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a word from the director of naval science

Ready For Takeoff

"Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return."

-- Leonardo Da Vinci



When Da Vinci uttered this remarkable saying, it would be close to 400 years before the Wright Brothers would take man's first sustained journey into the air. While the Italian genius never experienced the taste of flight as we know it today, he surely understood the true nature of its gift.

My journey into the air began with a dream, much like da Vinci. But once I took off for the first time in a Navy T-34 trainer at NAS Saufley Field in Pensacola, Florida in 1966, my heart was in the air until my last flight in a Marine AH-1 Cobra attack helicopter flying over Kenya in a surreal trip chasing elephants, giraffes, gazelles, and alongside birds of all kinds. During my 32 years of military service, I was fortunate enough to be in the cockpit of nearly every type of Navy and Marine aircraft, make over 1,200 carrier arrested landings and command several different ships. Throughout my 4,700 flight hours, I have travelled to hundreds of countries and have set foot on every continent except for Antarctica. During this journey, I have met some amazing people who have shaped my character and given me perspective on life. Flight has been a wonderful experience and I am humbled by its gift and thankful for its presence in my life.

In 1998, I began my second journey in life as the Director of Naval Science at Farragut. I am proud to have worked alongside dedicated instructors while interacting with incredible students who have gone on to do some amazing feats. I have realized why students, faculty and staff refer to Farragut as home and family.

The theme of this *Reveille* issue is Flight, both in a literal and figurative way. In it, you will learn about how Rob Ewing and Jose Hercher are training young men and women to become pilots through a more advanced Aviation Academy that now includes a partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. You will celebrate in the brilliance of Farragut and the people it produces while reading the Student Highlights section and the STEM Teacher's Professional Development page. You will discover the continued growth of Farragut in the story about Kat and Kat in the House. And in our feature piece, you will rejoice in the meaning of "flight" and how alumni have taken a journey into life from the catapult launch and returned to the flight deck of Farragut -- a place they call home. So fasten your seat belts, sit back, and enjoy the flight!

CAPT Tom McClelland U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Director of Naval Science

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

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Aviation Program Partners with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



*Aviation student, Sam Wang '17, about to take flight at the
Albert Whitted Airport in Downtown St. Petersburg.*

One of the many selling points we offer to prospective families are the wide range of academic offerings, including many AP, Honors, and Dual Enrollment courses available in grades 8-12. “It is Farragut’s specialty programs like Aviation that allows our graduates to turn a traditional high school transcript into something that sets them apart from the millions of other college applicants,” explains Headmaster CAPT Robert J. Fine, Jr.

Since 1933, Admiral Farragut Academy has prepared cadets for college and beyond, including a vast array of occupations and opportunities. We currently graduate an average of 65 confident and ambitious students each year, empowering them to travel their own road to success. Along the way, it is the core values of our school that guide these young alumni to achieve their dreams. Our Aviation Program in particular, empowers students with the tools and knowledge necessary to really “shoot for the stars.” In fact, six

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members of the Class of 2014 plan to earn a type of degree in aviation -- five at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the #1 rated aviation college in the country, and one at Auburn University. The experience for these students as they take flight is truly life changing. In the words of our alumnus, Apollo 16 lunar pilot BGEN Charlie Duke, Jr. '53S, USAF (Ret.), "The word astronaut did not exist while I was at Admiral Farragut Academy. It was the tools that Farragut gave me that allowed me to accomplish goals that had never before been achieved." Farragut has continued to take the Aviation Program to new heights. Starting in the 8th grade, students may take courses in Aerospace Engineering and in 9th grade continue their studies with Aeronautical Science I and II. Here's where it gets good, this year the course

offerings mirror the courses at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Farragut's Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) since 1998, Rob Ewing, an Embry-Riddle graduate, recently formalized an **agreement with Embry-Riddle to offer exclusive dual enrollment classes to our students making us a feeder program** to the famed aeronautical school and giving our graduates college credit for these courses.

"Embry-Riddle is very selective on choosing their partners in education" Ewing said. "It doesn't change what we do in terms of training future pilots, but it gives Farragut's Aviation Program that added prestige. It also gives our students a clearer direction in terms of choosing what aviation program they'd like to undertake once graduating

from here." Examples of the degree programs at Embry-Riddle include Aeronautical Science, Aeronautics, Aerospace Engineering, Air Traffic Management, Aviation Maintenance Science, and Mechanical Engineering. "In order to be accepted into this program, instructors have to be credentialed and go through a process," Ewing said. "Because of Mr. Jose Hercher, an aviation instructor for 25 years at Farragut, and his experience with Eastern Airlines as an air transport pilot, the process went smooth and we were accepted and credentialed." To complete the process, Ewing and Hercher spent three days at the Daytona Beach campus in training to teach Embry-Riddle's course called AS 121: Private Pilot Operations. "This course develops the aeronautical knowledge required



Every year during our school's auction fundraiser, families have the opportunity to bid and win a flight experience with Mr. Ewing. Pictured are students Dylan Rice '22 and Hugh Seeley '22 about to enjoy their flight.

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for certification as a Private Pilot with an Airplane Single Engine Land rating,” said Ewing. **Students who take the course at Farragut will earn five college credits. However it is Farragut’s specialty programs like Aviation that allows our graduates to turn a traditional high school transcript into something that sets them apart from the millions of other college applicants.**

“The FAA written examination is one of the steps a student has to complete in order to obtain their pilot license and the course helps them pass this exam,” Ewing said. “It also gives our students a chance to experience a college course with college requirements and college expectations.” Course topics include regulations, safety, pre-solo operations, cross-country planning, airspace, chart use, communications, weather, performance, weight and balance, aerodynamics, and decision-making.

Currently, there are nine students in the dual enrollment program and, depending on which university they choose to attend, it will help to save them money in the future. For example, each credit hour at Embry-Riddle has a rate of \$1,280.

“In years past, the dual program would have cost a high school \$30,000 to participate and now, it’s \$1,800 so it’s a much better deal for students and sets us up as a more respectable program,” Ewing said.



Aerial view of Boca Ciega Bay during a student's flight training.



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Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP)



Due to achieving a qualifying score at or above the 95th percentile on the California Achievement Test or another accepted Standardized Achievement and Abilities Test, the following 4th-7th grade students have qualified for Duke University TIP. Participation in this program offers students opportunities such as online curriculum, optional above-level testing, educational programming, and independent learning materials.

4th Grade: Jillian A., Calli M., Raven M., Jack S.

5th Grade: Helena P., Dylan R., Hugh S., Tobia S., Jada T., Isabella W.

6th Grade: Ben B., Ansley F., Maurice L., Mitchell L., Casey M., Ella S., Ryan W.

7th Grade: Bianca D., Andre L., Zachary P., Alyssa R., Fernando R., Erik S.

Moon Rock Display Modernized

The alcove that contains a safeguarded piece of the moon was modernized this fall to a museum quality display. The moon rock, donated to the school by Charlie Duke '53S, is proudly displayed along with an enlarged replica of a commemorative coin that honors our two moon-walking alumni: Alan Shepard '41N and Charlie Duke '53S. The display also has a historical timeline of their accomplishments as astronauts. Be sure to check it out the next time you're on campus!



A Shooter with the Drive to Excel

Two years ago, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy made a commitment to build an elite collegiate rifle team when it hired Richard Hawkins, a coach with a long list of credentials and accomplishments including a three-time U.S. National Shooting Team Championship and a 12-year tenure at the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga. Hawkins quickly validated his hiring by leading the U.S. Coast Guard Varsity Rifle Team to the Mid Atlantic Conference (MAC) Air Rifle team title. So, when Farragut senior Melissa Brizzi '15 received a letter emailed directly to her from Hawkins stating she would receive a Letter of Assurance from the Coast Guard admissions department, as well as a scholarship offer to compete on the team, Melissa was understandably beside herself.

"I was extremely honored and excited," said Melissa, who has been competing on the Farragut Rifle Team since the 7th grade. "It's such an arduous process so to receive a Letter of Assurance is incredible. I am so appreciative of what Farragut has done for me and the training I have received during my time here." Hawkins had high praise for Melissa, stating in his letter to her about the Letter of Assurance, "What we need is a shooter with the drive to excel."

She will join a team on an upward climb to excellence. After dominating the competition in the MAC over the 2013-14 season, the Bears added traditional military rivals – Hawkins' alma mater, West Point Academy, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy – to this year's campaign and beyond. When Melissa competes next year, she will also have to contend with three other non-conference NCAA shooting powerhouses – Texas Christian University, the University of Kentucky, and the Ohio State University.



Melissa seemingly was born for such an adventurous opportunity, though, having been raised by parents – Mike and Brenda – who both served in the Air Force during Desert Storm and the fall of the Berlin Wall. Her father, Mike Brizzi '85S, coaches the BlueJackets Rifle Team and is the range safety officer. Mike, who now co-owns Pasadena Plumbing, is the one who taught Melissa how to shoot. Brenda, who makes fishing lures for MirrOLure Lures, is the one who taught her how to fish. She learned how to shoot a gun right around the time she caught her first fish – at age six! (The gun was a .59 caliber hunting rifle. The fish – a sea trout.) Now, she spends most weekends either hunting or fishing. If that wasn't enough, Melissa, has also participated on the Farragut swim team since the 6th grade and on the sailing team since the 9th grade. Melissa, who considered the Naval Academy and Jacksonville University before choosing the Coast Guard Academy, plans on seeking a degree in marine science.

BLUE Ocean 2014

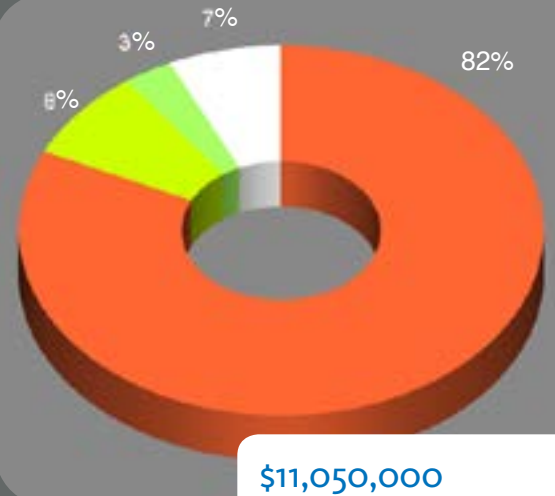
Students in 7th-12th grade at Farragut played a large role in the BLUE Ocean Film Festival and Conservation Summit 2014 that was held in St. Petersburg from Nov. 3-9. Founded in 2006, BLUE has become internationally renowned for its unique ability to spark important discussions in areas of ocean science, conservation and exploration, and as a platform for professional development among industry leaders, students, and marine enthusiasts all over the world. BLUE 2014 drew an “ecosystem of ocean all-stars” to the event including Jeremy Irons, Sir Richard Branson, Sylvia Earle, David Doubilet, Kathy Castor, Don Walsh, and several Cousteau family members. Science Department Chair and Marine Science teacher, Sari Deitche, was instrumental in getting our students involved in specific events like a coastal cleanup, special screenings of several films including James Cameron’s Deepsea Challenge 3D, question-and-answer sessions with several keynote speakers, career insight discussions, a tour of the exploration vessel called Nautilus, and the opportunity for our drill team to perform at their family festival.



As part of the BLUE Ocean Film Festival and Conservation Summit, students, led by science teacher Sari Deitche, participated in the Grand Coastal Cleanup on November 2nd. Students cleaned the shoreline at the Clam Bayou Marine Science Center, picking up close to 20 to 30 pounds of trash in less than 2 hours.

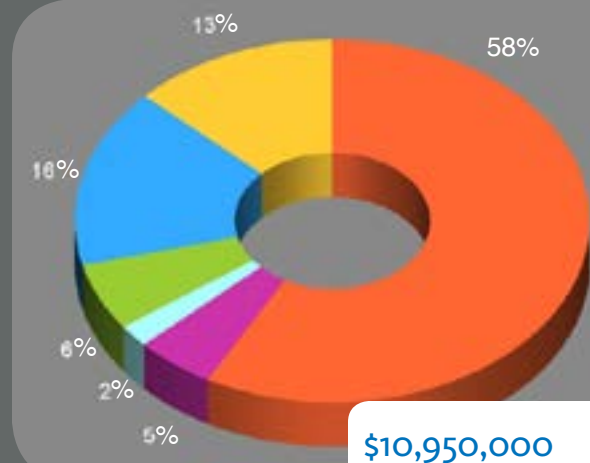
Fiscal Outcome 2013-2014

Sources of Revenue



- Net Tuition
- Donations and Other Fundraising
- Student Activities/Services
- Other

Operating Expenses



- Compensation and Benefits
- Instructional
- Fundraising
- Building and Grounds
- Other Auxiliary
- Other Administrative

STEM:

AN EVER ADVANCING FIELD >>>



Thomas Ma, Upper School Calculus teacher

Ma, who is in his 4th year at Farragut and his 22nd year of teaching, was the one of three recipients to receive the Barrett Family Foundation's Excellence in Science/Mathematics Teacher Award. The \$10,000 award was created in 2013 to honor teachers who share a passion for teaching science and mathematics with creative and innovative methods and who cultivate student interest in these two fields. The award is focused on selecting teachers from full-time independent schools in Pinellas or Hillsborough counties with at least two years classroom experience. Ma, who teaches Advanced Placement (AP) classes in Calculus AB and BC, Pre-Calculus

Honors, and Pre-Calculus Regular, is originally from China, where he taught for 10 years before attaining his Masters in Computer Science from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and his Masters of Business Administration from Salisbury State. The Barrett Foundation selected Ma primarily because of the marked improvement in AP testing in Calculus of students at Farragut during his four-year tenure. "It is an honor to be recognized in such a way. It is a joy to do what I do. I am only able to succeed in the way I have because of Farragut's commitment to giving teachers the freedom to design classes from their own perspective."



Stephen Guarcello, Director of STEM

Guarcello attended the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana. PLTW is a U.S. non-profit organization that develops hands-on, project-based science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)

curricula for use by elementary, middle, and high schools. The 2014 PLTW Summit was attended by nearly 1,500 educators and leaders in corporate, nonprofit, and government sectors.



Rob Ewing, Director of Aviation Academy

Ewing, after being certified as a PLTW Aerospace Engineering instructor in 2013, has recently completed his first course to earn his Master's in Aerodynamics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Because of Farragut's new Dual Enrollment program with Embry-Riddle, Ewing and Jose

Hercher, longtime aviation instructor at Farragut, attended the university's faculty preparation course this past summer to prepare them to teach AS121: Private Pilot Operations, the class associated with the partnership. Once Ewing attains his Master's, he will be able to select a group of 30 aeronautical classes to teach.



Robert Milliner, Upper School STEM Engineering Teacher

Milliner attended multiple trainings this past summer including a 3-day training at the University of Missouri to earn his PLTW Flight & Space certification and two 2-week trainings at Eastern Michigan University to earn his PLTW Introduction to Engineering and

Principles of Engineering certifications. During the summer of 2013 he had also earned PLTW certifications in Design & Modeling and Automation & Robotics. He has been teaching at Farragut for 5 years and is also a Residential Life staff member.



Shannon LoRusso, Lower School Stem Teacher

LoRusso attended a two week training in Colorado this past summer to become certified to teach 6th grade Design & Modeling and 7th grade Automation and Robotics. Each of these courses is taught twice a week during the school year. In her instruction, LoRusso has implemented the use of Alice, a teaching tool designed by the Carnegie Mellon University engineering program. Alice is an innovative 3D programming environment that makes it easy to create an animation for telling a story, playing an interactive game, or a video. LoRusso, who has been

an instructor at Farragut for eight years, is in her fourth year teaching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) to the Lower School. She focuses on teaching Engineering and Technology to students from 2nd grade to 7th grade -- using an elementary school program designed by the Museum of Science in Boston, MA. In March 2015, Mrs. LoRusso will expand the computer programming curriculum to include students in 3rd-5th grade -- a program she has been using to instruct 6th and 7th graders during her time here at Farragut as a part of Project Lead the Way.

Kat and Kat are in the House

In years past, the kitchen served as a place of togetherness. A place where families connected during the process of cooking. Stories were told as ingredients were mixed and matched. Cooking was just as much about caring for one another as it was for creating a delicious meal. All in all, it was a place where people cared – about each other, about food, about family, about life.

When I arrived at Farragut two months ago, the first thing I noticed was how people cared. The dining hall – among other places – is a prime example of “life” happening, where a connection is made, how a family comes together. When I enter the dining hall during the lower school’s lunch hour, I hear excitement, laughter, togetherness, and happiness. It doesn’t have a dull effect like a public school cafeteria. The experience of eating isn’t just an act of necessity. When I enter the dining hall during the upper school’s time for lunch, I see repeated walks to the buffet line to partake in a second or third helping of food, a clear sign something’s being done right in the kitchen.

SAGE Dining Services has been the heart and soul of our school’s dining experience since 1999. Katarzyna Garmilla, SAGE food service director, and Kat Farber, SAGE assistant food service director, are Farragut’s master chefs, the “moms” away from home for the student body, faculty and staff. With both having life’s experiences in the kitchen and a culinary education, they pride themselves on making quality meals because they inherently care.

“It’s about a connection,” said Garmilla, who emigrated from Poland to Atlanta, Ga. when she was 19-years-old. “I’ve cooked for as long as I can



Kat Farber (left) and Kat Garmilla (right) plan fun, cultural food bars throughout the year.

remember. I was always in the kitchen helping or in the garden with my grandmother. Cooking is what we did and who we were. Kat and I are passionate about what we do because we care. We love what we do because we know people here care.”

Garmilla trained at La Cordon Bleu in Atlanta, but she admittedly gained the most experience early on in her homeland.

“We had such an appreciation for cooking because of the hard times we experienced during the Communist period,” Garmilla said. “I was young, a child, but I remember how my mother would come home with a pound of sausage or a pound of cheese. We had to be creative with how we prepared meals to make them enjoyable. I gained a true appreciation for the kitchen and the

around campus

preparation of meals that I carry over to my work today. I love doing what I do and I care about the people I am cooking for.”

Farber, who grew up in Tampa, has a similar cooking foundation as Garmilla, learning to cook “since I was old enough to reach the counter.” She gained most of her early experience either helping her grandmother bake cookies or tagging along to help her dad cater a variety of events.

Thus, Kat and Kat have become an indelible factor in making the ever important meal times at Farragut what it is today.

“We try to do special things because so many kids live here,” Farber said. “This is their breakfast, lunch, dinner. Their home, their living room, their dining room. We want to make it like their family is making their meals for them and it isn’t just cafeteria food.”

And students recognize and appreciate this.

Student Center Remodeled



Thanks to the Roy M. Speer Foundation, the dream of a 21st century Student Center came to life to be enjoyed by all. Because of the impact that Farragut had on their son/grandson, the family wanted to do something that would make a difference for the entire student body. We extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to the donors, the Roy M. Speer Family Foundation, the family foundation of cadet J.C. Scherer ‘17, who made the dream come to reality. We are grateful for their generosity and trust in our mission.

Pictured left to right: Headmaster Robert J. Fine, Jr, cadet J.C. Scherer ‘17, J.C.’s grandmother, Mrs. Speer, and J.C.’s mother, Lisa Vickers.

“With the new improvements in spaces and layout, students will have more space to study, research and get ready for tests and projects,” said Angie Koebel, Director of the Center for Academic Success located in the Student Center. Koebel has had the vision to build a facility like this for years and when the opportunity arose to re-purpose the school’s library facility, she took total ownership of the project and saw it to completion.

“ I just visited Stanford University and the food here is better than most of the college food I’ve had. There’s always something different to try and you have a wide array of choices. It makes mealtime a lot more enjoyable.

-Michael Baillie ‘15, 5-day boarding student

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Military Appreciation Day

Carnival games



During the last home football game, Farragut paid tribute to our veterans and military on active duty.



Donuts with Dad



More pictures at www.farragut.smugmug.com

Muffins with Mom



Mother-Son Pirate Adventure



Boys bonded with their mothers during a pirate ship ride at John's Pass.



Roy M. Speer Student Center

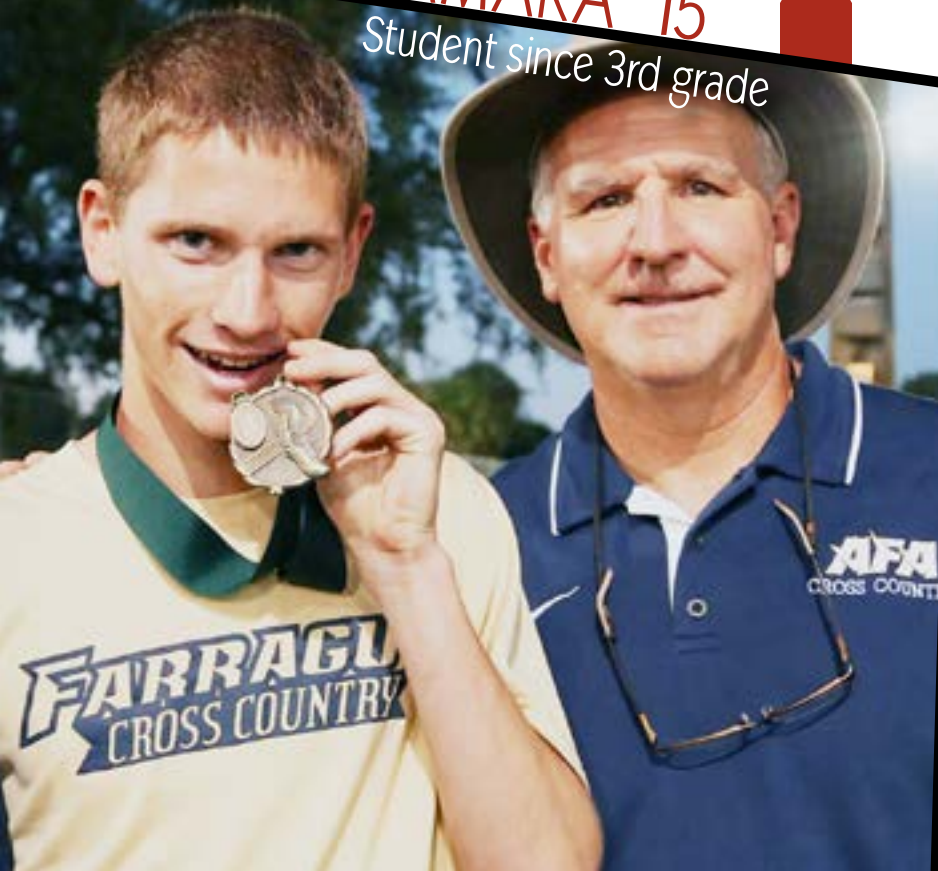


STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Each year Admiral Farragut Academy produces fine young men and women ready to conquer the world in a variety of ways. Here, students are multi-dimensional, and our global community has become one of Farragut's greatest foundations in building well-rounded future leaders. While we would love to be able to highlight each and every child at Farragut, please meet a few students that represent our school's core values:

- Integrity to be of strong moral character
- Self-Discipline to make good choices
- Perseverance to accomplish their goals
- Wellness and Fitness to achieve their full potential

PATRICK MCNAMARA '15
Student since 3rd grade



Patrick was named the Tampa Bay Times Athlete of the Week after he created history on Oct. 24, 2014 by setting a new school record in the 5K. Patrick's time of 15 minutes, 38 seconds helped him win the Celtic Invitational in Naples. His time was 19 seconds faster than John Biffar '03, who held the record since setting it on Oct. 31, 2002 at the old Avon Park Invitational.

Since 2008, when Patrick first joined the cross country team, he has made remarkable improvements as a runner, going from running a 25 min 5K in 6th grade to his record-setting pace this year. "Patrick is a very hard worker and dedicated to improving both on the track and in the classroom. He has the similar type of commitment and dedication seen in all great athletes," Farragut cross country coach Phil Barnhill said.

Not only has Patrick broken a school record, but he did so after he overcame a serious setback. After starting out the 2013 school year with a speedy time of 16 minutes, 25 seconds in the 5K, Patrick's enthusiasm came crashing to a halt with the news he had suffered a stress fracture in his right leg. "I was initially devastated," Patrick said. "But I'm not one to have a personal pity party so I quickly got back in it mentally." He dealt with the injury by joining the swimming team and competed in the 50, 100, 200, and 500 meter divisions. "It was better than just going through the typical (rehabilitation)," said Patrick, who returned to running after seven weeks.

For Patrick, who began attending Farragut as a day student in the 3rd grade, and then became a boarder in the 8th grade when his parents took jobs in Michigan. Perseverance is much more than just accomplishing a goal. In fact,

Patrick's fondness for excellence stems somewhat from a saying inscribed on the wall in Farragut's mess hall: "Success is never accidental." The quote has been used in a variety of forms by countless owners of extreme success, from Aristotle, to best-selling author Tommy Newberry, to professional basketball player Stephen Curry, but Patrick connects the saying with Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey. "He's an amazing person to go from being a college dropout to a business phenomenon," said McNamara, who has a 4.12 overall grade point average in advanced placement classes of Environmental Science, Statistics, Chemistry, honor classes of English and Calculus, and Spanish 5.

It's no coincidence Patrick relates to an entrepreneur like Dorsey considering the Farragut boarder has maintained a thriving landscaping business he started six years ago. "People needed to have their garden entrances maintained and beautified and I had some experience so it started and grew from there," said Patrick, who gained knowledge from working for his uncle's landscaping business. After creating the start-up here in Florida, Patrick now maintains the venture during the summer in Niles, Mich., a suburban town 10 miles from South Bend, Ind.

While Patrick is unsure whether he wants to create and run a larger business than his budding landscaping venture or work his way to the top as a CEO of a company, he does know he'd like to earn a scholarship as a runner in college. We look forward to seeing more from him.



XINYUAN "LISA" CHEN '15

Student since 9th grade

Lisa has embraced her experience at Farragut and the American way of life since joining the school her freshman year. She visits her native Beijing, China twice a year, but considers Farragut home. A black belt in taekwondo, Lisa has placed first and third in recent competitions. She has been on the drill team since her freshman year and has maintained a grade point average of at least 4.0 since she began her academic studies here. During the fall semester she took AP English, Government Honors, Oceanography Honors and courses in Aviation Academy. She anticipates getting her Private Pilot license within the next few months. Lisa would like to stay in the United States to attend college. Her top choices include New York University and Liberty University, although she is still awaiting word on acceptance. Lisa is a devout Christian and would like to become a minister, either here or back in China.

JHONNELLE YOUNG '16

Student since 9th grade

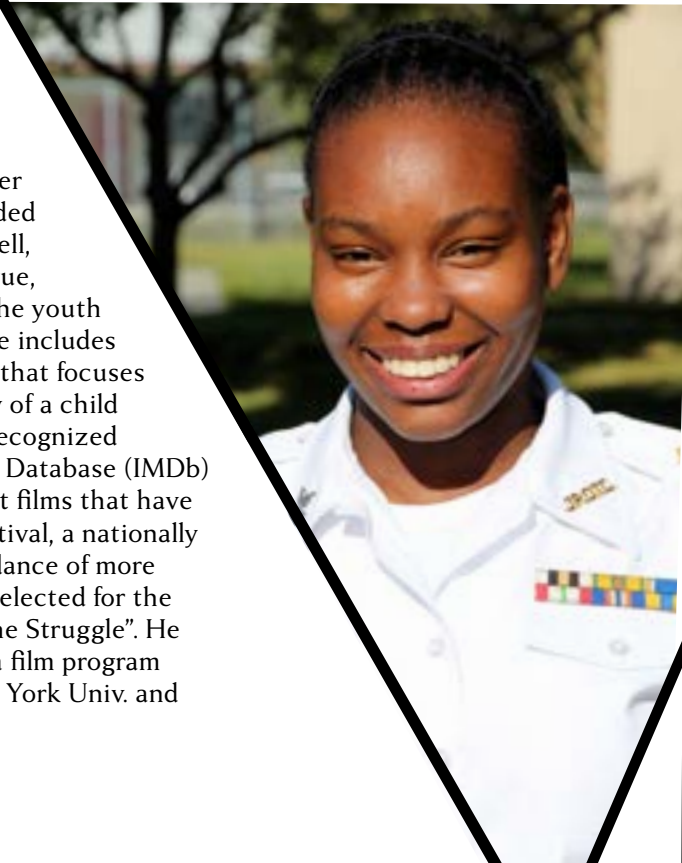


Jhonnelle's love for animals began during her childhood in Kingston, Jamaica, where her grandmother had a chicken farm and an occasional goat. Once her family moved to St. Petersburg, it developed even more in the 7th grader when she got her first two dogs, mixed breeds, from the kennel. Then, her passion to take care of animals was emboldened this past summer when she volunteered at Gulfport Veterinarian Animal Hospital in St. Petersburg five days a week, eight to nine hours a day. "I loved it. I know being a vet will be a lot of work and a lot of hours, but it will be well worth it." Jhonnelle, who started attending Farragut in the 9th grade, has her sights on attending one of the top veterinary schools in the nation. She has already looked into Auburn University, University of Florida, Cornell University, and Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee. In preparation for the rigorous scientific requirements, Jhonnelle has focused on taking classes at Farragut geared towards the subject, including Marine Biology and AP Chemistry. In addition to maintaining a 3.9 grade point average, Jhonnelle plays cross country, softball, and the cymbals in the school band and at her local church while also mentoring as a coach for the Little BlueJackets Sports Program and volunteering at Wildwood Recreation Center. When she "finds the time," Jhonnelle attends conferences for the National Society of High School Scholars.

MICHEL TAUBER '15

Student since Kindergarten

Mike, the Delta Battalion Commander, will finish his Farragut journey in 2015 well-accomplished and well-prepared for the world. A student here since Kindergarten, Mike is widely viewed around campus as an effective leader. He has represented Farragut in many positive ways, most notably having already completed close to 450 community service hours. His participation in varsity soccer and tennis, as well as an instructor over the summer for the Jr. ROTC Leadership program, further highlights his foundation as a leader. Mike's well-rounded character has been demonstrated in other ways as well, including as a volunteer for six years at his synagogue, Temple Beth'el, where he is now the president of the youth group. His most important work at the synagogue includes "The Remember Us Project," a national mission that focuses on producing a Tallit (prayer shawl) in memory of a child lost to the Holocaust. In addition, Mike is a recognized filmmaker listed on the International Movie Database (IMDb) having produced and directed independent films that have been selected for the Sunscreen Film Festival, a nationally recognized event with an annual attendance of more than 11,000. Mike has had three films selected for the Sunscreen Film Festival including "The Struggle". He aspires to attend a university with a film program and is looking at colleges like New York Univ. and Columbia Univ.



ANTONI PTAK '15

Student since 9th grade

Antoni began the sport of go-kart racing four years ago when he went with his father to Andersen Race Park in Palmetto, Fla.

What started as a weekend fun activity has turned into a legitimate professional career with Antoni on the verge of winning the global championship. Antoni automatically qualified for the world event in Valencia, Spain by capturing the Polish Championship over the summer. An excellent student with a high grade point average throughout his tenure at Farragut, Antoni prides himself on being able to take the knowledge gained in the Aviation Academy and transferring it over to the track. "Aviation has the same principles. How the engine works, the temperature, the pressure of the air. The humidity. You adjust the engine to it. When there's more pressure, it's colder and that means there's more oxygen so we need to give more fuel to the engine so it has the same balance.

The same thing with the planes. A lot has to do with the wind. A lot of people in racing don't think about the wind and in aviation we learn a lot about the wind and how it affects everything. On the straightaway, there's wind from the back, so there's more speed. When wind from the front, we will go slower but we can take advantage of it because with wind from the front, we know we have more air in the engine. If there's more headwind, then we need more fuel."

So, not only does the Farragut Aviation Academy help create future pilots, it has helped push a race car driver to a championship level. Antoni will race in the 15th Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals 2014 on Nov. 29 in Spain and hopes a top-5 finish will garner sponsorship money so he can move on to compete on a higher level. Eventually, if all goes according to plan, Antoni hopes to race alongside the likes of Helio Castroneves and Juan Pablo Montoya on the Indy Car circuit. In the meantime, Antoni is in the process of applying to several top notch colleges.





ROBOTICS TEAM HOSTS COMPETITION AND WINS GRANT

Admiral Farragut Academy played host to the scrimmage for the FIRST Tech Challenge in an all-day event in which 25 schools attended, the most for the scrimmage in its three-year existence. Over 200 people attended the competition with several teams from the south Florida region making the trip. The Admiral Farragut Academy Robotics Team has also won a grant from Rockwell Collins in the sum of \$500. Rockwell Collins is a pioneer in the design, production and support of innovative solutions for our customers in aerospace and defense.



LOWER SCHOOL SPIRIT SQUAD

Students in Kindergarten through 7th grade participate in a Spirit Squad, under the coaching staff of Kindergarten parent Cathy Larrinaga, Advancement Director, Alison Lescarbeau, and cadets Kollyne Thomas '16 and Hope Bledsoe '16. They cheered at our home football and volleyball games. Go BlueJackets!



FARRAGUT STUDENTS AND ALUMNI ARE NJROTC INSTRUCTORS

Each and every summer, Leadership Academy is hosted on Farragut's campus in early June. This year, we hosted 120 young men and women from all over the state of Florida, known in the NJROTC world as Area 7. With the help of several Area 7 NJROTC instructors from public high schools, retired Navy and Marine Corps members, and even young members of our alumni community and current regiment, our Naval Science Department goes through the steps of "turning boys into men and girls into ladies."



BOARDING LIFE

Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida is a theme park with roller coasters, rides, attractions, shows, animal encounters and dining! A group of 22 boarding students enjoyed a full day exploring Busch Gardens with Mr. Milliner.

Summer@Farragut

Summer@Farragut was a unique 4-week boarding experience for students entering grades 9-12. Students came from all of the world and represented the following countries: China, Russia, Colombia, Spain, and Vietnam and U.S. states: Florida, Ohio, Texas, and California. Summer@Farragut gave students the opportunity to advance, at an accelerated pace, through specialized credit courses, or alternatively, to make up credits required for graduation. Courses included Math, Writing, Sailing, Scuba, Marine Science, ESL, and SAT/TOEFL Prep. The camp was attended by 60 students.

This upcoming 2015 summer, Summer@Farragut will be a 6-week program for students entering grades 8-12.

Little Captains

Little Captains consisted of four week-long sessions for students entering grades PreK-5. The fun and educational session themes were “Reader’s Theater”, “Marine Art & Science”, “Summer Olympics”, and “Top Secret”. The camp was led by 1st grade teacher Mrs. Marilyn Reynolds, who is now the PreK teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. The camp was attended by 109 students.

Engineering/STEM

The Engineering/STEM Summer Camp consisted of two week-long sessions built around educational activities to engage students entering grades 6-8. During each session students enjoyed hands-on projects such as robotics building, rocket launching, and Autodesk 3D design. The camp was taught by Farragut’s Lower School STEM Instructor, Mrs. Shannon LoRusso. The camp was attended by 26 students.

Early Elementary Enrichment

The Early Elementary Enrichment summer camp consisted of three week-long sessions for students in K-2. The camp was a preview of what life is like as a student at Farragut. It included science experiments, art projects, reading, handwriting, research and writing skills, math, music, yoga, and more. The camp was taught by Farragut’s 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Shauna McKee. The camp was attended by 15 students.



Visit www.farragut.org/summer to learn more about Farragut’s Summer Camps and Programs!

Farragut's Lower School --

Where Greatness Begins

“Your actions become your habits, your habits become your values, your values become your destiny.” – Gandhi

Destiny has a funny way of working itself out. Michael Jordan perhaps was destined to be a mediocre baseball player, but instead became the greatest basketball player ever to play the game all while becoming an iconic figure in sports and business. Elvis Presley surely could have gone nameless as a rough-and-tumble mechanic in Memphis, but the gift of a guitar instead of a bicycle on his 10th birthday paved the way for the eventual “King of Rock and Roll.” No one knows for sure where and what the children of Admiral Farragut Academy will be five, 10, 20 years from now, but it is certain the foundation being set by

Farragut is helping them discover their destiny.

For Josh Graves '20, who started in PreK, his destiny could possibly be as a sports star in either baseball, basketball, cross country, soccer, or track and field. Not only does the 7th grader play all of them at Farragut, according to the coaches for each respective sport, he “is

a natural athlete and could probably do well at any sport he picked up.” Or his destiny could be in marine science, a subject he has developed a liking to over the past couple of years in classes taught by Michael Nicholson, aptly known as Coach Nick. “He’s taught us a lot about marine science and animals and their habitat and how they live,” Josh said. One of the many highlights of the marine science program is its collaboration with Tampa Bay Watch, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the ecological balance that exists in Tampa Bay. “It was cool because our class and a couple other classes got to plant salt marshes and put them in the garden (behind Coach Nick’s classroom) and we could watch them grow from then on. A year later, Tampa Bay Watch returns and picks them up to plant throughout the area and we start over again,” Josh said. Then, Josh summarizes his “findings” like an expert in the field. **“Many of the bay grasses are failing to survive in the wild and it’s just a way to boost up the population of them. I’ve learned that the salt marsh connects many ecosystems and habitats together. People can either pollute the environment-- or pollute the ecosystem or they can recycle or reuse to help the ecosystems.”**

For Lower School STEM teacher Shannon LoRusso, who is in her eighth year at Farragut, her destiny is now -- teaching, inspiring, and helping kids in the lower school discover their minds through an advanced STEM Program that now extends



Josh Graves '20

Salt marsh planting
in the school's garden.



5th grade students engineered maglev
transportation systems, which use magnetic
levitation instead of wheels to move.



PreK and 3rd graders
are reading buddies.

from 2nd grade through 12th grade. On any given day, step into LoRusso's classroom and you will see synapses at work. It might be 2nd graders formulating a plan to create structures out of the materials handed to them. As LoRusso describes, "They have soil. They have cloth, brick, and they're testing all the different properties and seeing how they work together. For example, how to build a wall that's sturdy using those different materials. I don't tell them what to do. They work in a group. Test it. If it doesn't work, improve it." Or it could be 7th graders developing state-of-the-art slideshow digital presentations using web applications like Prezi, Animoto, and ThingLink. LoRusso taps into the adage held by and professed by Lower School Principal, Anita Fine, that states: **"We aren't afraid of change. We're constantly adapting to the world around us. We're not scared of it. If we are, then our kids won't have the capacity to grow and ultimately compete in the world when they leave us."**

Thus, teaching for growth and development as opposed to teaching for testing purposes becomes the norm. "Before, all I was worried about was preparing the kids to succeed at the FCAT (Florida's Comprehensive Assessment Test)," said

LoRusso, who taught for seven years at a public elementary school before coming to Farragut.

"Now, I enjoy what I do because I can be free to help the kids discover themselves in innovative ways."

As Emily Dickinson once said, "The brain is wider than the sky." At Farragut, which opens the mind, heart, and soul to a plethora of opportunities, the sky is limitless, beginning in lower school with a curriculum steeped in marine science, science, technology, engineering, computer programming, art, music, Chinese, Spanish, and athletics, along with the traditional math, language arts, and social studies. As Fine, an educator who is in her 13th year at Farragut, says, **"We want children to come with a smile and leave with a smile. If a child's not happy, we're doing something wrong."**

Fall Season Review

CROSS COUNTRY

After having a senior-laden team in 2013, the cross country team this year had a majority of underclassmen competing. Coach Phil Barnhill expects to have many of these runners excel over the years. They will definitely have a good model to follow after Patrick McNamara '15 culminated his six-year career at Farragut with a record-breaking 2014 campaign that included a title in the City Championships and an entry into the Class 1A state finals with a 4th place finish at the regionals as well

as an invitation to the high school national championships. Patrick finished 7th at the state championships held in Tallahassee. (See Student Highlights) Hunter McCann '16, a transfer from Osceola High, who also qualified for states with a top 15 regional finish, placed 27th at the state finals. Sara Graves '16 and Cami Croasdale '15 were female runners who posted personal records this season with Croasdale qualifying for the region finals.

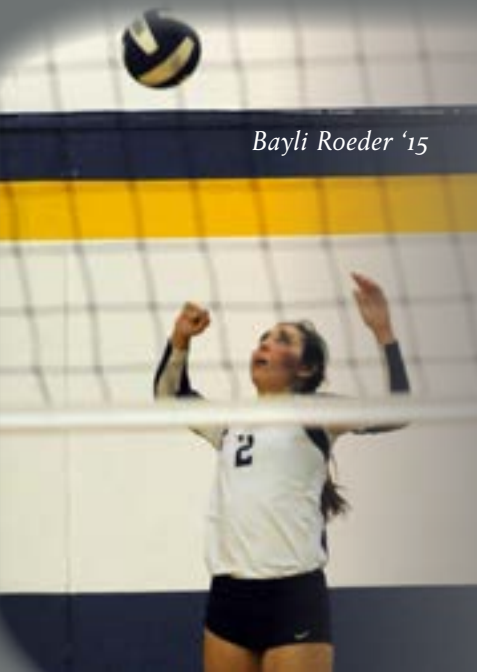


Hailey Dalton '15

VOLLEYBALL

The 2014 Volleyball Program had its greatest year for participation in Farragut history with 108 girls playing either on Varsity, Junior Varsity, or one of two (yes TWO!) Middle School teams. The number of participants equates to approximately 40 percent of the female population at Farragut. This is the only female program in Farragut history to be playing on all three levels of competition. Anastasha Worlds '16 led the Varsity with 114 kills followed by Carrie Burman '15 with 79 kills. Carrie -- the only four-year varsity starter -- also

led the team in serve consistency with an 86.3 serve percentage, including 62 aces. Bayli Roeder '15 had a team-high 135 assists and Asaunti Brown '16 had a team-high 53 blocks, which was second in the Class 3A-9 District. With just three players graduating (Carrie, Bayli, and Charlisa Jenkins), Coach Shelby Thompson is excited about the possibilities next season with so much youth returning and involved. "We took some huge steps this year and I'm looking forward to next year," Coach Thompson said.



Bayli Roeder '15

SWIMMING



Myles Beach '16

The Farragut swimming team had 14 swimmers each improve their times from the beginning of the season to the end with two student-athletes qualifying for individual events in the regional finals and a group of four qualify for the relays. At the Class 1A region finals, Jack Seabrook '16 -- in his first year here at Farragut -- swam 23.04 in the 50 free and 52.34 in the 100 free,

which were his fastest times of the year. Kimberly Brown '15 swam a 1:11.95 in her 100 backstroke, which was her fastest time this year. The boys 200 free relay swam a 1:42.45 besting their previous time of 1:43.43. Members of the 200 free relay were Myles Beach '16, Saran Polchan '16, Max Jessen '15, and Jack Seabrook.

FOOTBALL

The BlueJackets Varsity football team opened up the 2014 campaign with a convincing 35-7 victory over Moore Haven in the Preseason Classic, but the regular season would be defined by several key injuries. In addition, three of the five losses were to teams ranked first in their respective classes. After beginning the season with three consecutive losses that included season-ending knee injuries to key players, Anthony Evans '15 and Armando Diaz, the BlueJackets finished the year with four wins in their last six contests, including a 40-0 win over neighborhood rival St. Petersburg Catholic and a 49-7 rout over crosstown foe Shorecrest Prep in the Homecoming game. Farragut closed the year with an impressive 28-7 win over playoff-

bound Warner Christian. While the BlueJackets failed to make the playoffs, the foundation is set for a bright future under second-year coach Ryan Hearn and his staff. In addition, several seniors will be looking forward to National Signing Day in February. Jestin Green '15, who was selected to play in the Pinellas County All-Star Game in December, has committed to play for Florida International University next fall. Other seniors who expect to secure an offer and play at the next level include Dalton Collins, Cole Fagan, Dontae McGee, Aaron Rodriguez, Anthony Navarro, and Thomas Silver.

2014 Results

Overall Record: 5-5

Regular Season Record: 4-5

District 3A-5 Record: 1-2



Dontae McGee '15



Lower School



PreK Thanksgiving Holiday Show



Upper School



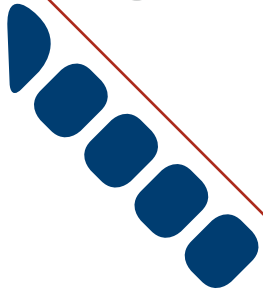
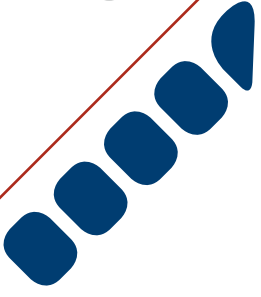
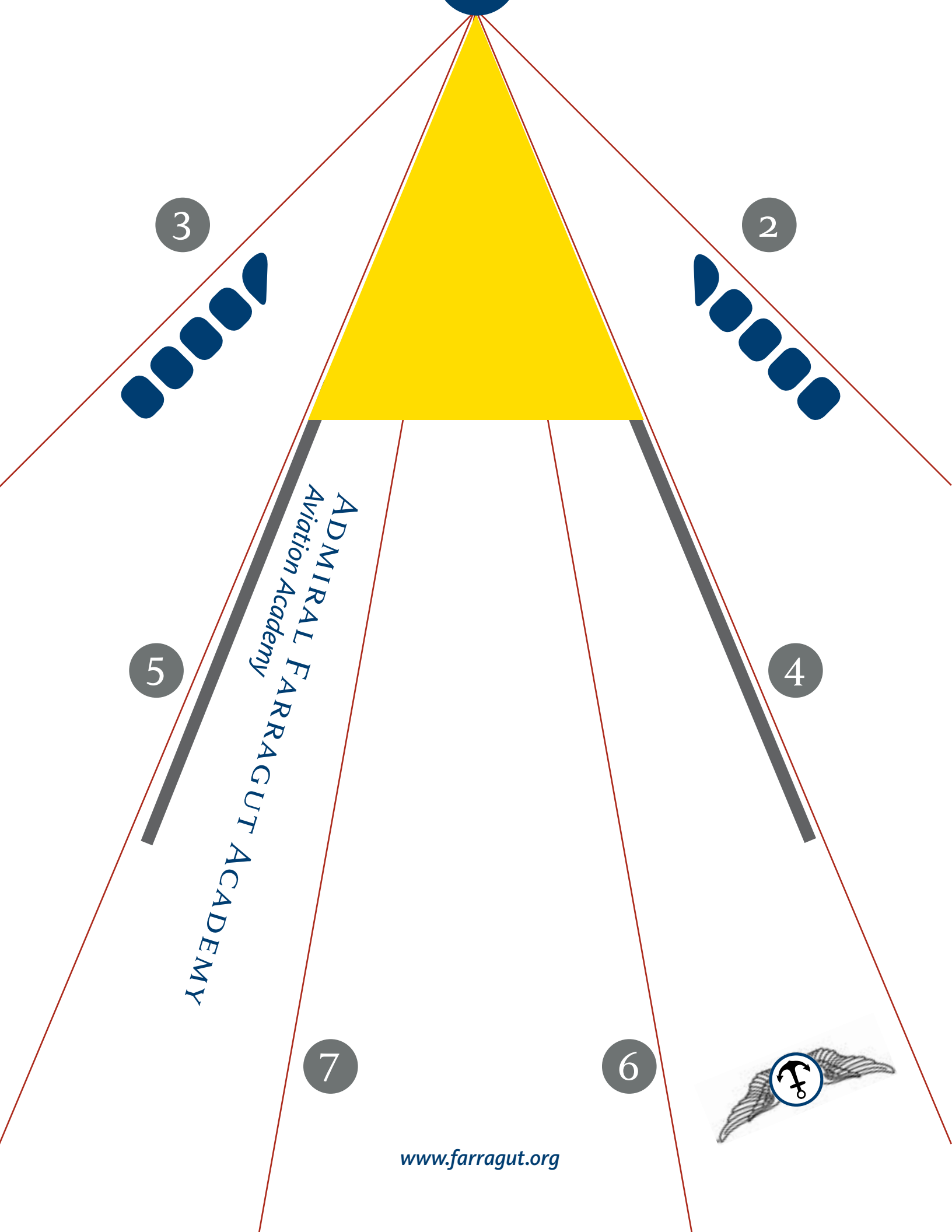
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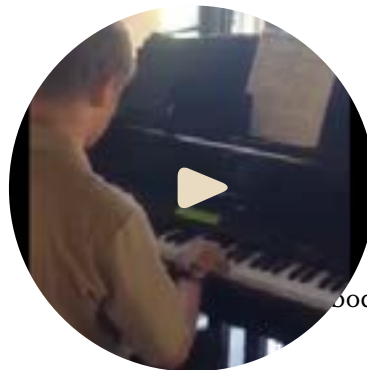
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Alumni Donors of the Year



Barbara and Bill Siebel '64S



*Don Schreiber '46N and
Jeff Ogden '00*

In 2013, Farragut's Advancement Team started a tradition to honor and recognize two donors of the alumni community during Homecoming Weekend's Alumni Dinner. The individuals chosen are those who continually go above and beyond in their dedication and generosity to the school. This year during Homecoming 2014, Mr. Don Schreiber '46N and Mr. Bill Siebel '64S were announced as Donors of the Year for their decades of support to a variety of causes.

Both gentlemen have attended a number of alumni events throughout the years and have been long time benefactors of Farragut and the Foundation. Furthermore, they are members of our Heritage Society and have included the school in their estate plans.

Alumnus and Family Volunteer



*Matt Sokolowski '92S and his
wife, Jennifer, during Homecoming
Dinner 2014.*

Matt Sokolowski '92S, father to Lower School students, Ella '21 and Jack '23, is a volunteer coach to all of our volleyball teams. Matt is a former professional beach volleyball player. His wife, Jennifer, also volunteers in the Lower School.

Model Ship Donation

We would like to thank RADM Andrew A. Giordano USN (ret.) for donating a highly detailed model of the USS Constitution, a wooden-hulled, three-masted heavy frigate of the United States Navy. Pieces such as this support the long standing naval traditions and history that we reflect upon daily when we think of our namesake, Admiral David Farragut. Currently the piece is on display in our Naval Science Office in the Annex Wing of Farragut Hall.



A *BLUE JACKET* for Life

An Alumna's Dream to Send Her Daughter to Farragut

Katie Everlove-Stone was confident that she had made the right choice in sending her daughter, Ellie, to Admiral Farragut Academy because the '98 alumna had attended Farragut for eight years. But when Ellie, a 1st grader, came home one day in September and began counting to 10 in Chinese, both Katie and her husband were absolutely sure they had made the right decision.

"Where else could such a thing happen? It's just one of the many reasons why we were adamant about Ellie going to Farragut."

Everlove-Stone had been one of the first girls who attended Farragut back in the 1990s, beginning in 5th grade until she graduated in 1998. In her first year at the school, there were a total of 13 girls at Farragut with two of them in 5th grade – Everlove-Stone as one of them. "In addition to us girls, there were just two boys in 5th grade. Talk about one-on-one attention."

During her time at Farragut, Everlove-Stone, who had transferred from a Catholic school, found her confidence through the high standards expected of students. People like CDR Moriarty and CAPT Gilgenast became sources of inspiration for Everlove-Stone. Teachers like Coach Mike Nicholson, Coach Phil Barnhill and Jose Hercher -- who were there when Everlove-Stone attended and still maintain a strong identity with the school as teachers and coaches -- demonstrated character traits she admired in their own unique ways.

"The same teachers are there (for so long) so you have that consistency. People who know you, know your personality, your strengths and your weaknesses and they love you anyway. CDR Moriarty was a remarkable guy. He was my English teacher all four years of middle school and after 8th grade, he died. It was a big loss to the school. But he taught me a lot about character and respect. CAPT Gilgenast was a wonderful

person. I was intimidated when I first met him, but I learned he had high expectations. He had high standards, but he was a big teddy bear. He even came to my wedding."

At some point during her time at Farragut, Everlove-Stone made it a mission that when she had her own children, she would send them to Farragut.

"I looked around and saw how much everyone had improved as a student and person throughout our years at Farragut. It then carried over into life afterwards.

"I had it in my mind I would do what it takes to make sure my children would get the same opportunity I did."

After getting her IT degree at the University of South Florida, Everlove-Stone decided to attend Stetson Law School. She

now practices law pertaining to estate planning, probate and taxation.

"I figured law was a good way to go considering so many of my friends and peers at Farragut had parents who were lawyers. The logic held that if I wanted to send my child to Farragut, I should probably get a similar degree and go down the same career path."

The most important reasons for doing so were steeped in the foundation developed while at Farragut. "Some things are straightforward – time

go to college, get a job, and you're still going to show up on time and look good in doing it. You start to see that you can do all these things and you start to be very self-reliant, which is why I think you see so many business owners (develop from Farragut) because they're used to taking care of themselves. They know they can do it. I'm a lawyer; I have my own firm. They prepared us to be entrepreneurs."

In addition, Farragut for Everlove-Stone is a place of consistency. Along with that comes the people who care.

"I know how good they are at their jobs. You're putting a lot of trust in the people taking care of your children when you leave them and to me it wasn't even an issue because I know how wonderful they are. This is their life. They made a big impact on me and I know how big of an impact they will have on Ellie."

Of course, there are certain differences with the campus since her time at Farragut – no more pay phones lined up along the wall of the East Lounge or large computer lab to do your word processing. And the food has changed, for the better. "Back then, it was more like your typical cafeteria food.

Now the kids have it made with restaurant-type food. I'm kind of jealous." But happy.

"Ellie's in heaven. When you tell people your child goes to Farragut, they immediately

"She can say, 'Hi, my name is Ellie. How are you doing?' in Chinese."

think it must be super rigid and harsh. But everybody gets used to the military part of it because everybody is a part of it. I suppose if you were at a school where just a few were doing it, it would feel abnormal. But everybody does it so why feel different? And when you're in the classroom, the teachers are great because the classroom is a place to learn according to how a particular teacher creates their place of learning."

And part of that learning in the lower school clearly helps take a child to a level unlike many other places.

"She can say, 'Hi, my name is Ellie. How are you doing?' in Chinese. She said to us one day, 'I got a book about science because I'm interested in studying science.' She loves that there are so many animals in her classroom. They do yoga every morning so everyone is balanced mentally. She joined extracurriculars like Spirit Squad and the BlueJacket Sports program where she learns new sports each week. She is just so happy and excited every day I talk with her. It is exactly what I had hoped and expected when I made the decision to send her to Farragut."



Katie and her daughter, Ellie, during "Muffins with Mom".

management, dressing properly, being punctual. Greater than that, it's the high expectations. The longer you are dealing with these high expectations, the more ingrained it becomes that you're going to get good grades, you're going to play sports, you're going to participate in some activity, you're going to

"There's this core group of teachers and staff who have been there for generations. That's why I was so adamant and excited about sending Ellie there, because I know these people and I know they care." - Katie Everlove-Stone



Ellie cheers for the BlueJackets with the Lower School Spirit Squad.

COMING HOME

the 2014 version

"I believe wherever dreams dwell, the heart calls it HOME. So may you untangle yourself from the twist of melancholy and let your thoughts carry you back to the birthplace of your truth."

– Dodinsky, author of NY Times bestseller *In The Garden Of Thoughts*

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. -- In 1984, Carsten Comberg '84 liked having his dormitory room at Farragut South organized in a particular way. That's just who the mild-mannered Comberg was. Whether it was in the way his clothes were pressed or his bed was made, Comberg preferred having his place of living kept in a certain manner.

Pedro Estrada '84 was the polar opposite. The vivacious Colombian-native bordered on the edge of tomfoolery as much as tomfoolery was allowed at Farragut. Estrada had a spirit about him that at times would rattle his roommate – Carsten Comberg.

In particular, Estrada would change the way the toilet paper was placed onto the holding rod. Comberg wanted the roll

inserted so as not to have any paper hanging down. Estrada had other intentions.

"I would switch it all the time," Estrada said during the gathering of the Class of '84 at Homecoming 2014. "It would rile him up royally. But in the end, we would get a kick out of it. That's just who we were. That's just who our class was."

In all its simplicity, the story explains Farragut and the camaraderie it produced. As Dodinsky states, it illustrates the truth of who the people of Farragut are. Home is definitely where the heart is and Farragut became a place where young men – and eventually young women – came together as strangers and left as brothers – and eventually sisters. Now, Farragut includes a diverse population that stretches from toddlers to teenagers ready to seize the day in many ways. While the foundation of greatness through work in the classroom and in extracurricular activities is an inherent given at Farragut, the element of

personality has been discovered through interaction in the dorm room, the grinder, the student lounge, or on the ping pong table.

Farragut has always been a unique place. It's always given people an opportunity to discover themselves differently than other learning institutions. It's

evolved from one campus up north to two campuses north and south to just one again down south. It's adapted throughout the changes in the world and the administrators have embraced change to keep ahead of the Jones'. Ultimately, though, through all the change, through all the moves, and through all the moving parts, Farragut has always been a place people call home.

During the closing ceremonies of Farragut's Homecoming Weekend 2014 held at the St. Petersburg Museum of History, LtCol Chad Schwarm '92S, USMC (Ret.) served as the keynote speaker, sharing his



words of wisdom about how Farragut was family for him. While Schwarm talked about his journey from almost being expelled at Farragut to being literally saved by men who believed in him – people like CAPT Robert Fine, CAPT Gilgenast, and LCDR Jose Hercher – to his eventual success at Embry-Riddle in Arizona and his time as a pilot for the United States Marine Corps, it was hard not to glance at the images of flight surrounding him and think of the connection.

An actual-sized replica of the original Benoist Airboat airliner that was flown across Tampa Bay from St. Petersburg to Tampa by aviation pioneer Tony Jannus in 1914 hung overhead of the alumni, almost pleading for someone to take it for a spin. Framed photos and other memorabilia lined the surrounding walls. The most poignant illustration, though, was the plethora of smaller replica planes that filled the back wall behind Schwarm.

A smaller version of the Benoist 14B began a column of planes that showcased the change in size and technology. Information about each plane was listed below each model. For the Benoist, it read, “1 passenger, 55 mph.” The last plane was a Boeing 747 – “400 passengers, 580 mph.”

Commercial flight certainly has changed over these past 100 years and it mirrors the evolution of Farragut.

Cyrus S. Radford, Jr. ‘36N, the first cadet enrolled at the Pine Beach campus, was the first “passenger” for the academy’s flight to prominence back in 1933. He was Jannus skimming along the water at 55 mph. Today, Farragut is a 747, filled with people of all ages and diverse backgrounds, going at breakneck speeds ready to conquer the world.

Homecoming 2014 epitomized such flight, bringing back a prominent group of alumni that began their

journey from the runways called Farragut North or Farragut South. The Class of ‘84S – led by Elliot Garcia, Jr. – had nearly the entire group of former students back on campus with just six of the 44 alumni members unable to attend. Bringing the class back together was a tall order.

“Not everyone is a fan of Facebook, so it took some work to track everyone down,” said Garcia, who is the business development director at Xerox. **“Being able to have this many people attend, though, is special.”**

For Comberg, Garcia’s due diligence meant reconnecting with Estrada. It had been 30 years since Comberg -- a restaurant manager in Jacksonville -- and Estrada -- president of a textile company in his hometown of Medellin, Colombia -- had spoken to each other, let alone seen one another.

“I tried to locate him, but it was tough to do so back then and eventually life just got in the way,” Comberg said during one of the many ‘84 gatherings at Homecoming -- this one, in particular, was held in the Al Wagner Museum. “Seeing him after all these years and seeing everyone else immediately brought back so many memories. It is like old times, like we are back in 1984.”

For Leon Garber ‘84S, Homecoming meant returning to a place he found by chance while reading an issue of Boys’ Life, the official magazine of Boy Scouts of America and where he persuaded his parents to send him for his final three years of secondary education. It was also a place where he played in the band alongside Ted Kearns ‘85S and Erik Bjorkner ‘85S, whose fathers had attended College together.



Jose Hercher and LtCol Chad Schwarm '92S, USMC (Ret.)

**HOME
COMING
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From L. to R: Ed DeSeta '67N, son Alex DeSeta '04 along with Ethan Lipsky '18 and father David Lipsky '75N

"I always thought I wanted to go to the Naval Academy, but then I met their dads, who had both attended New York (SUNY) Maritime," Garber said. "One of them was the captain of Keystone Shipping. He works only half the year and he makes over a quarter million dollars a year. The other one is a two-star general. I changed my mind then and there."

After attending SUNY Maritime on a Naval ROTC scholarship, Garber would eventually become a naval officer and pilot the Sikorsky SH-60 Seahawk in the Naval Special Operations Helicopter Squadron, based in Norfolk, Va. The Tennessee-native left active duty in 1999 after 10 years of service to start a series of businesses, but he still flies as a reservist in the Navy.

For Steve Lieber '66S, Farragut is a place where he found "the discipline and structure" to be the man he is today – a successful entrepreneur who founded Helicopters, Inc, a company specializing in the design and leasing of news gathering helicopters for television and radio stations in the United States.

"I keep coming back because Farragut is a place that molded me and prepared me for the challenges of the world,"

Lieber said. "It was a place that hardened you as well. Nobody liked the discipline while they were there, but when they left, they realized how much it meant to them."

For Al Ferrante '64N, it prepared him for life in Hollywood, where he spent close to three decades working as a sound engineer in the industry. And it is a place where he has been able to return as a mentor of sorts, working every Monday during the school year with the drum section of the band.

"Farragut trained me for life," said Ferrante, who started several companies after his Hollywood career. "Overall, it will always train young men and women for the future in many ways."

For Katherine Thomas '08, it has meant being the first in a line of siblings who have called or currently call Farragut home. Donald '11 and Katryna '12 each attend college, while Kollyne '16 will finish the legacy at Farragut in less than two years.

Katherine has been the first to use her Farragut foundation to succeed in the real world. After graduating from Georgia Tech with a degree in biomedical engineering, she has spent a little over a year on the USS Wasp and the USS Bataan, where she has served as a division officer. At Homecoming, dressed in her service dress blue Navy uniform, she gleefully interacted with friends and

family, reminiscing about the time she played the evil queen in the drama club's retelling of *The Princess And The Pea*. Or her role as Lucy in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Or her "skills" as a mathlete. Listening to her boast about her adventures into nerd-dom while at Farragut made it hard to believe she had just returned from an 8-month deployment in the Middle East.

Furthermore, Farragut had helped Katherine deal with a major setback in her life

– a broken left arm from a freak accident that almost derailed her dream of becoming a naval officer. A medical procedure to repair the arm left her with two plates and 29 screws from her wrist to her shoulder -- a possible deal-breaker.

"The Navy basically told me the



chances were slim I could return to ROTC," Katherine said. "I was determined, otherwise."

Katherine not only leaned on her family for help, but used the strength and resolve she learned while at Farragut to get through six months of grueling rehabilitation.



The Thomas sisters from L to R: Katherine '08, Katryna '12, and Kollyne '16

“Farragut emphasizes excellence and strives for it,” said Katherine, who played on the volleyball team, participated in sailing and scuba diving, and was a member of the cheerleading squad and the choir. “The positive peer pressure to succeed pushes you to new heights. It’s a standard. You wake up and talk to your classmates and you hear all

the great things they’re doing. Failure is not acceptable. Thinking you can’t achieve something is not in your mind. Self realization you can accomplish anything becomes a part of who you are. Being at Farragut is where I discovered myself and where I began this journey I am on. Coming back here to celebrate Homecoming is a given, because it is a place I will always consider home.”

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Pine Beach Dock

Over the past year, the Borough of Pine Beach received approval and began construction of a new pier at the site of the former Admiral Farragut Academy waterfront. At a recent meeting of the Mayor and Council, borough officials enthusiastically voted to name the facility “Admiral Farragut Point”! The Mayor and Council hold our former school in high regard and have many stories and fond memories about the Academy’s place in the history of Pine Beach. Our school’s Northern Campus may be gone, but never forgotten.



Chris Myrick '11 Enjoys a Special Visit



Chris Myrick '11, who attends Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY, enjoyed a visit by Farragut Athletic Director, Matthew Thompson, and Science Teacher, Shelby Thompson, when they attended his game vs. Stetson in DeLand, FL. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson even had t-shirts made for the game!

L to R: Shelby Thompson, Chris Myrick '11, and Matt Thompson.

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JOHN BIRMINGHAM '46S
Retired in 2000 from Silicon Valley Group in San Jose CA, then a second time in 2011 from "At Home Services" in Home Depot. Today, I'm truly enjoying the peace and quiet of staying home, mowing my lawn, and working in my garden, and fishing.

"The relationships I've maintained with my fellow classmates have been so absolutely rewarding."

BILL EMERSON '52S

At age 79, I was the oldest member of a sailboat racing crew during the recent FLORIDA 300 Catamaran race, which went



from the Keys to Cocoa Beach. "Waveyhaven", of which I was the shore crew, won the F-18 Class. My QBH from Farragut was good for a lifetime of sailing FUN! ¹
More photos are available on Facebook at FLORIDA 300.

WAYNE SMITH '54N

Currently living in GA to be near our daughter and her family. We spend our summers at our place on Lake George in New York and enjoy my restored 1954 Lyman "woodie". ²



WILLIAM LINES '56S

My career has always been in real estate beginning with architectural firms in California, Montana, Connecticut, and Florida. I began working in corporate real estate in the mid-1970s with Continental Mortgage Investor's, Swire Properties, and Reynold's Metal Company, which was bought by Alcoa. My wife, Constance, who goes by "Jo", and I retired in the early 1990's and eventually moved to Washington State from Clearwater, FL. Now after 18 years of living on the Olympic Peninsula, we decided to hang up our raincoats and boots and

move back to the southeast. More than likely to TN where she has grandchildren and great grandchildren whom she wants to spend time with. As for me, I have three boys scattered; one in Austin, TX, one in Missoula, MT, and one in Atlanta, GA.

"Let me say, as the years go by, I cherish more and more my time spent at AFA South as it was a wonderful learning experience that has followed me throughout my journey in life. I'm most appreciative of having had the opportunity to proudly say I graduated from Farragut."

CDR ED HARMES '60N

I left Farragut and went onto the Maine Maritime Academy with four classmates. The four of us graduated and went into the Merchant Marine, the Navy, and I into the Coast Guard. I spent 22 years serving our country as a marine inspector in the US and overseas. My last command was as Captain of the Port in San Diego, CA. I retired in 1986. Upon retirement, I worked for a private security company for 16 years in the Washington, D.C. area. Shirley and I now live in Georgetown, TX, where we are very active with the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. We each have over 3,000 hours of work in the local area. Additionally, we both travel to Guatemala each year to build homes. My other non-paid work is with the local live theater. I help build sets for all the

productions of plays. I also head up the maintenance department that keeps the place in shape for all our actors. ③

"Life is great and it all started at AFA - THANK YOU."

CLINTON MCLEMORE '63N

My seventh book will be published in October, titled "Inspiring Trust: Strategies for Effective Leadership".

REV. RICH BOWER '65N

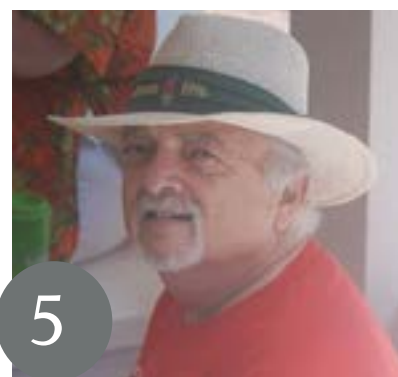
I am currently director of Pastoral Care at Western Maryland Hospital Center in Hagerstown, MD. I have a master's degrees in divinity and am a board certified Clinical Chaplain. A decorated veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, I retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of Colonel after more than 30 years as a Chaplain. A member of the Forty & Eight since 1996, I have been active in veterans' fraternal organizations more than 18 years. This year I was reappointed Aumônier Nationale, or National Chaplain, by the military veterans' National Honor Society, La Societe des 40 Hommes et Huit Chevaux. ④

RONALD BRAMSON '68S

I attended two years at the southern campus, and the last two years at the northern campus. I have been married for 42 years, and have 4 daughters, and 9 grandchildren. I currently live in Panama, Central America.

I hope to be back home on a permanent basis soon. I miss those grandchildren.

⑤ Every year in February, there is Carnival. It is very similar to Brazil and New Orleans's festivals.



"I enjoyed my experience attending both campuses. I missed playing soccer since the North did not have the sport, therefore I played from 1964-1965 under Coach Hayes. I also missed the Florida weather. I still remain good friends with others who have graduated from both campuses. The education was number one and hope it remains that way. From what I hear, YES it has."

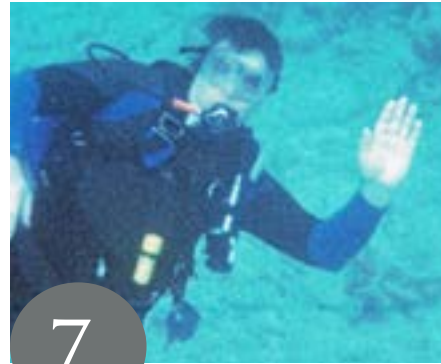
WILLIS MICHELL '70S

I had a career as an RN but spent 30 years in the Pacemaker/Defibrillator industry. Now I am retired and living in St. Petersburg.

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ROBERT NEEFE '73S

When you travel, you can find me at the Spirit Airlines ticket counter or at air-side A Gate 17 at Tampa Intl. Airport. ⑥

EDWARD CARPENTER '74N

Living the dream in Philly.

ROGER WICKES '76S

"Thanks for an excellent alumni program!" ⑦

MICHAEL LARIS '77N

I am currently living in Denton, Texas, just north of Dallas. I am working as Senior Application Developer in the IT Department at Zale Corporation. I am the lead developer on the POS

(Point-of-Sale) development team. In addition to my work, I am very active in animal rescue. I volunteer technical services (web design, webmaster) for both Saint Bernard Rescue of Texas and Texas Great Pyrennes Rescue. I also provide a foster home for these big guys.

SCOTT WINN '81N AND JEFF WINN '78N

It is with great sorrow that Jeff and I inform our peers that our father, Donald Winn, who greatly supported AFA North, has passed away.

EDOUARD GHEUR '82N

My life story was published in a book called "A Naughty Thing

Called Life". It is currently in pre-production as a documentary film. ⑧

PAUL SALIB '82N

I am currently working for the US Army Corps of Engineers dredge Murden.

FERNANDO GUERRERO '83S

"So proud to be a 1983 alumni from AFA! Best years of my life while a student, now life is hard!"

NANCY RODDA '93S

"I just wanted to say how special it is for me to read through Rev-eille and see my Father, CDR Jack Rodda, continue to be mentioned by students whose lives he touched even after all these years. He

truly loved his time at AFA and his students meant the world to him. My Dad was the Director of Naval Science and taught at AFA from the late 70's to the late 90's. Thank you Reveille!

AUSTIN HOLMES '04

Over nine years ago I joined the US Army out of Tampa MEPS. I served in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2008-2009 and Operation Enduring Freedom from 2010-2011 with the 101st Airborne Division in the Arghandab River Valley. On October 26th of this year I will be officially retired due to a spine injury sustained in Afghanistan. "Attending Admiral Farragut Academy gave me the foundation I needed to surpass my peers and be successful in the military." 9

WILLIAM SAUNDERS '07

After completing my masters degree at Embry-Riddle, I began working for a private jet company, Jet America, as their operations manager. I later joined my family's business in the tourism industry in Nassau, Bahamas. After two years, I am now a director at the company running the IT side and all of the promotions and marketing for the company.

ZACK NORTHCUTT '07

In May of 2013 I graduated with honors from The Citadel and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy. I reported

to USS PRINCETON CG 59 last August during her deployment to the Middle East. 10

MARY FULTON-PROBST '10

Instead of doing the typical student-teaching, I have been hired as an intern, which means that I have my own classroom and will be in charge of my own



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KIVI HERMANS '04

"Attending Admiral Farragut Academy was the best 7 years of my life! I learned a lot; from living in the dorms, sailing, academics, military life and so much more! I remember when my mom first had me watch the video of the school and I cried, I thought my mom was sending me away. My first day arriving at AFA, I was greeted by a great group of girls who made me feel so welcome and they later became girls that I strived to be like. I immersed myself into the life of a boarding cadet. I was involved in 3-4 sports a year, drama, choir, community service clubs, and by my senior year I was the first female XO. AFA helped to keep me cultured with those from other countries and allowed me to learn and grow! When people ask me what it was like to live at school, my comments are nothing but positive! How could it not be? I still saw my mom every weekend, she came to

all of my events! Now, as a teacher, I see that AFA was truly the best thing for me. Kids these days are sometimes narrow minded and don't take advantage of the wonderful opportunities that their childhood can give them and I think AFA did that for me! I love getting the chance to tell people about AFA. I'm so proud to see all that has changed since I left 10 years ago as I follow the Facebook page! Thank you to AFA and everyone involved for molding me into who I am today!"

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curriculum! I'll be teaching 7th grade English at Payson Junior High School in Payson, UT. I'll be graduating from BYU in April 2015 at the same time as my husband, who is planning on attending law school (my mother is hoping for Stetson).

RICHARD STAAS '12

"Attending Farragut was the best choice I made, mainly because I made great friends from all around



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the world. If I could do it all again, I absolutely would."

TANUPAT DUNNVATANACHIT '12

"Farragut taught me a lot of things, and made me a better person. It has been a big part of my life and is my second home."

ZACH PATTERSON '13

Attends Florida State in ROTC program. 11 CORTRAMID in



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San Diego, CA. Four weeks of training as Midshipman with NROTC- including Aviation, Surface Warfare, Marine Week, and Submarine Warfare.

12 Here is Aviation week...

BRANDON SMITH '13

Finished my first year at FGCU with a 4.0 and I was accepted to be an RA (Resident Assistant) for the 2014-2015 school year.

Non-graduating Alum:

JOHN COYNE '57N

I still am working to maintain my wife, Betsy, in a style she likes. We have four children, twelve grandchildren; nine in GA and three in IL. We have lived in Atlanta, GA for 41 years now! Betsy and I recently attended my 50th reunion in St. Pete. 13

PETER CORP '91

I am an Aviation Electrician's Mate Chief Petty Officer in

the U.S. Navy based at Naval Air Station North Island, California. I have been in the Navy for 19 years. My Facebook page is facebook.com/pete.sparky.

MARREESE SPEIGHTS

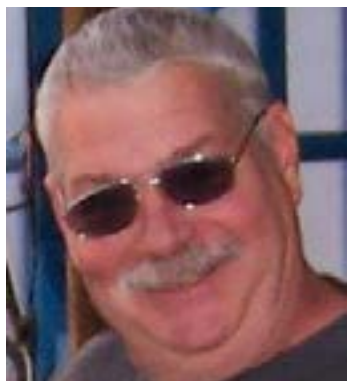
Began his eighth season in the National Basketball Association with a career average of 7.5 points and 4.3 rebounds per contest in 423 games (64 starts) while

playing for Philadelphia, Memphis, Cleveland and Golden State. He appeared in 73 games for the Golden State Warriors during the 2013-14 season, averaging 6.4 points and 3.7 rebounds per game. He scored a career-high 32 points in 26 minutes on Feb. 10 against the Philadelphia 76ers, doubling his previous season-best of 16 points. 14



Frank Iverson Clain '39N

Frank, 92, passed away on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 in Wyomissing, PA at the Highlands where he resided. Frank was a graduate of Admiral Farragut Academy and attended Duke University. He was a decorated WWII Naval veteran, including a Purple Heart recipient. A marine insurance broker by profession, he was an enthusiastic lifelong sailor and family man.



Charles "Chuck" Summers

It is with much regret and sadness that we announce the passing of Chuck, 62, on Monday, July 21, 2014 due to illness. Chuck was part of our Farragut community as a faculty member from 1992-2011.

Chuck taught Chemistry, Physics, Meteorology, and Environmental Science at Admiral Farragut. He was in charge of the Dual Enrollment program for SPJC, coached football and girls basketball, and organized and ran numerous class trips, from camping to sailing



Thomas "Tom" Wright Valentine '43N

Tom, 88, of Hot Springs Village, AR, died May 21, 2014. At age 17, Tom left AFA to volunteer for the Navy. He served in the Pacific during WWII and in the Korean Conflict, mostly aboard naval destroyers. After his military service, Tom graduated from the University of Miami with a B.Ed. in Industrial Arts and a M.Ed. in Secondary Education and Administration. While there, he served as a founder and first president of the Epsilon Pi Tau honorary industrial arts fraternity. Tom began his career as an industrial arts teacher in Miami-Dade

County, Florida, before moving into administration. There, he initiated the first nationwide plant security program for schools, which involved attending the Miami Police Academy. At the time of his death, Tom was a member of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. He was a Life Member of the National Eagle Scout Association, Optimist International, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Military Order of the Cootie, the honor degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Tom felt loved and cherished in his final months of life.

to Grad Night at Disney. He was extremely enthusiastic about learning and sharing his knowledge with others.

"I have never met anyone that possessed a greater combination of knowledge of subject matter, common sense, compassion and dedication. He was truly one of a kind. Chuck pioneered technology in the classroom, he was STEM before it became a buzzword. Finally, he was a great friend. Loyal, dedicated and honest in every aspect of his life." -Rob Ewing, Dir. of Farragut Aviation.

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John Mazzola '45N
Heritage Society Member

John, 86, who led the Lincoln Center for The Performing Arts for twenty years, passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2014 in New York City. He was born and raised in Bayonne, New Jersey and was a graduate of AFA North, Tufts University (1949) and the Fordham Law School (1952). He served in the Air Force USN 45-46 and in Japan with the CIC-US Army 53-55. He was a lawyer with the firm of Millbank, Tweed, Hadley, and McCloy, and he joined the Lincoln Center in 1962 to become its chief executive officer in 1968. Mr. Mazzola skillfully steered the expansion of Lincoln Center and

its programs, providing access to high quality performing arts to a city depressed by financial hardship. He passionately increased accessibility to the arts through public and televised concerts. Above all, his family was his overriding theme and connection. He was decorated Cavaliere Ufficiale Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana and Officer Ordre des Arts et des Lettres France. He was a member of The Misquamicut Club (Rhode Island). He will be remembered for his wry wit, storytelling, his love of cooking and entertaining. He loved sailing and the East Beach.



Lt. Cmdr Allen E. Alman '46N, USNR (ret.)

Allen, age 85, passed away on Sept. 25, 2014. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he grew up in New York and graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy (Tom's River). He received his degree in aeronautical engineering from Purdue University. A lifelong aviator, he won flying lessons at age 14, and went on to earn the title of Naval aviator. He flew combat missions during the Korean conflict, became a test pilot, and flew many of the early Navy jets. He continued to fly until he was in his eighties. A lifelong sailing and boating enthusiast, he was a member of the Storm Trysail Club. He was also a proud member of the United Flying Octogenarians (UFO). He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Phyllis, 3 children, and 8 grandchildren, as well as his brother.



Louis M. Fead '49N

Louis, 81, was a retired Commander U.S. Navy, and passed away peacefully on Jan. 22, 2014. Lou leaves behind his beloved wife of 15 years, Nancy, and his loving family.



Charles McKenna '49S

Charles, 82, of St. Augustine, FL, passed away on July 18, 2014, after an extended battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Myrtle Ruth, his daughter, two sons, grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He attended one year at University of North Carolina before transferring to the University of Florida where he graduated in 1954. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. After graduation, Charles joined the U.S. Navy and completed basic flight training in 1956 in Pensacola, FL, where he met and married Myrtle. During 11 years of active service with the Navy, Charles flew a variety of high-performance fighter-type jets including the F9F-8 Cougar, the F4D Skyray "Ford", and RA5C Vigilante. He was a member of Squadron 13 at Naval Air Station Cecil Field (Jacksonville, FL), Fighter Squadron 101 (Key West, FL), and Reconnaissance Attack Squadron One (Sanford, FL). While stationed in Key West during the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, Charles served as Flag Lieutenant and Aide to the Joint Commander Key West Forces at the Little White House in Key West. He resigned his commission in 1965 with the rank of Lt. Commander having flown more than 2700 hours and 275 carrier landing. In 1965, Charles joined Eastern Airlines as a pilot. After 25 years, he retired from Eastern, and spent the past 14 years in St. Augustine, FL. Charles was also a 32nd degree Freemason of the Masonic Lodge No. 258 of Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, FL.



Michael "Mike" Edgar Keenan '51S

Mike died on September 9, 2014, in Falmouth, MA. He leaves behind his partner, Mary, of 35 years. He also leaves Jane, to whom he was married for 20 years and had six children, 17 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Mike was an avid sailor and member of the Harlem Yacht Club. Following studies at Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, he graduated from Duke University in 1955 then served as Special Agent in the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps. Mike retired in 2013 after 56 continuous years in various ad agency positions, probably the longest run in a notably precarious and fast-changing industry. Mike's last position was as Vice President of Client Services at U.S. International Media, successor company to the originator of the "media agency" concept, Western International Media which grew to be the world's largest when it was acquired in the late 1990s by Interpublic Group of Companies. He joined Western in 1985 and was Managing Director of the company's East of the Mississippi and Canadian divisions at the time of the acquisition. Mike had a long and successful run with many ad agencies in New York including the famed Procter & Gamble agency, Compton Advertising; Foote Cone & Belding; Lennen & Newell; Fuller & Smith & Ross; and Keenan & McLaughlin. His accounts included Mobil, Lever Bros., Air France, Michelin, Warner Lambert, Guinness, American Airlines, and Heineken. Mike also served as President & CEO of pre-dot com crash TELA Interactive, was Eastern Region Chairman of the American Association of Advertising Agencies (4As), and a marketing lecturer at Rutgers University and City University of New York. Mike's wit and curious mind will be dearly missed.

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Alan Jay Isquith '53N

Alan, 78, died on June 1, 2014, at his home in Midland, MI surrounded by his loving family following a long, courageous battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Alan grew up on a small farm in Bound Brook, N.J. and often recalled the fun he and his siblings had there. He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in Toms River, where he served as Battalion Commander, and was on the wrestling, lacrosse and soccer teams. During the summers, he served aboard ship in the Merchant Marines. Alan received his bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Tufts University in 1959, his master's degree in microbiology and biochemistry at the University of New Hampshire in 1961, and his Ph.D. in microbial physiology at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, (now Drexel University). Alan and his family moved to Midland in 1968, where he began his 30-year career with Dow Corning Corp., setting up laboratories to do pioneering research on organosilicones, using

bacteria to test uses for Dow Corning materials. In 1977, he was awarded an Industrial Research 100 award for the development of a permanent antimicrobial treatment that came to be applied widely to textiles. Later, his laboratory screened products for potential long-range hazards, such as gene mutation, cancer-causing potential, and birth defects. Alan received several patents, published research and delivered addresses at conferences over his career. Along the way, he and wife Judy raised three children and numerous dogs and cats. They spent their retirement years traveling the U.S. and abroad, and pursuing their activities, which included biking, sailing and skiing. Alan brought the same attention to detail and enthusiasm to his hobbies as he did to his research, becoming an avid scuba diver and instructor. Even in his last four years when battling non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, he maintained his personal qualities of patience, perseverance, compassion and humor.



*David Travers Tierney '54S
USMC (ret.)*

David, 79, died Friday, April 25, 2014. Private services were held at Arlington National Cemetery. "When I became a Battalion Commander I wanted to be like him. I respected him greatly," said Bill Soenksen '55S.

NOTE: Death notices are printed as we receive them.

taps: a farewell to our friends

Charles "Charlie" Tiffey Miller (non grad)

Charlie, 74, died on August 31, 2014. Charlie will be remembered as a smooth talker, instant friend, mover and shaker. Charlie attended Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, Florida before enrolling at The Bullis School in Washington D.C. Charlie enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1958. A gifted salesman who was never afraid to talk to anyone he encountered, Charlie always made people feel completely comfortable sharing their life stories. He did a mean Donald Duck impression and took great pleasure in entertaining people with sudden outbursts of "Duckisms," whether it be on elevators or hospital waiting rooms. He loved to help people, and had a strong and sincere handshake. Charlie was always impeccably dressed and had a lifelong love affair with cars, movies, Milk Duds and cheeseburgers, and never missed an opportunity to see what was showing on "Investigation Discovery." Charlie had a way of making everyone feel unique and special, and he will be terribly missed. His battle with lung, liver, and brain cancer was brief, he was gone within three weeks of his initial diagnosis.



John Burbank '66N

John, 68, died on Feb 20, 2014, at his home in North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Julie, one son, two daughters, two step-sons, one sister, and three grandchildren.



William Henry "Bill" Crowe IV '66S

Bill died on Nov. 7, 2013, in Fort Worth, TX. After graduating from Farragut, Bill attended the U.S. Naval Academy, and received his BSCE at the University of Florida. He was an Army Veteran and retired from Luminant (at Comanche Peak SES) on April, 2013.



Perry "Andy" Andrew Williams '80S

Andy, 51 passed away Saturday, May 3, 2014, in Arcadia, Fl. Before becoming ill, Andy was the office manager of Waste Management and the bookkeeper for the family business called Williams Disposal.

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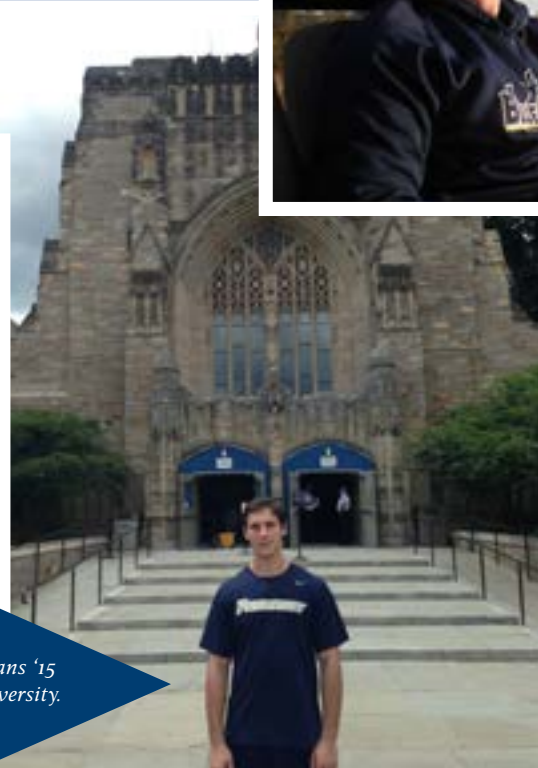


*Russ Phillips '67 N,
with daughter LT Kathryn
Phillips in San Antonio.*

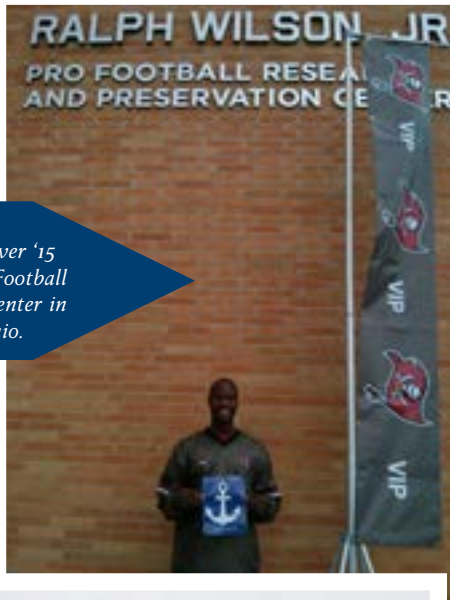
*Adam Williams '15
in Kruger Park,
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*Rachel Goldstein '16
on top of the Masada
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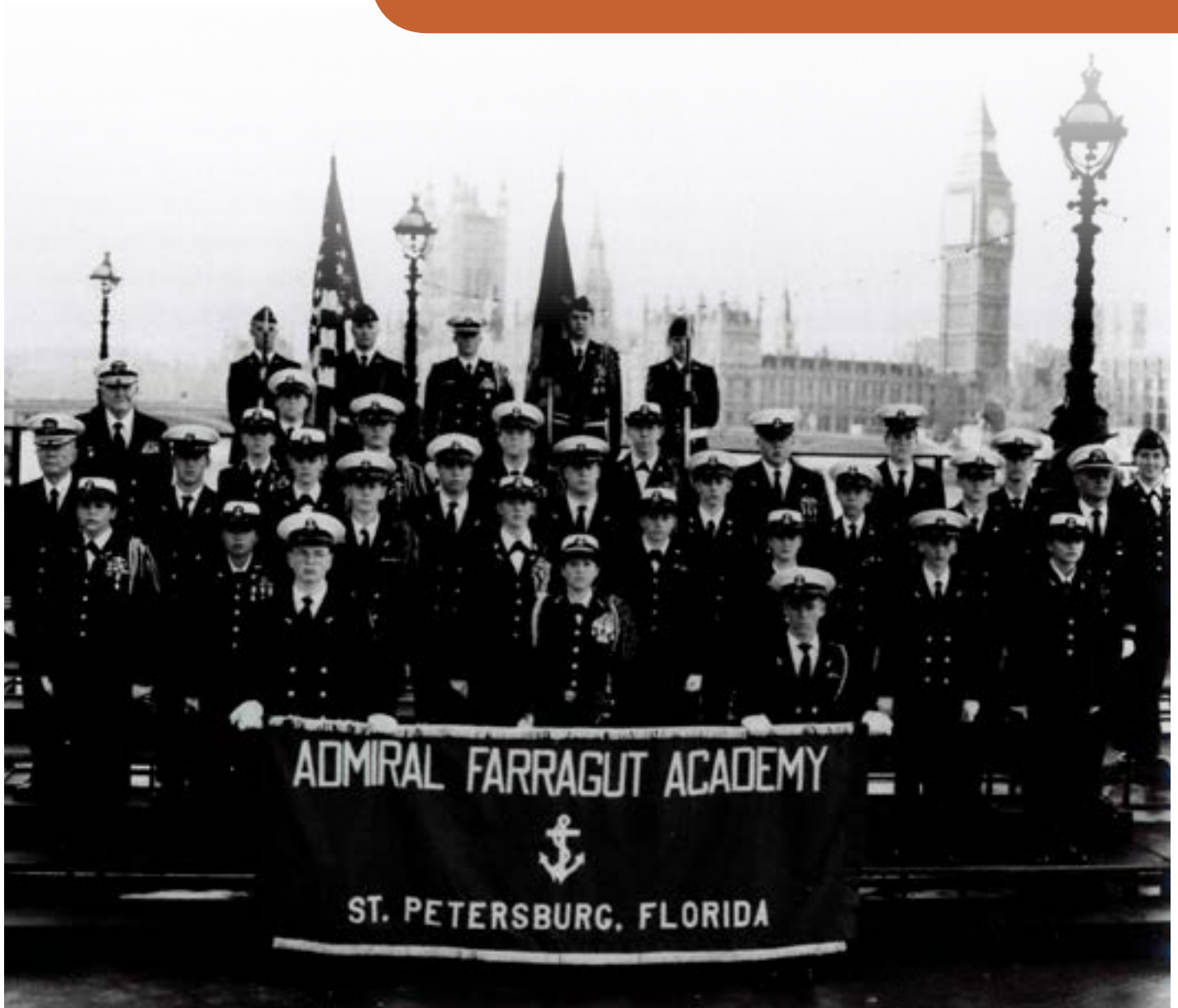


*Jeff Ogden '00 and
Tobia Spinelli '22
in Lake Tahoe.*



*Blake Barnett '25 in
Sydney, Australia.*

In 1999, Admiral Farragut Academy's New Year started in London, England where our cadets marched in the prestigious New Year's Day London Parade. Thrilled, but cold on a chilly British day, Farragut had its first recorded oversea adventure!
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