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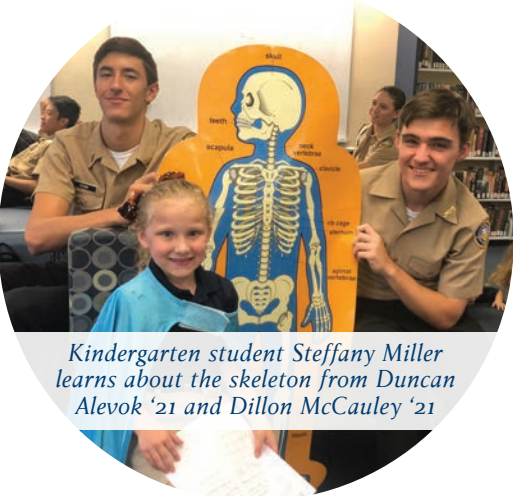
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*Northern campus 1933-1994*  
*Southern campus 1945-present*

# A word from the Headmaster

Welcome to a very special edition of *Reveille*: The commemoration of the diamond anniversary of Admiral Farragut Academy's St. Petersburg campus. Within these pages we celebrate Farragut's 75-year history in the City of St. Petersburg, highlight our 2020 graduating class, and share how our school is persevering during the global pandemic. As always, alumni from both the Pine Beach and St. Petersburg campuses are honored.

For those who are new to Farragut, the school began in 1933 on the shores of Pine Beach, NJ. In 1945, our founding investors saw the potential to expand, and purchased the Jungle Country Club and Hotel in St. Petersburg, FL. That storied location (read some of the interesting facts in these pages!) is now home to Farragut's 40-acre campus and surrounding neighborhoods.

In the 75 years since, perhaps no other year brought the St. Petersburg campus as many urgent and unexpected challenges as did 2020, thanks to COVID-19. While the virus disrupted the school, it did not discourage progress. As we moved our classrooms and offices to our homes, teachers, staff, parents, alumni, and our community exemplified Farragut's core values of integrity, self-discipline, perseverance, and wellness and fitness.

Who could have predicted the upending of everyday activity? Who could have predicted that typical vocabulary would include words such as pandemic, coronavirus, and social distancing? Throughout, our community stood -- and stands -- strong. By anticipating the financial pressure and acting swiftly and strategically, the Board of Directors and administration secured a healthy and successful close to our 2019-20 fiscal year.

We are grateful for our far-reaching community who stepped up to assist our Academy -- from an alumnus who donated a special dinner for our remaining boarders (who could not travel home due to travel restrictions), to a parent who disinfected our entire campus, and to our parents group, the Farragut Family Association, which contributed more than \$50,000 for new campus safety protocols. #WeAreFarragut continues to ring true.

Now, we enter the next 75 years (and beyond!) stronger because of our Farragut family. Thank you for your continued partnership in educating students, impacting our community, and equipping the leaders of tomorrow.

**We Are Farragut!**

Sincerely,



Robert J. Fine Jr.  
Headmaster, Admiral Farragut Academy



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# FARRAGUT STANDS STRONG DURING COVID-19

*The Farragut community comes together during the challenges of a global pandemic. Here are some of those stories.*

## HOW THE SCHOOL CONTINUES TO PERSEVERE

Even before any stay-at-home orders shifted learning from the campus to the computer, Farragut was taking action.

Director of Health Services Suzanne Douglass took the lead, updating protocols and instructing students and employees alike on hygiene, handwashing, and social distancing. Very quickly, **the school launched a dedicated landing page, social media posts, emails, and video messages** from a variety of campus leaders -- including Headmaster Bob Fine, Head of Upper School Tom McGlinn, Residential Life Director Pete Vaughn, Head of Lower School Anita Fine, and Douglass.

There has been a lot to communicate. Besides the **updated protocols and instructions**, Farragut created quarantine rooms, purchased face masks for students, increased its cleaning of common areas, classrooms, and the dormitories, and instituted campus-wide nightly sanitizations.

Learn more at [bit.ly/AFA-Covid-19-Updates](https://bit.ly/AFA-Covid-19-Updates)



Meanwhile, the Farragut Admissions and Marketing team created new **virtual admission experiences for prospective families**. During quarantine they hosted two Upper and Boarding School Virtual Open Houses via webinar in April, and launched a new Virtual Campus Tour video in May.

View the video at [bit.ly/AFA-Campus-Tour](https://bit.ly/AFA-Campus-Tour)



And in **preparation for the 2020-21 school year**, two of Farragut's master carpenters -- Greg Stabile and Rafy Ferrer -- custom-built 16 high-top tables for the East Lounge and West Lounge. These will allow students to eat in spaces beyond the Mess Hall, promoting social distancing.

## HOW EVENTS WERE CELEBRATED



The **Class of 2020 graduation** occurred as scheduled on May 16, 2020, but this time it was virtual. The commencement video, which aired on YouTube and social media, included student and staff speakers on stage in DeSeta Hall. The video also featured **inspiring video submissions** from several Farragut alumni.

Experience the virtual celebration by using the QR code on page 36 or visit [bit.ly/AFA-Class-of-2020](https://bit.ly/AFA-Class-of-2020)



In addition, the Alumni Department celebrated our local seniors with **one-of-a-kind yard signs** placed in their front yards.

Although spring athletic events were canceled, BlueJacket Lacrosse and Softball team parents and coaches surprised local senior athletes with **front-door decorations** at their homes.



How Events Were Celebrated (continued)



The future **Class of 2025** (this year's 7th-graders) were celebrated with their own special **Lower School graduation video** featuring Head of Lower School Anita Fine and Assistant Principal of PreK-12 Jennifer Grabowski. For the PreK-6th graders and their families, teachers shared heartwarming videos.



The Lower School also held an **end-of-the-year drive-through celebration** in which families and students said goodbye for the summer to their teachers, returned library books, and collected their yearbooks, awards, artwork, and other items.

View the story at [bit.ly/AFA-LS-2020](https://bit.ly/AFA-LS-2020)

How Our Community Helped Others



The **Cooney family**, including Farragut students **Maya '20** and **Michael '16**, made more than 700 crochet and button extenders to add onto face masks. The extenders are being used by more than a dozen health care facilities, banks, and restaurant employees. Local news channel BayNews9 carried the story.



From home, **Lower School STEM Teacher Shannon LoRusso** and her daughter **Julia '24** (pictured) used the school's 3D printer, computer, and numerous rolls of PLA filament to create high-efficiency filtration Montana Masks and Face Shields for health care workers.



**Troy Burke '86S** donated meals to frontline organizations such as Cayman Islands Health Services Authority and a local school in Grand Cayman. Burke is the managing director and owner of a chain of Subway restaurants in the Cayman Islands.



Thank you to a few of our alumni healthcare workers on the frontlines including (pictured L-R) **Dr. Michael Sebesta '88N** (who left his home in Texas to work in a NYC ICU), and nurses **Mark Allen '92S** and **Noah Silverberg '09**.



**Scott Hansen '90N** launched a "Spread the Love" Relief Fund and raised money by selling merchandise with 100 percent of the profits supporting hospitality workers in the Southeast. Hansen is co-owner and founder of Island Brands, a premium beer and lifestyle brand based in Charleston, SC.



**Juliet Wheeler Mann '12**, now a 2nd-grade teacher at Bardmoor Elementary, was recognized on BayNews9 as an "A+ Teacher" for her creative way to get her students to submit assignments. Each week students who turned in assignments were added to a raffle and she provided lunch to the lucky winner. This encouraged students to continue school from home.

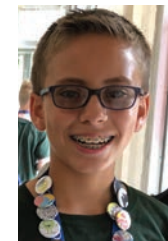
Two Lower School Students Reflect on What They Learned About Pandemics During the 2019 Duke TIP Crisis Camp

Last summer, the Duke TIP CRISIS week-long camp's theme was a pandemic and how the country would work through a crisis. This year, that crisis came true.

CRISIS is a residential summer program for fifth and sixth graders. Students assume the role of professionals and collaborate with their peers to solve a hypothetical community crisis.

Several Farragut students attended this camp, including rising 8th-grader Jacob Arias and rising 7th-grader Sophia Preston. We asked their perspectives from their camp training and the world's response to the real-life pandemic.

Read the full article at [bit.ly/36lFCB2](https://bit.ly/36lFCB2)



How did the camp educate you on dealing with crisis or a pandemic?  
**Jacob** - "They organized the student

participants into occupation-based research teams. I was on the Biomedical engineering team, but there were also Epidemiology, Media, Government, and other teams as well (can't recall all of them!). We learned about viruses and how they affect living things - we had to know about the virus, how it grew, how it spread, and how it mutated before we could figure out a solution. We also had to know how it affected the human body. We had to find the source of the virus by tracing it back to patient zero. We then had to determine methods of testing for, slowing down or curing the virus."



Does the crisis procedure of the United States match with what you learned? If not, how is it different?  
**Sophia** - "Yes and no. The

United States is closing down restaurants, stores and anything that is not essential, at camp we kept more things open. The United States is recommending to practice social distancing, at Duke Tip we did not recommend social distancing, however each pandemic is different so you learn to adjust. Camp and the current situation do compare in ways like establishing guidelines such as recommending to wash your hands and not having close contact with others. Both situations have helped me to understand that communication is key to maintaining control and providing the answers that many need to make it each and every day."



# LEADERSHIP EDUCATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

***“In order to be effective, leadership must be nurtured and matured through instruction and hands-on application.”***

*Written By: Upper School Naval Science Instructor 1stSgt David Worthy, USMC*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP FUNDAMENTALS

Believe it or not, our youth of today are already leading! Whether it's leading a group of friends on an athletic field or siblings at home, leadership is inherent in everyone. However, in order to be effective, leadership must be nurtured and matured through instruction and hands-on application.

One of the major reasons leadership education is so dynamic is because it helps young men and women see and apply their potential. It gives

them the opportunity to work within a secure “test tube” where success or mistakes can be made, explained, and learned from.

## HOW LEADERSHIP IMPACTS DECISION-MAKING

Let's be honest, the average high school student is making adult choices much earlier in life -- from whether to use alcohol or drugs to what college to attend or career to pursue. While some of these decisions will affect them immediately, most will affect them for the rest of their lives.

Through leadership education, students first lead themselves, and then their peers. This is no small task, but the dynamics of leadership education provide a place to try out their ideas and strategies without fear. Their ideas can be “acid-tested” for validity, thus sharpening their awareness and strengthening their development.

## PRACTICING LEADERSHIP IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Student leaders can forge their experimental leadership in a safe environment while honing their skills in such a way that they



*1stSgt David Worthy and all of Naval Science help cadets understand how to wear the NJROTC uniform properly.*

are prepared for the next level of their education and life. They gain the tools and skills that make them effective in college, which often follows them into the military or business world.

Look at some of the world's foremost thinkers and leaders today. They are vibrant, intelligent individuals who know how impactful their leadership can be to the classroom, college dorm, or entire organization. If you track their steps and ask them, you will find that leadership education was the major reason for their success.

## HOW JROTC PROGRAMS BUILD LEADERSHIP

It stands to reason that youth who've had leadership education are more attuned to their personal and professional responsibilities. They make good citizens, and they require extraordinarily little guidance in their day-to-day routines of study and life management.

The Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) program

because, in today's changing climate, it is a premium. Colleges, universities, and organizations look for students with leadership education.

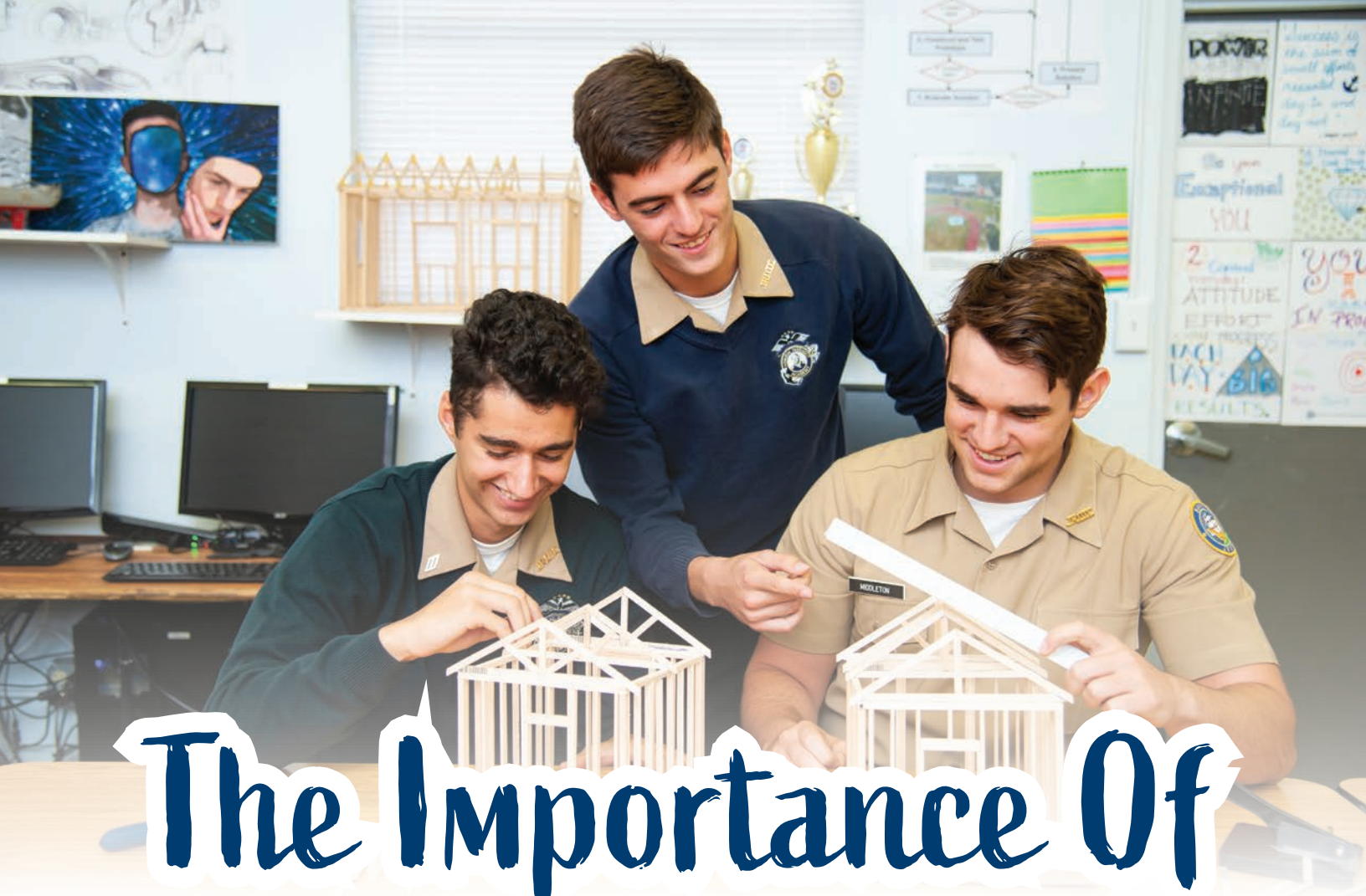
## LEADERSHIP EDUCATION IS LIFE CHANGING

Leadership education serves us all. It provides the decision-making and life skills a young person going into adulthood needs. It serves our schools, colleges, and organizations by presenting strong minds that will make a positive mark on our world. It ensures that we will have quality leaders for generations to come, making our world an even better place.

I am a product of the JROTC program. Without this program, I may very well have been just another student who fell through the cracks. However, because of the JROTC program, I was set on a course that ensured success in every area of my life. The practical skills that I discovered through the JROTC program continue with me today.



*Cadets have morning formation on the West Grinder*



# The Importance Of STEM Education

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are foundational to any formal education. The skills learned in a STEM classroom can be applied to every part of life, be it academic or otherwise.

At Admiral Farragut Academy, where engineering is a signature program, students from PreK through 12th grade have the opportunity to learn valuable skills and find passions in areas that they may not have known existed -- and that may not exist for years.

## Results, Ownership, and the Importance of Failing

Part of the great mess of learning is making mistakes, and that's something that applies even outside a STEM lab.

"You need to learn how to fail, recognize it, and move on," said Carolyn VanArsdale, Farragut's Upper School engineering teacher. "In engineering, that's what we literally do every day by using materials like tools, machines, computer programs, and software to figure out the problem. It's that perseverance

that helps students really learn in STEM."

Another important part of engineering is critiquing your work and learning to accept criticism from others. It's not necessarily about whether your project succeeded or failed; It's about taking feedback, deciding whether you liked it, whether it worked, and why.

"Engineering reaches the students who don't feel they're good at math or language arts, but when they apply it to

something, they realize that they can do it," said Shannon LoRusso, Farragut's Lower School engineering teacher. "If you don't get it right, it's okay; just try it again. It's not like a math problem where there's only one way to solve the problem."

## Engineering in the Classroom

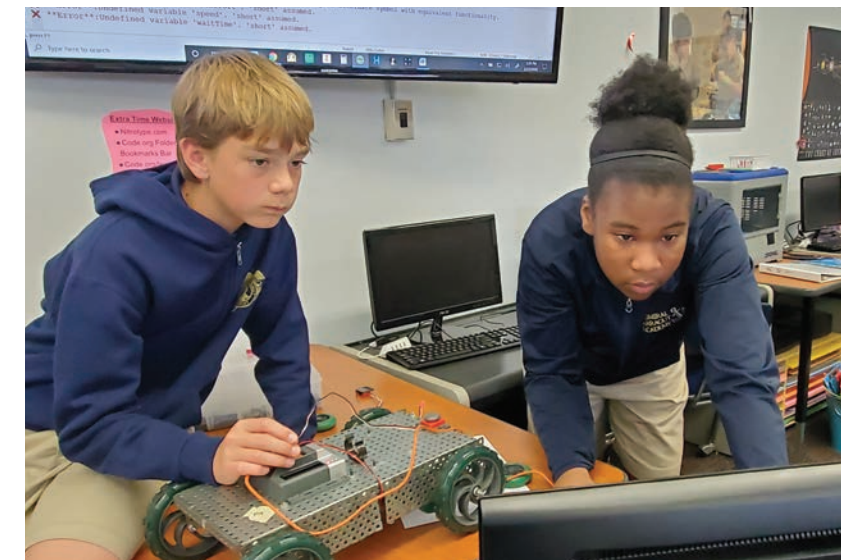
In Lower School, students learn coding as young as kindergarten and advance over time to VEX robotics in 7th grade. They also can participate in the Lego Robotics club.

In Upper School, students can take Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, and Advanced Engineering. Students have built many practical things for the campus, including tables for the engineering room and an outdoor aquaponics system that is used by the biology classes. The Drone Club also offers out-of-class hands-on experience.

"Farragut definitely values STEM," VanArsdale said. "It's a driving force for students coming here. They see a lot of the hands-on opportunities and how we're applying all that in our classrooms."



Upper School engineering teacher Mrs. VanArsdale shows off the student-built grow tables to Lower School's second grade class.



7th graders Cameron Voorheis and Justice Watts work with VEX Robotics.

## Job Opportunities in Engineering

Research shows that a shortage of tech talent is on the horizon -- presenting some very competitive opportunities for students.

As Farragut alumnus and moonwalking astronaut Charlie Duke '53S said: "Keep in mind when I graduated from Farragut people did not know what an astronaut was, it was not

something you prepared for."

Knowing that today's students, like Duke before them, may be part of something still unknown, Farragut is committed to offering an incredible variety of

project-based experiences: in mechanical, civil, energy, architecture, structure, material science, aerospace, marine, and so many more.

"These students are 13-, 14-, and 15-year-olds trying to figure out what they want to do the rest of their lives, and they just don't know," VanArsdale said. "The more variety of experiences we can give them, the more that they can then decide what it is that they really love doing, what they're passionate about, and then transfer that into their careers for life."



# CAREERS IN AVIATION Expo



According to the Boeing Company's industry forecast, more than 800,000 new pilots and 679,000 aircraft technicians will be needed over the next 20 years. With air travel increasing worldwide, career opportunities are also booming in aviation business and finance, airport management, air traffic control, aerospace engineering, aviation data analytics, aviation cybersecurity, and more.

On Saturday, January 11th, Admiral Farragut Academy partnered with Embry-Riddle

Aeronautical University (ERAU) to host a Careers in Aviation Expo for people interested in learning more about what it's like to work in the aviation industry. The program included guest speakers from all over the world who each experienced their own way of finding their passion in the aviation industry. Their careers expanded from NASA astronaut to commercial airline pilot to private charter pilot to air traffic controller to airplane mechanic. We were so pleased that more than 200 people joined us and we had

a combination of current and past Farragut families, students from nearby schools, community members, and ERAU and AFA alumni.

"My son loved the entire Expo," said one attendee. "At age 11, he was engaged and wanted to hear everything that everyone had to share."

Another attendee wrote, "I enjoyed the stories and advice. Really liked the breadth of speakers from maintenance to crew member to captain."

## EVENT SPEAKERS



### Nicole Stott

Event keynote speaker; AFA Parent; ERAU '87; Engineer and NASA Astronaut; Space for Art Foundation Director



### Chris Thomas

AFA '87N; JetBlue Airways Pilot; GEICO Skytyper Airshow Pilot; and Prevailance Aerospace UPRT Instructor Pilot



### April Allen

AFA '00; ERAU '18; JetBlue Airways Pilot; Former Private Charter Pilot



### Marisha Falk

ERAU '08; '10 M.B.; Lear 60XR First Officer at Part 91; VP Private Jet Charter at Paramount Business Jets; Former ERAU Jet Dragster Driver



### Ben Srock

ERAU '14; ERAU '17 M.S.; Textron Aviation Customer Experience Manager; Aircraft Mechanic



### Douglas Pearson Sr.

AFA '66S; Federal Aviation Administration; Air Traffic Controller



### Brigitte Lakah

ERAU '86; UPS Air Cargo Pilot



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SEE QR CODE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 69



# Solo Pilot Endorsements



**Andrew Jeon '21**

7-day boarding junior from South Korea

**Date Passed:** January 8, 2020

**Why Aviation?** Aviation has been a dream of mine since I was six. I just love the feeling of being responsible for the aircraft and for everyone on board. It's really fascinating to me.

**College Goal:** Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

**Career Goal:** U.S. Air Force or commercial airline pilot



**Vladimir Poliak '20**

7-day boarding senior from the Czech Republic

**Date Passed:** February 26, 2020

**Why Aviation?** Flying above school and seeing everything below, and just knowing that I'm up there and that nothing's binding me feels wonderful.

**College Goal:** Lynn University

**Career Goal:** Business

# SCUBA 2019-2020

**42** TOTAL  
CERTIFICATIONS EARNED

- |           |                     |           |              |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>4</b>  | Junior Open Water   | <b>13</b> | Rescue Diver |
| <b>13</b> | Open Water          | <b>3</b>  | Master Diver |
| <b>3</b>  | Advanced Open Water | <b>6</b>  | Divemaster   |

**5** TRIPS

- 4** overnight trips to Devil's Den and Blue Grotto
- 1** trip to Lake Denton

Unfortunately, more scheduled trips were canceled/postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak including a Spring Break trip to Belize and the Epcot The Living Seas dive. The students who missed out on their certifications this year will make them up during the summer/fall.



# 75 things you may not have known about Farragut in St. Petersburg

In honor of celebrating 75 years since Admiral Farragut Academy's campus in St. Petersburg opened, here are 75 interesting things to know about Farragut and the St. Pete area.

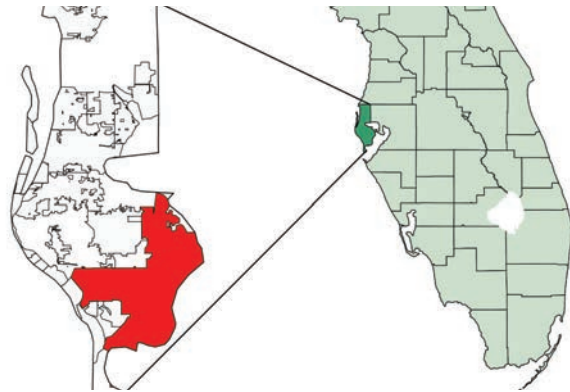
## Location, Location, Location

### #SunShinesHere

**1** With an average of 361 days of sunshine each year and a Guinness World Record for logging the most consecutive days of sunshine (768 days between 1967 and 1969), St. Petersburg (also known as St. Pete) is nicknamed "The Sunshine City." It also gets its share of rainy days as well, especially during the summer, with an average of 51" of rain annually.



**2** St. Petersburg was co-founded by John C. Williams (from Detroit) and by Peter Demens (from Russia). Williams purchased the land in 1875; Demens was instrumental in bringing the terminus of the Orange Belt Railway in 1888.



**3** St. Petersburg's Sister Cities are Takamatsu, Kagawa, Japan (since 1961) and Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo, Mexico (since 2016), and its Twin Cities are Saint Petersburg, Russia, and Figueres, Catalonia, Spain (since 2011).

**4** A peninsular city with a subtropical climate, St. Petersburg is surrounded by 244 miles of shoreline along Tampa Bay, Boca Ciega Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, and intracoastal waterways.

**5** In 1940, just five years before Farragut opened its campus in St. Petersburg, the city's population was 60,812. Today, that has swelled to nearly 265,000. The entire Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metropolitan area is at about 3.1 million.

**6** Out of 520 students at Farragut during the 2019-20 academic year, 379 are from the Tampa Bay Area -- with 208 of those from St. Petersburg.



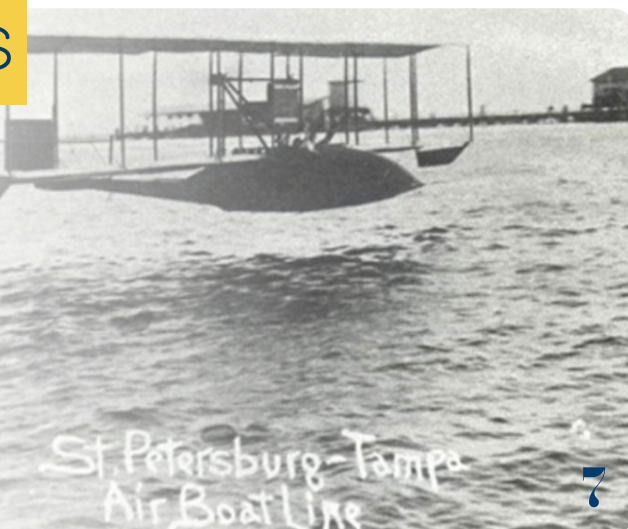
**4** Aerial view of downtown St. Petersburg, FL

## First Facts

**7** The world's first scheduled airline flight took off from St. Petersburg on January 1, 1914, and flew the mayor to Tampa.

**8** In 2008, St. Petersburg was recognized by the Florida Green Building Coalition as the first "Green City" in Florida.

**9** The campus pool at Admiral Farragut Academy was the first in-ground pool in Pinellas County. Today it is a training facility for our scuba students and a fun activity for our boarders and summer campers.



**10** The International Shuffleboard Association was founded in St. Petersburg in 1979 and is still a fun activity enjoyed by locals.

## What's Nearby

**11** Farragut is a 45-90 minute drive to many popular vacation destinations.  
45-minute drive: Busch Gardens, Adventure Island, the Tampa Zoo, and the Florida Aquarium.  
90-minute drive: Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, and SeaWorld.

**12** Boarding students and their families have their choice of two nearby airports:

- Tampa International Airport (TPA) *recommended*
- St. Petersburg Clearwater Airport (PIE)



**14** Jungle Prada Park



**11** Walt Disney World

**13** St. Petersburg's main shopping center is Tyrone Square Mall, which opened in 1972 and is a five-minute drive from campus. It has always been a popular hangout for Farragut's boarding students on weekends.

**14** Farragut is just up the road from the 900-year-old Anderson/Narvaez Mound at Jungle Prada Park, one of the most important historic landmarks in Tampa Bay. The Tocobaga Indians lived in the area from the 900s to 1500s, when Spanish conquistadors -- part of the ill-fated Narvaez expedition -- landed.

## Beaches & Boating

**15** Just 2.5 miles from Farragut are the beaches of Treasure Island, where students may spend their weekend free time.

**16** Caladesi Island, just a 45-minute drive from Farragut, was voted one of the top 10 beaches in the U.S. in 2019. Other local beaches, St. Pete Beach and Clearwater Beach, have also held the honor.



**16** Caladesi Island

**17** A boater's paradise, the St. Petersburg Marina is the largest city marina in the Southeast, with 610 boat slips. There are also nine boat ramp locations, open year-round.

## Parks & Recreation

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Farragut's campus is less than a mile from the Pinellas Trail, a 37-mile hiking/biking trail, that spans all of Pinellas County and is the longest urban linear trail in the Eastern U.S.

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St. Petersburg has the third-largest dedicated public waterfront park system in North America, stretching 7 miles (11 km). It's used year-round for public events, festivals, and other activities.

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There are 2,300 acres of public land dedicated to parks (137 of all sizes) and recreation.

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Fort De Soto Park, which includes a military fort built during the Spanish-American War, is one of the nation's top-ranked beaches.

19 Flora Wylie Park



## Art & Culture

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Since the new millennium, St. Petersburg has emerged as a top destination for the arts – there are 15 museums and galleries in the downtown area, some world-famous, like the Dali Museum and the Dale Chihuly world-renowned glass collection, and others such as the brand new James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art and the soon-to-be-open Museum of American Arts & Crafts Movement.

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There are more than 80 murals painted by local artists throughout downtown St. Petersburg and you can take a walking or biking tour to see them.



23 A selection of murals in and around downtown St. Petersburg

## Events & Sports

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More than 900 events -- ranging from yacht races and triathlons to festivals and exhibits (not to mention pro sports) -- bring over 10 million people each year to St. Petersburg.

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St. Petersburg is home to the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team and the Tampa Bay Rowdies soccer team. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers football team and Tampa Bay Lightning hockey team call nearby Tampa home, and several MLB teams have Spring Training in the area.

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The Grand Prix of St. Petersburg started in April 2005. The circuit itself is made of downtown streets passing the Tampa Bay Rowdies' stadium, the marina, and a runway in Albert Whitted Airport. Streets are temporarily blocked off for the annual Indy Racing League's IndyCar Series race.

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The Bay Area Pelicans Rugby Football Club, based in St. Petersburg since 1977, plays in USA Rugby's Division II. Throughout its history, the Pelicans have been named Florida Cup Champions and competed in national championship tournaments.

25 Al Lang Stadium, home of the Rowdies



## Admiral Farragut Academy

### School History

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Admiral Farragut Academy started in Pine Beach, NJ, and a second campus was purchased in 1945 in St. Petersburg, FL (and is the only campus open today).

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Farragut was originally an all-boy military boarding school and became a co-ed institution in 1990. Today the student body is an average of 40% female and 60% male, 75% day and 25% boarding, and the Upper School students in 8th-12th grade still participate in the NJROTC program.

28 Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach, NJ



**30** The elementary division was established in the fall of 1999 and consisted of 26 children in Kindergarten and a 1st/2nd grade combination class. Today, the Lower School serves around 170 students in grades PreK-7.

## Notable Alumni

*This list represents only some of our many alumni who have excelled in different industries.*

### 32 Science & Space

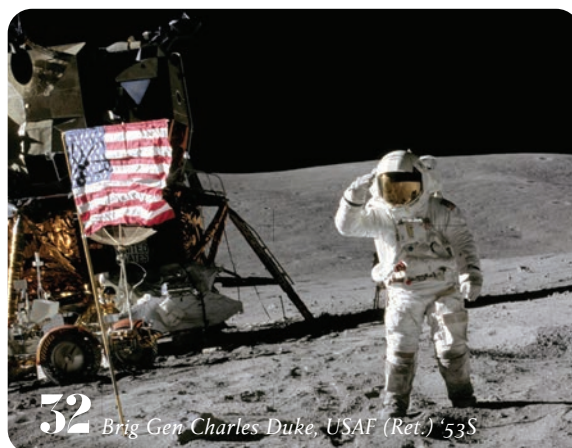
Farragut is proud to boast two alumni who became moonwalking astronauts.

- RADM Alan Shepard Jr. USN (Ret.) '41N was the first American in space in 1961 and a member of the Apollo 14 mission in 1971.
- Brig Gen Charles Duke, USAF (Ret.) '53S was a member of the Apollo 16 mission in 1972.

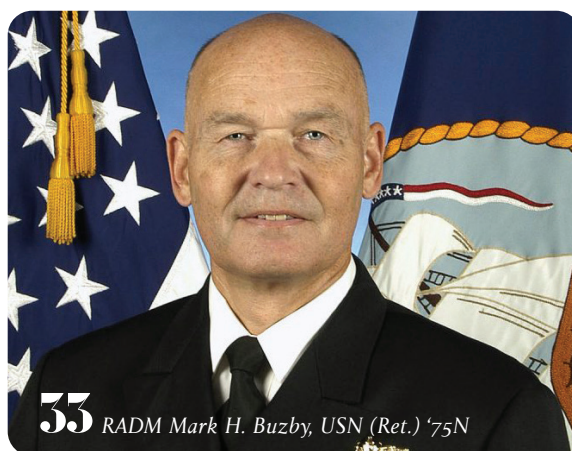
### 33 Military & Politics

- William N. Small '44N is a retired United States Navy Admiral and former Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
- Lieutenant General Sidney "Tom" Weinstein '52N was the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence during the 1980s. He is recognized as the principal architect of the modern military intelligence corps, and was the crucial player in its expansion and professionalization.
- Richard W. Fisher '67N was the President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and retired in 2005.
- RADM Mark H. Buzby, USN (Ret.) '75N is the former United States Navy Rear Admiral and is currently serving as Administrator of the United States Maritime Administration.

**31** The 2019-20 school year started with 514 in total enrollment of which 149 were boarding students representing 24 U.S. states and 32 countries.



**32** Brig Gen Charles Duke, USAF (Ret.) '53S



**33** RADM Mark H. Buzby, USN (Ret.) '75N

- J. Fred Miller IV '81S is a Foreign Service Officer with the US Department of State, and he began his service in 2002 under the Secretary of State Colin Powell.
- John Hodges '85N started his career on Capitol Hill in 1992 and is currently the Director of Office Supply Services under the Chief Administrative Officer of the House. He has served the US House of Representatives for a total of 27 years.
- Maj. Megan M. McClung '91N was the first female United States Marine Corps officer killed in combat during the Iraq War.

### 34 Entertainment

- Harry Humphries '59N is a retired United States Navy SEAL who currently works as a consultant and actor on Hollywood films. His many notable works include *GI Jane*, *Armageddon*, and *Black Hawk Down*.
- Stephen Stills '63S (non-grad) is a singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist best known for his work with Buffalo Springfield and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young.
- Lorenzo Lamas '75N is an actor whose notable works include the role of Tom in *Grease* and the role of Lance in *Falcon Crest*, for which he received a Golden Globe Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor – Series, Miniseries or Television Film.
- Andy Luckey '84S (non-grad) is a writer, director and producer of primarily animated works and most notably produced on the 1980s-'90s animated TV series *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*.
- Joseph Zolfo '86N is a film and television producer of the most notable shows *God Friended Me* and *NCIS New Orleans*.
- Kurt Knutsson '86S is a journalist and actor and is currently a technology contributor on *Fox and Friends* known as the "CyberGuy."
- Casper Van Dien '88S is an actor on the most notable movies *Starship Troopers* and as Tarzan in *Tarzan and the Lost City*.
- Sean Rankine '91N is an executive producer with the Bravo Network. His recent works include *Camp Getaway* and *Married to Medicine Los Angeles*.
- Chef Spike Mendelsohn '00 (non-grad) is a Washington, D.C.-based chef and restaurateur best known as the fifth-place finisher of the fourth season of *Top Chef* which aired 2008-2009.



**34** Casper Van Dien '88S



**35** Rayshawn Jenkins '12

### 35 Sports

- Tom Thompson '68S is the oldest kicker in NCAA football history.
- Marreese Speights '05 has played basketball with the Philadelphia 76ers, the Memphis Grizzlies, the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Golden State Warriors, the Los Angeles Clippers, and the Orlando Magic, and most recently the Guangzhou Long-Lions in China.
- Rayshawn Jenkins '12 is a safety for the Los Angeles Chargers
- Brad Muhammed '13 a defensive back for the Cedar Rapids River Kings indoor football team.
- Delroy Baker '14 played with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League.
- Napoleon Maxwell '14 recently signed to play with the Chicago Bears.

## Fun to Know

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Farragut owns 3 acres of waterfront property on Boca Ciega Bay and is the only private school in Pinellas County that can boast a waterfront campus.

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Boca Ciega Bay is an aquatic preserve with mangrove islands, sandy beaches, and submerged habitats such as oyster bars, seagrass beds, coral habitats, and spring-fed caves.

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Farragut's softball team is one of only four bay-area teams to have ever won two consecutive state softball championships, one in 2018 and 2019.



39 Actor Morgan Freeman in front of Farragut's Lower School

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Farragut's campus was selected as the location for the veteran's hospital scenes in the 2010 Warner Brothers film *Dolphin Tale*. Not only did on-campus scenes include actors Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd, but some employees and students were even hired as extras. (Winter, the dolphin featured in the film, lives at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, just a 30-minute drive from Farragut.)

## Facts and Figures

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Admiral Farragut Academy is accredited by:

- Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS): Assures that each school maintains high standards and independence of character without political, financial, or bureaucratic pressures.
- Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS): Provides leadership, accreditation services, and professional development resources.
- AdvancEd (SACS): One of the six regional accreditation organizations recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. This agency accredits over 13,000 public and private educational institutions.



42 Engineering teacher Carolyn VanArsdale and her family, including Farragut students Leah '26 and Lillian '24

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Farragut's operating budget was about \$16 million for 2019-20.

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Farragut employs about 110 people, many of whom themselves send their children to the school.

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It's estimated that Farragut boarding students annually pump over \$500,000 into the local economy.



45 Students in front of DeSeta Hall

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Farragut alumnus Martin Ludwig '54N, CEO of Hello Energy, spearheaded an energy efficient LED lighting system throughout campus in March 2018 and so far has seen a savings of \$52,000.

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In 2019, Farragut opened a new multipurpose arts building, DeSeta Hall, which also is available to the local community to rent for weddings and other events. One resulting partnership is with American Stage, which made DeSeta Hall the new home of its theater summer camp.

## Signature Programs & Curriculum

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Farragut's Aviation Academy allows students to learn aeronautical science and gain a Private Pilot's License through ground flight simulators and air instruction. Students fly out of Albert Whitted Airport in Downtown St. Petersburg.

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In 2019, thanks to a \$5,000 grant from American Airlines, students as young as 9 got to experience the Farragut Aviation Program and fly in the airplanes.

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Farragut's Engineering students designed and built "Grow Tables," which are tables that hold plants in a hydroponic system that works in tandem with a water pump. The Biology classes maintain the system.

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Every graduate is required to earn their QBH (Qualified Boat Handler) designation before graduation.



46 Aviation students learning on the flight simulator under the tutelage of Aviation teacher Rob Ewing

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Lower School students learn to cast and seine net and Upper School students learn to sail school vessels of all sizes at the waterfront. Students can also fish, kayak, paddle board, and sail after school or on the weekends.

## In the Community

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Every summer, Farragut hosts a variety of day and boarding summer camps that are open to the public. Learn more at [www.farragut.org/summer](http://www.farragut.org/summer).

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Farragut is a proud member of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Treasure Island and Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce, as well as the RGA Network.

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Farragut has a commitment to support and hire local businesses as much as possible. This has included our website providers, student information system, bank, printer, and more.

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Farragut's local families include many local business owners. You can see many of these families on our Farragut Business Directory on page 67.

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Farragut students need 80 community service hours to graduate. Over the last decade alone, our students have contributed more than 55,000 hours in the community.

- Over the years, Farragut has graduated many Eagle Scouts, whose scout projects have included everything from informational billboards at our waterfront to trash can containers at local parks.
- The Interact Club, an Upper School service club sponsored by the Gulf Beaches Rotary Club, exemplifies the club's motto "Service Above Self" through various volunteer opportunities that include pancake breakfasts, clothing donation drives, and bake sales.

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Farragut football players at Nina Harris Center for Exceptional Children

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For nearly a decade, Farragut's color guard, drill team, football, and softball team have visited Nina Harris Center for Exceptional Children to share in a special activities day with their students.

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Tampa Bay Watch has been running the Bay Grasses in Classes program with Farragut since 1993. The program aims to provide students with hands-on experience in habitat restoration while promoting science education and the value of maintaining a healthy environment.

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For the past few years, Farragut has held a schoolwide Earth Day Clean-Up at the Clam Bayou Preserve, a 10-acre park in nearby Gulfport. Volunteers have picked up more than 1,000 pounds of trash.

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Farragut is the first school in Pinellas County to place sunscreen dispensers across campus.

## Awards & Accolades

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Farragut won the *Tampa Bay Times*' Best of the Best award in 2019 for best private school for Preschool, Middle School, and High School.

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10 Farragut teachers have won the Barrett Family Foundation Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teacher Award since the award's inception in 2013.

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Science Teacher and Department Chair Sari Deitche, at Farragut since 2002, has earned the Florida Association for Water Quality Control (FAWQC) E2 Fund grant for 11 years in a row.

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Farragut's boat ready for the Lighted Boat Parade

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In 2019, Farragut participated in the annual Veteran's Boat Parade in Madeira Beach, winning 3rd place in the size category, and the annual Treasure Island Lighted Boat Parade, taking 4th place in the small-boat category.

## History of AFA's Location & Buildings

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The site that Admiral Farragut Academy sits on today was originally the Jungle Country Club (also sometimes called the Jungle Hotel or the Jungle Club Hotel) and was built in 1926 as a resort hotel and golf course. Farragut Hall, the current home of cadet dorms and school offices, was the main hotel building.

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Celebrities and notables of the era played on the course, including Babe Ruth (who celebrated several of his birthdays at the hotel, including his 40th), Jimmy Walker, Jack Dempsey, mayor Al Lang, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, H. Walter Fuller, and Walter P. Fuller.



Scan this QR code to see video footage of Babe Ruth playing golf at the Jungle Country Club in 1930! Visit page 69 for instructions.

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The Jungle Country Club Hotel

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During World War II, it also hosted Air Corps trainees, and in 1943, a tent city of 10,000 U.S. troops and trainees camped on the golf course.

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In 1944, a \$300,000 agreement was signed ensuring the transfer of the Jungle Country Club Hotel and golf course to Admiral Farragut Academy, which until then only had one site, in Pine Beach, NJ. In the mid-1950s a residential neighborhood was built on the property.

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Golf Creek is the only section of the Jungle Country Club golf course that has not been covered by roads and houses.

Today, the creek follows the same path through the neighborhood as in 1916, when it was a water hazard on several holes of the golf course -- including through the campus of Admiral Farragut Academy, and into Farragut's waterfront. The creek is frequented by ibises, heron, egrets, storks, peacocks, and roseate spoonbills, and is home to ducks, turtles, frogs, and fish.

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Two nearby roads were named after Admiral Farragut Academy.

- Farragut Drive was named for the academy and its namesake, the courageous first admiral in the U.S Navy, Admiral David G. Farragut.
- Russell Drive was named for the two brothers, Captain David H. Russell and Captain W. Kabel Russell, who worked on behalf of Admiral Farragut Academy to implement the transfer of Academy land to the developer Azalea Homes. The Russell family has a long tradition with Farragut - one of the Russell brothers had a grandson who graduated from the school and two of that graduate's grandchildren are current students. A classroom building on campus is named the Russell Building.



67 Cadets in front of the entrance to Admiral Farragut Academy, 1945



Former science teacher "Coach Nick" (Mike Nicholson), who retired in 2017, often searched the creek for plant and animal life. Sometimes he found broken pottery and dishes from the Jungle Country Club, which are on display in the Lower School science classroom.



69 Street signs for Farragut Drive and Russell Drive

## Farragut Hall Today

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Farragut Hall houses our dormitories, mess hall, administrative offices, and a few classrooms. The west side of the building enjoys waterfront views and overlooks Boca Ciega Bay.

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On Nov. 5, 1992, the St. Petersburg City Council, passed a resolution designating Farragut Hall as a local historic landmark.

Farragut's maintenance crew has refurbished many pieces of the building to its historic look over the years, including a new front door built to match the original.

70 Students casting nets at Farragut's waterfront

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Farragut Hall was featured in the *Architectural Digest* June 15th, 2017, article, "This Sleepy Florida Beach Town Is Home to the Most Amazing Architectural Hideaways," alongside such local gems as the Don Cesar Hotel, the Dalí Museum, and the historic open-air post office in downtown St. Petersburg.

73

The hotel had the distinction of housing the first radio station to operate in the city, a station that was known as WSUN and used the slogan "Why Stay Up North." The station is now known as 97X.

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A waterfront mansion across Park Street was once part of the Jungle Country Club. Legend says that during Prohibition there was an underground tunnel connecting the property and former hotel.

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In 2006, astronaut and Farragut alumnus Charlie Duke presented the school with a moon rock, now on display in the Farragut Hall lobby. There are three locations where moon rocks can be found in Florida: at the Kennedy Space Center, at the Museum of Natural History in Tallahassee (in storage, not on display), and at Admiral Farragut Academy.

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# School Highlights & Happenings



1. During national Read Across America Day, 5th-7th graders were paired with younger students to read their favorite books together out on the grass near the Student Center.
2. Boarding students had a great time during a glow party at SkyZone trampoline park.
3. Upper School science teacher, Sari Deitche, who has been teaching at Farragut since 2002, earned the Florida Association for Water Quality Control (FAWQC) E2 Fund grant for the 11th consecutive year.
4. Farragut families enjoyed a fun day of bowling during the AFA Bowl-A-Thon held last November.
5. The Farragut Family Association organized and hosted an educational speaker to discuss "Vaping and Our Youth" in DeSeta Hall.
6. For the second year in a row, Farragut parent and Outback Bowl Board Member Christopher Giblin, who is parent to rising 7th grader Christopher, presented a \$5,000 check to the Farragut Fund to be used in support of teachers and students.
7. Jaeden Geffon '22 and Brandon Ortiz '21 traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the L'Taken Social Justice Seminars, a four-day Jewish public-policy conference hosted by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. While there, they visited Capitol Hill to advocate on issues important to our society today.
8. Lower School teacher and avid swimmer Maren Lynch swam 3.1 miles across Tampa Bay for the Tampa Bay Frogman swim "Never Leave a Man Behind" charity event benefiting the Navy Seal Foundation.
9. The Upper School Orienteering Team competed by using a map and compass as they navigated through different terrain. The team won third place overall at the annual Suncoast Orienteering Competition at Oscar Scherer State Park.
10. Our 6th and 7th grade students had fun during their Lower School Winter Formal Dance in the spacious DeSeta Hall.
11. Farragut Wrestling hosted the second annual Adrian College Women's Wrestling Winter Camp over the winter break.
12. The Upper School Winter Arts Showcase held in DeSeta Hall included drama and music performances as well as an art and photography display.
13. This year Farragut had three Upper School winners of the Barrett Family Foundation Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teacher Award: Rebecca Blake (science teacher), Sari Deitche (science teacher, science Upper School department head, and the second-time winner from 2014-15), and Carolyn VanArsdale (engineering teacher).
14. Fifth-graders executed business skills at Enterprise Village, a self-contained economic education program that provides a hands-on learning experience for Pinellas County students.
15. The 2019 Scholastic Book Fair, themed the "Arctic Blast," sold over 600 books -- which equals more than 100,000 minutes of reading.
16. As part of a self-directed Boy Scout Community Service Project, the Razavi brothers (7th-grader Erfan '25 and 6th-grader Arman '26) collected and mailed over 30 thank you notes written by Farragut classmates to marines in boot camp.

## Students win awards in writing and speech contests



Fifth-grader Benjamin Deskovich '27 was one of the six regional

winners for the Florida Missing Children's Day Foundation essay contest.



Sixth-grader Alexander Grimaldi '26 won first place in the Rotary

Speech Contest.



Maurice Leon '21 placed first in the Largo Public Library's 36th Annual

Stanley Shalit Short Story Competition.



Jenna Willard '20 won the Gold Key regional award from the

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for her poetry pieces called "Her Talk" and "Guardian."



# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS 2019-2020



## GOLF

Kyle Smith '20 and Roxene Riles '22 (pictured) both qualified for the FHSAA Region 3 Tournament.



## BASKETBALL

Both the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams joined the Sunshine State Athletic Conference this year. Through hard work and dedication, the Boys became the SSAC 3A Champions and the Girls won Runner-Up. Both teams also earned individual accolades. Darius Webb '20 earned 1st Team All SSAC, Jalen Parker '20 received 2nd Team, and Lady BlueJacket, 7th grader Sumayah Lewis-McIntosh '26 earned 1st Team All SSAC. Two Boys Basketball players also committed to playing in college.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Philip Henderson '20 qualified for the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) State Championships three years in a row. He finished this year 13th out of 232 runners in Tallahassee. Philip will also be continuing his Cross Country/Track career at Lynn University.



## FOOTBALL

This group of graduating senior-athletes went to the playoffs every year during their Upper School experience, an astounding five years in a row. They finished this season with an 8-4 record and the 2A Region 3 Runner-Up. Courtney Eubanks '20 and Jacob Laravie '20 were selected to play in the Florida Athletic Coaches Association All-Star Game. Five players also signed to continue their careers in college.



## DIVING

Jillian Aprile '23 competed at the FHSAA State Championship in Diving for her second straight year. Jillian finished 18th at States, 2nd in the Region, and was the overall District Champion.



## SOCCER

The Boys Soccer team returned to the FHSAA District Play this year. Through hard work and determination, they became the 2A District 10 Runner-Up. The Boys were also members of the Sunshine State Athletic Conference and Hugo Alnebeck '22, Jared Ariza '20, and Gabriel Bodevan '20 were selected to the All-Conference Team. Also, Salifyaji Mugala '20 signed to continue his soccer career.



## WRESTLING

The Women's Wrestling Team competed in the Florida Girls State Wrestling Tournament. As the team has done all season, our ladies, including 6th grader Riley Lancaster '27, Madison Moore '21, Jenna Willard '20, and Grace Vernine '24, continued to exceed expectations with a record three of the four girls qualifying for the second day of competition. Madison, Jenna, and Grace were just within grasp of earning a state medal, which is only the top six of each weight class. As a team, our Farragut BlueJackets placed 40th out of 117 schools represented.



The Men's Wrestling Team collectively captured the FHSAA District Duals Runner-Up trophy as well as the FHSAA District 10 Runner-Up trophy. Roman Lerner '24, Jakob Francis '23, and Payton Cramer '25 were District 10 Individual Champions. Roman earned 2nd at Regions and Payton finished as the Region Champ. Both Roman and Payton competed at States, Payton medaled with a 6th place finish at 182 lbs. Very impressive for 7th and 8th graders.



## 15 senior athletes sign to play on the collegiate level

Admiral Farragut Academy had 15 seniors from the Class of 2020 sign to play at the next level. They had an average GPA of 3.31 and brought in more than \$1 million of scholarship money collectively. #FarragutProud

### Basketball

- Jalen Parker, Missouri Southern State University
- Darius Webb, Stevenson University

### Football

- Tanner Coad, Florida Atlantic University
- Jacob Laravie, Long Island University
- Courtney Eubanks, North Dakota State University
- Glynn Richardson, West Virginia Wesleyan College
- Uriah Jenkins, West Virginia Wesleyan College

### Soccer

- Salifyaji Mugala, Eastern Florida State College

### Softball

- Haley Saylor, Webber International University
- Alyssa Rano, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Melissa Diaz, Indian River State College
- Brielle Benefield, Eckerd College
- Alexis Hernandez, St Francis University

### Track & Cross Country (Men)

- Phillip Henderson, Lynn University

### Track (Women)

- Jolie Caya, California Lutheran University



  
**50%**  
of Farragut families  
rely on some type of  
financial aid

  
**\$3.5  
million**  
financial aid dollars  
provided annually

  
**\$10,000**  
average grant for day students

  
**\$20,000**  
average grant for boarding students

***Your loyal support is needed now more than ever.***

Over the years, financial aid has played a huge role in the Farragut experience. Please consider a gift to help Admiral Farragut Academy families in response to an unprecedented need due to COVID-19. Many students need additional financial aid in order to return or attend Farragut in August.

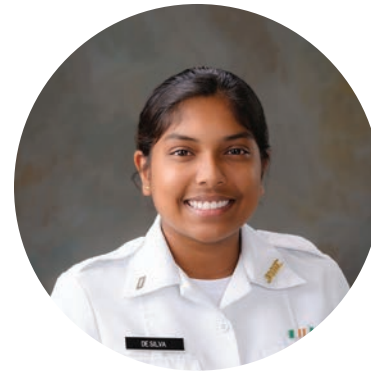


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*Congrats, class of*  
**2020**

### *Valedictorian*



**Cadet**  
**Bianca DeSilva**

COLLEGE: Duke University

MAJOR: Biology

AWARDS: Honor Cadet, Bright Futures Scholarship qualifications met, Science award, CAPT William R. Masciangelo Award, AP Capstone Candidate

PARTING THOUGHTS:  
"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet.

Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." The Class of 2020 is the embodiment of this quote. We were born into the era right after 9/11, went through a recession when we were only children, and we are leaving high school during an unprecedented time in recent history. These past struggles have emboldened us, and this current one will only make us even stronger. The Class of 2020 is a force to be reckoned with.

### *Salutatorian, 1st Semester Regimental Commander*



**Cadet CDR**  
**Fernando Robalino**

COLLEGE: United States Air Force Academy

MAJOR: Computer Science

AWARDS: Women Artillery, Bright Futures Scholarship qualifications met, Raven O. Dodge Award, Robert S. Crane (RC), AP Capstone Candidate

PARTING THOUGHTS:  
I'd like to pair a line from Hagakure with the words of a Math and Spanish major: "Having only wisdom and talent is the lowest tier of usefulness." "Sometimes intention doesn't matter in the shadow of consequence." While these quotes may appear negative, they argue the importance of living one's life to the fullest, but that you must also be aware of the consequences of your actions.

### *2nd Semester Regimental Commander*



**Cadet CDR**  
**Shyann Laporte**

COLLEGE: The University of Florida

MAJOR: Undecided

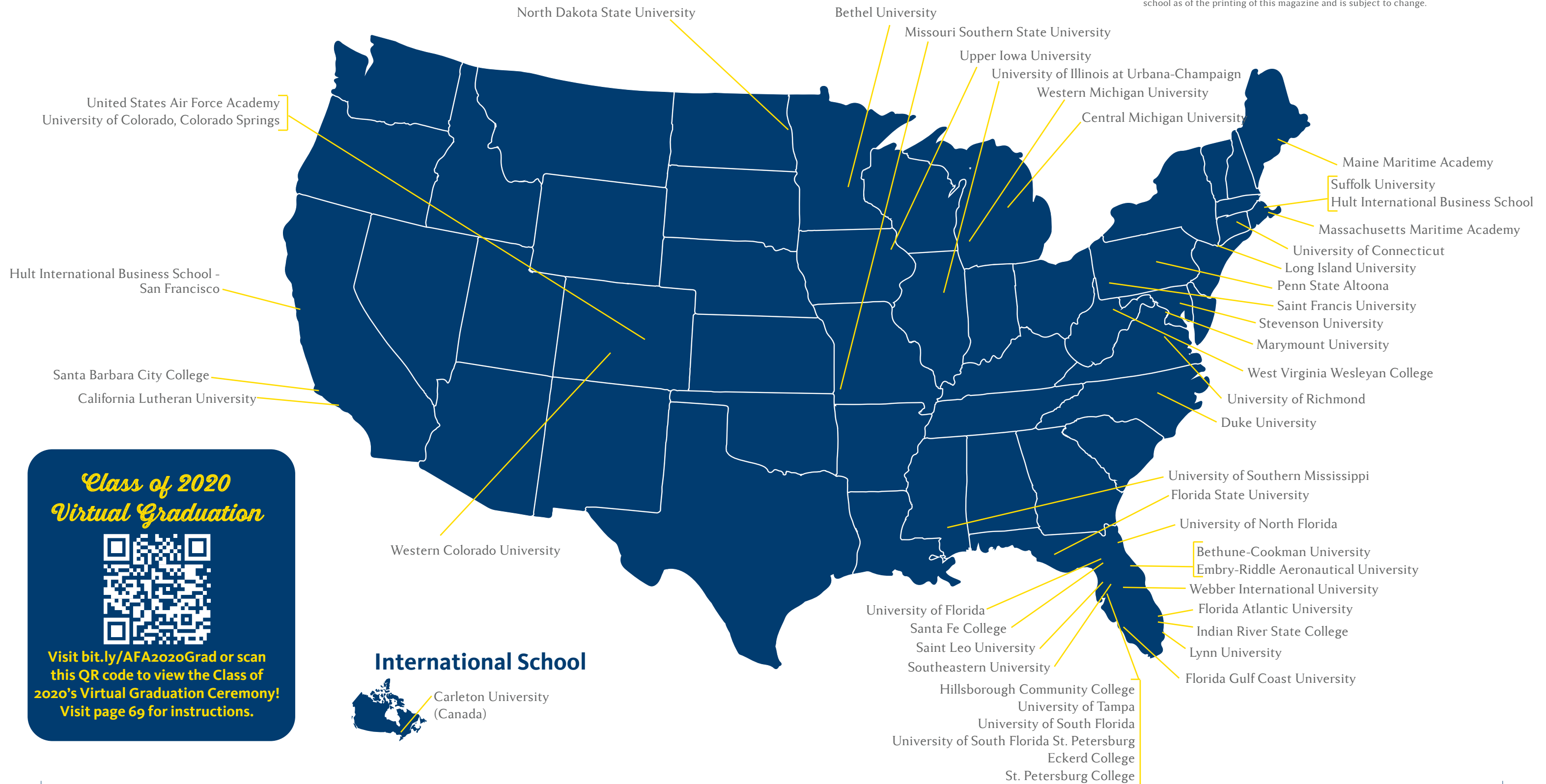
AWARDS: Amvets-WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Bright Futures Scholarship qualifications met, Robert S. Crane (RC), AP Capstone Candidate

PARTING THOUGHTS:  
Not only does our class include impressive athletic and academic achievement, but it includes many charismatic, creative, and inspiring young men and women. But good things don't always have to come to an end. May we use our experiences, diversity, and lessons we are learning from our superiors in this present moment to our advantage in order to form a better tomorrow.

# Where We're Going

Members of the Class of 2020 will continue their academic journeys at 40 different colleges and universities across the U.S. and the world.

This map represents the students who have confirmed their chosen school as of the printing of this magazine and is subject to change.



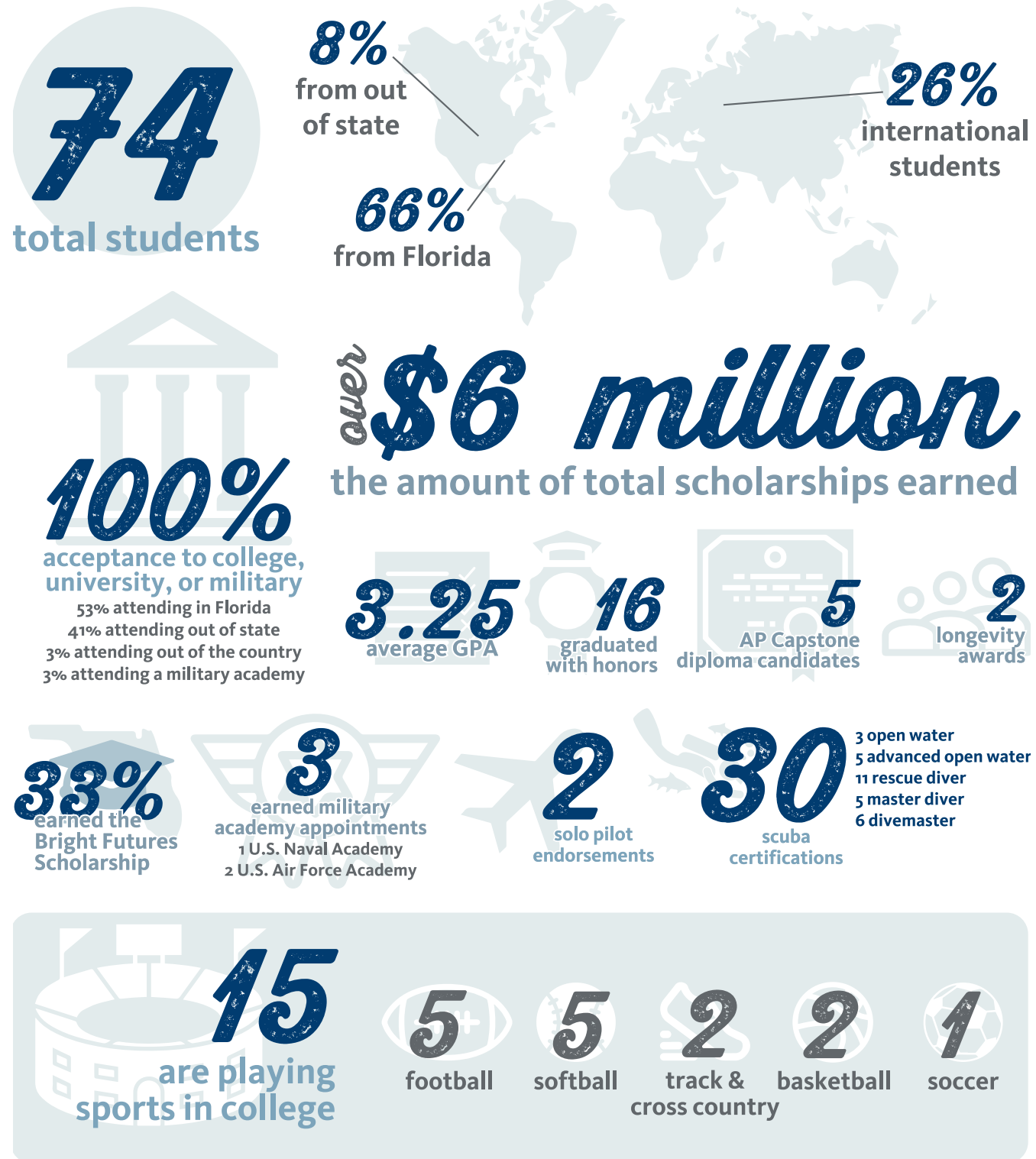
*Class of 2020  
Virtual Graduation*



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# Class of 2020

## By the Numbers



## Commencement Speaker

**John F. Lehman**  
Former Secretary of the Navy

John Lehman is Chairman of J.F. Lehman & Company, a private equity investment firm. He is a director of Verisk, Inc and EnerSys Corporation. Dr. Lehman was formerly an investment banker with PaineWebber Inc.

Prior to joining PaineWebber, he served for six years as Secretary of the Navy. He was President of Abington Corporation between 1977 and 1981.

He served 25 years in the naval reserve. He has served as a staff member to Dr. Henry Kissinger on the National Security Council, as a delegate to the Force Reductions Negotiations in Vienna, and as Deputy Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Dr. Lehman was a member of the 9/11 Commission and a member of the National Defense Commission. Dr. Lehman holds a B.S. from St. Joseph's University, a B.A. and M.A. from Cambridge University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

He is currently an Honorary Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University. Dr. Lehman has written numerous books, including *Oceans Ventured*, *On Seas of Glory*, *Command of the Seas*, and *Making War*.

He serves as Chairman of the Princess Grace Foundation USA and is a member of the Board



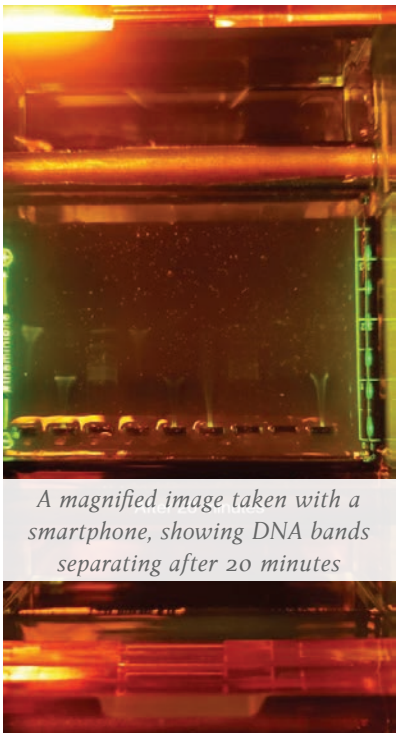
of Overseers of the School of Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania.

In his address to the class of 2020, Dr. Lehman said the following:

"You have a student body of great diversity of excellence. You are not classmates of human Chevrolets, you are classmates of human Lamborghinis and Ferraris, each strong individuals. I'm not just talking about the cool kids and the great stars of the class. Every one of you has gotten to this place because you have very special talents and individualism, and you shouldn't forget that.

I'm not really addressing the top half of the class when I say I know you will be leaders in each of your occupations. The bottom half of the class, I would be willing to bet, has used these years to learn many lessons and will be equally distinguished in the success of their own chosen careers. The late senator John McCain finished 5th from the bottom of his class at the Naval Academy, ( . . . ) and he went on to change the world. I'm sure that many of you in both halves of the class will go on to achieve the same distinction as well."





A magnified image taken with a smartphone, showing DNA bands separating after 20 minutes

# Alumnus donation allows AP Bio students to witness DNA sequencing

During Alumni Homecoming 2019, Farragut alumnus Daryl Greenberg '66S spent some time in Science Department Chair Sari Deitche's biology classroom. Greenberg



Daryl Greenberg '66S

was fascinated by the enthusiasm the students shared for biology and how much they were learning about genetics. Deitche expressed the need for a MiniOne Gel Electrophoresis System to enhance the learning experience in the classroom and Greenberg offered to fund it.

This generous donation was

incorporated during the 2019-2020 school year when Farragut AP Biology students started studying DNA and genetics in class. The MiniOne System delivers the complete hands-on electrophoresis experience with real-time visualization of results within a 45-minute class session. The system combines agarose gel electrophoresis and DNA band visualization into one compact package that is efficient and safe to use. Students can make and load gels, view DNA bands separating, and take pictures from their mobile devices for their lab reports.

"This was the very first time for students to learn how to use a micropipette," said Deitche. "Micropipetting 20 microliters is a small amount and allows for

very little human error. After all the nerves settled, though, the students were extremely proud of themselves for loading the gel correctly."

This lab also provided the students with an excellent visual of how the DNA molecules separate from the quickest (smallest DNA molecules) to the slowest (larger DNA molecules) during one class period.

Thank you to Greenberg who made an impact in the AP Bio classroom this year. This system will be used during many more classes and will continue to enhance the learning experience.



# Alum's work builds up the St. Pete skyline

Just over the causeway were warm waters and white beaches. Around the corner was a neighborhood pizza joint.

A straight shot east on Central Avenue was . . . nothing of interest to teenage boys.

"There was never any real reason to venture east into the downtown," said Granvil Tracy, who attended Admiral Farragut Academy as a seven-day boarder from 1969 until graduating in 1973. "There was not much there."

So he and other cadets spent their free time along the Gulf of Mexico, from Treasure Island down to Pass-a-Grille Beach. For good pizza, the place was Mr. Pizza (a magnet for teens from many west St. Petersburg high schools).

When he left Farragut, Tracy was happy to return to his native Miami. He built a career in construction, earned an MBA, and became president of American Land Ventures. His company developed luxury apartments and condominiums up and down Florida's Atlantic coast. St. Petersburg was of little interest.

"When I was going to school there, St. Pete wasn't anything like it is today," he said. "I was militant about it, that I'm not going back."

Then about six years ago a friend convinced him to take a look. He did, and was stunned.

Today, American Land Ventures is part of the downtown St. Petersburg skyline. The 18-story, 358-unit AER Apartments (today



called Camden Pier District) opened in 2016. A new 23-story, 219-unit apartment tower is underway nearby.

He's proud of the multiplier effect such projects have as they bring jobs, new residents, and more investment. The structures are modern, sleek, and full of amenities. They're within walking distance of the waterfront, mere footsteps from cultural sites and nightlife.

"My opinion of downtown St. Pete is that it's the nicest in Florida if not the southeast," Tracy said.

The modernity of the American Land Ventures projects is far different from the Mediterranean Revival style of Farragut Hall, the building that housed his then-air-conditionless dorm. As a developer, Tracy appreciates the school's unique architectural stamp on St. Petersburg.

"There was a lot of throwaway architecture during the years," he said. "Having true historic buildings with character that



Artist's rendering of latest downtown St. Pete tower

have housed the school since the 40s? To me, that's pretty unique. It goes from being a boarding school to an institution, from being an old building to a landmark."

For Tracy, memories of the campus mix with flashes of fellow cadets from all over. He names their countries without thinking twice: Thailand, Venezuela, Brazil, Lebanon, South Africa, England, Ireland, Canada.

"It was interesting, fun to see people from different cultures, especially because it forced you to be in the same boat," Tracy said, adding that the experience subconsciously prepared him for a career interacting with people from all backgrounds and perspectives.

He's pleased that the school, like the city, has continued to evolve: "From when I was there through to today, it's much, much different."





# Napoleon Maxwell '14 signs to play for the Chicago Bears in the NFL

Admiral Farragut Academy's Napoleon Maxwell, a graduate of the Class of 2014, who later attended and played for Florida International University, has now signed to play with the Chicago Bears. Here is an article about the announcement that was featured on the FIUsports.com website.

MIAMI (April 27, 2020) – FIU's Napoleon Maxwell signed with the Chicago Bears on Monday, adding to the list of Panthers continuing their dreams to play in the NFL.

Maxwell had a long and productive career for the Panthers, with the running back earning nearly 700 yards on the ground and nine touchdowns in 2019 as he split time with Anthony Jones. The St. Petersburg, Florida native averaged 5.3 yards per carry last season, which ranked second on the team. Maxwell played in 45 games as a Panther, rushing for over 2,000 yards and 22 touchdowns.

Maxwell joins Isaiah Brown (Buffalo Bills), Anthony Jones (Seattle Seahawks) and Tear Tart (Tennessee Titans) on the

list of FIU's undrafted free agent signees, with the trio signing their contracts late Saturday. James Morgan and Stantley Thomas-Oliver III were selected in the NFL Draft earlier in the day, with Morgan going to the New York Jets with the 125th pick in the fourth round and Thomas-Oliver to the Carolina Panthers with the 225th pick in the seventh round.

FIU had multiple players taken in the NFL Draft for just the third time overall and first since 2013. Overall the Panthers had as many draft picks (2) as Florida State (1), UCF (1) and USF (0) had combined, while Morgan was the only quarterback drafted from a Florida school.



# Alumni Social Events



Nov 29, 2019 - Farragut hosted an Alumni holiday party at the Flute and Dram in St. Petersburg, FL. Over twenty alumni came out and reconnected. L-R: George Camarinos '09, Chance Russell '11, Victoria Raymer, Louis Bobelis '12, Alex Weghorn '05, Max Eaton '12, Nike Broderick '14, and Maddison Gudgel '15



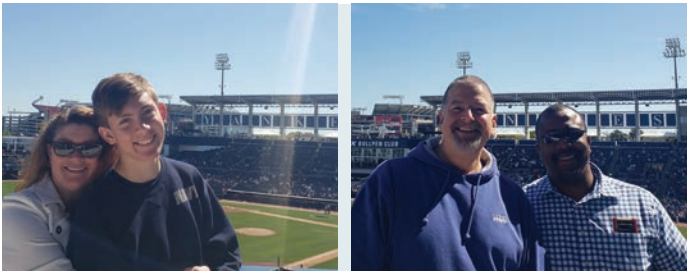
Nov 30, 2019 - The class of 2017 had a mini reunion while celebrating Trevor Bennati's engagement at Ceviche Tapas Bar and Restaurant in St. Petersburg, FL. L-R: Dani Greco, JC Scherer, Sam Taylor, George Dyche, Elizabeth Gaskins, Matthew Hajek, Trevor Bennati, Victoria Padovan, and Hailey Taylor.



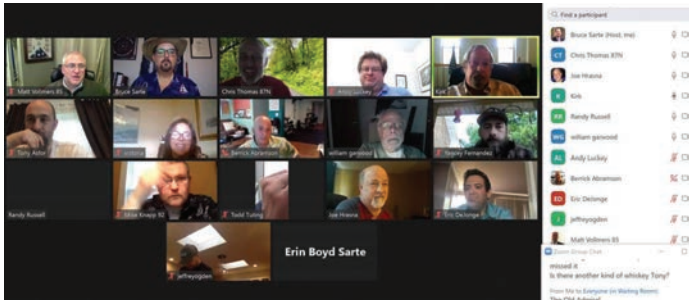
Jan 10, 2020 - Alumni and parents from the aeronautical industry gathered at The Hangar restaurant in downtown St. Petersburg one day before Farragut hosted a Careers in Aviation Expo. L-R: Farragut Parents Marcus Adolfsen and Casey Adolfsen, Victoria Raymer, April Allen '00, Rob Ewing, Bob Fine, Chris Thomas '87N, Scott Thomas '63N, Jeff Ogden '00, Ann Pearson and Doug Pearson '66S, Nicole Stott and Christopher Stott.



Feb 10, 2020 - Alumni from the classes of '66, '67, and '71 had dinner at The Hangar. L-R: George Kinemond '66N, Hap Bowditch '71N, Tony Sloan, Bob Matthies '67N, Jeffrey Grossman '66N.



Feb 29, 2020 - New York Yankees Spring Training Game in Tampa was a great way to kick off the baseball season. Pictured are Kimberly Dempsey and her son, Farragut student Brady Dempsey '22, and Pete Parmenter '83S and Farragut music teacher Marcus Herron.



May 22, 2020 - Bruce Sarte '91N hosted an AFA Zoom Happy Hour. Twenty alumni from the classes of 1949 up to class of 2000 attended!



Don't miss a chance to reconnect with your classmates!  
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# ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY

## Army Navy

### WEEKEND 2019

The Army-Navy Alumni Weekend on Dec 13-14, 2019, was another special time with alumni and friends of Farragut coming together to connect and celebrate our alma mater in a historic setting.

The weekend started with an alumni reception at the Union League Club of Philadelphia. The reception was a success, with more than 80 attendees, including many younger alumni.

At the reception, Farragut Board Chairman Christian Wagner '82N inspired the Farragut family to continue supporting the academy with both time and resources. He also recognized this year's record-breaking enrollment of more than 500 students, and Headmaster Robert J. Fine Jr. for his 30 years of leadership to Farragut.

Trevor Bennati '17, who attended Farragut since pre-school and today is a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, shared his reflections on his 14 years at Farragut. "I had some of the most amazing leadership experiences at Farragut," said Bennati, currently a junior and

a Company First Sergeant. He said he's aiming for promotion his senior year to become a Company Commander or Executive Officer.

"It challenged me academically, morally, and I would not be where I am today without Farragut," he said. "It has allowed me to excel at the US Naval Academy and be at the top of my class."

Along with Bennati, other recent and current Farragut cadets networked and mingled with notable alumni.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, it was time for the 120th matchup between the Midshipmen and Black Nights at Lincoln Financial Field. Despite the overcast skies and misting rain, the Farragut community came together to share in the pride of being an American.

Another current midshipman in the crowd was Evan Schlifstein '19, whose parents Brett Schlifstein and Cammie Fine were at the game — along with Ansley Fine '21.

Farragut alumna Jazmine Alderman '19 was there with her West Point Prep classmates, and she stopped by to visit the Farragut group. One of Farragut's most successful athletes, she is on West Point's track team this fall.

The rivalry between the two teams is something to experience, but off the field you witness the mutual respect for the duty, loyalty, and commitment these teams have for our country and protecting our freedom.

Navy won the game with a final score of 31-7 over Army. It was an exceptional weekend and we look forward to America's favorite game in 2020 scheduled for Dec.12. We hope to see you there.

In the words of Granvil Tracy '73: "There's something special when the academies play each other that's not like any other game. It's more than a game. It's an experience."



L-R: Kyndal Olander '17, Mitchell Lewis '21, Ansley Fine '21, Ashton Raymer '20, Trevor Bennati '17, and Zack Northcutt '09



L-R: Headmaster Robert J. Fine Jr. Leonard Bonacci '89N, Director of Alumni Engagement Victoria Raymer, and Joseph Zolfo '86N



L-R: Headmaster Robert J. Fine Jr. and Board Chair Christian Wagner '82N

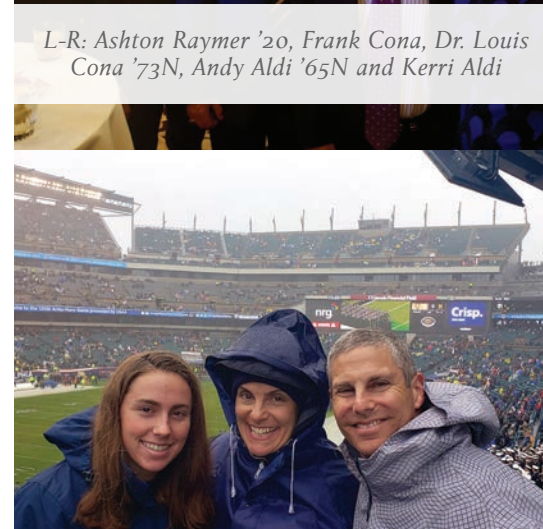


L-R: Ashton Raymer '20, Frank Cona, Dr. Louis Cona '73N, Andy Aldi '65N and Kerri Aldi

**There's something special when the academies play each other that's not like any other game. It's more than a game. It's an experience.**  
- Granvil Tracy '73S



L-R: Al Bennati, Trevor Bennati '17, and Headmaster Robert J. Fine Jr.



L-R: Ansley Fine '21, Cammie Fine, and Brett Schlifstein



L-R: Trevor Bennati '17, Evan Schlifstein '19 and Ashton Raymer '20



L-R: Jazmine Alderman '19 and Christian Wagner '82N



L-R: Kim Hooper, Granvil Tracy '73S, Joey Kelly and Paul Harden



L-R: Evan Schlifstein '19 and Jazmine Alderman '19

# Save the Date for Alumni Events!

Due to the recent pandemic and the safety of our community, these events are subject to change.



**October 22-24, 2020**  
Celebrating classes ending in '5 and '0

St. Petersburg, Florida

**farragut.org/homecoming**

Visit for full schedule and details

## Weekend Events

*Honoring the Past. Propelling the Future.*

### Thursday, October 22

☞ Sunset Reception at Farragut Waterfront

### Friday, October 23

☞ The Farragut Experience on Campus  
☞ Alumni Tailgate Party and Homecoming Football Game

### Saturday, October 24

☞ Aviation Experience  
☞ Alumni Reception for all classes - DeSeta Hall

### Host Hotels

The following hotels have a special AFA rate:

☞ Residence Inn  
☞ Treasure Island Beach Resort  
☞ The Bilmar



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**It's America's Game! Come and enjoy the esprit de corps with your Farragut classmates.**



### Cocktail Reception

Friday, Dec 11, 2020

6:30 - 9:30 PM

Union League of Philadelphia



### 120th Army-Navy Game

Saturday, Dec 12, 2020

3:00 PM

Lincoln Financial Field

*To learn more and register, visit*  
**farragut.org/armynavy**



Skip Thaeler '66S



The class of 1966S at Homecoming 2019

## Our Band of Brothers

After Homecoming 2019, Farragut alumnus Skip Thaeler '66S wrote this poem about brotherhood and why alumni come back to Farragut year after year.

We are a Band of Brothers; and the ties that bind us are strong,  
Forged in our youth, the bonds, nonetheless, have held us together so long;  
Though now it is true that our time-honored brethren are scattered o'er half of the Earth,  
For the friendship and care we still hold for each other, not a soul can challenge our worth.

We began this fine journey when our brains were still growing; but our hearts knew the meaning of trust;  
We competed, cavorted and grew into men, then went off to do what we must.  
Through the years of good living --- of work and of play, we developed our singular styles;  
But when classmates --- nay, BROTHERS --- would call us to meet, we then traveled the requisite miles.

Some gained loving spouses --- now SISTERS to all --- and our families we share with the Band;  
And though we've lost members, their spirits remain and abide with us here as we stand.  
There are things in life that defy routine limits of living and dying and time;  
And, as long as but ONE of us still breathes his breath, the soul of our group lives sublime.

For we are the Band of Brothers; and the bonds we have forged can't be broken;  
Though others may follow the path we have trod, it's of US that their words will be spoken.  
And I say this to each of my brothers and sisters who have made this fine journey such pleasure:  
I thank you with all of my heart and my being for these gifts you've bestowed beyond measure.

So, once in a while, take a pause in your day to let THANKS overcome any STRIFE ...  
For the FRIENDS we have been over 50 long years --- our FAMILY we cherish for life.

# CLASS NOTES

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



The key to life is staying active and never slowing down, that's how **CAPT Peter Easton USN (Ret.) '49N** and wife Kathy stay young. (pictured with Headmaster Bob Fine)



**Bill Emerson '52S** took his sister on a tour of Farragut this past September.



**Bill Soenksen '55S** standing next to his Battalion Commander picture that is proudly displayed in DeSeta Hall.



Farragut is a shared family bond for **Scott Thomas '63N** and his son **Chris Thomas '87N**. Over the holiday, Chris gave his father a flag with the Farragut crest on it.



**Ed DeSeta '67N**, **CAPT Geno Paluso, USN (Ret.) '85N** Commandant of the Citadel, and **Alex DeSeta '04** (Citadel grad '08) share a Farragut bond that transcends generations.



After reconnecting at Homecoming last year, **EK Wilcox '69S** and his Farragut roommate **John Joyce '70S**, got together in beautiful Boca West.



**Hap Bowditch '71N** is our metal sculptor in residence at the Academy. He is teaching cadets the fundamentals of welding and creating some incredible art along the way. Stay tuned as the students are creating a sculpture to be auctioned off (new date TBD). "The heat is intense but it's really cool knowing we are creating something out of steel," said Max Burkhardt '21, pictured with Hap.



**CAPT. Kevin D. Long '89S** finished a successful Major Command tour as Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) TEN on Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. CAPT Long served as the 41st Commodore from June 2018 to October 2019.



**David Lipsky** and **Lorenzo Lamas** represented the **class of 1975N** have shared a lifetime of friendship and recently got together in California.



**CAPT Edward Crossman '92N** USN has been promoted to post commanding the USS San Jacinto CG 56.



**Nic Tellnow '93S** and Coach Nick (pictured with Headmaster Bob Fine) stopped by campus. Tellnow is living his best life in Utah working and enjoying the great outdoors.



**Earl Olsen Sanborn** and **Michael Marmorstein** both the **class of 1978S** got together to reminisce about Farragut.



**Luis Delfin '96** came by campus and showed his family some of his amazing accomplishments, including being part of the '94 Cross Country State Championship team.



**Joel Rodgers '98** shares the Farragut legacy with his son Morgan who is a rising eighth grader at Farragut.



**Luigi Moxam '98** had quite the experience at his waterfront restaurant and bar Cayman Cabana in Grand Cayman. During his farm to table event it got a little wet. Luigi said, "What do you do when a huge wave crashes and completely soaks people at dinner? We put on Soca and turn it into a wet fete! Crazy experience but such fun only because our guests were amazing and enjoyed 'the experience' from farm to table TO ocean ON the table! Thank God we literally just finished everything except dessert which was eaten while dancing to Soca!"



**Jeff Ogden '00** had lunch with **Alexander Garrison-Haardt '99** of Frankfurt, Germany. Alex is a Boston College graduate who returned to Germany to work in the real estate business.



**Aquiles La Grave '98** was accepted to the prestigious Harvard Business School and will graduate in December 2021. He is currently the founder and CEO of Brandzooka, a self-service, programmatic video marketing platform for over 40,000 small businesses. He is a guest contributor for AdAge and Dow Jones and mentors startups and provides consultative services ranging from venture capital firms to ad agencies.



**Nicola Alvord Robinson '01** graduated with a Master's of Science in Human Factors in Aeronautics from Florida Institute of Technology. Nicola received her Bachelor of Science from Vanderbilt University. Nicola and her husband welcomed their second son Weston Brooks who joins big brother, Callum.



**Jennifer Smith '01** is the Director of Development with Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in Texas. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center is a not-for-profit specializing in captive breeding programs for indigenous and exotic endangered species. Jennifer pushed Fossil Rim's total to five female directors when she took over the development department in August 2019.



**Philip Duermeier '01** and Joe Stonich, two buddies from the Farragut waterfront, got back together in Thailand. Joe is teaching Philip offshore sailing! Joe is a private yacht captain in Thailand and teaches offshore sailing. When Philip isn't teaching scuba, he's looking for new adventures.



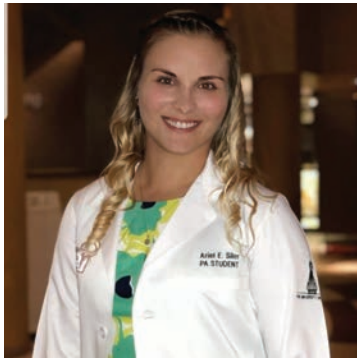
**Zach Scoggins '07** graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2012 and is the first Farragut alumnus to commission into the US Space Force. He is currently in Europe executing space integration for the US Air Force.



**Dalton Collins '15** graduated from US Air Force Academy Class of 2020 on April 18. He was chosen as a pilot in the final round of the United States Air Force Draft and will be stationed in Abilene, TX.



**Maiya Fudge '16** is an accomplished honor student and softball player who attended Bethune-Cookman University. Maiya recently received the Governor's Scholarship for full tuition to attend the University of Florida Levin College of Law.



**Ariel Siler '12** earned her white coat for Physician Assistant as she transitions from the study of preclinical to clinical health sciences at the University of Tampa.



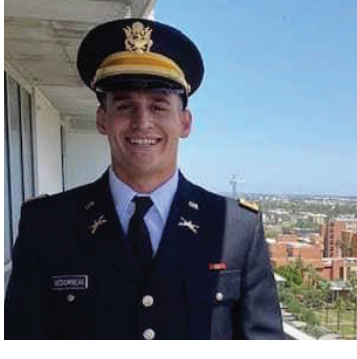
**Zach Patterson '15** sailed in the Egmont Key Race and placed 4th. The race was over 67 miles and his team completed with a 7:22 time. Sailing at Farragut was always a passion for Zach. Currently, he is an Information Security Analyst at Citi.



**Katryna Thomas '12** has been accepted to the General Surgery program at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX.



**Rachel Goldstein '16** will be a Surface Warfare Officer in the Navy and will be going to USS Makin Island (LHD-8) upon graduation and completing the Basic Division Officer Course.



**Jack Lescarbeau '16** graduated from Arizona State University and has been commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army.



**Alumnus and Apollo 16 astronaut Charlie Duke '53S named 2020 Texan of the Year**

Nearly 50 years after Charlie Duke became the youngest man to walk on the moon, the former astronaut was honored for his accomplishments in his adopted home state.

"It's a unique award, unlike everything else that I've ever had," Duke, 84, said. "I've gotten awards and honorary degrees, but it's all for NASA. This is more than that, I sense. It's representing Texas and a variety of accomplishments, more than just the space program."

Duke is scheduled to be honored Sept 3 at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center, joining an impressive group of Texan of the Year alumni that includes presidents, U.S. senators, entertainers, governors and business icons.

Visit [bit.ly/2yTj5zx](https://bit.ly/2yTj5zx) to read the full article, or scan the QR Code below (instructions on page 69)



**Grant Hesson '16** graduated Magna Cum Laudé from the University of North Florida with his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice (minor in Sociology), and as a member of the Criminal Justice Honor Society. He is going to work for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, where he interned and which sponsored him through the Florida Law Enforcement Academy.



**Kyndal Olander '17** talked with the classes of '21 and '20 about the USNA. She walked them through her experience, from applying to the academy to life as a midshipman.



**Elizabeth Gaskins '16** recently graduated with honors from the University of Florida and has decided to continue her higher education with law school. Elizabeth received acceptances from top universities such as Vanderbilt and Cornell University, ultimately choosing Cornell.



**Evan Schlifstein '19** earned his Eagle Scout the highest award in Scouting. Fellow Eagle Scouts **Ian Schlifstein '15** (Evan's brother) and **Ashton Raymer '20** participated in the ceremony.



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

# TAPS

*a farewell to our friends*



*Robert Conway '42*



*Warren Musser '44*



*Robert Sickles '45N*



*Sylvester Foley Jr. '46N*

**Robert "Bob" Conway '42** passed away on Jan. 11, 2020. Conway grew up in Roselle, NJ, and graduated from Abraham Clark High School in 1940 and Admiral Farragut Academy in 1942. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the aviation division.

**Warren "Pete" Musser '44** of Devon, PA, passed away from cardiac arrest on Nov. 25, 2019. Musser was a pioneer in private equity and venture capital, and longtime CEO of Safeguard Scientifics, which he founded in 1953 as the Lancaster Corporation. He was an iconic leader, mentor, and philanthropist in the Philadelphia region. He deeply valued treasured friendships that spanned his life.

**Robert William Day Sickles '45N** of Little Silver, NJ, passed away peacefully at home on March 30, 2020, at age 92. Sickles attended Red Bank High School and graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in 1945. He married the love of his life, Adelaide Hoyt, in 1953. Sickles was best known for his love of farming and, upon graduating from Farragut, he elected to stay in Little Silver and continue working with his father at Sickles Farm, eventually becoming the owner. He enjoyed the relationships he built with other local farmers and proudly passed on his success to the third and fourth generations who run the business today. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his children and grandchildren.

**Sylvester Robert "Bob" Foley Jr. '46N** passed away at his home in Maryland on Dec. 31, 2019, at the age of 91. After graduating as a member of the United States Naval Academy's Class of 1950, Foley served in the Navy for 35 years and became a four-star admiral. He quickly rose through the ranks and held several operational commands, including serving as commander of the US Seventh Fleet and commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet. He earned a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University in 1968, the same year in which he graduated from the Naval War College. He retired from the Navy in 1985, at which point he served as President Ronald Reagan's assistant secretary of energy for defense programs,



Walter Schenk '56N



John Weixel '56N



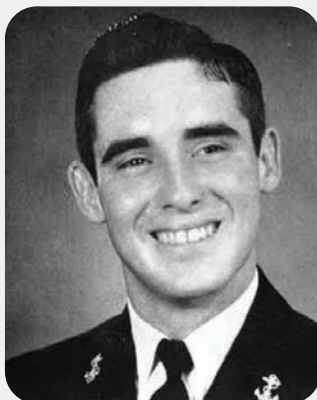
David Scott '57N



Michael Fiore '60N



James Doles '63S



Richard Sanders '63S

where he had responsibility for the nation's nuclear weapons complex. In 1988, Foley entered the private sector and was named president of the Advanced Technology Group at ICF Kaiser Engineers. In 1991, he joined the Raytheon Company, where he served as vice president of marketing, president of Raytheon Japan, and vice president of Asian operations. After retiring from Raytheon, Foley served as a consultant to the departments of defense and energy and was a member of President George W. Bush's energy transition team. In 2003, he was appointed the University of California's vice president for laboratory management. In his role, he had responsibility for the university's oversight and

management at three national laboratories.

**Walter H. Schenk '56N** of Huntingdon Valley, PA, passed away Jan. 21, 2020. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

**John Curtin Weixel '56N** died at home in Wexford, PA, on Nov. 25, 2019. He was a 1961 graduate of St. Francis College. He was proud to serve his country in the United States Navy for eight years: first as Navigator of an Amphibious Squadron; and later as a Counter-Intelligence Analyst. His assignments placed him in the Caribbean Sea during the Cuban Missile Crisis and in the waters off Vietnam during the Vietnam War. His

career ranged from mapping the seafloor of the Mediterranean to working for the Naval Intelligence Service in New York City. Following his career in the Navy, he had a lengthy career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until his retirement in 2002.

**David "Scottie" Scott '57N** passed away on April 22, 2020, at the age of 88. He was a successful industrial sales rep in Connecticut prior to retiring to Vermont. He attended Admiral Farragut Academy, Babson College, and graduated from American International College in 1960. He worked for International Silver Co. and left to establish his own successful company, Scottaire Associates,

with his wife Judy, who was the vice president. He truly loved people, loved life, and devoted himself to his children, his wife, and his broader family. He and his wife had recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. Scott's optimism was contagious and he was an avid collector of cars, tractors, and boats. Scott placed trust in all and found the best in everybody.

**Michael A. Fiore '60N** of Indian Trail, NC, passed away peacefully at age 78 while at home on Dec. 27, 2019. Fiore attended Saint Nicholas School in Atlantic City, NJ, and Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach, NJ. He went on to graduate from Holy Spirit High School, where he lettered in three varsity sports: football, basketball and baseball. Fiore attended Villanova University and later returned home to help manage the family businesses at the Penn Atlantic Hotel (home of the famous Riptide Room Restaurant, and later, Hackney's Restaurant). He moved to the hotel business in 1974 and joined the management team at the Dennis and Shelburne Hotels in Atlantic City. In his youth he'd served on the Atlantic City Beach Patrol and was so proud to represent Atlantic City in the South Jersey rowing championships in 1962. Fiore was an avid squash player with the Atlantic City Squash Club, where he earned the moniker of "Mad Dog." He eventually settled in Seaview Harbor, Longport, where he spent many happy days fishing, boating and watching sunsets with his family. Fiore

began a career in sales in the late 1970s with Allied Beverage where he was a valued employee and top salesperson in the state for over 35 years. When he retired in 2017, he relocated to North Carolina, where he spent his days relaxing and enjoying his family.

**James Duncan Doles '63S** passed away at age 73 on April 22, 2019, at North Oaks Medical Center in Hammond, LA, with his family at his side. Doles grew up in New Orleans, and briefly lived in Long Island, NY, in his early years. After graduating from Admiral Farragut Academy, he received a bachelor's degree from Southeastern Louisiana College in 1968. He continued his education by becoming an instrumentation engineer. He worked in New Orleans, LA, for Pellerin Milnor Corporation and for W. S. Nelson Company, Inc. and in Jacksonville, FL, for Wink Davis. In 1985, he began working for Martin Marietta (which merged into Lockheed Martin Manned Space Systems) at the New Orleans East Michoud Assembly Facility, where the external fuel tanks for the space shuttles were built. He received the "Sustained Outstanding Performance" Award among others before retiring from Lockheed in 2009. After losing their home in New Orleans East in Katrina in 2005, he and his wife settled in Hammond, LA. They attended several Admiral Farragut Academy reunions through the years; he especially enjoyed catching up with old friends/classmates. He loved his family and loved life.

He enjoyed family vacations to St. Pete and other places, attending his children's (and later his grandchildren and great granddaughter) school activities. After it became difficult for him to travel, he enjoyed making new friendships from all over the world through Facebook. He was a great man with a good heart who will remain in our hearts forever.

**Richard Nelson Sanders '63S** of Granbury, TX, died on April 28, 2020, at age 75. In 1970, he married his wife of nearly 50 years, Deborah. As a student of life, his extensive education included: Admiral Farragut Academy; New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, NM; Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX, BS Class of 1970; Oklahoma City University, OKC, OK, MS Class of 1974; El Reno Jr College, El Reno, OK, AA Class of 1978; Midland College, Midland, TX, FAA A&P Class of 2009. He retired from the US Army as MSG-E-8 in December 1991 and as a Correctional Counselor from the Federal Bureau of Prisons in 1996. He served in the US Peace Corps in Colombia from 1966-1969, Belize in 2003, and Guatemala in 2006. He was a member of the Greater Big Spring, TX, Rotary Club until he and Debbie retired to Granbury, TX, where he joined the Stephenville Rotary Club. As a Rotarian he was recognized multiple times as a Paul Harris Fellow and actively wrote and pursued grants to better enable the club to provide scholarships to students and participate in relief efforts where needed.



Robert Lalor Jr. '67N

Sanders worked closely in securing and transporting vital medical supplies to Mexico Medical Missions in Samachique Chihuahua, Mexico and with Project C.U.R.E.

**Robert Peter Lalor Jr. '67N** died peacefully at his Onancock residence March 7, 2020. Raised in New York City and Pinehurst, NC, he was a graduate of St. David's School and Admiral Farragut Academy before earning his BSE and MSE degrees in environmental and civil engineering from Duke University in 1973. He was named a Smithsonian Institution Fellow that same year and spent two years working in Malaysia. He earned JD and MBA degrees from the University of Virginia in 1982. He worked as a civil engineer for several years before entering the world of



William Huber '72N

corporate law, and later, the emerging market of independent power producers. He worked and advised on hydroelectric, co-generation, and natural gas projects throughout the eastern United States before starting Commonwealth Power Corporation, which provided energy-related advisory services in Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Through New Church Power LLC, a subsidiary, he pursued the development of an independent power plant in New Church, VA. Subsequent to his retirement, he served on numerous boards of directors for such organizations as Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Riverside Shore Health Foundation, Riverside Health System Board, and Eastern Shore Community College Foundation. His love of the ocean, marine science, and education was



Patrick Henry '84N

evidenced by his involvement with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Advisory Committee and his advocacy for the VIMS Eastern Shore Laboratory in Wachapreague.

**William Martin Huber '72N** of Union Beach, NJ, passed away on April 29, 2020. William's twin brother, Georg John Huber '72N preceded William's death on May 21, 2017.

**Patrick Henry '84N** of Point Pleasant, NJ passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at age 53. He was surrounded by his loving family. Born in Toms River NJ, Patrick grew up in both Point Pleasant and then Spring Lake, NJ before settling back in Point Pleasant 25 years ago.



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Farragut's footprint has evolved with the new addition of DeSeta Hall, and the class of 1980 has joined together to raise funds to provide a legacy gift for Farragut.

The class has worked closely with the administration to design and construct digital signage which will be placed in the Upper School car circle. The digital signage will provide campus and athletic event updates and a campus map to direct and identify classroom buildings, administrative offices, and athletic fields. Businesses that align with Farragut's mission will also be able to purchase

advertising, which will help offset the electricity cost.

David Bowser '80S and Mike Hajek '80S have kicked off this effort by each donating \$1,000. Hajek has gone one step further and agreed to match up to \$25,000 in gifts and pledges to the project!

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## A word from the Foundation President

It is early spring 2020 as I write this letter inviting you to survey the Foundation's achievements during 2019. I realize what a difference a few months can make in life, society, and for the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation. Who would have envisioned just a few months ago what our nation and world would look like today? Still, the Foundation's mission continues and has never been more important.

The \$509,231 raised in 2019 from 181 donors continues to put the Foundation in a position to achieve the goal of \$10 million in assets by 2022. During 2019, nearly \$1.2 million was identified as new Heritage Society gifts (those individuals who have added Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation to their estate plan), more than doubling the previous

year's numbers. Gifts to the Foundation's scholarship endowments helped Farragut attract the best and brightest students whose potential should not be limited by financial constraints.

Gifts to the Foundation's Founder's Fund are helping Farragut families with much-needed financial aid during this critical time. For those of you who are experiencing financial hardships of your own, we know that this is not the time to give. But for those of you who are able to help, any level of support makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. We have processes in place to ensure that funds flow rapidly to support our families through the Founder's Fund at [farragut.org/giving](http://farragut.org/giving).

This annual report represents only those gifts

to the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation in the 2019 calendar year and illustrates many positive accomplishments. Even though our world in 2020 looks greatly different and our assets have been setback slightly, we have every reason to trust that our Foundation will continue to grow in size and importance. And we know that Admiral Farragut Academy will continue to offer a powerful independent education while serving the state, country, and world beyond.

I am privileged to be able to write this letter as the representative of a very capable and dedicated Foundation Board of Trustees and a very committed and generous school community. Thank you for your continued support of the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation.



Sincerely,  
Dr. Michael G. Kolchin '61N  
President, Foundation Board of Trustees

## Alum George J. Michel Jr. means business

*After a career as a CEO, he offers time, talent and treasure to AFA*

George J. Michel Jr. '49S has been many things in his life: MIT grad, military intelligence officer, inventor, titan of industry, sailing yachtsman, philanthropist, volunteer leader and mentor. Not to mention a husband, father and grandfather.

Before all these things, he was an Admiral Farragut Academy cadet, who transferred from Pine Beach to open the Southern Campus in 1945.

"College prepared me for my career," he said. "Farragut prepared me for life."

Eventually, that life would include success as a long-time Chairman and CEO of a Connecticut-based Fortune 500 Company. But just as Farragut had prepared him for life, his professional life prepared him for a return to Farragut.

It happened during a visit to the St. Petersburg campus in the early 1990s. Though impressed that the school seemed just as strong as when he was there, he sensed that things could be better.

What Farragut needed, he suggested to school leaders, was a more business-like approach to operations. So, he asked them: What is the blueprint for future success?

Their answer: Help us create one.

Michel joined Farragut's Board of Directors and soon became Chairman, pouring his experience



George J. Michel Jr. '49S and wife Paula

and expertise into the school. Under his guidance, Farragut's leaders adjusted their approach.

"If you put the Academy into a business model, it becomes very clear what must be done," he said, explaining that this included asking some basic questions: What's our unique product? What is our market? How do we compete? How do we price it? Do we have the tools? How do we raise Capital?

"Farragut is a business, a nonprofit business -- not to say we don't make a profit; We just keep all profits in the business," said Michel, for whom both the school's Michel Building and, more recently, its new Board Room were named.

Eventually, with support from Frank Wendt '42N, he founded the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation Corp. as a separate Corporation with its own Board of Directors. Through the foundation, the school is

building an endowment, which Michel said gives the school more funds to expand facilities, engage outstanding teachers, improve equipment, and upgrade teaching tools. These in turn drive enrollment, which keeps the school healthy and competitive.

The Foundation, to which Michel is a major donor, plans to have \$10 million in assets by 2022. Today, it stands at \$5 million.

How to bridge the gap?

"Alumni must support our growing endowment through giving -- like buying shares in a company," Michel said. "The ROI is our graduates who are leaders and make a difference in the world."

If you'd like to donate to the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation visit [farragut.org/giving](http://farragut.org/giving).

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The following donors made gifts to the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation in Calendar Year 2019, for which we are forever grateful. Only gifts to the Foundation are reported here. Donations to Admiral Farragut Academy during the 2019-2020 School Year will be listed in the Fall/Winter Reveille Magazine, including gifts to the Farragut Fund, Farragut Family Association, Capital Campaign, Athletics, and other areas.

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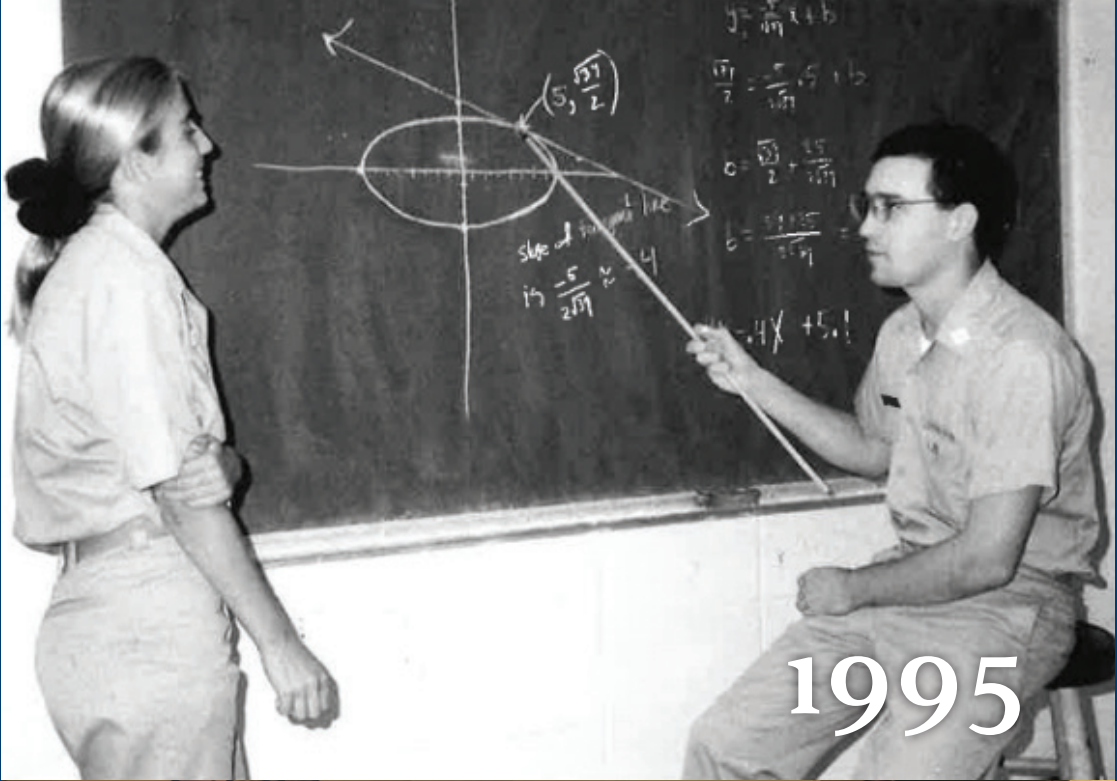
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**Top:** LT Reilley, Algebra II teacher shows Amanda Hathaway '98 how to graph ellipses.  
**Bottom:** PreCalculus teacher Joshua Moore teaches his class, including Yesica Johnson '21 (pictured), through distance learning.

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