying the many things they learned throughout their engineering class. Pictured are Kamari Thompson '21, left, and Avicenne Nasr '21, right, with their project.



Admiral Farragut Academy had **another year with record-breaking enrollment** and welcomed 511 PreK-12th-grade students for the 2019-20 school year. This year, our boarding and day student population represents 32 countries and 25 U.S. states.



Over the summer, the Farragut **campus was rebranded and improved** by projects including: light post banners; fencing along Fifth Ave North to match the rest of campus; new paint for the Russell Building, Lasher Concession Stand, and Duke Building; a new Upper School STEM Lab (in the old band classroom); as well as dorm and classroom renovations.



Lauren and Elizabeth Lamm, both Class of '22, spearheaded a donation collection for **SOL Relief to help those in the Bahamas impacted by Hurricane Dorian**. The sophomore twin cadets are 7-day boarders from Vero Beach, and were able to fill an entire van with donations.

See how our alumni responded to the hurricane on page 44.



Back-to-School Social

Boarding parents Vernal Drayton and Viola Sweeting pose with the Admiral at the Back to School Social.



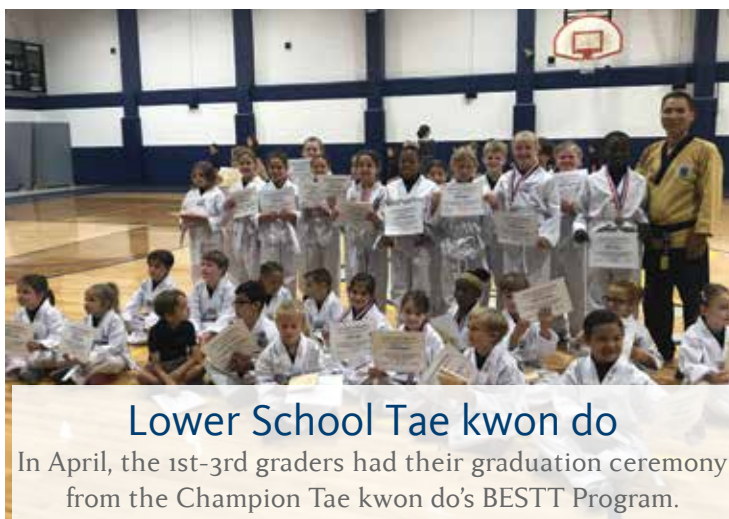
First Day of School

Ava Blue and Klara Tomaka were ready to learn on the first day of 5th grade!



Character Parade

These fourth grade friends, dressed as sunflowers, were ready for candy!



Lower School Tae kwon do

In April, the 1st-3rd graders had their graduation ceremony from the Champion Tae kwon do's BESTT Program.



Lower School Spirit Week

3rd grade showed off their crazy hats.



Lower School Spring Performance

2nd grade performed in DeSeta Hall.



Waterfront Dinners

Residential Life regularly treated our boarders to dinner at the waterfront.



Class of '20 Flagpole Design

Yixuan "Chris" Li '20 painted his compass design on the East Grinder's flagpole platform.



Upper School Spirit Week

The English Honors II class represented the sophomore class in purple on Colorful & Classy day.



Homecoming Dance

Jizelle Sanchez '23 and Koran Pittman '23 danced at the event, now held in DeSeta Hall.



Spring Arts Showcase

L-R: Drama students Cristian Rogers-Romero '21, Lily Mozombite '22, and Derrick Rogers-Romero '20 performed a self-written skit in the showcase.



Battalion Wars

Charlie Battalion won first place at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Summer Day Camps

5 camps

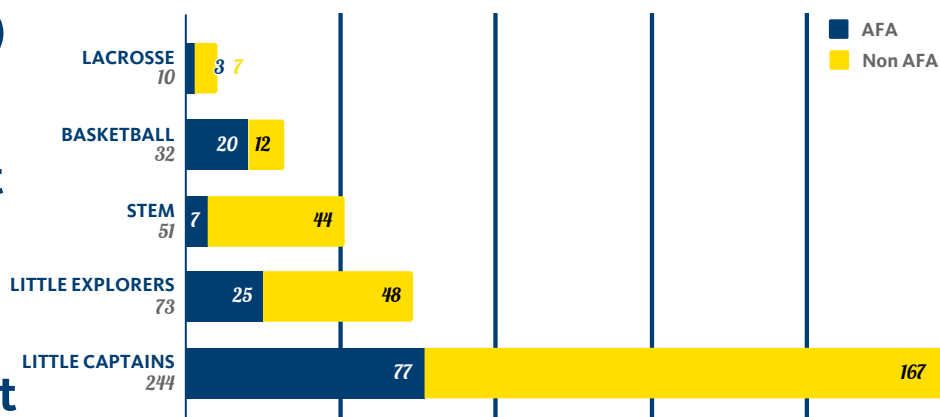
410 campers

278

Non-Farragut

132

From Farragut



25 Boat Rides

100 Hours Spent in the Pool



Community Partnerships



Admiral Farragut Academy has been partnering with the Area 7 NJROTC Leadership Academy for more than 20 years and this past summer hosted 149 cadets on campus. The program is intended for upcoming juniors and seniors and is designed to help teach and motivate them for potential leadership positions at their individual units.

In addition, the school also partnered with local theatre company **American Stage** and offered DeSeta Hall as an educational and performance space for them to host their 9-week long summer camp.



Summer@Farragut

67
campers

13
countries

162
Hours in the
Classroom

28
Trips Taken

19
Campers
Attended All
Six Weeks

33%
Attended
AFA in the
Fall

8
College Credit
Courses

- Algebra I
- Algebra I Honors
- Geometry
- Geometry Honors
- English I
- English II
- English III Honors
- World History

9
Elective
Courses

- Marine Science
- STEM/Robotics
- Drones
- SAT Prep
- ESOL
- Scuba
- Sailing
- Sports/Fitness
- Art/
Photography



Our son was not initially interested in attending summer school, but halfway through his summer session, our son contacted us and told us he wanted to enroll at Farragut! In his own words, he 'needed' the structure and environment Farragut provides, so he can be successful in his high school career.

For more information about summer camps at Farragut, visit:
farragut.org/summer

FARRAGUT BLUE JACKETS 2018-2019

WINTER & SPRING ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Track team returns to state championship



Both the boys and girls had a strong 2019 track season, breaking school records on the way to the state championship.

In April, the boys team won the district championship, placed second at regionals, and in May, placed 12th overall at the state championship. The boys 4x800-meter relay team --

Alex Fiorillo '19, Tobias Klenk '20, Makani Monahan '19, and Philip Henderson '20 -- set a new school record at regionals and then again at states. They earned first place at districts and regionals and finished second at states, where Maurice Leon '21 earned a medal in the discus throw.

The girls had an outstanding season as well, ultimately coming in fifth place overall at the state championship. Jazmine Alderman '19 was the district champion in the 100-meter and 200-meter, also setting the school record in both. Jolie Caya '20 qualified for the state championship in the

100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles, and long jump. At regionals, the 4X100-meter relay team of Sydney Bostick '19, Faith Nelms '19, Caya, and Alderman set a new school record. This relay team finished first at districts and regionals and ran a photo-finish race at states, earning second place. Cassandra Andrion '19 set a new school record in the pole vault at 9' 4.25" and is one of the few AFA state qualifiers in this event. Every one of our girls state championship participants earned at least one medal, with several medaling in multiple events.

Wrestling team has strongest year yet



The Admiral Farragut Academy Wrestling Team put forth its strongest team effort in program history during the 2018-19 season, including our third-ever state

champion in program history, Caleb Lemmons '20. The Admiral Farragut Academy junior won the 132-pound Class 1A state title. Lemmons was also a district and regional champion, completing a perfect postseason performance.

Individually, the team had five wrestlers rank top 20 in the state for all or most of the season by the *Orlando Sentinel*: Lemmons, Guillaume Chevrier '19, Erik

Sokolowski '20, Nick Carbone '19, and Dylan Andino '21. Antonio Johnson '21 qualified for states as a sophomore.

Meanwhile, Angela LoRusso '19 won several women's tournaments while competing for both the men's and women's squads. Madison Moore '21 also individually placed in the top five in several women's tournaments.

Farragut softball team wins state championship for second straight year



The Admiral Farragut Academy varsity softball team made history again in 2019, winning their second consecutive Class 3A state softball championship.

This time, it wasn't just school history, but local history as well. The team became one of only four Tampa Bay area teams to have ever won back-to-back softball titles [the others were Palm Harbor University (2004-05), Canterbury (2013-14) and Academy at the Lakes (2018-19)].

"This means the world to me," said starting pitcher Brielle Benefield '20, who allowed eight hits and struck out 12. "The favorite part of my life in my high school career is to sit here and make it all the way back to states again — and win."

Centerfielder Alyssa Rano '20 also made a big impact. Her sixth-inning three-run homer -- the team's 12th of the year -- set a school record.

"Farragut has helped shape me into the adult that I want to be and will continue to assist me in achieving any future goals that I may have," Rano said. "I have developed a strong work ethic, which has helped me maintain exceptional academics and, now, win two state titles."

Head Coach Bill Hoopes summed it up: "It was a great season and the school's support of these girls has been awesome."



21 senior athletes sign to play on the collegiate level

Admiral Farragut Academy had 21 seniors from the Class of 2019 sign to play at the next level. They had an average GPA of 3.24 and brought in more than \$2.1-million collectively. #FarragutProud

Baseball

- Clayton Brody, Prairie View A&M University

Track & Field

- Jazmine Alderman, United States Military Academy West Point
- Faith Nelms, Carson-Newman University
- Alex Fiorillo, Virginia Military Institute

Football

- Kashish Cordova, Carson-Newman University
- Nick Manhertz, King's College
- Peyton Smrekar, Ave Maria University
- K.J. Reynolds, King's College
- Josh Given, Webber International University
- Jared Middleton, The Catholic University of America
- Steel Sherman, Benedictine College
- Cameron Smith, North Dakota State University
- Lorenzo Valencia, Assumption College
- Payton Wright, West Texas A&M University
- Psaveon Reaves, Bryant University

Basketball

- Winston Dessesow, Missouri Southern State University
- John Ojiako, Virginia Tech

Wrestling

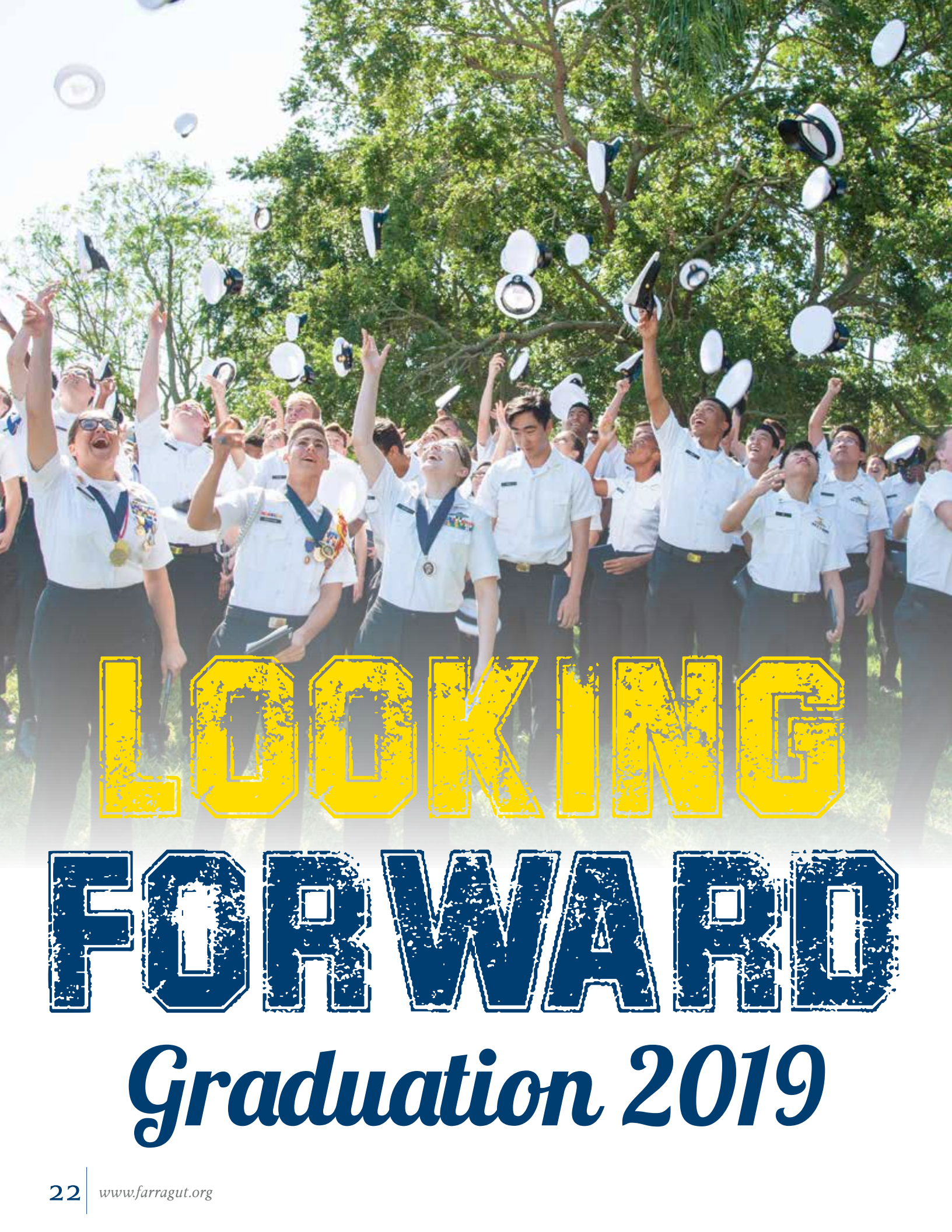
- Angela LoRusso, Adrian College
- Nicholas Carbone, Ashland University

Soccer

- Sydni Bostick, Nova Southeastern University

Softball

- Katherina Fe, Seminole State College



LOOKING FORWARD

Graduation 2019

Valedictorian, 1st Semester Regimental Commander



Cadet CDR
Evan Mech Schlifstein

COLLEGE: The U.S. Naval Academy

MAJOR: Chemistry

AWARDS: The Clearwater Chapter Of The Military Order Of The World Wars ROTC Award, Military Order of the Purple Heart, NJROTC Honor and Distinguished Cadet, The Admiral Farragut Academy Social Studies Award

PARTING THOUGHTS:
During our time at Farragut, we get transformed into better people, make bonds that will last a lifetime, and (with an upper school of only 340 cadets) we are able to get to know one another more than other students in high school do. This is an institution that has transformed kids into the young men and women who sit in front of me today. This school has truly prepared us for the road ahead.

Salutatorian



Cadet Lieutenant
Hunter Gordon

COLLEGE: Colorado State University

MAJOR: Zoology

AWARDS: The Headmaster's Award

PARTING THOUGHTS:
I'd like to thank all the teachers on behalf of the graduating class. All of you have taught us more than just history, chemistry, or calculus. You've taught us the values of dedication, resilience, respect, self-discipline, and work ethic. We cannot thank you enough for your encouragement and guidance throughout these last five years. Your effort will not be in vain.

2nd Semester Regimental Commander



Cadet CDR
Valentina Fornaro Galliano

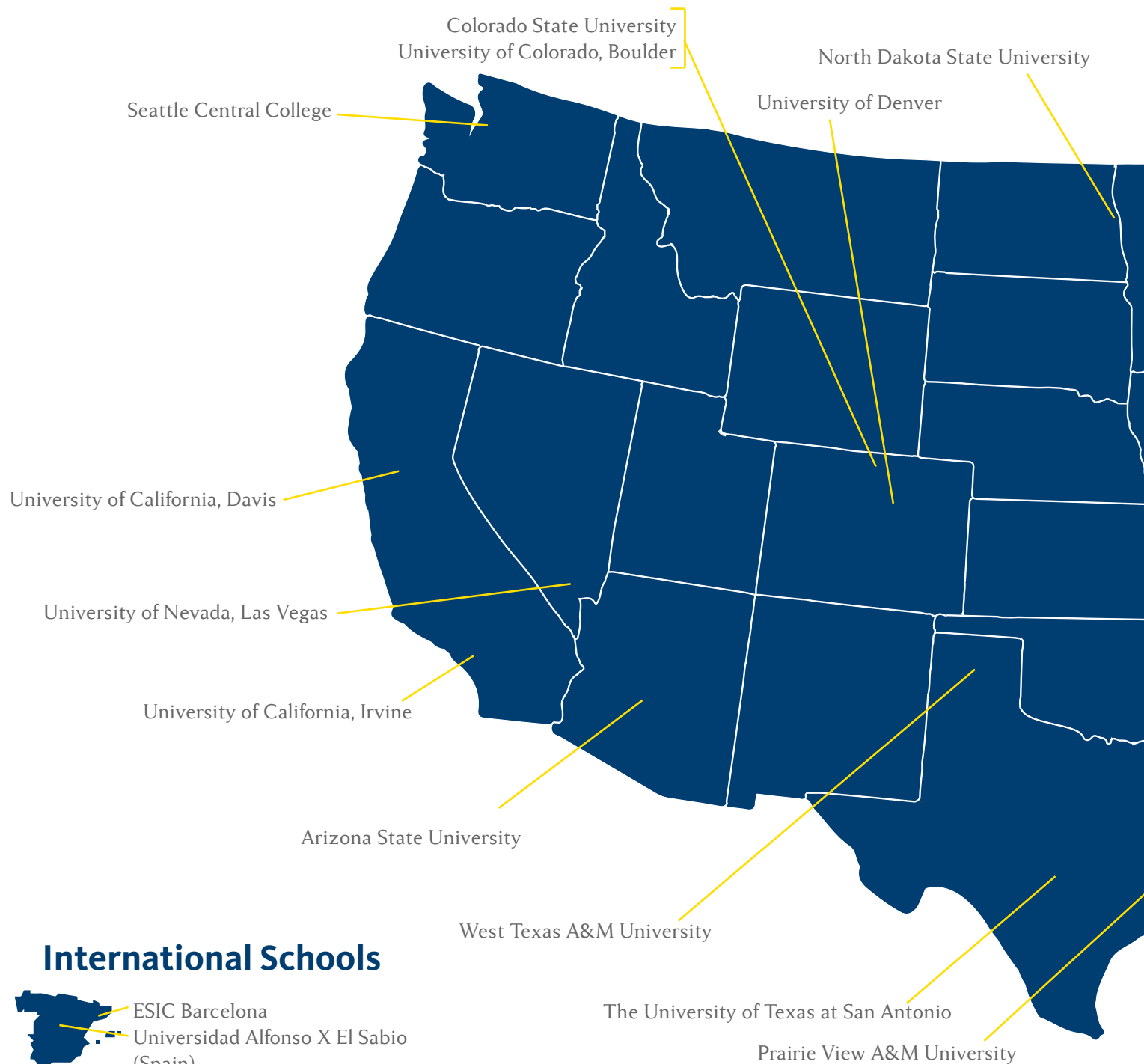
COLLEGE: Wagner College

MAJOR: Accounting and International Business Management

AWARDS: The Tampa Bay Council Of The Navy League President Theodore Roosevelt Medal, The Admiral Farragut Academy Journalism Award, The William Kable Russell Award

PARTING THOUGHTS:
This school has prepared us to be able to perform under stress, to multitask and get it all done, how to dress ourselves properly, self-discipline, and it definitely gave us a variety of amazing opportunities and experiences. I've been living here for the past 5 years of my life and yes, sometimes it was hard, but I know I would've never met the people I did and have the experiences I did without this school.

WHERE WE'RE

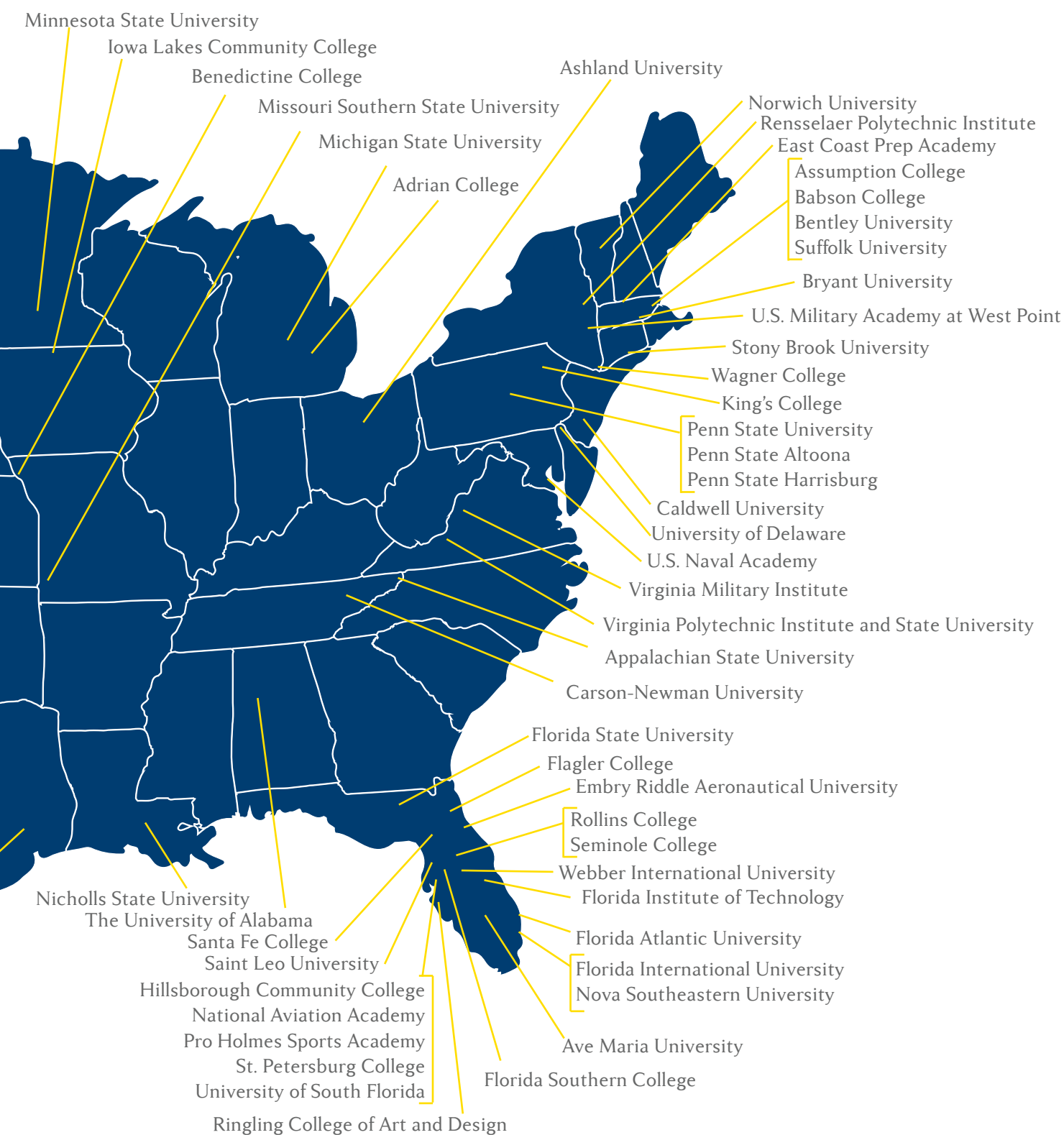


International Schools



GOING

Members of the Class of 2019 will continue their academic journeys at 65 different colleges and universities across the US and the world.



WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED

The Class of 2019

86
total students

8%
from out
of state

57%
from Florida

35%
international
students

over **\$7 million**
the amount of total scholarships earned

100%
acceptance to college,
university, or military
39% attending in Florida
53% attending out of state
5% attending out of the country
1% attending a military academy
1% attending a prep school
1% serving in the U.S. Navy

27%
earned the
Bright Futures
Scholarship

3.18
average GPA

10,387
community service
hours served

2
earned military
academy appointments
1 U.S. Naval Academy
1 West Point

21
are playing
sports in college

1
baseball

2
basketball

11
football

1
soccer

1
softball

3
track &
cross country

2
wrestling

8
solo flying
endorsements

3
private pilot
certificates

12
scuba
certifications
4 open water
3 advanced open water
1 rescue diver
3 master diver
2 divemaster

CAPT Geno F. Paluso, USN (Ret) '85N was '19 graduation guest speaker



CAPT Geno F. Paluso, USN (Ret) '85N, oversees the 2,300 member Corps of Cadets at The Citadel in Charleston, SC as Commandant of Cadets. The position of commandant reports directly to The Citadel's President, Lt. Gen. John W. Rosa.

CAPT Paluso graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in

Pine Beach, New Jersey, with the class of 1985 and went on to graduate from The Citadel with a degree in mathematics in 1989.

He was commissioned into the Navy from The Citadel, and later served as a Navy SEAL officer on active duty as the commander of the Naval Special Warfare Group 3 at Pearl Harbor, HI, which consisted of 700 specialized SEAL and fleet personnel.

He has held leadership roles commanding special operations forces in Africa, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Paluso's service awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Joint Achievement Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

CAPT Paluso eloquently gave the commencement speech to the class and provided the seniors with four life rules to remember as they move forward into their next journey.

He inspired each and every graduate and shared one of his favorite quotes that applies to just about any situation one will face during their lifetime, "Fate whispered to the warrior, 'You cannot withstand the storm.' The warrior whispered back, 'I am the storm.'"

Thank you to CAPT Paluso and his family for taking the time to come back to campus and inspire the graduates and the Farragut family.

Aquiles La Grave, 1990s Farragut student, awarded an honorary diploma



Aquiles La Grave, who attended Farragut as Danny Iterube with the class of '98, was awarded an honorary diploma on behalf of the board of directors during the graduation for the class of 2019.

Aquiles was a quiet and reserved student-athlete at Farragut in the mid-1990s but unfortunately after only a couple of years attending Farragut personal events led Aquiles to have to move back home and finish his high school diploma elsewhere. Aquiles shared one of his biggest regrets was not being able to complete his high school diploma at Farragut. Admiral

Farragut Academy's Headmaster Robert J. Fine, Jr. presented Aquiles La Grave an honorary diploma.

Today Aquiles is the Founder and CEO of Boulder, Colorado-based Brandzooka, a self-service, programmatic video marketing platform for small business. He holds a BA from Naropa University and a Specialization Certificate from The Johns Hopkins University. Aquiles writes for publications such as *AdAge* and *Dow Jones* and speaks regularly on subjects ranging from entrepreneurship and ad tech to agile and product development practices.





KEEPING ON TRACK

Jazmine Alderman '19 is breaking down barriers as first female grad heading to West Point



Eighth-grader Jazmine Alderman, third from right, is part of 2015 championship team.



In 2017, the girls track team again wins the state championship.



Jazmine Alderman is among Farragut's most-decorated track athletes.



Jazmine Alderman, pictured with her parents, Keith and Marquerita, signs to run track at West Point.

Jazmine Alderman wasn't always interested in running.

From early childhood, her passion was gymnastics, and she aimed high. "My goal was the Olympics," she said.

But by eighth grade, Alderman realized she was already peaking at gymnastics. To stick with the sport, she'd have to keep repeating levels until her senior year. She just had to find something different. But what?

The answer came almost by fluke, in the middle of her eighth-grade year. That's when she enrolled at Farragut and decided, in her words, "to try out track for a week, and I liked it."

Track seemed to like her back. By the time she graduated in May 2019, Alderman was one of the school's most accomplished female track athletes -- and West Point wanted her.

Today, Alderman is attending the United States Military Academy Prep School, also known as West Point Prep, where she has signed to run track. In 2020, she'll be doing the same for West Point.

Though disappointed that she'd have to spend a year at West Point Prep, "when I thought about it, I understood how it would prepare me for my plebe year as a freshman," Alderman said, explaining that she was only 17 when she graduated from Farragut.

"She was always the youngest in everything," said her mother Marquerita Alderman.

Whatever her age, Alderman's appointment is historic. She's Farragut's first female selected for West Point and the school's first African-American student -- female or male -- to receive an athletic scholarship to the military academy.

"At first I didn't know it was this big of a deal. I didn't want anyone to know," she said, adding that once she grasped the significance "it made me want to go there more, to live up to the title and that any female can do it."

She'll be entering an institution that in 2019 graduated its largest groups of both African-American and Hispanic women in the military academy's history, West Point spokesman Frank Demaro told CNN in May.

RECORD-BREAKING TRACK CAREER

Making history seems to be in Alderman's DNA.

When she was new to Farragut and just 13, she contributed to a state championship win for the girls track and field team. It was the first time any Tampa Bay area girls program had won a state title in 20 years -- made all the sweeter because Farragut went into it as an underdog.

"Coach (Phil) Barnhill was so shocked at how I wasn't afraid to race the older girls," said Alderman, who ran the 100-meter and 200-meter at the state

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HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Honor Roll Student (2015-2016)
- Headmaster's List (2017-2019)
- Member of Varsity Track State Championship Team (2015)
- Coach's Award (2015-2016)
- John M. Vanderford Athlete Award (2016-2018)
- Four-Year Varsity Volleyball Player
- High Jump City Champion (2017)
- Anchored for the 4 x 100 Relay Team (Sydney Bostick, Faith Nelms, Katie Barnett, Jazmine Alderman) - 1A State Champions in this event (2017)
- MVP (2017-2018)
- 200-Meter Dash City Champion (2018)
- Wendy's High School Heisman Memorial Trophy Award (2018)
- 100-Meter and 200-Meter Dash City Champion (2019)
- 3-time District and Regional Champion in 100-Meter Dash
- 3-time District Champion in 200-Meter Dash
- 2-time Regional Champion in 200-Meter Dash
- 4-time District and Regional Champion in the 4 x 100 Relay
- 5-time State Qualifier
- Current AFA Record-Holder:
 - 100-Meter Dash
11.89 seconds
 - 200-Meter Dash
24.85 seconds
 - 4 x 100 Relay
48.30 seconds
 - 4 x 4 Relay
3 minutes 59.20 seconds



championship. “I was in eighth grade, racing the girls in 11th and 12th grade.”

She also credits some of her success to then-senior Brittany McGee ‘15, who captured four first-place titles in that 2015 state meet (at the time, McGee was only the seventh female in Florida to do so).

McGee “was so encouraging throughout the season and really helped me learn how to run,” Alderman said. “Just watching her at practice motivated all of us. She is such a professional in the way she goes about doing things. She taught me how to become a better runner and how to prepare.”

The admiration is mutual. McGee, now in her final year studying biological engineering at Stanford University, said she’s always been impressed by Alderman’s blend of humility, talent, and discipline.

“To see her represent our country in doing something that we both love is amazing to see,” McGee said, adding that Farragut nurtured success in both of them.

“I hope it shows the current students that probably don’t even know who I am, that with Farragut any opportunity awaits,” McGee said. “You will get out of it what you give. That is one of the most important things I learned at Farragut. Nobody will challenge you to become better if you don’t first challenge yourself.”

After McGee graduated, Alderman moved into ninth grade and Coach Barnhill retired. Arron Prather, himself a

decorated runner, took over as coach.

“I trained harder with Coach P,” McGee said. “He has the experience. He helped with sprints and different events.”

Also, she said, under Prather the team prayed together and “he helped us come together and find commonality.”

By her senior year, Alderman was the team captain. Throughout high school, she qualified for the state meet year after year: placing in ninth grade; winning and setting school records in 10th grade; placing in 11th grade; and placing and breaking her own records in 12th grade (see full list of track accomplishments on page 31).

Meanwhile, in track’s off-season, she played volleyball.

SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM

Of course, it takes more than athletic excellence to get West Point’s attention. Alderman also succeeded in Farragut’s classrooms.

“She was an eighth-grader, with huge potential in athletics but even more importantly in academics,” McGee said.

Alderman’s academic achievements bear this out: Honor Roll in ninth grade. Honors classes (plus the Headmaster’s List) starting in 10th grade. She also earned the John M. Vanderford Athlete Award (twice) and the Orie T. Banks Best Senior Athlete Award. Alderman graduated in 2019 with a 3.68 overall GPA. In Naval Science, she earned the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class.

Farragut Headmaster Robert J. Fine, Jr. was one of Alderman’s biggest cheerleaders.

“From day one he has been so helpful,” she said. “He helped me get into honors. He helped me realize, ‘Oh, I can do this.’”

At West Point, Alderman may major in Physical Therapy and minor in Information Technology -- although she’s leaving her options open: “Definitely something medical-wise,” she said.

Afterward, she’ll be following the family’s military tradition. Her father was in the Army, along with an aunt and two cousins.



Jazmine Alderman is flanked by Farragut 1st Sgts Mark Sanchez and David Worthy.

Her brother served in the Navy. Even so, an Army path wouldn't have entered her mind if not for Farragut.

"Farragut definitely prepared me for the military lifestyle at West Point," Alderman said. "I wouldn't have even considered West Point if I hadn't gone here."

Although she's looking ahead, Alderman can't forget the friends and mentors at Farragut. Besides her coaches, she is particularly thankful for faculty and staff members, including 1stSgt David Worthy, Heather Ewing, Joshua Moore, Mark Panuthos, Jeri Williar, and Cesar Robalino.

Robalino, she said, used to jest that she was "the slowest walker but the fastest girl in school."

Joking aside, Alderman is making her mark in the world.

"She is an amazing student-athlete," said Barnhill, her eighth-grade coach. "I was only blessed to work with her one season, but knew right away that she was one of those special kids that you only get a few times during your coaching career."



Alderman in her West Point Prep military uniform.

FARRAGUT ALUMNI ATHLETES CONTINUE TO SHINE

In both college and the pros, BlueJackets have impressive careers



CLAIRE THOMPSON CLASS OF 2007

Sport: Swimming

College: University of South Carolina swim scholarship, yet transferred to the University of Florida, where she earned her bachelor's degree. She also earned her master's degree in Marriage & Family Therapy from Argosy University.

Professional: Thompson is a former professional swimmer for the U.S. National Team. Today she co-owns South Tampa Swim School with her twin sister, Christine.

Fun Fact: In 2012 she swam the 10k open water nationals and earned a spot on the Open Water Championship in China. Claire and her twin sister, Christine, are completing the Oceans Seven, a marathon swimming challenge consisting of seven open water channel swims. To date, fewer than 20 people in the world have been able to complete this challenge. They will be the first set of twins in history to complete the swims in tandem and will be swimming to raise awareness for ocean conservation efforts.



CHRISTINE THOMPSON APPLEFIELD CLASS OF 2007

Sport: Swimming

College: University of South Carolina swim scholarship. Applefield earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of South Carolina and a master's degree in Marriage & Family Therapy from Argosy University.

Professional: Applefield was a competitive swimmer at the national level for more than 14 years. Today she co-owns South Tampa Swim School.

Fun Fact: Christine and Claire learned to swim at 6 months old.

FARRAGUT ALUMNI ATHLETES



MARREESE SPEIGHTS CLASS OF 2005

Sport: Basketball

College: University of Florida 2006-2008, played college basketball and was with Florida when they won the 2007 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship Game.

Professional: After his sophomore year at UF, Speights was drafted 14th by the Philadelphia 76ers in the 2008 NBA draft and since has played for the Memphis Grizzlies, Cleveland Cavaliers, Golden State Warriors, Los Angeles Clippers, and the Orlando Magic. He won his first NBA championship with the Warriors when they defeated the Cavaliers in 2015. He most recently played for the Guangzhou Long-Lions in China.

Fun Fact: Speights' nephew, Percy Speights '21, currently attends Farragut as a junior.



RAYSHAWN JENKINS CLASS OF 2012

Sport: Football

High School: Football, basketball and track and field. Jenkins was named Farragut Athlete-of-the-Year in 2011. He also won the state championship in track

for the 110 high hurdles in 2010 and 2011.

College: University of Miami football scholarship. Jenkins was a three-star ESPN recruit.

Professional: Played in the 2017 Senior Bowl and was drafted by the Los Angeles Chargers during the 2017 NFL Draft. Jenkins is currently the team's starting Free Safety.

Fun Fact: Jenkins comes from a large family and has had several younger siblings graduate from Farragut over the years since his graduation.



DONTAE MCGEE CLASS OF 2015

Sport: Wrestling

High School: Wrestling, track and field, and football. In wrestling, McGee is a two-time state champion. In 2014 and again in 2015 he recorded the most wins in one season (68) and recorded the most career wins (242).

College: Ohio University wrestling scholarship. McGee is majoring in Engineering and is working as a Network Engineer Intern for General Dynamics Corporation.

Fun Fact: McGee accumulated a total of 12 varsity letters in wrestling, track, and football while captaining each his senior year.



BRITTANY MCGEE CLASS OF 2015

Sport: Track and Field

High School: Track and field, volleyball, cross country, and soccer. McGee won her first two state titles

in 2014. In 2015 she won four individual titles at the Class A state track meet, which was instrumental in the girls track team becoming the first Tampa Bay area girls program to win a state title in almost 20 years. She also was the eighth girl in FHSAA state history to win four state titles in the same meet. In 2015, McGee was named the *Tampa Bay Times* Pinellas Athlete of the Year.

College: Stanford University track scholarship. Brittany is in her final year of a Bioengineering degree and plans to pursue a master's degree.

Fun Fact: During the summer of 2015, McGee finished third in the heptathlon of the Championship Division at the New Balance National Outdoor Track & Field Championships. The event is considered the most prestigious post-season track and field championship for high school athletes.

CONTINUE TO SHINE

In both college and the pros, BlueJackets have impressive careers



BRAD MUHAMMED CLASS OF 2013

Sport: Football

High School: Participated in football, basketball, and baseball. During his senior year, Muhammad racked up 904 yards and 11 touchdowns on 45 catches and earned the Class 2A first-team all-state honors. After Farragut, Muhammad converted to the defensive side of the game.

College: Florida International University football scholarship and graduated in 2018 with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Professional: In 2019 he signed with the Cedar Rapids River Kings indoor football team as a Defensive Back.

Fun Fact: Muhammad is the first in his family to earn a college degree.



DELROY BAKER CLASS OF 2014

Sport: Football

College: Indiana University football scholarship. Baker graduated with his degree in Psychology in 2017 and earned the team's Ted Verlihay "Mental Attitude" Award in 2018.

Professional: Played with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League. Baker aspires to be a psychologist for children and/or athletes.

Fun Fact: As a young child he was diagnosed with petit mal seizures and the issue wasn't resolved until middle school. He was told that he wouldn't be allowed to play high-contact sports such as football, yet he overcame that.



KATIE BARNETT CLASS OF 2017

Sport: Track and Field

High School: Barnett was a finalist at the 2015 World Youth Trials. In 2016, she finished her junior year as a Florida state champion in the triple jump and as a runner-up in the long jump.

College: Princeton University track and field scholarship. She is studying Environmental Engineering.

Fun Fact: Barnett also was Farragut's 2017 valedictorian and finished with a 4.5 weighted grade-point average. Barnett was accepted to many different colleges including Harvard, Cornell, the University of Pennsylvania, and MIT, but it took one visit to Princeton's campus for her to know where she wanted to be.



CORYNN MINER CLASS OF 2017

Sport: Softball

High School: Miner was named MVP all four seasons at Farragut while recording: an impressive 60-career wins; 953 strikeouts; seven perfect

games; six no-hitters (senior year alone); and 20+ shutouts (career). She was named to the 2014 and 2015 Florida all-state team and was the MaxPreps/NFCA National High School Player of the Week in April 2016. In her senior year, she was named NFCA South Region Player of the Week.

College: University of Tampa on softball scholarship and is studying Athletic Training.

Fun Fact: Miner has a younger sister at Farragut, Kalynn Miner '22, who was a member of Farragut's softball team when they won the first Class 3A state softball championship in school history in 2018.



Robert Tizon, left, and Chris Chadwick '88N

Alum donates kidney to save friend's life

This is the story of how one man selflessly saved the life of another

It happened in June 2019, when Farragut alum Christopher Chadwick '88N was an organ donor for Robert Tizon. Here's the story, in Rob's own words.

In 2006, I was diagnosed with Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD), a hereditary illness with mysterious origins and no known cure. At that time, it didn't yet affect my daily activities, and because it was detected early, my doctors were able to monitor its progression.

Four years later, a work reassignment took me from North Carolina to Washington D.C., to work in an office under the Undersecretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. This is where I met Chris Chadwick.

At the time, Chris was assigned as the Director of Operations for the Northeast Region of the Employer Support of the Guard

and Reserves (ESGR). In 2011 I became his deputy.

In 2012, Chris accepted an assignment in Florida, leaving me as the acting director until his replacement arrived. By the time Chris returned to D.C. for another tour of duty, I had already retired from the Air Force. This didn't stop us from keeping in touch through Facebook.

We were already bonded as military brothers, but through grace, we are now and forever family.

Fast forward to 2017. By this time, the progression of my PKD worsened. My kidney functions were at 14%. My doctor told me that once it dropped to 10%, I would be listed on the national registry for kidney transplants. That finally happened in March 2018.

On the registry didn't mean a donation would happen soon. For my blood type, the average waiting time on the transplant list was 3-5 years. Even though I hadn't started dialysis, at the rate my PKD was progressing, I knew I would be on dialysis within a year or two.

After having exhausted all my avenues and resources, and after having one of my best friends disqualified due to a medical issue, my mom and wife encouraged me to ask my friends on Facebook if anyone would be willing to be tested as a possible donor. I swallowed my pride and did so. A few people asked for information, including Chris.

Around November 2018, I received a message from Chris, letting me know that he had contacted the transplant clinic at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and was



Robert and Chris hug before the transplant

scheduled to go through the first stage of testing.

I was in awe, to say the least. Here was a friend and former supervisor, whom I hadn't seen in more than seven years, getting tested to be my kidney donor. I wasn't really sure how to react. I thanked him for his willingness to be tested and told him that I would be forever grateful, even if the test revealed we weren't a match.

I didn't have to worry about that, because within a couple of weeks, we were told that we were a match! Then over the next seven months, Chris underwent several more tests and appointments as part of the screening process.

Then on June 11, 2019, the transplant clinic called me with the good news: Chris was approved to be my donor and the surgery was scheduled for June 27! WHAT A BLESSING! The timing couldn't have been any better.

That afternoon was my scheduled monthly check-up with my doctor, who told me that if it wasn't for the good news, that was the day she was going to tell me that I had to start mentally preparing for dialysis. At this point, my total kidney function was at 8%.

Finally, on June 26, 2019, I saw Chris for the first time in more than seven years, when we both checked into the hospital for the surgery. So what do you do when you see someone you haven't seen in years, and that someone is about to save your life? You give that person a HUGE hug!

Allow me to digress. I don't believe it's a coincidence that the man who saved me is named Chris. You see, I was raised in a Catholic family and ever since childhood I considered Saint Christopher my favorite saint. I favored him so much, that I named my son Robert Christopher and referred to him as either Christopher or Chris.

Sadly, my son Chris succumbed to mental illness and took his life in 2008. He was a senior in high school and had been accepted to every college he applied to, including his dream school, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He was going to attend under an Air Force ROTC scholarship, majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

My personal belief is that the other Chris -- Chris Chadwick -- was placed in my life for a purpose. He is MY Saint Christopher and I've told him that on numerous occasions.

Chris is a caring, honorable, and selfless individual to not only his country and the U.S. Navy but also to those who are close to him. We were already bonded as military brothers, but through grace, we are now and forever family.



Charlie Duke '53S recalls Apollo 11 moon landing on the 50th anniversary



On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 landed on the moon and changed history for space exploration. In this video, astronaut and Farragut graduate, Charlie Duke '53S, who later became the 10th and youngest man to walk on the moon with Apollo 16, recalls his experience being CAPCOM for the landing.

These moments make us so proud yet humbled that we could be at the beginning of a journey that led to the moon. "Keep your vision wide," says Duke.

Farragut graduate Alan Shepard '41 also walked on the moon with Apollo 14.

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Sebastian Kim's UCLA graduation with his proud parents



Sebastian Kim attending a PIANC meeting with the Secretary General



Sebastian Kim works along the shore for Mirae Ocean

Grad applies engineering to climate crisis

The former boarding student says Farragut was his foundation for success

The tiny Pacific island nation of Tuvalu is a country in crisis, beset by rising seas and disappearing shores. Farragut alum Hyun Dong “Sebastian” Kim is trying to help.

Kim, the Class of 2010 salutatorian, is developing a master plan and feasibility study to protect the Pacific island country of Tuvalu from the ongoing effects of global warming.

His work as a Senior Research Engineer with the Mirae Ocean

Corp. combines his interest in coastal hydrodynamics, dune erosion, natural hazard control strategy, and nearshore environment. The work also links directly back to Admiral Farragut Academy, renowned for an emphasis on marine science and engineering -- and for developing leaders.

“Without the good foundation built at Farragut,” Kim said, “it would have been difficult to become who I am now.”

At Farragut, he was a company commander, team leader of the Exhibition Drill Team, and founder of the Engineering Society.

His post-Farragut journey took him to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for an undergraduate degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. At UCLA, he made his mark by directing the American Society of Civil Engineers UCLA Chapter Environmental team, serving as president of the Korean Student



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Sebastian Kim directs the UCLA American Society of Civil Engineers environmental team

Council, and chairing the Global Leaders Association (GLA).

From there, it was on to the University of Delaware for a master's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering and then to required military service for South Korea. He's assigned to the Mirae Ocean Corp. as part of his military service. For his work on Tuvalu, he said he received a Grand Award from the Korean government.

Meanwhile, Kim also is finishing a Civil Engineering doctoral degree from Osaka University in Japan.

And there's more: He said he has four patents, has written seven academic journal papers, and represents South Korea to the PIANC (the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure), an organization that regularly advises the United Nations.

Eventually, he wants to be a professor as well as start his own business.

"I am not afraid of any new challenges," Kim said. "This confidence is what Farragut taught me."



AFA prepared Max Eaton '12 for success

Eaton found his professional calling in an Admiral Farragut Academy classroom

Maximiliano “Max” Eaton found his professional calling in an Admiral Farragut Academy classroom.

As a senior, he took economics with teacher Mark Panuthos, who, Eaton said, “sparked my interest in the subject, which led me to majoring in economics.”

That economics degree -- from Bates College in Maine -- eventually brought him back to St. Petersburg, where today he's a Financial Analyst with Directed Capital, a commercial real estate finance firm.

It wasn't a direct path for Eaton, Class of 2012. After all, before economics there was basketball.

“The aspect of Farragut that first drew me in was the fantastic sports programs,” he said.

“However, that wasn't enough of a reason to go there, according to my parents. So, upon further research we realized that Farragut was much more than a school. It was a family that was very close-knit even with students from vastly different backgrounds.”

Plus, Eaton felt a pull to the military side of Farragut because his uncle attended the U.S. Naval Academy and served in the Marines.

It didn't take long for the 6-foot-7 forward to make an impact on the basketball court. He also ran cross country, track, and played baseball.



His favorite memory was of the basketball team's playoff run in his junior year.

“We had our best team in my time at Farragut and advanced all the way to the regional finals, only to lose in double overtime,” he said. “While the game was obviously a disappointment, overall it was a tremendous season with guys that I'm still close with till this day.”

As he reflected on those days, Eaton offered advice for today's Farragut seniors:

- Step outside your comfort zone.
- Be a good person.
- Be persistent. “It requires no talent, just consistency.”

For Eaton, his persistence took him from Farragut to Phillips Exeter Academy. He went there for an extra year of high school

ball, because he wanted more playing time when he got to college. His plan worked: Bates College recruited him. In one memorable basketball game during his senior year, Eaton scored six points in seven minutes.

A summer internship with Directed Capital in St. Petersburg led to a full-time job there after graduation.

“Without a doubt, Farragut has prepared me for college and my professional career,” he said, again crediting Panuthos. “He told you what you needed to hear, not always what you wanted to hear. That's how it is in the real world. You just have to work hard to achieve your goals.”





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Service and the sea define 2015 grad

Brizzi family's latest AFA grad now Coast Guard officer

The course seemed almost predestined.

Her father, uncle, and two cousins graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy. Her parents, uncles and grandfather served in various U.S. military branches. And her AFA teachers inspired her to success.

In the end, of course, it was Melissa Brizzi, AFA Class of 2015, who was responsible for her own path: "The desired outcome was to become a commissioned officer in the armed services with zero college debt and a bachelor of science degree in marine environmental science."

Today, she is a 2019 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, an ensign stationed in Jacksonville, FL, aboard the CGC *Valiant* (WMEC-6210). While serving as assistant navigator, Brizzi also is assigned as, among other things, the marine protected species officer. That role echoes one of her favorite subjects at Farragut: science.

Brizzi fondly recalls teacher Sari Deitche's science classes, with both hands-on classroom work and learning at the school's waterfront. She took that passion for marine science to the Coast Guard Academy, where she also developed an interest in marine navigation.

She has earned her 100-ton Merchant Mariner credential and is working toward her Deck





Melissa graduating from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Watch Officer qualification, “to safely navigate and be in charge of the cutter while underway.”

While Brizzi could have chosen any military branch (she’s wanted a military career from childhood), she was drawn to the Coast Guard’s unique focus.

“I liked the more humanitarian mission of search and rescue and law enforcement,” Brizzi said.

“To me, the Coast Guard seemed to do the mission every day while other branches trained for things that may or may not ever happen.”

Whether at Farragut or the Coast Guard Academy, Brizzi balanced leadership with fun.

During high school, Brizzi was a member of the battalion staff

and led several teams: swimming, rifle, sailing, honor societies, and drill team. At the Coast Guard Academy, she led the varsity rifle team, aviation division, logistics department, and ballroom dance club.

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While at the Coast Guard Academy, she also crossed the Atlantic Ocean to Dublin and London, completed RIMPAC 2018 (Rim of the Pacific), as well as sailed to Hawaii, Nantucket, and Martha’s Vineyard. Brizzi also met the president.



Melissa aboard the CGC Valiant with her dog, Ellie



L-R: Mom Brenda, Melissa, brother David, and dad Michael ‘85S

All of this followed time at Farragut, a school that launched other Brizzis before her, including Brizzi’s uncle Robert Brizzi ‘79S, her father Michael Brizzi ‘85S, and cousins Robert Brizzi III ‘05 and Daniel Brizzi ‘06.

“My family has a long history with AFA,” she said, adding: “Farragut pointed me on the right path. . . It gave me the tools and I learned how to apply those tools, along with my motivation, to get to where I am today.”

Besides Farragut teacher Sari Deitche, two others remain her mentors: English teacher Heather Ewing (from whom Melissa acquired a love for poetry and creative writing) and Spanish teacher Cesar Robalino (from whom she learned foreign language and “the art of sarcasm”).

“They saw what I could become and pushed and motivated me to get there,” Brizzi said. “I will be eternally grateful for them and their efforts to help me.”



Alumni respond to hurricane's havoc



Gary Sands '08, James Sands '18, and family rebuild their business with high hopes

The Nassau-based Sands family, part of the Farragut family for more than a decade, is recovering from a damaging hit on their business from Hurricane Dorian. Gary, the general manager for the Bahamian Brewery and Beverage Company (BBB), graduated in 2008; his brother James graduated in 2018 (and attends SUNY Maritime College). The hurricane devastated the brewery but not its spirit, family values, or resilience. On Sept. 13, 2019, the full story was featured in an article by ZNS (Zephyr Nassau Sunshine) Bahamas titled "Bahamian Brewery To Rebuild & Restore GB Operations."

Read more at farragut.org/gary-sands-o8-james-sands-18-and-family-rebuild-their-business-with-high-hopes.

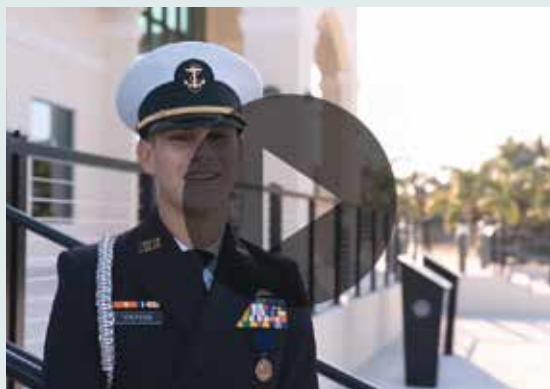


Rick Clegg '75N donates shipping container home to Bahamian family

Rick Clegg, Palm Beach entrepreneur from the class of 1975, is the owner of Jupiter Outdoor Center, which builds alternative housing utilizing shipping containers. Clegg donated one of his recycled homes to a Bahamian family of seven that survived Hurricane Dorian but lost their entire home. His donation will give this family a place to stay and help them make a fresh start. On Sept. 16, 2019, Clegg was featured in an article by Sabirah Rayford with Channel 5 WPTV titled "Jupiter Farms man donates shipping container home to Bahamian family displaced by Dorian."

Read more at farragut.org/rick-clegg-75n-donates-shipping-container-home-to-bahamian-family.

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This video debuted during the dinner reception of Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2019.

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Alumni Social Events



May 18 - Alumni from **the classes of 1985 through 2018** gathered at Park & Rec in St. Petersburg, FL, for happy hour to socialize, play some arcade games, and share Farragut stories.



June 1 - Alumni gathered at Arm & Hammer Park in Trenton, NJ, to watch the **Trenton Thunder vs. Harrisburg Senators baseball game** and enjoy a backyard-style cookout. This event was hosted by Bruce Sarte '91N.



Sept. 20 - Alumni gathered at Cayman Cabana Oceanside RestoBar for the **2nd Annual Cayman Alumni Event** where they enjoyed cocktails and local fresh cuisine. This event was hosted by Luigi Moxam '98S.



Oct. 4 - Alumni gathered at Bailey's Corner Pub for the **2nd Annual NYC Alumni Event** and enjoyed craft beers, cocktails, and appetizers. This event was hosted by Sean Cushing '92N.



Oct. 5 - Alumni from the classes of 1946 through 2012 gathered for the **11th Annual Penn Club Luncheon** at the Penn Club of New York, in Manhattan. The event was hosted by Don Schreiber '46.



Oct. 16 - **The class of 1966** had a great time reconnecting while listening to Dixieland Band at the Bilmar in Treasure Island, FL.



Oct. 18 - **The class of 2014** enjoyed getting together at their own unofficial gathering in downtown St. Pete at Flute and Dram.



October 17-19, 2019
Celebrating classes ending in '4 and '9

Honoring the past. Propelling the future.

The 2019 Alumni Homecoming Weekend was a special time for the Academy, filled with many memorable events that honored our past and celebrated the future of Admiral Farragut Academy.

The Farragut bond was renewed and strengthened with over 225 alumni attendees from the class of 1946 to the class of 2014 coming to the St. Petersburg campus to celebrate in the homecoming festivities.

The alumni weekend kicked off on Thursday, Oct 17 with the Admiral Farragut Academy Golf Tournament at the historic St. Petersburg Country Club. The Farragut Family Association hosted the event with over 80 golfers, and the winning team, comprised of players Michael Koebel '09, Jeff Ogden '00, Alex Weghorn '05 and parent Doug Waechter, shot a combined 63 and also earned the Alumni Cup.

On Friday, Oct. 18, the alumni were treated with cadet-led campus tours and the Farragut Campus Experience where they were able to reminisce and become a cadet again by attending such classes as biology, engineering, and aviation (where some "flew" via a state-of-the-art flight simulator).

During Friday afternoon, alumni gathered in the Huntley Gym for a memorial dedication for Coach Stan Slaby and his wife Polly. Victoria Raymer, Director of Alumni Engagement, designed a trophy case which comprised of an engraved plaque complete with Slaby's Navy and Marine Corp medals and other coaching memorabilia. Coach Stan Slaby and his wife, Polly, dedicated over 30 years of mentoring and coaching to Farragut athletes. David Yoho '68N, and one of Coach Slaby's all-state football stars, spoke of the impact coach made and unveiled the Slaby Scholarship Fund. The fund



will provide a scholarship to a deserving cadet who desires a Farragut education with future goals to attend a military service academy.

The Farragut pride continued as alumni and families gathered for the Homecoming Parade. Commandant Todd Wallingford reviewed the cadets as well as alumni members Don Schrieber '46S, Al Ross '49S, George Michel '49S, Peter Easton '49S, Robert Otto '69N, Jim Sowards '69S, Michael Grimler '69S, Robert Stein '69S, EK Wilcox '69S, David Haas '69S, and Jim McClaugherty '69S, for the pass and review.

After the parade the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the DeSeta Hall Building Dedication. Jake Jacobus, the capital campaign chairman, and board member Art Musicaro '73N shared their gratitude for the Farragut community coming together to make the building a reality for the students. Attendees toured the theater, as well as the music, visual arts, and band classrooms.

Over one hundred alumni showed off their blue and gold spirit at the Commandant's tailgate party, gathering under a big tent despite the rain. Thank you to Farragut family Brad and Stephanie Piche, who donated food from Ricky T's. Despite the inclement weather, the BlueJackets took home the big win versus Tampa Bay Christian Academy with a final score of 28-0.

The weekend concluded with a fun-packed reception and dinner in DeSeta Hall. The master of ceremonies, David Yoho '68N,

made for a lively and entertaining evening. Guest speakers Doug Pearson '66S and Corky Newcombe '66S honored their Farragut memories by presenting a book: *AFA - The Cadets of '66S, A Journal of Their Brotherhood*. Pearson and Newcombe presented the first-edition journals as well as a donation of \$1,966 to Headmaster Bob Fine. The unveiling of the '66S journal brought over 30 alumni and spouses to celebrate homecoming this year, which was the biggest class represented.

Michael Grimler '69S shared his fond memories to commemorate his class' 50th reunion. Grimler shared CDR Orie Banks' sage advice he still remembers today: "You will need to build your house upon a rock rather than sand, and I'm proud to say Farragut was one of those rocks."

The evening concluded with film and television producer Joseph Zolfo '86N. Zolfo shared his TV reel that highlighted films and shows he has produced and his experience breaking into the TV industry. Perhaps most impressive was how Zolfo made it to Farragut and the impact it had on his life.

"I often tell myself if it wasn't for Admiral Farragut Academy I would not have risen to the level of success of where I am today," he said. "I run my film productions like a Battalion Commander."

Thank you to everyone who attended this amazing weekend and we look forward to next year's event.



Here's what our alumni had to say about Homecoming 2019



"We just experienced the ultimate return to home that sent us to where we are today. I am sure that you

are impressed as I with the direction of Farragut has taken. Some of our classmates have declared we are aiming for the 65th (reunion)."

- Fred Nelson '59S
(pictured on left with George Mattox '59S on right)



"Thanks to the AFA staff who did a fantastic job making us feel warm and welcome. I hope we didn't

steal too much attention from the other classes, but also hope that we have provided a solid example of alumni loyalty to the school and to our 'band of brothers' from 1966."

- Skip Thaeler '66S



"Last night's farewell ceremonies were outstanding and, honestly, an event that I did not want to

leave. A rally of cadets and families with like-minded ideas about the one true message conveyed. Admiral Farragut Academy is beloved and must continue on to meet the future needs for the sake of perpetuating all that we have grown to love."

- John Akin '69S



"It was such a wonderful honor for me to speak to the AFA alumni community. Thank you for

having me, my family and friends had a wonderful time."

- Joseph Zolfo '86N

CLASS NOTES

Note: Graduation years prior to 1945 and after 1994 do not have a "N" or "S" following them.
Northern campus 1933-1994 • Southern campus 1945-present



Harry Fadde '45S visited the AFA campus while he was in Florida to see a concert at the House of Blues in Orlando. Fadde, originally from Elizabeth, NJ, said the memories flooded back once he walked through Farragut Hall. This year, Fadde will celebrate his 74th reunion.



George Michel '49S, center, was wished a happy birthday by the development team (at left is Victoria Raymer, Director of Alumni Engagement; at right is Tony Sloan, Chief Development Officer).



Retired astronauts **Brigadier General Charles Duke '53S, USAF (Ret.)** and Farragut

parent **Nicole Stott** were guest speakers at the global Starmus Festival in Zurich for the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11. Duke opened the event by sharing his journey as CAPCOM (Spacecraft Communicator) for Apollo 11 and his moon landing with Apollo 16. Stott shared about the Space for Art Foundation in Miami and the connection of space, art and healing. Cadet **Roman Stott '21** (pictured with Duke) attended the event.



LTC Rudy Kohler '58S, USA (Ret.) presented the West Point General H. Norman Schwarzkopf Leadership Award to Farragut student **Shyann Laporte '20** at the end of the 2019 school year.



Dr. William Malzone '59S is still enjoying his work part time as a Clinical Neurologist in Lakeland, FL, after 45 years in private practice.



Al Ferrante '64N had an outstanding career for 22 years in the motion pictures and television industry, winning several Golden Reel Awards for Motion Picture Sound Editors. He built his career

with some of the top studios, including Paramount, MGM, Universal, and Walt Disney. Al's band, Father Al and the Jazz Congregation, played at the Donor Appreciation event in DeSeta Hall this past October.



Richard Fisher '67N was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame on Oct. 16 in front of more than 1,100 of his family,

friends, and peers. Richard joined a prestigious list of Texas business leaders inducted into the HOF including Ross Perot, T. Boone Pickens, Gary Kelly, and Kendra Scott. Richard is a Senior Advisor to Barclays Plc. (a British bank holding company) and a Director of PepsiCo, AT&T, Tenet Healthcare, and a senior contributing editor for CNBC. From 2005 to 2015 he was President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of

Dallas. Richard's 10 years at the Federal Reserve were chronicled in the best-selling book *Fed Up* by Danielle DiMartino Booth. Prior to that, he led an extraordinary life in both the public and private sectors. More importantly, Richard has been involved in a long history of charitable activities including his alma mater, Admiral Farragut Academy. Richard's brother Michael is also a Farragut alum (Class of 1959N).



RADM Mark H. Buzby '75N, Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration, was a part of the panel discussion on what it takes to lead our maritime forces at the Sea-Air-Space Expo. He represented with his Admiral Farragut Academy printed tie.



David Bowser '80S recently returned to Durham, NC, where he graduated from Duke University in '84. Bowser is representing the newly elected Sheriff of Durham County as Communications & Public Relations Manager.



Charlie Stefko '77N and his wife Inez visited Farragut and took a few minutes to get this beautiful shot on the West Grinder. They also shared stories both about Farragut and their European vacation with other AFA alumni.



Col. Ray Otto '82S USAFR (Ret.) retired after serving 34 years in the Air National Guard reserves.



April Silverberg '08 received her Doctorate of Nursing (DNP). Pictured is April during her white coat ceremony with her husband **Noah Silverberg '09** and their son Eli.



Ashley Patterson Beaty '02 kicked-off the Farragut 2019-20 Faculty and Staff Workshop with a presentation on "Making Connections in the Digital Age." Patterson Beaty recently founded a Washington, D.C. based consulting firm called Ardeidae Group LLC.



Petr Charouz '09 stands atop Deloitte's new offices in his hometown of Prague, Czech Republic.



Keven Bell '14 has served in the Army since graduation. Bell was honored to have his dad swear him in for another four years. Hawaii will be his next chapter.



Maiya Fudge '16 received the Dr. Oswald P. Bronson Endowment Fund scholarship while attending Bethune-Cookman University. Fudge is in her senior year at B-CU, where she is studying history, holds a 4.0 GPA, and plans to become a sports and entertainment attorney. Her student involvement includes B-CU softball, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, and Pre-Law Club.



Keep in touch! Share your personal victories and other big news with us. Visit farragut.org/alumni/submit-an-update or contact Director of Alumni Engagement Victoria Raymer at 727-384-5500 ext 293 or vraymer@farragut.org



Dani Greco '17 sent a video to our outgoing seniors talking about her time at Farragut and her experiences after graduating. Greco is in her third year in the theatre program at Wagner College and is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha.



Chris Kosarzcki '17 was sworn into the Army. When he graduates from the University of South Florida in two years he will be going in as a 2nd Lieutenant.



Khalan Tolson '18 was named one of the top 50 most important Illini by *The News Gazette*. Tolson is a linebacker for the University of Illinois football team and is in his sophomore year.



Liam Carney '18 attends Missouri Valley College and his poem was recently published in his college's literary magazine *The Purple Patch* 2018-19 edition. Edited by Sigma Tau Delta members, it features poetry, fiction, prose, and artwork by MVC students. Carney gave us permission to share his poem.



"Lost: A Response to Chief Tecumseh's (1768-1813) poem 'Live your Life' "

When the devil on your
shoulder is a little louder,
when the claws of fear sink
themselves into your mind.

When the dark side beckons
frantically.

These are the days that are in
everyone's mind, the days that
we all wish will never come.

When our religion seems
fruitless and everything we
stand for comes crashing down
around us,

like a tranquil chaos.

These days are the ones when
we must become the warrior we
live to be.

We may not see it, but there are
many like us, that have these
same days.

The days that break you down,
beat you up, turn your world
upside down, make you feel lost.

These are the days that you
find yourself.

It is on these lost days that you
look deep inside yourself

You use these days to find your
true purpose, your true passion,

You find strength that rivals
Ares,

because you were never really
lost,

You just had to be shown where
to look.

TAPS

a farewell to our friends

Jeremiah Kain '36N, of Enon, passed away on July 16, 2016 (obituary received May 2019), peacefully at his home. Born in Philadelphia, he graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy, and from Lafayette College in Easton, PA. Graduating in 1941 as an engineer, he went to work for Bethlehem Steel and built ships in Quincy, MA, for the duration of World War II. Following the war, he worked for Stone and Webster Engineering, which brought him to Hopewell, VA, in 1951. After many years at Stone and Webster and then in the homebuilding business, he completed his professional career in the construction of nuclear power plants. He was an active member of the local Optimist Club serving for several years as president. He also built a beach cottage that was a haven for his entire family for more than 30 years. After his retirement in 1978, he and his wife Mary were lured back to the ships. As frequently as possible, they enjoyed cruises to points near and far: Europe, the Caribbean, South America, and the Pacific. His favorite cruises were those that included

passage through the Panama Canal, an engineering feat that never ceased to amaze him.

Burton H. Gilpin '46N passed away on Friday, April 5, 2019, at the age of 91 in Hughson, CA. He was the eldest of three children and lost his father when he was only 5. He was raised in Newfoundland, PA, where he was active in Boy Scouts, FFA, and athletics. He attended Greene-Dreher Vocational School until the age of 17, when he left home to attend Admiral Farragut Academy. Although he was invited to attend the Naval Academy, he declined the appointment, having already been recruited as a "Flying (Aviation) Midshipman." He attended naval flight school, received his Navy wings, and was commissioned as a naval officer. As a Navy Fighter/Test Pilot, he is recognized as a key individual in developing the Navy Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun School). He married Beverley Reisner in 1959. They lived in various places throughout the U.S. during his naval career, until his retirement in 1970. After the Navy, he

taught middle and high school mathematics in Pennsylvania's Wallenpaupack Area School District. Always an active community and church member, he spent the last 35 years involved in Kiwanis, the Pitman and Turlock High Key Clubs, tutoring children at Osborn School, and delivering Meals on Wheels. He was a founding member of local SIRS (Sons in Retirement). He spent much of his time delivering taped church services and visiting the sick and elderly. In 2006, he was recognized by Stanislaus County as an Outstanding Senior Citizen and volunteer of the year.

Larry Phillips '46S passed away on August 10, 2019, at age 92 in Hollywood, FL. He was a first-generation born American, of parents from Pontypridd, Wales, and Kyiv, Ukraine. His son, Tim Phillips, wrote us and said, "He was a very bright man, his excellent education showed. He loved his years at Farragut. He wanted me to go but my Mother had other ideas. They attended reunions and my Mom always commented about the important people he went to school with.



Jeremiah Kain '36N



Burton H. Gilpin '46N



Larry Phillips '46S



Alan Bruce Magidoff '47N



Alden Elsea '51S

He told stories about during the war, the school had lights out after dark so the German U Boats could not see the shore. He laughed about demerits, seemingly he got a lot. Nobody made as perfect a bed as he did, he said he learned that at Farragut. His nickname on his Yearbook says "pills". He had rheumatic fever as a child and took those pills his entire life."

Alan Bruce Magidoff '47N passed away peacefully on July 4, 2019, in Los Angeles, CA, at age 89 from his challenging decade of battling Alzheimer's disease. He attended Lawrence High School before going to Admiral Farragut Academy, where he graduated as valedictorian. Afterward, Bruce earned a bachelor's degree in Science

from Hofstra University. A year later, he married Iris Rosenblatt and the couple began married life as Bruce served in the Army and was stationed in Indiana and Colorado. After the Army, he worked in the ladies garment industry for more than 30 years. He became an expert in production management, teaching at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in Los Angeles before his retirement to Palm Desert and Rancho Mirage. From being a member of a self-proclaimed group called the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) to crooning at parties and in the synagogue, he made friends everywhere. His daughter Bobbi wrote us: "Dad's natural gusto for life came out when he sang, which was beautiful

and often at home, at parties and in his synagogue. . . Dad's greatest joys were his wife and family, his life-long friends and his leisure pursuits, which included golf, tennis, travel and dining." He also volunteered in the Family Program at the Betty Ford Center and as a reading aide for elementary children. He organized a social club called the Romeos. "He shared with and exemplified to his children and grandchildren a moral center, constancy, devotion to parents and family, and a life well-lived with plenty of optimism and humor."

Alden Elsea '51S passed away on Sept. 12, 2019, at age 85. His early life was spent in New Rochelle, NY, and Fruitland Park, FL. In 1945, he entered

Admiral Farragut Academy, and graduated in May 1951 as the Cadet Battalion Commander. He then enrolled at the University of Missouri under an NROTC scholarship. While at MU he joined Beta Theta Pi fraternity and was active in the Presbyterian Student Center. After graduation, he married the former Katie Godsey and was assigned to the *USS Macon*, serving as Air Controller and Gunfire Control Officer. After completing his tour of duty (as LTJG) he undertook a year of graduate study in Agricultural Economics before moving to Marshall to become manager of the family farms. In 1962, he received his master's degree in Science Education and began his 35-year high school teaching career. After retirement he spent 10 years as owner of The Education Station. He served in the Presbyterian Church for decades as a deacon and elder. He was active and/or supported the Saline County Fair Board, Saline County Water Garden Club, Marshall Saddle Club, Friends of the Library, Missouri State Saddle Club Association, Marshall Community Chorus, Marshall Philharmonic, and the Municipal Band. Foremost, he was a devoted family man, spending many hours with his wife and daughters while sharing a love of the outdoors, their horses and dogs.

Evander Preston '52S passed away on Sept. 14, 2019, at age 84, after what his family said was a long illness. According to an extensive obituary in the *Tampa Bay Times*: he "grew

up in St. Petersburg, FL, with Juilliard-trained parents who served at Pasadena Community Church. After graduating from Admiral Farragut Academy in 1952, he left to attend college but struggled to get by after blowing most of his money on pinball. After scrounging leftover shrimp tails and working at an adding machine company in New York City, he returned to St. Petersburg and went into business with his father at Preston Music Co. For decades, it was one of the city's largest businesses selling and repairing musical instruments." According to the *Times*, he eventually burned out on the music business, moved into a shop above Preston Music Co. and sold his own custom-designed jewelry. His jewelry is what made him well-known to both residents and tourists of the Pass-a-Grille section of St. Pete Beach. His following was worldwide, his wife of the past 20 years, Susan Cameron, told the *Times*. His customers were said to include Jimmy Buffett, Lauren Bacall and Carl Reiner. Per the *Times*, his main focus at the end of his life was creating sculptures of kooky humanoid forms with bodies formed of old rakes and fence posts, African masks and clocks, bicycle seats and tarnished French horns. Cameron told the *Times* that he "encouraged and promoted so many people. Gave them something and they gave him something."

Col. Edwin "Ed" G. Schwoppe, Jr. '52S died on March 14, 2019, at Tidewell Hospice House,

in Venice, FL. At 85, he was still very proud to have been a member of the Farragut graduating class of 1952 and enjoyed attending their 50th class reunion in 2002. He spent 27 years of active duty as a Regular Army officer. He retired in Florida in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two children, Gretchen and Kurt, and nine grandchildren.

William Ivan Schoenfeld '53N, passed away on Oct. 14, 2018, at age 83. His long, meaningful life was filled with a wonderful family and great friends and was marked by an illustrious career. While obtaining his undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont, he enlisted and proudly served in the Naval Reserve. He received his master's degree from New York University. Subsequently, he was a charter member of Ocean County College and ultimately became Chairman of its Fine and Performing Arts Department. He and his wife worked together to create successful jewelry design businesses in Metallurgy and Gemsmith. Active in the community, he was especially devoted to his work as a board member and president of Ocean's Harbor House, which provides a safe haven and services for homeless youth.

James Marchbank '53N passed away on Feb. 10, 2019. He is survived by wife Nancy, sons Robert (Barbara) and Andrew (Sally), grandchildren Duncan, Kirsten and Ryan.



Evander Preston '52S



Edwin Schwoppe, Jr. '52S



William Ivan Schoenfeld '53N



James Marchbank '53N



William M. Manzi, Jr. '53N



Forrest Fishburn '59S

William M. Manzi, Jr. '53N

passed away on April 21, 2019, at age 84, at home and surrounded by his family. He attended Holy Rosary Grammar School, Admiral Farragut Academy, and Lawrence High School. Bill was a master electrician, beginning his career working for Manzi Electric, and became the head of the "Jobbing" Department. He eventually formed his own company, Wil-Man Electric. He was a lifelong member of the IBEW Local 103. Bill also owned and operated Rostron's Package Store in downtown Methuen, MA. He was one of the founding members of the Merrimack Valley Package Stores Association, and an active member of the Massachusetts Package Stores Association.

Bill eventually became the Superintendent of Maintenance for the Methuen Housing Authority. He retired from that job after 10 years. He instilled in his family a strong work ethic. He shared many years of marriage to Tania, who was his soulmate and the bedrock of his life. He loved his time with her at their winter residence in Deerfield Beach, FL, where they enjoyed some quiet time together, seeing friends, and occasionally visiting the fabled thoroughbred race tracks of that state. He spent many years volunteering as a youth basketball coach. He cared about his student athletes, and had many lifelong friendships with the young men he coached. He loved the Boston Celtics, being

a season ticket holder in the Bill Russell era, and he was a long-suffering Red Sox fan.

Forrest Fishburn '59S of Knox, IN, passed away on Friday, Feb. 22, 2019, surrounded by his family. In 1962 he married his loving wife Patricia. Forrest was a member of the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Knox, IN, and a member of the Hope Lutheran Church in Satsuma, FL. He was the past president of the Bass Lake Property Owners Association and former assistant chief of the Bass Lake Fire Department. He was the owner of Fishburn's Marina at the south end of Bass Lake for many years. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. His greatest passion was spending

time with his family and grandchildren. Fellow Farragut alumnus and friend for over 70 years, Bill Soenksen '55S, said this about Forrest, "There are friends, there are good friends, there are best friends, and there are friends who are like brothers. My friendship with Forrest surpassed all of those, ours was a friendship which was the best a person could ever have."

Ronald "Ron" Wise '62S, a resident of Tellico Village, TN, passed away on Oct. 26, 2018, at Medstar Washington Hospital in Washington, D.C. due to complications from heart surgery. He died peacefully and was surrounded by his loving family. Ron received his undergraduate degree from Huntingdon College, his master's degree from Auburn University, and his law degree from Seattle University Law School (formerly known as the University of Puget Sound Law School). He will be remembered for his intellect, generosity, his willingness to help others, and his passion for genealogy and education. He was a member of the Tellico Village Water Board and was on the Board of the Evelyn Miller Young Pianist Series. During his long legal career, he was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Washington, Counsel for the Department of the Navy in Crystal City, VA, an Assistant US Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, and Chief of Administration and Legislative Affairs at the Inspector General's Office for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). His wife, Susan, donated

to the Academy a beloved print of Admiral Farragut's ship in the Battle of Mobile Bay that hung in his office.

Dr. Robert Lee Stout '65S died March 31, 2003 (obituary received April 2019), at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton, NJ. He was a former resident of Broomall, PA, before moving to Ewing, NJ, in 1982. He attended Penn State University, received his undergraduate degree in 1968, his master's degree in Economics in 1971, and his PhD in Economics in 1978. He was a distinguished and respected educator. For 12 years, Dr. Stout served as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Council of Economic Education. In 1998, he became the Administrative Director of the Business Program at Penn State University, the Delaware County Campus. He was an active and faithful member of the New Life Christian Church in Newtown, PA, where he served as an adult Sunday School Teacher. He also served on the Board of Directors for the American Missionary Fellowship for 22 years. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed running (he completed 10 marathons), golfing, fishing, spending time with family, friends, and church family.

Bruce Candland '65S passed away on Feb. 9, 2019. He was born in New York and he and his family moved to Mexico City when he was 6 years old. He attended the American School in Mexico City and later

Admiral Farragut Academy. His college years were spent at the University of Colorado, Denver, where he met his first wife, Marybeth. He became a CPA and until retirement worked in the healthcare industry in both Colorado and Arizona. He met his second wife, Maggie when they both worked at St. Joseph's hospital in Phoenix in 1985. He volunteered and supported numerous charitable and nonprofit organizations. His favorite activities include water skiing, snow skiing, traveling, and driving his magnetic red Corvette. Bruce's kindness, loving personality, and his jokes will be missed by all of us who knew him.

Bruce Greenspan '65N, age 72, of Savannah, GA, passed away Thursday, May 9, 2019, at St. Joseph's Hospital. Bruce was born in New Jersey, was of the Jewish faith. He served in the National Guard Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. He attended and played basketball at Long Island University. He was an avid golfer who also enjoyed fishing and boating.

Victor "Vic" Marek III '69N, age 68, of Haddam, CT, passed away August 29, 2019, at his home. He attended Admiral Farragut Academy and then graduated with his bachelor's degree from Central Connecticut University. He worked in an office setting for a number of years after college, but his true passion was working outside. This passion led him to start his own excavation business, Marek



Ronald Wise '62S



Robert Lee Stout '65S



Bruce Candland '65S



Bruce Greenspan '65N



Victor Marek III '69N



Marc Ware '93N

Construction, which he owned and operated for over 30 years in the Haddam area. He often used his car or truck horn to say hello to friends and family, particularly as he drove to or from job sites. He was an active member of the Haddam Lion's Club, an avid boater, and enjoyed working around the house, which he saw as his pride and joy. He also enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren whenever he could. Victor will be remembered for his strong work ethic, larger than life personality, and generous heart.

Marc Ware '93N passed away on May 28, 2019. He was 6 minutes older than his fraternal twin Marcus and the second-oldest of six siblings. He graduated

from Farragut as a decorated Senior Chief Petty Officer and served on the prestigious Battalion Staff. After high school, he briefly attended Hampton University and later served his country for eight years in the United States Army Reserve as a military policeman. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Specialist. Continuing his education, he received his bachelor's degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills, in 2011. He was a multi-talented man who loved to cook, travel, and spend time with his family. A great athlete, Marc lettered four years on his high school's basketball and baseball teams.

He had a passion for furthering his education like his mother Denise. He worked 10 years for Verizon Communications as a Facility Technician before committing himself to a career in service and counseling. He loved helping people and using his life experiences to help others. He also had a passion for film and writing movie scripts. While living in California, he worked with several production companies to learn the business. He was a free spirit, walked to the beat of his own drum, and will be greatly missed.



Submit obituaries for TAPS to
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ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY

School Annual Report

A word from the Chairman of the Board of Directors

As the Board of Directors Chairman for Admiral Farragut Academy, I am delighted to present you with this Fall/Winter Annual Report of Giving edition of *Reveille* magazine, which we have created for your reading enjoyment and to thank you for your support.

As you already know so well, Admiral Farragut Academy is a remarkable place. It's a place that changes lives; a place that feels like home no matter where you live now or which campus you attended. That's certainly true for me. I feel first-hand the excitement, idealism, and brilliance of our faculty, staff, and over 500 students from every corner of the globe.

This report lists all donations to the Academy during the 2018-19 fiscal year except donations to the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation, which are recorded on a calendar-year basis and reported in the Spring/Summer edition of *Reveille*. Each donor listed here is united by his or her belief that their financial gifts support a worthy cause. In particular, this year began with a new state-of-the-art creative and performing arts building, DeSeta Hall, that was made possible by the commitments of more than 200 donors. It is a tremendous addition to our growing campus.

As we celebrate our 86th year, the stories in this magazine remind us that the Academy continues to flourish and train students who will preserve and extend our accomplishments into the future.

Please accept my gratitude for your dedication to Farragut's continuing success.



Sincerely,
Christian Wagner '82N
Chairman, Board of Directors

Capital campaign exceeds \$4 million



More than 250 people have given a combined \$4.3-million to Farragut's capital campaign. The results already are impressive:

- construction of the new multipurpose creative and performing arts building, DeSeta Hall (which has a multi-purpose auditorium, art classroom, band classroom, drama/music classroom, much-needed storage, and new admissions and administrative offices);
- widening of the circular drive in front of Farragut Hall;
- improved campus lighting along the southern side of the campus; and
- significantly increased campus parking.

More than half the donations were for \$1,000 or less, and about \$1.2-million came in during the so-called quiet phase. Once publicly launched, the support grew exponentially. The campaign — scheduled to end on Dec. 31, 2019 — has raised at least \$3.1 million since the formal announcement.

To donate visit bit.ly/DeSetaHall as there is still time to be a part of this historic effort. There are also a few naming opportunities remaining including the auditorium.



The DeSeta family: A legacy of giving

Father and son, from Farragut North and South, value Farragut's ongoing impact

Growing up in Wilmington, DE, and on the Chesapeake Bay, boating wasn't just a pastime for Ed DeSeta. It was a passion.

So when the 14-year-old saw a magazine ad with a picture of students sailing at a faraway school, he was enthralled. Young Ed pointed to the ad and asked his father if he could attend that school: Admiral Farragut Academy in Florida.

Yes -- and no -- was the answer.

Yes, he could attend Admiral Farragut Academy. No, it could not be the campus in St. Petersburg. To Toms River, NJ, he went.

Thus began a lifelong devotion to Farragut, first the northern campus from which he graduated in 1967. Today, the St. Petersburg campus as well.

DeSeta is among the school's most involved and generous alumni. Most recently, his generosity resulted in the school naming its new multipurpose creative and performing arts facility after his family. Fittingly, DeSeta Hall was built on the site of the former DeSeta Chapel, which had been named in honor of his father, Edward Joseph DeSeta.

He challenges others to give back.

"Whether you have been part of the Farragut community for one year, 40 years — or more



L-R: E.J. DeSeta II, Ed DeSeta '67N, Wanda DeSeta, and Alex DeSeta '04

— you know what an amazing institution this is, the progress that has been made each year, and the opportunities ahead," DeSeta said. "We can't stress enough how important the support of the entire Farragut community is to this institution. Most people give back to their colleges but Farragut is where you learn structure, time management, confidence, and establish lifelong relationships."

He's always been all-in for Farragut. As a student from 1963 to 1967, DeSeta rose to Battalion Commander (a feat his son Alex would repeat 37 years later at the St. Petersburg campus) while also excelling at wrestling and track.

After graduation, DeSeta attended the Maine Maritime Academy, a college that graduates officers into the U.S. Merchant Marine and related industries. That same year, his father unexpectedly passed away and it wasn't long before he returned to work in the family business.

In 1971 while still in his early 20s, DeSeta bought his first commercial property with cash he had saved. Before it was even finished being built, he'd leased the entire building. A new enterprise was born but those early days could be tough.

"At one point in 1979 while I was building a 244,000-square-foot shopping center and paying 19 percent interest and hoping I could finish the project, pay my contractors, pay my bank the interest, and have tenants move in to pay the rent," DeSeta said. "I was staying awake nights and finally prayed to God to help me, and if I was successful, I would always be sure to give back."

His prayers were answered. The business he founded, EBD



Ed and Wanda breaking ground on one of their early development projects



*L-R: E.J., Ed, and Alex DeSeta
in front of the offices of the
DESETA Group*

Management, today is the DESETA Group, a private real estate investment company that he owns with his three sons and manages 1-million square feet in the Charleston, SC, market.

With his business thriving, he could follow-through on his pledge to give back. At first, he focused on the Pine Beach campus. In the early 1980s, he bought a vacation home in Sarasota, FL, near Farragut's southern campus and began to support activities there. After the northern campus closed in 1994, DeSeta turned his full attention to the St. Petersburg campus that had captivated him from the beginning.

The DeSetas started such projects as the Farragut Hall dorm air-conditioning, theater lighting, perimeter fencing, awnings, and landscaping. They also donated furniture and equipment, created a scholarship for Nantucket-area students, and challenged them to bring lacrosse to Farragut. Additionally, DeSeta fostered the creation of a wrestling program that today is nationally known. He is a member of the David Glasgow Farragut Society, Blue Jacket Club, and Heritage Society.

Besides donations of money and resources, he has donated his time -- as a past board member for both campuses,

past president of the alumni association, and an inaugural member of the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation.

Not only has he stayed close to Farragut in spirit, but also in person. DeSeta and his wife Wanda reside in Charleston, SC, and Nantucket, MA, but are frequent visitors to the St. Petersburg campus. Of course, the strongest bond to the campus is his son, Alex, who boarded and excelled at Farragut from seventh grade in 1998 to graduation in 2004.

By investing in Farragut for so many years, the DeSetas have not only helped prepare their children for life but also to continue their legacy of philanthropy.

A sign in DeSeta's office conference room reads: "Scientific research has confirmed that people who give are happier, healthier, more successful, and live longer." After reading that sign, he asked: "How much more motivation does someone need to get involved other than knowing they will be a better person for doing so?"

His passion for giving is shared by his wife of 43 years: "The joy of seeing your children paying it forward is the most satisfying reward," she said.

Today their three children -- E.J., Patrick, and Alex '04 -- are instilling the value of giving back to their own children. Though E.J. did not attend Farragut, he values the school dearly, calling it a beacon.

"Without that beacon, without a Farragut, too many would

fall through the cracks and not achieve what otherwise they would have been capable of achieving in life," E.J. said. "That's why we support Farragut."

Brother Alex, who served as an Army Captain and Ranger after graduating from Farragut and The Citadel, said he and Kate plan to challenge their two sons to give.

"When they're old enough, their first gift of giving will be \$100 from their parents, with instructions to choose who they'd like to give to," he said. "Hopefully, it's Farragut they choose and where one day they will also attend."



*Alex DeSeta receiving his jacket
for the Blue Jacket Club*

Alex already has taken the philanthropy baton from his father and recently made a significant contribution to the Academy's marine science and sailing programs, resulting in a new waterfront equipment storage facility.

"Farragut alumni are happy with their education. They find meaning in what they're doing. They have fulfilling lives," he said. "Often it's because they're doing what they love. And often, they discovered what they love at Farragut."





The Poker Run on Sept. 14 in St. Pete Beach had more than 85 attendees and raised over \$8,000 for the FFA.

Farragut Family Association (FFA) now represents all parent involvement

Over the years we have found that our executive committee members of the Parents' Group and Admiral's Athletics Club were overextended in their time and responsibilities as many of the same volunteers were being utilized for the many school events. After lengthy discussions and thoughtfulness, the decision was made to merge the two into what is now known as the Farragut Family Association (FFA) starting the 2019-20 school year.

The FFA offers the same and a few more opportunities for Farragut supporters to be as involved as they would like and in the area that interest them the most, whether it's

fundraising, social events, guest speakers, becoming a sponsor, or working the gates/concessions at our many home sporting events.

Each committee has a committee head that coordinates the group, and volunteers can join:

- Admiral's Athletics
- Lucky Bag
- Sponsorships
- Book Fair
- Engagement Events
- Poker Run
- Golf Tournament
- Poinsettia Sales
- Student Events
- Auction & Gala *our largest event of the year*
- Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The mission of the FFA is to promote family-to-family engagement and school spirit at Admiral Farragut Academy by involvement in athletics, campus events, and fundraising initiatives.



2019-20 Executive Committee

President - Patti Magenheimer
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Farragut Family Association (FFA) sponsorship packages

Admiral \$10,000

- 8 tickets to all home sporting events *
- 8 Farragut polo shirts
- 8 tickets to Golf Tournament
- 8 tickets to Auction & Gala
- Advertising at Golf and Auction & Gala
- 3 banners to be hung in each field area
- Advertisement on digital board in gymnasium
- Farragut spirit items**

Captain \$5,000

- 4 tickets to all home sporting events *
- 4 Farragut polo shirts
- 4 tickets to Golf Tournament
- 4 tickets to Auction & Gala
- Advertising at Golf and Auction & Gala
- 3 banners to be hung in each field area
- Advertisement on digital board in gymnasium
- Farragut spirit items**

* Tickets to home sporting events
excluding district and state events

** Farragut spirit items increase with
each membership level

Commander \$3,000

- 4 tickets to all home sporting events *
- 4 Farragut polo shirts
- 4 tickets to your choice of the Golf Tournament or Auction & Gala
- 1 banner to be hung outside the field area
- Advertisement on digital board in gymnasium
- Farragut spirit items**

Lieutenant \$1,250

- 2 tickets to all home sporting events *
- 2 Farragut polo shirts
- 2 tickets to your choice of the Golf Tournament or Auction & Gala
- 1 banner to be hung outside the field area
- Farragut spirit items**

Lieutenant Junior Grade \$650

- 2 Farragut polo shirts
- 2 tickets to all home sporting events *
- Farragut spirit items**



The Golf Tournament on Oct. 17
at St. Petersburg Country Club had over 80
golfers and volunteers in attendance and raised
almost \$8,000 for the FFA.



**Thank you to all
of our sponsors!**

Get involved!

Sign up to volunteer or purchase a sponsorship
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The Blue Jacket Club

An ongoing commitment to Farragut



The Wheel of Honor just off the Quarterdeck at the main entrance to Farragut Hall bears the names of our Blue Jacket Club Members

The ongoing commitment of our donors to the values and ideals upon which Admiral Farragut Academy is based reflects the enduring importance of the Academy in their lives. It is a wonderful testament to their desire to show appreciation to the school that has done so

much for them, and for so many others. Farragut would not be what it is today without the generosity of those who share their resources with us. Giving to one's alma mater stands at the beautiful crossroads between paying the school back for the benefits it has imparted to

oneself, but then also paying the school forward for the benefits one's gift will impart to others. The donors listed here are the Academy's most generous. Their total lifetime giving to the school exceeds \$100,000. We are grateful for their exceptional generosity.

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Christian '82N and Lisa Wagner

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Raey Webster '59N

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Honor the Past, Invest in the Future

Invest in the future of Admiral Farragut Academy. By designating Admiral Farragut Academy in your will or living trust, you can help ensure that the school will fulfill its mission to provide students with an excellent, academically challenging education with a strong emphasis on leadership development. This meaningful act can result in a large and lasting gift. Choose to direct your gift to an area of the school that reflects your experience and your values: financial

assistance, athletics, arts, science, leadership development, capital needs just to name a few.

There are many ways in which you can make your commitment.

- Charitable Bequest
- Retirement Plans
- Insurance Policies
- Charitable Gift Annuities
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- Charitable Lead Trusts
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A bequest is one of the easiest planned gifts that you can make

as a donor to ensure that your legacy lives on. IT'S A GIFT THAT COSTS YOU NOTHING DURING YOUR LIFETIME.

We recognize your gift and thank you today. The Heritage Society provides recognition to donors who have included Farragut in their estate plan. All you need to do is tell the school that your plan is in place, share the documentation and confirm that you have no objection to being publicly listed in our Heritage Society honor roll.

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