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Successful TV and film producer Joseph Zolfo '86N on the set of CBS's *God Friended Me*. Full story on page 23.

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Several boarding students fish at the waterfront while the sun sets on Farragut Hall.



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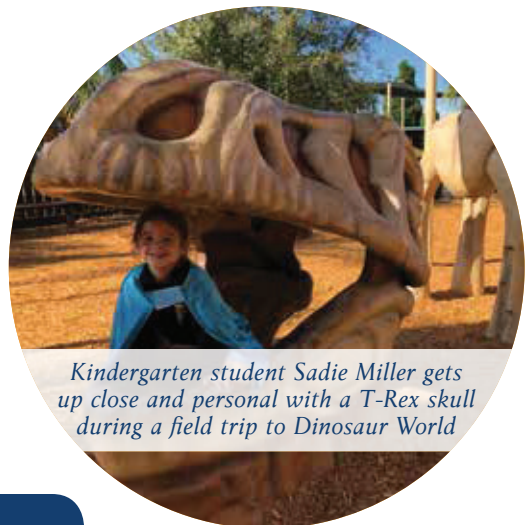
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A word from the Headmaster

These are exciting times at Admiral Farragut Academy. As you'll see in the pages of *Reveille*, we've enhanced the "A" in our STEAM curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) through our newest building, and are celebrating the accomplishments of graduates (featuring Joseph Zolfo '86N) in the entertainment industry.

Numerous studies have shown that the integration of art with math and science makes for an even stronger education. The new DeSeta Hall (named for alumnus and donor Ed DeSeta '67N) offers a great opportunity to not only feature Farragut's talented artists but also to bolster community partnerships. For instance, local theatre company American Stage is hosting a summer drama camp.



Lower School Spring Performance in DeSeta Hall on Thursday, April 18, 2019

Also in this edition, you'll read about an alumnus who encountered pirates during a global voyage, our record-breaking "Reach for the Stars" gala, and all the regular features you look for: Alumni News and Class Notes, Athletics, Farragut Happenings, Proud Accomplishments, and Farragut Today.

None of this would be possible without our alumni, parents, donors, and friends of Farragut. Your legacies are the foundation for all the new successes.

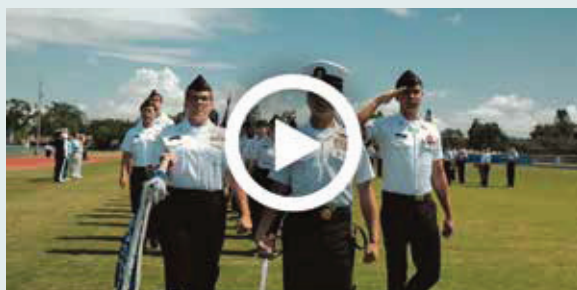
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "RJ Fine Jr".



Robert J. Fine, Jr.
Headmaster, Admiral Farragut Academy

A tribute to developing leaders for 85 years



Here at Admiral Farragut Academy, we shape the future, building leadership and character, one cadet at a time. Our rich Naval heritage and deep commitment to our students is what unites and inspires us. Students here, experience a college preparatory environment that readies them to be exceptional, global citizens. As our alumni will attest, it's been that way since we began in 1933. Watch this inspiring and powerful video online, at vimeo.com/303336633.

DeSeta Hall construction on schedule



DeSeta Hall rolls out the red carpet for Reach For The Stars, Farragut's annual fundraising auction and gala. Construction on classrooms and offices is expected to be completed this Fall.

Completion of Farragut's new multi-purpose performing arts building, DeSeta Hall, has surprisingly little to do with floor plans, concrete or steel. It's all about the students who will benefit from the Academy's state-of-the-art facility once the project is finished in the fall of 2019.

"Everything's running on schedule and that's great news for our students," said Ed DeSeta, Farragut Class of 1967 and donor to the project whose family name adorns the new building.

Exterior work is completed as is the lobby and auditorium. Interior work on classrooms and offices will continue throughout the summer.

Meanwhile, fundraising continues for needs including interior finishings, furnishings, and equipment. There are a number of naming opportunities still available. To make a gift, email Tony Sloan at tsloan@farragut.org or call 813-416-7202.

To learn more about DeSeta Hall and the New Building Capital Campaign, visit farragut.org/about/new-building-capital-campaign.



Naming Opportunities Still Available

- \$ 500,000 – Auditorium/Theater
- \$ 250,000 – New Dorm Recreation Wing (in Farragut Hall)
- \$ 100,000 – Theater/Music Classroom
- \$ 50,000 – Control Room / Sound Booth
- \$ 25,000 – Dressing Rooms (2)
- \$ 25,000 – Practice Rooms (2)

Please save the date and join us for the Building Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony during Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 18th.

Reach FOR THE STARS

Admiral Farragut Academy's "Reach for the Stars" Fundraising Auction and Gala on Saturday, April 6th was an amazing evening!

This year's auction format was an entirely new concept, including a performance by **Michael Israel**. Israel is a world-renowned American artist, entertainer, speaker, and humanitarian famous for "Speed Painting" performances and inspiring compassion and support for many charities. With hard work, ingenuity, and the over-achieving attitude that is associated with Admiral

Farragut Academy, we went forth to reach for the stars and put on a record-breaking gala in our brand new event space, DeSeta Hall. **We had over 250 people in attendance which was our largest attendance to date.** This was a collaborative effort between the Parents' Group Executive Board, Farragut staff, volunteers, and hired-vendors. We cannot thank you enough for everyone involved in the planning and execution of this fundraising event, and for those who attended and participated in the auction to support the school.

The silent and live auction, which also includes Michael Israel's auctioned artwork, **raised approximately \$130,000** in net profit for the school. The profits will be used for wish-list projects, such as completing the fence along 5th Ave. N. or renovating a classroom. The specific projects will be decided by Headmaster Bob Fine and the Parents' Group executive committee in the upcoming months.



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Included in our live auction this year were four incredible experiences all around the continent.



VIP Kennedy Space Center Experience with Astronaut Nicole Stott



New York City Adventure: Yankees Baseball and God Friended Me Backstage Tour



Grand Cayman Caribbean Getaway

Behind-the-Scenes Pentagon and U.S. Capitol Tours, Washington, D.C.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

There were many silent auction items available, from class baskets and student group art projects to special Only at Farragut experiences. These are just a few of the items that were available at the silent auction.



Army-Navy "Philadelphia Freedom" Weekend



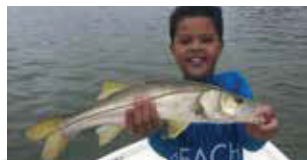
Ski-In-Ski-Out Telluride, Colorado Ski Lodge Trip



Sunset Helicopter Tour of Tampa Bay with Granvil Tracy '73S and Dinner for Four



Dinner with Moon-Walking Astronaut Charlie Duke '53S



Here Fishy-Fishy Inshore and Offshore Fishing Trip



The Parents' Group

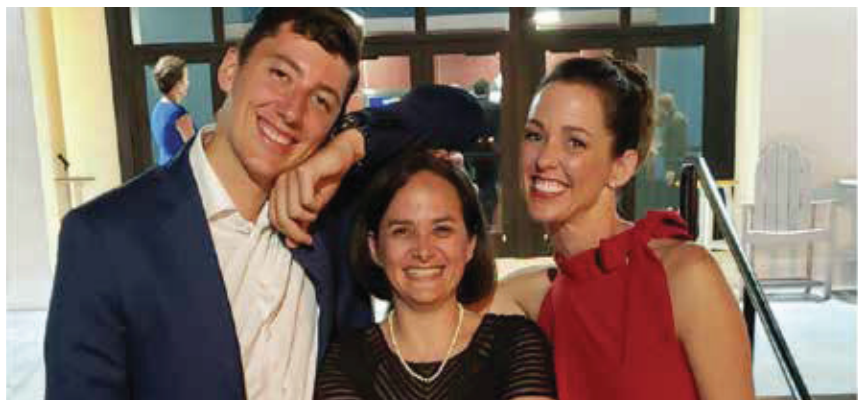
Thank you to our Executive Committee for the planning and execution of this fantastic event!

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Donors and Volunteers:

Also, a big thank you to all of those families and businesses that donated items to our silent and live auction packages, and to all of the faculty and staff members who volunteered during the event!

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DATE!



2019 Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 19, 2019

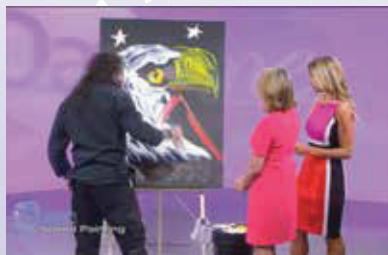


2020 Annual Auction

Saturday, February 29, 2020

** Dates are tentative and subject to change*

Did you see us on the news?



On Monday, March 18, 2019, speed painter and performing artist Michael Israel, visited campus to spread the word about “Reach for the Stars.” During the visit, Israel completed two speed paintings, including one that was the first ever underwater speed painting. The visit was covered by three different local news outlets.

In the early morning, Israel was featured with the local NBC affiliate, WFLA News Channel 8, with reporter Lila Gross. With the help of several Lower School students, they created a Farragut-themed speed painting. They then moved to Farragut’s pool, where, with the help of Mrs. Singleton’s Scuba class, Israel did a live test run of his underwater speed painting.

Later in the morning, Israel was joined by the local CBS affiliate, WTSP 10 News, and the local FOX affiliate, Fox 13 News. This was the main event, as Israel, again helped out by the Scuba class, painted a portrait of Albert Einstein underwater in under 7 minutes!

“It was incredible,” said Melissa Price ‘19. “At first you couldn’t really tell what it was going to be, but then once he flipped it around and finished it up it was

clear. It was Albert Einstein, and it was incredible.”

“I think the best artwork is not what’s on the canvas but the people it inspires, the support it raises for worthy endeavors,” said Israel. “That’s really what my art is all about.”

On Thursday, March 21, Israel was featured on News Channel 8’s morning program Daytime, where he taught hosts Cyndi Edwards and McKinzie Roth how to speed paint. Together, they created a painting of an eagle.

Want to see videos of Michael Israel's press coverage? Scan this QR code with your phone!



Step 1: Open the Camera app on your iPhone/Android or download a QR reader app.

Step 2: Hold your device steady for 2-3 seconds towards the QR Code.

Step 3: Click on the notification to open the website.

Farragut teachers continue to stand out among Florida educators

Each year since its inception, now five years running, Farragut teachers have been amongst applicants from three counties who have received the prestigious **Barrett Foundation Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics**.

We proudly salute this year's 2018-2019 winners:

- ⚓ Jessica Kolodetsky, Upper School Mathematics
- ⚓ Joshua Moore, Upper School Mathematics
- ⚓ Tonya Singleton, Upper School Scuba

Other teachers who have won in the past include:

- ⚓ Stephen Mikell, Upper School Physics (2017-18)
- ⚓ Amy Smith, Upper School Mathematics (2017-18)
- ⚓ Rob Ewing, Upper School Aviation (2016-17)
- ⚓ Sari Deitche, Upper School Science (2014-15)
- ⚓ Thomas Ma, Upper School Mathematics (2013-14)

When we asked Barrett Foundation Executive Director and Trustee, Brian Barrett what makes teachers stand out to the foundation, he said, "we look for

passionate, innovative educators who have the unique ability to connect with their students."

In order to be considered for this award, a teacher must be nominated by a student, a fellow educator, and a parent or the headmaster/principal. Each nominee must submit an application and video demonstrating their teaching style and how the support of the Barrett Foundation will impact their classroom, their students, and them personally.

We at Admiral Farragut Academy thank the Foundation for recognizing our teachers' hard work and dedication.

In their words:



Jessica Kolodetsky *Upper School Mathematics*

"As a lifelong learner, I am always looking for new innovative teaching methodologies to incorporate into my lessons. We know that new experiences can structurally and functionally change the brain by building connections only when we use teaching strategies that are most aligned with how the brain learns. I truly believe that now is an exciting time to be a teacher."



Joshua Moore *Upper School Mathematics*

"As I've grown older, I've often wondered how different my life may have been if I had a teacher encourage or see some potential in me during my important formative years. This is something that I remember to this day and do my best to make sure every one of my students can see the potential they have before them."



Tonya Singleton *Upper School Scuba*

"Teaching was never part of my career plan, but thankfully that is where I am today. It is so rewarding to see how happy students are when they realize they can breathe underwater and face their fears. I tell them this is the closest thing to outer space I will ever get to because they are quite similar. You can accomplish goals in so many different ways no matter how long it takes."

INTO THE BLUE



Admiral Farragut Academy's Scuba classes spend the school year under the waves.



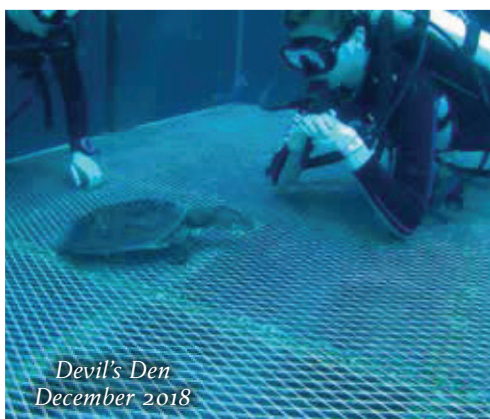
East Coast Riviera Beach
September 2018



Underwater Homecoming
Proposal (She said yes!)
October 2018



Devil's Den
November 2018



Devil's Den
December 2018



Walt Disney World
Epcot's The Seas
February 2019



March 2019
Scuba students assist artist Michael Israel
with first-ever underwater speed painting
For more photos and video, visit bit.ly/2XgbPnY



Walt Disney World
Epcot's The Seas
February 2019

AT FARRAGUT, OUR STUDENTS



Students as young as 9 have been learning to fly at Admiral Farragut Academy. This was a year of groundbreaking advances for the school's Aviation Program.

Besides opening the program to Lower School students, Aviation acquired a state-of-the-art flight simulator, launched a new Upper School curriculum, and brought in a 700-pound jet engine. It's a powerful combination, sure to increase interest in the aviation program.

The timing couldn't be better; the aviation industry is scrambling to find future pilots. Boeing projects a global demand of 790,000 pilots through 2028. What better way to inspire aviation dreams than letting children -- after simulator training, of course -- fly a plane?

"By exposing the Lower School students to aviation early in their academic journey, we hope to foster a love of learning that will carry through to our Upper School program and beyond," said Aviation Program Director Rob Ewing.

The Lower School program was made possible by a one-time \$5,000 grant that American Airlines awarded to Farragut and 16 other aviation-focused schools. Farragut is hoping for a renewal in order to keep the program going.

Sixth-grader Hazel Alevok was among the 58 third- through seventh-grade students who participated in spring 2019. "At first I was nervous," Hazel told local TV news station BayNews9, "and I thought it was going to be like the simulator, but it was actually a lot easier than I thought."

That simulator Hazel and other students train with has a 200-degree wraparound feature, allowing the eyes to sense depth in landing. Farragut purchased the simulator -- it's technically an AATD (Advanced Aircraft Training Device) -- with proceeds from the sale of a donated Cirrus SR22 G2 Turbo aircraft.

From FlyThisSim, the AATD allows Upper School students to get 2.5 hours of logged

simulated instrument time to meet the FAA requirements for private pilot certification. Students also use it to log 20 hours toward their instrument rating. It replicates 45 different aircraft configurations from such companies as Cessna, Piper and Diamond.

The Aviation Program innovations don't end there. Also new in 2018-19 was a first-of-its-kind aviation STEM curriculum developed and released by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Associations (AOPA) at no cost to participating schools. It will grow yearly until all four high school grade levels of curriculum are complete.

"With an unprecedented demand for careers in aviation, we are thrilled that so many high schools are utilizing our STEM curriculum to inspire students and give them the skills to pursue future careers in aerospace," said AOPA President and CEO Mark Baker. "Planting the seeds for the future workforce of our industry is part of AOPA's mission to keep aviation vibrant."

DON'T JUST EXCEL, they soar!

But there's more. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, through which Farragut aviation students can take dual-enrollment classes, donated a 700-pound Lycoming engine designed for helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.

"It's a great demonstration engine," said Aviation Instructor Jose Hercher, adding that some day interested students may learn to disassemble and reassemble it -- terrific experience for aspiring mechanical engineers.

Whether hoping for aviation-related careers or just interested in the joy of soaring, Farragut students have unique opportunities found at few schools -- for the younger students especially.

"It's exciting and rewarding to see children do something for the first time," Ewing said. "They can't drive a car, but are at the controls of these airplanes."

Seventh-grader Sophia Raymer summed it up: "It was amazing."



Support the Aviation Program by donating at www.farragut.org/giving. Funds may be used for purchasing project supplies, new simulator products and equipment, room renovations, and more.



AVIATION CADET EARNS PRIVATE PILOT LICENSE



LUIS ERASO '19

Luis, a 7-day boarding senior from Venezuela passed his Private Pilot practical test on Thursday, December 20, 2018, at Winter Haven airport. The examiner commented that it was the best Private Pilot check ride he had ever done.

Luis has been around aviation his entire life. Both of his parents are pilots, and the year before he entered Farragut he earned his solo endorsement through a summer program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He has fond memories of his first solo flight.

"It didn't really hit me until I was in the air already that I was alone," he said. "It was a great feeling. I'll never forget it"

"When I heard about Farragut's aviation program, I was captivated," he said. "There was this school you

can go and get your private license. It's amazing. This school is perfect for flying. I wouldn't have gotten my license this early in my life if I hadn't gone to Farragut. There are so many opportunities here, so many people here to help you and you make lifelong relationships."

Luis is planning on attending Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio in Spain. "I want to be a pilot for anything. It could be military, commercial, or cargo planes, but I just really want to fly."

FOUR AVIATION CADETS EARN THEIR SOLO PILOT ENDORSEMENTS



GUILLAUME CHEVRIER '19

7-day boarder from Saint Lucia

Flew solo on: October 31, 2018

Quote: "I've wanted to be a pilot since I was young. Flying has always excited me. It's a great feeling when you realize you're flying this piece of technology and you're able to do it because not a lot of people are eligible to fly."

College and Major: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Aeronautical Science



TREVOR EORIATTI '19

7-day boarder from Des Moines, IA

Flew solo on: November 8, 2018

Quote: "It's cool when I get to land at the St. Pete/Clearwater International Airport (PIE) because that's the airport I use to go home. You're landing and there's a big Allegiant jet right there and here I am in a little plane and they're waiting for me to land. It's really cool."

College and Major: Minnesota State University, Aeronautical Science



ALEX O MORENO '19

7-day boarder from Nagoya, Japan

Flew solo on: November 13, 2018

Quote: "It's cool to get a chance to fly in high school. There's not much opportunity for that back home in Japan. I always have friends from home text me and tell me they're jealous I get to fly when they have to wait till they graduate and come to the U.S."

College and Major: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Aeronautical Science



EIKI "LUKE" MATSUYOSHI '19

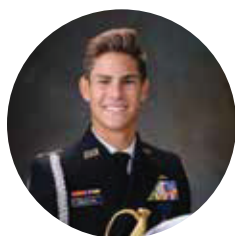
7-day boarder from Tokyo, Japan

Flew solo on: December 8, 2018

Quote: "I love seeing a birds-eye view of the world. I fly drones, but that's different because you're on the ground. You're looking at it through a camera. But when you're in a plane, you're seeing it for real."

College and Major: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Aeronautical Science

An interview with the Regimental Commanders of the 2018-19 School Year



Evan Schlifstein
First Semester

Evan has attended Farragut since the 4th grade and is a former day and current boarding student from St. Petersburg.

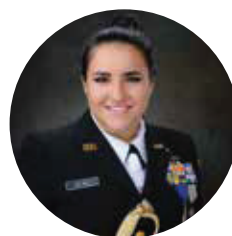
How did being the Regimental Commander impact you as a person and as a leader for your future?

I've been at Farragut for nine years now, and this past semester has been the most impactful of my life. Being a 7-day boarder, being Regimental Commander, or even just being an officer and leader in general at this school, has taught me a sense of integrity that I never imagined I'd have.

What was your biggest accomplishment last semester as Regimental Commander?

I think our biggest accomplishment was getting a steady officer base. I'm really proud to say that we have the right people for the job in the right positions. The second biggest accomplishment is that we've grown the morale of the regiment and the respect our students have for the naval aspect of the school. We've managed to inspire others to strive for leadership positions and to show the rest why we wear the uniform and why we're proud of what we do.

Evan is attending the Naval Academy with a major in Chemistry, and his ultimate goal is become a pilot and eventually a doctor in the U.S. Navy.



Valentina Fornaro Galliano
Second Semester

Valentina is an international student from Argentina and has attended Farragut since the 8th grade.

What does this leadership role mean to you?

It's something that I've always wanted. When I first started at Farragut I saw the Regimental Commander during a parade and I told my mom, "I'm gonna be standing there one day." Now that I'm here, I know it's more than just being up there in front of everyone. I understand the importance of the role and the responsibility that comes with it. But what's even more important is that it was my ultimate goal, and it's a goal that I achieved.

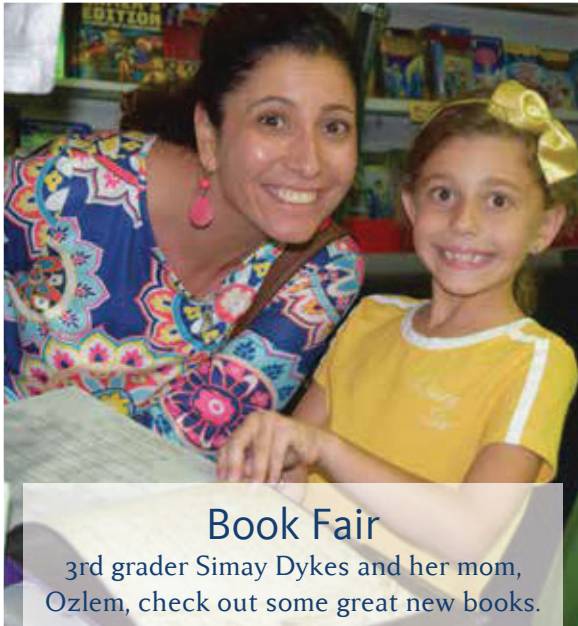
How has your time at Farragut prepared you for this leadership role?

It's taught me how to delegate and how to work in a team. It's tough to work in a team because you have to trust that the other person is going to get stuff done, but Farragut has helped me with that. It's also helped me understand that while people may not have the best reaction, you have to let it roll off of you and get stuff done anyway.

Valentina is attending Lynn University with a major in accounting and international business management, and her ultimate goal is to start her own business.

Because of enrollment growth for the 2018-19 school year, Naval Science separated the corps of cadets into two leadership regiments which reflects the model used by many other military academies.

Events Around Campus



Book Fair

3rd grader Simay Dykes and her mom, Ozlem, check out some great new books.



Lower School Winter Dance

6th graders Cole Raymer and Jenna Sorensen had a great time at the annual 6th and 7th grade dance.



Muffins with Moms

Kindergarten student Johanna Dennis poses with her mom, Patricka.



Character Parade

On Halloween, superheroes, princesses, and monsters walked around campus hoping for candy.



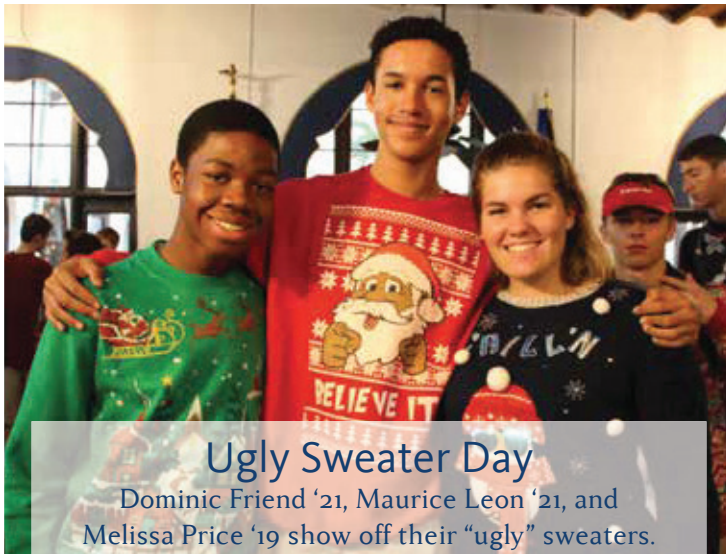
Pancakes with Pops

PreK student Archer Rikarts with his dad, Andrew '86S, who is a Farragut Alumnus.



Lower School Glow Party

2nd graders David Vaughn, Max Salebra, Olivia Love, and PreK student Charlotte Love GLOW CRAZY!



Ugly Sweater Day

Dominic Friend '21, Maurice Leon '21, and Melissa Price '19 show off their "ugly" sweaters.



Homecoming Court

Valentina Fornaro Galliano '19 and Jared Middleton '19 are crowned Homecoming King and Queen.



Spirit Week

Alexis Hernandez '20 and Spencer Kirtland '19 lead the Alpha Battalion during "Jocks vs Preppies".



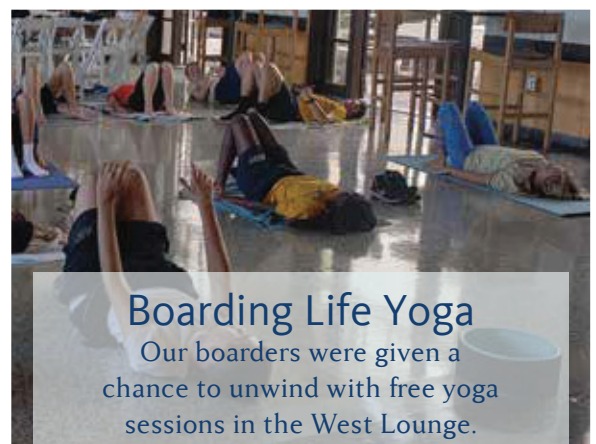
Homecoming Dance

Juniors Haley Saylor and Ty Ulevich smile wide at the dance.



Ray Negrón and Alex Martin

Baseball player Ray Negrón and musician Alex Martin held the first performance in DeSeta Hall for our students.



Boarding Life Yoga

Our boarders were given a chance to unwind with free yoga sessions in the West Lounge.

Proud Accomplishments



Sari Deitch, the head of Farragut's science department and biology teacher was given a \$995 Environmental Education grant by the Florida Association for Water Quality Control (FAWQC). This is the tenth year in a row that Mrs. Deitch has been awarded this grant. It will be used for an experiment, including all science classes in Lower to Upper School, to help them study and learn about the importance of mangrove habitats.



The Farragut Astros and the Galactic Narwhals LEGO Robotics teams competed in a qualifying tournament. The Farragut Astros had a great performance at the qualifying tournament and moved onto the regional competition on February 23rd. The Galactic Narwhals did a great job but, unfortunately, did not qualify for the regional tournament. Thank you to the Galactic Narwhals for a great season.



Shyann Laporte '20 earned two leadership awards: the 'Steven M. Fetherman JROTC Excellence Award', presented by the Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291, and the 'General Norman H. Schwarzkopf Leadership Award', presented by the West Point Society of West Florida. In her essay written on the West Point Honor Code, Shyann wrote "as a developing leader I've learned that the only way to success is integrity and staying true to yourself."



Ashton Raymer '20 earned his Eagle Scout rank this past June. Only 4% of scouts are granted this rank, and it takes a couple of years of hard work and commitment to complete. Eagle Scouts are required to complete a community service project, and Ashton chose to work with Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Park to build and install trash can receptacles.



Two of our fifth-grade students placed in the 35th Annual Stanley Shalit Short Story Competition sponsored by the Friends of the Largo Library. Carlos Bonilla won Second Place and \$75, and Carson Covington won Honorable Mention and \$25. The prompt for this year's contest was to write an imaginative 4-8 page story about a backpack. The story was to revolve around an experience, setting, problem, challenge, tragedy, triumph, or any circumstance that would intrigue readers and bring characters to life.



Four Farragut seniors were recognized for their audio essay submissions in the annual VFW "Voices of Democracy" essay contest. The topic this year was "Why My Vote Matters." Seniors Steven Smiley and Madilyn Landry both won first place at the district level. Seniors Vanessa Amaya and Elijah Soyke finished second and third respectively. The first-place winners will have an opportunity to compete with other high schools in Florida at the regional competition in Orlando later this year.



Diana Romanovskaya '19 was awarded the Gold Key Regional Scholastic Writing Award. Her works titled, "The Reality of a Writer's Mind," "Death as Salvation," and "The Ink" will go on to compete nationally. Some other authors who have received Gold Scholastic Writing Awards are Stephen King, Truman Capote, Joyce Carol Oates, and Sylvia Plath.



The NHS and NJHS worked together to create a "Spread Happiness" Drive to show nursing home residents warm appreciation. Students from both lower and upper schools donated items such as word puzzles, coloring books, pens, pencils, trial size toiletries, candies, and more. Under the direction of their advisors, Mrs. Williar and Mrs. Olesnevich, the students organized the items into 67 individual bags that were delivered to The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay.



Shannon LoRusso, the Lower School technology and engineering teacher, was recognized as an outstanding Digital Literacy Educator for helping students throughout the district master their Digital Literacy skills. Teaching 51 students, and completing over 923 Learning.com lessons so far this year, she is currently in the top 20% of Learning.com educators in the world.



Nikita (5th grade) and Kai (Kindergarten) Johnson, both award-winning kart racers in their own rights, served as Sunshine State ambassadors on March 8th at the 2019 Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. The boys were honored by the City Council of St. Petersburg on Friday, February 22nd, where they received gifts of specially made racing helmets themed to the city.



The drone program was newly introduced this semester, and five students completed a rigorous program to earn Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) Drone Wings. These five students included Roman Stott '21 and Harold Zhang '19 (pictured), as well as Luke Matsuyoshi '19, Robert Heiss '22, and George Wootton '20.



Hunter Gordon and Elijah Soyke were recently recognized by the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg. They were two of 14 student recipients of the 81st Annual Outstanding Youth Awards. They were selected on the basis of scholarship, character, and service.

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2018-2019

FALL ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS



SWIMMING & DIVING

The Farragut boys and girls swim team had an outstanding season. They all worked exceedingly hard, trusted the process and ended up with many personal bests throughout their time in the pool. The girls team ended with a 6-2 record and the boys team with a 4-3-1 record. The team competed in districts, had five swimmers move on to regionals, and Jillian Aprile moved on to place in the state championship. The coaching staff is extremely proud of everyone and is looking forward to next season! Go BlueJackets!



VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball continued to make strides as an overall program from Middle School to Varsity. The team participated in the Panther Volleyball Showcase, winning the Bronze bracket by defeating Southeast and Gulf Coast Heat. On Senior Night the girls celebrated a big win over Brooks Debartolo. The girls had record numbers this year, worked hard, and got better every day. The coaches are proud of the way they progressed and are excited for next year.



FOOTBALL

Farragut Football had a historic year capturing the 2A Region 3 Championship. On their path to the title game, they finished the regular season with an 8-1 record, with convincing victories over Indian Rocks Christian, Northside Christian, and St. Pete Catholic. This helped the Football

team earn the number one seed in Region 3, as well as a first-round bye. In the State Series, they defeated Cambridge Christian 40-14 as well as Seffner Christian Academy 20-7 for the Regional Championship. They fell a little short in the State Semifinal game against Champagnat Catholic 20-24, finishing 10-2. After the season, several players received individual accolades: Psaveon Reaves was named FACA District 14 2A Player of the Year, Lorenzo Valencia and Psaveon Reaves were chosen to play in the Florida Athletic Coaches Association All-Star Classic, and Nick Manhertz was chosen to play in the Pinellas County All-Star Game.



GOLF

The Farragut Golf Team had a great season. At practice, the boys worked hard every day and improved tremendously as the season progressed. The BlueJackets were in mid-season form by September, defeating Indian Rocks Christian and Shorecrest in back-to-back matches. The team's mid-season push was largely due to senior leadership from Eiki Matsuyoshi and Evan Schlifstein. Uriah Jenkins and Kyle Smith were both stellar all season for the BlueJackets as well. In practice, they pushed one another to compete at their best. Following a successful regular season campaign, Uriah and Kyle posted respectable numbers at the District Championship, good enough to qualify for the 2018 Regional Championship! The boys played some great golf but narrowly missed the cut to advance to the State Final. Both Uriah and Kyle will return for the 2019 season.



CROSS COUNTRY

Farragut Cross Country had a fantastic season. The boys team won the Districts, finished 3rd in the Region, and placed 5th in the State! Philip Henderson placed 10th at States as well as won the overall District. Alex Fiorillo competed in the FACA All-Star Classic in Lakeland. During the regular season, these accolades also occurred: St. Petersburg City Championships 3rd, Dunedin Invite 3rd, Mitchell Invite 3rd, Bradenton Invite 5th, and the Big Pirate Invite 1st. The Boys JV team also had success with the St. Petersburg City Championships 2nd, and the Pirate Invite 4th. For the girls team, Sara Oi had a great season finishing 5th at Districts and moved onto the Regional Meet in Gainesville. She also finished: 2nd in the Pirate invite, 5th at the St. Petersburg City Championships, and 6th at the Bradenton Invite.

Winter & Spring sports will be included in the Fall 2019 edition of *Reveille*.

Parents' Group puts on successful 2018 Golf Tournament



The Parents' Group held their annual Golf Tournament on Friday, November 16th at Bardmoor Golf and Country Club. It was a tremendous success, raising

around \$10,000. They held a 50/50 raffle contest, and Farragut parent Elaine Wallace won \$1,400. Even more impressively, Farragut parent Sally McCauley hit a hole-in-one on a contest hole and won a trip for two to Hawaii valued at \$10,000!

There were many wonderful raffle prizes, including an Orange Theory Fitness package, vacations to Sirata Beach Resort and Beach House Suites, golf lessons, and a baseball signed by New York Yankee player Didi Gregorius. Bardmoor Golf and Country Club was a fantastic host and made sure that everyone had a good time and that the tournament went smoothly.

The Parents' Group would like to send a special thanks to the Salebra family for donating McDonald's breakfast sandwiches, coffee, water, and juices, to those who donated all of the amazing raffle prizes, and to our volunteers. Congratulations to our 1st Place Team, composed of Tony Pemble, Ryan Hearn, Mike Morris, and Bill Coughlin!

Admiral Farragut Academy is awarded \$5,000 check by Outback Bowl



Christopher Giblin presents \$5,000 check from the Outback Bowl to Headmaster Robert J. Fine, Jr.

During Admiral Farragut Academy's Athlete Signing Day on Wednesday, February 6th, Christopher Giblin presented a check for \$5,000 to the Farragut Fund from the Outback Bowl.

Christopher, who is a parent of current Farragut 5th grader Chris, sits on the Outback Bowl Board of Directors. The Outback Bowl, featuring teams from the Big Ten Conference and Southeastern Conference, is played in Tampa's Raymond James Stadium and celebrated its 33rd game on January 1, 2019.

Over its history, it has brought more than a million out-of-market visitors to the region while creating an estimated \$1 billion in economic impact and distributing \$148 million to universities. It has also contributed over \$1 million to Tampa Bay area charities since 2016. For information on the bowl go to www.OutbackBowl.com or call 813-874-BOWL.

The Farragut Fund covers annual expenses above what tuition and fees provide. These philanthropic dollars are used to enhance faculty and staff

compensation, augment faculty professional development, increase tuition assistance, and add additional resources for the Academy's signature programs of STEAM: Aviation, Marine Science, Sailing, and Scuba. For questions or more information about charitable giving to Admiral Farragut Academy please contact Chief Development Officer Tony Sloan at tsloan@farragut.org or call 813-416-7202.





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LIVING LIFE THROUGH A FARRAGUT LENS

Joseph Zolfo '86N

Joseph Zolfo '86N came to Admiral Farragut Academy by way of Staten Island and to filmmaking by way of childhood plays and home movies. Today, he produces the hit CBS TV show *God Friended Me*.

"Unequivocally, I would not be sitting in this chair today if I had not gone to Farragut," he said from his office at Steiner Studios in Brooklyn.

"That's an absolute fact. The bar was just set so high at Farragut."

Joseph manages a crew of 300 from one of the largest TV and movie production facilities outside of Hollywood. His productions today may be more sophisticated, but certainly not more special than the shows he produced as a Staten Island boy.

He auditioned and cast his friends, assigning those who could sing and act into starring

roles and those less artistically inclined in roles such as ushers and popcorn sellers. He played the lead, including a run as Danny in *Grease*, while managing to film it all on his 8mm camera.

Homemade programs were distributed to parents and neighbors, who had to buy tickets to watch the shows. He paid his actors and ushers between 50 cents and a dollar -- keeping for himself "the lion's share, of course," he laughed.



Summer of '83. L-R: Brother Nick Zolfo, grandmother Frieda Alessandros, Joseph Zolfo '86N, and grandfather Nicholas Alessandros.



Fall of '85. Joseph Zolfo '86N, center, with his uncle James Alessandros and his aunt Jacqueline Weir-Alessandros.



Spring '86 graduation. Joseph Zolfo, far right, with his parents, August and Jo Ann Zolfo.



Joseph Zolfo '86N senior photo

Eventually, those backyard shows made way for summer fun at Farragut, thanks to Joseph's mother. Once she told him about Summer Camp at the Pine Beach Campus, Joseph -- still in junior high -- just had to go.

Soon, Joseph was begging his parents to let him attend Farragut for high school. The Zolfos, like many parents, wanted their firstborn close to home (Joseph also has a younger brother, Nick). But Joseph's success with the structure, discipline, and unique atmosphere of Farragut was hard to resist. They finally gave in.

Their decision to send him to Farragut would have a dramatic and lasting impact on Joseph.

Joseph quickly proved that transferring to Farragut was an excellent decision. A football

player both years and a varsity wrestler, his true passions were piqued when he discovered an out-of-commission photography darkroom that had laid dormant for years. After writing a proposal to Headmaster Bob Matthies, he secured funding for the newly reinstated Photography Club at Farragut.

This was a turning point for Joseph, though not a distraction from Farragut's rigorous academic standards.

His memories of Farragut are happy, especially those of his friendships, particularly with fellow cadet Scott Jacobs '86N. Joseph swears (wink-wink) that he and Scott, now living in New Jersey "NEVER went AWOL!"

"Times were actually so much more innocent then," he said. "If we were off campus and met

some nice girls out and about, we would ask them to join us for a slice of pizza at the local pizzeria and invite them to our next cotillion."

As a junior and senior at Farragut, Joseph showed a talent for leadership and a heart for young people when serving as a Chief Petty Officer, 3rd Co, of the junior school kids. He still enjoys mentoring younger professionals and likens it to his days in training at Farragut.

Take for instance, Michael, a recent NYU graduate working today as Joseph's assistant: "I tell Michael to keep writing and my dream is I'll be working for HIM one day! That's success."

Encouraging Michael and building collaborative teams with others comes naturally for



Joseph on set with his son, Maximilian

Joseph, who persevered against the odds to follow his passion.

After graduating from Farragut, Joseph's father expected him to go into the family business, Variety Stores in Brooklyn. Instead, Joseph announced he would be switching from studying business at Long Island University to photography at Pratt Institute. This wasn't exactly what his father had in mind.

The discipline, organizational skills, perseverance, and dedication learned at Farragut helped get him through. To pay for his classes, he would open the family store every morning, run to classes at Pratt, then come back to the store to manage and close. Within one year, Joseph increased sales, revamped its practices, and had it running more successfully than it had ever been.

Pratt became too pricey for Joseph and so he enrolled at SUNY Purchase, an acclaimed art college in Westchester County, New York, with a much more affordable tuition. It came with a seven-hour daily round trip commute from his apartment in Staten Island.

While still at SUNY Purchase, Joseph started work on his first job in film as a Parking Production Assistant for the Woody Allen movie *Husbands and Wives*. It paid \$80 for a 12-hour shift. To maximize his earnings, Joseph would work a 72-hour shift with no sleep and go straight from the PA job to his 3½-hour commute out to SUNY.

"I did 72 hours on zero sleep each week for a year and a half, graduated after five-and-a-half years and completed 19 credits in my final semester alone," he said.

Because of the work ethics of his family, the guiding principles from Farragut, and his own tenacity and focus: "I never missed a day of school, or a day of work . . . always early, never late."

After college, Joseph began a career in film and television, going from Parking PA, to Production Assistant on the movie *Sabrina*, with Ann Roth, an Academy Award-winning costume designer. While on this film, Joseph was asked to become the "Parking Coordinator" on another Woody Allen movie, *Mighty Aphrodite*. Parking Coordinator meant having a supervisory role and managing a staff and a budget.

Knowing that Joseph wanted more than anything to eventually be a producer, Ann Roth encouraged him to leave the position with her and take the job with Allen, saying that he would realize his goals quicker by doing the Parking Coordinating job. Grateful for her advice and mentorship, Joseph took the position.

Later, Joseph landed the job of Location Manager for *Without A Trace*, which gave him the flexibility to secure iconic locations for filming and then have enough time to produce his own low-budget movies.

In 2006, he produced his first movie, *Things That Hang from Trees*, with only a \$1-million budget. Joseph quickly garnered a great reputation in the industry and became a Production Supervisor, then Production Manager, and eventually Lead Producer on many films including the comedy *Puerto Ricans in Paris* and the action thrillers *Safe* and *Dead Man Down*. His growing demands as a TV Producer eventually led Joseph to prominent producer credits on *NCIS: New Orleans* and his latest project, *God Friended Me*.

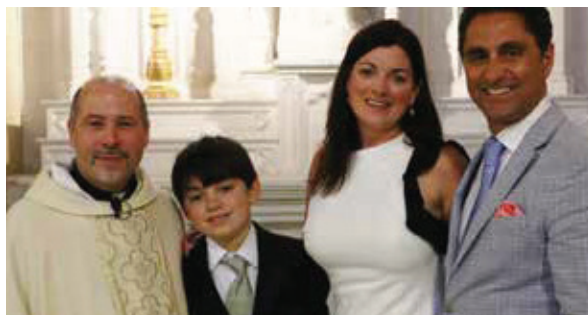
God Friended Me won out over several other film and television projects with various studios that Joseph was asked to produce in 2018. The overall message of the show speaks to Joseph's heart in a way he feels is more in line with his personal beliefs than past projects that often included crime and violence.

"I'm loving it," he said. "We try very hard to tap into raw sentiments. That's what this show is about, the emotional aspect and faith. It's a show that just makes you feel good."

Another thing that makes him feel good is giving back to his communities. His list of philanthropic giving and civic activism exemplify



Joseph and his mom Jo Ann, middle, with two of the stars of God Friended Me, Brandon Michael Hall (far left) and Joe Morton (far right).



Joseph Zolfo (far right) with his wife Carrie, son Maximilian, and cousin, Father Paul Tolve



Joseph works closely with the writers of God Friended Me, and in episode 16 of the first season, the storyline revolved around a restaurant named for him.



Joseph on the set of God Friended Me

Farragut's core value of integrity -- "demonstrate caring and compassion for others."

That caring and compassion includes supporting several schools and charities, including A Child's Wish of New Orleans and The Sunshine Kids organization. He also founded a bi-annual trash removal program in New Orleans, is a vocal proponent of military personnel and first-responders, and a business ambassador for his communities.

Meanwhile, he found time to create a paid internship program on the set of *NCIS New Orleans*, specifically for students at the University of New Orleans. It was his way of keeping a promise to himself that if he ever got to a point where he could help young people get their start in the film business, he would.

Despite his busy schedule, Joseph remains committed to his wife Carrie, a financial analyst, and their 10-year-old son Maximilian. Although his four years of producing *NCIS* moved his family to New Orleans, his wife and son are seriously considering a move back to Staten Island so they can again be under one roof.

As for the possibility of Maximilian attending Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg? Joseph said he would absolutely love for his son to get an education at Farragut. For now, however, Maximilian sees himself as a "computer coder" -- rather than a Top Gun pilot (one of Joseph's dreams for his son).

Joseph reminds himself that at one time his own father's dreams did not match his. Still, his love

of Farragut and the lessons he learned there have filtered into the habits and mindset of his son.

"Maximilian truly understands the ethics of hard work and showing up," he said, adding that Maximilian has taken to mimicking one of his Dad's favorite mantras, "Early is on time. On time is late!"

For Joseph Zolfo -- producer, husband, father, son, brother, alumnus -- the principles of Farragut still guide him today and provide a set of ideals on which fathers and sons can ultimately see eye to eye.



SPOT

Alumni in the Entertainment Industry



Andy Luckey '84S

Attended Farragut with the class of 1984 from 1980-81.

Writer, director, and producer of animated works, children's books and Bible studies.

Notable works: *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (1987-1996) (Producer)

Adventures from the Book of Virtues (1996-2000) (Producer)

Spin & Sparkle (Childrens' Book Series) (author and illustrator)

Fun fact: Son of director, animator and voice actor Bud Luckey and distant cousin of animator Earl Hurd, who co-created and patented the process for Cel Animation.



"Farragut had an enormous impact on me. I recall the first time I put on dress blues - I went from being 5'9" to being 9'5". Then there were the great members of the faculty and staff. Most notable was Victor "Vic" Shul, CWO-4, USMC (Ret) -- our Bandmaster. Tough-as-iron Marine on the outside -- a heart of gold on the inside. He taught leadership by example. He also inspired me to work in the arts. The other two were Michael Moriarty, a retired Marine Aviator who later became Headmaster, and Orie T. Banks, the long-time Dean of Students. Those two embodied the saying 'They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.' I could write a book on each and not do them justice."



Kurt Knutsson '86S

Journalist and Actor

Notable works: Technology contributor on *Fox and Friends* (The CyberGuy)

During the Farragut 1986 commencement ceremony, Kurt was one of the senior class speakers who honored the late Capt Orie T. Banks for his 34 years of service to Farragut. During Kurt's speech he said, "Orie T Banks was a surrogate father to us all. I am speechless in how to express our gratitude. But we do owe him a great deal. Our parents gave you boys and you turned us into men."

LIGHT

Admiral Farragut Academy alumni aren't just astronauts and admirals. Farragut also has many alumni working in the entertainment industry as actors, writers, directors, producers, and more. The following are just a few of those alumni who attribute much of their success today to the skills they developed at Farragut.



Casper Van Dien '88S

Actor and Producer

Notable works: *Starship Troopers* (1997) (Actor)

Tarzan and the Lost City (1998) (Actor)

Sleepy Hollow (1999) (Actor)

Fun fact: His daughter, Grace Van Dien, has followed in her father's footsteps and is currently appearing as Katie on the NBC drama *The Village*.



Sean Rankine '91N

Producer and Director

Notable works: *The Real World* (Production Assistant)

Basketball Wives (2010, with the sequel series *Basketball Wives LA* in 2012) (Producer)

Atlanta Exes (2014) (Producer)

Your Husband Is Cheating On Us (2018) (Producer)

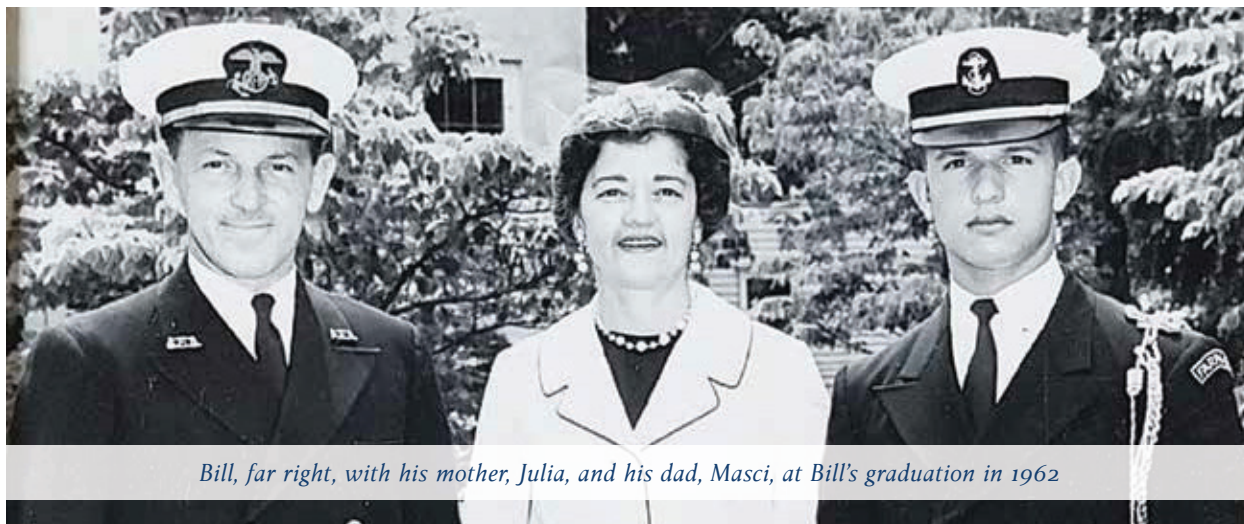
"My Farragut experience is a factor in my day to day life. It often was and is frequently a point of conversation in meetings. When people hear that you have a military school background, interesting questions always pop up. My education and leadership training from Farragut shaped my approach to the business on many levels, from scheduling



to creative ideas, to crew management. I'm thankful that I was fortunate enough to have my years at the academy. It has been a beneficial resource in so many ways. The Farragut alumni network has been beneficial to me for both creative and alumni networking. It's great that we have access to both our North and South brothers and sisters. As cadets, we were fortunate to cross paths with some dynamic individuals. I still recall conversations and interactions with staff such as Lt. Iverson and Lt. Dickerson that shaped me as a leader, and I vividly recall classes with teachers like CDR Romefelt and Mr. Cain who encouraged my creative and analytical thinking. I owe them all a debt of gratitude for the foundation that they gave me."

The beginnings of a family legacy tradition at Farragut

Written by Bill Masciangelo '62N



Bill, far right, with his mother, Julia, and his dad, Masci, at Bill's graduation in 1962

My dad was William Masciangelo Class of '37N and was fondly known as "Masci" by friends and alumni. He gave his life to Admiral Farragut Academy and served as its Public Relations Officer for almost 50 years. He had his hands in everything from the Alumni Association, Development, Yearbook, and the Parents Association. While he was still alive the school dedicated the alumni house in his name, which was a beautiful tribute. My parents entertained many alumni at our home through the years including at halftime during football games. There was hardly a week Dad did not bring home an alumnus for dinner.

I grew up across the street from the North campus. The parades, games, concerts, dances and the waterfront were all a part of my life. It was a fun life for a little kid from Pine Beach, NJ. Being able to know the early

leaders of Farragut made a huge impact on my life. I knew Mr. Russell, Captain Dodge, Captain Reinhart, and more. I knew Lt Norris in the rifle range and even got to know Mr. Banks from the South campus who would come up for the summer camp program. I attended summer camp from the age of seven and eventually became a swim and waterfront instructor in the summer. Those were wonderful summers.

Homecomings were priceless in so many ways. Dad went to Farragut on a music scholarship. I also joined the Band Company and it was a very exciting day when Dad and I marched onto the field together and watched the cadets pass by in review. Great memories. I came back while on active duty as a Marine Officer for the parade and drill competition, and fifty years later I took trombone lessons for a year so I could relive those AFA memories and return for

homecoming and play with the band.

When did the legacy at Farragut begin? I myself attended the South campus in 1960 and then the North campus until I graduated in 1962. I believe it was with me in 1962. It now gives me great joy to see so many sons and daughters of alumni continuing the legacy of attending the finest Naval preparatory school in the country. I know my dad would be truly proud to see the legacy live on. I wish all students, alumni, and Farragut continued success.

Bill Masciangelo '62N is a retired Lt Col USMC Vietnam Vet, a retired Hotel Executive from Wyndham Hotels and Resorts, and a retired United Methodist Pastor. He credits Farragut for preparing him for all of those opportunities.





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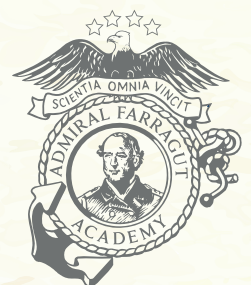
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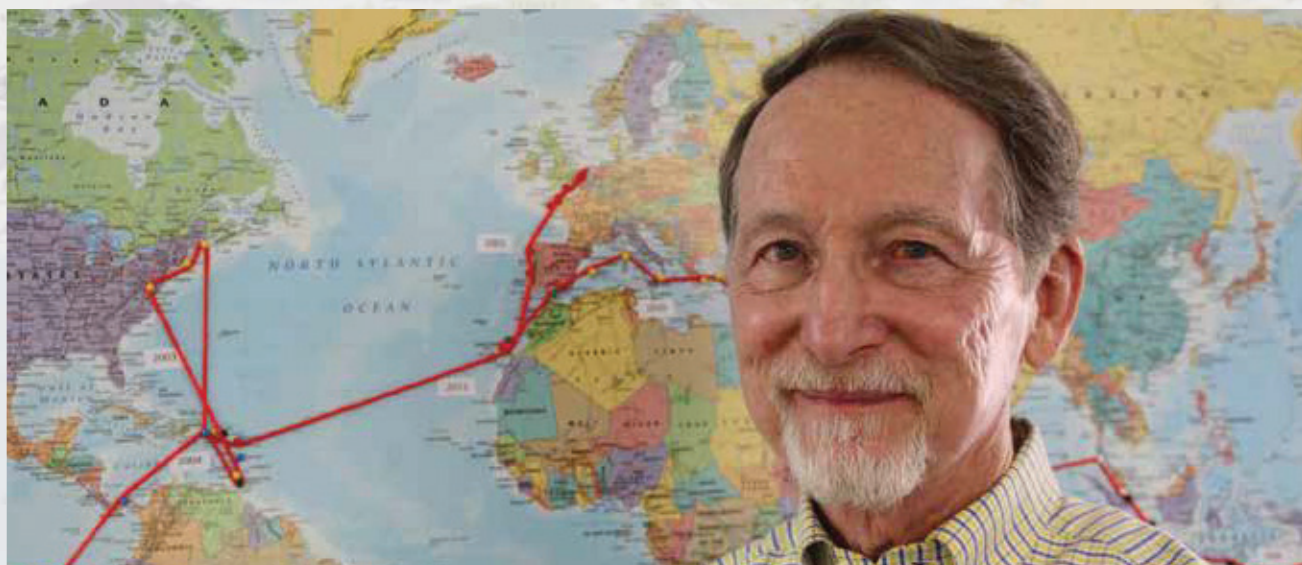
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Farragut inspires global sailing adventure

8 1/2 year voyage includes pirates, creatures and wondrous sights

It was an ad in *Field & Stream* magazine that hooked young Tom Carbaugh. *Come to Farragut*, it said. *Learn how to sail.*

Tom left his family's Pennsylvania cattle ranch for St. Petersburg's waterfront, putting him on a course that eventually would lead him on a nearly nine-year sailing odyssey.

"You had to climb the ladder then," he said. "You started out with learning knots and cleaning boats, then you'd work your way up through tender sailing, and by the time you graduated you'd have completed all phases of the sailing program."

After he graduated from Farragut in 1966, Tom attended Pennsylvania State University, where he was a member of the Navy ROTC. "What we were studying in our NROTC classes, we'd already learned at Farragut," he said.

Tom brought his experience home to Farragut in February, when he spoke to a group of Upper School cadets about his years circumnavigating the globe. He hopes to inspire a greater love of sailing to students.

After Farragut, Tom told the cadets, he joined the Navy, where he trained as a communications, crypto, and electronic warfare officer. These experiences helped when he entered the cable television industry. He formed the conglomerate American Visions, Inc. After a successful run, he sold the businesses in 1999. With the profits, Tom and Gretchen ordered a custom-built, Oyster 53 -- a 53-foot sailboat with an aluminum mast and thick dacron sails.

In October 2002, they picked up their boat in England, sailed to the Canary Islands, then on to the Caribbean. They

wintered there before sailing to Chesapeake Bay to visit family and friends. Next it was back to the Caribbean to prepare. They did abandon-ship drills, sea recovery, and emergency sail-lowering drills among other things. In 2004, they set off through the Panama Canal, and from there to the Galapagos Islands.

"They're just as magical as you've read about," he said, adding that the Humboldt current pushes nutrients from the Antarctic Sea "feeding the incredible variety of sea life and terrestrial life."

The route from the Galapagos Islands to New Zealand was the most beautiful part of their circumnavigation. He vividly recalled one stormy night when microorganisms responded to the energy of flashing lighting: "It was like a light show from nature."

They visited several islands in the South Pacific and even ventured near an active volcano.

By then, it was time for a break. They spent six months in New Zealand and its surrounding islands, then another 18 months in Australia, which included visits to Ayers Rock and the Great Barrier Reef.

Next, they sailed to Indonesia, where they visited a local village school. Communication was difficult. "Then," he said, "my wife had an idea. Let's sing *Old MacDonald*! We started singing, and you'd have thought we were rock stars."

At this point, they had to decide: Should we go south around the tip of Africa, or north through the Red Sea and the Suez Canal? They chose north -- but via different paths. Gretchen went ahead to Turkey while Tom stayed with the boat.

Tom and his volunteer crew sailed along the coast of Yemen, known as Pirate Alley. (The Tom Hanks film *Captain Phillips* was based on true events that happened in the area.) "We took every precaution but they still found us on our first day," he said. Tom was immediately suspicious when he saw a 250-horsepower Yamaha on a 30-foot skiff with no fishing gear. He waved them off. "Somebody was looking out for me because they decided to not attack," he said.

After four more days they made it into Aden, Yemen. "We went from the frying pan into the fire and we didn't even know it," Tom said, explaining that six months later the U.S. government announced that Yemen was the

main training area for Al Qaeda. "We were very fortunate we didn't have any incidents," he said

Tom and Gretchen reunited in Turkey. In 2011, they finished their journey in the Mediterranean.

After such an incredible experience, Tom had important tips for the young Farragut sailors.

Number one: Do your homework. "For instance, when you come out of Panama, the further south you get, the stronger the tradewinds get, but you lose the South Equatorial Current," he said. "With that current, even if you're only averaging six to seven knots in the sails, you can pick up an extra knot in the current, and that's a big deal."

Number two: Don't rely on technology. Electronics can fail. Aluminum masts attract lightning. "You've got to know how to navigate by the compass and the stars," Tom said, "and I learned that right here at Farragut."

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Class of '75N honors Rear Admiral Mark “Buz” Buzby



On November 18, 2019, classmates, spouses, and friends of RADM Mark “Buz” Buzby -- now Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration -- gathered in Washington, D.C. to celebrate Buz’s more than 40 years of service to his country.

Although it was the celebration of Buz that brought the group together, the friends also spent time honoring departed classmates, faculty and friends, including Coach Stan Slaby and CAPT Frederick N. Klein, both interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

They also visited the grave of VADM Joel Thompson Boone, Buz’s great-uncle (who is a descendant of Daniel Boone and recipient of the Medal of Honor for saving the lives of many wounded Marines on the battlefields of World War I France). VADM Boone later served in World War II and Korea, becoming the most highly decorated medical officer in the history of the United States. A prayer was said at each gravesite in the honor of the departed.

The reminiscing continued at the District Chophouse and Brewery, not only to pay tribute to Buz, but also to remember their seven classmates that have passed way too soon. Individual members of the class stood to read the names of their classmates, followed by a story they shared of their friendship. Those remembered were Kendal Thomas Capps III, Arturo Alberto Diaz, Donald James Kennedy, Alan Mark Meola, David Christopher Mingay, John Teeko Scarney, and Robert Stanley Schneider. These men are forever missed and their memories live on through our stories, gatherings and the laughter we share.

This wasn’t the first time the Class of 1975 has gathered, with Homecoming events always a highlight.

At their 30th Reunion in 2005, 21 schoolmates made the trip to St. Petersburg and witnessed Buz’s promotion to Rear Admiral. Buz chose to hold off his promotion ceremony until Homecoming so he could share this achievement with the men

he bent his first set of dress blues with at age 14 in Pine Beach, NJ.

Then in 2006 the group again gathered for the commissioning of the USS Farragut (DDG-99) in Mayport, where Buz served as the Navy’s Senior Representative for the ship’s Commissioning Ceremony.

In 2007, there was a joint 50th birthday celebration at classmate Rick Clegg’s Guanabana’s Restaurant in Jupiter. Again in 2009 they met for the Navy’s Change of Command Ceremony in Baltimore, when Buz assumed Command of the Military Sealift Command. In 2013, the class gathered at the former site of the Pine Beach campus for the Farragut Rock dedication ceremony. There have been many other smaller get-togethers in between those milestones.

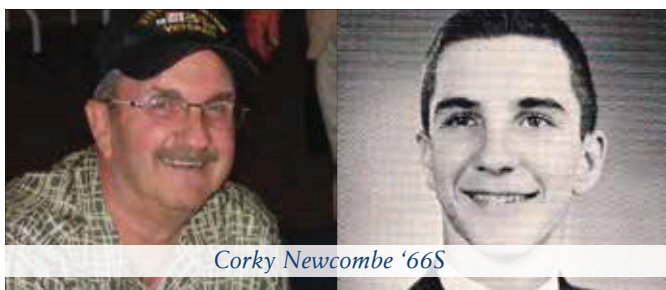
The Class of 1975 encourages other classes to follow their lead and get together as often as possible. They will be glad they did.

Homecomings create a special bond; and for the class of 1966 south, a new book!

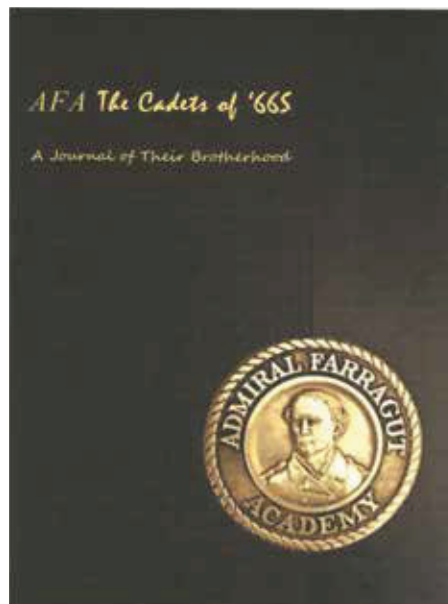
Written by Doug Pearson '66S and Corky Newcombe '66S



Doug Pearson '66S



Corky Newcombe '66S



For the Farragut Class of 1966 South, there is a special bond. One that is committed anew every 5 years at Homecoming.

Ah Homecoming, that time of year when alumni return. But the definition the Class of '66 likes to use is, "a person's arrival home after being away for a long time." A Farragut Homecoming is distinctly unique because our grads are different. We not only studied together but we lived together, drilled together, and were disciplined together.

For the Class of '66 South, it goes even deeper. We attended at a much different time in history. It was a time when the school was an all-male military boarding school and war was brewing in a place most of us had never heard of -- a place where alumnus Dennis Babers, 1961-62 Battalion Commander, gave the ultimate sacrifice.

In 1986 several classmates decided to organize a 20-year reunion. We contacted Capt. Orie Banks, a long-time educator, friend and newly assigned alumni director. The rest is history. Fourteen of us, along with spouses, made our presence known that Homecoming. '66S outnumbered all other alumni in attendance.

After campus tours, the Homecoming Parade, leading cheers at the football game, and attending a dinner in our honor, we adjourned to the Thunderbird Hotel -- a site where several of us got into trouble as cadets, according to Capt Banks. We decided then and there to return every five years. We also committed to encouraging more classmates to join us in the future. Since then our class has been true to our promise, returning seven times.

At our 50th reunion in 2016, we decided to act on a long-discussed project: documenting our memories and experiences in a book. *AFA - The Cadets of '66S, A Journal of Their Brotherhood* is now a reality and will be released at Homecoming 2019.

There are no plans to sell the book, entirely self-funded by the Class of '66S. Only sufficient copies have been produced to ensure that each of our classmates will have one, at a minimum, and we are allocating 25 copies for Admiral Farragut Academy to use and/or disperse as they deem appropriate. It is our sincere hope that our actions and activities over the past 33 years, and the development of this journal, encourage all alumni, both North and South, to come home for a reunion. We promise you will not regret it. Hope to see many new faces at Homecoming 2019 and beyond.

After 65 years, alumni meet two doors down



Raey Webster '59 (left) and CAPT Peter Easton, USN (Ret) '49 (right)

Peter Easton graduated just a few years after World War II. Raey Webster finished when Elvis Presley was king. They finally met when *American Sniper* was one of the biggest things on the silver screen.

It was 2014 and Raey had just purchased his mother's condo in Naples, FL. One day, he noticed Navy Aviator Wings on a door two doors down the hall.

Raey knocked. Peter answered. A friendship was born.

They quickly discovered that they not only shared a U.S. Navy connection but also had both graduated from the Toms River Campus of Admiral Farragut Academy -- Peter in 1949 and Raey a decade later. As they compared notes, the men realized they had a lot in common, including rocky starts at Farragut.

Coming from public school during ninth grade, Peter failed four out of five subjects his first year. And when Raey enrolled, he was a self-proclaimed "show off with disciplinary issues."

Through hard work, committed teachers (Raey cites Cedric Lewis, to whom the 1959 *Trident* yearbook was dedicated), and solid friendships, the boys turned to men, and then to the Navy.

Peter graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and spent his career as a Naval Aviator. In Vietnam, he was among the first pilots assigned to the Grumman A6 Intruder. After being promoted to Captain in 1974, Peter's final duty -- his "dream tour" -- was as Defense Attache to the Republic of Singapore.

Lured by "warm weather and not having to wear a necktie" Peter and his wife Kathy retired and managed a small hotel in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where he captained a seaplane shuttle until moving to Naples in 2010. Throughout the years, Peter remained especially close to Farragut roommate Frank Herosher, as well as classmates Joe Kelly, Leo Brandenburg and Pat Dollard.

Meanwhile, Raey's path also took him to the skies. From

Farragut, Raey attended Mercer College and then became a Navy Aviator. Early in his military tenure, Raey took advantage IBM's free computer classes for Navy personnel. That led to a 25-year career with the tech giant.

These days, Raey splits his time between New York City and Naples, while also traveling the world. He is an avid art enthusiast and runs daily. As for Peter, he has a summer home in Virginia Beach, enjoys golfing weekly and is a very active member of his condo association -- the same condo where he met Raey.

Both men are grateful for their Farragut experience and have given generously to their alma mater. Both are looking forward to reunions this fall during Alumni Weekend on the St Petersburg campus. It will be Peter's 70th and Raey's 60th.

Until then, they're thankful to be only two doors down.



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ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2018

Wow! What an amazing Alumni Homecoming and 85th Anniversary Celebration we had October 25th-27th, 2018! Well over two hundred alumni came to campus to attend activities during the weekend. It was great to welcome back those who have attended or visited the southern campus, and it was even more special to welcome alumni who have never been to the St. Petersburg campus.

There was a large turnout at the Waterfront Reception, which was held on a beautiful Thursday evening. This was a nice time to kick off the weekend and relive many wonderful memories shared from learning to sail, obtaining the QBH, to reliving many stories of the Naval Science instructors. The excitement in the air was palpable as we all came together as one Farragut Family.

Friday was a fun-filled day. The first event was the Farragut Experience, which featured cadet-led tours to share today's innovative programs and curriculum, followed by a hard-hat tour of the new multi-

purpose building. We are very proud of this new building which will enhance the student learning experience and increase our opportunities to bring in new boarders from around the globe.

The state-of-the-school luncheon was well attended and Commandant Todd Wallingford highlighted the updates from Farragut's record-breaking enrollment of over 500 to Naval Science traditions.

The Farragut pride of blue and gold was evident during the afternoon and evening events on Friday, including the Homecoming formal parade, the Commandant's tailgate party, and the Homecoming football game against Northside Christian School, which ended with a shutout score of 56-0.

Approximately 75 alumni joined us at the after party at Sea Dog Brewery to hear our very own David Herrera '93S perform with the Betty Fox Band. The brewery event proved to be a great success and will be part of the Alumni Homecoming Weekend schedule in the future.

The festivities didn't slow down all weekend. Saturday had perfect weather for the flight experience with our Director of Aviation, Rob Ewing. A special thank you to alumnus Granvil Tracy '73N who showed up with his helicopter and gave rides to Don Schreiber '46N and Anne Bamford. What a wonderful treat!

Back on campus, we had the alumni basketball game versus several of our current players. Headmaster Bob Fine threw the tip ball, and the alumni team took the win.

Homecoming Weekend culminated with the alumni reception and dinner at the historic Don Cesar hotel. All alumni were greeted by our Admiral Farragut Academy cadet honor guard and the cadet color guard. Eighth-grade cadet Madison Hollingsworth started the night by singing the national anthem, which got the entire room on its feet and singing along. It was truly a special moment. The master of ceremonies, David Yoho '68N, kept the room lively and reminded us of the shared bonds made at Farragut regardless of your graduating class.

During the dinner, George Michel '49N took the opportunity to honor the life, dedication, and contributions of time and resources of beloved Frank Wendt '42N, longtime supporter of the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation, who had passed away just days before. We heard from the Class of 1998 valedictorian, Josh Hirsch, who stated that, "It's the cadet stories that build the history, and it's the faculty, and staff that built this institution."

Ron Rose '68N addressed the celebration of the 50th reunion.

Ron reminded us that the Farragut years laid the foundation for a lifetime of success. COL Glenn Mitchell '63N toasted to Farragut's 85-year anniversary.

*"We Are One Farragut and the legacy will continue forever."
- COL Glenn Mitchell '63N*

We premiered our 85th Anniversary video, which highlights the Farragut legacy since 1933.

Our keynote speaker was Farragut parent and NASA astronaut Nicole Stott, who showed us her personal slideshow from when she lived in the International Space Station for three months. Stott shared her memories of living in space and how important it is to separate from our surroundings to truly appreciate the connection and the memories. She spoke of how proud she was that her son was attending a school that would develop him into a leader, tying it all back to our alumni who returned this weekend to reflect, remember, and reconnect.

Cadet Hollingsworth returned to end the evening by singing *God Bless The USA*; a special thank you to her for her wonderful performance.

Homecoming 2018 exceeded our expectations. We came together and shared in the common bond of Farragut. We are so proud that, although Farragut has grown and changed, we still work to honor our beginning and traditions. We hope you will continue to be proud of your alma mater and find ways you can support Farragut with your time and or resources to carry out the Farragut legacy.



Here's what our alumni had to say about Homecoming 2018



"I have been attending Farragut Homecomings since the 80's and Wanda

and I think this was one of our favorite Homecomings we have attended. The campus activities, neat appearances, the friendliness of the staff and cadets, to all the great events, it was energizing. Farragut is alive, well, and I am proud of my alma mater."

- Ed Deseta '67N



"With the exceptional planning by the Alumni and Development office, the Class of

68'N enjoyed what would certainly be our best Class reunion ever. More importantly, you made us feel a true part of Admiral Farragut Academy South. My heartfelt thanks to all."

- Chuck Koczwar '68N



"Thank you to the entire staff at Farragut for putting on a series of events that both made

us feel welcome and entertained us! We had a wonderful time! Our seven-year-old, Nathan, loves being at Farragut and being a part of the events. It was a memorable homecoming, something we look forward to being a part of for many years to come."

*- Bruce Sarte '91N
& Erin Sarte '95*



"Homecoming this year was a blast! The class of '98 had a great turn-out for our 20th reunion. The

students made us feel very welcome on campus too, which was great to see."

- Katie Everlove Stone '98



It's so much more than football or another reception, it's coming together united for America and Admiral Farragut Academy.

The 2018 Army/Navy Alumni Weekend kicked off on Friday evening December 7th with a reception at the historic Union League Club of Philadelphia. Alumni came from near and far along with special guests -- including military leaders, business leaders, and celebrities -- to join in one of the premier Farragut events of the year.

The reception opened with guest of honor, RADM Mark "Buz" Buzby '75N, USN (Ret.), who spoke about how Farragut impacted his life and shaped his character. RADM Buzby is currently the Administrator of the United States Maritime Administration. Buz reminded the attendees how Farragut stands apart from other college preparatory schools with its strong NJROTC program and outstanding core values. He expressed pride in the outstanding leaders Farragut produces and pointed out the fine men and women who have chosen to serve. It was an honor

having Buz and his wife Gina join us.

Other notable guests included Col Bill Roberti, USA (Ret.); Col Glenn Mitchell '63N, MD, USA (Ret.); RADM Phil Soback, Director, 21st Century Sailor Office, who once commanded the USS Farragut and continues to be a huge supporter of the Academy; TV and film producer Joseph Zolfo '86N and his wife Carrie; and legendary actor George Hamilton, whose son, George T. Hamilton, is a 2018 alumnus.

The true stars of the evening were the cadets and recent alumni including Regimental Commander Evan Schlifstein '19, Regimental Training Officer Ashton Raymer '20, cadet Tyler Turner '22, and cadet Alex Erwin '22. The cadets were honored to be a part of such a special event and to gain wisdom from speaking with alumni. Additionally, many recent alumni attended including MIDN 3/C Trevor Benatti '17, USNA; MIDN

3/C Zachary Fine '17, Duke; MIDN 4/C Ethan Lipsky '18, USMMA; George Hamilton '18; and Chris Kosarzycki '17.

Alumni Director Victoria Raymer introduced a new tradition to the event, "Ring The Bell for Farragut." The historic Class of 1966 engraved bell was displayed at the front of the room for alumni and friends to ring and share their Farragut stories and why they continue to support the Farragut legacy. The bell was rung throughout the evening by many alumni including Art Musicaro '73N; Board Chair Christian Wagner '82N; alumni parent George Hamilton; Sea Naval Officer USNA Zack Northcutt '09; alumni parent Al Benatti; alumni parent David Lipsky '75N; and Jeff Ogden '00. Heartfelt stories were shared with the common bond that unites generations of alumni. As a result of this new tradition, significant funds were raised for the Academy.



On Saturday, December 8th, Farragut alumni and friends attended the 119th America's Game at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Stadium. The march on the field is a long-standing tradition and an amazing sight to behold. The pomp and circumstance prior to the game are in many aspects more exciting than the game itself. Farragut alumnus and tech company owner Aquiles La Grave '98 and his wife, Megan, flew in from Colorado to attend what he described as "a bucket list item".

Before the game started a powerful opening prayer by Chaplain Col Matthew Pawlikowski of the USMA West Point stated, "Some wonder why we pray for a football game so I tell them in this game every player on the field is willing to die for every person watching." It was quite the opening with the

Commander in Chief conducting the official coin toss. Navy lost 17-10 in a closely contested defensive match-up. The game was not decided until the final minutes and all in attendance had a wonderful time.

The weekend represented more than just a football game or reception, it represented the best in our country and Admiral Farragut Academy. Dr. Lou Cona '73N summed it up best: "The weekend was just amazing. It was an honor to be in the presence of things that have always meant so much to me, friends and our young men and women who have chosen to serve. It doesn't get better than that!"

Current Farragut family Jenn and Jarrett Greacen-Crawford attended the game this year and shared: "Attending the Army/ Navy game with our daughter

(Sarah, 8th) was spectacular. As a first-year student, it gave her the opportunity to see the big picture of where her education and career can take her. To be amongst the cheering cadets of both the USMA and Naval Academy is an unforgettable experience. The sense of unified pride, patriotism, and camaraderie (regardless of who won) was moving. We will do it again next year and bring our other children for sure."

We look forward to continuing this tradition next year on December 13 and 14, 2019, and hope many more alumni and friends of Farragut will plan to attend. If you are interested in reserving your place for this event please contact Alumni Director Victoria Raymer at 727-224-4332 or by email at vraymer@farragut.org.



Alumni & Development Events



On Thursday, December 20th, our alumni gathered for happy hour at Intermezzo's pop-up holiday bar, "Miracle at Mezzo". Twenty alumni showed up, representing classes ranging from '66 to '16. A great time was had by all!



For many years, the Farragut BlueJackets basketball team has competed against the New York Military Academy for the Founders Cup Tournament, an event that has been traditionally dubbed the "Little Army-Navy Game." This past January in Baltimore, the teams revived this tradition. Both teams showed a great display of outstanding sportsmanship and mutual respect for each other, with a close score the entire game. The Farragut BlueJackets won 67-62 and are currently in possession of the Founders Cup Trophy until next year's game.



CAPT Peter Easton '49N and his wife Kathy joined Raey Webster '59N to host a Farragut alumni gathering on February 7th at their residence at Glenview Place. The weather was a balmy 70 degrees, and there were cool drinks, good food, and great conversation. Connecting with Farragut alumni made the evening truly special. It was an intimate setting, shared with Al Ferrante '66N, Tom Miller '73N (who lives in nearby Cape Coral), and Michael Gaynor '55S and his wife Constance (who live in Marco Island). For the Gaynors, it was their first alumni gathering. For everyone, it was an enjoyable evening of reminiscing -- including stories of "top secret" antics in their youth.

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- 🚢 Alumni Tailgate Party and Homecoming Football Game

Saturday, October 19

- 🚢 Aviation Experience
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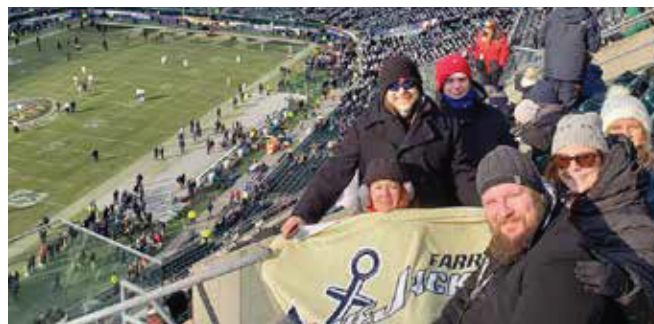


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Friday, December 13

Annual Foundation Army Navy Reception

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Union League of Philadelphia

Saturday, December 14

120th Army Navy Game

Starts at 3:00 p.m.

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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



Fred Rosenmiller visited campus and shared his many artifacts and memories of when he attended the Farragut Summer Camp in 1945, including old postcards and letters that he wrote to home during his camp. Fred also revealed that his family lineage is tied to Admiral David Farragut through Commodore David Porter. It was a very special visit and Fred is beaming with pride to have his grandson, Cadet **George Wootton '20**, attend Farragut. Fred looks forward to attending many more Farragut events during George's high school career.



53N CAPT David Isquith, USN (RET) and his wife Clare, owner of Global Adventures in Travel, LLC and a Virtuoso travel

agent, recently put together a highly successful Columbia River cruise for a number of his U.S. Naval Academy '57 classmates, including Farragut's own

53S Brig Gen Charles Duke, USAF (RET), the youngest astronaut to walk on the moon's surface. L-R: Dorothy and Charlie Duke, Clare Isquith, Ginny Parkinson, David Isquith, and Dr. Brad Parkinson COL, USAF (Ret), who is the reason we have GPS today.



55N C. F. "Paco" Jordan, the now-retired co-founder of Jordan Foster Construction in El Paso, Texas, and his wife Kay recently visited Farragut from their home in Colorado Springs. In the new DeSeta Hall, Paco shared his career experiences with a group of attentive Cadets. It is always great when alumni visit campus to share their life stories.



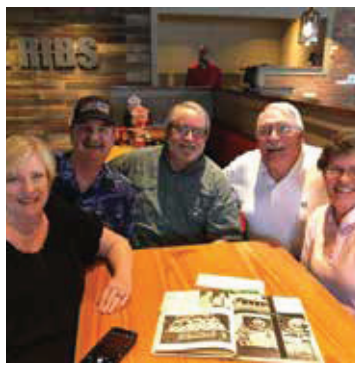
60S Homer Moyer and his wife Beret visited campus during their travels in Florida to share many stories of Homer living on campus as a young boy until his graduation. Homer's father, H.E. Moyer was the Senior Administrative Officer at Farragut from 1945-1950 and his mother Mrs. Millie Moyer taught dance and organized Cotillion. They were a beloved family who impacted many. Today Moyer and Beret are surrounded by four children and 11 grandchildren. Moyer is a member of the law firm Miller & Chevalier in Washington, D.C. and practices in Foreign Corrupt Practices and other international legal fields. No time for the Moyers to slow down anytime soon.



62S Skip Warm and his wife Susan stopped by campus in February. Always great to have friendly faces stop by to share their memories.



69S Michael Grimler is currently in his 27th year of association with security operations at Los Alamos National Laboratory. He just completed work on getting the first Counter Unmanned Aircraft System (CUAS) up and running within the US Department of Energy. He's also been busy training other Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) pilots within the armed protective force operation so that they can take over the 24x7 UAS security and emergency response capability after leading that effort for the last five years. In his spare time, he flies his DJI Mavic 2 Pro UAS for fun and photography. Following his involvement with the AFA rifle team and association with the Orange County Sheriff's Department in California as a firearms instructor, he has also gained six firearm instructor certifications from the National Rifle Association, one from the FBI, and one from Heckler & Koch. As an advocate for personal self-defense, he also teaches concealed carry for residents of New Mexico. About seven years ago, he married a fine woman named Kathy, who he knew from their common childhoods in Saudi Arabia. Their life paths crossed many times over the years - she even visited him at Farragut a few times - and finally, circumstances came together just right that resulted in their marriage. She's coming with him to the 50th reunion in October! He has a wonderful daughter who is a college professor in California, a fantastic son-in-law, and two incredible granddaughters. They try to get together as often as possible, especially for special summer days in New Mexico and and for Christmas in Colorado, where his wife's son and his family reside. He's still having fun at work flying UAVs, so retirement isn't necessarily foremost on their minds, but perhaps in the next few years or so!



66S Corky Newcombe

and his wife Linda,

67S Joe Noll, and **66S**

Doug Pearson and his wife Ann enjoyed a micro-reunion in Jacksonville, FL. We look forward to seeing this group this fall at Homecoming!



68S Tom Dudley reached out to the alumni office and got contact information on his Farragut roommates,

68S George Wildrick

and **68S Anthony**

Bernardi, both of whom

he had not seen in 50

years. Tom was able to

round up the trio to meet

up at Homecoming, and

they reconnected at the

waterfront reception, picking

right back up where they left

off. They spent the entire

weekend together.



75N Lorenzo Lamas has a new passion project after a successful film and television career. With a lifelong love for aviation, whether fixed wing or helicopter, Lorenzo's living the dream in Long Beach, CA flying charter and sightseeing helicopters while being close to his family and loved ones.



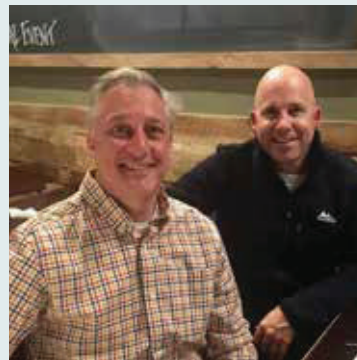
86S Jason Turner

wrote to us saying: "Admiral Farragut Academy changed my life! I was on the wrong path in high school and was attending Winter Park HS at the time and had failed my 11th grade year. My brother James Turner had previously attended the school and it greatly helped him. When I started experiencing troubles, my parents enrolled me and within one year my grades and life were completely turned around. I joined clubs and even became treasurer of the rifle/shooting club and was (and still am) an expert marksman. I wanted to return and finish my final year there, but due to financial circumstances was not able. Still just the one year there changed me forever. I now am a business owner of a successful specialty HVAC company in Cape Coral (www.bpcoils.com) and we currently employ 14 people and we continue to grow. I now have two teenage children, a daughter that is a 4.0 honor role student and a son who I am considering enrolling in Farragut. Thanks Farragut you changed my life."



people that know people can give you access to opportunities. Second, being organized allows you to have more time for important things."

84S Jürgen Peters is the Executive Vice President and founding member of creative werks, llc. based in the Chicago, IL area. He started the business in 1999 and moved his family formally to Chicago from Costa Rica at the end of 2001. He told us, "Farragut was fundamental in my success as a professional in two ways. First, it helped me understand the importance of a good network and how knowing

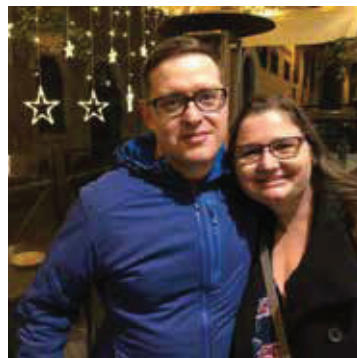


87N Chris Thomas had dinner with fellow Farragut graduate and now Navy Captain

87N Ken Engle. These two alumni have managed to have dinner once or twice a year for the past four years when Ken passes through for the U.S. Navy. Chris and Ken had a great time reminiscing about Farragut instructors and classmates.

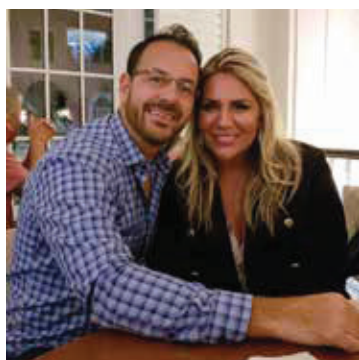


Chris Thomas is a JetBlue pilot and in his spare time, he is #2 Right Wing at GEICO Skytypers Air Show Team. During the SUN 'n FUN Air Show at the Lakeland Linder International Airport in Lakeland, FL, Chris took time out of his day to speak to our aviation students about his experience with an aviation career as well as his experience at Farragut.



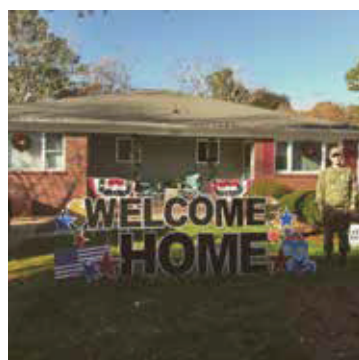
98 Katie Everlove-Stone and classmate **98 Jeremy Jansen**

saw each other at Homecoming, and then met up again when Katie and her husband Josh traveled to Rome. So great to see our alumni reconnecting all around the globe!



98 Maria Camarinos Hall

has proven to be a successful business leader and owns two businesses that share her passion for natural therapies and helping people. She owns Orthomolecular Nutrition and Wellness Center, which is an anti-aging, regenerative wellness clinic specializing in finding and treating the root cause of disease through natural substances. She also owns M&M Holistic Partners, LLC, that sells health products, as well as medical devices with a team of 400 distributors.



09 LT Blake Lusty returned home from deployment to his wife Lauren. Thank you for your service, Blake!



06 Morgan Underberg (Neuhoff)

(who was the 1st Company Commander at Farragut) is now the BoatUS Government Affairs Associate and was recently appointed to the U.S. Coast Guard's Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) to represent the viewpoint of the recreational boating industry for a 3-year term.



09 Veronica Yambrovich

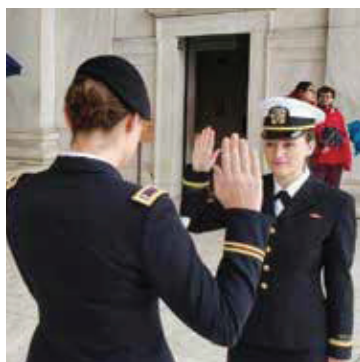
earned her B.S. in Interior Design and Environmental Analysis at Cornell University '13. While at Cornell, she participated in the Army ROTC program and earned a commission into Reserves in the Corps of Engineers. Throughout her time in the Reserves, she has been an Observer Controller Trainer, a Horizontal Construction Platoon Leader, an Executive Officer, and

an Engineer Intelligence Officer. Her most recent assignment as of October 2018 is the Commander of the 365th Engineer Company (SAPPER) in Cape Coral, FL. This is a Combat Engineer Company with 12B Sappers that she leads. Combat branches in the Army were only opened to women in 2013/2014 and she is one of the first female Sapper Company Commanders ever, and the first female Company Commander of 365th EN CO. In her civilian career, she works for one of the largest architecture firms in the world, Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. as a licensed interior designer, working on commercial projects ranging from corporate offices, government buildings, libraries, restaurants, and more.

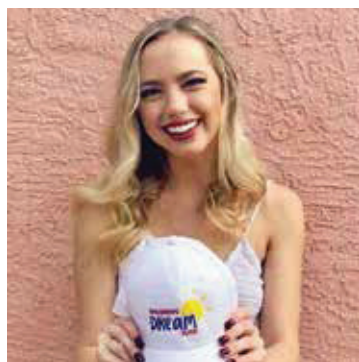


12 ENS Amanda Puckett, USN

just completed her flight training at NAS Pensacola. After completing flight school and being designated as a Naval Flight Officer for the EP-3 aircraft, she moved to Jacksonville, FL, for the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS), before heading to her final duty station later this year at VQ-1 in Whidbey Island, WA.



12 LTJG Taylor Scott at her promotion ceremony in Washington, DC. Taylor visited Farragut again last year when her brother, Clayton Scott, graduated with the class of 2018.



12 Stephanie Mitchell earned the position of Communications and Marketing Coordinator for The Children's Dream Fund, a non-profit organization that makes dreams come true for terminally ill children.



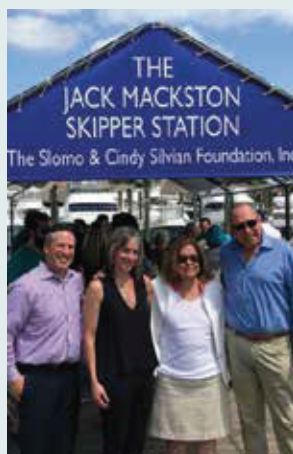
13 Benjamin Myers has graduated from the University of North Florida with a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice. He was hired in March of 2018 by the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. In September 2018, he became a full-time Deputy Sheriff. Benjamin proudly serves more than 260,000 citizens in a 969-square-mile area. Benjamin is looking forward to the years ahead to serve his community and is grateful to his three years at Admiral Farragut Academy for the skills and values it instilled to be a successful person today.



13 Brandon Smith graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University with a degree in Software Engineering in May 2018. He moved to Denver, Colorado, in August and was hired by Comcast as a Cloud Engineer in September of 2018.



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



The late Judge Jack Mackston '45N honored with Skipper Station dedication

The late Hon. Jack Mackston '45N was honored March 14, 2019, by a group of family and friends at the dedication of the Jack Mackston Skipper Station at Shake-A-Leg Miami, an organization supported by Jack and dedicated to helping children and adults with disabilities excel through the power of sailing and watersports. Judge Mackston, who was an avid sailor and loved the sea, passed away last summer. The

event was made possible by a gift from the Slomo & Cindy Silvian Foundation, where Jack served for many years as a board member. Left to right in the photo: Rabbi Seth Grossman, Silvian Foundation Board Member and Vice President; The Hon. Alisa Hart, daughter of Judge Mackston and Silvian Foundation Board Member; Juliette Glasser of Sephardi Voices; and Dan Komansky, Silvian Foundation President.

TAPS

a farewell to our friends



John Blake '38

38 John Blake passed away on Monday, December 24, 2018, at age 97 in his home after spending a happy Christmas Eve with friends and family. *Reveille* readers may recall an article about John and his classmate, Allen Breed, in the Fall 2018 issue. At the time, John and Allen were two of our oldest alumni. Both have sadly since passed away and will be missed by all who had the fortune of knowing them.

39 Allen Breed passed away on January 10, 2019, at the age of 96. Allen attended Admiral Farragut Academy and Northeastern University. During WWII Allen survived the sinking of the USS *Quincy* at Guadalcanal. Following WWII he graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and was a member of the Phi



Allen Breed '39

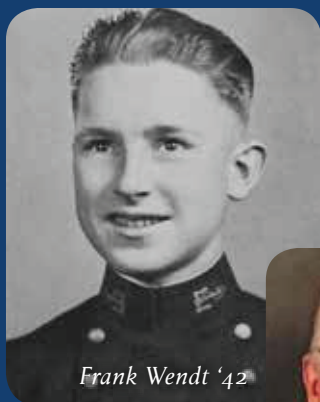
Sigma Kappa fraternity, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, and The Skull. He spent 36 years working for General Electric on locomotives, and later in nuclear power, with the family traveling to Japan prior to returning to California. As a resident of Saratoga for nearly 50 years, he was active with Saratoga Historical Foundation, Hakone Gardens, and Saratoga Sister City (Muko-shi, Japan), as well as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Breed Family Association. He was a Mason (North East Lodge #399 in PA) and was active in the Shriners, where he was Commodore of the Asiya Shrine Yacht Club, President of the Sunnyvale Shrine Club, Director of Comics, and member of The Royal Order of Jesters.

40 Colonel Charles T. Westcott, USMC (ret) died in his home in Provincetown, MA on December 2, 2018. He was 95 years old. The son of



Charles Westcott '40

a career Marine Officer and YMCA Canteen Volunteer, both of whom served in France during World War I, Colonel Westcott was born in Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic on 14 September 1923. He was orphaned at 3 years old and raised in Provincetown, MA by his maternal grandmother. She sent him to Admiral Farragut Academy where he graduated with the class of 1940 and then on to the U.S. Naval Academy after serving in the naval reserve. During his 30 years on active duty, Colonel Westcott: led Marines in Japan and China in 1945 immediately after graduating from USNA with the accelerated Class of 1946; in Korea in 1954; and Vietnam in 1965 in command of Marine Air Control Squadron Nine, and again in 1970 in command of Marine Air Control Group Eighteen. After retiring from the Marine Corps in 1975, Charlie and his beloved wife, Carol, returned to Provincetown, where he served in town



Frank Wendt '42



42 Frank Wendt,

of Westport, CT, Chairman of John Nuveen & Co., Investment Bankers of Chicago and New York, died on October 21, 2018.

Frank attended Farragut on a music scholarship and played trumpet in the Academy Band. He was his class salutatorian. Following graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was assigned to the Navy's V-12 ROTC Unit, which was established shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served as a 2nd lieutenant in the USMC Reserve at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. At the end of the war, he completed his degree at Northwestern University and went to Nuveen where he worked for 40 years.

The legacy he started as a student was continued later in life as a valued trustee and one of the largest donors to the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation.

During an emotional Homecoming 2018 tribute to Frank, Trustee Emeritus George Michel '49S said, "Frank climbed aboard our ship and continued to contribute time, ideas and funds to Farragut right to the end, and beyond with his generous planned gift to the Foundation. His last letter to me, handwritten on cards, which I will always treasure, was dated February 15, 2018 and said, 'Oh Farragut, Oh Farragut, we never will forget the days we spent on land and sea, the days we ne'er regret.' As we go forth to battle life, we'll always think of our dear friend Frank and all the members of our crew."



Alan Sitzer '47N

government and worked for the Center for Coastal Studies, an organization dedicated to the preservation of marine life and the shoreline of the Cape Cod National Seashore. At the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, he served on the vestry and led the annual service in memory of the sinking of the submarine USS S-4 with the loss of all hands off Provincetown in 1927.

47N Alan H. Sitzer passed away on September 17, 2018, and was surrounded by those he loved, including his wife of 66 years, Joyce, his adored sons, Charlie and Michael, and the music of Scarlatti and Sinatra.

55N Lawrence "Larry"

Rancourt passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Larry suffered from Alzheimer's over the past few years of his life, but the long walk home enabled his many friends and family the chance to visit and say goodbye. Larry grew up in Shelburne Falls, MA, where he attended Arms Academy, played in the band and led the football, basketball, and baseball teams to many victories. Larry attended Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach, NJ, where he continued to excel in leadership and athletics,



Larry Rancourt '55N

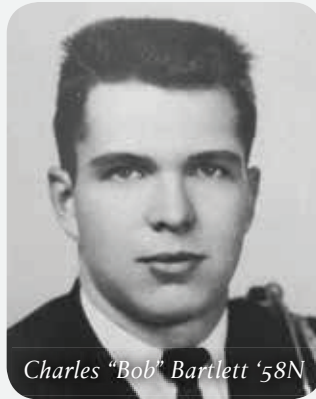
preparing him for his service in the Army and National Guard. Larry was awarded a full scholarship to Holy Cross College where he continued to grow in his Catholic faith while playing football and baseball. Larry caught the eye of professional baseball scouts, ultimately signing with the Cincinnati Reds; He spent five seasons in their system. Larry retired from baseball and returned to Shelburne Falls, where he bought Joyce's Menswear, renamed it Larry's Clothing and Footwear. Larry was a fixture in the community, co-founding the Shelburne Falls Business Association. Larry and Ernestine retired to Lakeland, FL, 20 years ago. A devoted husband and father, Larry left us after 56 years of marriage to Ernestine, who stood by his side and supported him through baseball, child rearing, business and his struggle with Alzheimer's. As husband, father and community leader, Larry set an amazing example for his children, rarely missing their games or events.

58S Stephan R. Branch

passed away peacefully on November 20, 2018, surrounded by family at his home in Boothbay Harbor, ME. Steve grew up on the island of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands and



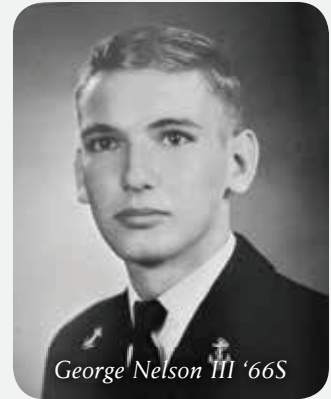
Stephan Branch '58S



Charles "Bob" Bartlett '58N



August Bering IV '60S



George Nelson III '66S

attended Antilles School. He later attended Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, FL, and the University of South Alabama in Mobile, AL. Steve was owner and master electrician of Boothbay Harbor Electric for 26 years. He began his career as an electrician working with his father for the family business, Branch Electric, in St. Thomas. Steve loved playing golf and was an avid collector and creator. He was a skilled craftsman in stonework, walkways, woodworking, and gardening. Steve was an active member of the Boothbay Region Lions Club for many years and served as King Lion.

58N Charles R. "Bob" Bartlett

passed away March 24, 2019. Bob graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in New Jersey and attended Nichols College in Massachusetts. He was the owner and operator of Goodsell Point Marina in Branford, CT for almost 50 years.

60S August Charles "Augie" Bering IV

passed away on October 28, 2017. He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, FL. Following high school, he attended Texas A&M University and marched in the inaugural

parade for Pres. John F. Kennedy with the Wainwright Rifle Drill Team from Tarleton State University. In the 1960s Augie joined the Marines and did his basic training at Parris Island, SC, a state that he hoped never to return to until he met Bonnie on a blind date in Houston. In 1968, right out of the Marine Corp, Augie and Bonnie were married in Greenville, SC. It was a match made in heaven and little did he know at the time, he would have a golf partner for life. Augie followed in his father's footsteps, joining the family business, Bering's Hardware, in partnership with father and brother, Norman Bering. Together they opened a second location in 1989 in the West University area of Houston. Today, Bering is still a family business, operated by his son, Augie Bering V. Augie was a humanitarian and a conservationist. He was compassionate, caring, fair, empathetic and loyal. He was invested in his children and was always coaching youth sports. He served on the boards of The Nature Conservancy, Post Oak Bank, Post Oak YMCA, American Cancer Society VICTORY Shopping Card event, and on the advisory board for Reliant Energy.

66S George Carey Nelson III

passed away March 18, 2019. He attended Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, FL, and upon graduating, enlisted in the United States Navy. He graduated from Mercer University where he completed Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an Ensign. He served on active duty from 1970 through 1973. He then graduated from Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1976. Following graduation, he returned to his native hometown of Cartersville, where he began his private law practice in 1977. After becoming a founding partner in the law firm of Nelson and Bradley in 1981, he was named Bartow County attorney, a position that he served in for 21 years. It was during these years that he also served as Juvenile Court Judge Pro Tem. In 2001, he was appointed by Governor Roy Barnes as Superior Court Judge of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit, where he served until his death.



Submit obituaries for TAPS to alumni@farragut.org

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY

Foundation Annual Report

A message from the Foundation President

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

On behalf of the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation Board of Trustees, thank you for your support of the Foundation in 2018. Your decision to support the Academy philanthropically allows us to fulfill our mission for each student every day. As a board, our most important task is to ensure the sustainability of our school not only today, but also well into the future. We want future generations of students to enjoy a great

education, just as they do today. We carefully steward the funds we receive. Philanthropy is necessary to deliver the education and opportunities we do, and we do so in a fiscally conservative manner. As an

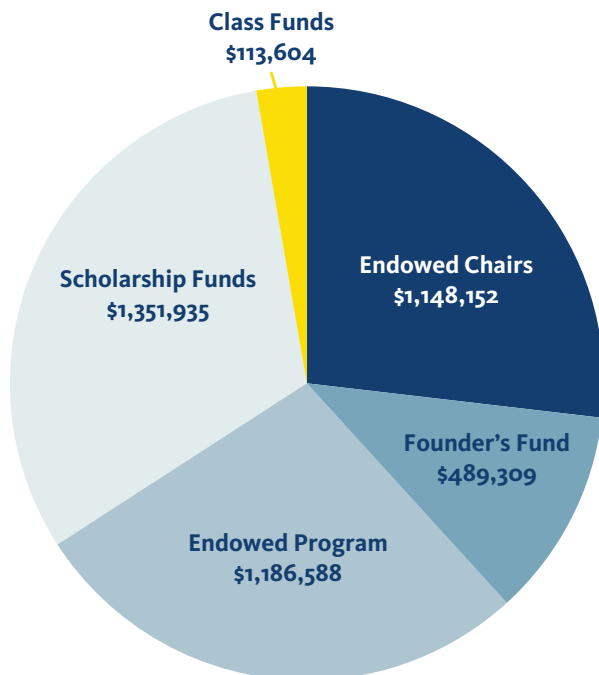
Admiral Farragut Academy alumnus, it is a privilege to serve as the Foundation Board President. I know you feel proud as I do of the accomplishments of our students past, present, and future.



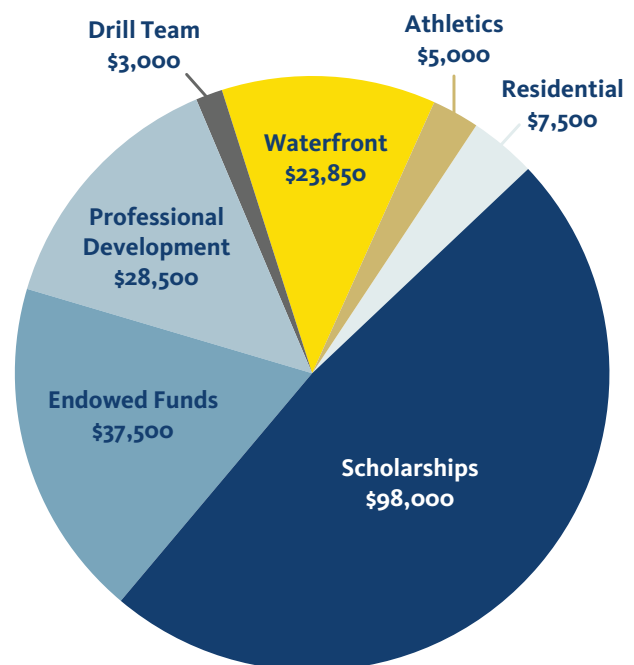
Sincerely,

Dr. Michael G. Kolchin '61N
President, Farragut Foundation

Financial Results



Totals as of 12/31/18
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Support to AFA

Donor Highlight

Ken '61N & Barbara Woltz

Ken Woltz '61N and his wife Barbara share many loves. For each other, certainly -- they've been married for 53 years -- but they also share a love for their three children and four grandchildren, their homes in Illinois and Florida, their faith, West Point Military Academy, and Admiral Farragut Academy.

They also share a desire to encourage young people to pursue a Farragut diploma while not having to worry about the cost. To that end, they have given back to Farragut over the years and, in particular, to the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation in support of student financial assistance.

When Ken was a young boy, his parents divorced and his mother struggled with illness. Ken found himself in a Catholic orphanage for a period of time. His mother recovered, remarried, and they started a new life. When it was time to choose a school, his mother and step-father decided they would send Ken to Admiral Farragut Academy.

With the generous financial assistance from the Academy, Ken flourished in academics and athletics. "That financial assistance made a big difference," he said. It also made a lasting impression.

Ken graduated in 1961 and received an appointment to West Point. While there, he never lost touch with his high school sweetheart Barbara, whom he married in 1966. Nine months to the day after their wedding Ken and Barbara welcomed the first of



Ken in his Farragut dress blues with Barbara at their Senior Prom



Ken and Barbara at their wedding at West Point



Ken and Barbara (top far right) with their children, their childrens' spouses, and their grandchildren

their three children. Meanwhile, the Army introduced Ken to skills in the emerging computer field.

Upon his discharge, these skills led to management positions with Raytheon, General Electric, Xerox, McGraw-Edison, and Peat Marwick Mitchell. Eventually, Ken founded his own strategic planning consulting company, Woltz & Associates. Later, Ken turned Woltz & Associates into a successful hedge fund firm.

Now, they hope their giving will make a big difference each year to students following a similar academic path.

"We believe this is a way for our annual gifts to have an impact on students who otherwise may not be able to afford the Farragut experience," Ken said. "During my career, I remembered what Farragut had done for me and

I promised myself that, if I was blessed in life, I would be generous in return."

Ken and Barbara are able to give back to Farragut and other nonprofit organizations because early on they set up a charitable trust and as their income grew so did their contributions to the trust. Additionally, at age 70½, when Ken began receiving IRA required minimum disbursements, he was able to avoid paying income tax by directing those disbursements to charitable causes including Farragut. For the Woltz's, giving back is a way to express gratitude for their own blessings and to help make a difference in the lives of others.

For more information on making a gift to Farragut, contact Tony Sloan, Chief Development Officer, at 813-416-7202 or tsloan@farragut.org.

The Blue Jacket Club

An ongoing commitment to Farragut



The Wheel of Honor just off the Quarterdeck at the main entrance to Farragut Hall bears the names of our Blue Jacket Club Members

The ongoing commitment of our donors to the values and ideals upon which Admiral Farragut Academy is based reflects the enduring importance of the Academy in their lives. It is a wonderful testament to their desire to show appreciation to the school that has done so

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 \$100,000.00. We are grateful for their exceptional generosity.

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Edward Cannon '34
E. K. Cleveland '52S
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Edward '67N and Wanda DeSeta
Robert and Anita Fine
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Christian '82N and Lisa Wagner
Frank '42N and Barbara Wendt

* Indicates new member

The Heritage Society

Honor the Past, Invest in the Future

Invest in the future of Admiral Farragut Academy. By designating Admiral Farragut Academy in your will or living trust, you can help ensure that the school will fulfill its mission to provide students with an excellent, academically challenging education with a strong emphasis on leadership development. This meaningful act can result in a large and lasting gift. Choose to direct your gift to an area of the school that reflects your experience and your values: financial assistance, athletics, arts, science, leadership

development, capital needs just to name a few.

There are many ways in which you can make your commitment.

- Charitable Bequest
- Retirement Plans
- Insurance Policies
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Retained Life Estate

A bequest is one of the easiest planned gifts that you can make as

a donor to ensure that your legacy lives on. IT'S A GIFT THAT COSTS YOU NOTHING DURING YOUR LIFETIME.

We recognize your gift and thank you today. The Heritage Society provides recognition to donors who have included Farragut in their estate plan. All you need to do is tell the school that your plan is in place, share the documentation and confirm that you have no objection to being publicly listed in our Heritage Society honor roll.

Heritage Society Members

This special group of Farragut supporters has made a lasting commitment to education through a variety of estate-planning tools including bequests in a will or trust, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, IRA designations, or gifts of life insurance.

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| 1. Frank Wendt '42N and Barbara | 23. Benjamin H. Troemel '73S | 48. Phil Pratt '63N |
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| 21. Jeff Ogden '00S | 43. Bill Emerson '52S | |
| 22. Derek and Victoria Raymer | 44. Rudy Kohler '58S | |
| | 45. A.F. "Ron" Krantz '59N | |
| | 46. William Butler '64S | |
| | 47. Eric Engler '61N | |

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The following are contributions to the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation from January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018. All other gifts and pledges to Admiral Farragut Academy including the Farragut Fund, Capital Campaign, Admiral's Athletics Club, Parents' Group, and gifts-in-kind will be reported in the Fall 2019 edition of Reveille Magazine.

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Frank '65N and Janet Meyer	Founders Fund
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CDR Matt '56N and Toni Barbour, USCG (Ret)	Coaches Slaby and Nicholson Athletic Fund
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CAPT John '67S and Christine Turner, USN (Ret)	Founders Fund
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Foundation Fund Descriptions



Board of Trustees Chair in Physical Science Fund

This endowment program was initially funded by a gift from the Admiral Farragut Academy Board of Directors. The purpose of this fund is to provide an opportunity for a Farragut teacher to receive funding to develop a program of study in any area of physical science at any grade level. This grant may be awarded on an annual basis.

Band Fund

Created by Frank Wendt, '42N to support the Admiral Farragut Academy band and cadets who are passionate about music.

CAPT's Paul Crosley and Granville Moore Fund

Created by Raey Webster '59N to honor named staff members in order to provide resources to aid QBH requirements, Naval Science needs, and Naval Science Scholarships.

Class of 1964 Memorial Fund

Created by the Class of 1964 to support tuition assistance for descendants of the Class of 1964 or, if none are identified, provide assistance to a qualified student.

Class of 1973 Fund

Financial aid award to a deserving cadet, in the name of the Class of 1973N. Cadet must display strong leadership skills throughout the Corps of Cadets, in the classroom, as well as the athletic fields if applicable. Cadet must maintain a strong academic standing and carry him or herself in with dignity and respect for themselves as well as the Academy.

Class of 2018 Fund

Established by the Class of 2018 to support financial aid.

Coaches Slaby and Nicholson Athletic Fund

Created to honor two outstanding coaches, Stan Slaby (N) and Mike Nicholson (S), both of whom had a dramatic impact on countless young men and women and to support athletics.

Dreyfoos Scholar Fund

Established by Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr., a West Palm Beach philanthropist for a deserving boarding student.

Drill Team Fund

Established by Frank Wendt '42 to help with expenses for equipment, drill competition fees, and travel.

Aviation Fund

Created to provide direct support for the Admiral Farragut Academy Aviation Program.

Founders Fund

Annually, the Academy offers more than \$600,000 in financial aid to worthy applicants who may otherwise not be able to attend the school. The Founders Fund is the general fund within the Foundation to which gifts are made and distributed for financial aid awards and additional requests.

Jyri L. Palm '87S Architectural Preservation Fund

Created by Jyri Palm '87S to preserve and maintain the historical integrity of Farragut Hall.

LTC Rudolph W. Kohler '58S, USA (Ret.) Athletic Scholarship Fund

Established by Rudy and Jean Kohler to support an academically minded athlete who exemplifies strong leadership skills on and off the field, while also serving the Corps of Cadets with outstanding character. Preference will be given to a European boarding cadet.

LTC Rudolph W. Kohler '58S, USA (Ret.) Music Scholarship Fund

Established by Rudy and Jean Kohler to support an academically minded musician who exemplifies strong leadership skills while serving the Corps of Cadets. Preference will be given to a European boarding cadet.

Megan McClung '91N Scholarship Fund

Created by Christian Wagner '82N for a deserving female student in honor and memory of Maj Megan McClung USMC '91N. McClung was the first female enrolled on the northern campus, a Naval Academy graduate, and the first female killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

Michael S. Insel '65S Scholarship Fund

Established from the estate of the late Michael Insel along with his wife Rachel to give an annual financial award to an outstanding student(s).

George J. Michel, Jr. '49S Scholar Fund

Created by George J. Michel, Jr. '49S to provide scholarships to deserving boarding students. This fund is the longest-established Scholar Fund and was created to ensure that students are provided the same opportunities as Mr. Michel was for a Farragut education.

Pine Beach Tribute Fund

Created to memorialize the Pine Beach campus by supporting the current boarding program and the leadership training which is inherent to the Farragut Experience.

Faculty Professional Development Fund

Supports the Academy's faculty and staff professional development program.

RADM Richard G. and Louisa Wheeler Fund

Created in honor of Richard and Louisa Wheeler who were instrumental leaders of Admiral Farragut Academy for more than 40 years. This is a Head of School discretionary fund.

Southwest Florida Scholarship Fund

Created by alumni who reside in Southwest Florida to support students from their area to attend Farragut.

Ferguson BC Scholarship

Created by Harry '70N and Carol Ferguson to honor the highest ranking cadet each year.

The Nathaniel Lewis Wilkins '11 Compassion Scholarship

Created in memory of Nathan Wilkins '11 by his mother Catherine Lewis to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior who has displayed and articulated love and kindness to his/her classmates, faculty and staff, and family.

Vic Saitta '63N Memorial Scholarship Fund

Created in memory of Vic Saitta '63N by his classmates for an academic-minded and athletic student who is a peer role model.

William R. Masciangelo, Sr. '37 Fund

Created in memory of William Masciangelo '37 for faithfully serving the alumni, parents, and cadets of Farragut's Northern Campus for almost 50 years. The fund supports the boarding program and/or a boarding cadet. It was initially funded by Frank Wendt '42.



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Admiral Farragut Academy has grown in many different ways since the St. Petersburg campus opened in 1945. This year, Farragut went from the DeSeta Chapel, which had limited facilities for productions, to DeSeta Hall, a state-of-the-art, multi-use performing arts building which includes a theater that comfortably seats 500 people, a large lobby and outdoor plaza, space for catering prep, arts classrooms, and administrative offices.

Top: An image of the space (which would later become DeSeta Chapel) two years after Farragut's St. Petersburg campus opened its doors to students.

Bottom: DeSeta Hall auditorium/theater today

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