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a word from the Board of Trustees Secretary

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Something left to a person by will : inheritance, bequest.

Something that has come from an ancestor or predecessor or the past.

Admiral Farragut Academy's legacy is the experiences, values, and mission, and today it remains the same. The mechanism by which it is transmitted is continually improving as the school evolves into something better every year. That legacy is something we as parents, alumni, volunteers, employees, Foundation Board members, and School Board members strive to maintain and grow.

My name is Matt Sokolowski, Class of '92, and my family has been involved with Farragut for over 30 years. Claudia, my mother, was a founder of the Booster Club and sat on the School Board fighting to keep Farragut growing during some tough times. My brother, Doug, and I were students in the 80's and 90's and each of us have two children currently attending Farragut. Since 2005, I have been a member of the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation Board.

The Legacy of Farragut is what drove our family's commitment to Farragut. The values, education, experiences, and traditions help drive every graduate's success. Although success is something each of us must earn, Farragut gives us the tools to find and take advantage of the opportunities we encounter. Without the support of our past, we cannot move forward into a better future. My wife, Jennifer, was instantly drawn to Farragut as Ella and Jack reached preschool and kindergarten age. I stayed on the side lines (supportive of her, but intrigued by what she would find since I'm pretty sure I had a slight bias in my preference) as she researched schools in the area and watched as she continually returned to Farragut as the best place to see our children grow and mature. I believe she felt what was "right" about Farragut and it's legacy.

Long after my brother and I had graduated from Farragut, my mom stayed active by "adopting" boarding students for weekends and serving on the Farragut Board of Directors because she believed in the legacy. As I now have children of my own, I

am much more aware of what things helped make me who I am today. Farragut's legacy and its impact on my growth was immense. Jen recognized that in me when she got to know the school. It is why we chose to place our kids at Farragut, why she puts her Early Childhood Education degree to use as a volunteer in the Lower School, and why I volunteer as a volleyball coach and am a member of the Farragut Foundation Board. It is the same reason everyone from my family gives time and support to Farragut.

The Legacy of Farragut is something each of us gives to the next generation of graduates. Paradoxically, it is the same thing we receive as we are involved with Farragut whether as a student, alumni, parent, volunteer, or employee. The importance of giving to receive, as well as giving because we once received, cannot be stressed enough.

Whether you graduated from the New Jersey campus or the St. Petersburg campus we are now one. We can all be truly proud of our school. As a symbol of our unity, the Board of Trustees voted that the reference to the class year will no longer include the "N" or "S". As alumni, we are all part of the Legacy of Farragut and no matter what campus you attended, or if you're a 1st generation family just joining the community or 5th generation continuing in the footsteps of your ancestors you are part of something special. The Legacy of Farragut is highly valuable, is worth propagating for generations to come, and warrants support from all of Farragut's community.



Sincerely,

*Matt Sokolowski '92
Secretary
Foundation Board of
Trustees*

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COVER PHOTO: The Sokolowski Family Legacy, two generations of Farragut graduates. Pictured from left to right: Matthew '92, Claudia, Jennifer, Bob, Brooke '22, Jack '23, Doug '90, Erik '20, Ella '21, and Joellen (the talent behind this family self-portrait).



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Update from the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation

*The success of the Farragut Foundation provides support today,
tomorrow and into our bright future!*

The Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation was established in 1997 through the work of George J. Michel, Jr. '49. The Foundation is formed as a separate 501 (c)(3) organization with the mission of raising endowment funds for the sole benefit and sustainability of Admiral Farragut Academy. This fundraising entity has become and remains a viable force for the academy. Each gift made to the Foundation is held in perpetuity and only the income from investments is available for revenue. As of December 31, 2016, we are proud to announce that our foundation has provided a total of \$1,563,212 to the school in a variety of ways, including financial assistance to families and students, academic improvements, professional development, and physical additions such as our state-of-the-art rubberized track. The foundation is administered by a board of trustees currently consisting of twelve members. Trustees are approved by the board and serve a three-year term and may serve for a second consecutive three-year term. The Farragut Foundation Board of Trustees meets four times a year to conduct the Foundation's business.

As of September 30, 2016, our Foundation was valued at just over \$4.0 million in total assets, held in 40 individually directed funds. These endowment funds fall into five areas of support, as detailed on the right page. The above valuation includes asset of property and payables from Admiral Farragut Academy to the Foundation.

The largest single fund, the **Founders Fund**, is an **unrestricted** fund that can be used for any purpose that is agreed upon by both the administration

and the trustees of the foundation. The other funds are either **permanently restricted** for a specific purpose or program, **temporarily restricted** until the donor determines how the funds are to be used, or are designated for a specific purpose that has a start and completion date.

An agreement between the school and the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation directs that all gifts from alumni go to the foundation with the intent of reaching the \$10 million dollar goal in endowed funds. Further, a donor can direct his/her contribution to another specific purpose within the foundation should they choose. One may give to the foundation through annual gifts or pledges, bequests, gift of appreciated assets through a transfer of shares, or initiating your own named fund, requiring a minimum gift of \$25,000 or a gift of appreciated assets. Much of the success of our foundation has come via the support and time many of our current and past Board Members have given. Should you wish to be considered for a board position, please feel free to forward a letter of intent to the Farragut Foundation Board. Your consideration will be addressed at a future board meeting.

As I close this update, I would like to thank all of our contributors for their generosity in support of the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation.



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Reveille is designed to give all members of our community a quick glimpse of what Farragut is today, including highlights of students, alumni, faculty and staff, past and upcoming events, and other important initiatives.

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Tell us your thoughts on this edition of *Reveille*. Share your stories and pictures with us for the next edition. (*We reserve the right to edit your letters for length and clarity.*) Please email alumni@farragut.org!

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Admiral Farragut Academy 2015-2016 School Year (Unaudited)

INCOME

Net Tuition	\$9,439,543
Auxiliary	\$1,175,497
Other	\$1,536,831
TOTAL	\$12,151,871

EXPENSE

Administrative	\$3,458,570
Instructional	\$3,253,921
Auxiliary	\$4,433,528
Other	\$684,831
TOTAL	\$11,830,850

NET INCOME: \$321,021

Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation As of September 30, 2016

FOUNDERS FUND

\$1,125,778

*(Supplements the need for
Cadets' Financial Assistance)*

ENDOWED CHAIRS

\$838,562

Board of Directors - Physical Sciences	\$287,540
Dr. Rossignol - Science	\$289,280
Musical Arts Endowed Chair	\$261,742

ENDOWED PROGRAM FUNDS

\$1,171,777

(Does not include all Endowed Funds)

Coaches Slaby & Nicholson Athletic Endowment
William R. Masciangelo, Sr. Student Enrichment Fund
CAPT Crosley & Moore Waterfront & Naval Science Fund
Endowed Drill Team Fund
Endowed Band Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

\$685,034

(Does not include all Endowed Funds)

Maj. Megan McClung '91N Memorial Scholarship Fund
Vic Siatta '63N Memorial Fund
George Michel '49S Scholarship Fund





THE NEW BUILDING CAMPAIGN *for* ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY

Admiral Farragut Academy's administration and board of directors have announced the school's most ambitious building project and fundraising campaign in its history.

As Admiral Farragut Academy approaches its 75th anniversary on the shores of Boca Ciega Bay, the school's Board of Directors recognized the need for a new central campus gathering place to replace an outdated building that has served that purpose since the establishment of Farragut's St. Petersburg campus in 1944. At 20,000 square feet, the new multi-use building, designed by John Poe Architects, will feature an innovative design that highlights the proud heritage of Farragut, striking a balance between traditional and contemporary architecture in a manner that respects Farragut's history and charm. Alumnus and Farragut board chair Christian Wagner observes, "the Academy has a long and distinguished history, and this project and fundraising campaign will take us toward a new and exciting future".

The New Building Campaign has already made significant progress toward its fundraising goal of \$4.0 million. With momentum growing, more than two dozen individuals have already made commitments since the quiet phase of the Campaign got underway last fall -- including three of the largest gifts in school history. The Campaign is a shared effort by the school's dedicated board of directors and its professional leaders, and is spearheaded by board member and parent of a Farragut alumnus, Jake Jacobus.

Jacobus notes, "I've experienced first-hand what a Farragut education can do -- the education, values, character building -- and I'm proud to lend my support and guidance to this effort. The early responses from families and alumni have been spectacular."

The new building will feature a 302-seat auditorium with a retractable seating system. In addition, it will establish an administrative wing

capital campaign

and include classrooms, audio-visual rooms, and art-specific studios, serving as the home for the music and the arts programs. Large and small conference rooms, equipped with the latest audio-visual technology, will also be designed for smaller meetings. The building will provide the entire Farragut community with a center for enhancing the academic and communal experience for its faculty, administration, and student body. Its design will promote collaboration and creativity amongst the entire Farragut community. In addition, this space will open other space on campus for

additional classrooms and future boarding rooms. CAPT Robert J. Fine, Jr., long-time head of school beams with confidence: "This project will provide the academy with a much needed gathering place and demonstrates our commitment to providing our students with the best facilities and educational opportunities. And capital campaigns provide the community with an opportunity to have a lasting impact. We have been awed by our donors' support during the quiet phase of the campaign and know the public announcement will encourage even more levels of involvement."



For more information about the Capital Campaign, visit www.farragut.org/about/new-building-capital-campaign

Kick Off Event a Huge Success to Launch the Capital Campaign

By: Alison Lescarbeau

On the evening of Thursday, November 17th the West Lounge of Farragut Hall was the center stage for the Kick Off Event for the Capital Campaign to raise \$4 million dollars for The New Building on campus.

Admiral Farragut Academy, which has been ranked in the top military schools in the country, has become recognized for its strong academics and programs in leadership, aviation, engineering, marine science, and scuba. The proposed 20,000 square foot building will be a welcome addition to the already beautiful campus, providing space for a much needed auditorium to hold assemblies, and host speakers, along with classroom space and office space. There will also be a trickle down effect, freeing up desperately needed classroom space for the Upper School and providing for additional dorm room space in Farragut Hall.

Over 120 attendees enjoyed the delicious spread of food prepared by our own Sage Dining Services and the lovely music by Upper School cadets: Bianca DeSilva '20 on the clarinet, Ansley Fine '21 and Casey McKee '21 on the flute, and Mitchell Lewis '21 on the trumpet.

Speakers included a welcome and introduction by Headmaster, Robert J. Fine, Jr. who spoke about the need for this building. "This will be transformative to our campus. This is the first step in building the New Farragut. We have evolved and have had to reinvent ourselves and change with the times," said Fine.

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Christian Wagner '82, said, "It is more than academics



L-R: Mark Salebra, Lanie Salebra, and Heather Mariscal

that make the school what it is, it is what I call the 'Farragut Effect.'" Wagner, who serves as the CEO and CIO of Longview Capital Management, said he credits much of his success to his time at Farragut. "Farragut gave me a lot of focus and clarity." He is proud of his alma mater and is confident the campaign will be a success and the new building will come to fruition.

Dr. Tonjua Williams, member of Farragut's Board of Directors, who serves as the Vice President of Student Affairs at St. Petersburg College said, "This campaign is more than just the building and the bricks and mortar, it is what happens inside the building that will change lives."

Williams grew up in the economically challenged area of Jordan Park in St. Petersburg and remembers the effect of a single building, Sidney Harden's Grocery Store. Williams said, "I didn't even know it was a store, the love I got there and the people who told me I was going to make it was what made that building." Similarly she feels the new building for our campus will do the same for our students.

capital campaign

The Capital Campaign Chair and Board Member, Jake Jacobus, said, "I am confident the campaign will eclipse its goal before the end of 2017." Jacobus, whose son Scott graduated from Farragut eight years ago, knows firsthand how the school transforms lives. Jacobus announced with much fanfare that the campaign had already raised \$2.1 of the \$4 million dollar goal prior to the launch that evening.

Art Musicaro '73 and Treasurer of the Board of Directors spoke about the true value of the Farragut education. He also gave kudos to Farragut's Board of Directors whose members have all stepped up to donate or make a pledge to the new building starting with the first commitment from Board Member, Gary Damkoehler, and his wife, Gail, which set the tone. The Damkoehler's have four grandchildren who have attended, or are attending Farragut.

The Parents Committee was represented by speaker Dr. Camille T. Fine who has a son graduating in May, as well as a stepson at Miami University, a stepson in 10th grade, and a daughter in 8th grade. Dr. Fine reflected on where the school has come during her 27 year affiliation. "When I first came to Farragut, girls were being admitted for the first time that year, there was no lower school, the northern campus was still open, and boarding started in 5th grade, there was no air-conditioning in Farragut Hall, no lights on the football field, and I believe someone had to manually hang numbers on the scoreboard. In the years that have transpired, Admiral Farragut

Academy has evolved into a truly remarkable community that I feel so blessed to have my children be a part of. Now the school's marketing motto, "Only at Farragut" refers to tremendous diversity of ethnicities and socioeconomic statuses; multi-age and cross-curricular activities and projects; unique state-of-the-art programs like marine science, scuba and aviation; and less tangible elements like giving everyone who wishes an opportunity to participate in athletics, or the arts, or whatever their hearts desire."

"Tonight," said Dr. Fine, "I stand before you ecstatic about what is yet to come. We are being presented with the opportunity to shape Admiral Farragut Academy's future. Your commitment to this project will not only enhance the Farragut experience for our students, it will leave a legacy!"

Other large donors already committed to the project include:

- Lisa Vickers and the Speer Family Foundation
- Bob and Claudia Sokolowski
- Ed '67 and Wanda DeSeta
- Christian '82 and Lisa Wagner
- Robert and Diane Klingel
- Gary and Gail Damkoehler
- Robert and Anita Fine
- Jake and Ingrid Jacobus
- David '61 and Dottie Arms
- Jon and Wendy Covington
- Art '73 and Vicky Musicaro
- Dr. Camille Fine and Dr. Brett Schlifstein
- Matt '92 and Jenn Sokolowski
- Bill Roberti and Suzette Toledano
- Dan and Rebecca Baker
- And other anonymous donors

Capital Campaign Steering Committee

Jake Jacobus
Capital Campaign Chair and member, Board of Directors

Christian Wagner '82
Chairman of the Board

Mike Kolchin '61
President, AFA Foundation

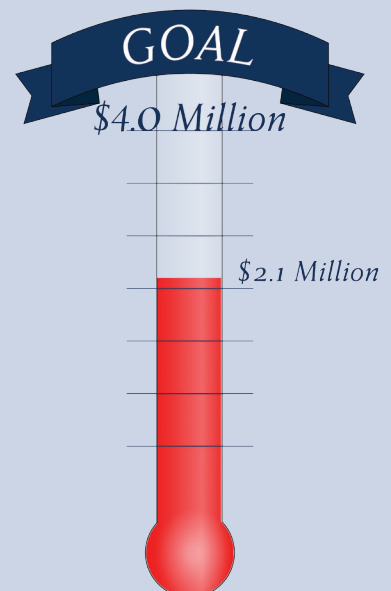
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Treasurer, Board of Directors, and Alumni Campaign Co-Chair

Matt Sokolowski '92
Secretary, AFA Foundation, and Alumni Campaign Co-Chair

Robert J. Fine, Jr.
Head of School

Parents Committee Co-Chairs

Jon Covington
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Cathy Larrinaga
Samantha Lewis
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Drill Team and the Admiral's Own Band

By: Jeff Ogden '00



For as long as our flag has flown high at Farragut, our Drill Teams and Band have been part of our culture and identity. Both allow our cadets to take their craft to the next level and help to represent our school within the community whether performing in front of crowds, representing us in the community, hosting dignitaries, or visiting local schools or hospitals to spread good fortune. Today, both remain very active and show no sign of slowing down.

Roughly five years ago, the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation, Inc. with the leadership of a very philanthropic alumnus, developed two specific funds to help address the growth we were experiencing with both Drill and Band. While much of the cost to run both are part of our school budget, the Drill Team and Band Funds help to address the smaller needs both groups need as their numbers and schedules grow. Items such as new rifles for our armed mixed drill team or uniform accessories for our silent unarmed team. Our band has recently purchased new equipment for our drumline and percussion section, as well as sheet music, new music stands, and uniform accessories.

While being a member of our Drill Team or Marching Band are uniquely different, they are also similar in many ways. Both demand time and determination, along with coordination and

commitment. Through the support of our alumni, parents, and outside organizations, both our Admiral Farragut Academy Drill Team and Band Funds have grown each and every year to support those commitments of our cadets. With every distribution from our Foundation to each of these valuable programs at Farragut, we are offering cadets the opportunity to hone their talents and be a part of something bigger than themselves.

Since the Foundation's development in 1997, we have developed a number of "buckets" under the umbrella of the school's endowment to benefit specific areas important to our alumni donors. Whether that be for scholarship gifts from various classes, athletics, or financial aid, these individual funds provide an opportunity for our donors to direct their contributions in a way that is meaningful to them. The two governing boards of the school are accountable and transparent so our donors see where their dollars go.

Today, more than 75 young men and women proudly participate on our Drill Team or Band and are grateful to the hundreds of donors who have helped influence their experience at Farragut. While our Foundation holds many funds, these funds are two of our more active funds and play an enormous role in the success and future of both groups.



If your passion lies in one of these funds, please call our Advancement Team at 727-343-3678 or email us at communications@farragut.org to see how you can make a difference.



Farragut campus featured in City of St. Pete's "Living Local" video series

By: Chris Girandola



Admiral Farragut Academy was featured in the August episode of Living Local, a monthly video program on the City of St. Petersburg's public access channel called St. Pete TV. The series focuses on neighborhoods throughout St. Petersburg that have helped shape the character of the city.

Produced by Shay Brumbaugh and co-directed by Michael Flanagan and Josh Martin, the video does a masterful job of displaying Farragut Hall, which at one time served as an elegant hotel for the rich and famous. In the episode, CAPT Tom McClelland, Farragut's Development Officer, illustrates the allure of the building, which once housed celebrities like Al Capone and Babe Ruth.

Thanks to CAPT McClelland for doing such a great job representing our school. Thanks to Advancement Team Member Melissa Kramer for organizing the production on campus. Thanks to the City of St. Petersburg, namely Shay Brumbaugh, Michael Flanagan, Josh Martin, Mark Stroemich (aerial photography), and Joe Barbieri (aerial).

Visit <http://bit.ly/2fgGhcP> to view the video.

Admiral Farragut Academy bids farewell to F-11 Tiger aircraft display

By: CAPT Tom McClelland



The plane in 2016

On November 29, 2016, the iconic Grumman F-11 Tiger aircraft that has been displayed on Farragut's campus since 1986 once again took flight, this time with the help of a 120-ton crane.

It was an unusual job for the Anthony Crane company, who, being unsure of the weight of the classic plane, brought a larger-than-necessary crane to lift it. Once it was off of the supports, the plane was broken down and loaded onto a truck to be transferred to the California Science Center in Los Angeles, California. The transfer occurred to make room for the future construction of the new building as described on page 5.

"Although the aircraft static display has been an iconic piece of our campus, it is time to remove it and build what will be a new iconic campus space. A building that will be the hub of our student activity. I am sad to see it go but I welcome the prospect of a state of the art building to meet our academic and social needs."

-- Alison Lescarbeau, Academy Advancement Director



View more photos of the removal at bit.ly/2gPl6oU

History of the F-11 Tiger



The Tiger that stood magnificently on display with its thin swept wings and coke-bottle shaped fuselage at the 5th Avenue entrance was the sixth aircraft manufactured of its kind (Bureau Number 138608) with its first flight occurring on March 12, 1955. Originally intended to explore the possibility of adapting the basic F9F Cougar to the Area Rule, a design technique used to reduce an aircraft's drag at transonic and supersonic speeds, the project soon morphed into something that bore no resemblance to the Cougar.

After just four years of Navy service, the F-11F Tiger, which had a maximum speed of Mach 1.1 (727 mph) at 35,000 feet, quickly gave way to the Vought F8U Crusader, which had a Mach speed of 1.86. The Tiger did not completely lose its bite, though, as it became the mount of the Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration team for 12 years from 1957 to 1969 when the team exchanged Tigers for McDonnell F-4J Phantoms. Following their retirement, the demonstration team's Tigers were relegated to storage at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona.

Finding a home at Farragut



30 years of corrosion



Exterior of fuselage



Interior of fuselage

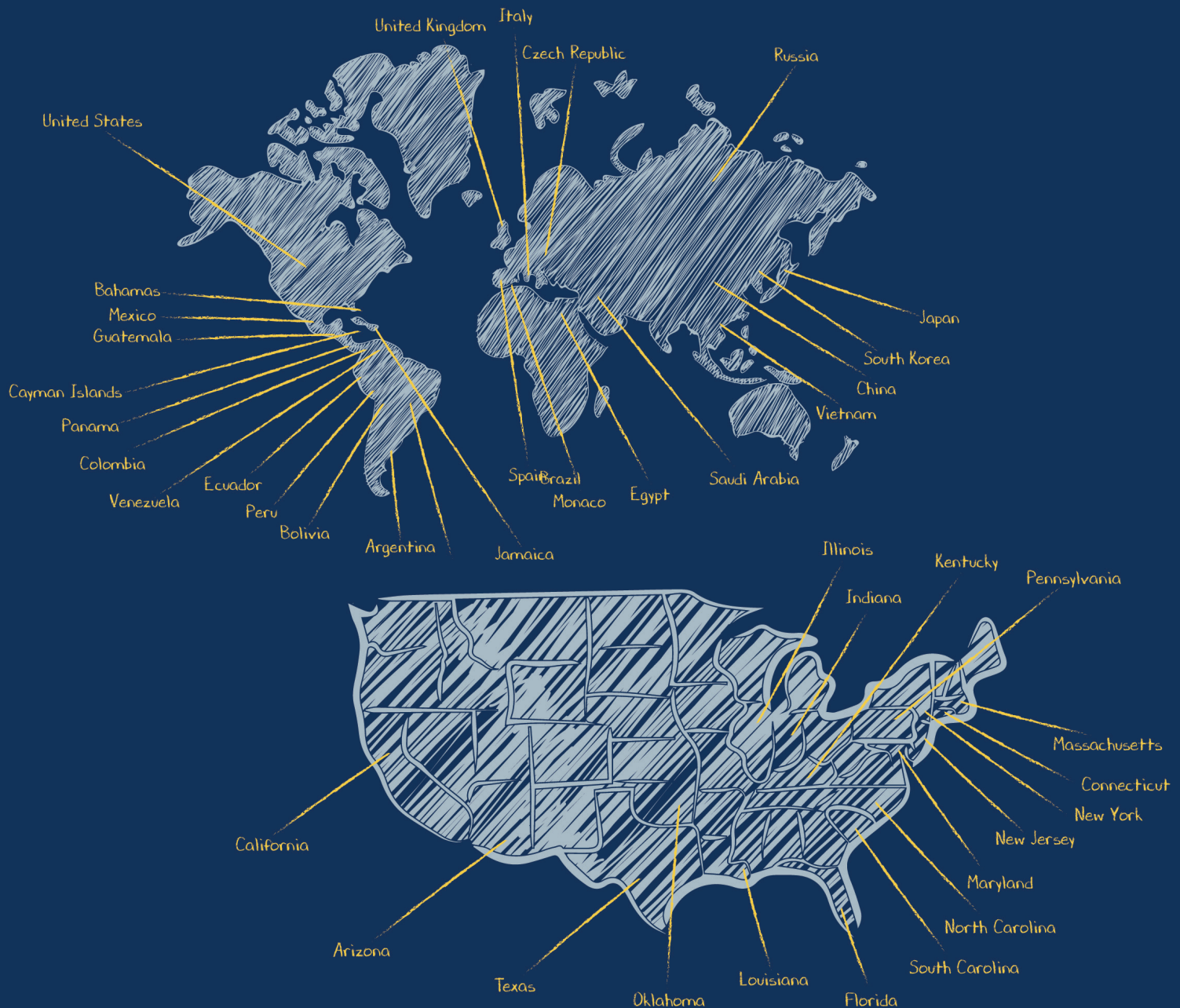
Admiral Farragut Academy acquired the F-11 on display with a dedication on October 10, 1986 due to a combined effort by CAPT Mike Moriarity, headmaster from 1986 to 1990, CAPT Richard Wheeler, headmaster emeritus and development officer at the time, and the Honorable Edward Cole Jr., MD, who was the mayor of St. Petersburg from 1985-1987 and also served as Farragut's doctor.

While Farragut had made efforts to move the Tiger to another section of campus, the elements and the cost proved to be the biggest adversary.

"After 30 years on display and over 60 years since its first flight, the aircraft has become badly corroded in the Florida heat and humid salt air," said CAPT Tom McClelland, Farragut's Development Officer. "The organization taking ownership has members on its staff that are former engineers and machinists who worked for Grumman, the original manufacturer. They have the ability and the equipment necessary to fabricate and replace the corroded aluminum panels and properly restore the aircraft for display. We are fortunate that they are removing the plane at no cost to the school."

Our Global Community

This year at Admiral Farragut Academy, we are lucky to be hosting students from 26 countries and 17 states. We are proud of our global community here at Farragut!



Battalion Wars bring esprit de corps

By: Jessica Van Curen



Before the 2016-17 school year started, the leaders on the Regimental Staff came to school early to train and prepare to lead their peers for the next year. During that time Upper School English teacher who was starting his second year at Farragut, Andrew Lacroix, proposed the idea of Battalion Wars to the cadet leaders.

"I previously taught for three years at a boarding school in Pennsylvania where they divided the boarding students into societies, basically like Harry Potter, and the groups would compete against each other," said Lacroix. After observing life at Farragut for a year, he felt this was an idea he could bring to Farragut to build school spirit and friendship among the students. "I learned that some students may be homesick or others are not as attuned with the military structure as others, but I saw this as a way to raise excitement and unity. I spent a lot of time discussing it with the Head of Upper School, Tom McGlinn, and our 1st Sergeant, Sgt. David Worthy and from there we pitched it to the Regimental Staff."

The student staff loved the idea and the three battalions were created and are led by three of the top senior leaders on the Regiment chosen by Naval Science. This year's leaders are Zachary Fine '17, Bravo Battalion (lion, color red); Patrick Hales '17, Charlie Battalion (Greek wreath of knowledge, color green); and Kyndal Olander '17, Alpha Battalion (skull, color blue). For each battalion to be diverse, the battalions are chosen at random with an equal amount of boarding and day students. Also, every year, the new battalions will have the opportunity to



redesign the graphic, while keeping the same color and icons of the inaugural year. "So far the kids love it and have gotten really into it," said Lacroix. The first Battalion War of the school year was held in September and consisted of each battalion selecting members to participate in competitions like holding the longest plank, basketball drills, relays, and push ups. "The energy from our students was insane. Special thanks to Head Track Coach and Fitness Trainer, Coach Prather who has helped get the kids pumped up with his chants."

The Battalion Wars are not only physical, but also include academic competitions like brain bowls, philanthropic competitions to see which battalion donates the most, and participation competitions for events like Spirit Week. "It's great to see the battalions work together towards a common cause and the esprit de corps is strong," Said Sgt. Worthy. "Our cadets have taken pride in their battalion and they strive to be better, and you can see the results during parades and practice." Worthy will occasionally let the best battalion leave parade practice a little early as an added incentive.

"It's definitely been good for school spirit," said Zachary Fine, leader of Bravo Battalion. "Our pep rallies weren't very exciting before, but this year it's been different. We all really enjoy the events and it has brought us all closer together."

The winning battalion of this school year will get a trophy with their battalion name and year to be displayed on campus. Every year the next winner will be added to the trophy.

Lower School Life Skills Class



7th grader Kalynn Miner learns to cook in Life Skills class with Ms. Carrie Forrester.

Boarders Fishing Trip



Fishing trip from John's Pass

Homecoming Dance



Alex Oi Moreno '19 and Ana Delgado Libien '17 pose at the Homecoming Dance.



2016 Homecoming Court

Lower School Morning Show



4th graders Isabella Reynolds and Hannah Singleton host the new Lower School morning show.

Boarders Paintball Trip



Our boarders played paintball at Providence Paintball in Clearwater.

Boarders Spa Day



Residential Life Staff Member Calvin Brown took the female boarders to a pampering session at The Massage Spa and then to brunch.

Homecoming Parade



The Admiral's Own Band playing during the Homecoming Parade.

Spirit Week



Angela LoRusso '19, dressed as Supergirl, read to First grader Bailey Reynolds on Superhero Day.



7th Grade being silly on Blue and Gold Day

Parents Donate to Inspire Young Artists

By: Melissa Kramer



During the 2016 Parents' Group Annual Auction, attendees were given the opportunity to "raise their auction paddle" to support the renovation of an Upper School classroom. The Price family raised theirs for a \$5,000 gift to cover the cost of renovating the art classroom. Chris and John, parents of Melissa '19, and seventh grader Billy, are passionate about art and saw the need to improve this space. The gift, from Chris' family foundation, the LeCompte Family Foundation, was used to tear down a wall adding classroom space, installing new storage closets for art supplies, new flooring, paint and lights, and purchasing new furniture.

Why the art classroom? Chris was born into an artistic family. Her father, Bob LeCompte, is a modest artist himself. He received inspiration from his artistic parents, but the most influential person in Bob's life was his Uncle, Rowan LeCompte. Bob

turned to his Uncle Rowan for support, guidance and a father figure after his own father had passed away. Rowan, a passionate, talented and extremely sought out stained glass artist, is best known for his work located in the Washington National Cathedral where he designed more than 40 of the cathedral's windows. The largest and most spectacular, the "Creation" rose window, sits above the western entrance facing Wisconsin Avenue NW. When the circular window was dedicated in 1976, Washington Post architecture critic Wolf Von Eckardt hailed it as "surely one of the masterpieces of Christendom."

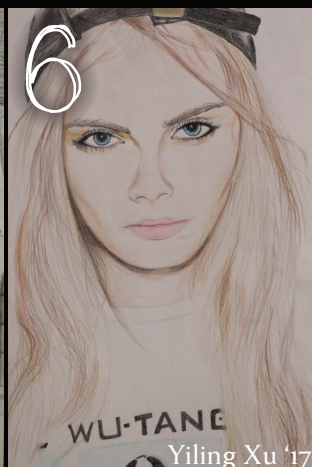
The LeCompte and Price family want art to be a part of the "fundamental education" for students at Admiral Farragut Academy. "We were so excited and impressed with Farragut that we sold our home and moved to the St. Pete area," said Chris, who is also involved on the Parents' Group. "When I first saw the art room, I thought to myself, this could be a great place for students to be inspired in, whether they are artistically inclined or not." Thank you to the LeCompte Family Foundation for creating that kind of place.



the arts



Estella Zhang '18



Yiling Xu '17



Lauren Culbertson '17



Doris Xu '17




1. PreK Students paint in art class. 2. Lower school learns about Mexican culture by celebrating Dios De Los Muertos. 3. 2nd grade shows off their homemade costumes in the Amelia Bedelia Fashion Show. 4. The Admiral's Own Band performs in the Veteran's Day Parade. 5 - 8. A selection of artwork from the Winter 2016 Art Show. 9. The Admiral's Own Band, directed by Gabriel Whitney, performs again at the Winter 2016 Concert.

View more photos of the Winter Concert and Art Show at smu.gs/2hmkK5F.

by the numbers

SUMMER 2016

PROGRAMS AND CAMPS

May	June				July				August		
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
						STEM	Bricks 4 Kidz	STEM	Writing		
					Sports						
	Little Captains				Little Explorers						
					Summer@Farragut						
Summer Break											

62
TOTAL DAYS
OF CAMP

Campers By Camp



14

Fun camp themes,
including Water
Fun, Pirates, Sports,
and American
Ninja Warrior!





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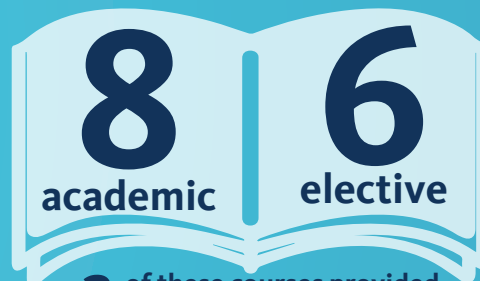
ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY

Summer@Farragut is a unique six-week summer boarding program for teens entering grades 8-12. They attend college-prep classes and participate in fun activities while living in campus dormitories.

789

campers enrolled
to Farragut

COURSES OFFERED



3 of these courses provided
high school credit

WHERE OUR CAMPERS WERE FROM

1012

states countries
represented

ACTIVITIES

18126

off campus dolphin
excursions sightings
boat
trips

"The Summer@ experience was quite something. I really enjoyed myself and hope that maybe someday I'll come back."

- Summer@Farragut Camper



For more information about Farragut's Summer Camps and Programs for the summer of 2017, visit farragut.org/summer

FARRAGUT **BLUEJACKETS** Fall Season Highlights

By: Larry Antonucci



FOOTBALL

The BlueJackets football team finished the season 3-5, advancing into the playoffs. We saw outstanding performances from Keondrae Miller '18 at quarterback, Khalan Tolson '18, a tenacious defender at outside linebacker, and wide receiver Zion Roland '18. Keyon Jenkins '17, Andre' Braga '17, and Harrison Woliver '17 were selected to play in the Pinellas County All-Star game in December. Thank you to head coach Ryan Hearn and the coaching staff. Please welcome new head coach for 2017, Rick Kravitz.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Varsity team, led by captain Jose Lynch, finished in 5th place at districts and 17th place in the regional meet. The Middle School team, consisting of 5th and 6th graders, chose to compete with the Upper School athletes, running in 5 km JV events. Thank you to coaches Reva Moeller and Mike Nicholson "Coach Nick".





VOLLEYBALL

The Varsity and JV teams, led by captains Naudia Williams '17 and Lauren Culbertson '17, started strong with a couple of wins. The best game of the season was their home game against Keswick. The girls were down by 2 sets but dug deep to rally and win the next 3 sets to get the victory for the match. It was a very poignant moment for the team. Thank you to coach Cookie Mitchell. Middle School had two teams this year, the Navy team and the Gold team. The Navy team, made up of 7th and 8th graders, went undefeated in the regular season and finished second in the gold bracket at the Keswick Tournament. The Gold team was comprised of first time players, most of which were in the 5th grade. Thank you to our coaches Valeri Fowler, Madison Philbrick, and Matt Sokolowski.

SWIMMING

Our four female swimmers went 2-6 and our males went undefeated at 8-0 for the season. They achieved 21 Personal Best times in 24 events at Districts. The team also made it to Regionals in 7 out of 12 events. Thank you to coaches Jan Browning and Adam Deisley.



GOLF

The Boys Golf team began the season with an impressive performance with their best finish ever at the prestigious Mustang Invitational, one of the longest running tournaments in the Tampa Bay area. The additions of Robbie Vinson '18, Stephen Xie '21 and the return of Maxton Lewis '17 and Kyle Smith '20 created a strong team. That momentum carried over into the regular season with the BlueJackets placing first in six out of seven matches, entering the district tournament with a record of nine wins and one loss. At the Class A, District 14 tournament Robbie Vinson shot a 78 leading the BlueJackets to a third place finish with a team score of 345, which earned the BlueJackets the right to advance to regionals for the first time since the early 1990's. Coach Destry Fudge believes the team will use this experience to springboard their success next season.

Meet Jeri Williar

Director of Counseling and College Placement

By: Jessica Van Curen



Jeri Williar, the new Director of College Placement and Counseling at Admiral Farragut Academy, didn't have the same hands-on experience with her guidance counselor

that our students do. "I didn't know what I wanted to do, just like everyone else," said Williar who was an average A and B student in high school. "However, my guidance counselor only paid attention to the top 10% of the class. I was so frustrated by it that I would tell my friends, 'I am going to be a guidance counselor some day and make sure that everyone gets the help they deserve and their voice is heard!'" Little did she know, that was exactly what she would grow up to do.

Williar earned her bachelor's in Sociology from Eastern Illinois University and her master's in Counselor Education from the University of North Florida. She has over twenty years of experience in college admissions, college registrar, and high school college placement and guidance counseling. Building on the program that her predecessor Valdis Gailitis spearheaded for six years before his retirement in May 2016, Williar has started this year with a "Full Speed Ahead" attitude.

"Every college or university is unique with their deadlines and application requirements and Fall is the most intense time for seniors. The process can be extremely overwhelming, but if they are prepared throughout high school it can ease the process," said Williar, who stays after hours a couple nights a week to be available for the boarding students.

"Everyone has a path to follow, it doesn't matter so much as to how you get there, ultimately it's about finding the right match and that you are happy. Everything else will follow."

--Jeri Williar

This is the first time that Williar has worked at a boarding and day school and she sees how boarding during high school can be an advantage for college preparation. "The boarders learn to get along with roommates, be organized, be on time, and do their homework," explained Williar. "A lot of students struggle with independence once getting to college." She believes Farragut's military values also give students an advantage. "I have found the students here are very respectful. You see the school's core values coming through when you speak with them. They are learning to communicate and present themselves well, which will help them in college admission interviews and job interviews. They will be better students and ultimately stronger more effective people," said Williar.

To Williar, the most important part of college guidance and counseling is for each student to find the right match. "I refuse to rank schools. I encourage each student to self explore; who they are as people, if they want a big or small environment, a specific geographical area, if they want to play a specific sport, or earn a specific degree," said Williar, who has each student find five to six schools that meet their profile and rank them as a match, reach, or safety school. "I ask them to stop and think about all the factors that would make that next step a positive experience."

Beginning the 2017-18 school year, Williar will introduce a college planning software called "Naviance" which will include online personalized plans, career assessments, academic planning, and self-discovery tools.

Meet Rebecca Hofmeister

Sailing Instructor

By: CAPT Tom McClelland



Rebecca, who goes by Becca, grew up in Nashville, Tennessee with parents who were avid sailors. Her first sailing experience was while her mother was eight months pregnant and her first memories are on a sailboat.

Becca started sailing in Optimist Prams (small 8 foot floating bathtubs) but she realized quickly that she wanted something bigger and faster and began racing in Lasers. She won the first Laser race she entered and was hooked on sailing for life. Growing up, Becca, her parents, and older brother, Lucas, would enter weekend Lightning class sailboat regattas all over the Midwest/Southwest. She still returns to Tennessee on some weekends to join her family at a regatta.

Becca became interested in becoming an instructor and coach when her parents created “Miss Mandy’s Sailing Camp” at the Harbor Island Yacht Club in Nashville. In 1988, Mandy and William Hofmeister led a group of parents and juniors from the Harbor Island and Percy Priest Yacht Clubs in forming “Miss Mandy’s Sailing Camp.” The camp continued to grow and those who attended eventually also became counselors after earning their US Sailing Association Small Boat Instructor Certifications. These teenagers got the opportunity to lead by providing on-the-water training for the campers. The young campers loved being around the teenagers and the parents were able to be on the sidelines, offering safety and curriculum guidance. From Becca’s

experience with this program, she found the skills to become a first rate qualified sailing instructor and coach.

Becca, who graduated from the University of Tennessee in 2014 with a major in Psychology, was visiting a friend in St. Petersburg after graduation when she discovered an instructor position for the Youth Sailing Program at the Davis Island Yacht Club. She applied, was hired, and relocated to the St. Pete area. In 2015, we were fortunate to hire her as our Sailing Instructor.

Becca has created a Farragut Sailing Team “that get stronger by the week” comprised of seniors Chris Hastrup (Captain), Veronica Levine, Chris Kosarzycki, and Kyndal Olander, juniors Stephanie Bailey and Carly Bosch, sophomores Luke Matsuyoshi and Emma Hastrup, and freshman Carlos Riva.

“Students benefit from being involved in the sailing program because they gain problem solving skills, build confidence, and learn healthy competition against the elements and other sailors,” said Becca.

“They also learn that capsizing is no emergency, that they can overcome obstacles, and there is a fine line of having fun and being safe at the same time.”

In addition to her Sailing Instructor duties, Becca is also one of our substitute teachers. During her free time, she enjoys taking care of her own Lightning and racing in the Lightning class and J-24s at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. When you come to visit Farragut, please stop by the waterfront and say hello to Becca!

Farragut Gives Back

Students at Admiral Farragut Academy give back to their community in many different ways. This semester, we had students from Lower and Upper School show their community they cared!



In November, Lower School students stuffed 30 stockings with candy and hygiene items for the service members that share a building with the father of seventh grader Tyler Turner.



Lower School collected and donated paper goods to the Ronald McDonald House Charities which serves children and families around the world through family-centered programs which promote health, healing, and togetherness.



Four students who are members of the Service Club spent their Saturday afternoon volunteering at Westminister Suncoast, a retirement community in St. Petersburg. While there they bonded and played bingo with the residents!



Our color guard represented Admiral Farragut Academy at Ribfest, a local food and concert festival in Vinoy Park as well as many other events.



Fifteen students and three teachers participated in the BLUE Ocean Grand Community Clean Up, partnered with the USF College of Marine Science, Canterbury School, Lakewood High School, Scubababes International, and Keep Pinellas Beautiful. This is the second time our school has participated. The volunteers picked up a total of 214 pounds of trash in 3 hours. Admiral Farragut Academy picked up the most as an individual group, with 71 pounds of debris along the Clam Bayou trail in only 2 hours!

Admiral's Athletics Club volunteers help raise money through game day admissions



Mary Rice and Jon Covington

Members of the Admiral's Athletics Club (AAC) have been busy volunteering at athletic events and raising money to support the athletic department and BlueJacket athletes. Every year the AAC finds ways to raise money for athletics mostly through fundraisers and events, but this year a large majority of their funds will come from charging gate admission during on campus athletic events.

"When I would go to away games, the visitors would have to pay an entrance fee," said Mary Rice, executive member of the AAC and parent of Dylan in 7th grade and Zach in 4th grade who both participate in sports. "I saw this as missing revenue for Admiral Farragut Academy."

With over 90 sporting events on campus each year, Mary immediately started taking action by recruiting other parents to volunteer during games. Now, all parents and visitors have to pay a gate admission of \$5 for Varsity and JV games and \$3 for Middle School games. So far, the Admiral's Athletics Club has raised an average of \$500 per game!

How to Become Involved

- Join the "Admiral Farragut Academy: Admiral's Athletics Club" group on Facebook for updates.
- Email Mary Rice at marys223@yahoo.com or Jon Covington at joncov66@msn.com with your volunteer interests.

"We are thinking big picture here," said Jon Covington, president of the AAC and parent of Carson in 3rd grade. "If we keep up the momentum we could potentially raise up to \$45,000 a year just from game admission."

In addition to the funds raised through gate admission, the Admiral's Athletics Club also held a wine chance drawing which earned an impressive \$14,450. The funds have been used to purchase needs such as a pizza and nacho cheese warmer for the concession stand, a new tractor to upkeep fields, and soon a treadmill and elliptical for the Field House. "The girls and boarding students have been asking for additional exercise equipment and we're thrilled to be able to finally make the purchase," explained Jon.



SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual Poker Run
February 11, 2017 at 4:00 PM
Downtown St. Petersburg
21 and up

Parents' Group raises funds and hosts events to enhance the Farragut Experience

By: Denise Colangelo, Parents' Group President

The Parents' Group continues to raise much needed funds to enhance the programs Farragut offers and keep the campus beautiful. This year, the 2016-17 Parents' Group executive board focused on a few different ways to increase parent participation and communication. A new "Admiral Farragut Academy Parents' Group" Facebook Group was setup to share upcoming events, reminders, and the meeting minutes. Our main goal is to get as many parents involved in whatever capacity they are able to do as their schedules permit. We want to bring new and returning families and students together through volunteer and social activities and we do this through various events throughout the year.



Denise Colangelo with her husband Chris Bourque and daughter Sophia, who is in 5th grade.

We started out the school year with a beautification day prior to the start of school. New and returning parents, students, and faculty came together to plant, weed, trim and mulch areas around campus.



Lower School After School Tennis

The first few projects the Parents' Group tackled before the start of the school year began with donating funds towards the purchase of a new school van and repaving the admissions parking lot. The tennis courts were also replaced, which enabled both Lower and Upper School students to have a safe and quality surface to practice on, as well as an enclosed area for Lower School Physical Education classes.

2016-2017 Parents' Group Executive Board

President: Denise Colangelo
Vice President: Saskia Etter
Secretary: Carolyn DeMaio
Treasurer: July Bonilla



giving back

Malia Bakken, past president, offered a Saturday Zumba class in October where participants enjoyed a great workout and some laughs. Both events will be held again during the school year as well as an Earth Day beach cleanup led by Sari Deitche, Chair of Science Department on March 22, 2017.



Parent volunteers at the Golf Tournament

During October, the Parents' Group hosted the Annual Scholastic Book Fair with a pirate theme, and Annual Golf Tournament. The book fair raised \$2,800 in Scholastic Dollars which was double that of the previous year. Over 450 new books were purchased for our library and all Lower School teachers and Upper School English teachers were gifted \$100 for additional books. The golf tournament had over 75 golfers and raised over \$12,600, thanks to event chair and advancement director, Alison Lescarbeau.

In November, the Parents' Group held the Annual Poinsettia Sale which raised an additional \$3,000, thanks to fundraiser chair, Joellen Sokolowski. The proceeds of the sale will go towards our Shade Project to create areas of shade around campus while educating students about sun safety. Phase 1 will see the addition of sunscreen stations in the Lower School playground, tennis and basketball courts, and the pool area.



Parent volunteers at the Scholastic Book Fair

Other fun upcoming events for students include a Lower School Daddy/Daughter Dance and Mother/Son Adventure Day. Also, an Upper School night out at several local businesses is in the works. Please reach out to me by email parentsgroup@farragut2.org if you are interested in helping the Parents' Group. We are all parents who love to support our amazing school!



SAVE THE DATE for the Parents' Group Annual Auction to be held on March 4, 2017 at 6:30 PM at The Club at Treasure Island. The theme this year, A Night at the Masquerade Ball, should prove to be another fun and successful evening.



Two campuses, one flag

This beautiful drone photo depicts our first flag raising ceremony for the 2016-17 school year. In a ceremonial salute to our Farragut North campus in April, our cadets raised the same American flag that flew at the Northern campus in Pine Beach. This photo was provided by Upper School STEM director Rob Milliner, leader of the Drone Club, which has been constructing drones from scratch as a part of the "Drones, Lead the Way" project, fully funded through the Rossignol Academic Chair in Science.



Families anchor their values in the Farragut Legacy

At Farragut, the best compliment we could receive is for our alumni to recommend and or send their children, grandchildren, younger siblings, and extended family members to our school. In this issue of Reville we are proud to feature some of these families, including the Sokolowski family, the Hajek family, and the Andrion family. These three families represent the Farragut Legacy and how it lives on through generations. Families or alumni who continue their Farragut Legacy are committed to the school's traditions and values and believe that a Farragut education provides the core foundation for a successful life. Each of these families have made their mark on Farragut in different ways, but all three have recognized the value and enduring impact that this school has made and have chosen to pass that onto their children.



The Sokolowski Family Legacy

Two generations of impact on Farragut



The Hajek Family Legacy

Ingrained in the tradition and growth of Farragut



The Andrion Family Legacy

Father and daughters find success at Farragut

The Sokolowski Family Legacy

By: Alison Lescarbeau



L-R: Claudia, Brooke '22, Ella '21, Bob, Jack '23, Erik '20

“The Sokolowski’s have served as the first family of Admiral Farragut Academy for the past 30 years.” said Headmaster CAPT Robert J. Fine, Jr. “Various members of the family have served as parents, students, Board Members, Foundation Board Members, President of the Parents’ Group, substitute teachers, advisors, donors and most importantly friends and supporters of Admiral Farragut Academy. They believe in the product and have given much of their time, talents and treasures. I will always be indebted to their family.”

Claudia and Bob Sokolowski have had two of their boys graduate from Farragut and currently have four grandchildren in attendance. The Sokolowski family is well-known in Pinellas County for their charitable deeds and ownership of Great Bay Distributors, Inc., which was founded in 1968 by Claude Focardi, Claudia's father. Over time, the company has become Florida's largest independently family owned distributor of Anheuser-Busch products and currently represents over 30 beverage suppliers. Claudia, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, has been in the family business for years and so are sons Doug, who graduated in 1990, and Matt, who graduated in 1992.

The family first discovered Farragut after driving by the school on a regular basis. "My mother lived down the street from the school and we often saw the cadets drilling," said Claudia. "My husband, Bob, is an educator so we knew about the school but it was our son, Doug, who first wanted to attend Farragut. Doug was finishing 5th grade in elementary school when he told us he wanted to 'check out' Farragut because he liked the marching and wanted to go into the military."

Claudia and Bob decided the small class sizes and discipline would be good for Doug and enrolled him. At that time their youngest son, Matt, decided Farragut was not for him, but when things for Doug started to change in a positive way he enrolled as well. "Even though our boys were very different, they thrived in the military setting," said Claudia. "My husband used to tell the boys, 'Do your work, get along, listen to the rules, and you will be just fine.'"

Like most siblings, the Sokolowski brothers attended Farragut for different reasons. "For Doug it was the discipline and responsibility that he learned," said Claudia. "He wanted and thrived in the structure and Farragut was definitely the right place for him. On the other hand, for Matt, who is more freewheeling, he wanted and needed to be challenged and found success with

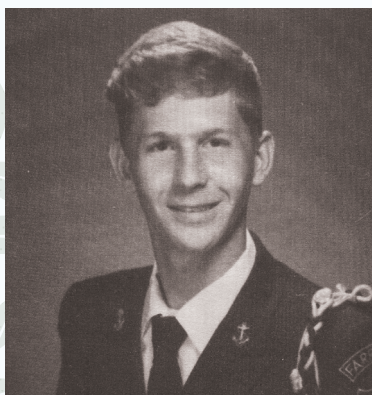
small class sizes and Dual Enrollment and honors level courses. And it is because of the academic opportunities that Matt took advantage of that he was able to enter the University of Miami as a sophomore. The other positive thing about Farragut, since it is small school, is that everybody gets to play a sport and that is a big team building lesson. It was a big deal for us," said Claudia.

Matt elaborated on that, "At the University of Miami, when I was in honors math and science classes, obviously I was among other good students from all over, but I was so much more prepared in math and science. I had great study habits and self-discipline."

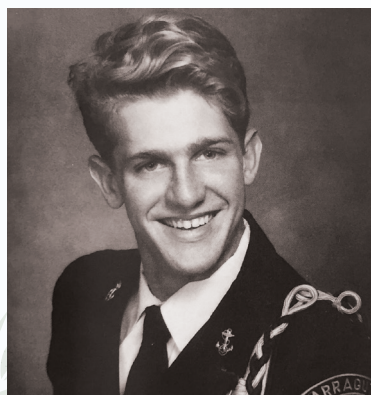
During the 1986-1987 school year, the bus that shuttled students to away athletic games broke down and the students had no transportation to away games. This sprung Claudia and two other moms into action, which ultimately led to the school's first Booster Club. "I called Farragut's superintendent at the time, CAPT Richard "Dick" Wheeler, AFA, and asked if we could raise the money for a new bus and he said yes," explained Claudia. In one month, the parents raised about \$30,000 to purchase a bus.

"Our mission was to support the school and fundraise for needs beyond what the school could afford. The Booster Club grew from there."

Claudia continued to be heavily involved in shaping the future for Farragut. "I did not feel that a current parent should be involved in setting school policy but after Matt graduated in 1992, the school asked me to join the Board of Directors and I obliged." She joined the board at a difficult time in Admiral Farragut Academy's history, as the northern campus struggled financially. The campuses proposed joining boards and it was thanks in huge part to Wheeler that the southern campus was kept afloat. Claudia elaborated and said, "When they tried to



Doug Sokolowski in his senior photo in 1990



Matt Sokolowski in his senior photo in 1992



Matt and Doug on the varsity basketball team in 1990

join the boards it was really Dick Wheeler who said we have to be there and know what is going on and we needed to have our voices heard. It was really Dick Wheeler who saved the school." In those days the airlines offered a companion ticket, which was half price for your spouse and since they didn't ask for identification, Claudia would travel as Dick Wheeler's wife to save the school money. "His wife and I always had a good laugh over it," reminisced Claudia. "She would say, 'I may be his first wife but you are his second wife.'" During the time Claudia served on the board from 1992-2013, she witnessed many monumental changes at Farragut including the northern school eventually closing, the southern school transforming to a boarding and day school, to allowing females, and to adding elementary grades.

The boarding aspect of Farragut became a huge part of their family's Farragut Experience. "Matt decided to board his junior year to focus on studying and sports," explained Claudia. "With Doug graduated and in the Navy, Matt would often bring home friends, and we just loved having them. They respected our home, our rules and we never, ever had a problem; they were always great kids." Even after their sons had both graduated, Bob and Claudia continued to open their home and hosted some of the boarding basketball players until 1997.

Today, Bob and Claudia continue to visit Admiral Farragut Academy a great deal because their

four grandchildren attend. Doug and his wife Joellen have a son Erik in 9th grade and daughter Brooke in 7th. Matt and his wife Jennifer have a daughter Ella in 8th grade and son Jack in 6th. "I really like that the class sizes are still small," said Claudia. "Farragut is a very different atmosphere from most schools, it is very caring and respectful. It is warm, which is probably not what most people expect. I love the mentoring among the older and younger kids, it is a wonderful role model experience. I like that my grandchildren are learning that it is OK to be good and it is OK to study. I also think the uniform is so much easier and everyone is on the same playing field. And mostly the multicultural experience is truly amazing. They see it all and there is no judgment there, just respect."

Involvement seems to be a theme for the Sokolowski family. Today Joellen volunteers for the Parents' Group and Admiral's Athletics Club, Jennifer is a volunteer and substitute teacher in Lower School, and Matt coaches the middle school girl's volleyball team. The entire family also continues to support the future of Farragut and have already made a financial commitment to the newly announced Capital Campaign to build a new multi-purpose building. "I think the challenges in the public school are growing and that Farragut will come to the forefront," said Claudia who believes this building is a crucial addition. The family would also like to see the further development of our waterfront in the near future.



L-R: Matt '92, Claudia, Jenn, Bob, Brooke '22, Jack '23, Doug '90, Erik '20, Ella '21, and Joellen

In closing, Claudia added, "I think the nice thing for parents is you are at one school until college. I just think that is awesome. The kids know the staff, they really feel like a part of a family and there is an academic track that has continuity. When I asked my granddaughter, Brooke, about going back to school at the end of summer, she said 'I feel awesome. I can't wait to go back to school.' I mean what kid says that? All my grandkids are different and learn differently, they



A family fishing trip

participate in different sports and activities, but they are all getting exactly what they need right here at Farragut." She continued, "I see good things coming to Farragut. I think the school has a lot to offer. I love seeing the cadets in the community like the drill team performing and I think the more people in our community see us, the more the school will grow. It is truly a hidden gem."

The Hajek Family Legacy

Contributions By: Brad Richardson and Alison Lescarbeau



L-R: Michael IV '15, Mark '20 (non-grad), Matthew '17, and Michael III '80

Michael William Hajek III '80 and his family have been long standing supporters of Admiral Farragut Academy and have witnessed and supported the growth and success of the school's programs and activities.

Hailing from St. Petersburg, FL, Hajek attended Admiral Farragut Academy during his junior year of 1978 after he transferred from St. Pete Catholic. His mother Rusty Hajek, who worked at Farragut as an administrative assistant, sent her son to the school as one of the first ever day cadets. For Hajek, the military aspect wasn't a big issue.



L-R: Michael '15, Patrick Hales '17 and former Scuba instructor Scott Davenport

"I felt more at ease at Farragut because everybody was getting treated the same way," said Hajek. "Once I learned the process, which ironically took me a year and a half, I enjoyed it. At times the regimentation could be very physical. If you did something wrong, you ran a lap. If you did something wrong again, you ran five laps and you always had your rifle with you."

At Farragut, he played two years of varsity baseball, one year of soccer and football. He even made the all-conference football team his senior year. But it was his teachers in the classroom that helped shape him into the person he is today.

"Although he was as tough as nails, Colonel (Richard) Kennedy was one of the people that really motivated and inspired me," said Hajek III. "He was a great mentor and helped me in a very methodical way. I always liked his style. The fatherly image that helped me stay in line was no doubt CAPT Orie Banks, AFA."

What he learned at Farragut is still useful in his professional life today. "The way I dress is directly related to Farragut. I still shine my shoes, keep a gig line and keep my hair tight. I have that 'early morning wake up and get motivated attitude' that I learned at Farragut. I'm always very grateful for it."

After graduating from Farragut in 1980, Hajek III attended the Citadel for a short time before returning to Florida. Through many different paths,

he found his way to St. Petersburg Junior College where he met his wife, Karen. She motivated him to take school seriously and he finished junior college in 1990 and got his degree in accounting in 1993. He and Karen are both CPAs and started their own business, Hajek and Hajek CPA, in September of 1996.

It was the tradition and military values instilled in him that made it an easy decision to send his sons, Michael IV '15, Matthew '17 and Mark '20 (non-grad), to Farragut. Michael IV began attending Farragut in 1st grade, Matthew in 1st grade, and Mark started in PreK.

"Farragut has done a good job at being a 'third parent,'" said Hajek III. "It helped us focus more on the things that are most important to us and to them. They learned about the world through other cadets who were from all over the United States and different countries. They learned about how people worked."

For their oldest son, Michael, Farragut was a place of opportunity and he was very involved. In addition to being an honor roll student from 9th to 12th grade, he participated in Multicultural Club, Buddy Mentoring, and was a member of both the NJHS and NHS. In addition he was a three season athlete and was a member of swimming, cross country, soccer, track and field, and baseball. To prepare him for an early college experience, the Hajek's decided to have Michael be a boarding student during his senior year of high school.

"His one year of boarding experience was one of the main reasons that he is successful in college. He had that first little jump out of the nest; as opposed to just waking up one morning, being in college and realizing one day that he was going to be taking care of himself."



L-R: Matthew '17 and Michael '15 after their first solo flights

It was the Scuba and Aviation programs where he found his niche. Michael obtained multiple certifications for Scuba as well as received his pilot's license by the end of his senior year. With the Scuba program, he dived at world-renowned dive sites throughout Florida such as Devil's Den, Ginnie Springs, Manatee Springs, and the Florida Keys. After Michael's graduation, the Hajek's decided to give back to the school so future Farragut cadets could have the great experiences that their sons had. They donated \$20,000 to the Farragut Scuba program for new equipment and to renovate classroom space. Since graduation in 2015, Michael IV attends the Citadel just as his father did and is projected to graduate in 2019.

Matthew, who is graduating this year, currently holds a 4.24 weighted GPA, is dual enrolled at St. Pete College, and is a member of the National Honor Society and DECA, which prepares students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Throughout his time at Farragut, he has participated in various sports including basketball, baseball, and is planning on getting his pilot's license when he graduates. He is looking to attend either Clemson, Georgia Tech or the University of Miami with a focus in engineering.

Upon graduation, Matthew is hoping that both his father and brother, Michael, will be able to be

a part of an on-going alumni tradition. "Matthew has requested to have Michael on the stage with me when I present him with his diploma at graduation," said Hajek III. "It's such an amazing moment where father and sons will get to stand on stage, hug, and be able to hand over Matthew's diploma. It is a great touch to the ceremony while ushering them to the next phase of their life."

Mark attended Farragut until eighth grade, with a 3.38 GPA, and played basketball, cross country, and soccer. He is currently at St. Pete Catholic and plays basketball and will graduate in 2020. Although not at Farragut anymore, the small class sizes and exceptional teaching through middle school gave him a superior foundation for life.

"Farragut has a unique ability to give students the discipline they need to be professionals. Life is about being a professional in whatever you do. If you are a mechanic or a CEO of a big company, you must be a professional in your environment," said Hajek III. "With my sons, Farragut also showed them the ability to find their independence. They oversaw their time in middle and high school and did significantly more at Farragut than they would be able to do at any other high school."

Michael Hajek III also supports the future of Farragut as a member of the Board of Trustees.

The Andrion Family Legacy

Contributions By: Brad Richardson and Alison Lescarbeau



L-R: Cassandra '19, Amanda '08, Stephanie '10, Butch '79, and Melanie '16

Since graduating from the St. Petersburg campus of Admiral Farragut Academy in 1979, Dr. Albert E. “Butch” Andrion, II D.C. and his family have seen the progressive changes that make Farragut one of the top military schools in the country. His personal experience, and the core values which are instilled in each cadet made Admiral Farragut Academy a natural choice when searching for the perfect education for his four daughters. He has watched his daughters Amanda ‘08, Stephanie ‘10, Melanie ‘16 and Cassandra ‘19, excel and thrive, in the same environment that he credits for contributing to his level of success in developing one of the largest single doctor chiropractic practices in the St. Petersburg area.

For Dr. Andrion, setting foot on campus brings about a tremendous sense of nostalgia. “When Farragut became coed in 1990, it gave me the opportunity to send my daughters there and I almost feel as though I never left. I take such pride in knowing that Amanda and I were the first father-daughter legacy pair to graduate from Farragut.”

Dr. Andrion is originally from the small town of Bel Air, 35 miles outside of Baltimore, Maryland. However, moving to Florida and leaving public high school to attend an all-boys military school was a major adjustment. His father, Dr. Albert E. Andrion, Sr., also a chiropractic physician, had been a Chief Boatswain Mate in the Navy, where he had seen action during World War II. He had originally enlisted in the Navy in 1933, and re-enlisted at the outbreak of the war. “The Navy was a very big part of my father’s life. I learned at a very early age that there was the right way, and the Navy way.” Given the impact the Navy had on the elder Andrion, it was natural that he would send his son to Farragut for his sophomore year in 1976.

Within the first months of attending the school, Andrion was surprised by the discipline and regimentation. He wasn’t used to having his peers tell him what to do. “After the first week, I had enough. I remember telling my father that I didn’t want anything to do with Farragut.” Father and son agreed Andrion would finish out the semester and see how he felt at that time. After the initial shock had worn off, Cadet Andrion discovered that he enjoyed the Farragut environment. “I will never forget my biology teacher my sophomore year, Capt. Barnwell Sanders,” said Andrion. “I remember walking into his class the first day. We stood at attention, we were inspected, and told to be seated. We sat at attention, listened while he lectured and we took notes. He was a phenomenal educator and human being.”

The faculty was very supportive and encouraged him to expand his horizons. He played center field on the baseball team his junior and senior years and sang first tenor in the choir. “I didn’t

even know I could sing,” said Andrion. “One of my classmates, Brett Stonecipher, knew I played the guitar and they needed someone for one of their performances. I agreed to play and sing, and the rest is history.” The choir director at the time, Major James T. Harris, was instrumental in encouraging Andrion to sing. “He opened a door for me that would give me a great deal of pleasure in years to come,” said Andrion. Cadet Andrion was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer, the highest rank attainable for a day student, mid-way through his junior year.

After graduation, Andrion attended St. Petersburg Junior College, Hillsborough Community College and the University of South Florida to complete the undergraduate requirement for admission into chiropractic school. He graduated from Life Chiropractic College in Marietta, Georgia in 1986 and entered private practice with his father. “I had planned on becoming a chiropractor as far back as I can remember,” said Andrion.

“I love what I do and I still use the structure and life lessons that I learned from both my father and Farragut daily. I still shine my shoes and make sure my gig line is straight every morning before I see my first patient.”

When Andrion’s oldest daughter, Amanda, entered high school, she attended a magnet school in the Pinellas County public school system. “I wanted to send her to Farragut, but met opposition from my wife and was advised against it by her 8th grade teachers, as they felt that Amanda would not do well in a structured environment. I caved in and allowed her to attend the public school her freshman year. It turned out to be an absolute disaster.” The issues had nothing to do with his daughter, it was the environment and quality of education that was

disappointing. “I remember meeting with her Algebra teacher and thought he was one of the students. I felt obligated to tell him that I expected him to dress more like a teacher and not a student.” The following year, the Andrion’s agreed that Amanda would attend Farragut. “Amanda thrived in the school’s atmosphere and traditions. It gave her a sense of self-discipline and self-confidence. She participated in NJROTC as Platoon Guide-On and became one of the school’s first female Drill Company Commanders. With the drill team, she participated in the Un-Armed Basic, Armed Basic, and Armed Exhibition teams. She participated in volleyball, soccer and cheerleading and was the captain her senior year. She participated in choir, drama, spring musicals, and was on the yearbook staff. After graduation in 2008, Amanda attended the University of South Florida and received her degree in political science and international affairs and is currently an investment broker with Fidelity.

Following Amanda’s graduation, Andrion became active with Farragut as the President of the Alumni Association. He took over the position after Christian Wagner, ‘82, assumed the position of Farragut’s Foundation President.

Two years behind Amanda was her equally ambitious sister, Stephanie. Stephanie participated in cheerleading all four years, played soccer, ran track, and became an accomplished figure skater in her free time. She also participated in choir, drama and the spring musicals. She was the First Company Executive Officer, and crowned as Homecoming Queen during the 2010 Homecoming football game. Before she was even announced the winner, she was determined to know the results any way she could. “I remember her telling me that Mr. Forrester had the results of all the voting sitting on his desk,” Andrion said. “She went into his office to try and find out the results. He ended up eating the paper with the tally so she could not find out.” That is a great example of Stephanie’s level of determination. “When she wants

something, she goes for it full speed ahead,” said her dad. Following her 2010 graduation, Stephanie went to St. Petersburg College and the University of South Florida where she currently attends and is working towards her doctorate in physical therapy.

The Andrion's third daughter, Melanie, stood out amongst her sisters in her own unique way. Although somewhat quiet in comparison to her sisters, she knows exactly what she wants, and always has a plan to achieve it,” said her dad. “She is very kind and giving, and has a tremendous heart.” She played volleyball throughout high school and girls basketball her senior year. “I am very proud of her loyalty, dedication and sense of commitment,” said Andrion. She is creative in the arts, and was very involved with the 3D modeling and animation group. She's also a skilled writer and has won National recognition, as well as receiving the English Award upon graduation. “I have watched her flourish and grow into such an amazing person. I had no idea she was such a talented writer. She continues to surprise me,” said her father. Melanie currently attends St. Petersburg College following her 2016 graduation. She plans to transfer to the Ringling School of Fine Art and Design, to study computer animation. She hopes to someday work for Disney or Pixar in their animation department.

The Andrion's fourth daughter, Cassandra, better known as Casey, is the last of the girls and will

graduate in 2019. She currently plays soccer, volleyball, and runs track and does the pole vault. She takes all honors and advanced placement classes, and is extremely busy studying. Following her graduation from Farragut, Casey plans on becoming a psychologist.

Farragut graduations are special occasions filled with tradition. One of Dr. Andrion's most cherished experiences started with the tradition awarded to our alumni in which they present their children with their diploma on stage. Casey will receive that same honor that was bestowed on her three sisters. Dr. Andrion stated that this has been a moment of incredible pride for him knowing that his daughter's hard work at Farragut had come full circle. “When Casey graduates, and I hand her that diploma, it will be a very emotional and touching day. It always is, but knowing that Casey will be the last, well...,” said the proud father.

The bonds that form at Farragut are very deep, strong and last a lifetime. Amanda was introduced to her future husband by a Farragut classmate, and there were classmates from as far away as Indonesia, Japan, Australia, and Mexico in attendance at her wedding in 2013. Dr. Andrion said not to count the Andrion legacy out of Farragut just yet. Amanda has two sons, Anthony age two, and Raiden age two months, so there is a possibility that a third generation of the Andrion family could walk the historic halls of Admiral Farragut Academy.



Butch Andrion in his Senior Photo in 1979



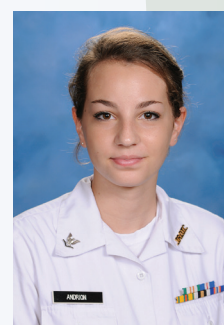
Amanda Andrion in her Senior Photo in 2008



Stephanie Andrion in her Senior Photo in 2010



Melanie Andrion in her Senior Photo in 2016



Casey Andrion in her Sophomore Photo in 2016

Class of '66 reflects on the legacy and traditions of Farragut during their reunion

By: Douglas C. Pearson Sr.
ATCS – FAA, Retired
Class Agent, 1966



In June of 1966, 58 seniors received diplomas from Admiral Farragut Academy. A cross section from 18 states and six countries, we went about our separate ways after experiencing our exposure of customs and traditions at Farragut. Being founded in 1933, this was a school that was steeped in history and it was held in confidence and respect for each successive graduating class.

In 1958 a Senior Honor Council was formed and, under the supervision of the commandant and headmaster, it was responsible for many privileges that cadets enjoy as well as contributing advice and consent for disciplinary actions of cadets when called for. Its main goal was to establish a working honor system within the academy that would bring pride to all concerned. The objective would consist of one sentence; "I will not lie, cheat or steal."

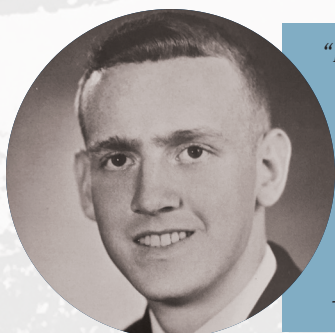
In June of 1965, our legacy was further defined by a challenge from the then graduating Battalion Commander, Robert Lee Stout, when he challenged others succeeding them; "The discipline and habits (you) have learned will benefit (you) proportionately. Maturity; physical and mental and spiritual, will be essential. While maturing you will gain self-confidence, pride and a

sense of honor from following your moral code, and self-satisfaction. In order to obtain anything, no matter how great or how small, 100% effort will be necessary. If you put forth 100% effort in all that you do, you cannot fail."

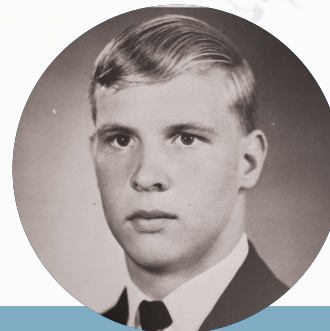


The Quarterdeck in the main entrance of Farragut Hall

In the fall 1986, during our first class reunion, many of us were astonished by one simple act. In the main entrance of Farragut Hall is the Quarterdeck. Immediately in front of that position, in the floor, is the great seal of Admiral Farragut Academy. As cadets, we left a "Legacy", custom if you will, that prohibited underclassmen from walking on that seal. Only seniors were permitted to engage in such an action. Numerous other customs and practices had apparently disappeared too, but this



"I want to thank everyone for making Sandy and I feel as though we'd been with you for many other reunions, like we had always been a part of the family." "I've been to a few reunions at The Citadel and my old high school and none of those reunions compares to the friendship, welcome, appreciation from school staff and fun as my first Farragut reunion last week. I am so proud of my classmates and their spouses and families. If our health permits, I'll never miss another reunion with you guys."
- Col. Robert Penny, U.S.A.F. (ret), '66



"It was great seeing everyone again and to those that have just joined in the fun. Without a doubt, it was a great time."
 - Wray A. Gillette II, U.S. Coast Guard, (ret), '66

one really cut to the bone of our members as we watched while no one at all respected this symbol of legacy itself.

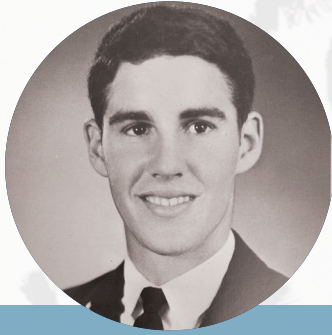
We brought this to the attention of the officials and, along with the other items, agreed that some heritage/legacy issues need to be reinstated and that would help to increase the esprit-de-corp of the cadet battalion. It was five years later, when we returned for our 25th year reunion, that we noticed that not only was the seal "roped off" but several other actions of common courtesy and military discipline had been reinstated. Indeed the corp was more responsive, disciplined and more active in helping to preserve our legacy.

Over the years, during our returns to the campus, each and every visit restored our faith in the fine military institute and academic organization that we had known and enjoyed in the mid-sixties.

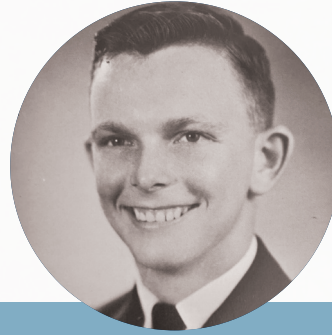
In the interim, from then until today, the changes have been great and many are along the lines of adjusting to society. Some are agreeable, some are deemed controversial, but all are necessity in order to have a well-rounded education and training to be prepared for the present and future world. Along the way the Class of '66 has endeavored to not only participate in Homecoming events but to also share our experiences and values with those we encounter.

I recall a time, during my own professional career, when a supervisor was giving me my annual ratings, along with my future potential in my chosen career. While it was a good review he made remarks to me that offended the ideals that have been ingrained in me. He began by informing me that he admired my loyalty and dedication to our organization and the mission that (our profession) was charged to accomplish. He especially remarked about my outstanding support of the objectives that we accomplished. Then he informed me that due to my education and professional background, specifically my military prep-school and college experiences and service to my country, I was too strict. He saw me as an enforcer of the rules and regulations and wanted me to let up on my strict adherence to the safety rules we were charged with accomplishing. He informed me that my future in the organization did not include further advancement in my profession.

The very reasons he admired me were the reasons that he could not support my advancement in the career. At the time it bothered me very much, as with every other job (including this one) I was extremely proud of my accomplishments as an individual and team member. Immediate reflection of my own brought me back to those attributes that were formed as a cadet at Farragut, Georgia Military College and the U.S. Air Force, to say nothing to the challenges that I had experienced up to that point as an Air Traffic Control Specialist



"As one of the Newby 5 I have to say that Deb and I had a blast! The reunion rekindled a respect for the education I received at Farragut and the camaraderie that we experienced as adolescent boys on the shores of Boca Ciega Bay."
- Dr. Jack D. Harris, Ph.D., '66



"The '50th' reunion with my Farragut Family was by far the best. I have so much respect and love for you all. Sadness and tears on Sunday. Yet knowing we will be seeing each other over shadows leaving you all. Good memories shall prevail."
- Dr. Phil Gilbert, D.C., '66

and Evaluations Proficiency Development Specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration for well over 10 years.

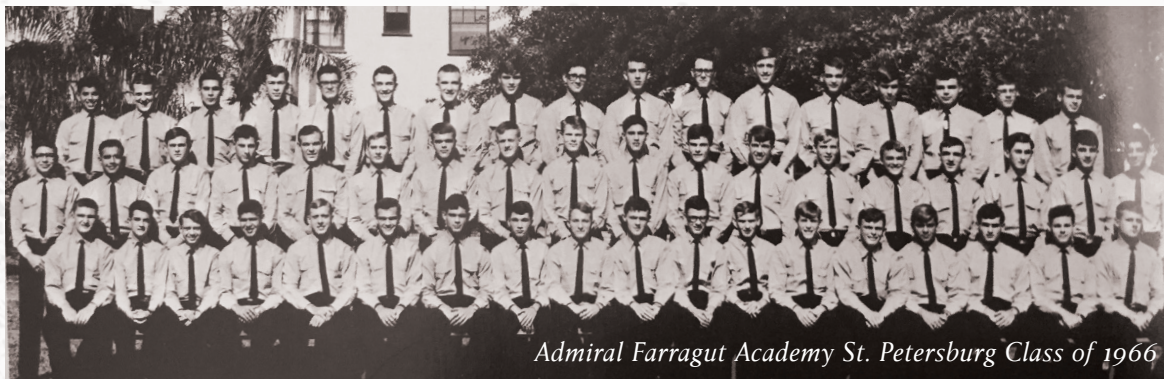
I went on with my career after that with the same proud qualities that we've learned and developed as a result of our education and experiences. It was not long after that the Manager in question was removed from his position, reassigned and eventually advised to retire or face a disciplinary board that would terminate his employment.

My Career? It went forward with promotions and some of the most rewarding experiences I could have ever hoped for with representing the agency at colleges and universities along with being on the Administrators Advisory Board and participating in development of policy and procedures for the facility and industry. How? Because we learned a legacy that carries us

through life and serves us well by instilling pride and honor and maintaining a goal of; "I will not lie, cheat or steal." In addition, no matter what outside influences attempted to intervene, I continued to give 100% in every endeavor I undertook.

I am now retired from what I call a very rewarding career and my challenge today has been to help the class of 1966 re-group every five years and assist in continuing that legacy. Since 1986 it has been a great experience watching all those folks renew those friendships and to vocalize their own thoughts on legacy.

As you can tell, our legacy is alive and well and we will continue to enjoy the ability to pass that legacy on to others and the upcoming graduates and alumni. As one of our members has said over and over; "To remember is to live." I would add to that; to relay the stories guarantees life.



Admiral Farragut Academy St. Petersburg Class of 1966

Homecoming WEEKEND 2016

By: Jeff Ogden '00



As a member of a fraternity, forum of your peers, or any larger organization, you understand the feeling you get when you reconnect after one day or 50 years apart from your friends and confidants. The feeling is special. The memories you shared before are instantly brought to the forefront of your minds. The sights and the sounds of when those memories occurred replay round and round in your head. For our 2016 Alumni Homecoming Weekend, this was all too true.

Throughout the weekend, we hosted nearly 225 alumni families and friends spanning from 1946 to 2016 graduation years. While there is 70 years between the extremes of those alumni, the memories are all so similar. Formations.... breaking ranks... Mess Hall dining options (good or bad)... dorm room living... The experiences are timeless.

While this weekend is extremely meaningful and important to us as a school, we use



Alumni Homecoming Weekend to bring our classes together, often for the first time since commencement to reconnect and reminisce. Some classes and alumni are regulars to this weekend gathering, but for many this year, it was their first of many! Friends, roommates, and forever brothers and sisters came together again, as one, no matter their campus affiliation.

We want to thank those who joined us from near and far. Your commitment and passion means the world to us and your peers. It is your attendance and support that truly make this event a success for our community.

We invite you to join us in the Fall of 2017, official date TBD, for our 2017 Alumni Homecoming Weekend events celebrating reunions for all classes ending in '2 or '7, though we welcome each and every member of our alumni community!





By: Jeff Ogden '00



Clearly, the annual Army Navy football game is an event unlike any other in college athletics. Only those who participate truly understand the significance. So for a school like Admiral Farragut Academy, why not host an alumni event focused around "America's Game" each and every year?

Ten years ago, with the help of a group of Philadelphia alumni and friends, Farragut hosted a small group of 30 at Lincoln Financial Field who took in the sights and sounds of the Army Navy Game. Following the game, they gathered at Philadelphia's notorious Union League Club for an evening filled with holiday cheer, patriotism, and true Farragut Brotherhood. Fast forward to December of 2016, this event has become one of our largest annual events entertaining nearly 125 alumni and guests each and every year.

Our 2016 Army Navy Alumni Weekend took center stage in Baltimore's Inner Harbor at the beautiful Rusty Scupper restaurant on Friday, December 9 and was truly epic. Guests included members of our Board of Directors and Foundation Board of Trustees, current upper school cadets and lower schools students, members of our alumni community coming from near and far, and our guest of honor and speaker, Harry Humphries. Harry spoke about the meaning of the Army Navy Game, what it means to those men competing on the field for their brothers and sisters fighting the fight for the rest of us around the world. He spoke about the meaning of being one nation, under one flag. Standing up for

each other and backing up those who flank you in life and society. His words came from his military career, serving our country in the United States Navy. Humphries was involved in over 200 combat missions and served two tours in Vietnam, first as a member of SEAL Team TWO under Richard Marcinko, and then later as a "PRU Advisor" with Phoenix Program's Counter-Terrorism unit.

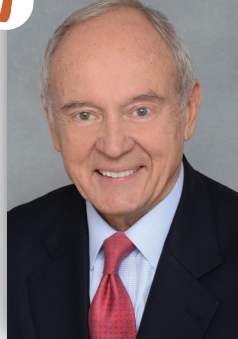
He thanked our current cadets of Admiral Farragut Academy and our two current Midshipmen from the Naval Academy who were present for their dedication to carrying on the necessary traditions and values that both Academy's have relied on for generations to prepare leaders of our great country both militarily and in society.

Speaking for those in attendance, it was truly an honor to have Harry and his wonderful wife Catherine present. A night with so much meaning, with Baltimore's M&T Stadium over his right shoulder illuminated in red, white, and blue, Mr. Humphries said it best!

Next year, our festivities will make their way back to the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia. We are already hard at work putting together accommodation options and our events. If you would like to join us in Philadelphia December 8 & 9, 2017, or would like more information about the weekend's event, please contact Jeff Ogden '00 at jogden@farragut.org. Tickets for the game and dinner will be available March 1 on our website.

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*** Homer E. Moyer, Jr. '60**, a member of Miller & Chevalier and the firm's international department founder, was honored with the 2016 Harry LeRoy Jones Award by the Washington Foreign Law Society (WFLS). The award annually recognizes a distinguished individual associated with the Washington professional community whose efforts and involvement in the development of international law exemplify the spirit of Harry LeRoy Jones, who founded the WFLS in 1952. In particular, Moyer received the accolade for his work co-founding and leading the ABA's Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI) and the CEELI Institute in Prague. This award marks the fourth time Moyer has been recognized for his contributions to the legal community. In 2015, he received the Global Investigations Review (GIR) Lifetime Achievement Award for the scope of his international practice, his work helping others throughout the duration of his career, and his reputation as a thought leader the profession universally respects. In 2010, he

received the prestigious American Bar Association (ABA) Founders' Award for his role in the creation of ABA CEELI, a project described by late Attorney General Janet Reno as "the worthiest pro bono project that American lawyers have ever undertaken." In 2008, he received the ABA's Section of International Law Lifetime Achievement Award. ¹

John Almy '66 worked for 24 years with Southern Railway, who merged with Norfolk Southern in 1982. He returned home to Daytona Beach, FL in 1996 to take care of his mother and sister following the death of his father. He has been married to his college sweetheart Alisca, a retired early childhood development teacher, for 47 years. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. John now dabbles in real estate investing, and enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and

* The complete story is located online at www.farragut.org/alumni/news-class-notes

reading about military history in his mountain home in North Georgia.

The Honorable Robert Helfand '68

retired as an Administrative Law Judge for the State of California's Office of Administrative Hearings. Judge Helfand served over ten years as an ALJ handling special education cases and ten years as a Deputy Attorney General for California. Judge Helfand received a proclamation from the California Senate honoring all of his years of dedicated of service. His wife, Rhonda, as well as his former junior year roommate **Howard Reich '67**, were both in attendance.

*** Granvil Tracy '73** owns American Land Ventures, a real estate development company which recently began design on AER Apartments, an 18-story, \$85-million apartment tower in the heart of downtown St. Petersburg at 330 Third St. South. This project will be the company's second high-rise development in the Tampa Bay area. Since taking over as CEO of the company, Tracy has been responsible for helping to revitalize the South Florida market with several projects described as "eye candy" by Fort Lauderdale Magazine. His projects have included multiple state-of-the-art skyline apartment complexes in south Florida, as well as two in Jacksonville. ²

*** Lorenzo Lamas '75** has acted in soap operas, TV series, action movies, and most recently on Broadway. But that's not all. Now you can read his autobiography "Renegade at Heart" while Lorenzo flies you in a helicopter over the Grand Canyon on a scenic tour, with a picnic and all. Read more about Lorenzo in the New York Times article he was recently featured in at <http://nyti.ms/2ffHPFI> ³

Bill Sarafin '76 was elected to international nonprofit wetlands, waterfowl, and wildlife conservation organization Ducks Unlimited's

national Board of Directors during the organization's 79th annual national convention held recently in Anchorage, Alaska. Bill is a retired business manager for Northern Illinois University. He has held many volunteer positions within Ducks Unlimited, including area, district, and state chairman and also as state council chair. ⁴

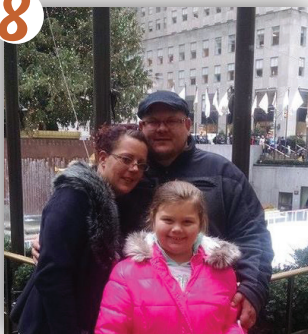
Christopher Reichardt '77 retired from the Harford County Sheriff's Office in Maryland on June 1, 2016 after 32 years in Law Enforcement. He has three daughters, Shannon 27, Shelby 24, and Stacey 22, and is a member of the Mt. Ararat Lodge #44 A.F. & A.M. in Bel Air, Maryland and the Scottish Rite Valleys of Baltimore and Susquehanna. He has been happily married to Debbie for 35 years. ⁵

*** Mike Holmes '83**, an economic development officer for Pima County, Arizona ran to be state representative for Legislative District 14, however he did not win the majority vote. On his Facebook page he wrote, "I have just made telephone calls to my opponents Drew John and Becky Nutt to congratulate them on their success today. We knew from the very beginning that this would be an uphill fight, that this was a predominantly Republican district, and yet we chose to engage because we felt it was important to hold our government accountable for what they have not done. We chose to run because we felt it was time to retake control of our state government and make it work for us, instead of against us. We still feel that way, and that is why tomorrow we will be filing the necessary paperwork to run again in 2018." ⁶

James Brown '90 lives in Oakland Maine with his beautiful wife Sara and wonderful children Abigail (4) and Nolan (2). He has been sailing in the Merchant Marines as an engineer for 22 years and the last 17 years as chief engineer. "Over the last 22 years I have found myself on every continent and every ocean and I have Admiral Farragut Academy to thank for helping to make it all possible." ⁷

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Antonio Facio '92 came to Farragut for a visit on 10/17/16. Antonio was born in Costa Rica and now lives in Miami. He toured campus and visited his previous dorm rooms. Antonio was overcome with emotion when he visited his senior dorm room. He said he went through some really hard times his senior year, but that Farragut was his family and being here is what pulled him through.

David Charlesworth '96 has moved back to sunny Florida! Along with his wife Christine and 10 year old daughter Kaylie Marie, his family now resides in Cape Coral. "I intend to spend more time at the campus not only to show my family where most of my fond memories were made but also to give back to Farragut, an institution that has given and taught me so many lessons that later in life would be recognized. From integrity, honesty, and most importantly hard work." 8

David Schultz '05 visited the campus on 11/10/16. He reconnected with Capt. Thomas McClelland, the former Director of Naval Science, who now serves as a Development Officer. David graduated from the Naval Academy in 2009 and served as a Division Officer on the USS McCampbell (DDG-85) in Yokosuka, Japan from 2009 to 2011. He reported to Nuclear Power Training and became a Nuclear Qualified Surface Warfare Officer in 2012. From 2012-2014, he was assigned to the Reactor Department on USS Nimitz. For the past two years, David has been an instructor at the Navy Nuclear Training Unit in Ballston Spa, New York. His next assignment will be as Operations Officer on the USS Kidd (DDG-100) in Everett, Washington after training at the Surface Warfare School in Newport, Rhode Island.

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Kathryn Thomas '08 is the Training Officer on board the USS Antietam CG-54. ¹⁰

*** LTJG Bret Louderback '09**, a Navy F-18 pilot, visited the students of Mr. Ewing's aviation class. Louderback '09, who recently began a tour flying the F/A-18E Super Hornet out of Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, spoke to the students about his journey from Farragut to the Navy. ¹¹

ENS Alexandria Neuzil '11 arrived in Japan as a newly commissioned US Navy Nurse and was greeted by **LT Margot Gates-George '07**. Farragut Sisterhood at its finest! ¹²

*** Todd Macon '13**, who lettered in all four years as a running back at Farragut and now plays at Liberty University, finished the 2016 season with seven touchdowns. ¹³

*** Charlisa Jenkins '15** is now a basketball student-athlete at Gardner-Webb University majoring in Sociology with a minor in Psychology. She also worked as a counselor for her university basketball camps. She averaged 1.7 points and 1.4 rebounds per game over 26 contests during the Runnin' Bulldogs' 19-12 season, and she scored

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a season-high 11 points in 13 minutes against Montreat. ¹⁴

Kimberly Brown '15 hosted an episode of Orange Zest on CitrusTV, Syracuse University's entirely student-run TV studio. Watch it here: youtu.be/PUY6xOvVPkE ¹⁵

*** Mike Tauber '15** visited Cuba with a group of approximately 40 students from American University for a scholars program called "Cuba: Water From Ridge to Reef" for 10 days to document the agricultural and re-usable habits of the country. While there, he snapped an iPad photo of a street mural that eventually became one of the select few to be chosen for "Experience Cuba!" — a multi-faceted exhibition at the St. Petersburg Museum of History anchored by world-renowned photographer Clyde Butcher's collection called "Cuba, The Natural Beauty." ¹⁶

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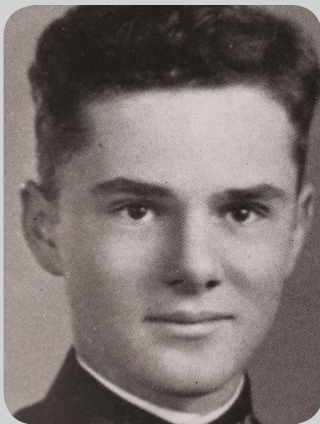


Peter Kain '36

Peter Jeremiah Kain, of Enon, died peacefully at home on July 16, 2016. Born in Philadelphia, he graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in Toms River, NJ, 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 home building business, Peter completed his professional career with Stone and Webster in the

construction of nuclear power plants. Peter was an active member of the local Optimist Club serving for several years as president. He also built a beach cottage which was a haven for his entire family for more than 30 years.

After his retirement in 1978, Peter and Mary were lured back to 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.



Loren "Pete"
Hillman '40

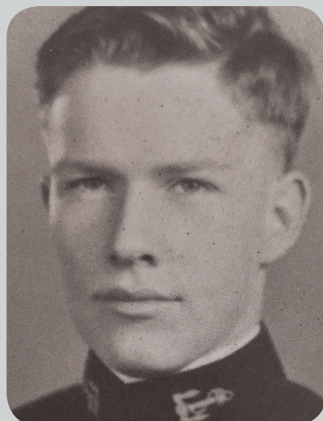
Pete, just short of his 94th birthday, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2016 with his daughters by his side. Originally from Los Angeles, Pete attended Admiral Farragut Academy and graduated with the class of 1940 North in New Jersey. During WWII he joined the U.S. Navy as an ensign and navigator on a Portland-built ship called an LCS.

After the war, he returned to California to study agriculture and animal husbandry at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, class of 1948. He enjoyed being a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Later, while working at a ranch in Bozeman, MT, he met his wife, Patricia. After the birth

of their son, Peter, they moved to Santa Rosa, Calif., to manage a large ranch, now Annadel State Park. As the family grew, he went on to work for a subsidiary of Union Oil of California, Collier Carbon and Chemical, to distribute agricultural and forestry fertilizer based in Sacramento, Calif., and later in Portland.

After retirement from Union Oil, he worked with a Japanese food importer named Shoei Foods. He was an avid sailor who loved racing sailboats with the Willamette Sailing Club. He also painstakingly restored an old wooden fishing boat named Nemesis. Pete stayed engaged with the sailing club, helping officiate races and working with youth in the craft of boat building. He was instrumental in the founding of, and a strong supporter of, the Oregon Maritime Museum, the steam powered sternwheeler Portland on Portland's waterfront. Always willing to be helpful to others, his positive attitude and community spirit inspired many.

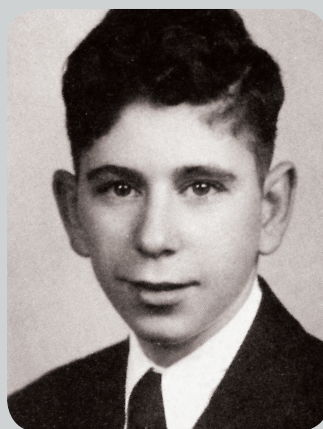
As was his wish, his ashes were scattered in the Pacific Ocean.



**Samuel G
Morrison '40**

Sam of East Lyme passed away on Saturday, November 9, 2013, at his residence, surrounded by his children. Sam married Betty in 1945 and enjoyed fifty years of marriage before her death

in 1995. Sam graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served in the Navy during World War II as a naval architect in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. He worked as a naval architect at Electric Boat Company from 1954 until his retirement in 1987. Upon retirement, he began working as an interpreter at the Mystic Seaport. As a lifelong student of nautical history, this was an ideal position for him, and he spent 25 years as a respected and admired member of the Seaport staff. He was a member of the Second Congregational Church and sang in the choir for 58 years, as well as serving on many committees at the church. He was a member and past president of the East Lyme Historical Society, and a member of the East Lyme Cemetery Association.



Harold Berger '52

Harold Fred Berger, 80, of Palm Harbor, FL, died on Jan. 6, 2015. He started his sales career at an early age, by selling his family's ration of soap bars during World War 2. He was one of the first people in the US to learn how to water ski. He was sent to Admiral Farragut Academy for his high school

years. There are many stories from this time in his life, most of which earned him extra duty time and demerits. He attended New York School of Design and New York University simultaneously studying interior design and journalism. He opened a design studio focusing on the interior design of nightclubs. He moved to Florida where he opened a sports car dealership and began auto racing. In June of 1960 he opened his real estate office in Sarasota Florida with his father, where he met his wife Catherine (Kitty) Richardson. The real estate office and his career in commercial real estate flourished through the years and allowed him to develop many life long friendships. A group known as the Friday lunch group was well known for their weekly and sometimes 'spirited' lunches at Columbia Restaurant in St. Armand's Circle.

Coach Slaby Interment at Arlington National Cemetery



On May 28, 2016 Coach Stan Slaby passed away. Days later, brothers and sisters of our Farragut Family, along with friends and family members of our beloved "Coach," gathered together at the Cathedral of the Air in Lakehurst, New Jersey, to bid adieu to one of Farragut's all-time greats during a touching ceremony. Through a coordinated effort by "Coach's Boys," Stan was given a burial befitting of a man who gave his heart and soul to Farragut during his 39 years of service with the school.

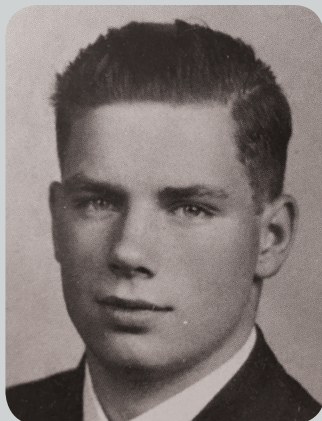
Slaby, who graduated from Ware High School in June of 1943, enlisted in the U.S. Navy one month later to serve his country. During his service Slaby received the Navy & Marine Corps medal for saving a drowning marine in the sea at Normandy on June 9, 1944. He received four additional medals for his service and was honorably discharged in April 1946.

Coach was laid to rest and honored with a special ceremony on November 4, 2016 at Arlington National Cemetery.



***Read a recollection of the interment
by Bob DaSilva 76N':
<http://bit.ly/2f9lJku>.***

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Terry Kohler '53

a Bachelor of Science degree and later an M.B.A. in industrial management from the MIT Sloan School of Management. Terry started working in the family business, The Vollrath Company, in 1963. In 1976, he became the seventh president of the company. He became Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in 1982, and under his leadership the company expanded dramatically. In July 1984, Terry purchased North Sails, a leading global manufacturer of racing and cruising sails, from its founder, Lowell North. In January 1989, North Sails and The Vollrath Company became separate corporations under Windway Capital Corp., a holding company. Terry was President and Chairman of the Board of Windway Capital Corp., Chairman of The Vollrath Company, and past Chairman

Terry, age 82, passed away Sept. 20, 2016 at his residence. In 1952, Terry graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1959 where he earned his pilot's wings and flew T-33 fighter jets and also B-47 bombers with the Strategic Air Command.

Kohler achieved the rank of Captain. In 1962, he received

of North Technology Group. Kohler loved the outdoors and was a sports enthusiast, racing sports cars in the mid 1960s, and spending six years on the National Ski Patrol. Terry was a life member and supporter of Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, the National Rifle Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, and the International Crane Foundation. Terry and his wife, Mary, were instrumental in the ultra-light led Whooping Crane Recovery Project between Wisconsin and Florida. In 2009, they were awarded the Charles Lindbergh Award, which is given annually to individuals whose work over many years has made significant contributions toward Lindbergh's concept of balancing technology and nature. Following his service in the U.S. Air Force, Terry continued his love of flying by owning and piloting many types of aircraft, including helicopters. He was also a founding member of the Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin. Terry and his wife, Mary, have been advocates for strong families and started several organizations including Great Marriages for Sheboygan County. Terry was passionate about conservative politics, and was Wisconsin's GOP candidate for Governor in 1982, and a GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1980. He and Mary helped craft the "Contract with America" with Newt Gingrich and other Congressional Republicans.

"I try to live my life faithfully, quietly doing the job the Lord assigned me. I am not worried or afraid of dying because I am just an instrument. I will be here until my work for Him is finished." ~ Terry



Frank Harrison '53

the Korean Conflict. In 1949, he was introduced to the Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Company, where he became a member and served for 50 years, becoming a life member. In the 1970s he joined Lavino Shipping

Frank, 82, of Southport, passed away Friday, June 17, 2016, at his home. Frank led a life dedicated to protecting others. He graduated high school from the north campus of Admiral Farragut Academy in 1953. Because of his interest in firefighting, he became a volunteer fire warden for the Office of Civil Defense during

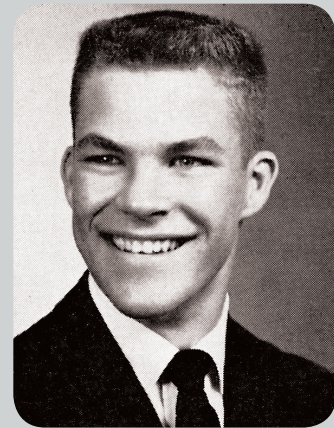
Company and worked in the Risk Management Department as manager of Property Loss Control, and later as corporate chief fire marshal. He was also a member of the Longport Volunteer Fire Company until 1978. Frank became a U.S. Navy naval cadet battalion fire marshal and served for four years. He also went on to graduate from several fire schools in Pennsylvania. He became a successful architectural/engineering designer in electric and fire protection engineering. He was involved in many projects for the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard. When Frank moved to Southport, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at USCG Station Oak Island and continued to develop safety plans and served as key technical adviser on marine firefighting for the Ports of Wilmington and Cape Fear North Carolina. In 2005, he published the manual 'Shipboard Fire,' and in 2009, he published a 50-year memoir, 'Fire and Water.' He held life memberships with the International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Firefighters, and Lansdowne Fire Company.

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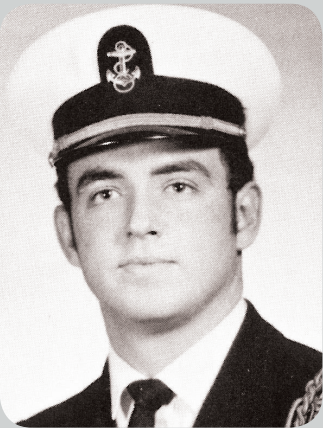
James G. Kaufman '56

James Gene Kaufman, 77, of Las Cruces, passed away Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. James graduated from the Toms River campus of Farragut in 1956. James served his country honorably in the United States Army and retired from Kraft Foods as a stationary engineer. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 368.



John Bennett '60

John G. Bennett, Sr., 74, of La Verne passed away on Friday, November 18th. John grew up in Albuquerque and attended the New Mexico Military Institute. Later he moved to Florida where he attended Admiral Farragut Academy, graduating with the class of 1960. John served in the Vietnam War for the Army; he also had a 32-year career as a firefighter for the Los Angeles County Fire Department, retiring a captain in 1997. John enjoyed working on classic cars, getting his Ford Cobra replica published in a magazine.



John Kerwin '71

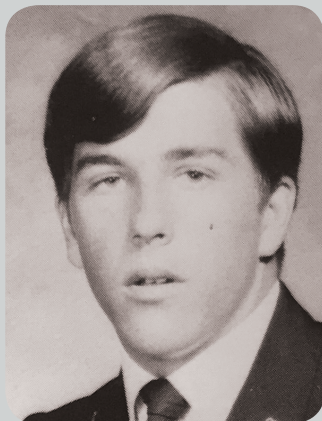
John passed away on June 30, 2016. After graduating from Farragut in New Jersey, he received a BS from Seton Hall University and an MS from Oklahoma State University where he was elected to the graduate honor society, Phi Kappa Phi. John was an excellent basketball player and was a member of the BlueJackets team when they made it to the state championship, but lost by 2 points. The team suffered only one loss that year to Hill School by one basket in double overtime. John later played for LaSalle University (Big 5) and for his brother, Coach Jim Kerwin at Southwestern Oklahoma. Back in New Jersey, he went on to coach girls' basketball at

Matawan Regional High School where he founded the legendary annual Kerwin Basketball Awards in honor of his parents. John was president/partner of the Heck-Kerwin Marketing Solutions in Eatontown. He taught at Holy Trinity School and was honored by the State of New Jersey as the outstanding Catholic school educator in 1997-1998. He taught in the Matawan Regional School District and was Oceanport Recreation Director where he initiated extensive sports and recreation programs for people of all ages. John was director at the Newark based Occupational Center where he created a grant system to fund the training of underemployed Newark residents. Most recently, he was teaching ESL at the Monmouth County Vocational School. John was a member and a former Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 335 in Long Branch. He was a devoted parishioner of the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Personally, John Kerwin was truly a man of strength with the finest qualities of humanity and in the Irish tradition, an unwavering kindness and loyalty to faith, family and friends.



Rev. Raymond P. Kress
Former Chaplain and
Head of Upper School

Father Kress, 81, passed away August 30, 2016, at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Petersburg. He graduated from Lafayette College and from General Theological Seminary NY, where he was ordained as an Episcopal priest. From an early age, he heard the calling of the priesthood, and served the Church actively throughout his life, most recently in various capacities at St. Bede's in St. Petersburg. During the first part of his adult life, Father Kress, more affectionately known as Father Ray, served as a chaplain at several Episcopal boarding schools, including Trinity-Pawling School, St. Andrew's School, and as the first chaplain and the Head of the Upper School at Admiral Farragut Academy. He married Barbara in 1973 they were married and formed a large and memorable family with six children. Other than the Church, his family was his greatest passion. When it came to his family, his philosophy was love them all, and the more the merrier. He held court at the dinner table, where discussions of everyone's daily lives were often interrupted by some playful disruption that frustrated Barbara's best laid plans. He and Barbara would not have had it any other way. They shared a wonderful life that was filled with travel, baseball, and fishing. Fishing in particular was a love in Ray's life. It was fitting that he was enjoying a fishing trip to Canada when he fell ill.



Robert Griffin '73

Robert, passed away May 11, 2016 at 61 years old. Robert graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in Florida and Trinity University in San Antonio with a B.S. in Business. He was an active member in Kiwanis from 1979-1991, and remained a senior member until his death. Recently, a close friend asked him if he could live his life over again,

what would he do differently? He thought of ideas for enhancing his devotion to Christ and dedication to his family. He spoke of keeping things in their proper perspective, that money, power, and prestige are not the most important things in life, but that Jesus, family, and friends are. He spoke of wanting to show people the power of God's love as he battled Stage IV pancreatic cancer. He spoke of his love and devotion for his wife, Cheri, the love of his life for 43 years since they were teenage sweethearts, and how his illness has brought them closer together and made them stronger. He would tell others to love your spouse with your whole heart, every day! He found such joy whenever he spent time at RiverSong, the family legacy property in Colorado. He continued to witness to others, which gave him strength and energy, to the very end of his journey here on Earth.



**James Patrick
Taylor '77**

James, age 58, of New Egypt, passed away with his loving family by his side on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at Capital Health Center in Hopewell, NJ. James enlisted in the United

States Navy after finishing at the Toms River campus of Farragut in 1977 and served for nearly three years. James was a very proud Veteran and was extremely active in multiple community groups. James was a lifelong member of the VFW Post 2314 in Carteret, NJ. He was a member of McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post 455, where he served as Second Vice Commander, House Chairman and Canteen Chairman. James also served as the Sgt. at Arms for the Ocean County Executive Committee. He was a charter member of the Legion Riders Chapter 455 serving as the Historian. James was also the Past Squadron Commander for the Sons of American Legion Squadron 455. He was a dedicated husband, father and friend, who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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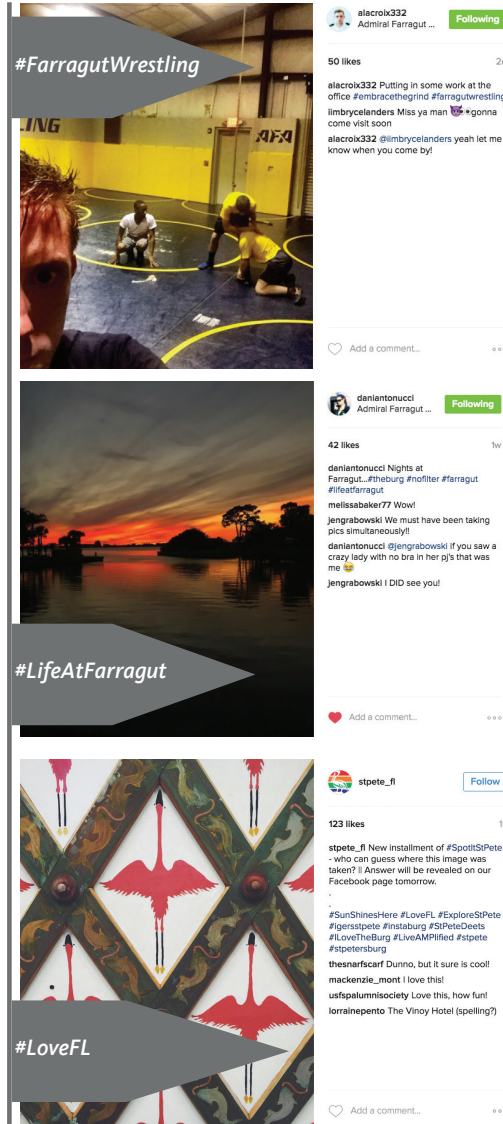
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1. 7th grader Dylan and 4th grader Zach Rice aboard the USS Midway (CV-41) in San Diego, CA. 2. Pete Parmenter '83 at Peyto Lake, just north of Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada. 3. PreK student Oleg Tchentsov at Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers, FL. 4. 5th graders Hans and Lars Renlund aboard the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) in Norfolk, VA. 5. Maria Mora, admissions representative for Admiral Farragut Academy, in Madrid, Spain. 6. Matthew Borrelli '21, ran a 5k on Thanksgiving morning in Blue Ridge, GA. 7. 6th grader Madison Hollingsworth and Kindergarten student Olivia Love in Labadee Haiti. 8. Brooke Liu '16 at the peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. 9. 7th grader Tyler Turner at the Army Navy game on December 10, 2016 in Baltimore, MD.



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In the 1990-1991 school year, a new legacy began when Admiral Farragut Academy's two campuses began allowing females to attend. The top picture is a group of those female cadets in Pine Beach, NJ, standing at attention. Today in St. Petersburg, females represent 40% of the student population.

Top L-R: Megan McClung '91, Erin Boyd '95, JoAnne Houser '93, Donna Tanis '94, Michele Taylor '95, Charisa Judkins '97

Bottom L-R: Melissa Price '19, Daniella Greco '17, Alycia Mora '17, Natalia Muhech '19, Gabriella Spinelli '17, Sarah Schleich '17, Katie Barnett '17



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