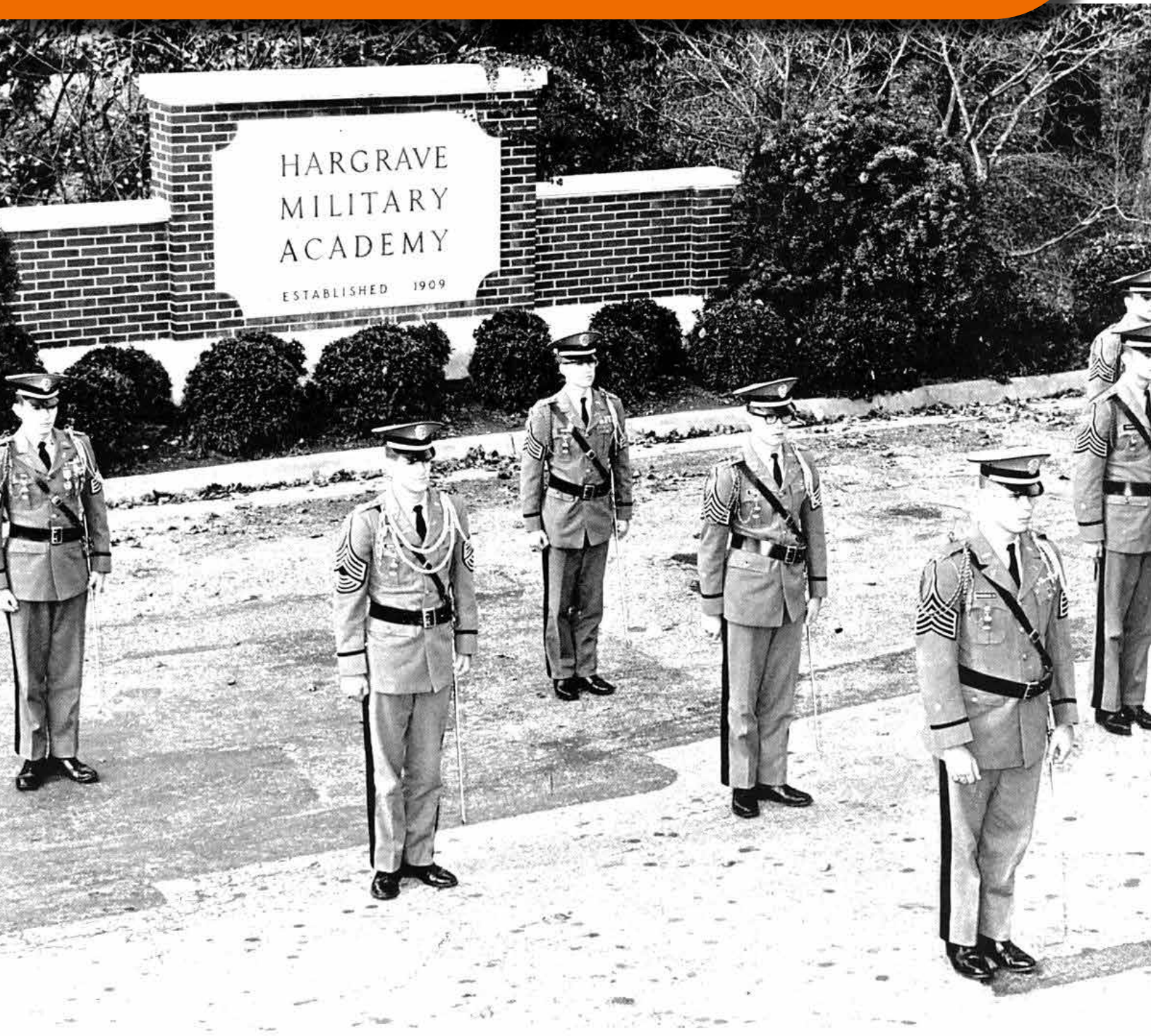


Spring 2020

# GUIDON

for the Alumni and Friends of Hargrave Military Academy





Dear Hargrave Family,

I hope this *Guidon* issue finds all of you in great health and spirit! Although the coronavirus has changed our landscape locally and nationally, Hargrave steadies its course. After the Virginia Governor closed schools and the cadets went home, the faculty started preparing for remote learning. They spent a week getting ready and provided the cadets a sample dose during a "remote homework week." By the time you read this, our faculty and cadets will have completed a couple weeks of remote classes. I could not be more proud of our faculty and staff for making the adjustment. They showed their true character in response to this new environment. We continue to press forward providing a great experience for our cadets.

The school year has flown by with much progress. First, let me thank you for your support to this great institution!! Your contributions and support has allowed us to make great strides in improving the campus and providing for the Corps of Cadets. Through the efforts of our phenomenal maintenance team and the help of many alumni who brought to bear expertise, equipment, work crews and other resources, we have completed many projects. The campus is looking better and better inside and out.

Hargrave continues to provide a well-rounded approach to developing boys into young men. We invest in the relationships that matter most as our cadets grow and mature. Staff, faculty, TACs and coaches pour into the cadets in order to see them reach their full potential while learning valuable life lessons. Our academic program challenges cadets to think critically and work tirelessly to achieve their goals resulting in continued 100% acceptance to colleges and universities. The athletic program provides opportunities through 12 varsity sports and physical conditioning for cadets to learn character through competition and pushing themselves physically. Our military department is building leaders of character as cadets fill leadership positions, lead their peers and learn to navigate relationships between leaders and those led. The faith pillar at Hargrave remains strong as cadets are inspired to explore their faith, put it into practice daily and discover the hope and strength that comes from a personal relationship with God.

I am extremely proud of our Corps of Cadets. They are working hard each and every day, overcoming challenges, working as a team and building lifelong relationships. Through it all, they are bonded by a common thread of grit and determination as they grow and mature more and more each day. They represent Hargrave well and are building on the legacy of so many alumni who have come before them.

Thank you again for your continued support of your alma mater. During these times, your support will have even greater meaning. We will continue to invest in providing the best environment by which our cadets can grow and develop into outstanding leaders of character. Please keep the Corps of Cadets, the staff, faculty, TACs and coaches and the entire Hargrave Military Academy family in your prayers. May God continue to bless each of you.

Sincerely,

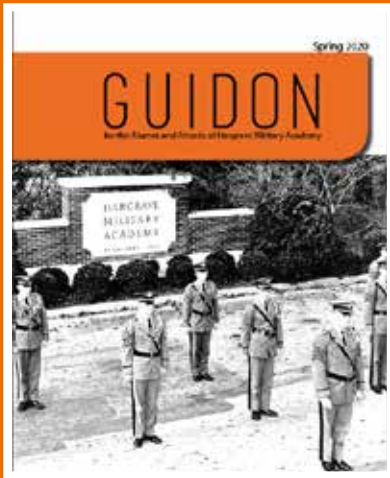
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Michael A. Brown  
Col, USMC (Ret.)  
President



# GUIDON

On the Cover



Ballation staff from the class of 1970 in formation. See page 16 for an interview with David Fitzgerald, Battalion Commander of the class of 1970.

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## Mission

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

## Vision

To be the college preparatory school of choice for young men to grow academically, physically and spiritually into leaders of character.

## Core Values

Integrity  
Respect  
Courage  
Faith  
Service  
Knowledge  
Excellence

## Four Pillars

Academics  
Athletics  
Character  
Faith







# From the Assistant Head of School



Hargrave Family and Friends,

The 2019-2020 academic year flew by!! We started strong with amazing focus and energy across our four pillars of academics, athletics, character development and faith development.

Chaplain Felty knocked spiritual emphasis week out of the park with daily speakers and bands. Dr. Tung and the academics team is pushing hard with amazing results as we see young men catch up from a poor academic past and find the confidence to excel. Thomas Messinger and the athletics team did fantastic with every report from competitions being about a new "personal best." Teams earned rankings in the top five of the nation or our conference. The military department reenergized the Corps of Cadets with weekly award formations, drill competition, regular training for Eye of the Tiger competition and activities every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Your fellow alum Frank Thomas did a fantastic job of providing activity opportunities for the cadets and had a lot of young men energized for the upcoming baseball season, which he was going to coach.

Don Haston, another fellow alum, continues to work miracles with our maintenance team. They face a Herculean task to keep the campus safe, operational, clean and looking fresh for our current and prospective cadets. Several of you willingly assist with expertise, time and resources - words cannot thank you enough!! Chef John and his SAGE team keep the food healthy, appealing and plentiful for the wide variety of tastes. Wes McClure and the admissions team is having an immediate impact on Hargrave as we saw one of the largest mid-term enrollments in a long time. That enthusiasm and commitment to attract the right kind of cadet should pay dividends for whatever the future holds.

All this great work continues even as we face this unprecedented situation with COVID-19. Hargrave faculty has transitioned to "Hargrave at Home," which includes athletics and Chapel messages. The facilities team is doubling down on needed work. The admissions team is highlighting our ability to adapt while they prepare to fill seats for next year.

The Hargrave family is facing the same challenges as much of the world and our great country. We have losses due to canceled events, major milestones like graduation and even sick friends and family members. The economic impact and "shelter-in-place" orders are causing stress on many of us, yet now is the time to rally friendships, reconnect with your old roommate, submit ideas to make up for canceled events, put on a Hargrave piece of clothing and volunteer with a local effort — show your Tiger pride and the character of Hargrave alumni! Let's share the positives across social media and look out for every Hargrave Tiger out there. If you need to connect, need assistance or have a great activity in this time of uncertainty, please share it with each other and us. I challenge each of you to fill our social media channels with Tiger pride! We pray all are well and look forward to the many great ways the Hargrave family grows stronger together! GO TIGERS!!

Semper Fidelis  
LtCol Nicholas Morris  
Assistant Head of School





# UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS AND FACILITY UPKEEP

The cadets are enjoying their new room furniture and freshly renovated bathrooms that were recently completed thanks to the generosity of special Hargrave donors.

The bathroom facilities have undergone a total transformation, with work being completed down to the studs. The renovation included new flooring and replacement of the underlying wood, pan liners throughout, properly installed drains and new tile and fixtures. These bathrooms were in critical need of repair due to a lack of adequate drainage, which resulted in water damage and ongoing related issues.

This renovation, along with the new furniture in each room and new flooring in the hallways, has transformed the barracks for the Corps. Thank you to the donors who made this possible and to the construction teams and Hargrave's maintenance staff for their exceptional work.



# Character Trait Awards

During this school year, Hargrave Military Academy selected core values and traits to focus on each month. This program supports Hargrave's Character Across the Campus Program and serves as another tool to reinforce values that are important to Hargrave's mission of building young men into leaders of character prepared for lifelong success.

Additionally, faculty and staff were able to recognize cadets on the spot who demonstrated exceptional character with an Excellence in Character Impact Award, a card that the cadet may redeem for a free pizza at the snack bar.

Cadets could also earn the Excellence in Character Award, designed to recognize one deserving cadet every four weeks who clearly exhibits the highlighted character trait of the month. The deserving cadet was recognized at a chapel service with a certificate and a President's challenge coin.

Students, staff and faculty could also submit poems every 3-4 weeks through Google forms that are based on the highlighted character trait. The poems were judged by the English department and the winners of the award may be published in Hargrave's literary magazine.



**RESPECT:**  
**SEPT. 5-OCT. 3**  
CADET JOHN  
MAURIELLO



**EXCELLENCE:**  
**NOV. 21-DEC. 19**  
CADET CALEB  
CHESTER



**INTEGRITY:**  
**OCT. 3-OCT. 31**  
CADET PATRICK  
SOUZA



**KNOWLEDGE:**  
**JAN. 16-FEB. 6**  
CADET NICHOLAS  
DEVEER



**SERVICE:**  
**OCT. 31- NOV. 21**  
**RESPONSIBILITY:**  
**DEC. 19-JAN. 16**  
CADET CHARLES  
MORENO



**FAITH:**  
**FEB. 6-MAR. 5**  
CADET ALEX ZINKE



# FALL SPORTS



## SOCCKER

The varsity soccer team had another successful campaign in 2019. They finished with an overall record of 3-12-3, but that record does not tell the whole story. Playing one of the most challenging schedules our program has ever faced, the Tigers battled every contest and had single-goal defeats against top-five ranked teams on multiple occasions. For his stellar play this season, Daniel Pierce was selected to all-conference teams.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country traveled across the state of Virginia to run challenging courses all season, and it paid off in a big way down the stretch. Mason Schrage and Wesley Marquardt paced the Tigers this season, who finished 9th in the VIC Conference Meet. Marquardt earned second team all-metro recognition this past October. Our Tigers showed vast improvement as the season endured, led by Jay Thompson and Bennett Soles.

## FOOTBALL

The Tigers experienced an up and down season under first-year head coach, Jeff Schaum, but positive light was shed this season as Hargrave defeated rival Fishburne in dramatic fashion, 21-16, in mid-October. Corey Farmer, Jr. was a standout performer for the Tigers this season, as he earned second team all-state as an offensive lineman and was first team all-conference as an offensive and defensive lineman. The Tigers also had multiple all-conference awardees: Nick Hammock (second team, wide receiver), Mason Rucker (second team, offensive lineman), Darius Hankins (second team, defensive back), Peyton Johnson (second team, linebacker).



# WINTER SPORTS

## RIFLE

The rifle team finished the season with 13 dedicated and motivated shooters. Over the season, our top four shooters emerged, to include Eli Benjamin, Barney Li, Dongjun Ma and Bojong Yang. Despite falling in their final match, this group of young men worked tirelessly and showed great improvement throughout the season under the tutelage of SGM Scott Dooley.



## VARSITY BASKETBALL

Playing in one of the top conferences in the nation for high school basketball, the Tigers had another banner year, earning a 22-7 overall record. The Tigers faced a staggering 21 games against top ranked opponents this season, and racked up notable wins against Miller School (three times), Eastern Mennonite, Virginia Episcopal School, Atlantic Shores and North Cross. Despite their difficult schedule, the Tigers boasted win streaks of nine games and two five-game winning streaks. The Tigers also made it to the championship of the 64th Annual Sleepy Thompson Basketball Tournament, won the VIC Division 1 Conference Championship and reached their fourth consecutive VISAA Division 2 State Tournament Elite Eight.







## PG BASKETBALL

PG basketball entered postseason play with a 33-3 record, and is currently ranked #4 in the country. Notable wins include Oak Hill Academy (exhibition), Huntington Prep, Woodstock Academy and The Skills Factory to name a few. The Tigers recently took home the First Piedmont Corp. Invitational title. The team features players that are being recruited by SEC, ACC and Big 10 schools, led by Georgia signee K.D. Johnson (Atlanta, GA) and Tennessee signee Corey Walker, Jr. (Hastings, FL). The Tigers were a top seed in the National Championship in Connecticut and made it to the final four!

## SWIMMING

Hargrave saw swimmers drop time throughout the season, and combined with some strong second-semester additions, the Tigers narrowly missed winning the conference championship, finishing as the runner-up. Nathan Higdon broke a 17-year-old school record in the 100 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:01.59. The Tigers sent eight swimmers to the VISAA State Championship Meet with Higdon and freshman Andrew Bolz leading the way. The team had an outstanding result at the state meet, finishing third in VISAA Division II.



## WRESTLING

With blood, sweat and tears left on the mat all season, the young Tigers showed vast improvements throughout the winter months. During the annual Cody Day Invitational, the Tigers earned multiple first-place finishes, led by Samuel Lee, who earned December athlete of the month. Elias Hanson, Sebastian Richardson and Mason Rucker all had strong individual seasons as well.











## *2020 Military Ball Court*



**King and Queen:**

Miss Carey Collins from Danville, VA,  
escorted by the Battalion Commander  
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Scott  
Kennedy from Hillsborough, NC.



**First Runner-Up:**

Miss Yasmin Lacerda from Huntington  
Beach, CA, escorted by the Postal Officer  
1st Lieutenant Andrew Elizarraras from  
Buckeye, AZ.

# HARGRAVE WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS



## MEET LAURA AGNOR: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Laura Agnor comes from a strong background of management and executive-level experience, focusing primarily in the hospitality industry. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time outdoors, kayaking and camping with her husband and their two dogs. Being a local to the area, she is very excited to be part of such a historical piece of the community here at Hargrave.



## MEET CPT JASON BENNETT: TAC OFFICER

Jason Bennett and his wife, Megan, moved south from Iowa to take advantage of the beautiful weather and outdoor recreational activities in the area. Settling in the country with their dog, Chassis, both Jason and Megan are thrilled to be working at Hargrave. Jason is a former Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving from 2003-2015. Jason served tours in Iraq from 2007-2009 and Afghanistan from 2011-2012.



## MEET RACHAEL CARTER: RECEPTIONIST

Rachael Carter graduated with a Bachelor of Science in hotel and lodging management from Johnson & Wales University. Rachael mans the switchboard and main number so there's a pretty good chance you'll talk to her when you call the school. She also answers general questions and concerns or will forward you to someone who can answer them in a more detailed fashion. She provides direction when visitors come by and need help. She takes great pride in being able to help people get the answers that they may need and to keep people in the loop when it comes to information that may be pertinent to the situation.





## **MEET MEGAN BENNETT:**

### ADMISSIONS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Megan Bennett and her husband, Jason, moved south from Iowa to take advantage of the beautiful weather and outdoor recreational activities in the area. Settling in the country with their dog, Chassis, both Megan and Jason are thrilled to be working at Hargrave. Megan earned her bachelor's degree in event management, with a minor in journalism and mass communications, from Iowa State University. She looks forward to meeting new families and helping them navigate through the boarding school process.



## **MEET FRANK THOMAS '87:**

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR AND HEAD BASEBALL COACH

Frank Thomas, a four-year boarding cadet at Hargrave, went on to complete his bachelor's degree at Averett University. As a coach, Thomas brings a wealth of knowledge to the Tigers. Altogether, Thomas brings over a decade of coaching experience to Hargrave. Thomas has previous experience as a TAC officer and will take on the role of student activities director in addition to his coaching responsibilities.



## **MEET MATT VINSON:**

### HEAD WRESTLING COACH

Matt Vinson has 10 years of coaching experience and 26 years of overall wrestling experience in South Carolina. He is married to his wife, Scottie, and they have three children, Kaylee (6), Jesse (4) and Wyatt (9 months).

# *Alumni Spotlight: David Fitzgerald '70*

David Fitzgerald was the Battalion Commander of Hargrave's class of 1970. He graduated from the University of Richmond and retired after more than a 30-year career in law enforcement in the Henrico County, VA. Upon retirement, David and his wife founded and operated Homestead Traditionals, a business and way of life preserving the past. They raised and processed livestock and fruit and vegetables, as well as numerous colonies of honeybees naturally without chemicals. They maintained a coal-fired blacksmith shop and a candle making and broom making shop - all in keeping with Appalachian folkcraft traditions. They retired again several years ago and now reside on the bank of the Chesapeake Bay. They enjoy fishing, reading and spending time with their nine grandkids.

## **What did it mean to you to be the Battalion Commander?**

Even after 50 years, I vividly recall the personal satisfaction and pride immediately after the announcement that afternoon. I further recall the honor that descended upon me shortly thereafter when Academy staff members from the President on down described the responsibility they expected me to accept and fulfill. I remember thinking, "what have I gotten into?" All I really wanted to do was keep my grades up and graduate, freeing me from Hargrave. After fulfilling this obligation with the extraordinary team effort of each and every one of my classmates, then as today, I realize you never simply leave Hargrave. Your experiences there will define the rest of your life by providing that foundation so often spoken of in the literature.

## **What did you learn during your time at Hargrave?**

The foundation Hargrave allowed me to build my life on was not mandated to conform to any specific blueprint, but simply gave me a list of materials I could use in my individual construction. I learned and knew that a successful foundation at Hargrave would require strength and growth of character, teamwork, commitment, acceptance of responsibility and the resulting consequences of all my actions, hardwork and, above all, a dedication and commitment to the Christian faith in all that I did. I also learned failure was a part of the process of living a life based on your foundation and when it happened, to accept it and its consequences. Also, to examine your foundation to make sure you have not allowed it to shift.

## **What is your favorite memory from Hargrave?**

It would have to be the genuine atmosphere surrounding the entire Hargrave community - the safe environment in which to grow and learn as an individual and member of a community there solely to encourage, support, protect and pick you back up. You saw and understood this in the classroom, dining hall, barber shop, etc. This is what Hargave was and still is. One never forgets this atmosphere and feeling.

## **What advice would you give to upcoming Cadets?**

The class of 1970 donated a statue that stands in front of the Hargrave Chapel. On a plaque on this statue of a Hargrave cadet are the words of then Hargrave President Joseph Cosby, "I came a boy, here I became a man." I would encourage each cadet as they pass this statue to occasionally evaluate where they stand on this continuum between the boy they were and the man they want to be, and use the wonderful environment of Hargrave tradition to accomplish their goals.







## HARGRAVE LISTED AS STATE AND NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

The Virginia Board of Historic Resources approved Hargrave Military Academy as one of eight new listings in the Virginia Landmarks Register during their meeting on Sept. 19, 2019.

According to the Department of Historic Resources, the new listings are in the counties of Albemarle, Hanover, Loudoun, New Kent, Pittsylvania and Pulaski; and the cities of Fredericksburg and Richmond.

The National Park Service, a division of the U.S. Department of Interior, added Hargrave to the National Register on January 24, 2020. This is a wonderful honorary designation and these honorary designations can only be achieved by meeting the high criteria set for the registers!

Excerpt from the Virginia Board of Historic Places:

*Hargrave Military Academy evolved from Chatham Training School, a private, males-only parochial school, into a military-focused educational institution by the outset of World War I.*

*Hargrave is representative of the advent during the late-19th and early-20th century of private preparatory schools in Virginia as well as trends in military education through the 20th century.*

*The academy's campus is distinguished by a noteworthy collection of early- to mid-20th century Colonial Revival-style buildings designed by prominent Virginia architects including Stanhope S. Johnson and Nyal Lee Cline. Hargrave commissioned Johnson to design new buildings after a 1950 fire burned several early ones.*

*Hargrave's commitment to the Colonial Revival style throughout the 20th century resulted in an architecturally cohesive campus with buildings that range from the high-style, ornate representations of the early-20th century movement to the stripped classical examples that became popular in the post-World War II period.*



# Alumni Speaker Series

## GUEST SPEAKER: JOHN GILREATH IV '10

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Hargrave alumni John Gilreath IV ('10) brought a powerful word of encouragement to Hargrave cadets at chapel on Sunday, November 17. Mr. Gilreath encouraged cadets to work and study hard, recognizing the difference that an education at Hargrave can make in the workplace: "Those that put the effort in at Hargrave get ten times back what they put in," he told the cadets.



## GUEST SPEAKER: TYLER KLINK '07

DECEMBER 19, 2019

Tyler Klink, 2007 Hargrave graduate, spoke to the Corps during a Thursday morning chapel service on December 19. Mr. Klink is a Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for Pittsylvania County. He spoke to the cadets about December's character trait, responsibility, encouraging Hargrave's young men to take ownership of their actions and the trajectory of the world around them. During the chapel service, the Encounter praise band (cadet-led) led the Corps in worship.



## GUEST SPEAKER: FRANK THOMAS '87

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Mr. Frank Thomas ('87), current Director of Student Activities at Hargrave Military Academy, spoke with the Corps about his time as a cadet at Hargrave Military Academy during chapel service on Sunday, February 23. "Hargrave is my home," he told the cadets. He shared how he came to faith during a spiritual emphasis week that took place when he was a cadet. He then urged the cadets to be more like Jesus in their interactions with each other by treating one another with kindness and love.



*If you would like to be an alumni speaker, please contact Ben Wall ([wallb@hargrave.edu](mailto:wallb@hargrave.edu)).*

# ALUMNI GATHERINGS



## Northern Virginia September 8, 2019

Generously hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Harriet Lankford '68 at their home in Alexandria, Hargrave alumni gathered for a social time of reconnecting and fellowship. Nearly a dozen alumni, parents of alumni and guests attended, with class years represented from 1961 to 2013. Alumni enjoyed hearing updates from Colonel Brown regarding current enrollment, highlights from summer school, recent cadet achievements and future plans for the Academy. Thank you to our gracious hosts, the Lankfords, for opening their home to Hargrave family and friends and to all those in attendance. We look forward to seeing you again next time!

## Nassau, Bahamas November 2, 2019

Hargrave's PG basketball team played in the Caribbean Tip Off Classic in early November and the Tigers went 3-0 during the weekend, defeating teams from Finland and Canada. In coordination with this tournament, an alumni gathering was held in Nassau on November 2. Hargrave's alumni base in the Bahamas totals nearly 30, with notable alumni and friends including the Minister of Youth Sports, Mr. Ishmael (Stretch) Morley '84.

Ten alumni and parents of alumni attended the November social, which was held at the Regatta Restaurant at the Baha Mar Resort. Class years represented ranged from 1981 to 2008, with Ms. Hy Cook, member of the Board of Trustees, in attendance along with members of the PG basketball team and coaches. This was a great evening of fellowship, re-establishing the connection with our alumni in the Bahamas and providing updates on the Academy.





**Richmond, Virginia  
November 22, 2019**

Thanks to Mr. Web Stokes '92 for hosting a gathering for 11 alumni and friends at his home in Richmond on November 22, 2019. With alumni whose graduation years ranged from 1957 to 1992, there was a great atmosphere of reminiscing and building new friendships. Alumni enjoyed engaging with Colonel Brown regarding the Academy and current happenings, and we look forward to another engagement in Richmond in the future!



**Raleigh, North Carolina  
January 23, 2020**



Proc Dean '84 hosted an alumni gathering at the Doubletree Hotel in Cary, NC. This was a well attended event with a strong number of alums from the 1960's up through the 1990's. It was great to have current cadet families in attendance so they could discuss Hargrave and hear how Hargrave had a positive impact on the alumni's life. We look forward to being back in Raleigh soon!

**Chatham, VA  
January 28, 2020**

Hargrave alumni and friends of the academy enjoyed a local alumni gathering/open house hosted by Hargrave President Colonel Mike Brown and his wife, Sharon, at the Baker House. This was a great atmosphere of reminiscing with classmates and former and current faculty/staff. After the event, many were able to catch the Tigers in action on the basketball court and aquatics center. A special thanks to all who were able to attend!









# *31st Annual Order of the Sabre Banquet*

Hargrave's 31st Annual Order of the Sabre Banquet was held on Saturday, October 26, 2019. This is a special night to celebrate and thank our generous donors in The Order of the Sabre, whose annual gifts to the Academy have surpassed \$1,000 during the previous fiscal year.

The banquet was held at the picturesque Berry Hill Resort where guests enjoyed renewing and fostering friendships and sharing the common bond that ties all attendees together... love for Hargrave. As one of our most significant donor recognition events of the year, over 130 Sabre members and cadets celebrated together, including trustees, families of current cadets, families of Hargrave graduates, alumni whose class years spanned from 1956 to 2009, business partners and current and past faculty and staff.

Several cadets shared their time and talent with our guests throughout the evening's program. The color guard presented and retired the colors, and members of the Hargrave Band shared a special musical performance. The following cadets addressed the guests, sharing what Hargrave's focus on "Character Matters Here" means to them and how the Hargrave experience has forever impacted their lives:

- MAJ J. Scott Kennedy '20, Battalion Commander
- 2LT John Mauriello '21
- Cadet Samuel Hurt '24

Guests also enjoyed messages from Colonel Brown during his State of the Academy, faculty member Mr. Scott Roach who has served on staff for more than 17 years, Trustee David Fuller '74 who chairs the Campaign Executive Committee and from the Chairman of the Board Mr. Sloan Gibson '71. Throughout the ceremony, new Sabre members were recognized, specifically thanking Mr. John ('89) and Trustee Maxine Alexis for their generous lifetime gifts of more than \$25,000 and Dr. and Mrs. John L. Clements '67, whose lifetime giving has surpassed \$100,000.

We are sincerely grateful to all donors and supporters of Hargrave; it is only because of your commitment and generosity that the Corps of Cadets continues to have exceptional opportunities and experiences at the Academy. As Mr. and Mrs. John and Maxine Alexis shared with the guests, "Together, we celebrate a 110-year legacy that continues today, one in which you play a significant role."

If you are interested in learning more about The Order of the Sabre or joining us at this year's banquet, please contact the Office of Development at [development@hargrave.edu](mailto:development@hargrave.edu) or 434-432-3185.

# 2019 WEEKEND OF SERVICE



Last year's Weekend of Service brought a different sort of buzz of excitement to campus. While the year had been focussed on a beginning (new friends, new classes, new sports teams, understanding what it means for iron to sharpen iron, etc.), the Weekend of Service introduced cadets to a new group and task: our alumni and community service.

The day began with a recognition service as Colonel Brown presented Mrs. Dianna Lavoie with the designation as Honorary Alumna. Not only

is she the parent of three alumni, Mrs. Lavoie's service to the Academy and her cadets has spanned over 30 years in a variety of capacities from volunteer to staff to faculty. Her approach to life and schedule is such that getting her to slow down to get to Weekend of Service was easier than our traditional spring Homecoming weekend.

After breakfast, over two dozen alumni, a dozen faculty and the Corps of Cadets broke into work crews to attack campus beautification projects. Not only did our cadets see each other and two other groups of Hargrave stakeholders in a different light, but it was a time for fellowship over some well-appreciated work. The projects included painting, mulching, weeding, trimming and repair work. At the end of the day, the cadets not only came to appreciate the power of their own hands (and backs!), but appreciated the maintenance around campus and the power of teamwork. We are extremely grateful that our Hargrave alumni took time to come to campus and pass down a bit of their elbow grease and know-how to our current Hargrave cadets.

"I enjoyed working with my fellow cadets. We got a lot done and were very proactive. As a member of the football team, it will be nice to look at the freshly painted stands and be proud of our hard work," said Cadet 1SG S. Lee (Wrightsville Beach, NC).

*"Weekend of Service is always a tremendous opportunity for former and current cadets to work side-by-side. They get to trade stories while working on projects to improve the Hargrave campus. It is a bonding experience that speaks to the heart of Hargrave. We are all family."  
- Colonel Brown, Hargrave President*



# HARGRAVE'S ANNUAL FUND 2019-2020

## Small Change Means Big Impacts

Small change, quite literally, can add up. How much can you afford to give Hargrave each month?

Set up a recurring gift and you're done!

## Give the Gift That's Right for You

We know everyone is in a different place. Give the gift that works for your life today. Every gift is meaningful!

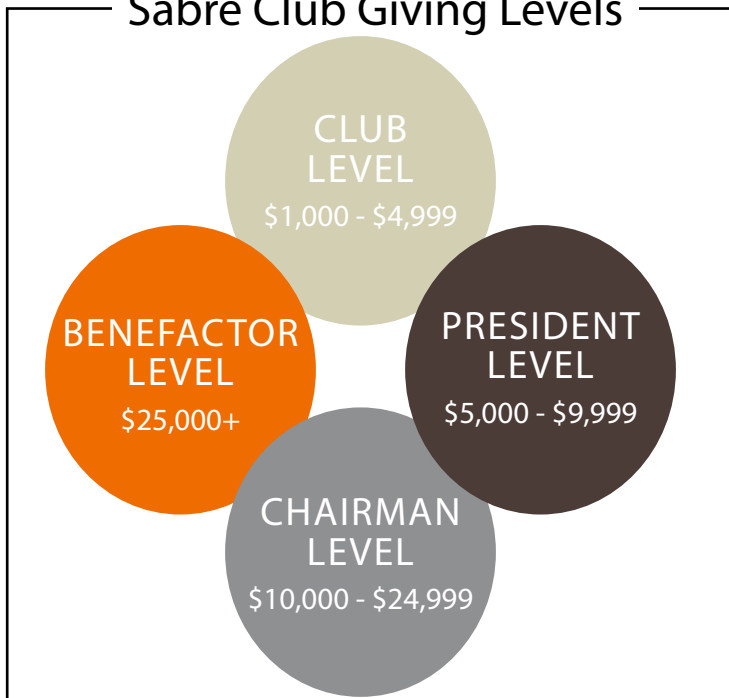
Annual gifts give young men the opportunity to excel academically and become leaders of character. Your donations support:

- our dedicated teachers and leaders
- upkeep to classrooms and barracks
- transformational academic experiences

Your gifts make an immediate impact at Hargrave. We are grateful for your ongoing support!

Your support to your alma mater is appreciated by the entire Hargrave community. You enable Hargrave to provide an experience for our cadets that changes lives. Thank you!!

## Sabre Club Giving Levels



Giving only \$84 a month qualifies you for Sabre.

Hargrave's fiscal year is June 1-May 31.

Your donation is always tax deductible.

For the first five years after a senior graduates from Hargrave, they only need to give \$500 to become a Sabre.

## NOT SURE HOW TO GIVE? CHECK OUT THESE QUICK TIPS!

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Hargrave Military Academy Annual Fund  
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## GIVING TUESDAY

Hargrave had another successful Giving Tuesday event and we appreciate all of those who gave. Congratulations to Alpha Company for winning the Giving Tuesday Challenge. The Alpha Company flag is flying high until November 2020!



## *Remembering Former Hargrave President COL Thomas Cunningham*

Thomas "Tom" Cunningham, 77, died November 27, 2019, surrounded by his family, after a long courageous battle with cancer. Tom was born in Hattiesburg, MS in 1942 to Walter and Helen Cunningham. They moved soon after his birth to Steubenville, OH where Tom and his siblings were raised. Tom especially enjoyed his time playing football for Steubenville Big Red High School.

Tom received an appointment to West Point, the United States Military Academy, following high school and made lifelong friends while he was a cadet there. Reunions with fellow West Point football players were a favorite experience each year up until his death.

He graduated from West Point in 1964 and began an illustrious 26-year career in the military. During his career, he received a Master of Science in geophysics from the University of Pittsburgh. He also served as an instructor at West Point and then returned years later as the Director of Operations of the Academy. He later held the role of Commandant of the United States Military Academy Preparatory School.

After retiring as a colonel from the Army, Tom served as President of Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, VA from 1990-1997, and then worked as a training consultant for a few years in the textile industry. Later, he was chief of Protocol at Fort Bragg until he took his final job at the Chamber of Commerce in Wilmington, NC, where he and his wife, Mary Jane, finally settled into retirement.

Tom is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 55 years, Mary Jane (Arthurs) Cunningham; son, Patrick (Becky) Cunningham of Clayton, NC; daughter, Kerry (Shawn) Fitzgerald of Wilmington, NC; son, Daniel Cunningham of Riegelwood, NC; son Michael (Cheryl) Cunningham '93 of Charlotte, NC; sister, Patricia (Joe) McDaniel of Danville, KY; sister-in-law, Sheri Arthurs of Wilmington, NC; 11 loving grandchildren; and a host of dear nieces, nephews, in-laws, and longtime friends around the country.

Tom was a man of great character and integrity. He was well respected and loved by most anyone who crossed his path. His life was an honorable expression of his love for Jesus, his devotion to his wife and children and service to his country.

## *Remembering Harry T. Gladding '54*

On Sunday, January 19, 2020, Harry Gladding '54 passed away.

Harry worked most of his life in the insurance business and helped grow his agency from having three employees to 22 employees. He attended the Hartford Insurance School in Hartford, CT.

He credited his successful life to his parents, Harry T. and Elsie Gladding, and to Hargrave Military Academy. Hargrave prepared him for his service in the U.S. Army Reserves where he mustered out as Sgt. 1st Class. Working with his father in the wholesale produce business also prepared him for hard work and how to treat his customers.

He was a member of the local fire department, where he served as the Fire Chief for 17 years, the Tappahannock Chamber of Commerce, the Tappahannock Rotary Club, Professional Insurance Agents of Virginia and was former President of the State Fire Chief's Association from 1979-80. Also, he was appointed to serve on the State Fire Commission to represent the insurance industry by Gov. Dalton and reappointed by Gov. Robb and served two years as the chairman.





# HARGRAVE HOMECOMING 2020

Due to concerns related to COVID-19, both nationally and locally, we are cancelling our 2020 Homecoming, originally planned for April 24th & 25th. We hope you will consider attending the fall Order of the Sabre Banquet.

We are deeply disappointed that circumstances have forced this decision, however, the health and safety of our cadets, parents and alumni are our primary concerns. We hope everyone will remain safe as we continue to work through this unprecedented situation.

Until we can meet again on campus, please keep in touch and be sure to visit us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/HMAAlumniAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/HMAAlumniAssociation)) and the Hargrave alumni page on our website ([hargrave.edu/alumni](http://hargrave.edu/alumni)).

\*All 2020 Reunion Years will be combined and honored with next year's Reunion Years at Homecoming 2021.

## 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.*

<b>Bootle, Gifford</b>	<b>'83</b>	<b>Lowmiller, Jr., Kenneth</b>	<b>'55</b>
<b>Bryant, III, Clarence D.</b>	<b>'71</b>	<b>McKinney, Sr., Richard</b>	<b>'46</b>
<b>Dawson, Randall W.</b>	<b>'72</b>	<b>Owen, Samuel</b>	<b>'60</b>
<b>Day, Maxie R.</b>	<b>'58</b>	<b>Patterson, James G.</b>	<b>'51</b>
<b>Denholtz, Richard</b>	<b>'50</b>	<b>Ream, David</b>	<b>'60</b>
<b>Faison, Sr., Noel W.</b>	<b>'72</b>	<b>Rogers, Daniel P.</b>	<b>'62</b>
<b>Fore, III, Stephen H.</b>	<b>'71</b>	<b>Spradlin, Landon</b>	<b>'71</b>
<b>Gladding, Jr., Harry T.</b>	<b>'54</b>	<b>Talbott, Gerry</b>	<b>'82</b>
<b>Gray, Phillip A.</b>	<b>'94</b>	<b>Terretta, Ernest</b>	<b>'56</b>
<b>Hayne, John R.</b>	<b>'69</b>	<b>Welch, Harold F.</b>	<b>'51</b>



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