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It is with great pride that we present you with the Spring 2011 edition of *Reveille*, our alumni publication. I have truly enjoyed my role as your Alumni and Development Associate for the past four years. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many fellow alumni and forging some great friendships - the Farragut brotherhood/sisterhood is just that way. *Reveille* is a critical piece in the overall plan of the Alumni and Development efforts and is a great way to

communicate with our community to further develop relationships. Our staff considered many factors when we sat down to conceptualize this issue of *Reveille*.

Our alumni community has grown to be more than 6,000

members strong, which means that *Reveille* needs to cover a lot of ground. We are thrilled with the direction of this issue which focuses on the people who are the heart of Farragut. Recently we visited with an alumnus who said, "alumni want to be proud of the school they attended. They want to be able to sit around a coffee house or dining table and tell their peers and family members what Farragut did

for them and what the school is doing now."

Reveille is much more than an alumni publication -- it is a reflection of the great things happening today at Farragut. We want to communicate the news of the school, your classmates, accomplishments, and to share our pride in our alumni. We want to include you, the alumni community, in celebrating the accomplishments of our current students, faculty and staff. We want you to be proud of the Admiral Farragut Academy of today, and help you keep your Farragut memories alive.

The Farragut of today is alive and well with approximately **400 young men and**

women on our campus. This includes 140 boarding cadets and a cultural diversity that would mirror a United Nations session. We currently have 94 international students from 24 countries! Our world has modernized and changed a great deal over the last 25 years, and we are proud to say that Farragut has grown with these advancements. Our cadets are not only graduating with the credits required for high school graduation, but have the opportunity to earn the maximum number of college credits allowed through our college Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement programs. In addition, they are applying their education by participating in

internships during holiday and summer vacation, summer programs overseas, and teaching local children during the summer to do such things as learn how to sail. We could not be more pleased with our graduates' accomplishments and successes.

On behalf of the Alumni and Development staff, we hope you enjoy this issue of *Reveille*.

Jeff Ogden '00S

Alumni and Development Associate



Farragut Hall, AFA South



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Message from the >>>

Chairman

In many past writings I have stated how proud I am of Admiral Farragut Academy and to be part of an elite corps of alumni

who lead amazing lives and accomplish great work. I'm proud of the young leaders who graduate from our ranks each year and exceedingly proud of the many outstanding opportunities and programs which make Farragut unique. The growth of our Aviation

Academy, the upgrades to the waterfront, the expansion of academic programs and international diversity, the involvement and commitment of our parents, the quality of students, an energetic staff and faculty; these are but a few of the many reasons for my sense of pride. The Farragut staff, the faculty, your Board of Trustees and Foundation Directors also share this pride in the school, and the job it does. **Part of our mission is to make all of our alumni just as proud of Admiral Farragut Academy. How do we do this? First, we work hard to locate all of our alumni. Second, we tell the story by communicating what is happening by every available method and opportunity.**

Our Alumni and Development Team has been working diligently to locate and contact the long list of alumni, many of whom have dropped out of sight. Reaching out to alumni by hosting gatherings in various cities has been a very rewarding and emotional experience. Just reconnecting with old friends whom we haven't seen in way too many years has rekindled some great memories, and enabled us to share the story of where we are today. North Campus, South Campus makes little difference. It is still Admiral Farragut Academy.

Every day we are learning of our graduates' amazing careers and impressive accomplishments. It was also gratifying to see recent graduates attending a New York City alumni event and to experience their continued interest in the school. Although each

one of us had a different slice of Farragut, there is still that bond that seems to draw us together. The Army/Navy Game gathering in Philadelphia has become an annual event not to be missed, thanks to Christian Wagner '82N, who initiated this two years ago. Ed Deseta '87N has hosted late summer gatherings in Nantucket over the last several years and is the driving force behind the development of a new scholarship program, which is a partnership with the Nantucket High School and the Coffin School Trustees and will be funded by a group of AFA alumni. The scholarship will provide tuition each year for a qualified student from Nantucket to complete their junior and senior year at Farragut.

We all know pride is not something given or received. It is an inner sense, a way of thinking and feeling that gives you great satisfaction and it must be earned. We are preparing young men and women to use technologies that have not yet been identified, for use in jobs that do not yet exist, in order to solve problems we don't even know we have. To do this takes resources, commitment and support from our alumni, who are a vital part of Farragut's future. We not only need financial support, but also advocates to help find quality students. Showing an interest in our cadets, the school, and offering ideas, leads or suggestions, motivates the staff who are involved in moving Farragut ahead.

Obviously, financial support is critical. Your gift of any amount is not only needed and welcomed, but greatly appreciated. The building of our endowment is vital to Farragut's health and our effort to position our school where it should be in our national educational system. The opportunities Farragut has right now

"We are preparing young men and women to use technologies that have not yet been identified, for use in jobs that do not yet exist, in order to solve problems we don't even know we have."



George J. Michel, Jr. '49S, Farragut's only 2 year Battalion Commander stands with fellow BC's, (from left to right) Joon Kim '11S, Spencer Fletcher '09S, RADM Mark Buzby '75N, and Art Musicaro '73N at our 3rd Annual Philadelphia & Army Navy Weekend.

some serious thought to becoming a member of the Heritage 100 on page 46.

Farragut, with its rich Naval Honor School tradition and excellence in academic preparatory programs, has earned the reputation among the top colleges and universities both here and abroad as being one of the finest preparatory schools in the United States. We must keep it there. I reported in New York that our ship is clearly underway and heading out to sea and deeper water, but we still have a long way to go. I invite you to climb aboard, put an oar in the water, and start stroking - you will make a difference.

George J. Michel, Jr. '49S

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Message from the Headmaster



As Admiral Farragut Academy completes its 78th year of educating leaders, we, as a school, are undertaking another five year planning process. The Board of Trustees and the administration will be developing our working five year plan over the next six months. I comment on this process simply for the reason that this plan will be of critical importance. After ten years I am proud of our staff for their efforts in academics, college placement, technology enhancements, campus wide facility improvements, alumni efforts, endowment development, and the many changes we have brought about. Winston Churchill once commented, "if you do not take change by the hand, it will take you by the throat," and here, at Admiral Farragut Academy, we continue to evolve, stay current and improve our institution. This is probably one reason Admiral Farragut Academy continues to thrive today despite the closing of over 300 military schools over the past 40 years.

Within the next few months we will be developing a financial plan, a plan for our plant and facilities,

and of course, a map of where we want to take our education. Many questions will be poised: What skills and values will be demanded and rewarded in the global 21st century? What methods do we employ to teach and develop those skills and values? What facilities will be needed to accomplish those goals? How do we finance the transformation of our present campus to one that meets our objectives in the future?

I am looking forward to the dialogue and the process of developing this plan. I invite you to watch, become involved and take pride in the 21st century Admiral Farragut Academy. Our mission has remained intact: to produce leaders.

Robert J. Fine, Jr.

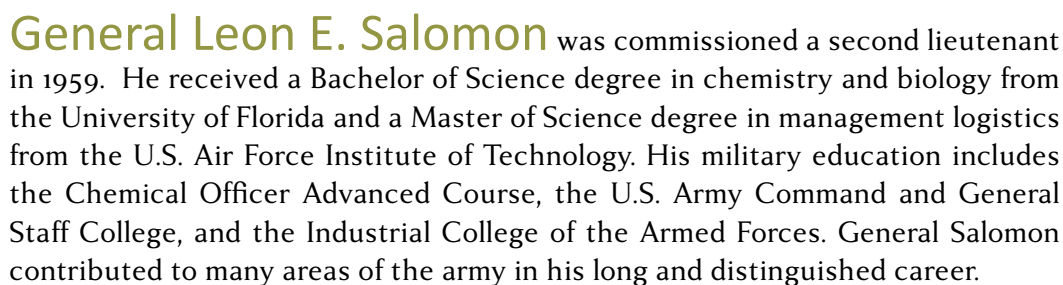
Headmaster, Admiral Farragut Academy



HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

We are proud and pleased to introduce:

General Leon E. Salomon & William Roberti



Following his promotion to Brigadier General in 1986, he was named the Commandant of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Chief of Ordnance. His next key assignments included Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command (1988–89), Deputy Commanding General for Logistics U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe,

Virginia, Deputy Commanding General for Combined Arms Support, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, Fort Lee, Virginia, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army. His career culminated in his last assignment as Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command.

General Salomon's awards and decorations include two Distinguished Service Medals, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, the Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge. General Salomon retired from the Army in 1996.

Since retiring from the military, Salomon was elected to the GRC International Board of Directors. He also worked as a logistics consultant, and is affiliated with Gary A. Dunbar, Inc. From 1996 to 1998 he served as Vice President for Procurement and Logistics for Rubbermaid, and Senior Vice President for Procurement at Rubbermaid from 1998 to 1999. Currently, General Salomon also serves on the Board of Directors for Global Security Management.



William "Bill" Roberti earned a bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart University and a master's degree in business administration from Southern Methodist University. He is a Trustee Emeritus at Sacred Heart University and is active on The Army Distaff Foundation Board of Advisors in Washington, D.C. Mr. Roberti was featured in the book *Firing Back* by Jeff Sonnenfeld and Andrew Ward. He has also appeared on nationally syndicated TV programs, including the *Jim Lehr News Hour*, about his work in the public sector.

Currently Mr. Roberti is a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal and serves as co-head of the firm's Public Sector group. He specializes in providing critical crisis management and operational restructuring services to under performing or troubled organizations. He brings more than 25 years of senior executive experience, having served as Chairman and CEO of several global corporations, and has led innovative and highly specialized turnaround assignments for government and public sector organizations.

Mr. Roberti most recently served as the CRO of The Orleans Parish School Board in New Orleans, Louisiana. Previously, he was the interim superintendent of the St. Louis Public Schools System, where he spearheaded a critical operational, financial and educational turnaround in 2003-2004.

Prior to joining A&M, Mr. Roberti served in Executive Leadership positions with such companies as Duck Head Apparel, Brooks Brothers, the Plaid Clothing Group, Zale Corporation, and Aeroplex. Mr. Roberti is a retired Colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve, where he served in several senior staff positions at the Pentagon.

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Message from > > > Alumni & Dev

For those of you who may be country music fans, you may already be familiar with the current Chris Young song, "I Hear Voices All the Time." In his song, Young refers to the influential voices of family and friends that he frequently hears within his head and his heart. Their words have served as a source to guide him through life.

from alumni that come across our desks daily provide us with a firm understanding that Admiral Farragut Academy has never been, nor will it ever be, limited to a geographical location rather, or a place in time.

**It's the relationships built at
Farragut that lay the foundation for
such a special place.**

It occurred to me the other day while listening to the song in the car, that the same could be said of your Farragut experience. Countless times, I have had a member of the alumni community recollect something that was said by a teacher, a coach, or an administrator that set them on the right course, and years later they still remember it with great clarity. Many times it was advice or a comment that came from Bill Masciangelo, Orie Banks, Mr. Spec, CAPT Rheinhart, CDR Steel, CAPT Raven O. Dodge, Coach Nick or Coach Slaby.

Fortunately, our library of yearbooks for the Pine Beach and St. Petersburg campuses, along with the Farragut history book, *A Tale of Two Campuses*, compiled by former Headmaster and Superintendent Richard W. Wheeler, provide us with a wealth of knowledge and wonderful insight. Additionally, the many recollections



*Cadets honor guard welcomes special guests to the
Alumni & Development Office & Museum*

Each graduating class stands upon the shoulders and accomplishments of the ones before them and for each group of alumni, the challenges and opportunities

Meet the Staff



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with which they are presented are uniquely their own. Hardly a day goes by that we don't receive an Alumni update stating that...

"Farragut prepared me well for life's challenges and for that I am grateful."

I was doing some research recently and came across a message written by Raven O. Dodge, longtime headmaster of the Pine Beach campus, who penned these words to the graduating class of '50N,

"Our own nation is struggling with complex internal problems. We are in the process of a social change. Whether for better or worse, it is you and your fellow graduates throughout the land who must meet and solve these problems, or accept the result of failure. And you must succeed! You cannot afford to fail! You will need thorough preparation, clarity of vision, bold courage, and a strong abiding faith in the essential goodness of your fellow man. It is my greatest hope for each of you that you will meet these challenges. Your success in doing so will be Farragut's greatest justification..."

Those same words are as true today as they were the day they were written more than 60 years ago. I'm not sure

whether to be comforted or dismayed by the realization that while so much has changed in our world, many of the issues and concerns seem to remain the same from one generation to the next. But of this I am convinced, -- Farragut made a difference to countless young men and women who graduated and became leaders and people of influence in their respective communities.

Voices from the past can encourage and inspire us to carry on the rich traditions which have made Farragut so unique. They keep us focused on what is truly important. It's all about people, you - me - all of us. If we are willing to embrace the attributes outlined by Raven O. Dodge - "...thorough preparation, clarity of vision, bold courage, and a strong abiding faith in the essential goodness of your fellow man..." Farragut will not only stand the test of time, but will continue to inspire and produce leaders. Farragut is your school - be active, get engaged and make a difference.

Robb Resler

CFRE, Alumni & Development Director



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Message from the >>> Alumni President



Greetings my fellow alumni,

My primary goal as the president of the Alumni Association is to recruit class agents, who are representatives for each of the graduating classes of Admiral Farragut Academy over the course of its 77 years of existence. While this program was implemented several years ago, it was never fully utilized. However, many of our class agents have been at work and it shows. Over the past five years, we have seen an incredible transformation of the entire alumni community thanks to the tireless efforts of the Alumni & Development team, former President Christian Wagner '82N, and the current group of 43 class agents.

Things are not “business as usual” at Farragut. Like any progressive institution, Farragut changes over time. As a father of two graduates and two current students, I know that change is not always a bad thing. My request of you is to look at the dynamic progress being made today, to embrace this change, and to rekindle your passion for the Academy.

Becoming a class agent is a very important aspect of the Alumni Association. I challenge each of you to reach out to your classmates and reintroduce them to our Academy. Over the years, some of our brothers and sisters have fallen “overboard.” With no current information on file, pieces of our history remains missing. Each one of us has a unique story to be told, not only to our families and loved ones, but to others who would benefit from lessons learned from these stories and experiences.

I lost contact with my peers with a simple toss of the hat in 1979. After years of questions concerning the fate and fortune of my classmates, I began a search to reconnect. Through social media and the presence of the Admiral Farragut Academy Alumni Community on Facebook, I have been reacquainted with many members of my class and others. The stories, the memories, and the continued camaraderie made the 30+ years of absence feel timeless. After meeting up with Gary Buschman '79S and Joe Woronka '79S at the 75th anniversary, the passage of time from our graduation to present seemed to vanish and the memories had not skipped a beat.

The experience that each one of us had at Admiral Farragut Academy was unique. While the experience may not have meant so much then, most likely Farragut affected your life in a positive manner one way or another. I encourage you to reach out to your past and find those memories and friendships. I promise, out of your entire class, you are not the only one embracing the past and looking to reconnect with your generation of Admiral Farragut Academy brothers and sisters.

Please accept my personal invitation to join us at any one of our alumni events that span the course of the year. Whether in St. Petersburg, Florida or Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Alumni Office is doing their part to bring us together. The ball is in our court!

With pride and passion,

Dr. Albert E. Andrion II, DC '79S

President, Alumni Association

Karen's Korner...

The Rest of the Story

Pete Musser '44N

Written by Karen Bacon

Alumni & Development Associate

Hi. I'm Karen, an Alumni Mom & an Associate in the Alumni Office. I would like to welcome you to "Karen's Korner... the rest of the story."

As I familiarized myself with Farragut's archives of yearbooks over the summer, I found myself becoming attached to our young graduates and longed to know, and share, the rest of their stories.

What paths did our 1930-1960's cadets choose following graduation? Did life live up to their adolescent expectations and dreams? And now in retrospect, what part did Farragut's military model of leadership, self discipline, accountability and perseverance play in their decisions going forward? Was it worth it? My very first Karen's Korner's interview would suggest that it was!



Photo from the 1944
Trident Yearbook.

Meet Warren "Pete" Musser, Class of 1944N's "Most Likely to Succeed". "Pete is the *brain* of the first class ...However, much to his credit, he is far from pedantic in his manner. He is just 'one of the boys' when classes are over.... His wit and capability make him one of the best petty officers in the corps... He is our candidate for the typical cadet and as such, should enjoy the

typical Farragut success in life." - *Trident* 1944

WOW! That last sentence was music to this mom's ears. After "meeting the boy" in the yearbook, I couldn't wait to meet the man and hear the rest of his story. I was pleased to discover that the years since graduation had not changed him one bit. Pete Musser '44N has retained his wit and capability, and exudes goodness and confidence that has not been



Pete Musser '44N & his pal Higgins take
a break from work at their office.

tainted by the years. Following graduation, he enrolled in Princeton for a year, enlisted briefly, then received his industrial engineering degree from Lehigh University before embarking on a "safe" postwar career at Pennsylvania Bell. Encouraged by a girlfriend's father to leave his "safe" position at the Bell and to become a stock broker ("whatever that was!")..... confident, self-disciplined, and honorable Cadet Musser followed his instincts. He co-founded Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. in 1953, which by the 1960's had become the first company of its kind to be listed on the NYSE. By the 1990's, it was valued in excess of ten billion dollars. Way to go, Cadet Musser! Often referred to as the father of venture capital in Philadelphia, Pete assisted in the formation and success of numerous Fortune 500 companies including, but not limited to QVC, Comcast, Novell, Inc. and Internet Capital Group. I was pleased to hear that Cadet Musser was grateful to this day for his Admiral Farragut Academy experience, and that he credits Farragut's early training for helping to develop the perseverance, confidence, and social skill set that assisted him throughout his career.

And that my friends is the rest of his story...but not the rest of the story! As the Class of 2011's Commencement speaker, you will have the opportunity to visit with Pete during our graduation festivities in May. In the meantime I will be working on the "rest of the story" for Cadet Frank P. Wendt '42N, and interviewing others in preparation for upcoming issues of your *Reveille*.

Til' then be healthy, be kind, and enjoy your life!

From Adversity...

to Inspiration



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Robert (Bob) Ayres '68S

me?" Bob made the choice to give up, and describes

the next 25 years. "My zeal for life, adventure, society, friends, family, trust, and spiritual beliefs dissipated. In their place I substituted pain pills, liquor, lies, cheating, fear, and anger. Self-esteem was nonexistent. Basically, all of the values that I was taught since I was a child were totally obliterated from my being".

Bob was twice confined to alcohol and hospital detox treatment and rehab centers. He had to be restrained to his bed and was told by doctors that one more drink would kill him. A doctor also told him to "get off his pity potty." **Bob lost his identity and removed himself from life as he knew it.** He realized that he would never run again. He was living a life of hell and destructive behavior that impacted him and those around him as well. In 2005 alcohol and pain medications finally put Bob into a coma for four days. His wife, Diana, was told he might not pull through this. When he woke from the coma, Bob knew that he was beaten by drugs and alcohol.

He knew he needed help, and he asked for help. **"God answered," he says, describing a "true spiritual experience"** with an angel telling him there was a reason he survived while he was in the coma. Bob knew that he needed to accept who he was. He knew he needed the help of family, friends, and support groups. He accepted his missing leg and what had happened to him. "I read that adversity introduces a man to himself. To me that meant that I must stand up and face fear head on and do the unthinkable. I felt like I owed life a run. Most people don't get a second chance to learn to do something they love all over

Written by Steve Edwards

Residential Life Curriculum Director

As a long distance endurance runner and marathoner who runs and trains every day, I am anxious about and agonize over every ache, pain, and twinge in my legs that may impact my running, training, and racing. Bob Ayres 68'S would love to have my problem. Bob was a distance runner. "Running had always been a part of my life," he says. "My track coach had me set the pace for our team on long distance running. I ran for the sense of freedom I got".

In the 1970's Bob was changing a flat tire on the side of the road when, as he relates the story, "destiny knocked and challenged my soul." Bob was hit by a speeding car and thrown over 100 yards from the scene. He was in a coma for months with compound leg fractures, a fractured pelvis, and broken arms and fingers. **Bob described himself as a "broken body with a broken spirit."**

Years of surgeries and painful therapy ultimately ended with the amputation of his right leg above the knee. Running, which had always been a part of his life, would never be an option again. Bob could not imagine life without running. He was consumed with anger, fear, and the feeling that he had been condemned to what he called "a life of eternal punishment." Convinced that he should not have survived, he asked the inevitable question, "Why



again. I set standards higher than people expected of me and excuses were not acceptable. I knew the instant I came out of my last coma what it was I was meant to do. Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion was born at that moment. My wife says that when I opened my eyes I just kept saying, 'I know why I am here now!'

"I am in awe that from that moment he has never, for one moment, looked back or lost his passion," says Diana.

Finally, Bob was free from the burdens, anger, and fear that had entrapped him for years. No more negativity. Bob knew what he had to do, what he wanted to do, and what he was meant to do. He believed he had a purpose. **He believed that adversity had given him the power to pursue dreams and do things he might not have done before the amputation.** He was about to change his own life, and the lives of many others. He knew why he had survived the accident. He wanted to serve his fellow amputees so that they would not have to endure what he had been through.

Bob went through alcohol rehab and began to work out. He learned to run again and later settled into cycling.

Bob and Diana founded the non-profit **Miracle Limbs - Courage in Motion**, an organization dedicated to the mission of assisting amputee victims with financial, emotional, rehabilitative, psychological, and spiritual support.

The statistics regarding amputees are staggering. "There are 253 new amputees daily in the U.S. from diabetes alone," Bob says. "There are more amputees returning from the Mideast conflicts than any time since the Civil War, making up 35% of our injured soldiers. We were shocked when we researched the non-profit community and found that there were few organizations for amputee help.

Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion is growing rapidly. The organization is dedicated to reaching out and providing their services to meet the needs of the amputees from rehabilitation to putting them in a position to then help others. Diana says that the name of the organization is perfect, because to her, Bob is

a miracle. "To watch him change his life and completely and passionately move forward, in order to change other people's lives, while never looking back, is an honor. He has become a true inspiration to our three children, and



he went from being my 'fourth child' to being my absolute hero." This year Bob celebrates two major milestones... five years of sobriety and Miracle Limbs - Courage in Motion's fifth anniversary.

Summing up his incredible story, Bob says, "We need to educate the public and let them know that we are OK, and that they do not need to open doors for us or treat us differently. We are still human beings. I believe that physical imperfections are a false representation of attitude. I have become stronger and confident and I push my mind and body harder and farther than most people think is possible. Through Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion we will pass this on."

Today, Bob runs, cycles, works out at the gym, and says his prayers every night. He is at peace. "I'm not embarrassed by my scars anymore. This is who I am and I'm cool with it. I guess you could say **I found purpose and meaning in all that suffering** I went through – and I want to use it."

Patient Testimonial:

"The days following the amputation of my limb was indeed difficult. Bob's support and dedication has made this journey less difficult. His enthusiasm for life, upbeat personality, and dedication to helping fellow amputees through his foundation, all serve as an inspiration to me. He is a wonderful resource and example and I will always be thankful that God brought him into my life."

The Farragut Experience

Ken Herrera, '73S



*Written by
Ken Herrera*

Little did I realize when I first set foot on the grounds of Admiral Farragut Academy back in the 1969-1970 school year that my life was taking a turn for the

better. That's the way kids are - they don't usually see the big picture. My first year as a 7th grader, all I could see were all those uniforms and my mind was filled with thoughts of the military aspects of the school, not of the educational challenges and the learning experience that would be mine for the next four years and remain with me for the rest of my life.

That's usually the way something excellent starts, and it is certainly the way my Farragut experience began. I was excited about just one minor aspect of the adventure I was about to begin. I had spent the previous summer looking forward to going to a real "military school"! I knew that to be successful, I would have to do things I had never done before, including learning self-discipline and learning how to study efficiently.

Until the 1969-1970 school year, I had been a less-than-average student and am sure I owe my Farragut experience to the work of my mother, Dr. Pamela Herrera, who was my science teacher at Escuela Privada Americana in Venezuela where the family was living because of dad's job with an oil tool company. She single-handedly worked hard to get me into the school, calling in, I'm sure, every favor she had with the faculty for those all-important letters of recommendation. I was not a very good student in 6th grade. Okay, I was a very BAD student, but mom worked her magic and my life soon dramatically changed. (By the way, it was years later that my mom became Dr. Herrera (DDS) and she tells me,

from firsthand experience, that it IS in fact harder to teach a child than it is to pull teeth! Education has always been a big part of her life and she retired as the associate dean of the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School.)

It was Admiral Farragut Academy that helped me develop that same lust for learning. In one short year I was able to go from being a poor student to being an excellent student. For the first time in my life, I was thrown into a situation where the goal was to be the best. Before Farragut, my school goals revolved around being the class clown or being one of the guys who hated school. The change was the direct result of the tight daily scheduling and everyone's desire to be at the top of the class. All the while I was learning lessons in life, not just the lessons from books.

I didn't fully realize this until many years later, when it became clear to me that my Farragut education had prepared me for life in a truly unique way. It also prepared me to pass on what I had learned to my own children. When they were young and struggling with their schoolwork, I was able to reach back to what I learned at Farragut about developing study habits and taking things step-by-step and was able to pass that information on to my sons. Because of my Farragut experience I was prepared to teach them the same discipline that I developed during my school years. Even though they did not attend Farragut, I give Farragut much credit for the outstanding young men they have become today. One is a Doctor of Pharmacy and the other recently completed five and a half years active duty with the Army (two tours in Iraq) and is now an honor student at the University of Illinois School of Engineering in Champaign-Urbana. I still find myself amazed by the many things I learned at Farragut that have stayed with me through the decades since I last set foot on the campus. I regret that I was not mature enough four years after entering the school to realize the value of my Farragut experience, when I walked away

from it all to graduate from a school in Georgia! It is a testament to Farragut's high standards that I was actually able to skip my junior year in Georgia and went directly to my senior year where I ended up graduating at the top of my class. Imagine that, the kid who was so bad in 6th grade was the number one student in a public school in Georgia! There were times when I knew more about a subject than the teachers did, thanks to what I had learned at Farragut. Two of them actually told me that during my senior year!

But the education is just one relatively small part of what Farragut offers its students. They will leave the school as learning machines, no doubt. But more important than that is the fact that **students will leave as young men and women who are better prepared to deal with the ups and downs of everyday life.** Parents who send their children to Admiral Farragut Academy are not only investing in their education today, they are also giving them a gift that will stay with them throughout their lives. And as I learned, the Farragut experience continues to give back to those of us fortunate enough to have been so gifted by our parents because it can be passed down the line to the next generation. I fully expect that my experience which began in 1969-1970 and ended in the 1972-1973 school year will one day be handed down to my grandchildren. Now that is a gift that keeps on giving!

One final note: For many years, the single major regret I had in life was the fact that I did not graduate from Farragut. Once I fully understood what the school meant to my life it was sad to also realize that I had walked away from it all. I have long been a strong supporter of the school and over the years, was able to donate a few items of interest to the museum. If you visit the campus, be sure to look for them as some are quite rare, including orders hand-written and signed by Admiral Farragut during the Civil War and a ship's license signed by King George the Third. It was while discussing one such gift to the school with Roy Wheeler that I mentioned to him that I deeply regretted not having that Farragut diploma for my wall. About three weeks later, imagine my surprise when I received a package from the Academy. Inside was a diploma making me an honorary member of the class of 2002! It literally brought tears to my eyes as did the note from Roy, informing me that only a handful of these honorary diplomas had ever been awarded. Decades after leaving Farragut I finally felt complete and was at long last at peace with my own decision to walk away from what was... **the greatest gift my parents ever gave me.**

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When a Hobby

Curtis Templeton, '68S

Takes Flight

Written by Curtis Templeton '68S

After deciding to attend a Rays game in St. Petersburg I thought it would be fun to also visit Admiral Farragut Academy with my wife to show her where I had gone to school. Walking back from the football field toward the main building I was met by Jeff Ogden '00S, Alumni and Development Associate, who was there to answer any questions we had. We were able to tour the museum and catch up on the changes at

the campus.

In our conversation with Jeff, I discovered that we both had an interest in birds -- he in parrots and me with racing/homing pigeons, which I had raised since junior high. The sport of pigeon racing developed in Belgium in the early 1800's and spread to America in the 1860's. Racing pigeons are released from a known location at a specific time and return to their home lofts where they are timed by the loft owners. Today most birds wear microchips on their legs which certify their return home. The bird with the fastest speed home wins the race. Mature pigeons are raced

in the spring to a distance of 600 miles while young birds, bred in the spring, are raced in the fall to a distance of 350 miles.

The most mysterious aspect of our hobby is trying to determine how the birds find their way home. Cornell University used racing pigeons to study bird migration and they have clues but no definitive answers as to how this talent works. Clues reveal that birds may use the magnetic forces of the earth, sun position sounds, smells and memory to return home. Recent studies reveal that birds follow "leaders" of the flock on the journey home and then use their 30 mile line of sight to return home.

Bird bred by Templeton that won 2nd place in GHC Auction race, one of the largest races in the U.S.



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Graduation & Man the Rail Cookout

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Join fellow members of the alumni community as the Class of 2011 passes from cadet status to alumni during the Graduation & "Man the Rail" Ceremonies.

D^{ate:} May 14, 2011

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P^{lace:} Garden Theatre, AFA

Following Commencement, please join fellow Alumni at the Alumni & Development Centre for our 3rd Annual Alumni Graduation Cookout.

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John Coyne '57N - "Still working with youngest son Bobby Coyne in a Sales Rep Business, Coyne Sales L.L.C. My wife Betsy and I have four children Tommy, Kelli, Bobby and Susan and 12 grandchildren. We have been in Atlanta, GA for 37 years. I still have time for golf and taking a cruise every few years. We just finished our 7th cruise. I am looking forward to another cruise in the near future."

Thomas McFadden '57N - "Working with top car customizer (Chopits), well known in the custom car industry, doing interior work on some of his custom cars. Also just had a car I had upholstered featured in Ford Mustangs magazine which I was honored to work on. Just passed our 26 year anniversary with

Richard Robbins '57S - "The story of my life since 1957. Went to Williams College in Williamstown, MA. Graduated 1961. Moved on to Columbia University to study Russian history. Received M.A. and Russian Institute Certificate in 1965. Spent 1967-1968 academic year in USSR doing dissertation research. Received Ph.D. in 1970. In 1969 I began teaching Russian and European history at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and stayed there until I retired in 2006. Published two books on aspects of Imperial Russian institutional history. (Google me if you want to know more about that, but who would). Personal: Married Catherine Codispoti in 1966; two children, Carla (1971) and Nicholas (1983); three grandchildren, Lily, Jackson and Piper Silver. I have recently moved to San Jose, CA and like it very much. I am still active in the Russian history field, doing research and working on

Sergio M. Oliver '58S - "I will be finishing my trust banking career at the end of 2010 and will become a



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Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, in Nassau Bay. My wife is the Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, in Texas City. Who would have ever figured?"

James Pendleton '65N - "Just retired in May from civil service with the Defense Department. I was the Director, Joint Counterintelligence Training Academy (JCITA). I retired from active duty with the US Army in 1987 as a Chief Warrant Officer. My wife, Sue and I are just easing into retired life, and living in Maryland."

Phil Scheidt '65S - "I live in the Lake Jovita golf course community. For the last 27 years I have owned and operated a CPA practice in Tampa. My practice is concentrated on working with estates and trusts, providing most of my services to attorneys who practice in that area. After AFA I received a degree in economics from DePauw University (Dan Quayle was a fraternity brother 'DKE'). I later received an MBA from USF. I am very happily married. Golf and an annual fishing trip to Quebec are my main areas of relaxation, although I was a volunteer disk jockey playing late night alternative music for ten years, and I still am passionate about certain types of alternative music. I still am heavily involved in community radio. Speaking of passion, volleyball was my main interest for many years. My doctor told me to quit when I was 55, but at that time I was rated in the top 50 beach volleyball players in the state by one rating service."

SMSgt. Harvey Weinberg '67N - "I happened across a 2009 Reveille and noticed Dave Yoho's name, the only one mentioned that I remember. I attended Farragut North for only one year ('66-'67) and believe it was a mutual decision for me not to return/get invited back. I believe I may have had the distinction of amassing the greatest number of demerits a cadet could get in any one day, week, month or year. I was still walking demerits off when my father came to pick me up that June. To be sure, at that time I would never have believed I was military material in any way. I'm writing this to let anyone who might be interested know that I'll be retiring from the

Tennessee Air National Guard as a Senior Master Sergeant (E-8) in November of 2010 with 30 years of military service (I had a 12 year break in service doing other things) and simultaneously retiring as a Civilian Technician Aircraft Mechanic Supervisor with 25 years of federal service. I've been an aircraft mechanic on B-52's during Vietnam, KC-135's, C-141's and C-5's and have flown all over the world with these fine aircraft. Even though I didn't graduate from Farragut, I still took many of the lessons I learned in my year there and applied them to my military career and my personal and professional life. Farragut North was a great school and am sorry to hear that it's no longer standing."

Jeffrey Lyons '67N - "Married to Fran. Four children: Andrew 32, Allison 27, Nancy 27 (identical twins) and Elizabeth, 23 Senior Partner Lincoln Financial Group Charlotte, NC. Two grandchildren, Jack (3) Will (1). Have served on several community boards as president."

Arthur LaWall '70N - "Enjoying golf and tennis; residing in Stuart, FL for winter and Hampton Bays, NY in the summer."

Kevin Traster '70S - "General Manager of Non-Profit Corporation in Garden Grove, CA. Getting close to official retirement (been unofficially retired since 2008). Past accomplishments on LinkedIn and Facebook."

Robert Henry '70N - "Since my last update, many years ago, five of my pieces are on permanent display at the George and Barbara Bush Cultural Center at the University of New England, one of them in the replica of the Oval Office. Also, I've illustrated "Where There's No Will, There's No Way" by Janet Riddick, "Nakotah On The Trail of Tears" by Jackie Brown, "Whiloughby, the Singing Whale" by Danek Kaus, "Flash Talks" by Janet Wells, "Lori Makes a Difference" by David Emm, "Brimstone Head" by





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Kevin Penton, "You Look Sort of Strange, Vol 1, 2 and 3" by Marie Lestelle Evrard, and "Barney The Backpack's Coloring Book" by the same author, "Middle Schoolin'" by Palacio and Rallion, "The Black Hair Care Revolution" by Yetunde Jude, and recently completed a commission depicting Christmas for a small squad in the mountains of Afghanistan. In addition, I wrote a book: "Painting on Sunday at Walker's Point" under the nom-du-plume of Lawrence T. Matzkin, Jr. which, by the way is ONLY available at www.lulu.com/commerce.php?fbuyContent=8702678 (why go to the store for milk, when you

can get it from the cow?). The novel, contains insights into being an artist, rubbing elbows with the rich and powerful, and is, I'm told, a comic masterpiece. I invite you to view my website: www.yourbasicwebpage.com/art."

Stephan Clark '71S - "Broke my back in 1994, played too hard, healed 2009, gained 3" in height back, travel between Israel and the States 3 or 4 times a year, avid photographer, shoot concerts, going back for digital film, 4 children all grown, Stephanie, Brandy, Ruth and Carrie, 11 grand kids, so life is good, am in a healing ministry also, Berean"

Sande A. Weinstein '74N - "Returned to college life, heading for law school."

Claude L. Weideli '72S - "I have lived in Whitecourt Alberta for 30 years, have 2 grown children, enjoy the outdoors and riding my motorcycle. I am in the telecommunications business."

Frank Fielder '72N - "Married 32 years; two daughters - older is 25, married May 2010, environmental compliance inspector and age group swim coach; younger is 22, unmarried, hair stylist and cosmetologist. I work as a consultant to pharmaceutical companies advising on IT regulatory compliance and computer validation projects. Wife is a dental hygienist - we met when I sat in her chair 34 years ago. Working on losing 80-100 pounds

that have somehow adhered to me (I still have a thin body image in my head) and training for a 5K race in November with my older daughter. Find great comfort in eastern philosophy and religion, communing with the natural world. I am a much kinder and gentler person than I was in my high school days - any lingering rebellion and radicalism is now played out in my head and expressed online, instead of in directly in your face. Easier to avoid overt bouts of trouble this way..."

David Cotter '73S - "Currently assigned as Director, Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, KS."

Thomas Miller '73N - "Moving to Cape Coral in October. Going to start a real estate and property management company. If you're ready to live the Florida dream, Cape Coral is a boaters' paradise with the second highest foreclosure rate in the country."

Robert Neefe '73S - "There is nothing really new to report other than I still work for Aircraft Service International Group, Inc. as a contractor for Spirit Airlines, Inc. at Tampa International Airport."

Cliff Collard '77S - "I just became one of the first 10 people in a new joint venture between Accenture and BMC Software. I am a senior consultant doing architectural/design/requirements work for the implementation of large, enterprise-scale Remedy systems and ITIL processes."

Joseph Doyle '77S - "Facilities manager at Shands HealthCare and adjunct professor at Santa Fe College."

Roger Gibson, Jr. '77N - "Married 27 years, 2 children, 1 granddaughter. Work in the cable industry, currently president of the Society of Telecommunications Engineers, South Jersey Chapter."

John Bien '80S - "been married for almost 17 years to the love of my life, Yana--have three children, Kellie, Michael, and Matthew; also one grandchild, 2 1/2





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and its values. Every story I heard from all the military instructors at Farragut fueled my passion to join them as a veteran. I believe some of America's greatest men are in the military, and it's sad to hear that only 1% of Americans serve today. I want to thank Farragut for what it has done for me. It is a sacrifice to go there when you're young because you miss out on everyday memories with your family; but the maturity it gives you will pay double in the end and the person you become will be able to stand up to any situation. One of my favorite quotes comes from John Adams, who said, "Posterity - you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." It has been a privilege to serve my country. Admiral Farragut Academy, thank you for preparing me to be successful to meet the demands of a job that needed to be done." *Editor's Note: Alex received the following awards during his recent deployment: Soldiers medal, Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign medal, NATO-5 Article, and the most important to all infantry soldiers, his Combat Infantry badge.*

Matthew Galamison '04S - "I earned my Naval Flight Officer Wings of Gold on February 26, 2010. Since then I have moved out to Oak Harbor, WA to be stationed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island with Electronic Attack Squadron VAQ-129. I was promoted to LTJG, and am currently learning how to be an Electronic Counter-Measures Officer in the EA-6B Prowler."

Jen Wells '04S - "I am currently sailing as a ship's navigator (otherwise known as Second Mate) aboard the Military Sealift Command ship, USNS Guadalupe. My main role is to get the ship from one place to

the next in order to deliver supplies for the United States Armed Forces. My job gives me the opportunity to work for the government, support the troops and travel the world. I love it!"

Bryant Sims '04S - "I am currently deployed and left in November for Iraq."

Lauren Martinez '05S - "I have been working for Mediation Managers Inc. in Clearwater, FL., a not-for-profit corporation established in January 2010 for the sole purpose of running a managed mediation program. Mediation Managers, Inc. is owned and operated by three local attorney/mediators, and is proud to have been selected by the Sixth Judicial Circuit to manage their residential mortgage mediation program. The purpose of the program is to provide a forum for the borrower/home owner and their lending institution (mortgage holder) at which they will have an opportunity to resolve the foreclosure case out of court and allow the borrower/home owner to stay in their home if possible. The program is provided at no expense to the borrower/home owner."

Chris Mills '05S - "Graduated USF with a bachelor's of science in finance in 2009. Since 2008 I have been working for a brokerage firm, now as a registered stock broker."

Shawn Solomon '05S - "Serving veterans for 3 years and counting at Florida National Cemetery. I have bought my first house, and have met the love of my life, Mckenzie."

BECOME A CLASS AGENT



The "Class Agent Initiative" has been underway for just a few years, but it is already paying off. We are looking for one to three individuals to be the liaison for their class. These alumni leaders will play a crucial role in helping our entire community maintain the Farragut Connection through events and other opportunities.

Consider taking the lead in helping your classmates remain connected.

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AFA Unique Academic Experiences



Four years ago, the Admiral Farragut Academy Board of Trustees adopted a strategic plan that set Farragut on a path to become a STEM school (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Many of our recent curriculum decisions are being guided by this mandate. We invite you to visit our website and view examples of how we are integrating STEM into our entire curriculum.

In addition, Farragut offers special academic tracks as outlined below:

Marine Science Academy: The Marine Science Academy is successful because of our talented Farragut faculty. We have welcomed a new elementary teacher and well-known children's entertainer, Shana "Banana" Smith, to start The Starfish Program. This new program merges the study of marine science with music, art, drama and creative writing. CDR Mike Nicholson and LT Sari Deitche continue to inspire the middle school students with their extensive marine science curriculum and daily hands-on activities. LT Scott Davenport is the high school director of the Marine Science Academy and is also the Advanced Marine Biology instructor. Other high school marine science instructors include, "Doc" Ross who teaches Oceanography and LTJG Robert Milliner who teaches AP Biology.



Students build a model in Aeronautical Science to study aerodynamics

Aviation Academy: LCDR Rob Ewing, a certified FAA instructor, is our Aviation Director. LCDR Jose Hercher, a retired Eastern Airline pilot, is the ground school instructor and supports LCDR Ewing. The Aviation Academy curriculum includes: a semester elective for middle school, Aeronautical Science I for freshmen, Aeronautical Science II for sophomores, and Private and Advanced Pilot Operations offered to juniors and seniors. Farragut currently has 60 cadets in the aviation program, with nine cadets participating in the Aviation Academy. Five cadets have completed their solo flight this year and one cadet is in the process of attaining his private pilot license.

Leadership Academy: Leadership is a primary pillar of Farragut's mission statement. Captain Tom McClelland, USN (retired) provides authentic guidance to those cadets who aspire to attend a military service academy or an outstanding college or university on a ROTC scholarship. He advises cadets on academic class requirements, leadership opportunities, standardized test requirements, community service opportunities, college application recommendations, and preparation for the military academies' fitness requirements. During McClelland's tenure as our NJROTC Director, 33 Farragut cadets have achieved military academy appointments and 77 cadets have been awarded ROTC scholarships.

Engineering Academy: *Coming Soon!* With our curriculum emphasis on STEM, AFA is looking at opportunities to strengthen our engineering offerings. Currently the high school has an Engineering Club that has a robotics team participating in the national First Tech Challenge. The elementary school students recently participated in a highly successful Lego Robotics program. And each year the Middle School has an elective unit in building underwater remote controlled vessels. Plans are in the works to infuse additional engineering concepts throughout the Farragut curriculum.

Athletics

Written by Chris Myrick '11S



Mr. Thompson

is a hard working man, who like me and so many other athletes today, puts his talents to the test on and off the field. Throughout

his high school and college career, he was an accomplished athlete playing hockey, baseball, and lacrosse. He played lacrosse in college at the Division 1 level. Suddenly he was faced with injury after injury and determined that playing sports was not the best path for vocational success. As evidenced by his strong accent, he is from Boston, and yes he loves those Celtics, Red Sox, and Bruins - maybe even Boston College.

While attending Iona College he majored in criminal justice and met his beloved Miss Shelby Erb. Shelby has been a science teacher at Farragut for the last 3 years (and she's one of my favorites). Since Mr. Thompson's sports career had been cut short, he shifted his focus to his degree and graduated with flying colors. Upon graduation, he was in pursuit of a career as a Massachusetts state trooper when a serious knee injury knocked him out of pursuing that

opportunity. Mr. Thompson was a popular guy, and had one friend in particular who cared enough to get him re-directed on a new career in sports administration. From the moment that he was presented with this option, he knew this was his niche. He served as an administrator in the athletic department at his alma mater. After four years he relocated to Florida. He began at Out-of-door Academy (ODA) during the 2009 school year working as an Assistant Volleyball Coach and an extra hand in their Athletic Department. ODA is one of Farragut's opponents in basketball, football, and volleyball. He was then hired as a baseball coach and dorm supervisor at Farragut. Four months later he was named Athletic Director.

It was during that time that I first met Mr. Thompson. One day I saw him walking in Farragut Hall and I realized that this is the guy Miss Erb had talked about even though they lived on opposite sides of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. As I interviewed Mr. Thompson, I found out that he viewed Admiral Farragut Academy as a school with many different facets and dimensions. "Farragut has quality kids," he said. That meant a lot to me as a student athlete here. He also said, "I want to put our student athletes in the best possible position at this point in their lives, to be able to succeed and to grow, not only as athletes but as young men and women of character. I just want to give back like my high school AD did for me."

In his short time here, Matt Thompson has already taught me valuable lessons about life - yea, it's a game at times... full of hard-knocks... but you get up and try it again!

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Potential donors may sometimes hesitate to give a gift to an organization because they are unaware of where their gift is going. As we continue to grow, we take the opportunity to speak with our donors, our alumni, and our current parents about the direction of their gift. "Give with your heart" is our motto.

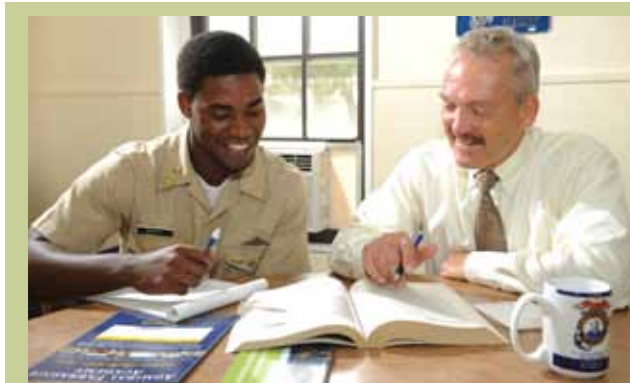
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College Guidance

Written by Amanda Puckett '12S

Mr. Valdis Gailitis is the one of the newest members of Admiral Farragut Academy's faculty. Not only is he teaching the psychology class, but he is also one of the key players in helping seniors get into the college of their choice. After graduating from Michigan State University, Mr. Gailitis taught biology and career education and was a coach for fifteen years. Afterwards, he was a principal for fourteen years, and then became a superintendent for four years. Two years ago, he retired from the Michigan school system and soon after moved to Florida.

He found Farragut through his sister-in-law, Ms. Davis, who works in the business office. Last year, he was a substitute teacher and enjoyed the campus and the faculty and staff here. Mr. Gailitis was offered a full-time position when the college guidance counselor and psychology positions opened up, and he gladly accepted. Mr. Gailitis is currently working on placing this year's senior class in the schools of their choice. The schools our seniors are applying to include the University of Miami, the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida, the University of South Florida, Florida State University, Boston College, Boston University, the Naval Academy, Harvard, and the University of California - Berkley and Irvine campuses. Many hope to receive scholarships to these great schools, including ROTC and Florida Bright Futures.



Senior Chris Myrick '11S sits with Mr. Gailitis to pick the right college for him.

The hardest part of getting the seniors accepted into the college that is best for them is making sure that they meet all the requirements, such as the required GPA and SAT/ACT scores. Then, assuring the students have all of their application materials such as essays, letters of recommendation, and transcripts complete. Mr. Gailitis works hard to make sure that the college or university the student hopes to attend is the right fit for them, both socially and for their degree program. His advice to all students is that they should visit the campus before they make their decision on where to go, because often a campus has a different feel to it than what it looks like on the school's website. **Farragut is fortunate to have someone like Mr. Gailitis to oversee what ends up being the culmination of our time here.**

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We want every donor to be able to identify how their funds made a difference -- whether they give to scholarship funds, athletic needs, or general support. We want nothing more than to fund and steward the programs that will help our next class of alumni to flourish and be successful. We simply communicate Farragut's needs -- you make the difference with your decision to give.





*Admissions Team from left to right
Admissions Director, Gretchen Herbst,
Admissions Assistant, Michelle Cooper, and
Admissions Associate, Lora Hogan*

Recruiting

This year, they traveled to Germany. As a result of Gretchen's travels with TABS, this year she was able to travel independently to Asia. This allowed her to save on travel expenses and spend more quality time with interested parties. She generated more leads and referrals than before. Admissions and alumni staff continue to travel to the Caribbean to visit alumni, meet prospective students and build new relationships.

Apart from the international recruitments and in an effort to expand the number of states represented in our student body, we have become more active with educational consultants in the United States. Admissions representatives also visit junior boarding schools in New England, where 8th and 9th grade students are looking for high school boarding placement. The admissions team works with consultants within the Independent Educational Consultant Association (IECA) as well as independent consultants, and attends their conferences for networking opportunities. This year we are also starting a new biannual news update which will be sent via email to educational consultants.

In 2004, Admiral Farragut Academy established the initiative to increase cultural diversity among the student body. Gretchen Herbst was hired to fill a new position focused on recruiting within international markets. She started by networking with international consultants, agents, alumni, and families.

In addition to networking, Gretchen began traveling internationally to recruit students. Her travels first took her to Colombia in 2005, where she met with alumni, families and consultants and solidified an incredible network in Medellin. Since then, Farragut has averaged at least two Colombian families a year. Additional travel includes trips to Ecuador, Brazil, Argentina and Costa Rica.

In 2006, Gretchen joined a recruitment tour organized by The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS), and visited Japan, South Korea, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Vietnam. In 2007, they also visited Spain and in 2008 added Kazakhstan and Russia to the trip.

All recruiting trips are carefully planned with detailed itineraries, scheduled appointments, and the purchasing and shipping of marketing gifts. These small gifts are personally given to consultants and agents which helps to build and maintain a positive relationship.

In 2004, Farragut had 24 international students from 10 countries. >>>>>>>>>>

Today we are proud to have 94 international students from 24 countries!

How can you help? <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<

Alumni and parents have the ability to greatly enhance our admissions efforts! Would you be willing to visit with an educational consultant who lives near you? Do you know of friends, relatives, work associates or other acquaintances who have a child who could benefit from the "Farragut Experience"?

If you are interested in becoming an admissions ambassador please contact g Herbst@farragut.org.

around the world



Picture Above: Admissions Director, Gretchen Herbst, works with David Lipsky '75N at a Northern California Admissions Fair.

Picture Right: Students in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) class taught by Mrs. Mandy Rowan.



STUDENT FOCUS

Washington, D.C. was this year's destination for our boarding cadets over Thanksgiving break. LT Steve Edwards and his wife, Ms. Joy, again put together and directed the trip which has now become an Admiral Farragut Academy tradition. They visited over 50 sites during their 9 day visit. They had the special honor of having dinner with Admiral Paul Yost, former Commandant of the US Coast Guard and Ms. Joy's uncle. Admiral Yost was very gracious and spent over two hours with the students, talking about his

military experience, leadership, the importance of education, and answering all types of questions. A trip highlight was dining multiple times at the two restaurants owned by AFA alum, Spike Mendelsohn, '00S -- Good Stuff Eatery and We the Pizza. Spike is currently appearing on the popular TV show, "TOP CHEF ALL-STARS". Spike spent time visiting with cadets and telling them of his years at AFA. Spike and his staff were gracious hosts and the food at both restaurants is outstanding. We recommend them highly and we all are looking forward to visiting and dining with Spike again.



Thanksgiving Day was a blessing as we gathered around the table for a good old-fashioned traditional dinner as an AFA family. Our Washington visit was once again a rewarding experience and we are already planning our Thanksgiving trip for next year.

AFA of Today

Written by Joon Kim '11S
Battalion Commander, AFA



Dear AFA Alumni,
It is my honor to write this letter as the Battalion Commander of Admiral Farragut Academy, class of 2011. Choosing to attend Farragut was a big decision for me two

years ago. I was very concerned about leaving home (Korea) for the first time to attend school in a different country, with English as my second language. When I came to Farragut as a sophomore, I tried very hard to overcome the language barrier and learned as much as I could. Now, as a senior, comparing myself to the person I was two years ago, I see how much I have learned and grown. I certainly believe Farragut was the place that provided me with numerous valuable experiences that I could not get anywhere else. The class of 2011 will be one of the more memorable and influential classes Farragut has ever had because it consists of many smart and talented students. The

Battalion and I are working hard to achieve greatness among the cadets.

There are several changes this year on schedule and formation. There is no morning formation and students report to their 1st period class by 0800. Instead, we have lunch formation where all students are required to form up before having lunch. Monday assembly and Wednesday drill are held after 1st period and before 2nd period. Farragut is also trying block scheduling once a month which allows our teachers greater opportunities for more in-depth teaching and hands-on experiences.

Farragut athletic teams have done well this year. First of all, the Farragut football team has shown a huge improvement, finishing their season with a 9-1 record and competing in the playoffs. The varsity cross country team also had a great season. This school year is full of so much variety and potential.

In many ways I will be sad to leave but I know that Farragut has prepared me well as I make plans to enter college. My hope is to attend John Hopkins as an engineering student and I feel I have an excellent chance for admission.



^ 2010-2011 Battalion Corp ^

Summer 2010 Recap

9 AFA Cadets Attended R.O.T.C. Leadership Academy

Out of 63 schools in the area 9 AFA cadets were chosen to attend Leadership Academy:

Tyler Bauer, Scott Claudon, Jacob Cone, Joon Kim, Amanda Puckett, Daniel Salomon, Taylor Scott, Liam Shelton, and Katryna Thomas. Joon was the first International student to attend and Amanda was top academic cadet of her platoon. Every day they completed motivational runs along the Pinellas Trail along with physical and endurance activities. They gained leadership skills and techniques for managing other cadets along with how to carry themselves as a cadet leader.



study session sponsored by Cambridge University on their British Campus. Katryna studied British cultural history, criminal and forensic psychology, and evolutionary biology Donald studied photography, British political history, and debate. Donald also attended the US Naval Academy Summer Seminar.

International Student Taught English to Children in China

Junior, Ariel Zhang, is the first student in her town to study in an American high school. So, Ariel started "Ariel's English Camp" where she taught English for free every morning with an optional tutorial in the afternoon. The student's ages varied from 6 to 17 years old. She ended up having 60 students! "One thing I truly gained from this experience is the understanding that if you want to do something and it's in your heart, there's nothing in this world that can stop you," Ariel said.

5 Cadets Attended Boy's State Program

The Boy's State Program teaches important values in leadership and citizenship. Participants learned about city and state legislature and met to organize, elect leaders, and pass bills, in a way similar to how actual legislature operates. Students and their elected positions: Sean Bruce (Mayor), David Dang (Member House of Representatives), Shayne Murphy (Attache), Donald Thomas (Mayor/Senator/Judge at the Supreme Court Level), and Cory VanArnum (Asst. Deputy Police Chief at the Town Level).

Two Students Volunteered in Bermuda

Leana Kulinsky and Katryna Thomas, both juniors, went to Bermuda for a week to help King Edwards Memorial Hospital with their program called the "Bermuda Palliative Care Manual" that assists with the care of end of life patients.

Students Studied Abroad in England

For three weeks Katryna Thomas, junior, and Donald Thomas, senior, attended an invitational

Students Traveled Across the World to Visit International Classmates

This summer sophomore, Julia Lescarbeau, ventured to South Korea to visit Farragut classmate and now close friend, Hailey Jun. Julia says, "it was so great to have the opportunity to live in the Korean culture since I have many other Korean classmates." Salutatorian, Chester Claudon, visited Valedictorian, Sebastian Kim, from Class of 2010 in Sebastian's hometown in Korea. They then traveled to Japan together.



College Matriculation

In 2010, 96% of our graduates matriculated to a four-year college. Over the past three years we have averaged \$3.7 million in scholarships and financial aid. The Academy takes great pride in its mission and the future of its students.

- Amherst College
- Arizona State Univ.
- Assumption College
- Auburn University
- Averett University
- Birmingham So. College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brigham Young University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Central Connecticut State University
- CLAEH (Latin American Center for Human Economy, School of Medicine)
- Clemson University
- Cleveland Institute of Art
- Colgate University
- College of Wooster
- Colorado State University
- Cornell University
- Eckerd College
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
- Emerson College
- Emory University/ Oxford College
- Flagler College
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida International University
- Florida Southern College
- Florida State University
- Florida State College, Jacksonville
- Full Sail University
- Georgia Mason University
- Georgia Military College
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- George Washington University
- Harvard University
- Indiana University
- Iowa State University
- Ithica College
- Jacksonville University
- James Madison University
- John Hopkins University
- Johnson and Wales University
- Kennesaw State University
- Lafayette College
- Lees-McRae College
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University, New Orleans
- Lynn University
- Maine Maritime University
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- Merchant Marine Academy
- Morehouse University
- Naval Academy Prep School
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- North Carolina State University
- Norwich University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Purdue University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhodes College
- Ringling College of Art & Design
- Rollins College
- Saint Leo University
- San Diego State University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- St. John's College (MD)
- St. Leo University
- Stetson University
- Stony Brook University
- Suffolk University
- SUNY Maritime College
- Syracuse University
- Texas A&M University, Galveston
- The Citadel
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- Tuskegee University
- US Air Force Academy
- US Merchant Marine Academy
- US Naval Academy
- University of California
- University of Arizona
- University of Buffalo
- University of California - L.A.
- University of Central Florida
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Denver
- University of Florida
- University of Illinois, Chicago
- University of Illinois, Urbana
- University of Miami
- University of Mississippi
- UNC Chapel Hill
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of North Florida
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Rochester
- University of South Florida
- University of Tampa
- University of West Florida
- University of Wisconsin
- University of Utah
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Webber International University
- Western Michigan University
- William Woods University
- Wofford College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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2011 HOMECOMING WEEKEND

October 20-22, 2011



Thursday, October 20

- 0900-1600- Registration with Coffee
 - Alumni Centre
- 1000-1100- Tour of Campus with Cadets & Staff
 - Alumni Centre
- 1130-1230- Lunch in West Lounge
- 1800- Sunset Social- Caddy's on the Beach
 - Treasure Island
- 1800- Heritage Society Social
 - Social for class years of 50+*
 - hosted by CAPT Robert J.Fine, Jr.

Friday, October 21

- 0800-1300- Parents' Group Golf Tournament-
 - TBD
- 0900-1600- Registration with Coffee
 - Alumni Centre
- 1000-1100- Tour of Campus with Cadets & Staff
- 1430-1630- Alumni Tailgate Cookout
 - Alumni Centre
- 1700- Homecoming Parade
 - & Alumni Drill Competition
- 1900- Homecoming Football Game
 - Al Ross Field

Saturday, October 22

- 0900-1600- Registration with Coffee
 - Alumni Centre
- 1100- Athletic Hall of Fame Brunch
 - West Lounge
- 1230-1530- Alumni Sailing & other activities
- 1800- Alumni Dinner- TBD

Sunday, October 23

- Inaugural Alumni Homecoming Cruise
 - Departs from the Port of Tampa
 - For more information,
please visit www.farragut.org/alumnicruise

ALL INCLUSIVE WEEKEND

\$100 per guest

(Price includes all meals for the three days, and other amenities.)

**To register please visit
www.FarragutEvents.org**




EVENTS SCHEDULE

Each year our alumni events schedule grows. During 2010, we held events in Pine Beach, New York City, Philadelphia, Nantucket, St. Petersburg (Homecoming), Miami and hosted other smaller gatherings and meetings around the country. In 2011, we plan to have many more regional events across the United States in an effort for even more alumni to reconnect and rekindle friendships.

Here is our schedule of anticipated events. At the time of publication for this issue or Reveille, details are still pending for many of these events. For the most up-to-date detailed schedule or to register online always go to:

www.FarragutEvents.org

FLORIDA:

-  **May 14, 2011:** Graduation Ceremony & Alumni Man the Rail Cookout
-  **May 20, 2011:** South Florida Golf Tournament
-  **October 20-22, 2011:** Homecoming 2011
- October 21, 2011:** Homecoming Golf Tournament- Sponsored by the Parents' Group
- March 2012:** Parents' Group Auction

TEXAS:


April 28, 2011: San Antonio - Host Robert Griffin '73S and his wife Cheri - Charlie '53S and Dottie Duke to be in attendance

NEW YORK:

- * October 14, 2011:** New York City Gathering
Held at the Penn Club of NYC-
Host Don Schreiber 46'N

WASHINGTON, DC:

- * December 9 & 10, 2011:** Army Navy Alumni Weekend- Dinner held Dec. 9 at the Army Navy Club of Washington, D.C.

 Annual events you don't want to miss!

Tour de Howard

Howard Sakolsky '47S will be making his annual summer trek in his motor coach to connect with as many alumni as possible. His travel arrangements plan to take him all the way up the east coast of the U.S. to a final destination of Vermont & New Hampshire. Stay tuned to FarragutEvents.org and our alumni email blasts for the location of Howard's next stop.

HOST AN EVENT >>>> CONTACT US >>>

You are a vital part of keeping alumni connected.
Help us create more great After-Farragut experiences!

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>>> 2010 Alumni Event Recaps <<<<<

New York City Regional Gathering

Written by Karen Bacon
Alumni & Development Associate

If you haven't already done so, I strongly encourage all former cadets to attend an alumni regional gathering, not just to network, but to experience the fun of strolling down memory lane with a cadet who knows what it means to drill! Thanks to

the generosity of our host, Don Schreiber '46N, our NYC regional gathering took place October 8 at the Penn Club on West 44th St., where we enjoyed lunch, camaraderie, and a wonderfully entertaining address by our guest speaker, Frank Wendt '42N. Those in attendance included: Frank Wendt '42N(guest speaker), John Mazzola '45N, Jack Mackston '45S, Don Baker '45N, Don Schreiber '46N(host), George Michel '49S, John Pomerantz '51N, Robert Cooper '52N, Bob Waldman '55N, Raey Webster '59N, Bob Florance '75N, Ron Rubin'79N, Christopher Cordaro '80N, Donald Chase '80N, Christian Wagner '82N, John Jacobs '82N, T.J. Gavenda '85N, Chris Malfant '93S, and Ben James '04S were all "up front and center "and had a wonderful visit! Unfortunately Pete Musser '44N, David MacDowell '55N, John Klopstock '57N, Ed DeSeta '67N, and Demetrios Skalkotos '81S had to alter their plans as "life" got in the way! We all missed their presence in New York, but are looking forward to seeing them at a future regional gathering.

Watching a room full of graduates from the 40's through the 2000's interact and share the unique and creative ways that each generation did "end runs" around Farragut's strict rules, I realized that although our cadets had moved on and eventually left Farragut....Farragut never left them. And for a Farragut "Mom," that is a comforting thought. Surrounded by highly respected, dynamic, confident



Alumni Associate, Karen Bacon, along with Foundation President, Christian Wagner '82N, Chris Cordaro '80N, & Don Chase '80



New York City Alumni Gathering Speaker, Frank Wendt '42N talks with Alumni Associate Karen Bacon

and creative leaders, who had or were in the process of realizing their

dreams, one thing was certain -- they were Farragut cadets. I couldn't have been prouder!

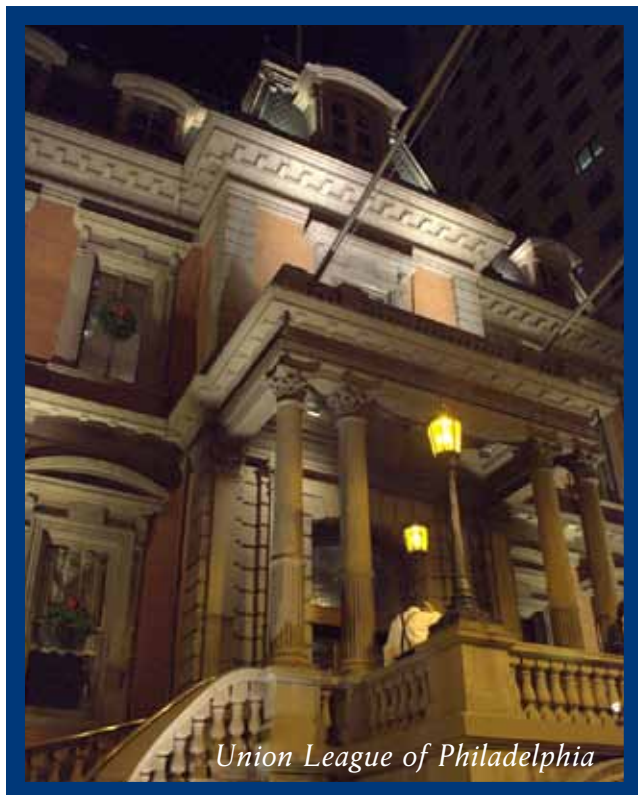
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OCTOBER 14, 2011
PENN CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY

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3rd Annual Philadelphia Alumni Weekend

Written by Jeff Ogden '00S

Alumni & Development Associate



Union League of Philadelphia

On December 10, 2010, Admiral Farragut Academy hosted the third annual Philadelphia alumni gathering at the Union League of Philadelphia. This historic setting provided an inspiring backdrop as we welcomed more than 70 alumni family and friends for a night of renewing old friendships and making new acquaintances.

Three years ago, following the Army Navy game, we hosted a cocktail reception at the Union League. With approximately 40 guests in attendance and many more who said they wished they could have been there, we knew we had an event idea that could become a new Farragut tradition. With our roots in the United States military, we were excited and proud to focus a Philadelphia area alumni event around "America's Game," the Army/Navy game.

Cadet Joon Kim, Battalion Commander of the Class of 2011, a talented concert pianist from Seoul, Korea, played many classics for our guests as they arrived that evening. Joining him, we had a number of fellow Battalion Commanders in attendance: George J. Michel, Jr. '49, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Art Musicaro '73; RADM Mark Buzby '75; and Spencer Fletcher '09. Mr. Fletcher, currently in his second year at the US Merchant Marine Academy was joined by his classmates, Justin Lenhart '09, in his plebe year at the US Naval Academy and SN, and Chris Licata '09, USN. The Class of 1975 was extremely well represented, with comrades from 1973 and 1976 joining them as they used the occasion to celebrate their 35th reunion. This year the 112th Army Navy game will be played in Washington, D.C., but will return to Philadelphia in 2012.



Chairman of the Board, George J. Michel, Jr. '49S along with Jeff Ogden '00S & Courtney Smith entertain members of the Class of 2009S & Joon Kim '11S at a Post Army/Navy Game dinner hosted by Hon. Bill Bucci '75N

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ARMY NAVY WEEKEND
DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2011
WASHINGTON, D.C.'S ARMY NAVY CLUB

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Visit to the Cayman Islands

*Written by Jeff Ogden '00S
Alumni & Development Associate*

The founders of Admiral Farragut Academy envisioned a multicultural environment from our early days in Pine Beach, NJ. Over the years significant population groups from South America, Cuba,

Central America, China, South Korea, Japan and so many other countries have contributed to our student base. One country whose presence is lesser known is the Cayman Islands Beginning in the 80's, our admissions staff visited the Cayman Islands on a regular basis, often meeting with families whose children were not even old enough to attend. They wanted to learn more so that when their son or daughter was of age, they would have a plan for their continuing education of their child. As a result of planting those seeds there are currently a sizeable contingent of alumni and contacts in the Cayman Islands.

Just after graduation, CAPT Fine and I had the opportunity to take CDR Mike Nicholson, more commonly known as Coach Nick, to the Cayman Islands to visit with about 50 alumni and friends of Farragut. Coach Nick is much more than an 8th grade science teacher with a love for running and anything water-related. Much like Pine Beach's Coach Slaby, Coach Nick is synonymous with the St. Petersburg Farragut community. Having just celebrated his 33rd school year at Farragut, Coach Nick first began his career here as a dormitory supervisor in 1977. He quickly morphed into the roles of soccer coach, A-List bus driver, disciplinarian, and mentor. Many records, both cross country and track & field, have been held by Coach Nick and Coach Barnhill's '82 Caymanian graduates. Of those, perhaps the most notable is Edward Manderson's 100M record. It was a pleasure



*Coach Mike Nicholson with "Dax"
Foster '88 of the Cayman Island*

to see the humbled joy that came over Coach Nick as we were greeted at the airport by Caymanian business owner, Bill Baldwin '92 and Dax Foster. As we visited over lunch, it was good to see the "Cayman connection," as it was called when I was a student. We had the wonderful opportunity to see old friends with new stories; and to host an admissions session at Bill Baldwin's home

in the hope of continuing the Island culture at AFA. The trip resulted in three new Caymanian cadets and look forward to more students from this region in the future. We would like to extend our collective gratitude to Bill Baldwin '92 for his hospitality and time during our visit.

Homecoming 2010 Reflections

Written by Rico de la Llama '75S

I just returned from my first official homecoming event. I had stopped by Admiral Farragut Academy in the years since I graduated for a variety of reasons, but primarily out of mixed emotions and morbid curiosity. See, I was not what you would categorize as a fan of Farragut while I was there. Two of my four years were not recalled with fondness since I was a lousy student at the lowest side of the academic scale. After having children of my own, I found out that my son had inherited my difficulty with school and had been diagnosed with dyslexia, which wasn't even a word when I was at school. After this homecoming event, my opinion has changed 180 degrees, I was truly impressed by everything I saw and heard while I was there.

My introduction to Farragut took place in the summer of 1971. I was living in New York and my parents asked if I would be interested in attending summer camp at the same place my father had gone to high

school and graduated from in the class of 42 N. They, of course, sugar coated it as a great place with sail boats and swimming pools and all sorts of activities. Since my alternative was to stay in Manhattan during a hot summer, I jumped at the chance. I really only remember the sailing, swimming and the sailors' outfits. Since my father had also graduated from the United States Naval Academy, class of '46, I thought the drilling was pretty cool -- I was 12! When I came back from summer camp, I was blindsided by the decision they had made in my absence -- to send me to the south campus starting in the fall for ninth grade. My father was in international sales and they were moving back to Brazil and felt it would be best if I remained in the states for my education. Since my grandparents lived in Miami, the south campus was the closest to a living relative in the U.S. My first couple of years were filled with thoughts of being ostracized by my family and thinking they didn't care what happened to me. But that's the funny thing about Farragut. A lot of us in the turbulent early 70's felt abandoned and discarded and because of that, we became brothers. It didn't matter where you came from, what your parents did or what color you were, we were in it together and our color was khaki. It was us against the townies who would jump us if we were ever caught alone (Vietnam was not going well and we were representing the military), so we always watched each others' backs whether in school or on liberty. So with the help of my classmates, whether scholastically, in sports or on liberty, things got better and by my junior and senior year I was part of the machine that is Farragut. I now look on those days as some of the best years of my life.

As I anticipated attending Homecoming, I was still of mixed emotions, but time heals all wounds. What I didn't expect was to be WOW'd by the School and its staff and cadets. The advances they have made to enter into the 21st century blew me away. Do you know they have a program so that the students can get private pilots licenses and even instrument rated? Are you aware that the Battalion Commander of a few years back is graduating from Annapolis this spring? And she's a girl/woman! Farragut has a rich tradition of producing very successful people, but even those that don't knock it out of the park like me, have a reason to be proud. What impressed me the most were the cadets. You could see the pride in their eyes. From the football players who won the game 38 to zip, to the cheerleaders (still a little weird for me)



Sergio Cartaya '65S donates his Formal Dress Blues to the Museum. The last time he hung them up was his graduation day.

giving their all. The drill team who amazed me at the alumni dinner. Words do not do it justice. The food was fantastic, I consider myself and my wife to be foodies, and not once did I see anything resembling mystery meat! I'm still a child of the 70's so I asked the cadets if they liked the food and they said yes. One of the nicest parts of the reunion was seeing fellow cadets (my classmates) that I hadn't seen in 35 years. My roommate for three out of four years, Bobby Isgette, was there and it was like we had never left. Our Battalion Commander, Lawrence Peter was there and was the guest speaker. Talk about a successful career -- he is the definition. Although we were not best buds in school, we were brothers. Another classmate, Bob Sprentall, who is also very successful; others that were there that graduated two years later, Mike Noonan 77S and Kevin Ratliff also 77S, with his wife and three boys recognized and received an award into the Athletic Hall of Fame. It was so easy and joyful and felt so good to see each other and reminisce about all the crazy stuff we went through. The saddest part of the weekend was that it was over too soon. For those of you that didn't make it this year, you really don't know what you missed. I left that reunion feeling like I belonged again and am proud to have graduated from such a great school.

In closing all I can say is that I always thought of Farragut with mixed emotions, but I give thanks every day to Farragut and my parents for sending me there. If they hadn't, I wouldn't have met my wife whom I have known for 37 years and been married to for 33.

Message from the > > > > > > Foundation President



In 1997 George J. Michel, Jr. '49S, then Chairman of the Admiral Farragut Academy Board of Trustees, put into motion the plans to create a separate 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose was to serve as the fundraising arm for the Academy. His actions brought about the creation of The Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation.

For the first several years, the Foundation languished somewhat in its ability to establish the necessary momentum to truly become a fundraising force for the school. Then in 2000 we received an unexpected gift of \$1 million from "Skip" Cleveland '52S. That single gift served as the catalyst that was needed. As each new gift that is made to AFA's Foundation is held intact till perpetuity, the

immediate and direct benefit to our school ends up coming from the fund's interest income. Any school with a strong endowment has the ability to weather economic fluctuations with a minimal impact on day to day operations. Without an adequate endowment, private schools become slaves to tuition.

Over the past several years our Foundation has distributed back to the Academy more than \$400,000. At the end of the 2009-10 school year, \$80,000 was given to the Academy as endowment earnings. Even in a challenging economic environment, through careful management, the Foundation was able to perform adequately.

In the fall of 2010, I stepped aside as the president of the Alumni Association to become president of the Foundation, because ultimately I know that building the assets of the Foundation is necessary for the longevity of all fine educational institutions.

The Foundation's board of directors is comprised of nine active members and three emeritus members and meets three times a year for the purposes of creating fund development programs, monitoring the progress of such programs and giving recommendations for distribution of earned revenue. Earlier this fall three new members joined the board of directors. This group is currently actively engaged in developing plans for a capital campaign to bring the endowment from just under \$2 million to \$10 million as quickly as possible.

The decision was made to produce a semi-annual Foundation report that details the assets of the Foundation, contributions back to the Academy, investment performance, and all other pertinent Foundation news. If you have any questions upon receiving this information please feel free to contact Robb Resler, Alumni & Development Director, who also serves as the executive director of the Foundation.

Arguably the most painless way to make the most profound impact is an estate gift. Please consider including the Academy in your estate plans and join me and other alumni as members of AFA's prestigious Heritage "100" Society. Through the Heritage "100" Society each of us has the opportunity to make a dramatic impact on Farragut's future without impacting our current financial resources. Thank you for considering my request.

Christian Wagner '82N

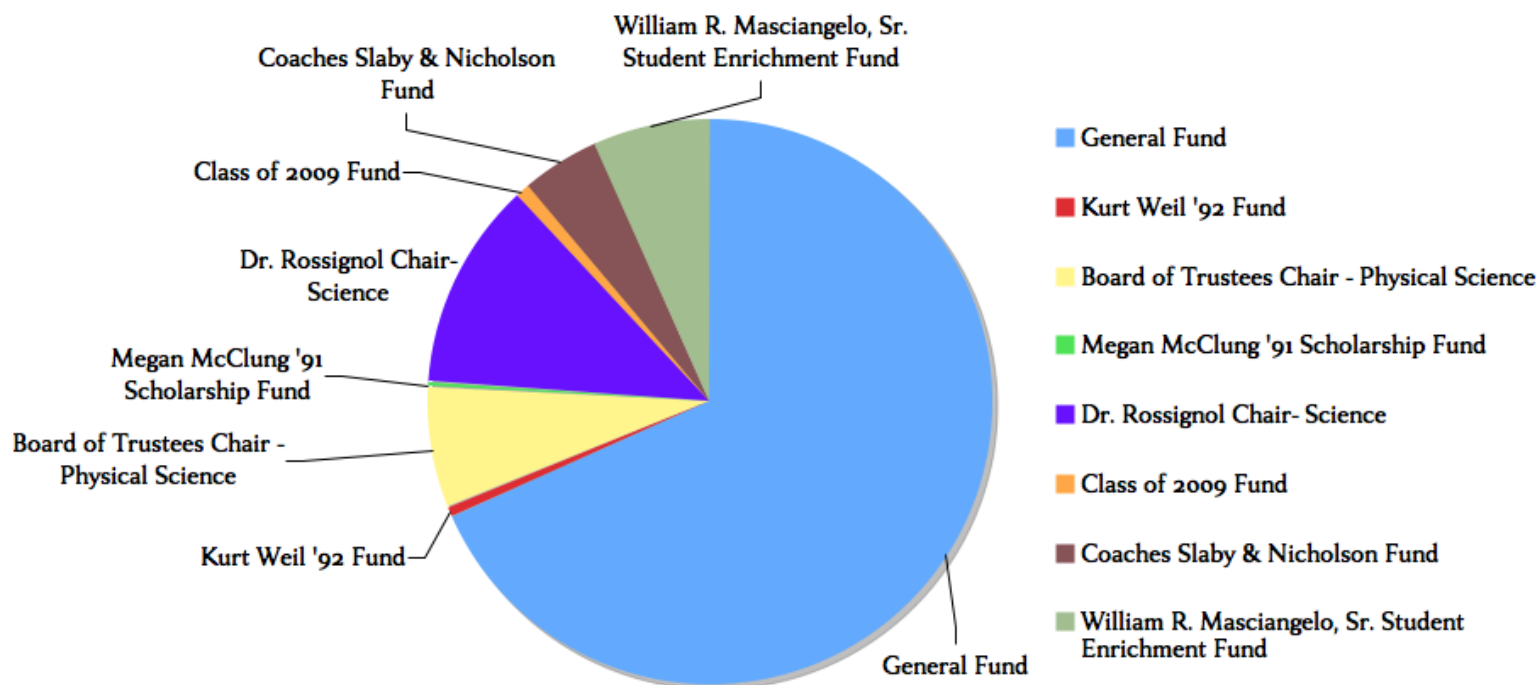
President, AFA Foundation



THE ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY FOUNDATION, INC.

Foundation Report

ASSET DISTRIBUTION



RECENT DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FOUNDATION

At the end of the 2009-2010 School Year, the Foundation Board presented a check to the Academy in the amount of \$80,000. The distribution for fiscal year 2009 was directed in its entirety towards the Academy's support of Financial Aid; which during the 2009-10 school-year exceeded \$600,000 and benefited more than 80 students.

Early in 2011, the Foundation Board of Directors met with school officials to discuss the upcoming distribution based upon the 2011 Foundation audit. It is anticipated that based upon the 5% distribution rule for eligible fund balances, a total of \$92,195 could be distributed to AFA. It is anticipated that the first disbursement will occur for both the COACHES SLABY & NICHOLSON ATHLETIC ENDOWMENT and the WILLIAM R. MASCIANGELO, SR. STUDENT ENRICHMENT FUND. (See Below)

COACHES SLABY & NICHOLSON ATHLETIC ENDOWMENT

\$4,259 Funding in Support of:

- New High Jump mat for Track & Field
- Replacement of the baseball & softball scoreboards
- Resurfacing of the natural wood gym floor

WILLIAM R. MASCIANGELO, SR. STUDENT ENRICHMENT FUND

\$6,000 Funding in Support of:

- Supplies for Boarding Student Union & Lounge
- Special team building programs for each wing and Battalion Staff
- Renovations of dormitory bathrooms.

ADDITIONAL ENDOWMENT DISBURSEMENTS

- \$10,000 DR. JEAN-FRANCOIS ROSSIGNOL ENDOWED CHAIR IN SCIENCE
- \$2,500 Private Donor Fund Distributions

** The balance of eligible funds for disbursement of \$69,444 will be marked within the Foundation as available to the Academy.*



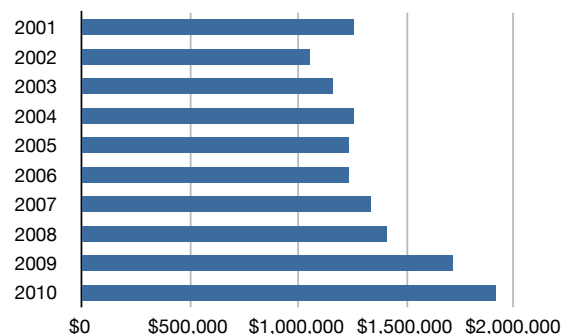
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Foundation Report

BALANCE SHEET

	Dec 31, 10	Dec 31, 09
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash	323,958.13	347,170.31
Total Checking/Savings	323,958.13	347,170.31
Other Current Assets		
Account Receivable-Other	2,239.90	0.00
Due From AFA	36,057.14	17,488.87
Pledge Receivable	217,360.07	122,465.33
Total Other Current Assets	255,657.11	139,954.20
Total Current Assets	579,615.24	487,124.51
Other Assets		
Commodities-4338	0.00	22,640.00
Equities	1,157,679.83	1,010,509.69
Mutual Funds	375,050.70	301,587.56
Total Other Assets	1,532,730.53	1,334,737.25
TOTAL ASSETS	2,112,345.77	1,821,861.76
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Due to AFA	0.00	5,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00	5,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	0.00	5,000.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	5,000.00
Equity		
Fund Balance	1,225,511.25	1,225,511.25
Retained Earnings	591,350.51	115,072.63
Net Income	295,484.01	476,277.88
Total Equity	2,112,345.77	1,816,861.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,112,345.77	1,821,861.76

ENDOWMENT PERFORMANCE



INVESTMENT STYLE

Equity Investment Style %

Style	Value	Core	Growth	
	35	37	25	Large Size
	1	0	0	Medium
	0	0	0	Small

Fixed Investment Style %

Maturity	Short	Interm	Long	
	36	31	0	High Quality
	0	0	33	Medium
	0	0	0	Low



IRA Gifting

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME GOOD TAX NEWS?

IRA GIFTS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED FOR 2011!

At the end of 2010, congress extended the legislation which will allow individuals over the age of 70 1/2 to make charitable distributions of up to \$100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA to charity. The extension is effective for 2011. In some cases, couples could direct IRA gifts of up to \$200,000 between now and the end of 2011 by fully utilizing both contributions. Imagine the opportunities that you may be able to create for a cadet of Admiral Farragut Academy by a gift from your IRA to The Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation. If the Farragut Experience made a difference in your life or someone in your family please read on.

Each year Admiral Farragut Academy designates anywhere from \$600,000-\$750,000 for financial aid. This money is awarded to students who have the desire, determination, and academic ability to succeed and thrive at the Academy. Admiral Farragut has never been a school for the elite but continuously strives to maintain a diverse student body. Your willingness to consider making a significant gift from your IRA means more students could receive a Farragut education who need tuition assistance.

While you cannot claim a charitable deduction for IRA gifts, your gift amount will reduce your taxable estate, and you will not be required to pay income tax on any amounts you distribute to qualified charities.

To Qualify:

- * You must be age 70 1/2 or older at the time of gift.
- * Transfers must be made directly from a traditional IRA account by your plan provider to The Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation. Funds that are withdrawn by you and then contributed do NOT qualify. Gifts from 401k, 403b, SEP and other plans do not qualify.

- * Your plan administrator may make the check out to The Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation and mail the check to you. But you must postmark the check to us by January 31, 2011 for this tax year, or

December 31, 2011 for the 2011 tax year.

- * Gifts must be outright. Distributions to donor-advised funds, certain supporting organizations, or life-income arrangements such as charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities are not allowed.

Benefits – Qualified charitable distributions:

- * Can total up to \$100,000;
- * Are not included in your gross income for federal income tax purposes on your IRS Form 1040 (no charitable deduction is available, however);

Example: Suppose John has \$500,000 in an IRA and he also wants to contribute \$20,000 to The Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation. He can authorize the administrator of his IRA to transfer \$20,000 to The Foundation and \$5,000 to himself. The \$20,000 distributed to The Foundation will not be subject to tax and will be counted toward his annual minimum required distribution.

All gifts given to The Foundation will be placed into the Endowment for Financial Aid (unless otherwise directed by the donor) and only the income from this fund will be distributed as tuition assistance. Other opportunities also exist which can provide an immediate financial aid award as well as a partial contribution to the Endowment for Financial Aid. Most any arrangement is possible once you make the decision to make a gift.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

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Our Heritage

Written by Frank P. Wendt '42N



History

The stock market had crashed three years before the founding of Farragut. The Dow Jones average stood at a meager "41" when the 4 founders, Admiral S.S. Robison, USN, Brig. General

Cyrus S. Radford, USMC, Fred C. Patten, business man and co-founder of Valley Forge Military Academy, and W. Kable Russell, a banker with Girard Trust Company and a graduate of Staunton Military Academy, founded by his grandfather, **incorporated the Farragut Company on July 23, 1933** and acquired the Pine Beach Inn. Despite the depressed economy (which we experienced 75 years later in 2008), Admiral Farragut Academy opened that fall with 30 cadets, the first enrolled being Cyrus S. Radford, Jr., son of the superintendent.

The **Class of '37N, the first to graduate as a group**, had Captain Chester W. Nimitz as their commencement speaker, who later became the famous Fleet Admiral of WWII. The faculty was dominated by U.S. Naval Academy graduates, recruited during the peacetime years preceding WWII by Admiral Robinson, a time when the Navy's budget could not place all of the Naval Academy's graduates (all were recalled to active duty after Pearl harbor in 1941). Farragut was **designated as the first Honor Naval School by act of Congress on November 27, 1941**, just eight years after its founding. Three years later a new sick bay building was constructed and named in honor of Admiral Robinson which immediately received the unique designation as the alternative Capitol of the State of New Jersey for WWII and continued as such until the Cold War ended.

It was the vision of W. Kable Russell to expand the facilities with a second campus in a more hospitable

weather environment in order to accommodate the anticipated high demand for private schools after WWII. The former "Jungle Club" property of 200 acres in St. Petersburg, including an 18-hole golf course (now the drill field) was purchased, and **the South Campus was opened in 1945**, just eleven years after the North Campus. The South Campus Class of 1945 was welcomed into the newly merged Farragut Alumni Association by Bill Masciangelo, alumni director, who stated that the aims of the Association were to "Promote the welfare and success of Farragut and to keep alive and perpetuate the memories of friendships established by cadets while there. --- Pine Beach or St. Petersburg." The **first female cadets were enrolled in 1989**, and for 21 years they have contributed with distinction to the records of their peers, both academically and by holding leadership positions in the battalions.

Successful Alumni

In addition to our prominent Farragut astronauts and the dozen or more Flag Officers who have or are serving in the military today, plus those alumni whose lives were dedicated to the service of our country in other capacities, many of Farragut's men and women in the business world, the arts, and academia, among other occupations, have used their Farragut training in leadership plus their strong academic heritage to serve the communities and fellow employees with distinction.

Here are a few examples of how a Farragut education benefited our alumni's lives:

Kim M. Graham '99S has co-founded a charter school for low-income, minority students in the inner city of our nation's capitol. She responded: "I am here today because of the teachers and staff at Farragut who worked so hard to guide, support and educate me. You inspired and equipped me to change the world one student at a time."

Jennifer Wells '04S, a 2008 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, now navigator aboard a

Military Sea Life ship delivering supplies to our armed forces said: "Farragut gave me a strong foundation in self discipline and education which prepared me for my college years and current career."

Eric York '93S works for the armed services and the Pentagon on cyber security and said, "The leadership, education and all around excellence of Farragut was and still is a big part of my life. Without Farragut I would never have made it in the Navy. It ingrained leadership qualities the Navy and corporate America are looking for, and for that I say, thank you."

Benjamin Johnson '63S was a professor for 39 years at Virginia Tech and said, "The work ethic and discipline has been critical to my academic as well as professional success. I will always be grateful for my Farragut experience".

The words are repeated over and over by Farragut's alumni: SELF DISCIPLINE...A STRONG ACADEMIC FOUNDATION...LEADERSHIP instilled by the programs, the faculty and staff of OUR academy. In short, we have all received and benefited strongly from A STRUCTURE FOR LIFE.

So ask yourself, as billionaire Warren Buffett did recently for the first time in his life, "What's money for?" He has learned that sharing his wealth can be fun, even though he apparently has no nonprofit group that played a major role in his success. What's money for? To accumulate, hoard, visit in your bank vault from time to time (as Jack Benny used to do)? Buy something? Invest to accumulate more? May I suggest you try using some of your treasures to help others, specifically, talented young men and women who give first choice to Farragut, but who may not realize their dreams because of financial pressures on their parents? Try using some of your assets to help young people prepare for and handle the challenges of our country's future by funding things that interest YOU...through YOUR school that you know from experience can provide the "structure" for a successful life.

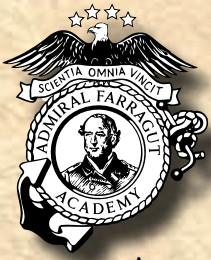
I was a scholarship student when I enrolled in Farragut in 1939, went on to enlist in the Marine Corps V-12 program at age 17, had to wait until I was 19 to receive my 2nd Lt. bar, graduated Northwestern University in 1942, attended law school, and joined John Nuveen & Co., municipal bond bankers, where I spent my 40-year career. Throughout the past 68 years, I can truthfully say that not a day passes that I don't have a reason to

be thankful for my Farragut scholarship, academic and leadership training, and the friendship of the entire Farragut family of faculty, staff and alumni along the way.

Here's how you can help Farragut achieve its success in the future in the way it has helped six thousand alumni in its first 77 years. Farragut's needs are broad and gifting opportunities are flexible. Unlike many non-profit organizations which ask for a check for THEM to decide how to use, Farragut's development staff can help you design a gift for an area that interests YOU and benefits the academy as well. The Headmaster, together with Karen Bacon and Robb Resler, have provided specific suggestions as to how to direct your gift with the best possible tax benefits for you, as well as being a partner in progress for the future of Farragut. Consider that if you join The Heritage Society by making a gift in your estate plan, by will or trust, to gift either a percentage of your estate or a fixed dollar amount, you can endow your own scholarship fund -- or add to one already established -- TODAY. Think of attending a future commencement and seeing your scholarship student graduate! You can make a gift for current use to support one or more of a myriad of gifting opportunities which meet the needs of the academy's broad programs, and which will make you feel great. That I can guarantee! Of course, the IRS makes your qualified gifts deductible, so your taxes are reduced, and that never fails to bring smiles to the faces of all of Farragut's current supporters, some of whom may be your classmates.

Farragut's alma mater, which cadets sung over seven decades ago, catches the spirit of my memories, as I'm sure it will yours... "Oh Farragut, Oh Farragut, we never will forget. The days we spend on land and sea, the days we ne'er regret. As we go forth to battle life, we'll always think of you. We'll always 'member Farragut, and members of our crew." - Have fun with your money by supporting Farragut, and join me as a member of The Heritage Society.

NOTE: The dates and history stated above are attributed to "A Tale of Two Campuses" by Richard G. Wheeler, retired Superintendent and Board Chairman of Farragut South and Board member of The Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation, which is responsible for the investment and designated use of all Endowed Funds.



Heritage "100" Society

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY has stood for three-quarters of a century. During that time we have never wavered from our mission to instill the core values of *integrity, self-discipline, perseverance, and wellness & fitness* into the lives of young men and women. We measure our success not by our own accomplishments, but by that of our cadets. Our ability to continue to affect and impact each future generation is dependent upon the direct involvement of those who understand and value the *Farragut Experience*.

Heritage Society membership indicates that Admiral Farragut Academy and/or the Foundation is included in the estate plans of a donor. Some will give through a simple bequest by way of their will, others will transfer the ownership of life insurance or a percentage of their IRA, while others will elect to use one of the many options available through various trust arrangements. The method is not as important as the decision.

The Heritage "100" Society is designed to recognize the **first-100 donors** who have chosen to become Heritage Society members. Following are the names of those who have notified us of their intentions to be among the first-100.

Heritage Society Members

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| 1- Frank P. Wendt '42 | 13- Michael '80 & Karen Hajek |
| 2- George J. Michel, Jr. '49 | 14- Robb Resler, AFA |
| 3- Katherine Harper | 15- Karen Bacon, AFA |
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| 5- Robert J. Fine, Jr. AFA | 17- J. Val Smith '47 and Sylvia |
| 6- Joseph "Chris" Slusher '87 | 18- Howard Sakolsky '47 |
| 7- Edward B. DeSeta '67 | 19- Laurence Upham '53 |
| 8- Don Schreiber '46 | 21- Jeffrey M. Ogden '00, AFA |
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| 10- James S. Wood '45 | 23- Benjamin H. Troemel '73 |
| 11- Dalton Monroe | 24- Robert H. Hailey Jr. '76 |
| 12- Alan Atwood '53 | |

If you have included the Academy or the Foundation in your estate plans then you are already a part of the Heritage "100" Society and we want to recognize you. Each donor who makes this commitment will be assigned a numeric position within the first-100.

For more information or to notify us of your estate plan arrangements, please contact Robb Resler, Alumni & Development Director, rresler@farragut.org or 727-343-3678.

One hundred donors will impact Admiral Farragut Academy forever and always. Will you be among the "first-100?" Let us know today.

Student Enrichment Fund

BUILDING LEADERS

> > > > TODAY FOR TOMORROW

IT TAKES A SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT TO EDUCATE AND BUILD LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE. AFTER ALL, THAT IS WHAT FARRAGUT HAS BEEN DOING FOR 77 YEARS AND IT'S WHAT WE CONTINUE TO DO TODAY.

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS WE WILL REMAIN ON A STEADY COURSE

Over the past few years, Alumni giving to the Student Enrichment Fund (formerly the Annual Fund) has provided double benefits to the Academy - 50% going to support today's needs of our cadets and 50% going to one of the AFA Foundations endowed funds. Alumni giving, is in part the reason the Foundation's assets have now passed the \$2 million mark.

The Student Enrichment Fund supports the extra needs of the Academy's student programs, athletic community, and extraordinary specialty programs that continue to make a name for Admiral Farragut Academy.

Our young men and women possess something unique which will always set a Farragut graduate apart from their peers. It is that intangible characteristic that can't be taught from a book. It is a quality captured in leadership training, and we know that it exists in every young student as a result of their Farragut Experience.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT THE ACADEMY OF TODAY, AND THE ACADEMY OF THE FUTURE.

MAKE YOUR GIFT NOW
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YOUR GIFT TO THE STUDENT ENRICHMENT FUND PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- * Computer Licensing & Equipment
- * Yearbook Expenses
- * Student Workbooks
- * Art Supplies
- * Music Program
- * Foreign-Language Instructional Materials

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- * Computer Licensing & Equipment
- * Marine Science Materials supplies, equipment, and food for touch tanks
- * Art Supplies

HIGH SCHOOL

- * Computer Licensing & Equipment
- * Marine Science Curriculum Materials
- * Band Equipment
- * Art Supplies
- * Aviation Academy Materials

ATHLETICS

- * Team Equipment
- * Field Maintenance
- * Uniforms-the Academy does not require students to pay a team participation fee
- * Transportation

TAPS REPORT

*You will always be
honored and remembered.*

William Daugherty '42N

We recently heard from Mrs. Olive Daugherty that her husband passed away November 5, 2009.



John Peter Strug '42N



With the presence of his family, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, May 31, 2009. Mr. Strug was born January 26, 1923 in Brooklyn, NY to Peter Sergelvitch Gotovko and Elena Feodorovna Strug. He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in 1942 and attended

Columbia University. During World War II, Mr. Strug served in the Army Air Force and was stationed at Morris Field in Charlotte, NC where he met and later married Keta Whetstine Strug. They moved to Clemson, SC where Mr. Strug studied electrical engineering. He graduated from Clemson University in 1950. Mr. Strug worked briefly for Duke Power in Greensboro, NC, before he accepted a position with Western Electric in Winston-Salem. He worked in factory planning until his retirement in 1985. John Strug is survived by his wife, Keta, two daughters, T. Elaine Strug and Jerri Strug Gilliam and her husband Jim, of Cary, NC. The Strugs have five grandchildren: Becca Frederick, Dayna Shields, John Michael Hayes, Catherine Hayes, Brian Hayes, and seven great grandchildren. Mr. Strug was predeceased in 2007 by his sister, Maria Strug Wallerstein.

Frank Howland '44N

Of Allentown, 83, passed away quietly on February 13, 2010 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Howland was born on July 19, 1926 to the late George and



Margaret Howland, Sr. He grew up in Red Bank, NJ with his siblings William, Jean and Barbara.

Growing up at the intersection of the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers, he developed a lifelong love of sailing. He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in the class of 1944. He attended Roanoke College from 1944 to 1947, graduated from Rutgers University in 1950 with a B.S. in civil engineering. He completed his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in structural engineering in 1955. Mr. Howland has a lengthy and successful career with Bell Laboratories in Allentown beginning in 1955 as the supervisor of the Electron Device laboratory. As the first civil engineer hired by the company, he worked on diverse projects such as metal-ceramic seal techniques for electronic devices, microwave amplifier fabrication and early solid state diode micro-packaging. From 1965 to 1989, he was the head of various departments at Bell Labs/AT&T including applied mechanics, photomask generation, hybrid integrated circuit packaging and hybrid integrated circuit technology. In 1987, he became the first AT&T assignee for SEMATECH, founded as a national consortium to make the United States more competitive in the semiconductor industry. In 1989, he officially retired from AT&T and launched his consulting practice, from which he retired in 2000. He authored two patents and many technical articles. He was an active member of the vestry at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Emmaus, PA. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, ASCE, IEEE, ISHM and AAAS. Mr. Howland enjoyed traveling, reading, watercoloring, painting and sailing. Most of all, he loved his family and was proud of their accomplishments. Survivors: Mr. Howland leaves his wife of 60 years, Irene L. Howland; he is also survived by his children, Jonathan E. Howland of Allentown, Rebecca H. Pinto of Belmont, CA and Elizabeth H. Gouin of Brimfield, MA; and his beloved poodle Charlie; he leaves a sister, Barbara Semran of Lyman, SC; three grandchildren, Stephen Pinto, Natalie Pinto and Daniel Pinto of Belmont, CA.

George Tanner Conger '45N

Died suddenly on Monday, March 29, 2010 at his winter home in Cortez, CO where cremation has taken place. Born in Akron, OH on August 1, 1927, Dr. Conger served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He graduated from Cornell Medical School in NYC and he interned and completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at University Hospitals in Iowa City. Dr. Conger practiced and was on the staff at Akron City Hospital for 25 years before retiring. He enjoyed a long and active retirement.



for Success, an organization to help disadvantaged youth in Gainesville, FL. He also served as a volunteer with the PTA, where he served as president, and the Boy Scouts of America. Nick was preceded in death by his first wife, Erika Florentine.

John Burns III '60S

Died at his home in Satellite Beach, Florida on Sunday, October 31, 2010 with his son and daughter at his side. Mr. Burns was born in New York City on February 9, 1942. He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, FL, in 1960, and immediately went into the Navy.



He served on the USS Bainbridge for three years as a Radarman Second Class. After leaving the Navy he attended Michigan State University. After graduation, he settled in Connecticut where he worked as a Personal Investment Advisor with a number of firms, retiring from Banker's Trust in 1990. Mr. Burns was active in many civic and charitable affairs. While living in Connecticut, he was a tireless volunteer for the United Way. He served for several decades as President of The Mary Fund for Cancer Research. He was also a volunteer EMT in Connecticut, and continued that service when he retired, first to North Carolina and then to Brevard County in 1994. He worked for Holmes Regional Medical Center, Palm Bay Hospital and, most recently, the Satellite Beach Fire Department. He also volunteered with the Power Squadron. A lifelong tennis player, he was a member of the Kiwi Club of Indian Harbour Beach. He served for many years on the Board of Trustees of the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation, including many years as treasurer, stepping down earlier this year due to ill health. He was also an active member of the Bainbridge Association, attending every reunion and serving as Reunion Coordinator for the 2005 reunion in Ft. Lauderdale, when the fifth ship to bear that name was commissioned, the USS Bainbridge DD96. Burns was also a supporter of the King Center for the Performing Arts and the Brevard Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Burns is survived by a son, John E. Burns IV, of Greenwich, CT; a daughter, Meredith Price Burns, of Portland, OR; and a granddaughter.



Nicholas J. "Nick" Florentine, Jr. 59N

Of East Palatka, Florida, formerly of Darien, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010 at the Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka, Florida following an extended illness. Mr. Florentine was a Darien native, and had been a resident of East Palatka for the past 23 years, coming from Newport News, Va. While serving in the United States Navy in the early 1960's he was on the Admiral's staff as a Spanish translator in South America. While working as a mechanical engineer for Newport News Shipbuilding, he designed several ships, submarines, guided missile cruisers and air craft carriers for the U.S. Navy. He later worked for Sunship in Philadelphia where he designed oil tankers. While working for Monarch Boats in Arkansas he designed small boats for the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other agencies and countries. He wrote the instruction manual for the stealth bomber. He served as an officer with the Fire and Rescue Department in York County, VA, where he became the primary driving force to develop the Emergency Medical System for the State of Virginia. He established all aspects of the teaching system for EMTs in the state. Mr. Florentine was formerly employed by the Atlantic Yacht Corp. in Palatka where he served as president. He was formerly employed by the University of Florida as the utilities planning engineer. He was a former member of the Sunrise Rotary Club in Palatka where he served as secretary. He served on the Airport Advisory Board where he was recently recognized for his service. Mr. Florentine started the Manatee Watch in this area. He was a volunteer for the Blue Crab Festival for many years and had been a volunteer for Fishing

> > > > Fallen Members of the Alumni Community

Gary Lee Noble '61S

Age 66, died on Saturday, April 10, 2010, at home surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Claire Agaisse Noble for 45 years. Loving father of Gary L. Noble, Jr. and Charles R. Noble. Father-in-law of Mary Ann and Lori Ann Noble. Grandfather of Amanda, Kathryn, Tyler, Charles, Will, and Caroline. Gary was a US Army veteran who served in Korea. He was a long time employee of GAB Robins and Moulton Adjusting Company. He was a member of the New Orleans Claims Association and the Honorable Order of Blue Goose International.



After they took everything off him, I closed his eyes. His face looked so peaceful, just like he was sleeping. Everyone was so good to us with prayers, offers of walking Shadow, food. My Mama has been beating up the road from Ocala and was a big help. Edwin and Charles are home. Each of you have touched our lives and made it better.

Joseph Calhoun Wheeler III, MD '64S

Age 63 and of Brooksville passed away on March 2, 2010 at his home. He was born July 12, 1946 in Key West, FL. He was the son of Captain (USN Ret.) & Mrs. Joe Wheeler, Jr. He is survived by 3 daughters; Jill Marie Bryce and her husband Troy, Alyson Mary Campbell and her husband Christian, and Lindsay Jane Wheeler, wife Carolee G. Wheeler, 6 grandchildren; Natalie, Kyle and Mitchell Bryce, Amy, Ava, and Ana Campbell, sister Gen Tullis and her husband John, and brother Richard Wheeler. Joe was currently Associate Medical Director of HPH-Hospice. Prior to Hospice, Joe had practiced General & Vascular Surgery in Tampa and Brooksville. He was a graduate of USF Medical School's Charter Class of 1974, and a U.S. Navy Veteran. Joe loved and was loved by so many; our family and community will miss him.

**Gregory "Cort" Cortright Bennett '64S**

Letter from Karen Bennett, wife of Cort

I thought that I lived each day at a time. On May 19, 2010 I truly learned what one day at a time means. Some of you know parts of the story but I wanted to share with all. Cort had a seizure the evening of 5/19/10. We went to the ER at Bayfront Medical Center and they did a CAT scan. There was no evidence of a stroke of any kind.

After multiple Cat Scans from head to toe and the MRA, MRI and MRT, it was clear he had multiple brain tumors but no other cancers. On May 20, 2010 the neurosurgeon took out the "golf ball sized" tumor out of the right side of the brain. There was one growing on left side and one other. The biopsy showed that he had a ganglioneuroblastoma Level IV (Malignant, aggressive, fast growing). With the large tumor gone (like a jelly fish, they got the big top but there were still tendrils), however he recovered most of his left side functioning, was doing well in therapy, had pet therapy with Shadow and had a shower. Sunday May 30, 2010 he was feeling good and the plan was to call several friends and family back. He got up to bathroom and then said I don't feel so well, I can't breathe. Palms had the respiratory therapist to the room immediately, then he really couldn't breathe and they called a code and the ER doctor was there immediately but it was not meant to be.

**Randolph Young '67S**

Longtime Fort Lauderdale resident passed away on July 21, 2010. Loving father and friend, Randy graduated from the University of Virginia Reserve Office Training Corps and spent his first tour as a Naval aviator flying A-7s off the USS America under the call sign, "Aardvark". He also flew the US Navy hot air balloon and retired from Delta Air Lines as an international MD-11 Captain following a flawless 28 year career. Randy enjoyed boating, fishing, traveling and spending time with his family. He was also a longtime member of the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Randy is survived by two sons, Andrew and Christopher, sister Rumsey Young, nephew William Hiscock, and nieces Laing Meyer and Brooke Kelley.



Robert Leonard Zebrowski '72S

Age 55 and of New Smyrna Beach, FL passed away Friday, November 13, 2009 at Hospice of Volusia/Flagler Care Center. Rob was born in Philadelphia, PA on February 25, 1954. He grew up in Moorestown, NJ. He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy of St.

Petersburg, FL in 1972 and went on to attend Fairleigh-Dickson University. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Smyrna. Rob was a Restaurateur and owned his own restaurant in Wildwood, NJ before moving to New Smyrna in 2002. There, he was general manager of the Sea Harvest Seafood restaurant. He was predeceased by his parents, Eugene and Joyce Zebrowski, NJ. He is survived by his loving wife Mary Sue Pickett. Rob enjoyed people and his community. He often provided meals for all those in uniform; local police, deputies, firemen, EVAC, and Coast Guard, in appreciate for their work.

Help us make sure that our records are correct. If you know of anyone from your class that has passed away or moved, please let notify the Alumni Office.

We try hard to ensure that our records are correct and current.

Please visit:
www.farragut.org/alumniupdate

In Closing

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER:

Do you want to be a Class Agent for your class?

Which event will we see you at this year?

If you have not already, can we count on your support in our Student Enrichment Fund efforts?

2010 went by quickly. We have come a long way and look forward to the future of cotinuing to build a strong sense of camaraderie among our entire Alumni Community. Remember, the success of our efforts is controlled by your participation, your involvement, and your influence. Without dedication to those three things, our efforts will fall short.

We look forward to the road ahead. Admiral Farragut Academy is 77 years young, with a long sense of history and tradition fueling the future. I encourage you to join us at any one of our regional gatherings, Homecoming events, or just to stop by to say hello. We have a policy in our office that welcomes each of you that are in the area. "The Coffee is Always on..."

So, until we see you next time, all the best to my fellow brothers and sisters of Farragut. May I wish you much success and fair winds in your pursuit of happiness.

Jeff Ogden '00S

Alumni and Development Associate



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