

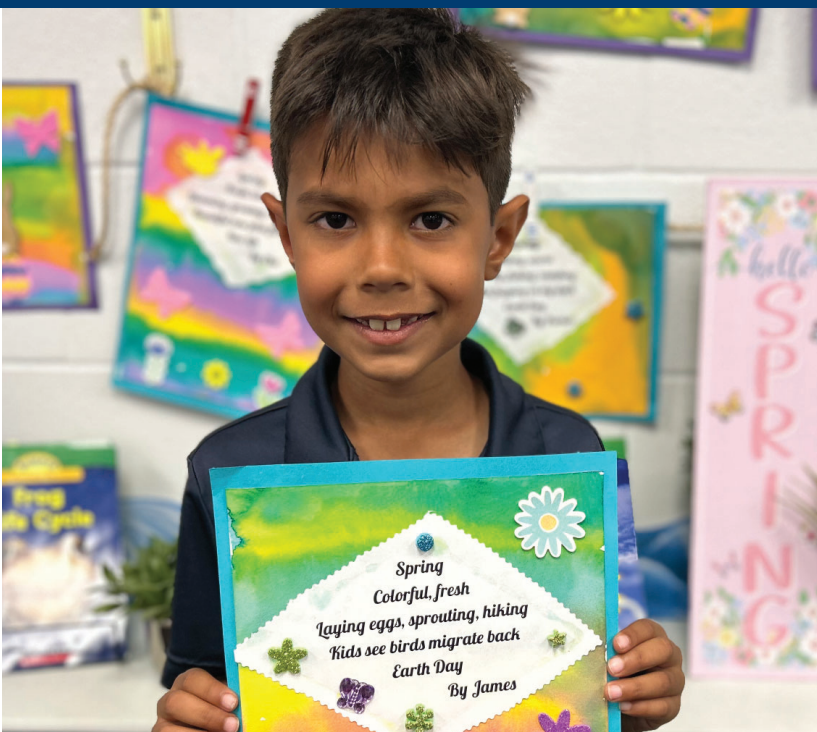
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Faces of Farragut



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

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ON THE COVER: Emma Harris, rising senior, Ben Mohrman, '25, James Gregory, rising 2nd grader, Xenia Russell, rising 8th grader.

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY

As I begin my fourth year as President of this esteemed academy, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of serving and leading this remarkable institution as we strive to fulfill our mission.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our parents, alumni, and friends for your unwavering support and partnership. To the board of directors, thank you for your courage, vision, and leadership. To the faculty and staff, I appreciate your tireless efforts, dedication, and passion for learning. Your consistent inspiration to our students is truly a joy to witness. To my administrative team, I am thankful for your encouragement, guidance, and patience. I could not lead this school without your incredible support.



This year presented us with challenges on multiple fronts. Yet, through the various storms of life, we have stood together and remained Farragut Strong!

From Farragut Hall to the classrooms, and onto the fields and courts of play, I will always remember the Class of 2025 and the talent they have displayed. Their academic, athletic, and artistic prowess has represented this academy with honor. I have observed their character development grounded in our core values. They have learned that character is defined by what you do when nobody is watching, and that your word is your bond. I believe they are ready to begin the next chapter, and AFA has prepared them well.

We have an exciting year ahead! We continue to work on our branding project with Stephen Keating, with a rollout anticipated for the fall. Progress on the renewed lower school playground is moving forward and will be a much-needed addition. Our faculty and administration are diligently planning next year's curriculum updates and ensuring our facilities are in top shape. Students return for the first day of classes on August 12.

We hope you enjoyed some well-deserved summer downtime with your family and friends.

Kevin J. Lockerbie, President and Head of School

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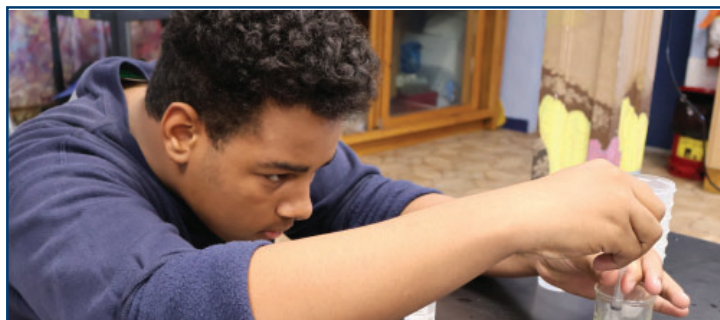
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SEEN AROUND CAMPUS

Catalase Lab in Action!

Our Biology and Biology Honors students had a blast performing the Catalase Lab! This hands-on experiment highlighted the critical role enzymes play in living organisms. Students explored catalase, an enzyme found in the liver that speeds up reactions and helps filter toxins from the body.



Stories on Stage

Drama Club featured two incredible one-act plays in their fantastic Spring Performance.

The Mad Tea Party – A whimsical adventure down the rabbit hole!

Penny for Your Thoughts – A thought-provoking and captivating story!



Hands-On Learning

Lower school students went on several field trips for hands-on learning experiences outside of the classroom. They also had many chances to examine, explore and create during the day.



A Living Laboratory: How Ed the Tortoise Inspired a Habitat and a Community

Thank You Donors to the Habitat Renovation

Aguero	Malyszko
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What began as a small enclosure for Ed, our resident tortoise and longtime member of the Admiral Farragut community, has grown into a rich ecological space. The idea to expand the habitat took shape through the middle school science program, led by Mr. Sadler, who has taught at AFA for the past eight years and oversees the care of Ed and the other campus animals. With a vision to create a microcosm of Florida's natural environment, the project aims not just to improve Ed's living space but to offer students a living model of local ecosystems.

In early 2024, an Upper School student took on the renovation of Ed's enclosure as part of his Eagle Scout project. His efforts transformed a modest setup into a more welcoming environment for both Ed and the Lower School. The updated space quickly became a hub for activity.

After two hurricanes swept through the area, the enclosure sustained significant damage. Inspired by Ed's role on campus, the AFA community rallied. Donations poured in, and the scope of the project expanded. The habitat has now more than doubled in size and features an 800-gallon



pond built with natural stone, a high-performance filtration system, and a vibrant native Florida landscape.

Today, the enclosure mirrors a living Florida ecosystem. Non-toxic, native plants offer both beauty and educational opportunities. The pond is now home to a softshell turtle, aquatic plants, crawfish, and minnows. These additions have turned the space into an outdoor classroom where students witness natural interactions between animals, plants, and the environment right on campus.

"Watching Ed dig and explore is the best part of my day," says **Matty Malyszko**, a rising 8th grader. This kind of real-world interaction builds empathy, curiosity, and problem-solving skills that support classroom learning in meaningful ways.



LOWER SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL

Safety Patrol is one of the first official student leadership opportunities at AFA and is available to our 5th-grade students. Run by Mr. Cochrane, these students take on meaningful roles around LS campus. Their responsibilities include assisting younger students

during arrival and dismissal, modeling our core values, and supporting teachers and staff throughout the day. They raise and lower the flag at the Lower School, help keep our campus clean, water plants, and monitor students outside classrooms before the day begins. It's a valuable opportunity for students to build confidence, grow as leaders, and make a positive impact on our school community. Our Safety Patrol Captains this past school year included: **Marley Roslansky**, **Natalie Georgiev**, and **Nicholas Seely**. Students must demonstrate responsibility, reliability, and a strong commitment to our school values to be selected as captain.



SELF-DISCIPLINE

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

– John Quincy Adams



Brig. Gen. Charlie Duke '53S USAF (Ret.), astronaut, youngest man to walk on the moon as part of the Apollo 16 mission, and featured speaker for Homecoming 2025. Duke reflected on the rigorous academic and military-style training at Farragut, which laid the foundation for his success. He spoke of the teachers and mentors who challenged and inspired him, pushing him to strive for excellence and preparing him for the demanding road ahead.

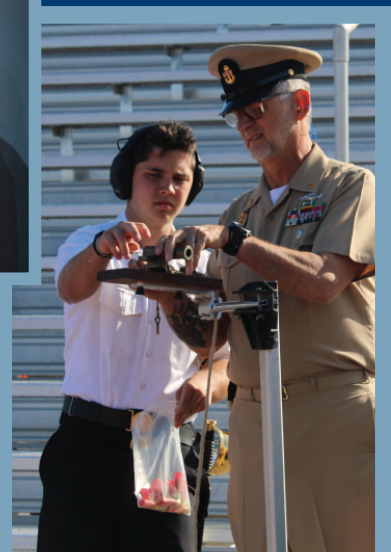
“I touch the future. I teach.”

– Christa McAuliffe

Faculty spend time outside of their classrooms chaperoning field trips and dances and running student clubs.



Whether it is teaching military protocols, assisting students with parade preparations or presenting awards our, Naval Science faculty serve our cadets.



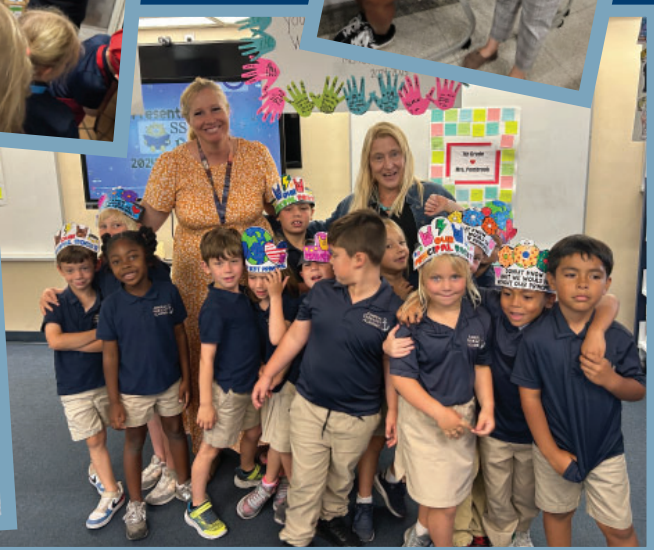


We are so grateful for the 31 dedicated coaches who spend countless nights and weekends supporting our student athletes at meets and competitions.

- Joe Novak: Head Coach, Boys and Girls Swim: Boys District Champions
- Justin Everly: Head Coach, Boys Soccer: Boys District Champions
- Paul Evans: Head Coach, Boys Basketball: Boys District Champions and SSAA Champions
- Aaron Prather 2023-2024 Florida Dairy Farmers Girls 1A Track and Field Coach of the Year

THANK YOU TEACHERS!

The heart and soul of AFA is our amazing faculty. They spend their time everyday in the classrooms preparing our students, teaching concepts and making learning fun.





Early literacy skills are crucial for a child's future success, building a strong foundation for lifelong learning and development. In Farragut's Lower School, that importance has been a focus for Head of Lower School, Rebecca Pembroke, and her team.

Adopting a new phonics curriculum, shoring up MAP testing, and hiring a reading consultant to work with faculty, has dramatically improved the structure of the LS reading program and the strategic approach to reading improvement.

Research has proven that reading stimulates brain development, including critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Early attention to reading helps children develop language skills, expand vocabulary, improve comprehension, and cultivate a love of reading, which can lead to higher grades and academic achievement later in life.

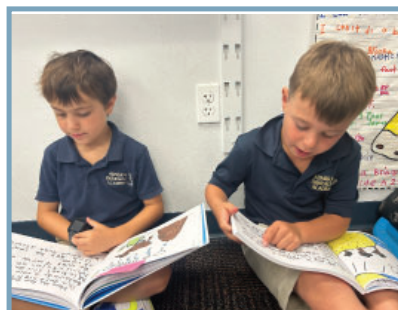
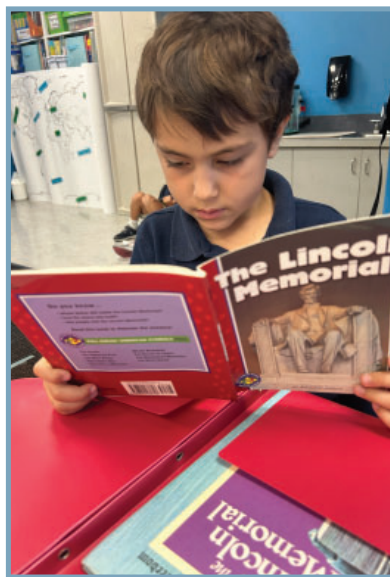
Farragut students' reading skills are assessed three times a year, and group and individualized plans are implemented to further develop assessed skills or bridge any deficits. Reading skills and scores have

A NOVEL Idea

continued to improve, and early detection of any reading issues is being addressed and supported.

Fostering a love of reading also allows Farragut students to express themselves better through writing and helps develop stronger communication skills. And for parents, establishing dedicated daily reading time or shared reading time provides a valuable opportunity for quality time and engagement with your child and creates a positive and enriching learning environment at home.

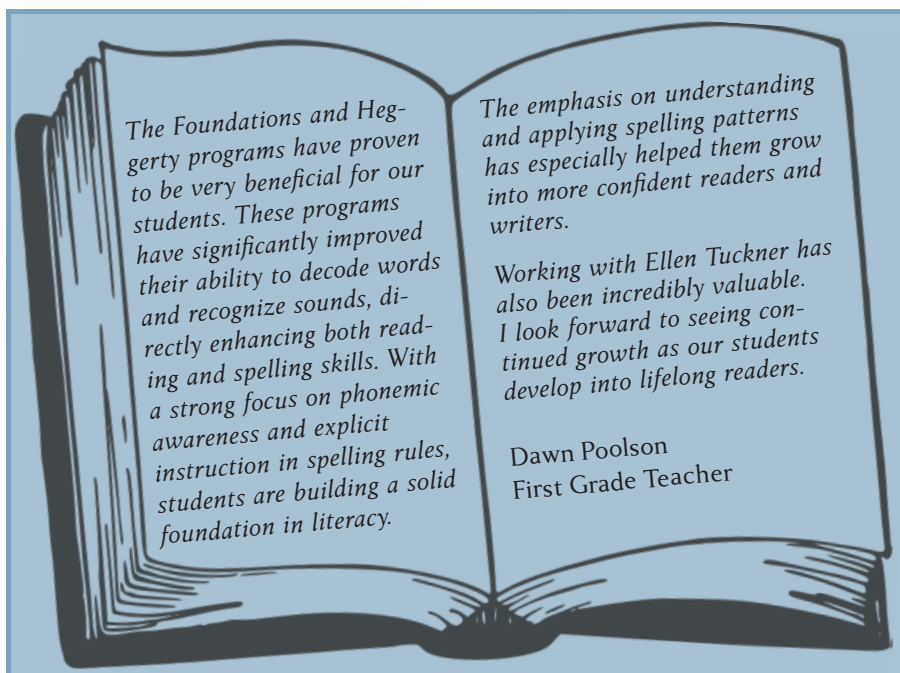
Besides all of that, it's fun. So grab a book, curl up, and get reading.



The Lower School Reading Program has had a significant impact on my Kindergarten classroom. The alignment with the science of reading ensures that students are developing foundational literacy skills in a structured, research-based way. The use of MAP testing has been especially beneficial because it provides me with clear, actionable data that helps me differentiate instruction and target the specific needs of each student.

Additionally, working with the reading consultant has been incredibly valuable. Her expertise has guided me in implementing best practices, refining small group instruction, and identifying next steps for student growth. With this support, I've noticed a meaningful increase in student confidence and engagement, particularly among early readers who may have otherwise struggled without such tailored instruction.

Mrs. Devon McPherson
Kindergarten Teacher







A Visual Feast: Exploring Textures and Colors

Visual arts provide a creative outlet for students, allowing them to express their thoughts and ideas through various mediums. Education in visual arts is essential as it fosters creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, all while enhancing emotional well-being and academic performance. It offers a unique means of self-expression, encourages exploration of different cultures and perspectives, and helps improve social skills and confidence.

At Farragut, students can choose from multiple art classes, including basic, honors, and AP courses. Whether in photography, painting, or drawing, working with different styles and learning the history of color, design, and technique helps students develop their talents and express themselves.

A strong foundation in visual arts can lead to various career paths in art, design, media, and other creative fields. In conclusion, visual arts education is not just about learning to draw or paint; it is about nurturing essential cognitive, emotional, and social skills that are vital for students' overall development and success in life.

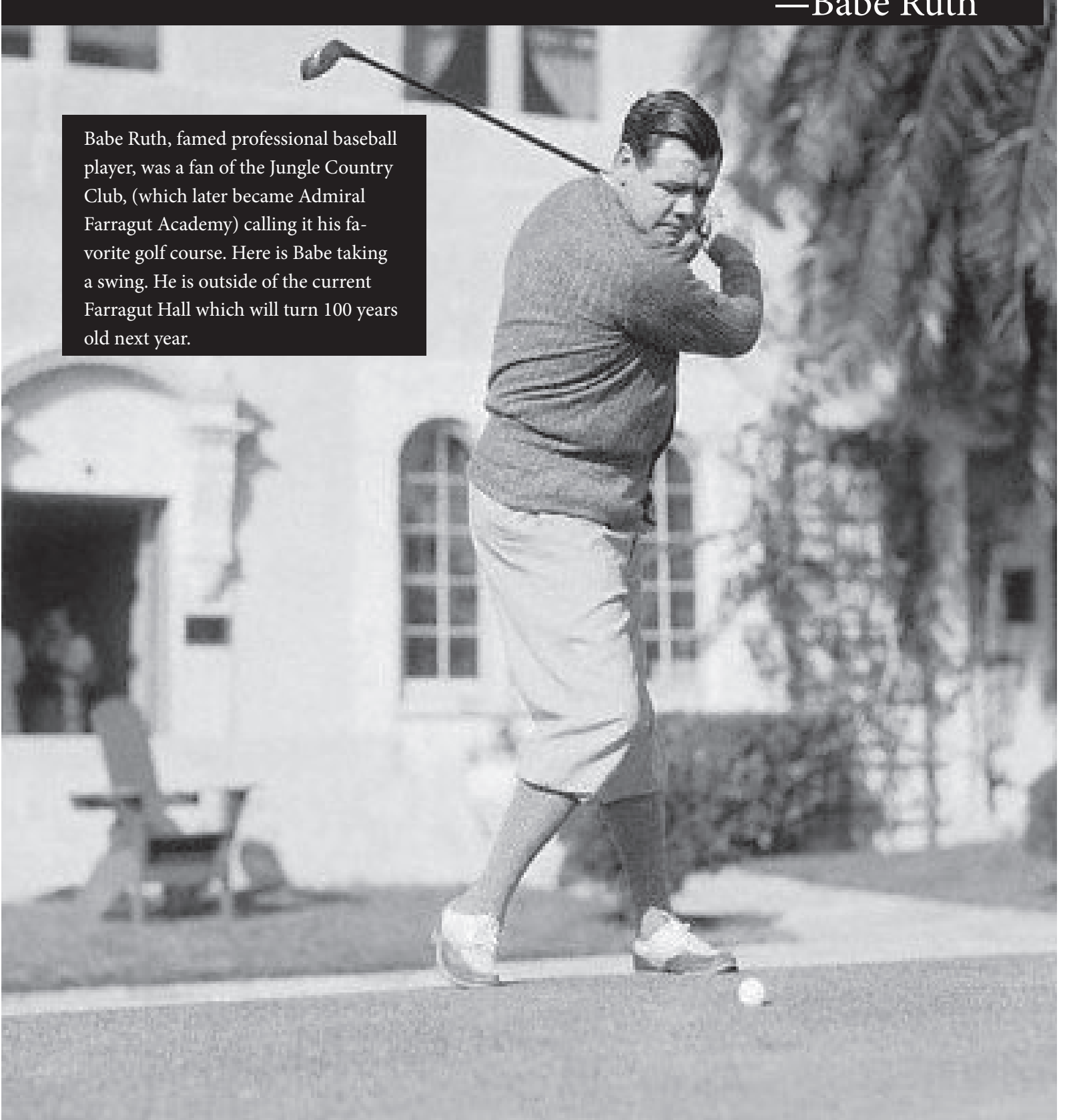


FITNESS/WELLNESS

“You just can’t beat the person who never gives up.”

—Babe Ruth

Babe Ruth, famed professional baseball player, was a fan of the Jungle Country Club, (which later became Admiral Farragut Academy) calling it his favorite golf course. Here is Babe taking a swing. He is outside of the current Farragut Hall which will turn 100 years old next year.





Winter/Spring Athletics Highlights

BASKETBALL

The Varsity Boys Basketball team won the District Championship and finished the season by winning the Sunshine State Association Tournament. The girls finished their season with a 5-10 record, an improvement from the 2023-2024 season. The girls had a tough schedule, but demonstrated resilience and excellent leadership.



LACROSSE



It was a strong season for the lacrosse team, finishing with an 11-6 record and earning a trip to their first District Championship game in program history. The team played with intensity and unity, and their deep post-season run is a testament to their hard work and skill.



COLLEGE BOUND

A huge congratulations to lacrosse players Camden Stern and Ben Chambers who signed letters of intent to play in college.

Camden is heading to Massachusetts Maritime Academy to join the Buccaneers, while Ben will suit up for the Lions at Piedmont University.

Both will compete at the NCAA Division III level.



TEAM SPIRIT

The Middle School Soccer team had an amazing time attending the Rowdies Home Opener.

It was a night filled with team spirit, fun, and great soccer vibes!



SOCCER

The girls had a great season, a testament to our players' hard work and dedication. Achieving 8 wins, the most in over twenty years, is a milestone that shows how far the team has come. The Boys' soccer team



had an outstanding season. The team captured their first-ever District Championship and scored 80 goals en route to a 13-win season. The season

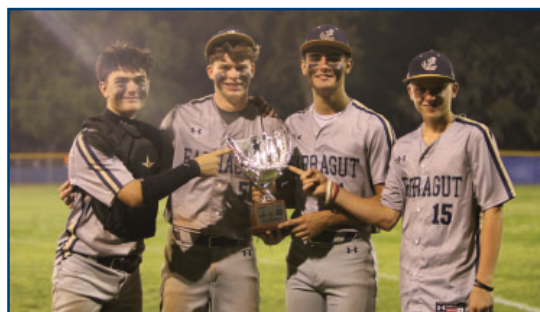


demonstrated the power of hard work, unwavering dedication, and the importance of teamwork.



BASEBALL

Despite a challenging 6-11 season, the baseball team showed grit and determination throughout. Battling through numerous injuries, the team continued to compete with heart. With many players set to return next season, the future looks promising as they build on this year's experience.





SOFTBALL

The softball team faced a tough season, finishing with a 1-13 record. Injuries took a toll, but the players remained dedicated and positive. With a large number of athletes returning next year, the team is poised for growth and a potential turnaround in the coming season.



WRESTLING

The wrestling teams had a great season. Two men and one woman advanced to the state tournament. As a state placer this season, Riley Lancaster earned the opportunity to compete in the prestigious US Open High School Girls Showcase in Las Vegas, an elite event featuring top talent from across the country. Thiago Vianna and Davyd Kolesnykov both secured 3rd place finishes in their respective weight classes, punching their tickets to the State Tournament.



FOR THE WIN

Swim: The boys' team won the district championship and sent several swimmers to the state championships. They broke the school record in the 200-yard relay and medaled with an impressive 8th-place finish at state.

Boys Basketball: The team was named district champions.

Boys Soccer: Boys soccer finished the season as district champions.

Track and Field: Seven students qualified for the state championships.

Lacrosse: The team was district runner-up with two seniors signing to play lacrosse in college.



TENNIS

The tennis team wrapped up their season at the FHSAA District Tournament. While the outcome wasn't what we hoped for, we're incredibly proud of the effort, growth, and sportsmanship our players showed all season long. Special congratulations to Mya Clarke for an outstanding regular season, finishing 9-2 in Singles and 7-2 in Doubles, and to Nils Neermann for an impressive 7-3 Singles record!

SIGNING DAY

We are so proud to celebrate Richard'ia Allen as she officially signs with the University of South Carolina Upstate to continue her track & field career at the collegiate level.

We can't wait to see all she accomplishes as a Spartan!



TRACK AND FIELD



The track and field program had a standout spring.

Boys' Track earned District Runner-Up honors this season. Isaiah Given qualified for states in shotput and finished 6th in the State meet.

Girls' Track had many 1st place finishes throughout the season. They had an exceptional showing at the District and Regional meets, ending up with eight state qualifiers. Leading the way was Lauren Burgess, who claimed the title of Regional Champion in the 100-meter dash.



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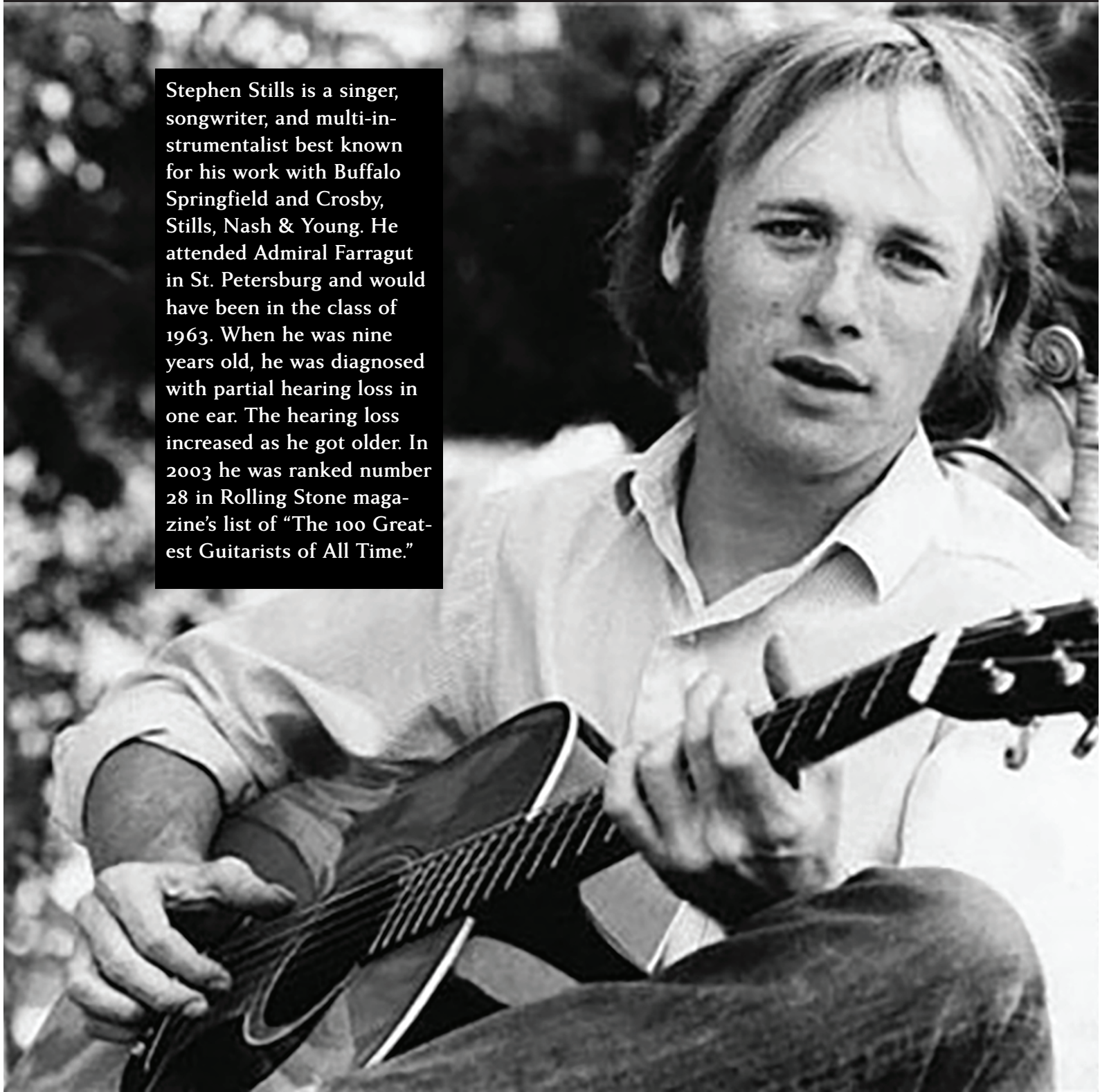
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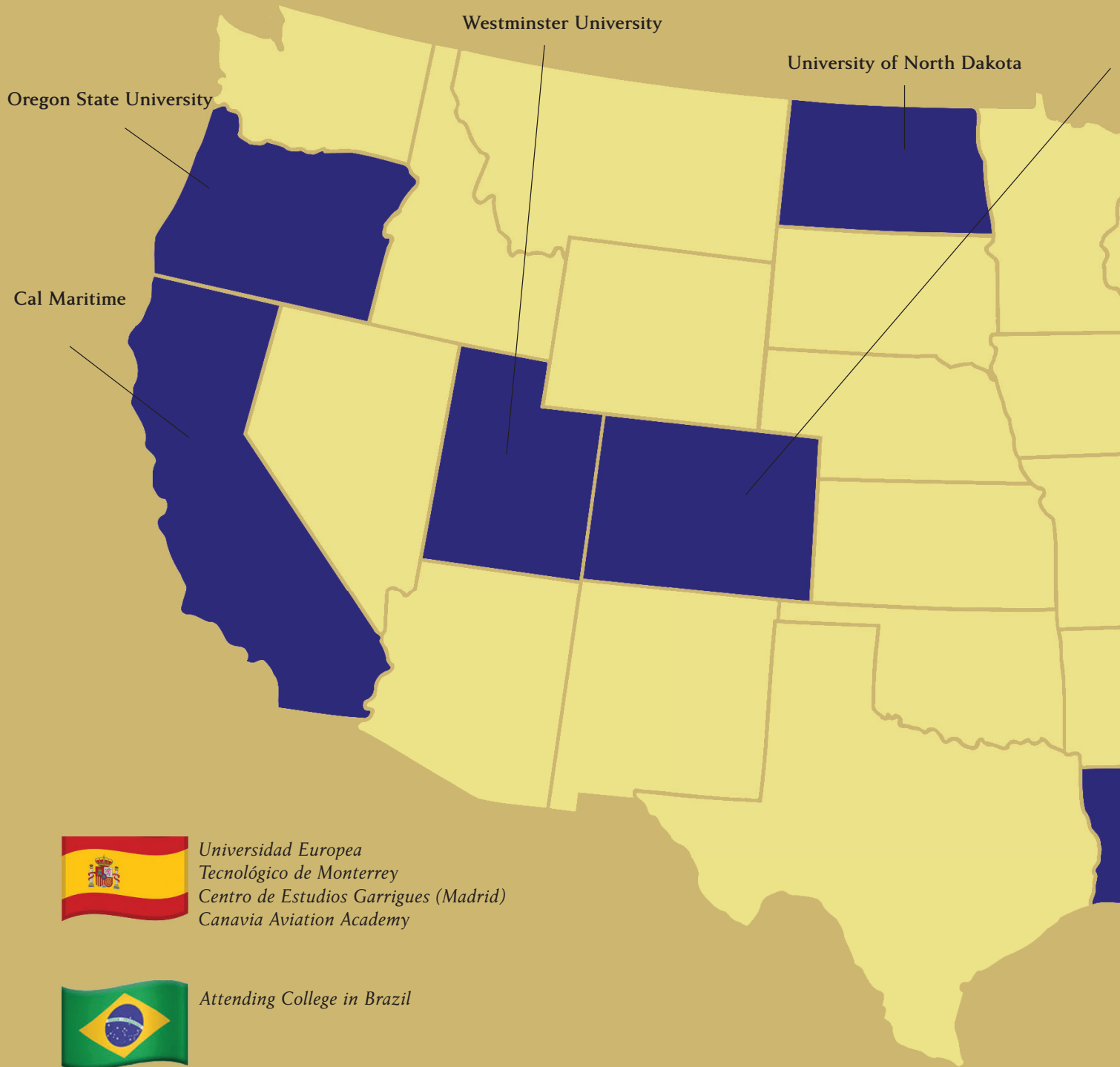
“Everything is hard before it’s easy.”

- Goethe

Stephen Stills is a singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist best known for his work with Buffalo Springfield and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. He attended Admiral Farragut in St. Petersburg and would have been in the class of 1963. When he was nine years old, he was diagnosed with partial hearing loss in one ear. The hearing loss increased as he got older. In 2003 he was ranked number 28 in Rolling Stone magazine’s list of “The 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time.”



Oh, the Places



They Go!



The American University of Paris



*Hult International Business School: London
University of York*



University College Dublin



Commencement 2025

On Saturday, May 17, 2025 Admiral Farragut Academy graduated 69 members of the Class of 2025. This class earned over \$10 million in scholarships which was a record-setting achievement. Students will attend a diverse range of universities,

After the procession of faculty and students sixth grader **Emma Schuck** sang the national anthem. This was followed by several speakers including Head of School **Kevin Lockerbie**, alumni speaker **Alan Levine '85S**, valedictorians **Zachary Rice** and **Abigail Krueger**, and the salutatorian **Suvipra Singh**. The ceremony concluded with the traditional cadets tossing their covers in the air.

Congratulations Class of 2025.



Commencement Highlights





2025 VALEDICTORIANS



Abigail Krueger
University of Miami



Zachary Dane Rice
University of Florida



Distinguished Alumnus & Commencement Speaker

During the 2025 commencement ceremony, Admiral Farragut Academy proudly recognized Alan Levine '85S with the Distinguished Alumni Award, honoring his exceptional achievements and lasting impact on health care and public service. Alan also served as the 2025 commencement speaker, delivering a powerful and heartfelt message encouraging our graduates to "Be the compassionate. Be that good," leaving a lasting impression on all in attendance.

Alan is the Chairman and CEO of Ballad Health and has led hospitals and health systems of every size. His work has been instrumental during critical public health responses and major reform initiatives.

Beyond his executive leadership, Alan serves on the Florida Board of Governors, chairs key committees for University of Florida Health, and sits on the board of the public company Axogen. A triple-degree graduate of the University of Florida and a UF Hall of Fame member, Alan is an inspiring example of excellence in leadership, innovation, and service.

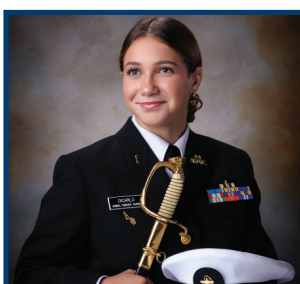
Listen to his speech here.



Ethan Robert Morico
Cal Maritime



Isabella Yi Valerio
*United States Military Academy
West Point*



Camille Therese DiCarlo
Auburn University



Scan the QR codes below to listen to interviews with graduating cadets.

A Milestone Celebration: Lower School Promotion

What separates

Farragut from the rest?

Let me tell you, it's because the teachers and faculty give their time, energy, and respect to every single one of their students. Their classrooms are not just lessons, they are experiences and memories that foster curiosity and growth.

- Jack McQuaid

In Lower School, we lay the foundation upon which the Upper School will build. Our school's mission is to provide a college preparatory environment that promotes academic excellence, leadership skills, and character development within a diverse community of students. Common themes expressed by student speakers included gratitude for the opportunities provided at AFA, both inside and outside of the classroom, as well as an appreciation for the growth mindset philosophy that is taught and modeled in their classrooms. They emphasized the importance of values such as respect, self-discipline, overcoming challenges, perseverance, character, and hard work which are values that are taught and practiced in both academic and extracurricular activities.

Congratulations Class of 2030 on all you have achieved so far. As Mrs. Pembroke, Head of Lower School said, "Embrace your hopes and dreams and recognize the power of yet."



From LS I've learned that kindness matters, confidence grows with effort, and perseverance is powerful. Confidence is the quiet strength to begin, and perseverance is the steady will to finish, no matter how long the road or how strong the headwind.

- Leo Masonlini

I want to remind everyone that challenges will come and sometimes life won't go as planned. But, with self-discipline, determination, and the support of those who love us, we can overcome anything.

- Brianna Hernandez

I've learned that life doesn't always happen the way you want it to, so it's important to get through it and not let your struggles define you or your outlook on life. That's what perseverance is to me, not giving up even when things get challenging.

- Sadie Hansen



INTEGRITY

“Uncompromising integrity is my standard. My character and honor are steadfast. My word is my bond,”
- part of the Navy SEAL Ethos

Major Megan McClung '91N was the first female student to attend Admiral Farragut Academy in New Jersey, prior to entering the United States Naval Academy, and was commissioned in 1995. McClung became the first female Marine officer killed in the Iraq War, as well as the first female graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy to be killed in action. She was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on 19 December 2006. In 2014, the Major Megan McClung '91N Memorial Scholarship Fund was first awarded at Admiral Farragut Academy and provides need-based financial aid to a deserving female cadet. The Marine Corps issues the Major Megan McClung Leadership Award to an outstanding leader, role model, and mentor each year.





Board of Directors Chairwoman, Ashley Patterson Beatty '02S pointing to her photograph as Regimental Commander displayed on the wall in DeSeta Hall during Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2025.

Beyond Rank: Identifying the Next Regimental Commanders

This year, we completely re-assessed our Regimental Commander selection process with the goal of selecting not only the very best and fully qualified applicant (through continued demonstrated character and competency) but also with the intent to provide better clarification and transparency of the selection process for all students and their families.

We first set out to build criteria that evaluated the cadet's full body of work while at Admiral Farragut Academy. With a staged approach, areas like academics, attendance, community impact, wellness and fitness, extra curricular involvement, institutional knowledge, character, public speaking, peer leader rankings, and potential for future success, were all graded and evaluated.

When considering the composition of the evaluating board, we evaluated which faculty and staff positions were deemed essential to capture the "whole" cadet including Naval Science, Boarding, Counseling, Academics, etc.

Lastly, we incorporated the requirement that the Regimental Commander, if selected, would be required to reside in the dorms to fully understand Farragut's diverse student population and to better lead our Corps of Cadets effectively.

This year's group of applicants were exceptionally talented. Each one could have been successful if given the opportunity, which made the new assessment process and grading so much more relevant. In the end, we built a selection system that we are proud of, and that is fair, rigorous, and transparent while selecting the best applicant.

Seeking to continue to improve the process, next year feedback for all applicants will be built in as a requirement, so that we can keep growing as leaders.

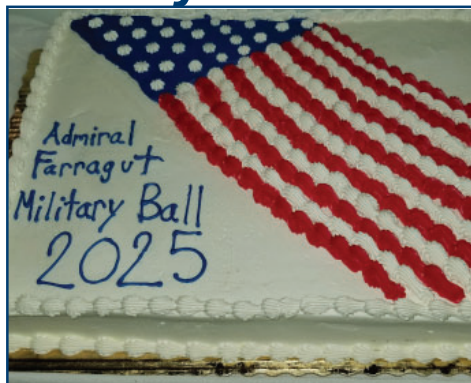
Stepping Up to Lead: Meet Our 2025-2026 Regimental Commanders

During an extremely competitive field of candidates, Farragut is excited to introduce seniors Makayla Berlin and Leah VanArsdale as the new Regimental Commanders. Listen to their plans for the upcoming year by scanning the QR codes.





Honoring Heritage: Military Ball Tradition Returns



NJROTC Selected as Distinguished Unit



The Admiral Farragut Academy NJROTC has again been selected as a Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors. The Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors is the upper 10 percent of the Area 11 NJROTC programs. This is evaluated via the Area Managers Inspection in October, and the evaluation of the End of Year Report, that is sent in at the beginning of April.

Events such as Community Service, GPA, Attendance, Participation in Extra Curricular Events (PT Events, Drill Meets, Academic Meets, Color Guard Performances, and the AM Personnel Inspection) all contribute to that report.



During the evening's Champagne Reception & Dinner Sterling Duke Crawford, unveiled a stunning oil portrait of her grandfather, "Portrait of Apollo Astronaut Charles M. Duke '53S Jr." Having Brig. Gen. Charlie Duke '53S USAF (Ret.) himself, as our honored guest, made the moment even more meaningful. Sterling has loaned this incredible oil portrait to the Academy for the next three years. It is displayed in the Wagner Lobby of DeSeta Hall.





Celebrating Exceptional Alumni: Honoring Impact and Legacy

The prestigious President's Distinguished Alumnus Award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exemplary leadership, service, and dedication to their field and embody the values and mission of Admiral Farragut Academy, was presented by **Kevin Lockerbie** to **RADM Mark Buzby '75N USN (Ret.)** His distinguished career spans over four decades of service to our nation. His exceptional contributions as a leader in the maritime and transportation industries and his commitment to public service have left a lasting impact on the military, the maritime sector, and beyond. Among his many achievements, he served as the U.S. Maritime Administration Administrator and Commander of the Military Sealift Command, where his vision and leadership significantly advanced the nation's strategic transportation capabilities.

The honorable guest speaker, **Brig. Gen. Charlie Duke '53S USAF (Ret.)** reflected on the rigorous academic and military-style training at Farragut, which laid the foundation for his success. He spoke of the teachers and mentors who challenged and



inspired him, pushing him to strive for excellence and preparing him for the demanding road ahead. The values of integrity, resilience, and teamwork were ingrained in him during his formative years and proved essential as he navigated flight school, became an astronaut, and, ultimately, the youngest man to walk on the moon as part of the Apollo 16 mission. He credited his faith and his wife, Dotty, for sustaining him along his incredible journey.



1975S classmates Gary Frierson and Taylor Dickerson



Mike Harris '87S and Chris Slusher '86S catching up during reunion weekend.

Generations of Graduates: Connecting the Past, Present, and Future

The 2025 Homecoming Weekend included Bill Emerson '52S and Donald Assen '23 getting to meet each other.



SAVE THE DATE



January 30 & 31
2026

Inaugural Basketball Game Added to Alumni Weekend



A highlight of the 2025 Homecoming Weekend was the addition of the inaugural Sylvio Brutus '98 Memorial Alumni Basketball Game. Taking place on Saturday, it was one of the most emotional moments of the weekend. Faculty members Mark Panuthos and Calvin Brown presented a shadow box with his #44 basketball jersey to his widow, Shannan Green and family; it was a heartfelt tribute to his legacy.

Sylvio was a student and a coach who mentored hundreds of students at the Academy. His legacy will continue to be honored through this annual basketball game. Luigi Moxam '98 made a special tribute to Sylvio and Calvin Brown, who has also guided and mentored hundreds of cadets through his dedication of over thirty years.

The day was capped off by an exciting basketball game, where alumni and students came together in camaraderie. Students cheered and participated in playing with the alumni.





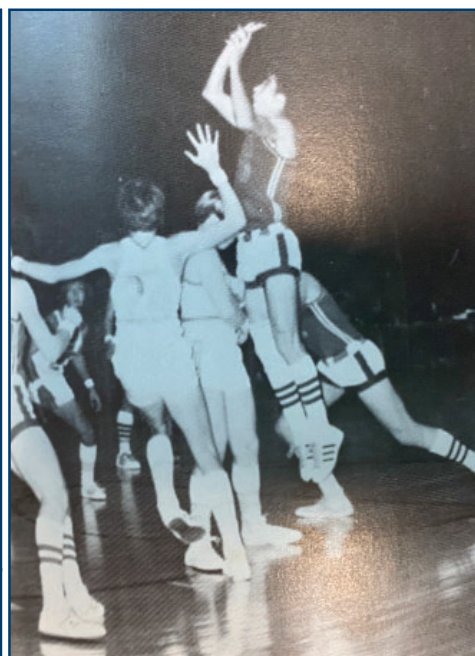
Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame

RECOGNIZING ATHLETES AND COACHES

The Admiral Farragut Academy Hall of Fame recognizes individual athletes, teams, coaches, athletic directors, and/or donors who have contributed significantly to the development of these athletes or to the excellence of the Farragut Athletics Program.

At Homecoming 2025 the 1971 Undefeated Basketball Team was inducted into the hall. The Athletic Hall of Fame induction was presented by **Randy Russell '71S**, who reminisced about the outstanding undefeated regular season for the 1971 Varsity Basketball Team. The team took the stage to receive their awards. **Mike Crossen '71S**, **Stephen Dunn '71S**, **Gary Frierson '71S**, **Donald Wolff '71S**, **Walter Leskuski '72S**, and **Robert Hudson '71S** were in attendance on behalf of the team as was Coach Gerdon's widow..

The team framed the basketball net from the undefeated season that Coach Gerdon had kept, and Robert presented it to Head of School Kevin Lockerbie to display in the Huntley Gymnasium. Unable to attend were Robert Davis '71S, Richard Roane '72S, Ira Rose '71S, Frank Schotters '71, Ronald Singer '71S, Frank Wolff '71S, and Robert Zebrowski '72S.



Making History

Senior Ben Mohrman finished 3rd in a field of 74 at the Open Skiff Nationals! Some of the best teams from all over the world including Switzerland and other powerhouses in the sailing world were there.

This is the first race at this level where a student from Admiral Farragut Academy raced under our name and new Farragut Internationally registered Burgee.

Ben also is the inaugural recipient of the "VIBE Award", a perpetual award for the sailor who best exemplifies what the Nationals racing program represents and is working to grow in its sailors - Leadership, Growth, and Commitment to the sport.

Ben's tactics were the star of the show, overcoming disadvantages to bring home this great achievement.



WATERFRONT LEARNING





Farragut Registers A Burgee

What is a burgee?

A burgee is a pennant-shaped flag that identifies a recreational boating organization or yacht club. It's often triangular or swallow-tailed.

Why register a burgee?

Registration helps to protect copyright and prevents other organizations from using the same burgee design. The burgee serves as a private signal, identifying the vessel's affiliation. Registering a burgee with The International Burgee Registry helps protect your designs.

Flying a burgee.

A registered burgee is often flown from the starboard spreaders or masthead of a vessel. The burgee should take the next most senior position after the national ensign.

The Farragut Burgee Design.

- The Farragut burgee is a swallowtail design with the central triangle of Navy Blue common to both the North and South campuses.
- The upper portion of silver represents the colors of the Tom's River, NJ campus.
- The lower portion of gold represents the St. Petersburg, FL campus.
- Four gold stars in the north signify Admiral David Farragut, the first Admiral of the United States Navy, who served for the Union in the American Civil War.
- "1933" in the south represents the year of the founding of the Academy.
- The modern anchor canted and "AFA" in the common field of ties the campuses together.

This burgee will fly at all regattas, all boat parades, and on the main staff at AFA during special events and the Farragut regatta.

Durable versions of the burgee, suitable for flying, will be available for special order through [Chief Kühl](mailto:dkuhl@farragut.org) dkuhl@farragut.org for \$125 with a portion of the costs going directly to the sailing program. Nicer versions, suitable for framing, are also available for custom order. Please contact the Chief for pricing and lead time.

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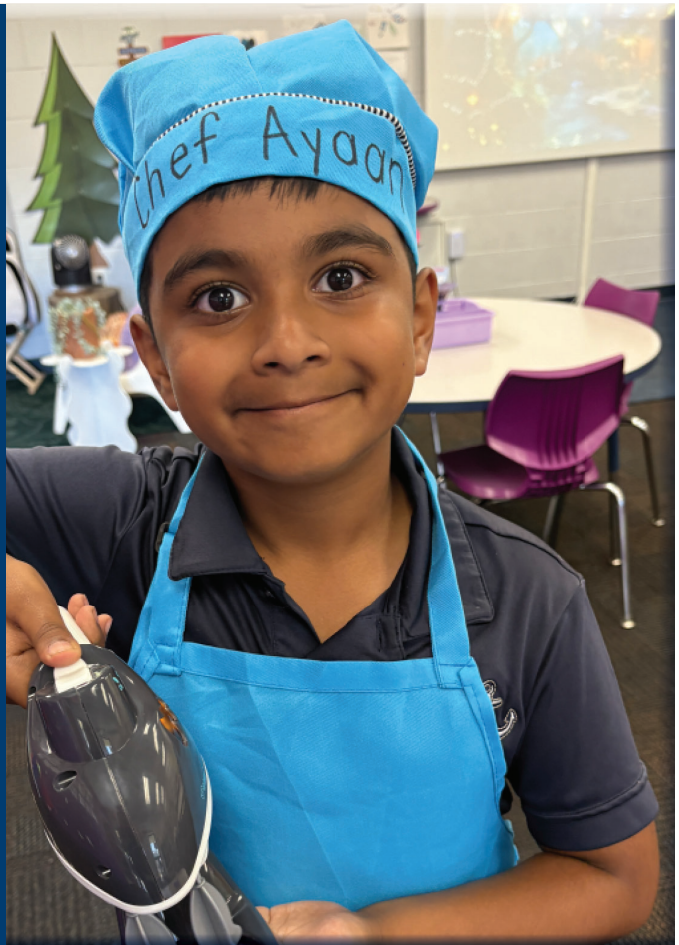


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