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*Celebrating more than 30 years as part of the Farragut Family*



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*5th grader Sereen Shamseddine shows a crab she caught at the waterfront to her fellow students.*



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*Northern campus 1933-1994*

*Southern campus 1945-present*



# 30 YEARS

## of evolution and growth

*Robert "Bob" J. Fine, Jr. reflects on three decades of service and celebrates the future of Admiral Farragut Academy*



When Bob Fine was a child living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he just wanted to play basketball.

He started playing the sport at 7, he says, and he played throughout high school and college. His goal was to become a college basketball coach. He earned his degree in mathematics at Carroll University with this intention: teaching so he could coach.

After graduating, Bob made the decision to follow his future first wife to the Tampa Bay area. In need of a job, his mother informed him that he had a third cousin working for a high school in St. Petersburg. That third cousin turned out to be Edward "Butch" Gilgenast, a longtime Farragut fixture and, at the time, assistant headmaster. Gilgenast got Bob an interview with then Headmaster, Mike Moriarty. Because Bob was a self-described "triple threat" (he could teach, coach, and live in the dorms to supervise the boarders), he was a great candidate and was hired.

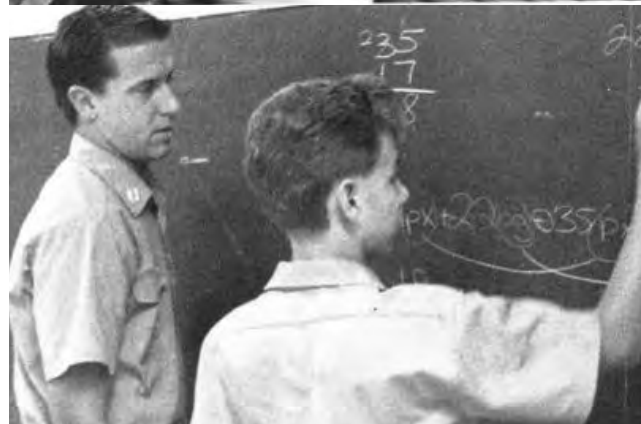
Admiral Farragut Academy was a very different place when Bob first stepped onto campus in 1989. "It wasn't the 40-acre park-like campus setting it is today," he said. "There wasn't a lot of landscaping or irrigation. The most common injuries on the football field were sandspurs and fire ant bites." It was also very empty. There were no Lower School buildings, no Huntley Field House, no 8-lane rubberized track and Lasher Concession Stand, no Archer Softball Field, no lobby or concession stand in the Huntley Gymnasium, no aviation classroom, no Hajek Scuba Center, no Speer Student Center, no DeSeta Hall multipurpose

building and auditorium, and the list could continue. Though girls began attending Farragut halfway through Bob's first year in January 1990, the only female bathroom on campus was in Farragut Hall, which meant a long run from classes in the Russell Building.

Beyond the buildings, Bob fondly remembers the very tight-knit sense of family and community. Most teachers lived on campus at the time and there were only about 180 students in grades 5-12 at the school. "It was less complex then," Bob reflects. "There weren't all of the departments we have today, like alumni, development, technology and marketing. There were no elementary aged students, summer programs, or website. There was a bank of payphones in the East Lounge, because there were no cell phones. You could hear the stampede of students whenever it was their turn to use the phones. Back then, only administrators had computers, which were basic MS-DOS. It was a much simpler time."

Bob taught math when he started at Farragut. He primarily coached basketball, but he would also help as assistant coach for football, tennis, and swimming. "During this time, everyone would help coach different sports, even if it wasn't their specialty," he remembered. Bob was also dorm supervisor for the 9th grade boys and the officers. After only a couple of years and some faculty departures, he was promoted to the Head of Middle School in 1991.

"They offered it to Mike first," Bob says, referring to Mike "Coach Nick" Nicholson, longtime science teacher and cross country coach. "He was a





# 1989



Robert J. Fine, Jr. starts teaching at Admiral Farragut Academy

# 1990



Bob Fine is coach for the Varsity Basketball Team

# 1992



Farragut Hall is designated as a historic landmark in St. Petersburg

# 1996



Bob Fine becomes Assistant Headmaster

Farragut starts accepting female students.



Bob Fine becomes Head of Middle School



First female battalion commander - Kari Graham



Bob Fine becomes Headmaster



# 1990

consummate educator, though. He always said he'd just wanted to teach and stay in the classroom." When they asked Nicholson who he thought should get the position, he suggested Bob. Since Bob was young at the time, Nicholson acted as something of a mentor to him throughout his tenure as head of middle school.

"I always tried to do the right thing," Bob said. "Whether for the students or for the school itself." He was very adamant that, in order for the school to have growth and sustainability, it would need to stay relevant. For example,

# 1991

when he was told that there was no money for a computer lab on campus, he took it upon himself to raise funds from parents and alumni, raising nearly \$30,000 in one month to equip a new lab.

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He advocated for professional development for teachers and welcomed new ideas, a value he took with him into his tenure as headmaster.

# 1995

The role of headmaster came to Bob several years later, after four years as head of middle school and a school year when he took a leave of absence. Bob was contacted by Gilgenast and

told that they wanted him to come back and to have the position of headmaster. Bob agreed and became assistant headmaster under Gilgenast for two years while he earned his

graduate degree. During the 1998-1999 school year, Bob Fine was officially promoted to Headmaster of Admiral Farragut Academy. He has a lot to be proud of during his 30-years of service.

# 1998



# 1999



Farragut opens Lower Division

# 2008



Farragut holds celebration for 75 year anniversary

# 2018



Farragut hits record enrollment of 500 students

# 2019



DeSeta Hall opens

Aviation is added to the curriculum



5-day Boarding option added



School shifts from 3 divisions to 2



Naval Science transitions from battalion to regiment



# 1998

# 2004

# 2013

# 2018

Under his leadership, Farragut opened the school to elementary-aged children as they added a grade each year until reaching the existing grade 5. "It's very impressive to see that a majority of our recent top graduates (referring to the valedictorians and salutatorians), are the students who joined us in their elementary years and have now become engaged alumni. It's a great representation that our teachers are building a strong foundation for our young learners and preparing them for the rigors of the upper school," Bob said.

In addition, the BlueJackets athletic program flourished. "When I arrived at Farragut, we weren't winning many athletic competitions," he said, "so I'm very

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proud of being the head while we hung some state championship banners." He's particularly proud of our female teams. Girls had

only just started at Farragut when he began, and there were no girls' teams at the time. "I got to watch softball and track programs being built, and I was able to see them win state championships, along with numerous female individual state champions. He is also very proud of the many, many athletic college scholarships Farragut graduates have and are receiving on a yearly basis now, affording those graduates opportunities in colleges and universities.

Bob also takes great pride





that he was able to promote a fully coeducational and diverse school. "I grew up in a blue collar neighborhood," Bob said. "I was a first generation college graduate. So to be able to say how many first generation college graduates we have who've graduated from Farragut is definitely a point of pride."

Although Bob was responsible for making executive decisions for the school, he also put an emphasis on hiring the right people for the job. In fact, the number of faculty and staff has doubled from when he started, and thanks to his priority to keep Farragut current and accepting new ideas, the school has only flourished because of it. "During my tenure I have been credited for many accomplishments,

in the area and the state. These include St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees, where he served as the Vice Chairman and Chairman; Bayfront Medical Center Board of Directors; Florida Council of Independent Schools; FHSAA Board of Appeals; FHSAA Public Liaison Advisory Committee; St. Petersburg College Foundation Board; and the AMCSUS Finance Board. Throughout his service, he was also an active member of NAIS, AMCSUS, TABS, BAAIS, and SACS. This community involvement helped him network and forge relationships; for instance, like with St. Petersburg College, which gave Farragut the ability to share facilities and map its curriculum according to college standards to produce students who are ready for college and beyond. In

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but the credit really should go to the outstanding faculty, staff, and most importantly the students we serve, who make Farragut the outstanding institution it is today." Bob said. He also gave credit to the many outstanding Board members he had the chance to work with, particularly mentioning the Board Chairs, Richard Wheeler, George Michel and Christian Wagner. Today the school has a healthy enrollment of over 450 students on average, with over 120 of them being domestic and international boarding students, and employs more than 100 staff, faculty, and coaches.

Throughout his career as headmaster, Bob has been a member of many different boards

addition, he sat on the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation Board of Trustees (founded in 1997) as they developed and grew the endowment.

In 30 years at Farragut, Bob takes great pride in seeing alumni accomplishments. "I taught Ashley Patterson '02 and Matt Sokolowski '92S, and they're both on the school's board of directors now," he said. "I've seen students I've taught go on to serve our country, to become leaders in business, medicine, politics, and more across the globe. They're doing so many interesting things. I'm awestruck to see how accomplished our graduates have become and the people the institution continues to produce. I am proud of every single





L-R: Noah Silverberg '09, April Hensley Silverberg '08, Zachary Fine '17, Anita Fine, Bob Fine, Ansley Fine '21

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one of them.” He’s been here long enough, even, to see students he taught graduate children of their own from Farragut, including several legacy families from the class of 2021.

Bob has also seen his children benefit from the Farragut experience; son, Derek, attended Farragut in 2002 before graduating from Countryside High School, daughter April graduated from Farragut in 2008, son-in-law Noah graduated in 2009, son Zach graduated in 2017, and most recently, daughter Ansley graduated as the Valedictorian of the Class of 2021. “They are very different individuals who have benefitted from Farragut in

so many ways,” Bob says. “They are all independent thinkers and leaders in their own way. I attribute their strong morals and character development to Farragut, whether their focus was athletics, academics, or extracurricular involvement.” Derek is a franchise owner of Shack Shine, a company in Sarasota, FL. Noah, a nurse, and April, a nurse practitioner in the field of dermatology, have two boys, Eli and Owen, and Bob is enjoying being a grandfather to them. Zach just graduated from Duke University after receiving a Navy ROTC scholarship and is heading to San Diego, CA, as a Surface Warfare Officer to serve on a destroyer, the USS Halsey.

He recently got engaged to his girlfriend, Ana, who accepted a position at MIT. Ansley is headed to Boston College in the fall, where she plans to study International Relations. “They’re all doing wonderful things,” Bob says proudly.

Bob has many plans for his retirement. He and his wife, Anita (who retired as Head of Lower School in the Fall of 2020 after serving Farragut for 19 years) plan to spend a lot more time traveling the world and having fun with their two grandsons. Still, Bob plans to be involved in supporting Farragut for the foreseeable future. “I have the benefit of having built strong relationships with board members and alumni over the years,” he says. “I’m happy to continue those relationships and support Farragut’s new president and head of school, Dr. Adam Holden. I’m very optimistic about Farragut’s future under Dr. Holden and my advice to him is to honor the tradition and history of the school while keeping it relevant in these quickly changing times and amplifying the student experience. I am confident that Farragut will continue to develop the leaders that our country and world will need for the future.”

As for his own legacy? “I hope to be remembered as the headmaster who transitioned the school to be relevant and competitive into the 21st century,” Bob says. “The one who held true to our legacy of developing global leaders. And now I’m more than happy to pass on the torch.”

Bob will be celebrated at the 2022 Alumni Homecoming Dinner on February 5th, 2022.





# SUMMER MEANS JUMP RIGHT IN!



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**Junior Counselors (JC):** Rising 6th-8th graders

**Counselors-In-Training (CIT):** Rising 9th-12th graders

**Counselors:** Rising 12th graders and young adults 18 years and older

## FARRAGUT.ORG/SUMMER



# GLOBAL CAMPUS

## TIANJIN, CHINA CAMPUS EARNS INTERNATIONAL COGNIA ACCREDITATION



**A**dmiral Farragut Academy's global campus in Tianjin, China, received one of the highest levels of international accreditation attainable from Cognia.

The Cognia Improvement Network (CIN) average for the past 5 years was 278.34 – 283.33. AFA Tianjin earned an Education Quality (IEQ) score of 378.50 (out of 400) and was one of the top-scoring high schools in China and Asia overall.

The Cognia Accreditation means that the management and staff are constantly

working on maintaining and improving the quality of the services they provide for their students. Students attending our partner school in Tianjin grow academically as the program consistently improves through each stage of development. The process is based on a set of rigorous research-based standards and evidence-based criteria.

AFA Tianjin's Institution IEQ was rated at 378.50 and the campus program was described as outstanding and excellent in three domains: Leadership Capacity, Learning Capacity, and Resource Capacity.

The AFA Tianjin Class of 2021 graduates received acceptances to an impressive list of colleges and universities including Columbia University, University College London, Rutgers University, University of California – Berkeley, University of California – Santa Barbara, King's College London, University of Toronto, University of Sydney, the University of Florida, and Georgia Institute of Technology.

Visit [farragut.org/about/global-campus](http://farragut.org/about/global-campus) to learn more.





# ACADEMIC PROFILE

## TIANJIN, CHINA CAMPUS BY THE NUMBERS



### Courses Offered

Honors Level=\* Electives= *Italics*

#### English

English Literacy Foundation, I, II, III  
ESOL Foundation, I, II, III, IV  
Reading & Writing for College Success  
*TOEFL/IELTS Preparatory Program*  
*SAT Reading*  
*SAT Writing*

#### Mathematics

Algebra I, II  
Geometry  
Pre-Calculus\*  
*Calculus I, II*  
*SAT Mathematics*

#### Chinese

Chinese Literature I, II, III\*, IV\*

#### Fine Arts & Physical Education

Music/Band  
Drama  
Painting  
Personal Fitness

#### Natural Science

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Human Science  
Environmental Science  
Earth Science  
*STEAM*

#### Social Studies

American History  
Chinese History  
World History  
Economics  
Human Geography  
*Life Skills*

### GRADING SCHEME

Grade Level	Score Range
A+	100%-97% (4.0)
A	96%-93% (4.0)
A-	92%-90% (3.75)
B+	89%-87% (3.5)
B	86%-83% (3.0)
B-	82%-80% (2.75)
C+	79%-77% (2.5)
C	76%-73% (2.0)
C-	72%-70% (1.75)
D+	69%-65% (1.5)
D	64%-60% (1.0)
F	59%-0% (0.0)



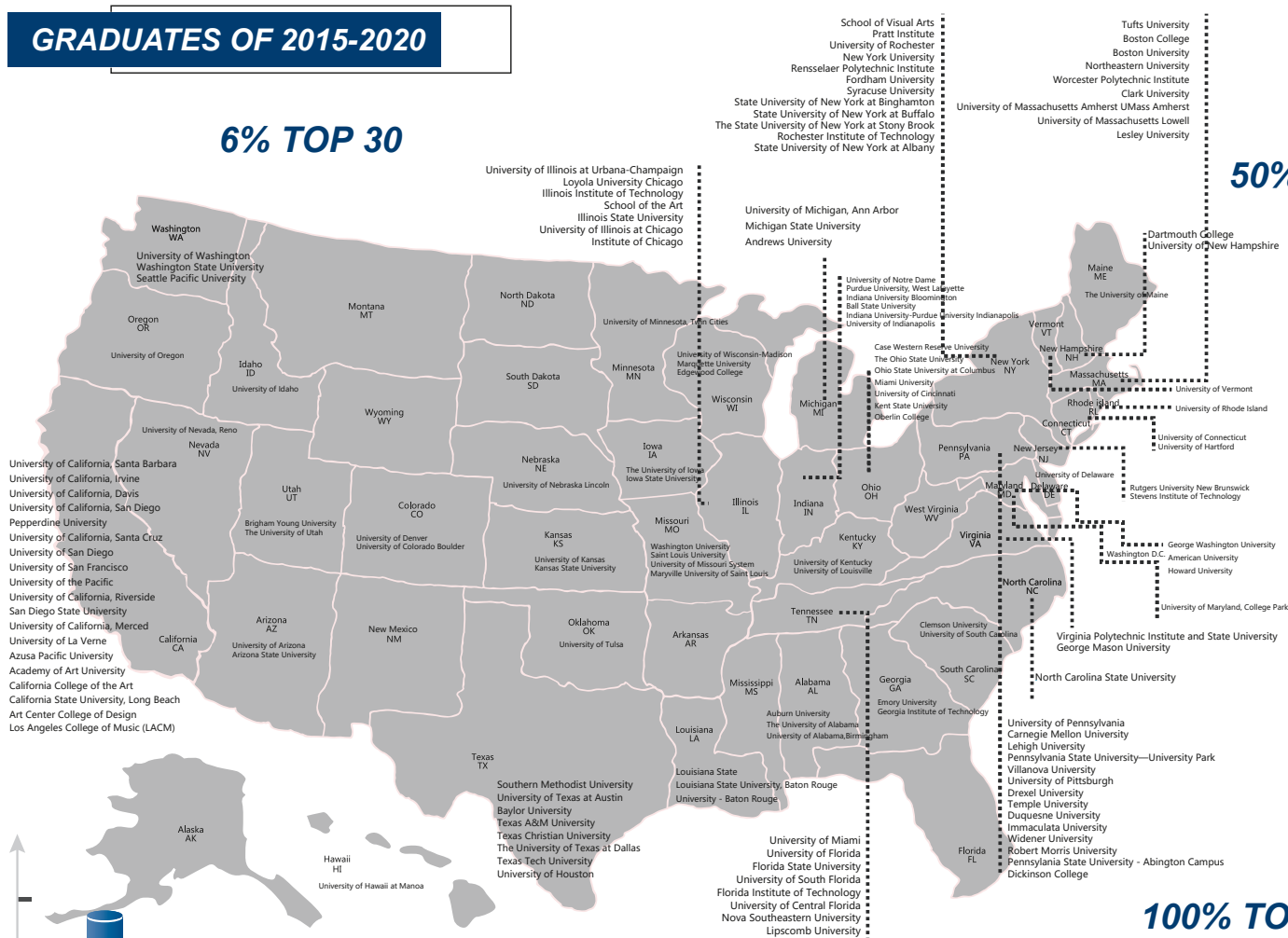


Admiral Farragut Academy Tianjin Class of 2020

## GRADUATES OF 2015-2020

6% TOP 30

50% TOP 50



99% of Admiral Farragut Academy Tianjin seniors go to 4-year universities. 60-70% of them go to US universities; 20-25% of them go to universities in the U.K., Canada, Australia and Japan. The others go to universities in Hong Kong, South Korea, and some European countries. The college acceptances listed on the map are incomplete due to limited space.





# CONGRATULATIONS!

## CLASS OF 2021



# FLORIDA CLASS OF 2021

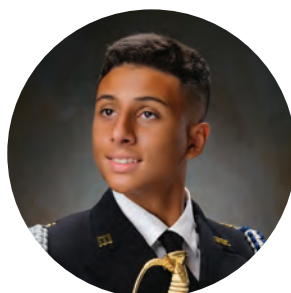
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### VALEDICTORIAN

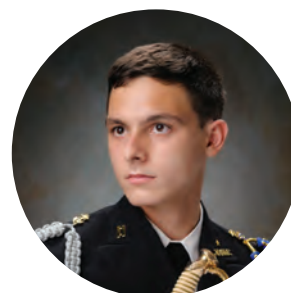


**Ansley Fine**  
4.63 GPA  
Boston College

### REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS



**Cristian Rogers-Romero**  
3.84 GPA  
University of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill



**Zachary Fisher**  
4.23 GPA  
The Citadel

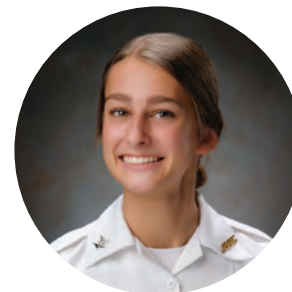
### SALUTATORIANS



**Maurice Leon**  
4.59 GPA  
Amherst College



**Turiya Moka**  
4.59 GPA  
University of Florida



**Ella Sokolowski**  
4.59 GPA  
University of Rochester

### GRADUATION SPEAKER

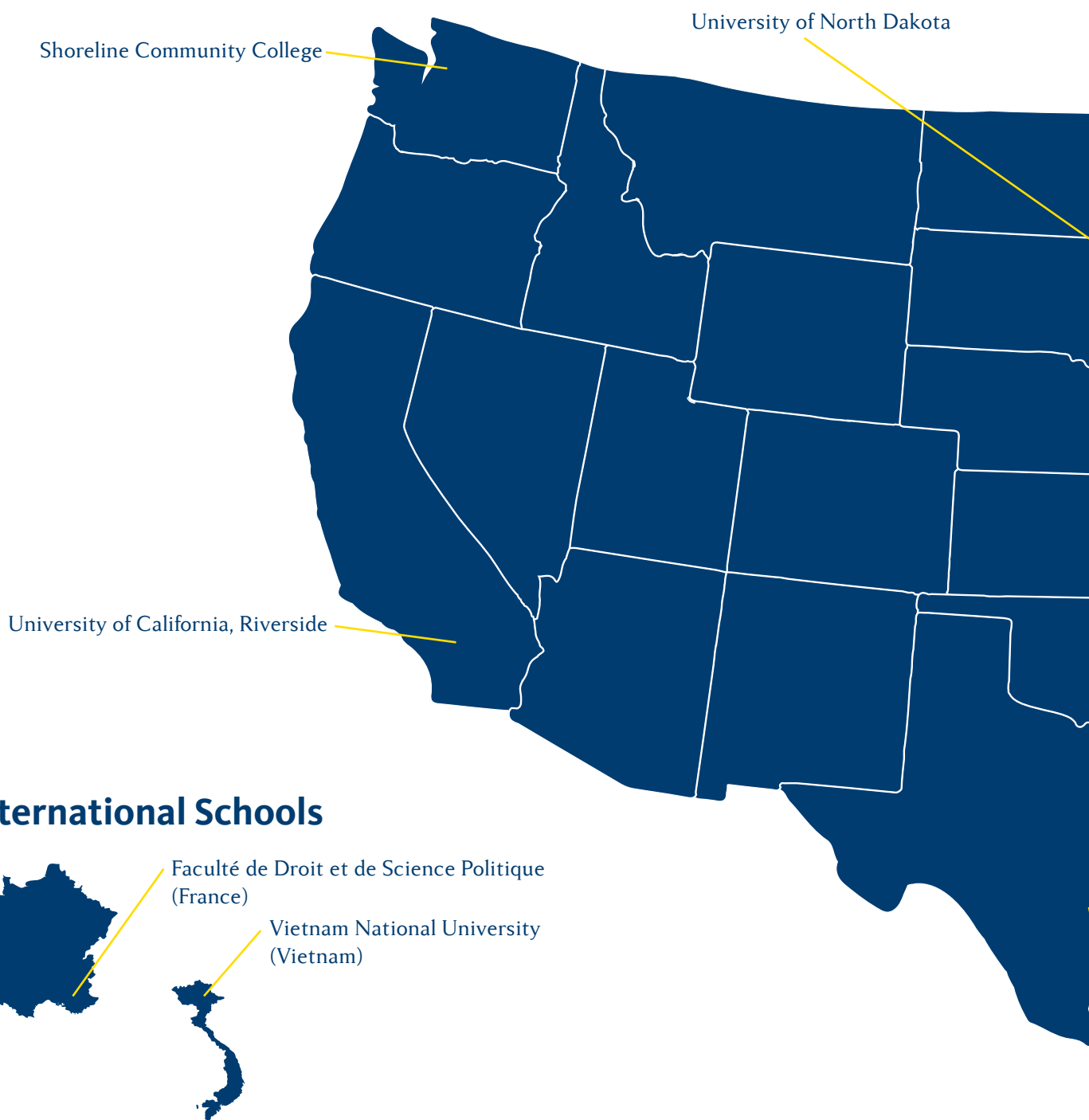


#### **Lieutenant General William J. Lennox, Jr. USA (Ret.)**

LTG Lennox graduated from West Point in 1971 and was commissioned an officer of Field Artillery. He later commanded at every level of the Field Artillery. Among his many accomplishments, he served as the superintendent at the United States Military Academy and today is on the Farragut Board of Directors.



# WHERE WE'RE

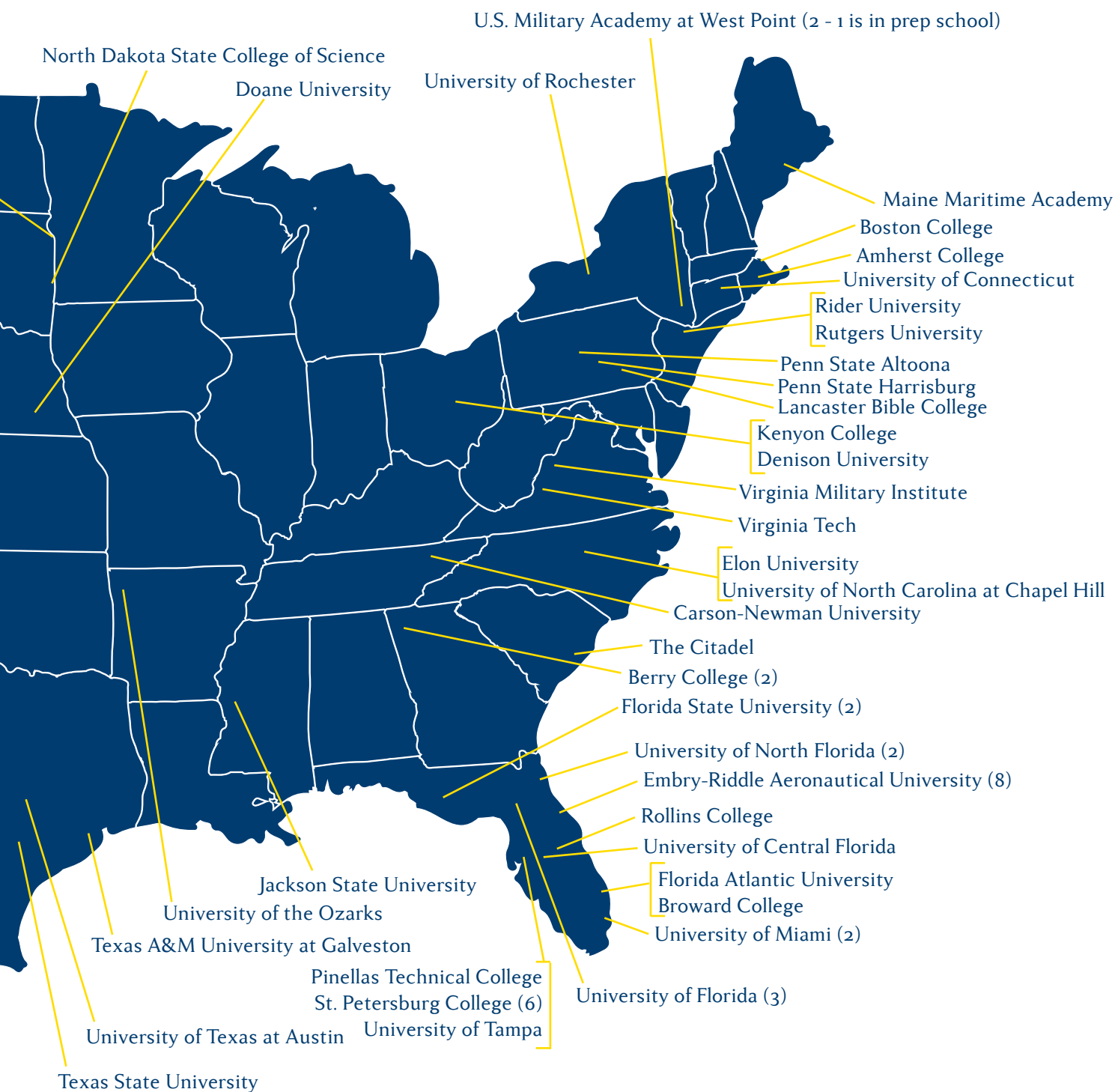




# GOING

**Members of the Class of 2021 will continue their academic journeys at over 60 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.





# FLORIDA CLASS OF 2021

## FLORIDA CAMPUS BY THE NUMBERS

**63**  
total students

**14%**  
from out  
of state

**65%**  
from Florida

**21%**  
international  
students

**100%**  
acceptance to college,  
university, or military  
48% attending in Florida  
43% attending out of state  
3% attending out of the country  
3% attending a military academy  
3% attending a military college

**OVER \$5 MILLION**  
the amount of total scholarships earned

**3.62**  
average GPA  
1 valedictorian: 4.63 GPA  
3 salutatorians: 4.59 GPA

**19**  
graduated  
with honors

**12**  
AP Capstone  
diploma candidates

**2**  
longevity  
awards

**7**  
are playing  
sports in college

**1**  
baseball

**3**  
track &  
field

**2**  
lacrosse

**1**  
volleyball

**5**  
aviation certifications  
3 solo flying endorsements  
2 private pilot certificates

**16**  
scuba certifications  
4 open water  
5 advanced open water  
4 rescue diver  
3 master diver

**3**  
earned military  
academy appointments  
1 U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School  
2 U.S. West Point (1 is Prep School)

**10,300**  
community service  
hours served

**9**  
legacy families  
presented a diploma  
to the graduate

**41%**  
of Florida students  
earned the  
Bright Futures  
Scholarship

**10%**  
held cadet  
leadership positions

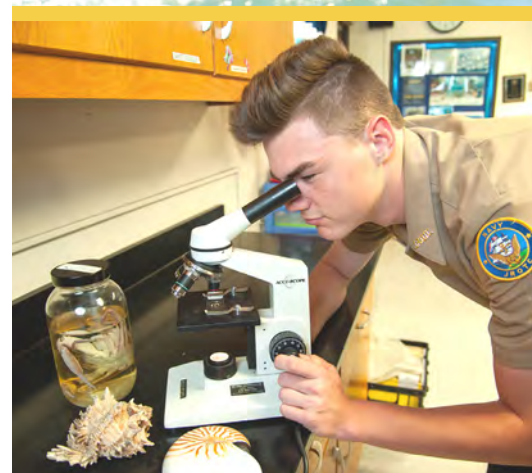
**13**  
AP Scholars

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# Discovery of a lifetime

**H**enry Sadler isn't just our amazing Lower School science teacher. He's also an amateur paleontologist, and while diving along the Peace River in Arcadia, he stumbled across a HUGE find: a fully intact mammoth bone.

The bone is a femur from a Columbian Mammoth, one of the largest species of mammoths, and dates around 100,000 years old. Mr. Sadler, who was diving with his friend Derek Demeter (who is the Planetarium Director of the Seminole State College in Sanford, FL), found it by accident.

"It was a last ditch spot," Mr. Sadler said. "We'd been diving all day and hadn't really found anything, and we thought 'why don't we head upriver a bit and see if there's anything there.'" About ten minutes into the dive, however, Mr. Sadler was pulling himself past a fallen tree when he put his hand on his big discovery.

"It's blackwater diving," Mr. Sadler said. "You can't see anything because of the silt, which puffs up when you move, so it's tough to find anything. But as soon as I felt it I knew it was a bone."

Excited, he shouted for Derek to help, and together they dug out



*"We can't go back in time, but we can see what life was like with the clues they left behind."*

the 4 foot long, approximately 60 pound bone.

This isn't the only piece of a mammoth Mr. Sadler was found in that area. On this same trip, in fact, Derek found a prehistoric shark tooth that dated back to before Great White sharks were known to exist — and a Saber's tooth. On other occasions, Mr. Sadler has found leg joints, jawbones, teeth, vertebrae, parts of a tusk, and even other leg

bones. This bone is the most intact one he's found.

The bone is now on display in Mr. Sadler's classroom. He plans to use an adhesive called PaleoBOND to preserve the bone and to patch the crumbling end with another piece of bone. Then he plans to build a case with a padded bottom to display it.

"The kids were pretty excited," he said. "Especially when I let one of them try to hold it and they were weighed down. It's bigger than some of them, especially the kindergarteners."

Mr. Sadler says one of the most difficult things for the human mind to comprehend is the huge amount of time between when these animals roamed the earth and today.

"I always talk about the movie Ice Age because that's what everyone's seen, but these aren't just cartoon characters," he said. "They were around, they lived here. We can't go back in time, but we can see what life was like with the clues they left behind."

Mr. Sadler's find has been featured on ABC News, Bay News 9, Orlando Weekly, and Creative Loafing.







## THE COLOMBIAN MAMMOTH

The Columbian Mammoth was so tall a person would need to stand on the second floor of a building to touch its head, and weighed the same as five cars stacked on top of each other. It also boasted large tusks that could easily extend the width of two bicycles laid end to end. Unlike its cousin the Woolly Mammoth, the Columbian Mammoth did not have much fur. North America was generally warmer than the Woolly Mammoth's homeland of Eurasia.

The Columbian mammoth did share some similarities with modern elephants. They may have lived in herds like elephants, as some fossil sites suggest. Based on our knowledge of elephants, the Columbian mammoth might have lived up to 65 years. Both mammoths and elephants also share similar ridged teeth, good for chewing plants. These teeth grew in sets, with new teeth replacing old ones as the animal aged. These ridged teeth were used to grind grasses, brush, trees, and woody plants. Like modern elephants, mammoths would have had to eat a lot of this food each day to fuel their large bodies. Columbian mammoths most likely spent most of their day eating hundreds of pounds of food.

The species managed to thrive in a variety of habitats across the continent, but at the end of the ice age, the climate began to warm and dry out, causing a loss of habitat for these giant beasts. At this same time, humans invaded North America, hunting mammoths and other large animals for food. The combination of these events most likely caused a large decline in population. The Columbian mammoth went extinct between 13,000 and 10,000 years ago.

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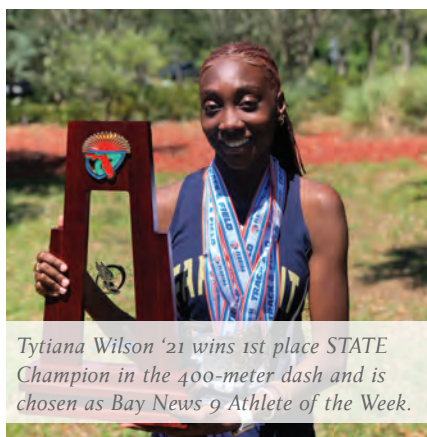




# FARRAGUT BLUE JACKETS



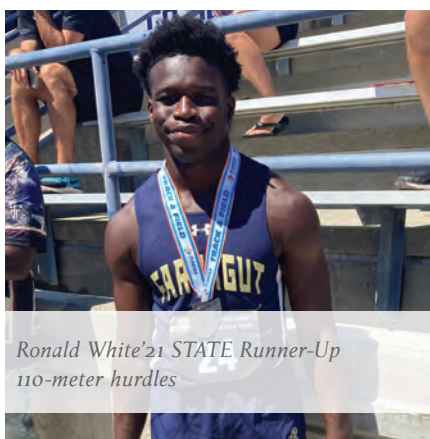
Girls Track Team wins the FHSAA 1A Track and Field 2021 STATE Championship.



Tytiana Wilson '21 wins 1st place STATE Champion in the 400-meter dash and is chosen as Bay News 9 Athlete of the Week.



Head Track Coach Arron Prather named Florida Dairy Farmers 1A Girls Track Coach of the Year.



Ronald White '21 STATE Runner-Up 110-meter hurdles



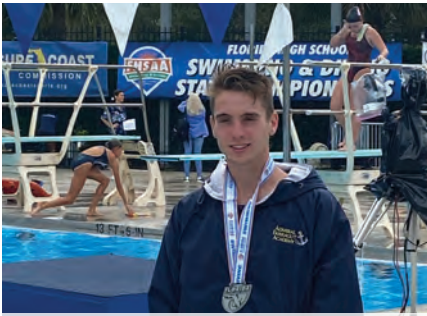
Maurice Leon '21 STATE Bronze winner Discus



Boys and Girls Swimming Relays made it to STATES.



# SUCCESS IS NEVER ACCIDENTAL



Evan Rockefeller '22 placed 6th in Diving at STATES and was the District Champion and Regional Runner Up.



Boys Wrestling wins their first FHSAA District Title and crowns five individual District Champions.



Three wrestlers qualified for STATES: Payton Cramer '25, Roman Lerner '24, and Nick Sheets '23. Lerner became the STATE Runner-Up at 106 lbs and Cramer placed 5th at 182 lbs.



Two female wrestlers, Maeve Case '22 and Riley Lancaster '26, competed at the 2021 Women's Wrestling National Championship.



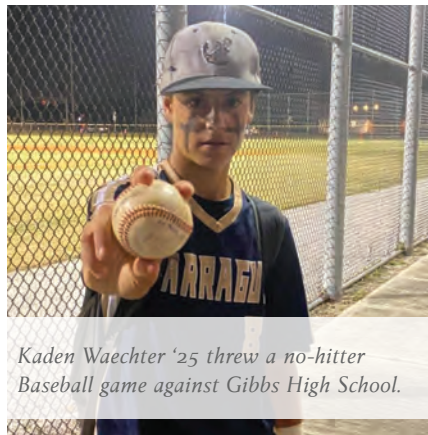
Julia Mularoni '24 broke the school record in Cross Country.



Military Cup stays with the Lacrosse team 4 in a row.



Ella Sokolowski '21 was selected as the Pinellas County All-Star in Volleyball.



Kaden Waechter '25 threw a no-hitter Baseball game against Gibbs High School.



Girls Varsity Basketball team wins championship at Sunshine State Athletic Conference Tournament.



Six student-athletes receive honorable mention for all-Pinellas County Girls Varsity Basketball: Kalynn Miner '22, Helena Panuthos '22, Brooke Sokolowski '22, Jordan Thompson '23, Elise Graham '24, and Kiva Incavido '25.



Five Farragut Boys Basketball players were selected for the All-Pinellas County Private School Conference (1st Team: Kamrin Oriol '22; 3rd Team: Max Burkhardt '21 and Danny Krueger '21; Honorable Mention: Develi Ferri '21 and Ebenezer Ogoh '22).



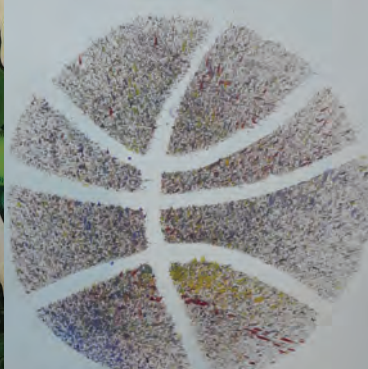
# School Highlights & Happenings 2020-2021



1. On Thursday and Friday, September 17th and 18th, the Engineering and Naval Science classes held a Cardboard Regatta. For over two weeks, the Engineering and Naval Science classes worked on designing vessels using concepts they learned in both classes. The tools they had to make the boats included cardboard, clear packing tape, duct tape, string, paint, and decorations. Students employed the engineering design process and their understanding of boat terminology and nomenclature to design a vessel that would carry them across Farragut's pool.
2. Five aviation certifications were earned, including 3 solo endorsements and 2 private pilot certificates.
3. 16 scuba certifications were earned, including 4 open water, 5 advanced open water, 4 rescue diver, and 3 master diver.
4. The Sailing Team went up against the JV team from Venice High School/Venice Youth Boating Association, and the Varsity and JV teams from New Hope High School in the St Croix, Virgin Islands. Farragut junior Ozzie DeLeon took first place in the Laser Class race.
5. Admiral Farragut Academy's Upper School Naval Science Program has received the Distinguished Unit Award (DUA) with Academic Honors for the 2020-2021 school year. The award is based on a point system recognizing participation and completion of various facets of the NJROTC program, including drill, orienteering, physical fitness, academics, and community service. The Academic Honors portion of the award means that Admiral Farragut Academy is among the top 20% of the 600+ NJROTC units within the nation and overseas, academically. With this designation, the Senior Naval Science Instructor is given an additional three nominations to the United States Naval Academy.
6. Kindergarten-2nd Grade headed out to the waterfront for a pizza party. While they were there, they slid down a big water slide, had a water balloon fight, went on boat rides, and (of course) ate some delicious pizza.
7. 3rd and 4th grade headed out to the field by the playground for their Water Friday. They relaxed in their own individual pools, played on the slip & slide, and played games with frisbees and balls. They even had a special visitor – Coach Stephenson's dog, Oliver!
8. Mrs. LoRusso's 7th grade STEM class completed their final animation projects using Adobe Animate. The class has been studying animation since the beginning of the school year. The videos could be about anything they wanted, but they did have to meet a list of criteria to pass, including having at least two scenes, the video being at least 10 seconds long, and having at least 6 different animations and a secondary animation. Visit [bit.ly/3qAg4Ml](https://bit.ly/3qAg4Ml) to see the videos.
9. Please join us in congratulating Ella Sokolowski, Class of 2021, for earning a perfect score on a college-level Advanced Placement Exam in spring 2021. Ella was one of only 375 of students in the world to earn every point possible on the AP Research Exam. She received the maximum score on each portion of the exam. This outstanding accomplishment is a yet another direct reflection of the elite education that is being offered at Admiral Farragut Academy. Ella is presently attending the University of Rochester and is studying Engineering. Her parents are Matthew (AFA Class of 1992) and Jennifer Sokolowski.



# Virtual Arts Showcase







## Maurice Leon '21

2021 Pinellas County Scholastic  
Regional Art & Writing Awards  
*Gold Key – Computer Art*

"The inspiration behind my piece comes from lived experiences and the experiences of others," Maurice said. "Our world is filled with stories and ideas, those that are distributed through the media, and those that we see with our very own eyes. The surge of the Black Lives Matter movement, and the atrocities committed against Black Americans in our Nation's distant history, and in the modern era, serve as sources of inspiration as well."



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# NAVAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

## STAFF UPDATES



Admiral Farragut Academy is delighted to announce that Col. Robert Sprague, USMC (Ret.) has joined the AFA community as our new Commandant/Dean of Students. The Commandant/Dean of Students position is a vital leadership role. The person in this position is responsible for

**Col. Robert Sprague, USMC (Ret.)**  
*Commandant/Dean of Students*

the alignment of the mission of Farragut and all student activities including student behavior, well-being, character development, and disciplinary process for students in grades 8 through 12.

Col Sprague joins us with an extensive background in military leadership and many years of dedicated service in the United States Marine Corps. In recent years, Col Sprague was Commandant at the Marine Leadership Academy in Chicago, and a Senior Marine Instructor at D.D. Eisenhower High School in Illinois. Previously, Col Sprague served in the United

States Marine Corps for more than 23 years, including time serving as a Marine Officer Instructor for Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Officer training, and a Judge Advocate. Col Sprague also served as Chief of Operations, Joint Operations Center, U.S. Central Command where he supervised the Joint Operations center for more than 20 countries.

Col Sprague has a B.A. in Political Science and American Literature from Manhattanville College, and a J.D. from Villanova University. Col Sprague is an outstanding addition to our faculty and school community.



Welcome aboard Senior Naval Science Instructor, CDR. David Byrd, USN (Ret.)! Commander Byrd joined AFA

**CDR David Byrd, USN (Ret.)**  
*Senior Naval Science Instructor*

early this fall with a long history of senior leadership experience including 35 years in the United States Navy, most recently leading multiple teams and serving as senior advisor to military leadership working on multi-million dollar projects at MacDill AFB.

Commander Byrd holds an M.A. in National Security & Strategic Studies from the Naval

War College, an M.B.A. from Jacksonville University, and a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of North Florida. Our cadets are already benefiting from his application of first-class leadership skills and experience in our globally recognized Naval Science curriculum. We are very lucky to have Commander Byrd join our faculty, he is an outstanding addition to the team.



# EDDIE GAINES '21

## *A Dream Come True: Eddie Gaines '21 earns appointment to West Point*

Ten years ago, an 8-year-old Eddie Gaines watched a YouTube video about the United States Military Academy at West Point and decided that that was where he wanted to be. Now, after having graduated with the Admiral Farragut Academy Class of 2021, Eddie was accepted to West Point and started on June 28th.

Earning acceptance was the culmination of a long dream. When Eddie entered high school in New York, he started JROTC. He learned what the military could do for him, how he could serve his country, and it verified that was what he really wanted to do. It was one of the reasons he chose to attend Farragut.

"My mom told me about Farragut first," said Eddie, who is originally from Harlem, New York, and whose family relocated to the St. Petersburg area upon enrolling him at Farragut. "Then my personal lacrosse trainer at the time, who is an alumnus here as well (Kreg Brown '07), told me about it too." Eddie started at Farragut in his junior year.

While at Farragut, Eddie was a member of the National Honor Society, and he took several honors classes, including Calculus, Physics, Spanish, Government, and Economics. "The academies like to see STEM-related courses," he said. Outside of Farragut, Eddie volunteered his time with the Florida Dream Center, an organization that provides food pantries and aid to local communities that need it most.

Eddie was very involved in athletics as well, and he was captain of both the BlueJacket swim team and the lacrosse team. He is particularly proud of having been on the 200 Free Relay team that broke the school record, along with his teammates Ben Crawford '22, Dylan Rice '22, and Dobromir Sokolowski '22, and of going to States. He is also proud of becoming team captain for lacrosse so quickly. "I'm not sure what Coach Morris saw in me, but he made me team captain the first time I came out for lacrosse when I was a junior," Eddie said. He plans to try out for the lacrosse team at West Point.

In his two short years at Farragut, Eddie reached the rank of chief in the Regimental Corps of Cadets, and it wasn't long until he was applying to service academies.

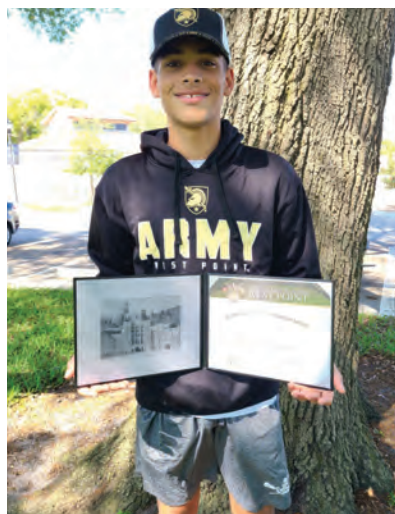
"It's a lengthy process," Eddie said. "After the preliminary and



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medical requirements and submitting my resume, I had to apply for a nomination from Congressman Charlie Crist, and I didn't know until December whether I'd gotten it. I also received a school nomination from Farragut."

It was all a waiting game for Eddie. "At times I did have anxiety about it," he said. "It's all about patience. As long as you have patience, you'll be okay."

His backup plan was getting a full ROTC scholarship, which he was awarded, but it wasn't needed. Not only was he accepted to West Point, but he was accepted to the United States Air Force Academy as well.

"Originally I was leaning toward the Air Force Academy," Eddie said. "But I've had the dream of going to West Point for so long. In the end, I knew the army was a better fit for me."

"Two weeks after I was put on the national waiting list, I got a text from my liaison saying I needed to check the portal," Eddie continued. "When I checked, it said 'Congratulations you've

been accepted into West Point.' I was ecstatic, I was jumping and running around my house. Nobody else was home at the time, so I had to call my mom and dad. Everyone was really happy."

Eddie plans to major in either Engineering or International Relations. He plans to either go into the career of military police or military intelligence after he graduates from West Point as a Second Lieutenant and serves his required active duty.

His advice to those seeking to attend service academies is simple. Work hard and be a leader. "Leadership is extremely important, not just to service academies but any college in general," he said. "Be well-rounded, do extracurricular activities, and work hard. That's really it."

"I'm nervous, but I'm excited," Eddie concluded. "It's because of Farragut that I know I'm ready for West Point. This is a great school. I love it here and it taught me a lot."





# RONALD WHITE III '21

## *Ronald White III earns track scholarship to West Point Prep School*

When Ronald White III, Admiral Farragut Academy Class of 2021 graduate, started high school as a freshman, he wasn't even sure he wanted to go to college. Now, four years later and two years after starting at Farragut, he graduated with a track scholarship to attend the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at West Point with plans for admission to West Point in the Fall of 2022.

Ronald has been an athlete since a young age. He started running track when he was 8 years old and participated in the AAU Junior Olympics. A couple of years before attending Farragut, he was already an accomplished athlete competing at district and national championships. In addition, Ronald grew up playing football and planned to play his entire high school career. "When Farragut ended the football program last year, I almost didn't come back," Ronald confessed. "But I had a mentor in Coach Prather. He really wanted the best for me. He talked to me about why I wanted to leave, and he helped me weigh the opportunities I had for both football and track, and we determined that I had more opportunities in track. So I stayed." And he's glad he did.

"Today, my favorite memories of attending Farragut are hanging out with my teammates at track meets," Ronald said. "I loved the camaraderie."

During his junior year at Farragut, he was ranked #2 in Florida, and during his senior year, he placed 2nd at states and went undefeated in hurdles.

Outside of West Point, there were many schools interested in Ronald for their track team. But through his journey of choosing a school and applying to West Point, he was impressed with the track coaches. "For such a big school, the coaches really connected with me," he said. "Even at some of the smaller schools I was looking at, it was sort of a process to get to the coach. But the West Point coach gave me his number and said that if I needed anything I could text him and he'd respond right back."

Ronald's granddad served in ROTC and in the Army in North Korea, but joining the military was never part of his plan. Now that he's found this new path, he's not exactly sure what he wants to do, but he's leaning toward aviation.

Although Ronald would like to get back on the football field, he is not sure if he will try out yet. "Once I get there, the track coach is going to judge whether I can handle it because doing two D1 sports is a big commitment. But if my track coach says he thinks I can handle it, then I'll probably try out."

Applying for West Point definitely took patience and commitment. "It's a long process," he said, "but my advice for people who want to get into a service academy is to not get discouraged. There'll be points where it's confusing and there's a lot to take in, but keep pushing through and make sure you have a support system behind you . . . people who can push you forward and remind you why you're doing what you're doing."







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"I had to apply for the congressional nomination from Vern Buchanan, since I live in Ruskin and not St. Pete," he said. "When I didn't get that one, I ended up getting one from LCDR Cabantac at Farragut."

LCDR Cabantac, the former Senior Naval Science Instructor for the NJROTC program at Farragut was a big help to Ronald. He started at Farragut in January of 2020, three months before the pandemic hit, and so he had very little time to get used to the Naval Science program. "She helped me through naval science when I didn't know how to wear my uniform or how to act," Ronald said. "She really wanted me to succeed." With LCDR Cabantac's help, Ronald reached the rank of E4.

"Finding out I got in was a bittersweet moment," Ronald said. "I was initially medically disqualified so I had to apply for a waiver. Although I was still accepted into the program, my acceptance depended on whether my medical was waived. It was exciting to know I'd been accepted, but still nerve-racking because I had to wait for the medical to process. Once I found out that it was approved, it was amazing."

Outside of participating in sports at Farragut, Ronald was involved in naval science, drone club, and the scuba program where he



reached the rank of advanced diver. "It was hard to get involved in too much at Farragut because of COVID," Ronald said. "At my other school, I was involved in student government, key club, and the mayor's youth program (which does a lot of teen outreach, community events, and volunteering)." Outside of school, Ronald loves to skateboard and go diving with his granddad.

"I'm very proud of how far I've come," Ronald said. "I have a little sister and my goal is to be someone she can look up to, and I feel like I'm on the right path."

Ronald feels nostalgia for Farragut already. "Even though being yelled at by 1st Sgt may not seem cool at first," he said with a laugh, "I'd tell other students to just enjoy it while you can, because it goes by so fast and you're gonna miss it. I already miss it and I just graduated."

"I'm ready for West Point Prep," he continued. "I'm ready for the military and the academics, even though being away from home is going to be hard. I'm not looking forward to the New York weather, though. I've never even seen snow!"

Ronald will spend his first year of college at West Point Prep to prepare him for the academic, physical, and military challenges of the United States Military Academy at West Point.







# *Floating on Air*

*Farragut alumnus, parent, and recent graduate  
come together to experience ZERO-G*





On May 8th, Space For A Better World with ZeroG Corp launched an incredible new experience called the ZERO-G Experience from the historic shuttle runway at the Kennedy Space Center on the eastern coast of Florida. In attendance were Apollo 16 astronaut, moonwalker, and Farragut alumnus Charlie Duke '53S, Farragut parent and fellow retired NASA astronaut Nicole Stott, and her son, Roman Stott '21.

Space For A Better World is an organization that inspires humans to make a positive impact on our planet through space-related 'awe' adventures and events, and as a communication platform extolling the virtues that space technology holds as a key to solving our Earthly problems. The proceeds from their experiences go to support charities such as Water Charity, which provides clean water to third world countries, and Forests Without Frontiers, which works to protect forests and plant trees.

*What an amazing opportunity to experience zero gravity flight with a fellow alumnus, who was the 10th man who walked on the moon.*

Duke and Stott are both astronaut supporters and participants with Space For A Better World. As a gift for her son Roman, who recently graduated with the class of 2021, Stott and her husband Chris gave him the opportunity to join the inaugural ZERO-G flight with Duke.

The ZERO-G experience takes place in a specially modified Boeing 727 G-Force One aircraft that achieves weightlessness when the trained pilots fly aerobatic maneuvers called parabolas. The process starts with the aircraft flying level with the horizon at an altitude of 24,000 feet. The pilots then

gradually increase the angle of the aircraft to about 45° relative to the horizon until reaching an altitude of 32,000 feet. During this phase, passengers feel the pull of 1.8 Gs. Next, the plane pushes over the top of the parabolic arc and the zero-gravity phase begins. For the next 20-30 seconds, everything in the plane is weightless. Finally, the plane gently pulls out of the maneuver, allowing flyers to gradually return to the floor of the aircraft.

After the experience, Stott, Duke, and Roman toured the Orion, a new spacecraft that is planned to take humanity even farther into space than they've ever been before.

"What an amazing opportunity to experience zero gravity flight with a fellow alumnus, who was the 10th man who walked on the moon," said Roman. "It doesn't get much better than this, except it did because my Mom and Dad were with us too!"







## *A Journey from Past, Present, to Future*

*Elaine Ekart-De Smedt, widow of Olivier De Smedt '94, shares her experience visiting Admiral Farragut Academy for the first time.*

I set foot on St. Petersburg, Florida soil for the first time on the seventh anniversary of my husband, Olivier De Smedt '94's passing. Serendipity, fate, kismet, divine intervention? It could have been any one of those things or more, but thanks to many "signs", I feel in my heart and soul that it has been my husband, Olivier, who has been shepherding and guiding me and setting up opportunities and setting my personal journey into motion.

Olivier arrived at Farragut in 1992 from Belgium to play basketball, 7 feet tall, and not speaking fluent English. Despite this, he quickly became acclimated to the U.S. and his new home at Farragut.

Visiting Admiral Farragut Academy was emotional to me. While married, Olivier and I had always wanted to come here

for a reunion, but never made it back together. So here I was, alone, visiting Farragut for the first time; and yet I was not alone, as the memories Olivier shared with me about his time at Farragut were so evident and always present.

This trip came about via a three hour meeting with a stranger who serendipitously gifted me a free trip to St. Petersburg. The trip was for what I thought was a conference on how to build a small business, but it was really a conference on how to craft a speech to launch a movement and become a thought leader – something the palliative care doctor had briefly told me I needed to do after Olivier's passing, but that I had never imagined could or would happen.

Saying yes to the gift of this thought leadership conference

led to me crafting and delivering, for the very first time, a speech on the business I have been working on these last few years, led by Olivier's end of life experience and death. It was powerful visiting Farragut, the place that brought my best friend, husband, and soul mate to America and eventually to me.

I was overwhelmed with the respect and kindness shown to me by everyone I met or interacted with from the school. The measures everyone went to, to help this widow connect with her husband's alma mater and get to know him in a new way.

I experienced so many different emotions during my time there. My tour started off with a walk to the parade field. No sooner had we walked up than the band started playing the National Anthem while the color guard marched and practiced. It took





my breath away to hear and see. I felt Olivier there so strongly and it felt like he orchestrated that just for me as a welcome to his first home away from home. I was blessed to see and walk so many of the places that Olivier walked – the science room he loved, to the dining hall, and to the dorm where it warmed my heart to hear they cared enough about him to special order a bed that would fit him.

I was overcome with emotion to be able to see and stand on

the basketball court he played on. I shut my eyes and pictured the young boy in his basketball uniform, inhaling the scent of the gym, and was overwhelmed with sadness and joy at the same time. Sadness that no loved ones ever got to watch him play, and joy that he was able to fulfill his desire to come to America via this sport and this gymnasium. As I stood underneath the jersey above the water fountain just outside the court, which just happened to be his number – 53 – I again felt his presence and his smile at this very special place.

But the most touching part of the experience was being able to spend time talking to two of Olivier's mentors from his time there; Coach Bob Fine and Calvin Brown. These two men positively touched Olivier in such a special way that he carried with him always. I thank Bob and Calvin for taking time out of their day to share stories and memories and give me the gift of knowing Olivier in an even more deep and intimate way. I am so thankful and grateful for their kindness in making a young boy feel seen, heard, accepted and loved and for the part they played in helping him grow into the amazing man he was.

My last stop on the tour was seeing the new performing arts center. I imagined Olivier whispering in my ear, "You will tell our story and spread our message on this stage someday". It gave me chills,

as public speaking is quickly becoming a large part of my new business; one I never imagined. The thought of doing it here, thanks to his shepherding and guidance, fills my heart and soul with so much warmth, love, and excitement, as this journey is not mine, but ours.

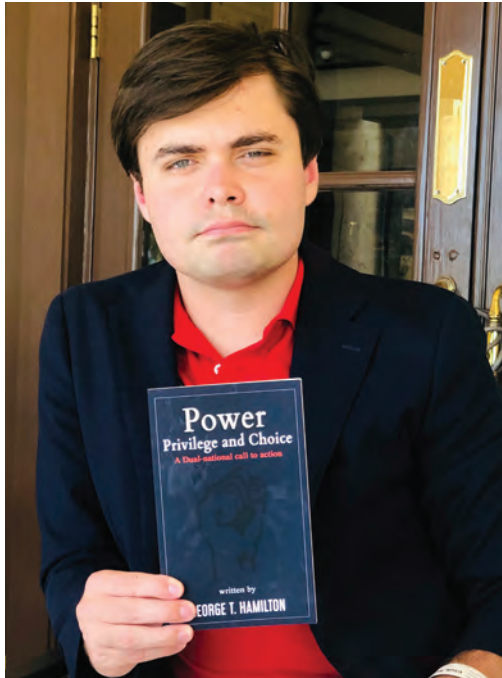
I am very thankful to Admiral Farragut Academy for this visit and for the chance to connect

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with my husband in an even deeper manner so I can more fully go out into the world and share the message of Live Like You Are Dying/ Dying with Dignity. I am

honored and humbled for the gift I was given on this trip to St. Petersburg, to explore our journey from our past, to the present, and to the future. If anyone would like to reach out and share memories of Olivier with me, hear more about our journey and what it will entail, or see/hear the video clip of our first message, please feel free to email me at [heyelaine@hotmail.com](mailto:heyelaine@hotmail.com).





## The Magnitude of Choice

*A Fresh Perspective from George T. Hamilton Jr. '18*

Living a life of purpose is not a new concept for the Farragut family. The timeless tenets of Farragut are intended to develop strong, passionate, driven individuals, each one capable of significant contribution to the world around them. How this “purpose” translates for each individual is exciting to explore.

Victoria Raymer, AFA Director of Alumni Engagement, spoke with George T. Hamilton Jr. on the impact of his time at the academy. In his own words, “Farragut formed the basis of my character...sparked my interest in politics and, most importantly, gave me a family.” And he is making his Farragut family very proud.

His enthusiasm and optimism for the future is the fresh air needed, especially during a time when chaos and uncertainty dominate the headlines. George was accepted to the University of Pennsylvania last fall and is

fulfilling the goal of attending an esteemed university like his grandfather. “Although I never met him, my father always told me about my grandfather’s Ivy League legacy. I want to live up to that legacy.” His grandfather was a Class of 1923 Dartmouth graduate.

George is not waiting for his Ivy League experience as his next step to pursue his goals. This AFA Class of 2018 graduate recently published his first book. It is important to George to have his Farragut family among the first introduced to *Power, Privilege, and Choice: A Dual National Call to Action*. George shared the experiences that shaped his views which he candidly says can be read as “a book, pamphlet, manifesto!” George sets no limit for his future and is eager to invite others along on his journey. George believes his path takes him all the way to serving as President of the United States and this book details what

he has, so far, packed for the journey.

**Q: What compelled you to write this book? Were you inspired by any single person or event?**

Since graduating from Farragut, I’ve lived in Britain, Canada, and the USA. This offered amazing opportunities to experience the governmental, social, educational, and healthcare systems of other countries and compare them to the “American way.”

At times, I was deeply frustrated with these systems and other times truly enlightened. I decided to write my thoughts down. My captured thoughts evolved into a book that evaluates and critiques the education (at the university level), media, and political systems we currently inhabit. The book shares somewhat of a solution to the things I view as problematic.





George speaks at his 8th grade graduation as 8th grade president



George's 2018 Regimental Commander senior portrait

To me, the greatest political commentator in American history is William F. Buckley Jr. His *God and Man at Yale* inspires me.

**Q: How did you come up with the Title?**

I was walking by a judicial building in Toronto – and I thought of power. My thoughts then went to the University of Toronto and the grand buildings there –and I thought of privilege. I realized my adventures throughout Britain and Canada demonstrated the magnitude of choice. Some countries have many choices to offer, others do not. Seeing this really opened my eyes to the impact of the choices I've made and how it has impacted my worldview and future.

**Q: Tell me about your time at Farragut-how did your time here influence you?**

Farragut is where I grew up. I boarded from 6th to 12th grade. I was only giving boarding school

a try for one year; it turned into seven. I consider Farragut to be the greatest influence on my life. The connections made here are amazing! My closest friends are from AFA and they reside on four continents. So many defining moments, some mistakes along the way, but great victories too. I will never forget being elected 8th grade Class President. Knowing that my peers trusted me to represent them and liked some of my ideas...it sparked something in me, and I found my passion.

Politics is my purpose and my future. Common decency and common sense are needed in what I see as a "new era". My generation is a generation of action. Our choices will determine the future of America. I want to be part of it all.

**Q: Where do you see yourself in the next 20 years?**

The shoe shining, drill formation, cadet days at Farragut prepared me, but there's still

a lot of learning to do. After graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, I would like to be working in Government at the local level. I hope to serve as Governor of the great state of Florida in 20 years.

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An enthusiastic, eager, and focused pursuit of one's passion—A common theme among our Farragut alumni. One thing George can rely on, even in this "new era", is the timeless tradition of his Farragut family cheering him on.



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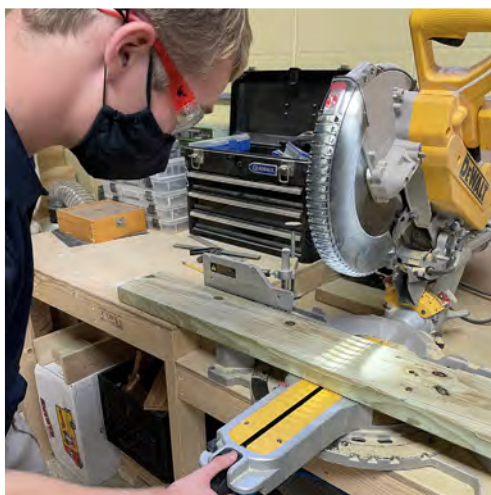
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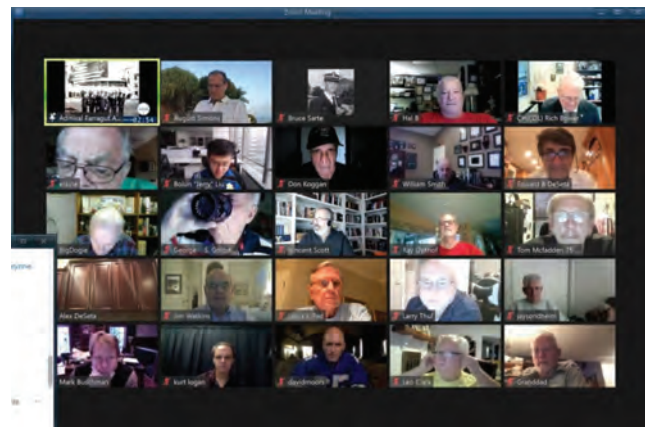
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The first-ever virtual homecoming was a huge success, with more than a hundred alumni from across the globe joining in on the Zoom event held Saturday, February 6, 2021.

Included in the event was a performance from the Admiral Farragut Academy drill team, an introduction to some of the regimental staff, the state-of-the-school address given by interim Headmaster COL Donna Brazil, a keynote address by guest speaker RADM Mark Buzby (Ret.) '75N, and other memorable Farragut surprises. We hope everyone who attended this event enjoyed the virtual reunion, and we hope it rekindled some fond Farragut memories!



It was a great opportunity to see the St. Pete campus, the drill team perform and gather with the AFA brotherhood. I was very impressed with the event and enjoyed reconnecting with my brothers!

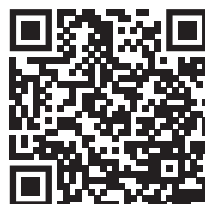
— Hal Blakemore '75N

I enjoyed the virtual event. I was actually surprised to have connected with several people that I had either met during my time at AFA or that they knew me by the influence that I left behind on the school.

— Michael Remien '09

It was great to participate in the Zoom event with over 80 alumni and I was able to reconnect with some of my fellow classmates. It was so good to see all the enhancements Farragut has made since I graduated in 1970.

— Kevin Traster '70S



## Unable to attend?

Scan the QR code or visit [youtu.be/XOlrhWddVo](https://youtu.be/XOlrhWddVo) to watch the Virtual Alumni Homecoming 2021 event recording (length: 1 hour and 12 minutes).





**February 3 - 5, 2022**

Welcome All Alumni  
Celebrating Classes ending in  
'5,'6,'7,'0,'1, and '2.

St. Petersburg, Florida

**[farragut.org/homecoming](http://farragut.org/homecoming)**

*Visit for full schedule and details*

## Weekend Events

*Honoring the Past. Propelling the Future.*

### **Thursday, February 3**

- 🔗 50th Anniversary Event of Charlie Duke's Walk on the Moon - Dinner program in DeSeta Hall.

### **Friday, February 4**

- 🔗 Enjoy Formal Pass and Review Parade
- 🔗 Cadet lead campus and museum tours
- 🔗 Alumni luncheon on the west grinder
- 🔗 President's Tailgate Party and Basketball Game

### **Saturday, February 5**

- 🔗 Aviation Experience
- 🔗 Open time for classes to host private gatherings
- 🔗 Alumni dinner to honor and celebrate former Head of School, Robert J. Fine's tenure and alumni awards. Special Farragut guests Mike Nicholson, CAPT McClelland USN (Ret.), Shannon Graves, Calvin Brown, and more.



# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Brigadier General Charles Duke's USAF (Ret.) '53S  
Walk on the Moon

**February 3, 2022**

**6:00-8:30 PM**

You are cordially invited to a once-in-a-lifetime evening to honor moonwalking astronaut, philanthropist, Farragut alumnus, and national hero Charles Duke.

Join us for a reception and dinner including entertainment, hosted by our master of ceremonies, Nicole Stott, retired NASA astronaut, author, and artist.

**Admiral Farragut Academy**  
DeSeta Hall

**[farragut.org/charlieduke50](http://farragut.org/charlieduke50)**

Please RSVP by January 24, 2022 to [vraymer@farragut.org](mailto:vraymer@farragut.org)

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the  
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# GLOBAL IMPACT

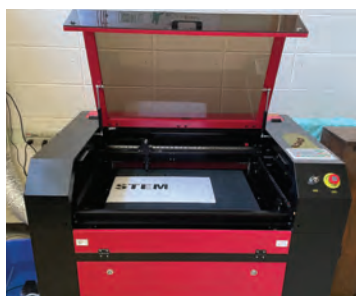
Farragut's alumni impact the world both locally and globally in many diverse ways. In these pages, learn what just some of our incredible alumni have been up to since they've left Farragut.



**Mike Pacht '61N:**  
**Administrative law judge to**  
**hospitality industry business**  
**owner**

After graduating from Farragut, Mike attended Coe College and Howard University Law School. After leaving his law practice and four years in NYC as an Administrative Law Judge, he bought and sold a restaurant. Twenty years ago, he also bought a bed and breakfast in Woodstock, Vermont, which he sold six years ago. Today Pacht is happily retired and he and his wife have two daughters, two sons-in-laws, and four grandchildren, ages 26 to 15.

An old picture that was recently found of some Class of 1961N members during their 20th reunion in 1981: (L-R) Bill Minty '61N, Mike Pacht '61N, Allan Gussack '61N, Bob Kaplon '61N, and Eric Engler '61N.



**Mike Williams '76N:**  
**Pharmaceutical industry VP**  
**enhances the Farragut STEM and**  
**Engineering**

Most recently Mike served as the Vice President of IOPS (Industrial Operations and Product Supply) at Regeneron, where he provided leadership and strategic direction

to achieve their collaboration manufacturing goals. Overall, his career boasts 25+ years of experience in pharma/Biopharm and today he still appreciates the hands-on education he received at Farragut and the importance of giving back. During the 2020-2021 school year, Mike and his wife Sue purchased a CO2 Laser Cutter for the STEM Department. The technology has been used to construct scale models of architecture designs and create components of underwater robots for the SeaPearch competition.

If you would like to learn more about what types of technology is needed in the classroom and how you can help, contact Development at 727-343-3678!



Keep in touch! Share your personal victories and other big news with us. Visit [farragut.org/alumni/submit-an-update](http://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)



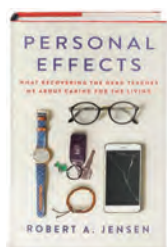
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### Robert Jensen '83S: Crisis Management expert and Chairman of Kenyon International Emergency Services

Kenyon is a global leader in disaster recovery and handling disasters involving mass fatalities. Jensen served as the CEO for 18 years and has provided his expertise through writing Op-ed to media interviews from BBC, CNN, and Fox to name a few.



Jensen recently wrote a memoir entitled *Personal Effects – What Recovering The Dead Teaches Me About Caring For The Living*.

"I talk about my time at AFA in the book and noted several of the faculty (1981-1983 time frame) in the acknowledgments," Jensen says. "For our Farragut family, I am happy to send signed bookplates to you, send me a note at [contact@robertajensen.com](mailto:contact@robertajensen.com)."

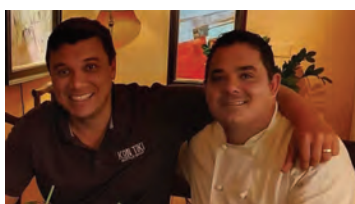
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### Joseph Zolfo '86N and Thomas Salomon '15: Alumnus connection creates big career opportunity in TV production

During the 2019 Army Navy Alumni Weekend in Philadelphia, Joseph met Thomas, a fellow alumnus with 29 years between their graduation. Joseph is an internationally-recognized producer for TV shows such as *God Friended Me* (2018) and *NCIS: New Orleans* (2014) and Thomas's dream is to work in TV production. After Thomas's graduation from Drexel University in Fall 2020, Thomas interviewed and was hired as Joseph's production assistant for the new television series he is producing called *Stargirl*. It turned out to be a great fit. "Thomas is the best assistant I have ever had over these many years, and I have had many," Joseph said.

The power of the Farragut Alumni Network is strong and is instrumental in supporting each other through mentoring, strategic introductions, networking, and letters of recommendations. In Salomon's case, a job opportunity was provided that will impact his future and a new career in TV production.



### Sean Moyle '98 and Paul Furze '99: Two alums from Grand Cayman become island leaders in the hospitality industry

Sean '98 is the owner of Kon Tiki Cayman, a wine and spirits store with a unique and rare rum collection. Paul '99 is the sous chef at Calypso Grill and is known for his distinct seafood dishes inspired by the local fresh fish caught daily.



### Spike Mendelsohn '00: Celebrity chef and restaurant owner in D.C.

Although Spike didn't celebrate his senior year at Farragut, he attended for two years in high school with the Class of 2000. In 2008, Spike became a celebrity chef after placing fifth in the TV show *Top Chef*. Today he is a well-known chef and restaurateur who owns several top eateries in the Washington D.C. area including "We, The Pizza", "Good Stuff Eatery", "Santa Rosa Taqueria", and another in Virginia called "Vim & Victor."

Spike believes strongly in giving back to his community and has also been heavily involved in helping the homeless. In January 2021, Spike donated hundreds of pizzas to feed the National Guard, police, and first responders who were working to protect the Capitol leading up to the Presidential Inauguration.



### **Mark Nelson '01: Family man, veteran, and educator**

Mark has been fortunate to have really enjoyed his last 20 years since he graduated from Farragut. Mark has been married for 13 years, and he and his wife have an 11-year-old

daughter and a 10-year-old son. Mark says his children are his greatest accomplishments.

After graduating from Farragut, Mark spent time with the United States Marine Corps, serving a tour in Iraq in '06 and another tour in Afghanistan '09. After the USMC, Mark started working in manufacturing leadership and earned a bachelor's in management.

For the last five years, Mark and his family have lived in South Bend, Indiana. Last November, Mark made a big career change and left his manufacturing management position to start substitute teaching to support keeping the schools open during COVID. He is now a full-time middle school math teacher.



### **Kathryn Thomas '08: US Navy service member with a focus on higher education**

After graduating from Farragut, Kathryn attended Georgia Tech and graduated in 2013 with a Biomedical Engineering degree while serving in the Naval ROTC program. For the last four years she has served as a lieutenant weapons tactics instructor for Integrated Air and Missile Defense in the US Navy. Most recently she earned a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies and Joint Professional Military Education from the Naval War College.



### **Joel Wolfson '11: Perseverance from bad decisions to Magna Cum Laude**

At Farragut, Joel was a member of the wrestling team and track & field teams. He made some unwise choices as a student,

but he was able to course-correct and graduate. He continued his education at the University of Florida and graduated in 2016 with a Magna Cum Laude degree in Environmental Geosciences.

Recently, Joel shared with our Juniors and Seniors his story of how Farragut supported him to make better decisions and not to give up but to persevere. He shared his career in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) with Planet Labs. GIS is

the technology in cell phones, the satellite imagery on Google maps, to the imagery and radar systems Tesla uses to name a few of everyday uses. It was an inside look at a career field that many had never heard of, but our students were engaged and asked many follow up questions after the presentation.

Joel lives in St Petersburg with his wife and he loves to travel abroad. He is currently finishing his Master's Degree in Business Analytics and Information Systems.

Joel shared, "being able to present about Geospatial Technology, and my time at Farragut, meant the world to me. Farragut helped shape me into the person I am today. If I can give back to the students in any way which will give them a brighter future that is exactly what I want to do."





### **Ariel Zhang '12: Published author and interpreter in her second language, English**

In April 2021, Ariel published a young adult fiction book titled *Leila*; a story about a fantasy journey into the place between life and death. Ariel left her homeland of China to attend Farragut barely speaking English, and became a confident young lady who not only earned good grades but became the co-captain of the softball team. After Farragut, Ariel graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing, and is a Simultaneous Interpreter for several big names, including motivational speaker Tony Robbins, actor Sylvester Stallone, and pop singer Pitbull, just to name a few. She has also been hosting youth empowerment programs for teens for over a decade, specializing in personal coaching and goal setting.

Ariel credits Farragut for embracing diversity and pushing her out of her comfort zone to become the accomplished person she is today.

Visit [amzn.to/3jWatvc](https://amzn.to/3jWatvc) to purchase *Leila* today!



### **Brittany McGee '15: Hard work, perseverance, and fun.**

After Farragut, Brittany attended Stanford University, where she was a member of the track team while earning a degree in Bioengineering. She has just completed her master's degree in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology from the

University of South Florida in less than two years.

She has recently earned a position overseas with Novo Nordisk, a multinational pharmaceutical company. Brittany came by campus to share this exciting news of a master's degree and her new career with some of her Farragut mentors, including English teacher Heather Ewing (pictured).

Brittany is a great example to our female cadets, on how to set goals, exemplifies a hard work ethic while exuding perseverance, and never taking herself too seriously, a true recipe for success.

### **Farragut Alumni become family for life**



**Max Jessen '15** and **Ian Schlifstein '15** are lifelong Farragut friends and are both living in Boston, MA. Max works with private equity at Battery Ventures, a global, technology-focused investment firm. Ian is a financial analyst at Wellington Management, one of the largest privately-held investment firms.



**Zachary Fine '17** participated in the NROTC program and graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor's degree in 2021. During his commissioning ceremony, his first salute was with his Gunnery Sergeant and his second and third salute were with his lifelong Farragut friends who have celebrated life's most impactful

moments together including graduations, engagements, and weddings. (Pictured L-R, **MIDN 3/C Evan Schlifstein**, **ENS Zachary Fine '17**, **Ana Bambrick Santoyo**, and **MIDN 1/C Trevor Bennati '17**). Zach will be a US Navy Surface Warfare Officer stationed in San Diego, CA.

# TAPS

*a farewell to our friends*



Philip Edelstein '42



Don Baker '45N



Dr. Robert Kaufman '45N



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John Marsden '59N



James Brehm '61S



John Gilbert '63N



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Dr. Phillip Gilbert '66S



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David O'Connor '77S



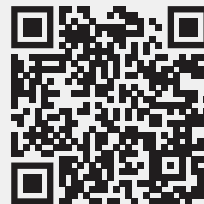
Andrew Cerritelli '85N



Damian St. Germaine  
'91S (Non-Grad)



Lawrence Jensen,  
former teacher



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### WE MET THE MOMENT WITH INTEGRITY, SELF-DISCIPLINE, PERSEVERANCE, WELLNESS, AND FITNESS

When the pandemic hit the Admiral Farragut Academy school community, we learned to navigate uncharted waters using our core values of integrity, self-discipline, perseverance, wellness, and fitness as a guide. We collaborated with each other -- parents, teachers, administrators, students, and alumni to overcome the unprecedented challenges. We returned to in-person learning for the 2020-2021 school year and continued to support our students and their success. We celebrated the Class of 2020 online and in-

person and held a traditional graduation for the Class of 2021. Our Farragut family was supported throughout with acts of kindness, patience, thoughtfulness, and record-setting fundraising.

The Farragut community continues to come together and show its belief in the school's mission in many ways. A gift to the Farragut Fund supports every student and faculty member and has an immediate impact on the Farragut Experience. Visit [farragut.org/giving](http://farragut.org/giving) to give now.

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**\$811,024**  
Total Raised



**\$56,089**  
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**\$242,229**  
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raised on  
Farragut Day  
of Giving 2021



**\$213,170**  
raised for  
endowment



**\$149,386**  
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**82**  
Heritage  
Society Members



**38%**  
donor  
participation  
increase



**27%**  
fundraising  
increase from  
last year





## RANDY KRESSLER '60 -- CONTINUING THE LEGACY FROM PINE BEACH TO ST PETERSBURG

**I**t was September 1955. Gunsmoke premiered on CBS-TV, Swiss inventor George de Mestral was granted a patent for his new invention called velcro, the New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 3-2 to take the pennant, and an 11-year-old boy went from York, PA to Pine Beach, NJ to attend Admiral Farragut Academy. Randy Kressler's father had been killed in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, and his Mother worked to pay for his attendance at Admiral Farragut. She felt strongly that it was an education that could not be duplicated in York so she sacrificed so Randy could attend.

Randy excelled, played football and was co-captain of the track team, was appointed a company

commander his senior year graduating in 1960. Randy was the first in his family to attend college graduating from Texas Christian University and then obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from the American University College of Law in Washington, D.C. He returned to Fort Worth where he practiced corporate and tax law for many years making a name for himself until he left the practice to go to work for Lubrication Engineers, Inc., a manufacturer, and marketer of high-end lubricants for industry applications. In 2002, Randy became CEO and served in that capacity for many years growing the company immensely.

During all those years Randy never lost sight of his days at Pine Beach and the impact the school had on his life. The Farragut experience helped him learn integrity, loyalty, and perseverance among other values which benefited him the rest of his life and the transformational boarding experience contributed to his success.

Randy has paid back that experience over the years as a Farragut board member, trusted advisor, and loyal donor. Even though the Pine Beach campus is no longer in existence, Randy believes the proud heritage and legacy of Admiral Farragut Academy reaches far beyond any one place and lives and thrives

on the St. Petersburg campus today. Randy remembers vividly his days as a boarding student in Pine Beach. That's why he established The Pine Beach Tribute Fund in the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation to honor that legacy and encourage others with the same experiences to give. Started with a \$10,000 gift in 2011 and additional gifts over the years including \$75,000 last year as a matching gift challenge to his class of 1960 the fund has grown exponentially to nearly \$200,000. Randy says, "I intended that the primary use of the fund would be for the benefit of the St. Petersburg boarding cadets to mitigate some of those lonely days they will experience being away from home." The fund supports activities for boarders.

"I benefited enormously from my experience at Farragut and continue to stay involved", Randy said. "It is our duty to repay with gratitude our education at Farragut and to further its legacy." That's why Randy has not only given annually but has included Farragut in his will to receive a substantial sum after his passing — and he wants you to know that you too can ensure the sustainability of this great institution that has impacted so many lives.

*Randy Kressler '60N is retired and resides in Fort Worth, Texas with his wife, Sharon.*

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

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

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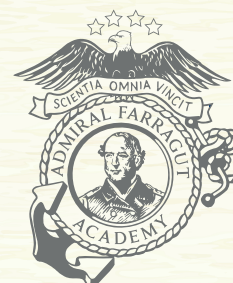
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