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Greetings from Hargrave,

I cannot express aptly in words how excited the entire Brown family is to be a part of Hargrave Military Academy! Sharon, Nick, Hannah and I look forward to being involved in every facet of the school. We are anxious to meet all of you at some point as we work to make Hargrave the premier military boarding school.

I must first thank Colonel Baker for his phenomenal work as the interim President. He had a tough job and did it superbly. We wish he and Lynn all the best as they fully enjoy what the future holds for them. They are, and always will be, an integral part of the Hargrave family. I cannot thank them enough for assisting Sharon and I in this transition period. We wish them all the best and pray that God continues to bless them.

As the new President, my first focus will be to work diligently with the staff, faculty and the Board of Trustees to chart a strategic path for Hargrave. We must build on current success, take advantage of growth opportunities and lay a foundation for sustained success. This effort will include the entire Hargrave Military Academy family. Parents, past and present Cadets, alumni, staff, faculty and others are all valued members and participants whose collective perspective, experience and contributions will provide valuable support to building and sustaining Hargrave Military Academy. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work on this endeavor!

There will be many new faces on campus. We welcome all of the new staff, faculty and Cadets. This will be the first full academic year for our new Commandant, LtCol Nick Morris. He is equally excited about the upcoming school year and is preparing for Officer Candidates School and NCO school in August to train and screen the 2018-19 Cadet leaders. Cadet leadership plays an important and vital role at Hargrave and we look forward to the returning Cadets who are prepared and ready to make a difference.

The Hargrave faculty and staff are gearing up for summer school and the start of the 2018-19 academic year. We welcome any alumni to stop by anytime for a visit to the campus. There is always something exciting to see. We appreciate your continued support and contributions. You are making a difference!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Brown
Col, USMC (Ret.)
President



Hargrave's Board of Trustees selected Marine Colonel Michael Brown as the school's 11th President. Brown is pictured with his wife, Sharon.

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Mission

Hargrave builds young men into leaders of character prepared for lifelong success.



Vision

Hargrave Military Academy's vision is to be the premier college-preparatory school. Hargrave will ensure each of its Cadets is prepared for success in life by instilling a passion for lifelong learning, a commitment to daily physical fitness and a desire to establish a spiritual foundation. Hargrave will develop each Cadet's leadership by fostering his character so he will make the right decisions for the right reasons.



Hargrave Military Academy 2017-18 Cadet Awards

Academic Awards

Social Studies:

A.P. US History: Nathaniel Kania
Honors US History: Adam Saliu
Regular US History: Jacob Terry
US Government:
Youssef Abouzied
US Government: Anh Phan Tu
Bible: Jackson Stewart
Honors World Studies:
Carson Frick
Standard World Studies:
David Kiesnowski
World Geography: Michael Ugwa

English Awards:

Mary Tallent Writing Prizes:
Short Story: Aidan Steinbach
Poetry: Tyler Morris
Essay: Jordan Dunn
Sound Off Photography Award:
Myles Parker, Kevin White
Priscilla Turner Reading Award:
Jackson Reeder
Ray B. Nichols English Award:
Annad Khraisat
Journalism Award / Yearbook
Award: Max Moreno

Humanities:

Foreign Language:
Magistra Latin Award:
John Mauriello
Modern Standard Arabic:
Adam Saliu
Spanish Performance Award:
Youssef Abouzied

Music:

John Philip Sousa: Chan Woo Kim
Semper Fidelis Award:
Luis Ramirez-Vale
CIS Gilmore Award: Walter
Thompson, John Thompson
Callahan Piper: Bennett Soles

Art:

Excellence in Art: Caleb Rogers
Excellence in CIS Art:
Walter Thompson
Student Choice: Dmitri Clinton
Hy Cook Purchase:
1st: Caleb Rogers
2nd: John Mauriello
3rd: Patrick Lord
Honorable Mentions:
Joshua Meade, Myles Parker,
Hernan Diaz

Mathematics:

Underclassmen: Nathan Kania
Culum Brooks Math Award:
Annad Khraisat

Science:

Carl Burke Award: Annad Khraisat
Science (Underclassman):
Jacob Kulow

Health:

I.J. Ezuma Upper School Science
Award: Scott Kennedy
Science Achievement Award:
Tyler Morris
Sports Medicine Award:
Nathan Kania

Center for Integrated Studies

Outstanding Military Presence:

Alex Zinke

Outstanding Citizenship:

Gabriel Medlin

CIS Department Award:

Jay Thompson

Best Overall CIS Boarding

Student: Aryan Dahiya

Best Overall CIS Day Student:

David Hubbard

Brenda M. Blair Award (Most

Improved 7th grader):

Tyler Medlin

Frank Raymond Frye Award (Most

Improved 8th grader):

Samuel Warren

CIS Leadership Award (Most

Improved 9th grader):

John Regan

CIS Second Semester Cadet

(made the most progress):

Frank Piccione

General Awards

Hayako Cook Scholarship (Rising

Senior): Quinn Griffith

Lankford Fellowship Award:

Ms. Alison Flanagan

Floyd Award:

LTC Michael Broomell

MacArthur Award:

Jordan Dunn

Military Awards

Recognition of Battalion
Commander: Jordan Dunn
Recognition of Battalion Sergeant
Major: Quinn Griffith
American Legion Award:
Jordan Dunn
American Veterans ROTC
Recognition Award:
Luis Ramirez Vale
Best Attitude: Kevin White
Charles Warren Whittle:
Dylan Moss
Commandant's Award:
Maxwell Moreno
David A. Fitchett Most Improved
Senior Award: Jesse Vogg
Glasgow Most Improved
Underclassman: Tyler Morris
Hunter Charitable Trust Award:
Chandler Wilkie
Military Order of the Purple
Heart: Jackson Reeder
Military Order of the World Wars:
Nicholas Duran
National Association of Military
Colleges and Schools:
Quinn Griffith
Military Presence Award:
Jackson Stewart
Patrick Henry: Annad Khraisat
Cadet of the Year: John Mauriello
Commandant's Corp Foundation
Award: Ahn Phan Tu
Bill McMillan American Spirit
Award: Cameron Spangler

Honor Awards

Valedictorian: Annad Khraisat
Salutatorian: Youssef Abouzied
Outstanding Senior: Kyle Rafferty
Citizenship Medal:
Cameron Spangler

Scholarship Medals (Highest
GPA):
7th grade: Tyler Medlin

8th grade: Aryan Dahiya
9th grade: John Mauriello
10th grade: Nathaniel Kania
11th grade: Adam Saliu
Martha C. Rucker Prize
(2018 clarification - the Boarding
Student in Junior class with the
highest GPA; awarded partial
scholarship for senior year):
Chandler Wilkie
Rensselaer Medal: Anh Phan Tu

Colin Powell Leadership Medals

Underclassmen: Chandler Wilkie,
Jackson Stewart
Seniors: Brandon Bordelon,
Michael Hatcher, Nicholas Duran,
Carter Brandt, Max Moreno (PG),
Dylan Moss
William and Mary leadership
Award: Adam Saliu
Presidential Leadership Award
(Rising 12th grader):
Chandler Wilkie

Scholarships

Math and Science:
Rensselaer Medal: Anh Phan Tu

Athletics:
Broomell Award: Jim Tung
Tallent Award: Anh Phan Tu
Outstanding Athlete:
Connor Rogers
Sportsmanship Award:
Hunter Adkins
O.B. Teague Award:
Kathryn Markunas
JV Outstanding Athlete:
Josef Shepard
JV Sportsmanship: Luc Garcia
Iron Tiger Awards: Youssef
Abouzied, Jordan Dunn, Nicholas
Duran, Iver Liu, Luis Ramirez
Vale, Connor Rogers, Cameron
Spangler, Michael Ugwa

2018 Graduates at a Glance

50
Graduates

\$4.4
Million Awarded
in Scholarships

8
Iron Tiger
Award Winners

9
Cadets Attending
Senior Military
Colleges

5
Honor
Graduates

2
Cadets Awarded
Full Four Year ROTC
Scholarships

27
Advanced
Diplomas

2018 GRADUATES MAKE COLLEGE SELECTIONS



Alabama A & M University
Mark Billups

Hargrave Post-Graduate
Ting-Chien Lin

Arizona State University
Richard Jiang

Hult International Business
School
Youssef Labib

Bluefield College
Nick Turner

Indian Hills Community College
Seneca Louis

Bridgton Academy
Jackson Reeder

James Madison University
Travis Jennings

Cape Fear Community College
Maurice Wilcox

Kansas State University
Ebrahim Al-Aghbari

The Citadel
Carter Brandt
Vy Homsombath

Louisburg College
Will Lee

Prince George's Community
College
Rory Gamble

Coastal Carolina University
Liam Rafizadeh

Miami Dade College
Chan Kim
Jean-Luc Latry

Richard Bland College
Kuan-Hsien Liu

Dalhousie University
Elyas Harris

Morehouse College
Christopher Gray

Savannah College of Art and
Design
Caleb Rogers

Danville Community College
Dylan Moss

Norwich University
Thaddeus Alexis
Ryan Peluso
Jesse Vogt

Seattle University
Jordan Fletcher

Denison University
Nicholas Duran

Shaw University
Da'Shawn Wallace

Embry Riddle Aeronautical
University
Michael Hatcher
Parker Howard

Ohio State University
Kyle Rafferty

State University of New York
Maritime College
Brandon Bordelon

Hampden-Sydney College
Connor Rogers

Pellissippi State Community
College
Patrick Lord

University of Arizona
Addison Saleh



University of the District of
Columbia
Rutaysire Davis

University of Illinois
Annad Khraisat

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Shihao Weng

University of North Carolina at
Wilmington
Jake Bledsoe
Cam McNeil

University of Pittsburgh
Trey McGowens

University of Washington
Duc Nguyen

Virginia Military Institute
Jordan Dunn
Luis Ramirez-vale
Cameron Spangler

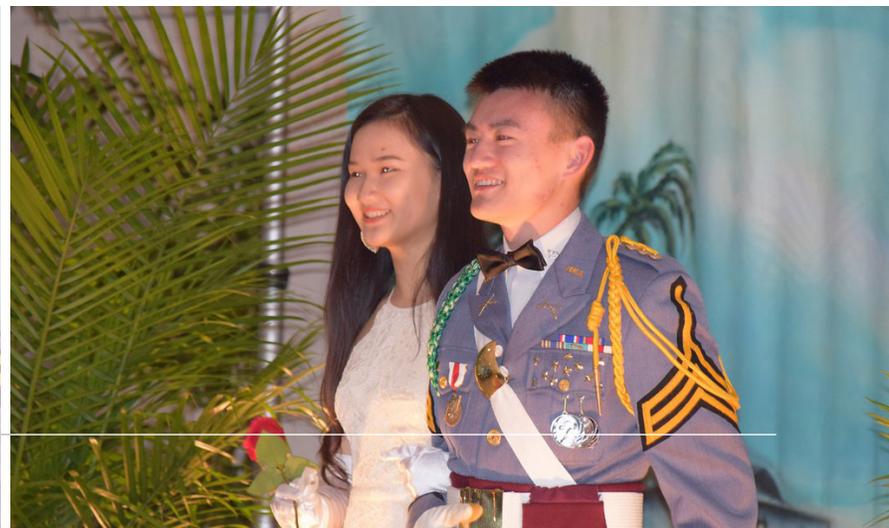
Virginia Tech
Youssef Abouzied

Wake Forest University
Christian Lornq

West Virginia University
Michael Ugwa

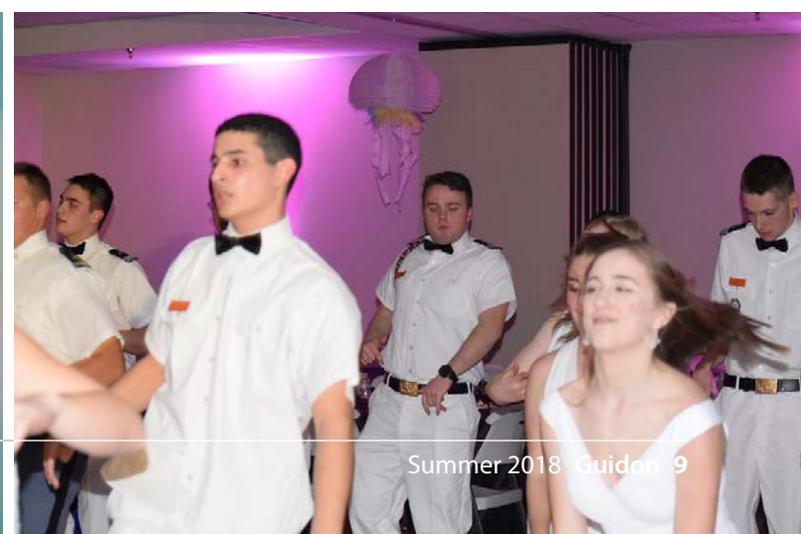
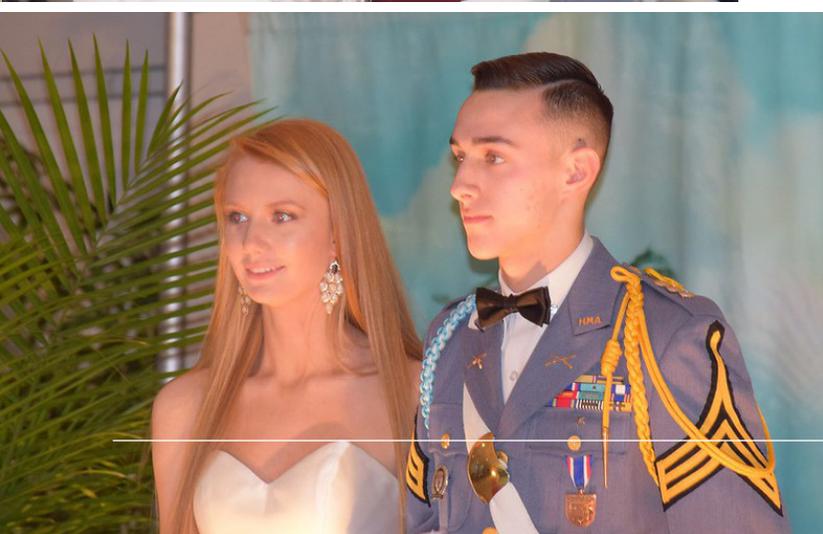
Western Carolina University
DJ Meyers

Westmoreland County
Community College
Matthew White





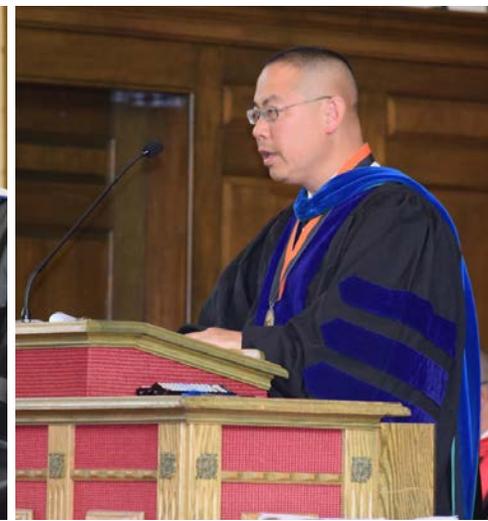
Military Ball 2018





Graduation 2018







Meet Lt. Col. Nicholas A. Morris:

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Lieutenant Colonel Morris was born in Oklahoma and spent most of his life growing up in a small farming community. He served almost 32 years in the United States Military, holding a variety of operational, training, planning and leadership positions. He spent eight-and-a-half years enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the infantry branch. He served in many units with many great leaders and fellow soldiers, but his most challenging and favorite assignments were as a Drill Sergeant.

Lt. Col. Morris was commissioned in the United States Marine Corps after attending Oklahoma State University. He was selected to attend Naval Flight School, earning the designation of a Naval Aviator and was assigned to fly the CH-53 helicopter. He supported the Marines, U.S. military, other government organizations, foreign military partners and civilian agencies in both peace-time and combat. During his military career he accumulated more than 3,500 flight hours.

Lt. Col. Morris deployed with three Marine expeditionary units and deployed in combat three times to Afghanistan and seven times to Iraq, participating in both conventional and special operations. His combat leadership was developed and honed with the 20th Special Operations Squadron U.S. Air Force, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, and culminated as Squadron Commander of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 461 from 2011-2013. Lt. Col. Morris served in several staff billets including: Deputy Chief of Staff supporting the development of the Iraqi Ministry of Interior (2007-2008); Branch Chief Strategy – Plans – Policies for U.S. Central Command, focusing on the planning for, development and implementation of the Coalition efforts to defeat ISIS, along with U.S. military policy regarding the Arabian Peninsula and Levant.

“We are excited to have a leader of Lt. Col. Morris’ caliber and experience to join the Hargrave team,” stated Colonel Wheeler L. Baker Ph.D. (U.S. Marine Corps Ret.), former interim President.

Lt. Col. Morris retired from active service in September 2017 to care for his aged and ailing father. He is married to the love of his life, Amy, and they have two smart, confident and beautiful adult daughters.

Major Leftwich Retires Leaving Lasting Impression on Cadets



Major Bill Leftwich retired after serving 17 years at Hargrave. Cadet Max Moreno, who had Leftwich as an advisor this year, delivered the following message at this year’s yearbook dedication ceremony after finding out about Leftwich’s retirement.

“Major Leftwich, we would like to thank you for not only serving this nation’s military, but also this community for 17 years. You have been an outstanding English teacher, mentor and advisor. Of all the recent alumni I’ve talked to, it is abundantly clear that you have made a massive impact on all that have come through your classroom. That is quite the accomplishment for a high school English teacher.”

- Cadet Max Moreno

Full STEAM Ahead:

TEACHERS AND GRANTS CREATE MAKERSPACE

Hargrave is making progress with its STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) program.

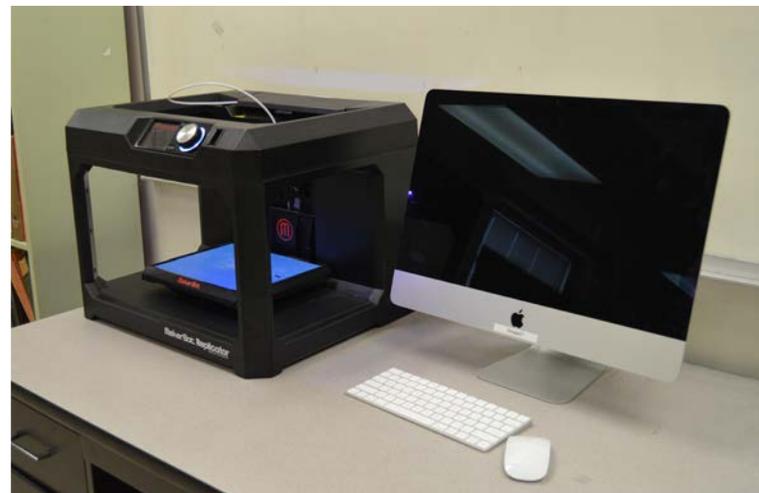
In the fall of 2017, Hargrave obtained a grant from the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce. These funds were allocated towards the purchase of computers and 3D printers, ultimately leading to the creation of a “makerspace” for Hargrave Cadets. Over the past year, a classroom in the art department transitioned into a makerspace, with technology hardware and software steadily moving in. Hargrave purchased Adobe Creative Cloud applications for the new computers, allowing Cadets to have access to photo, video and design software. This gives Cadets the opportunity to gain experience utilizing the same programs that professionals use in the marketplace after high school.

Classes at Hargrave have already started collaborating with the art program to use the 3D printers for their own projects. Latin used the makerspace for a cultural myth project and Bible class used the makerspace for a grading period final project. In addition to classes utilizing the makerspace, Cadets also have two nights each week they are able to stop by and enjoy the art club, which is open to all Cadets, where they are welcome to utilize any of the programs in the makerspace.

This past year, a pilot course of “Introduction to Digital Art Literacy,” which strongly emphasized the new software and hardware for the program, was offered. Hargrave hopes to create even more cross-curricular collaboration between the art program and other courses next year.

In May of 2018, Alison Flanagan was awarded the Lankford Fellowship that will also help facilitate Hargrave’s makerspace. She will be creating curriculum that incorporates programming through the computer language of processing into the art-making process for both digital artwork and 3D creations. Flanagan hopes to have programming knowledge as a basic requirement for each Cadet who passes one of her art courses.

Hargrave’s makerspace and STEAM endeavors are just getting started, but thanks to some highly motivated individuals and generous monetary awards, Hargrave is in excellent shape to produce a space and curriculum that allows students to gain much needed skills during high school.



Grant funds were used for the purchase of computers and 3D printers, leading to the creation of a “makerspace” for Hargrave Cadets in a classroom on the art wing.

Campus Improvements Continue

If you haven't been on campus lately, you may be in for a surprise on your next visit. From new scoreboards and buses to main hall updates and new carpet in the library, numerous renovations have taken place over the past few months.

Your alumni donations help make these renovations possible. Hargrave thanks you for your contributions and looks forward to giving current and future Cadets the best experience possible.





Left: New carpet was installed in the Academic Learning Center. Below: Crews work on the facade of Camden Hall.

Opposite page: New scoreboards were installed on athletic fields (top). New flooring was installed on the main level of Camden Hall. New photography is also on display (bottom).



HARGRAVE SPORTS

Lacrosse

The Tigers finished the season at 10-6, Patriot League Champions and the #5-ranked team in the VIC. Three lacrosse players who graduated are playing college lacrosse; one is attending college on a lacrosse scholarship.

“After 11 seasons, eight Patriot League titles and two trips to the VIC postseason, I truly believe we have made massive strides that will continue to be successful well into the future. As I say goodbye to a program that was first given to me by Col. Baker with the sole task of producing a competitive and winning program, I can safely say we have accomplished that mission and turned a once struggling program into the premier military lacrosse program in the State of Virginia. Any player who has ever put on the jersey found themselves immersed in a culture where the concepts of commitment, leadership, passion, selflessness, accountability and family are not just spoken, but lived each and every day on the field, in the classroom and in the barracks. It has been an honor and a privilege to have had the opportunity to coach and mentor every young man who has come through the program, for it is them who gave the blood, sweat and tears to help elevate the Hargrave lacrosse program into what it is today,” stated exiting head varsity lacrosse coach Matt Brawn.



Basketball

The Hargrave varsity basketball team earned 5th seed in the VISAA Division 2 State Tournament and ultimately fell in the Elite Eight. The Tigers ended the season with a 14-9 overall record.

“I’m extremely proud of the work that all these guys put in during the course of the season. It’s never easy to leave your family and friends at home and come to a small town like Chatham, Va., but these young men have really embraced the entire experience of attending Hargrave Military Academy and they gave maximum effort each time we were on the court together. That’s really all you can ask for as a coach,” said coach Veshi.



Hargrave’s middle school basketball team finished their regular season undefeated.

Baseball

Hargrave's varsity baseball team had a trying season. Although they fell in multiple games, they gained experience and wisdom to utilize in future seasons. Their spirit, determination and resilience showed in each game of the season.



Track

The Hargrave Tigers finished with an undefeated regular season. They also claimed the VIC title at the VIC Track and Field Conference Championship.

"I am very proud of how our guys have competed all year," stated head coach Jeremy Eubank. "Our results are a true testament to how much they are willing to sacrifice for the good of the team. It is good to see that the things we talk about in practice have become habitual for them and they are performing at a top level."





Hamilton Named Men's Basketball Coach at Eastern Kentucky University

Eastern Kentucky University has hired A.W. Hamilton as its 21st men's basketball head coach.

A native of Georgetown, Kentucky and a former prep star at Scott County High School, Hamilton spent the 2017-18 season as an assistant coach under Kevin Keatts at North Carolina State University. He helped lead the Wolfpack to the NCAA Tournament with a 21-12 record, including wins over No. 2 Arizona, No. 2 Duke and No. 10 North Carolina.

"The opportunity to come home and coach at a place like Eastern Kentucky University, with first-class leadership in President Michael Benson, director of athletics Stephen Lochmueller and Board of Regents Chair Craig Turner, is one that I cannot truly put into words," Hamilton said. "The fit is perfect for my family and me, and we look forward to building on everything ECU has to offer, both on and off the basketball court. It truly is a great day to be a Colonel."

Before joining Keatts in Raleigh, Hamilton was the head coach of one of the top prep basketball programs in the country, Hargrave Military Academy, from 2011 to 2017.

Hargrave reached unprecedented levels of success during Hamilton's six-year tenure, compiling a record of 237-22, averaging 40 wins per season and winning the 2016 National Prep Championship.

Hamilton's Hargrave teams posted eye-popping numbers, setting the school record for wins in a season (47 / 2016) and points scored in a single game (163 / 2017). His 2015-16 squad averaged 114 points per game. Across the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons, the Tigers won 45 straight games and went 364 days between losses.

Hamilton was named the National Prep Coach of the Year in 2012 and 2016.

"The process of identifying a new men's basketball coach began with the following principles: head coaching experience, knowledge of Kentucky, and a fit within the Eastern Kentucky University and Richmond communities," Lochmueller said. "A.W. Hamilton was one of the candidates who met all three criteria and possessed the needed skills to be successful at ECU. His knowledge of the game, recruiting prowess and focus on the well-being and development of student-athletes were obvious. His energy and passion for the game of basketball has never wavered, from Scott County High School to North Carolina State. President Benson and I welcome A.W., his wife, Chelsea, and their two daughters, Charleigh and Andi, to the ECU family!"

Before being named head coach at Hargrave, Hamilton was an assistant under Keatts at the school from 2006 to 2011.

During Hamilton's 11 years with the program, Hargrave produced 113 NCAA Division I players, 33 NCAA Division II players, one McDonald's All-American, one Parade All-American and nine NBA players.

On Sept. 21, 2017, Hamilton was inducted into the Hargrave Military Academy Basketball Hall of Fame.

Hamilton starred at Scott County High School in the late 1990s, leading the Cardinals to a state championship in 1998 and a state runner-up finish in 1999. He was named first team all-state and played in the prestigious Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Game following his senior season.

On Sept. 4, 2015, Hamilton was inducted into the Scott County High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Hamilton was the starting point guard for Keatts at Hargrave Military Academy during the 1999-2000 season, leading the Tigers to a 23-3 record and a No. 2 national ranking. While at Hargrave, Hamilton signed a full scholarship to play basketball at Wake Forest University.

After a year and a half at Wake Forest, Hamilton transferred to Marshall University. He was a three-year captain for the Thundering Herd (2002-05), and he led the team in assists, steals and minutes played all three seasons he was there. Hamilton ranks in the top 10 in school history in assists and in the top 20 in steals. Following his playing days in Huntington, Hamilton served as Marshall's graduate assistant for one season (2005-06).

This article is courtesy of EKUSports.com.



Marine Colonel Michael Brown Named Hargrave's 11th President

Hargrave's Board of Trustees selected Marine Colonel Michael Brown as the school's 11th President.

Brown, a 27-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, previously served as the Commanding Officer of the Deployment Processing Command at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In accepting the position, Brown noted, "My wife and I are very excited about becoming a part of the Hargrave family. We look forward to meeting and getting to know the staff, faculty, alumni, donors, Cadets and their families. Together, we will continue to build young men into leaders of character prepared for lifelong success." Brown's appointment as Hargrave President was effective July 1st. He succeeds Hargrave's interim President, Col. (ret) Wheeler Baker.

"The Board of Trustees is excited to welcome Col. Brown and his family to the Hargrave team," stated Chairman Bob White. "He brings exceptional character and unique leadership skills that will continue to support us in our mission."

Looking ahead, Brown added, "I am honored to step into this role. I welcome the challenges, look forward to many successful endeavors, and am committed to providing the Academy with solid leadership and support for the long term. I will uphold its mission and core values while pursuing the school's vision for the future."

Brown graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Purdue University, where he was a catcher for the varsity baseball team and a Navy ROTC midshipman. After he was commissioned as an officer in 1989, Brown served in a range of command and staff positions, receiving numerous accolades and commendations throughout his career. In addition to his Marine Corps service, Brown also served as a residential director, experiential instructor and varsity basketball coach for the Native American Preparatory School in Rowe, N.M. Brown also holds a Master of Science from National Defense University.

Brown is an avid athlete, coaches basketball and baseball, and enjoys all outdoor activities. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children, ages 7 and 10.



Pictured are Col. Brown, Sharon, Hannah, Nick and Dovey.



Homecoming Weekend

With over 450 alumni and guests in attendance, this year's Homecoming set the bar for future events! In addition to our normal Homecoming festivities, the alumni party at Berry Hill was a huge success!





HOME COMING 2018 ALUMNI AWARDS

JON B. JACK BARLOW '60 Outstanding Alumnus



Jon B. (Jack) Barlow graduated from Hargrave Military Academy in 1960. Shortly after graduation he entered the workforce and was employed by a steel fabrication and erection company in Richmond, Va. It was there that he discovered his passion for cranes and rigging and his desire to own and operate his own company. In 1970, he was approached by Williams Crane & Rigging to manage a branch operation in Lynchburg, Va., where he tripled their volume of revenue in three years before returning to their main office as general manager. In 1980, he purchased a small crane and erection company in Waynesboro which is now known as Valley Group, Inc. Thirty-eight years later, they have developed into a world-renowned corporation operating in 25 countries. They have three office locations in Virginia and one in Tennessee. Jack has been married to the former Bonnie Leary for 56 years. His four children and one of his six grandchildren currently work for the company. "I arrived at

Hargrave as a 15-year-old child and departed Hargrave as a disciplined, confident young man," says Barlow. "I attribute my success to my education and training from Hargrave Military Academy. I want to especially thank the late Colonel Andrew Todd for recognizing my abilities and having the confidence in me throughout the years," he said. "My message to you is to never give up on your dreams!"

KEVIN COYLE '07 Romulus Sanders Distinguished Young Alumnus



Kevin Coyle is a 2007 graduate of Hargrave and a 2012 graduate of State University of New York Maritime College with a Bachelor of Marine Operations/Marine Engineering. He holds a U.S. Coast Guard Marine engineer license and several engineering vessel certifications. After graduating from SUNY Maritime, Kevin worked on several ships before being recruited in 2016 as Chief Engineer Officer by Jackson Offshore aboard the M/V Squall. He is based out of New Orleans, where he works on his ship for four weeks and returns home to Maryland for two weeks. Kevin has been married to Trisna for four years, whom he met in Singapore while doing a college internship. He loves hiking, rock climbing and cooking. You can frequently find him in his ship's galley preparing meals for his crew. Kevin is also an avid Washington Nationals fan and tries to attend as many games as possible when home.

DR. WHEELER BAKER Honorary Alumnus



Dr. Wheeler Baker arrived on campus at Hargrave in January 1997 after serving 39 years in the United States Marine Corps, holding many positions of responsibility throughout a lifetime of serving his country. He has received many awards, served many organizations and designed many programs, all too numerous to list. Dr. Baker served as the Provost for Hargrave before taking the position as President of Hargrave in 1999. He served Hargrave in this position, retiring in July 2011. He returned in June 2017 as interim President and retired from this position in June of this year. We would like to thank Dr. Baker and Lynn for everything that they have done for Hargrave and wish them the very best in their second retirement.

MATTHEW BRAUN

Active Educator of the Year



Matt Brawn is originally from Maine. He has a Bachelor of Sports Medicine and Physical Education from New England College, Master of Health Science and Sports Studies from California University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Sports Management and Administration from US Sports Academy, Ala. Matt came to Hargrave in 2008 as a science teacher. He has served as athletic director and has been Hargrave's head varsity lacrosse coach since his arrival. He has received numerous awards and certifications while at Hargrave, but one close to his heart is induction to the New England College Athletic Hall of Fame. In his spare time, Matt enjoys motorcycles, water skiing, camping and animal rescue. Matt, his wife, Suzie, and son, Bradeyn, will be relocating to Maine after the summer.

DIANNA LAVOIE

Inactive Educator of the Year



Dianna spent 23 years at Hargrave and during that time wore many different hats, including student activities director, admissions counselor, yearbook director, military ball director and she also taught speech and debate. Some of the awards she received include Teacher of the Year, Floyd Award, Langford Fellowship and the Yearbook Dedication. Dianna retired from Hargrave in 2015 and enjoys gardening, crafts and spending time with Allan, her husband of 39 years, and her children and grandchildren.



CADET DAVID KIESNOWSKI



Cadet David Kiesnowski was recognized for his efforts in the research of all former female Hargrave Military Cadets. This is important because we want to recognize and honor their contributions to Hargrave Military Academy. A plaque that lists all their names

will proudly hang in our halls and will serve as a testament to our school and their commitment to excellence.

ELTON PETERSON



Mr. Elton Peterson, of Crab Orchard, Tenn., celebrated his 75th Hargrave homecoming. He graduated from Hargrave Military Academy in 1943. Mr. Peterson is also a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and a World War II Navy

veteran. Read more about Mr. Peterson on page 26.

Getting to Know Elton "Demmy" Peterson

Elton "Demmy" Peterson graduated in 1943, making 2018 his 75th Hargrave homecoming!

What impact did attending Hargrave have on your life?

Hargrave had Christian teachers. I got to know Christ by going to church.

A Christian attitude is the greatest thing it served me for.

What are some memories you have of Hargrave?

I spent several Christmases at Hargrave and got to know some of the foreign Cadets who didn't go home for the holidays. I enjoyed spending the holidays with them.

I also remember Col. Floyd's wife paddling my hands a few times, but I deserved it.

I was 8 years old my first year at Hargrave and remember meeting Mrs. Russell, the school nurse.

I remember Col. Floyd saying "stick to what you do like a three-cent stamp."

Captain Kenny was an excellent English teacher. I won best essay for an article on Chincoteague Island.

If you could describe Hargrave in one word what would it be?

Wholesome.

What advice would you give to current Cadets?

Study hard and accept all the good Hargrave gives you.

After graduating from Hargrave, Peterson attended Virginia Military Institute. The instructors called on him to teach how to give commands. "I thought VMI was boring since I had been at Hargrave," said Peterson. After attending VMI, Peterson went into the Navy, attended Hampden-Sydney and the University of Virginia, where he graduated in 1950.

Over the years, Peterson has lived in California, Sweden, Russia and New York. He worked as a freelance photographer, displaying his work at numerous exhibits and educational institutions.

Peterson and his wife currently reside in Russia.





Rick and Candy Davis Leave Estate to Hargrave Military Academy

For Rick and Candy Davis, the decision to leave the remains of their estate to Hargrave Military Academy was an easy one.

Rick, who attended Hargrave from grades 5-12, was raised by a single mother who strongly believed that having a strict male upbringing would be best for him. By leaving the remains of their estate to be used for a non-athletic scholarship, with the stipulation that the Cadet is from a single-parent family, they hope to give a Cadet the same life-changing experience Rick had while at Hargrave.

"We hope that this young person will benefit from what Hargrave had to offer for me at the time. Without Hargrave, I do not know where I would be today. Hargrave gave me the structure and discipline tools that I needed to go to college and succeed in my life," said Davis.

Rick, who graduated Hargrave in 1966, fondly recalls serving on the Honor Council, having faculty members who were instrumental in his life and developing a brotherhood like no other.

"I decided I wanted to show my wife where I went to school. I was totally amazed that after 20 years, there were people who remembered me and actually called me by my name," said Davis. "To this day, I do not know whether that was a good or bad thing!"

After graduating from Hargrave, Rick attended Lynchburg College where he met Candy. Rick served in the United States Army for six years. He then managed a local prestigious men's retail store for 35 years.

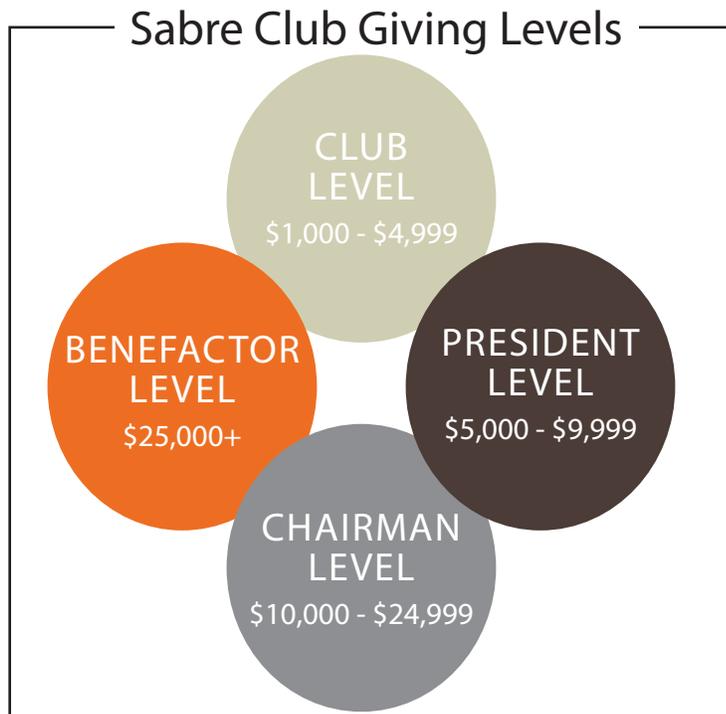
Rick and Candy, who have been married for 48 years, are now retired and reside in Richmond, Va. They enjoy spending their time together, working in their yard, playing golf and traveling.

Please contact Craig Rogers, Chief Development Officer, at 434-432-3185 or rogersc@hargrave.edu to discuss any planned giving questions or interest.

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12 Alumni Make Generous Donations

Twelve alumni made generous donations at the Order of the Sabre chairman level towards the IGTH Annual Giving Campaign during the spring of 2018. These gifts enabled Hargrave Military Academy's annual fund to reach new heights. Donors include Butch Webber, David Fuller, Charles Crone, Ernest Terretta, John Clements, John O'Bannon, Hardy Spence, John Garnett, Walt Murray, Jimmy English and two anonymous donors.

Please know there are others that have given at this level earlier in this fiscal year, and they will be recognized at the Sabre Banquet and in the President's Report in the winter edition of the Guidon. Hargrave is so grateful to all of these generous donors!

The Order of the Sabre is truly the "heart and soul" of Hargrave's philanthropic family.

Walt Murray Challenge

This spring, Hargrave alum Walt Murray, '58 announced that he would match funding if other alumni raised \$25,000.

Hargrave alumni rose to the occasion for the Walt Murray challenge. Not only did donors meet the goal of raising \$25,000 in matching funds, they exceeded it! Alumni almost doubled the initial amount, raising close to \$50,000, for a total of almost \$75,000 combined with Walt Murray's matching funds!



A plaque was recently placed by the entrance of Camden Hall recognizing the floor as the Davenport Administration Center.



A plaque was recently installed honoring the Onishi Davenport Aquatics Center.



Dr. Herbert L. King, Jr. Named 16th President of Lees-McRae College

On January 19, 2018, the Lees-McRae College Board of Trustees announced Dr. Herbert Lee King, Jr. would be the 16th President of the institution, effective June 1, 2018.

For King, becoming President of Lees-McRae is the fulfillment of a long-time professional goal.

"I've intentionally built my career in preparation for a presidency, and Lees-McRae is the perfect fit for me and my family. I love the mission of Lees-McRae and I am truly humbled that the community there has given me the trust to lead the institution.

King is most excited about tackling the varied roles that he will have as the President of Lees-McRae, from chief executive to chief cheerleader to whatever hat there is to be worn.

"Lees-McRae is an absolute gem of an institution. It has niche academic programs that fit hand in hand with its unique environment and it serves a wonderful population of mainly first-generation college students. Lees-McRae is truly an institution that makes a life-changing impact on its students, and I look forward to helping it continue to thrive and fulfill its mission," said King.

King, who graduated from Hargrave in 1990, attributes Hargrave for having a major impact of both his personal life and career. After his father passed away, he came to Hargrave in the tenth grade and struggled with applying himself. King recalls teachers and administrators in public school consistently telling his parents that he would never go to college or that he wasn't good enough.

"Losing my father at such an early age, I needed strong male role models. The environment at Hargrave turned me around and gave me confidence. Teachers like Mary Tallent, Dennis Fuller, Carl Burke, Carlton Ramsey, Alan Sands and others not only encouraged and believed in me, but they became the strong role

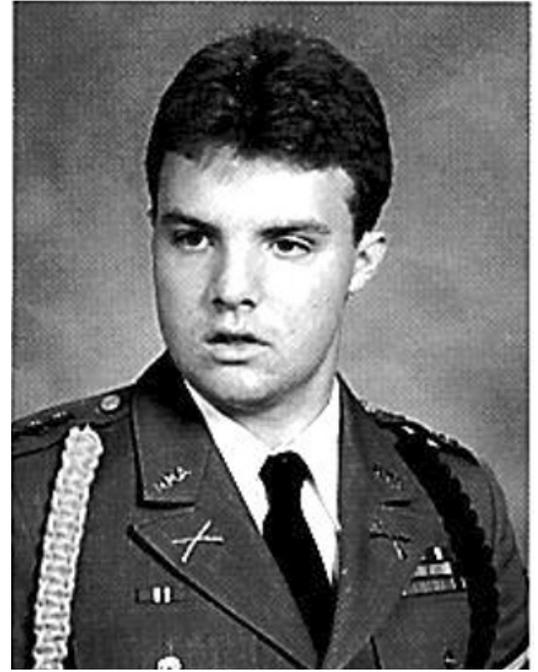
models that I needed. Hargrave helped me achieve my potential as a student," said King.

King is quick to tell others that Hargrave was the best leadership development program he has ever encountered. Being a student leader and a company commander allowed King to learn empathy, encouragement and how to challenge others to be their best. King says he will take all of these traits he learned in the barracks and on Company Street at Hargrave with him to the presidency at Lees-McRae.

Reflecting back on his time at Hargrave, King recalls several moments that stand out to him.

"The first is Coach Fuller's 'fat boy ride' around the back of the gym to the baseball locker room. That old road was dirt and pothole covered, but Coach Fuller loved to drive a van full of us as fast as he could around that road whenever we would come and go from an away game. He called it the 'fat boy ride' and it was like riding with the Dukes of Hazzard as our heads bounced off the ceiling of the van. He would laugh like a child at Christmas whenever he would do it," recalls King. "The second is an after-taps experience that Clay Matthews, Jon Duffy and myself would get into. We had a walkie talkie and Clay would sometimes proclaim just before Taps that 'Boo will fly at 10:05.' At 10:05 p.m., after lights were out, Clay would tie 'Boo' onto his fishing pole and swing it over the bullring from his room in Barracks 4 over to us in Barracks 7. 'Boo' was a plastic Halloween candy container shaped like a ghost and we would use it to pass various contraband items back and forth. Buster, the night watchman, would get irate. He never seemed to figure out exactly which windows this ghost was coming from. I like to think he was just showing us a whole lot of grace!"

King says his greatest accomplishment in his life is his family. His wife, Tammy, and their children, Jacob, Kathryn and Aaron, make King the man he is today. His family accompanied him to the Lees-McRae campus.



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Sloan Gibson Named West Point Distinguished Graduate

On May 22, 2018, the HON Sloan Gibson ('71) was named as a Distinguished Graduate of West Point by the West Point Association of Graduates. The Distinguished Graduate Award is given to graduates of West Point whose character, distinguished service and stature draw wholesome comparison to the qualities for which West Point strives, in keeping with its motto: "Duty, Honor, Country."

The Honorable Sloan Gibson is, as VADM (R) Richard Carmona, the 17th U.S. Surgeon General, puts it, one who "understands that leaders are ultimately responsible for the destiny of others." After time as a rifle platoon leader, he served as aide-de-camp to BG Fred Mahaffey, then Assistant Commandant of the Infantry School, and as speechwriter for LTG William Richardson

'51, then Commander of the Combined Arms Center. Gibson then began a distinguished 22-year banking career, culminating as Vice Chairman and CFO of AmSouth, having helped it grow fourfold to \$50 billion in assets and join the S&P 500. Looking for new ways to serve, he obtained a Master of Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School and three years later was selected as the 22nd President and CEO of the USO, the only West Point graduate to serve in this role. Under Gibson's leadership, the USO dramatically



expanded its support for forward deployed troops, wounded troops and their families, and families of the fallen. He was selected by then Secretary Eric Shinseki '69 to become Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, taking over as Acting Secretary in 2014. He worked alongside classmate then Secretary Bob McDonald in the transformation of VA through the successful MyVA program. Quoting GEN (R) Martin Dempsey '74, 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, "It is not an exaggeration to say that tens of thousands of military members and their families owe their lives to Sloan Gibson." Through it all, Gibson has supported West Point as a featured speaker at Founders Day dinners and as a generous donor.



Article and photos courtesy of West Point Association of Graduates.

Alex “The Tank” Armor Named America’s Strongest Athlete with Disabilities



Alexander “The Tank” Armor was recently named America’s Strongest Athlete with Disabilities at a competition in Columbus, Ohio.

Armor came to Hargrave at age 14 from Calgary, Alberta Canada. After a lack of discipline and not feeling challenged in school, Armor decided that Hargrave was the best option for his future.

“I decided on my own accord that Hargrave would be a good path for me because it would not only offer education taught to my ability, but also a rigid discipline structure to instill in me proper morals, dedication and motivation,” said Armor.

Armor attributes Hargrave for keeping him on a straight path, fearing he may have taken a road that would have led to either problems with the law or even a short lifespan. In addition to valuable networking and connections, Hargrave gave Armor a structure and foundation for success in the military as well as every day life.

“I truly don’t know what my life would be like today if it wasn’t for Hargrave,” said Armor.

After graduating from Hargrave, Armor joined the United States Army. Upon being medically discharged, he moved to Tennessee, where he became involved in adaptive sports.

“You’re only as disabled as you say you are! You can do anything you decide you’re going to, you just have to do it differently,” said Armor.

Armor has enjoyed the last three years of being a professional adaptive athlete and spreading awareness of adaptive games, like the Highland Games and Strongman Competition. He won America’s Strongest Athlete with Disabilities and will be going to the World’s Strongest Disabled Man in Norway this September.

“I believe both the Highland Games and the Strongman Competition hold the highest level of enjoyment for me not only because it tests the limits that I see for myself, but also because it shows people that a wheelchair or a disability is not a death sentence. It’s merely a new normal and you can still exceed everyone’s expectations of you,” said Armor. “Never underestimate yourself, just do what you can, when you can, where you can and you will be amazed what happens.”

Armor will be traveling with one of his nonprofits, Uncle Sams Highlanders, a 501 c 3, to Scotland to introduce Adaptive Highland Games to Scotland this fall. If any Hargrave alumni would like to partner with him in this historic event they can donate/find out more information at www.UncleSamsHighlanders.org. Corporate sponsorships are also available if a business would like to partner with Armor in changing the world of sports and bringing adaptive Highland Games to the United Kingdom.

25th Class Year Alumni Spotlight: *Troy Pulliam* '93



What impact did attending Hargrave have on your life?

In Chapel, three times a week, I would often find myself staring at the stained-glass window of the Cadet and Christ - "This is the way, walk ye in it." Twenty-five years later the message of redemption is not lost on me. Hargrave transformed the course of my life.

I would have dropped out of high school. As a rising junior, I didn't have the credits to graduate. I had come to believe I could not succeed in school and felt helpless. My mom did not accept that. She cashed in some retirement. After my first Curtis English haircut removed my mullet, I decided I had better make the most of it.

I was not an athlete nor a good student. The military system gave me a way to succeed, one shined shoe and one "right face" at a time. Major Shelton kept me from intramurals and as late as 5 p.m. tutoring me in algebra. I began to succeed. At the Mother's Day parade, I received the Cadet of the Year award. I remember the welling of powerful emotions in my parents' face. Again, the Cadet in the stained-glass window seemed to be pointing the way. The parade field and much of the campus is a sort of holy ground for me. Hargrave's role in redeeming a young man to his potential in life - a sacred endeavor for sure.

My love of history and my experiences as a Platoon Leader in Delta Co led me into teaching. I went on to college and achieved a Bachelor of History and teacher licensure. I later completed a Master of Education and eventually some doctoral studies. I have been a high school teacher in Tennessee for the past 20 years, currently teaching U.S. government, civics and a course I created named Bible history. No one of my era should be surprised to know I conduct mock congresses in my classes and take students to D.C. Thank you to Maj. Alan Sands.

What made Hargrave so transforming was the environment. The academic environment gave me the support to learn through special classes and study hall. The military environment gave me an avenue to achievement and taught lessons and values that grew leadership traits and character. Perhaps more importantly, the comradery and family that emerges in a boarding school environment gave us all a place to belong and find the support we needed to reach for our potential.

What is your favorite memory of Hargrave?

A memory of my first day at Hargrave has had the most lasting effect. I was being led up the stairs to my room in Alpha Co. Cadets were streaming down the stairs to formation. I felt a pop in the leg from a Cadet's hat. At my old school this signaled a fight. I balled up my fists and turned to see who had "hit me." Looking down the stairwell I saw a Cadet smiling. He said, "Welcome to Hargrave!" This was the first moment of transformation.

If you could describe Hargrave in one word, what would it be and why?

Family - of brothers and sisters. Like family is in your blood, Hargrave gets in your blood and never gets out.

What advice would you give to current Cadets?

“Walk ye in it.”

We live in a time where Americans are losing faith and trust in various institutions from family, to religion, to democracy itself – and even education. A sort of helplessness has emerged, a loss of faith in our potential. The strength of societies is built upon it’s institutions - the need to be a part of a noble purpose and greater than you.

When you “fall in” on Company Street and “dress off” know you are falling in with the Corps of 100 years ago and 100 years from now. They are of an institution that is critically needed today – where honor, knowledge and leadership are the vision. You are a version of what Gen. Douglas MacArthur called the “Long Gray Line.” I have often remarked that my students are always the same age, only I get older. When I was a Cadet, I heard tales of past leaders of the school - Lankford, Todd, Spradlin and Gillespie. My generation speaks of Fuller, Tallent, Burke and Ferrell. They come and go, the 109-year-old “Long Gray Line” lives on – the mission of our school in flesh and bone - young people growing to their potential, toward “Mens Sana In Corpore Sano.” When you fail a grade, lose a game or walk a tour it is your potential challenging you. The nation always needs what Hargrave has to offer, and the Cadet Corps needs what you have to offer. “Walk ye in it.”



Is there anything else you would like to share?

If they can wear their gray dress blouse 25 years from now they should wear it in the Alumni Parade. I heard someone did it this year. That’s pretty cool. We are all part of a Long Gray Line.

TAPS

The Hargrave community extends its deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the following alumni of the school who have recently passed away.

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