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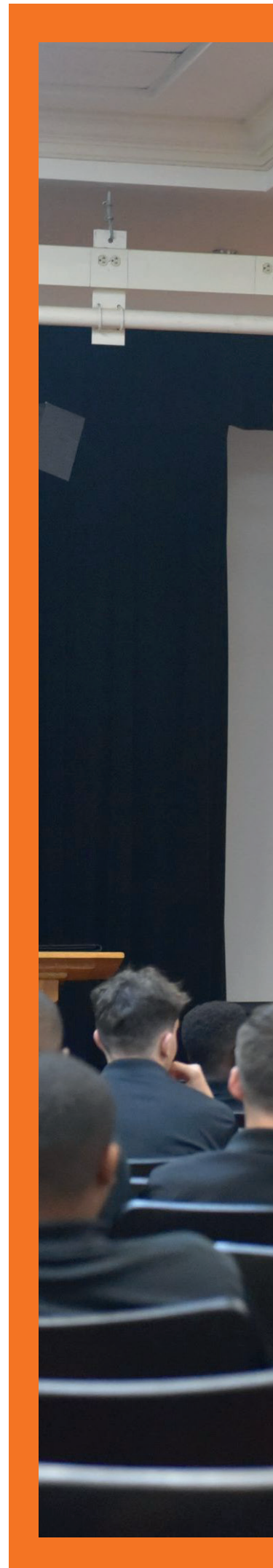
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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hargrave Community,

One of the great joys of a teaching life is the anticipation and excitement that accompanies the start of each school year. No matter how many times I have been part of the launch of a new year, at multiple schools, across the country, the excitement accompanying school opening is a constant.

It's partly because each year is a new beginning, and all things remain possible at the start of the year. Every assignment could earn an A, every team may go undefeated, and new friendships await. Even when the reality is tempered, the underlying energy endures. It's this forward-looking energy that has powered Hargrave for over 100 years.

As a relative newcomer to Hargrave, it's clear that our school embraces this same sense of possibilities embodied in each boy who comes to us on his path to becoming a "leader of character." Without being imprisoned by them, we retain and build on our traditions, values, and programs. This is why we remain devoted to our military program, our four pillars of academics and athletics, faith and character, and this is why we are determined to help each cadet become the best version of himself.

As a result, there is palpable positive energy on campus this fall. We opened the year with a solid enrollment, a revised academic schedule providing substantially more weekly teaching hours, and several new and strengthened program offerings. Among the new opportunities for the cadets, we are pleased to have restarted our aeronautics/aviation program as a joint offering with Averett University, and we are exploring additional program offerings in STEM and technology. Outside the classroom, the fall athletic seasons are underway, we have made substantial progress on a range of campus refurbishment projects, and we have just concluded a highly successful Weekend of Service with alums representing six decades of Hargrave history.

For my part, as President, I continue to be inspired by the remarkable possibilities at Hargrave. We have a talented and devoted faculty and staff, engaged parents, a supportive alumni base and Board, and most importantly, motivated, capable students. Great success lies ahead, and I am grateful to be a part of this extraordinary community. On behalf of the entire school, I thank you in advance for your continued support and enthusiasm for our work here on campus. Please plan to visit us so we can share with you the energy, devotion, and success driving us into the future.

Respectfully Yours,



Eric Peterson
President



A LETTER FROM BATTALION COMMANDER Andrew Francis '23

Fellow Cadets, Alumni, and Parents,

My name is Andrew Francis, and I am from Winchester, Virginia. This year is my fourth and senior year at Hargrave, and I am the Battalion Commander for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The faculty, staff, and cadet leaders at Hargrave made a massive difference in my life, and without them, I don't know where I would be. They have taught me a lot, and I use their lessons daily, from the athletics field to the classroom and barracks. I am a better person and leader because of them.

Commandant Rader always says, "Hargrave isn't always the best place to be, but it is a great place to be from." That saying sums up my view of Hargrave perfectly. Life at Hargrave has had its ups and downs. There were more than a few times when I did not want to be at Hargrave. There have been many long days, late nights, and early mornings. But there have also been a lot of great memories. So overall, I would say Hargrave has been a great experience. I have had opportunities that wouldn't have been possible anywhere else, and I have made some of my closest friends here.

My main goal as the Battalion Commander is to make a positive difference in my cadets as my cadet leaders did for me. I am glad I came to Hargrave and would not change a thing about my experience. I am proud to be from Hargrave and the Battalion Commander of the Corps of Cadets.

Best,

Andrew Francis '23



Natural-Born LEADERS

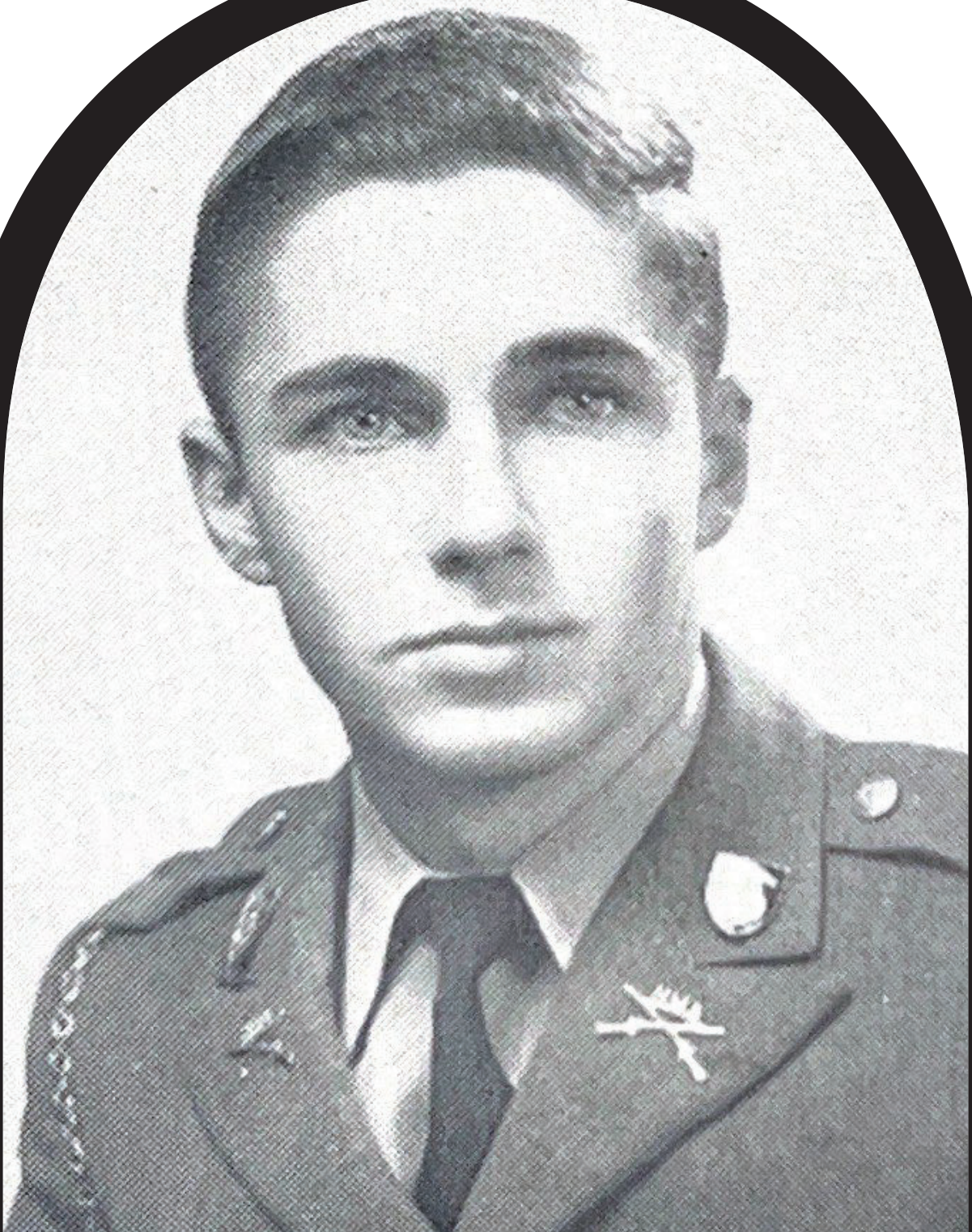
This year's Leadership School graduated another group of Officers and Noncommissioned Officers who will lead the Corps this school year. The Leadership School, which contains the Officer Candidate School (OCS) and Noncommissioned Officer Course (NCOC), saw an increase of a dozen more Cadets this year. The students invited to attend Leadership School began each day with physical training (PT) at 05:30, followed by classroom instruction and practical application time, ending the day at 21:30. Drill, ceremonies, uniform care, and barracks maintenance were covered, as well as leadership styles and principles and how to implement them.

The Leadership School Cadets, who were also football and soccer athletes, attended two-a-days and other team meetings in addition to attending the Leadership School events. This made for a very long, tiring, and stressful day for the young men. However, they all persevered and now have a greater appreciation for hard work and are closer as a leadership team because of it. At the conclusion of Leadership School, the Officer Class presents a mission statement to the President. This year's mission statement is: "The Senior Officer Class of 2023 will strive to uphold the core values of Hargrave. We pledge to stand by our brothers through all the trials, adverse conditions, and to always place the interest of the Hargrave Brotherhood above our own. It is our solemn promise to guide and mentor the next generation of Cadets on a path to become young men of high character."





Remembering WALT MURRAY '58



Mr. Walter Vernon Murray '58, of Winston-Salem, NC died peacefully at home on Monday, June 20, 2022, surrounded in his last days by his family.

Walter attended Hargrave for four years and credited his personal and professional successes throughout his life to Hargrave for teaching him the skills necessary to succeed. After Hargrave, he attended East Carolina and Wake Forest, where he was a Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity member.

After school, Walt started his professional career at Atlas Supply Company, a plumbing products wholesale distributor based in Winston-Salem, where his father worked. In 1965 he and his father, Craig Vernon Murray, opened their own plumbing supply house, Murray Supply Company, in Charlotte, NC. In 1970, they opened a second location in Winston-Salem, NC which became the home office.

He was a well-respected businessman throughout the industry. He always said the business was like a child: you birthed and nurtured it in the early years, struggled with the growing pains, then enjoyed watching the fruits of your labors as it grew, flourished, and matured. His brother Craig and his children Charlie, David, and Beth followed him into the business. It was a family business, but not just to the Murray family. Many associates spent their entire careers with the company and were part of the Murray Supply family.

Walt had many loves, but the greatest was his family, especially his wife, Martha Ann. They spent almost sixty years together, and he adored her. Walt also loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, probably more with the grandkids! He liked to say that if he had known how much fun they'd be, they would have had them first.

One of his other great loves was golf, and he was a fierce competitor until he couldn't play in the last few years. He carried a low handicap at Forsyth Country Club and regularly shot his age on the course. When he couldn't play golf anymore, he took up croquet at Arbor Acres and made great friends playing there. He loved to travel, and he and Martha Ann saw a good portion of the world. They especially loved European river cruises; their favorite part was meeting and making new friends from around the world.

Walt will be remembered for his warm and unique sense of humor and ability to connect with people. Even as his physical condition began to deteriorate in the last few years, he could still make people feel special and leave them with a smile on their faces.

Left to cherish his memory of all their good times together are his wife, Martha Ann; his children Charlie (Susan), David (Kathy), and Beth; grandchildren Rebecca, Sam, David, Stephen, and Parker; and sister Hazel.



Remembering Walt Murray '58



Left to right: MURRAY, BOBBITT, BABOUN, ROBINSON

NON-COMMISSIONED CLUB OFFICERS



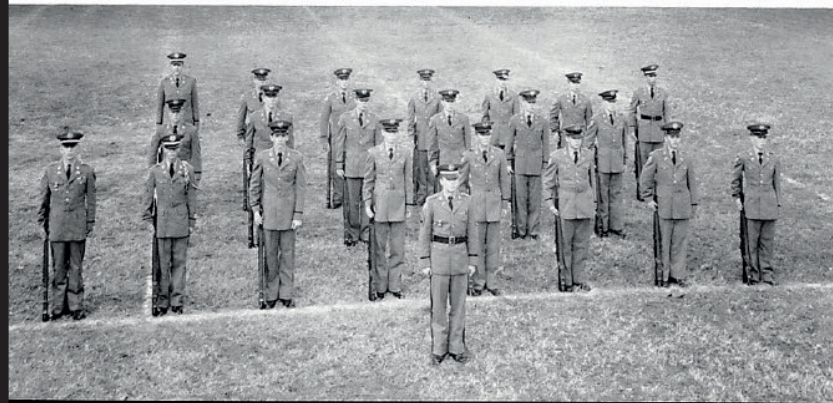
FIRST PLATOON

Second Lt. Murray, W.

First Squad: Sgt. Ewell, W., Corp. Picallo, Kincheloe, Johnson, J., Main, Kosmas, Copes, Sengstack

Second Squad: Corp. Hyde, Loughridge, Lecch, Smith, R., Rinchart, Hubbard

Third Squad: Corp. McLeod, Bradley, Crowder, Moore, C., Joyner, Darling, Sgt. Vrable





Attention

**OUR FELLOW ALUMNI
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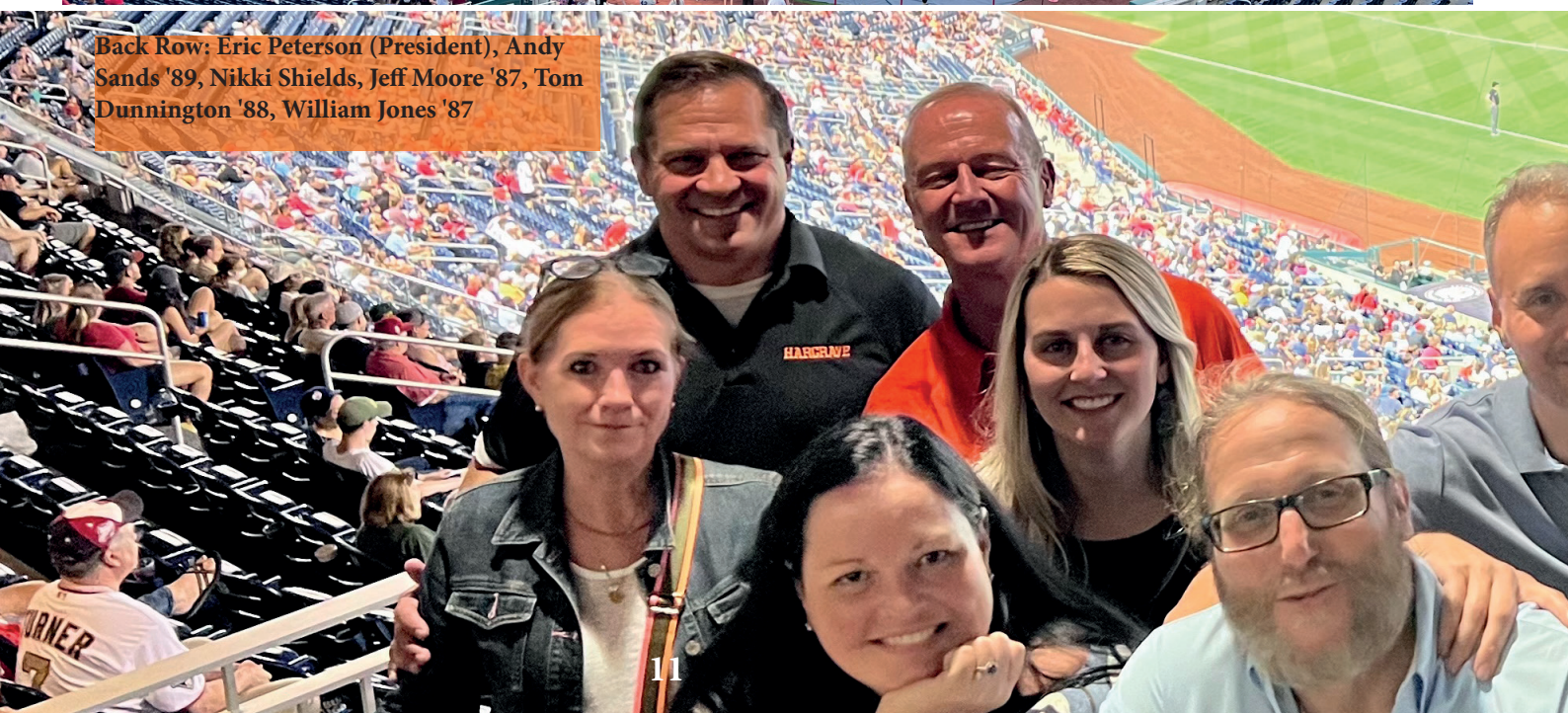
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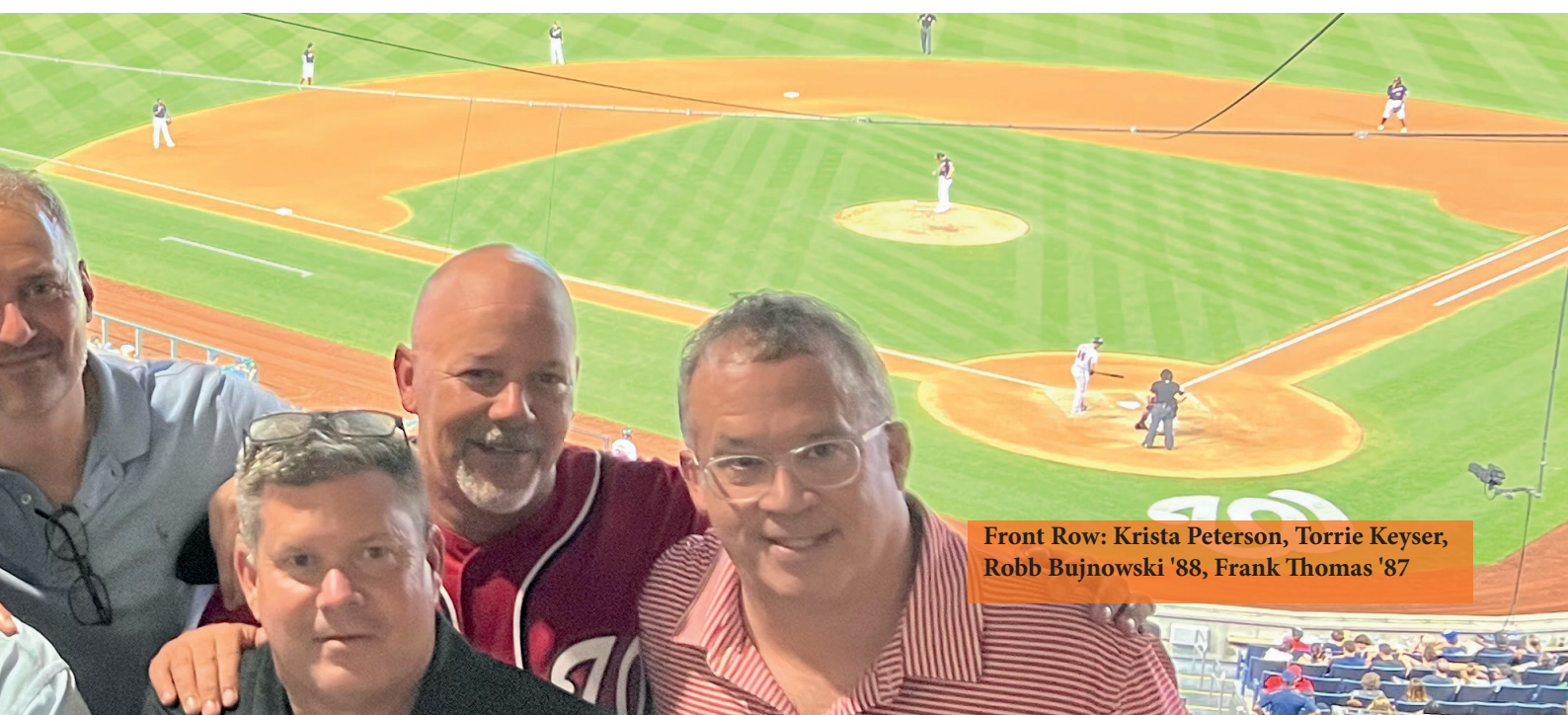
AN ALUMNI MEETUP AT THE DIAMOND

On Friday, July 15, 2022, the Hargrave Advancement Team held an alumni gathering at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. The alumni in attendance ranged from the class of 1962 to 2003. Hargrave's new President, Eric Peterson, and his wife Krista were also in attendance. The alumni were eager to meet Mr. Peterson and enjoyed getting to know him and Krista. The Advancement Team provided an all-inclusive suite in the park with food and drinks for everyone to enjoy. Regardless of class year, the brotherhood among the alumni was undeniable. Our Advancement Team hopes to make this an annual event.



Back Row: Eric Peterson (President), Andy Sands '89, Nikki Shields, Jeff Moore '87, Tom Dunnington '88, William Jones '87





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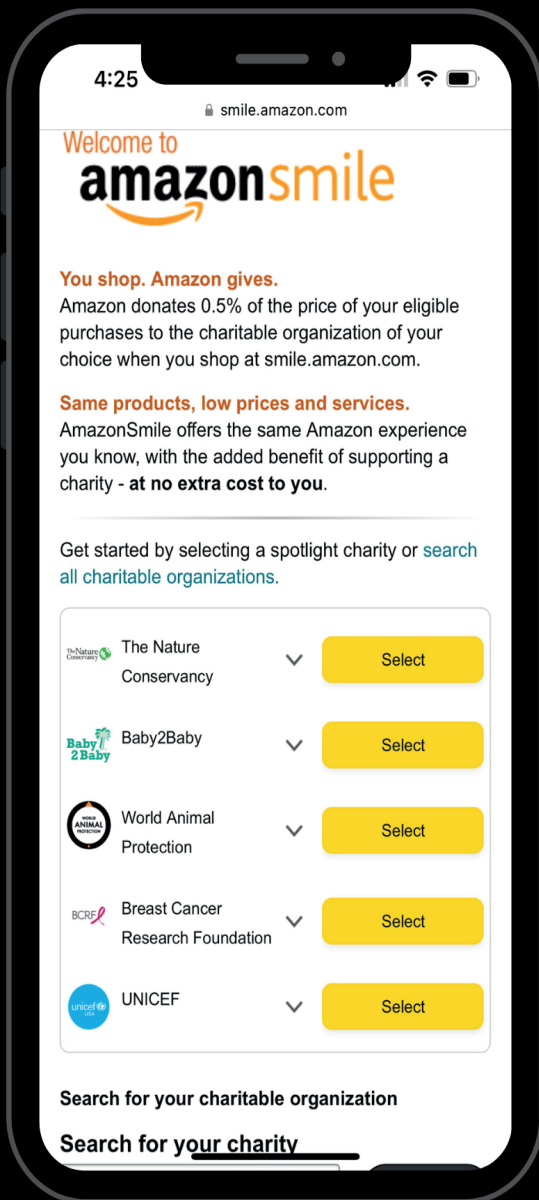
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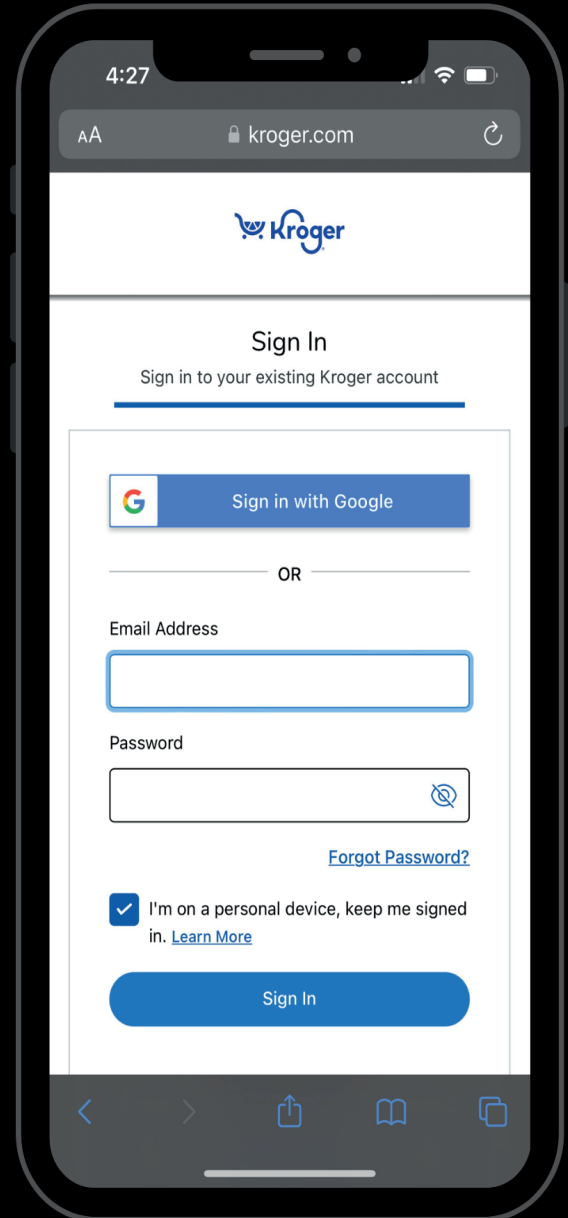
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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Arthur Broaddus “AB” Gravatt ‘62

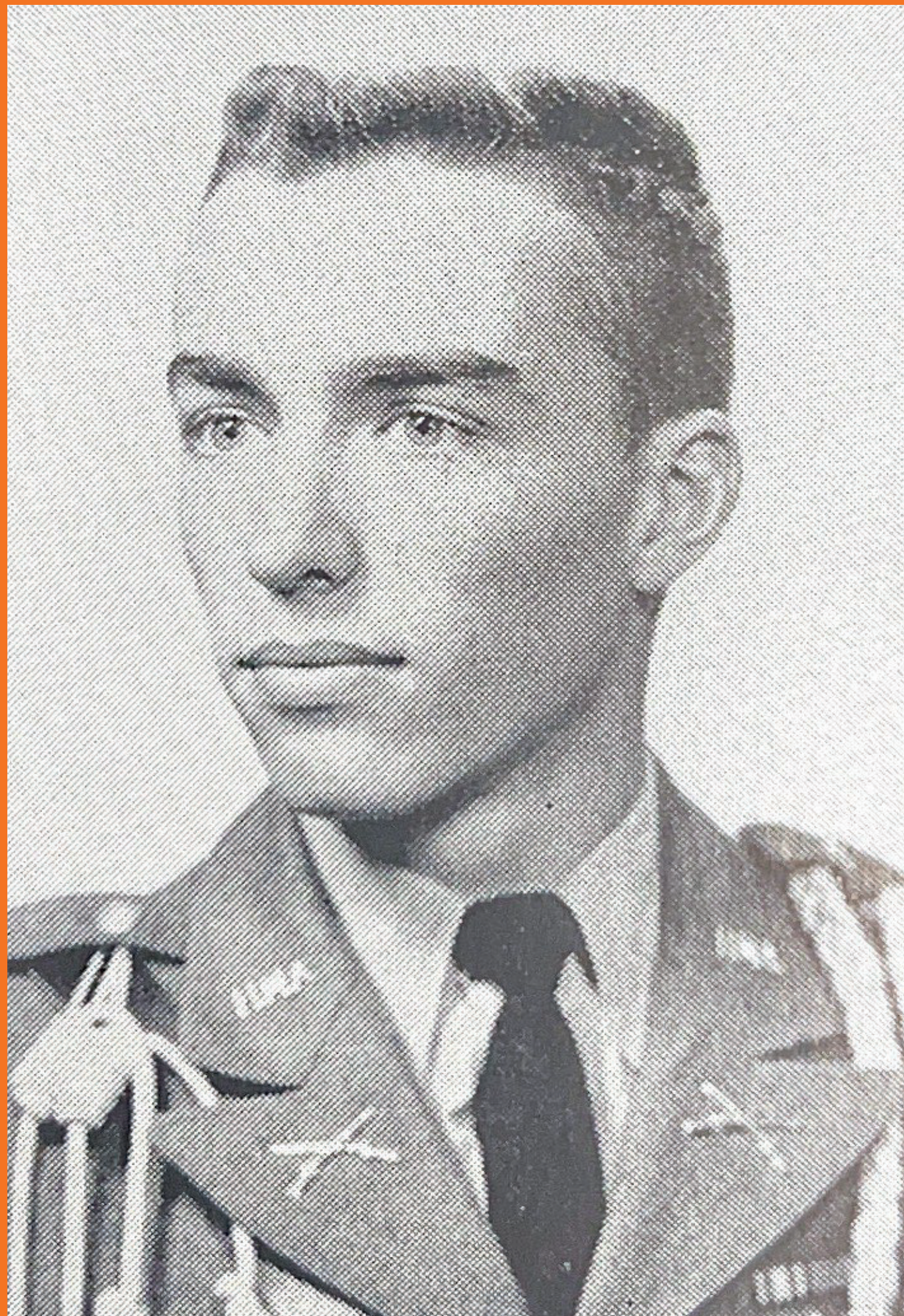
United States Army Colonel (Ret) Arthur Broaddus “AB” Gravatt III was born on 8 November 1943 and lived in Kilmarnock, Virginia, until entering Hargrave at age 12 and graduating in 1962. After Hargrave, he attended and graduated from Campbell College, now University.

He met the love of his life, Diane Sampson, while in college, and they married in 1967, three days after he joined the Army as an officer candidate. AB served 33 years, ending his career in retirement as the Director of Public Works at Fort Eustis. Notable in his career were assignments as Executive Officer of the 36th Combat Engineer Group, Battalion Commander 65th Combat Engineer, 25th Infantry Division, and Inspector General 25th Infantry Division. He served on Fort Benning, Fort Lewis, and Schoolfield Barracks and served special assignments in Costa Rica, Korea, the Philippines, and Japan. Additionally, Colonel Gravatt served in Vietnam, completed Airborne Ranger school, and was a graduate of the U.S. Army War College. Colonel Gravatt received recognition as a strategic thinker and was able to reduce spending and increase optimization of the soldiers and facilities he was charged with overseeing.

Upon retirement, AB made good on a 33-year-old promise made to his wife while they were dating to purchase Historic Lansdowne in Urbanna, Virginia, built in 1741. Lansdowne was the home of Arthur Lee, notable for being a member of the Continental Congress and negotiating the Treaty of Alliance with the French ending the American Revolution. When purchased in 1998, the house was in complete disrepair and needed extensive work to be made livable.

A few short months after retirement AB went to work for the Central Intelligence Agency and remained there for 17 years. All the while, AB and Diane were restoring Lansdowne with the help of historical architects and a slew of good-hearted friends. This work continues today, and you can read more and see pictures of Lansdowne at <https://afarmhousereborn.com/historic-property-at-urbanna/>.

In 2021 AB’s beloved wife Diane passed away suddenly, leaving a void in his life, but he continues his commitment to Diane to restore Lansdowne. AB lives in Lansdowne, where he shares the home with his two dogs, Winslow and Upton, and his cat, Peaches. At 78, AB still works as a government contractor at a secured training facility three days a week.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Arthur Broaddus “AB” Gravatt ‘62

What impact did Hargrave have on your life?

Arriving at Hargrave at 12 years old, I spent my formative years at Hargrave. I quickly learned core values that have stuck with me for my lifetime. Including that commitment means always striving to do your best and never giving up and that finding a purpose in life keeps you focused and committed to your goals. But most of all, I learned the importance of treating everyone with respect and kindness. This is a vital lesson when meeting your future wife.

What is your favorite memory of Hargrave?

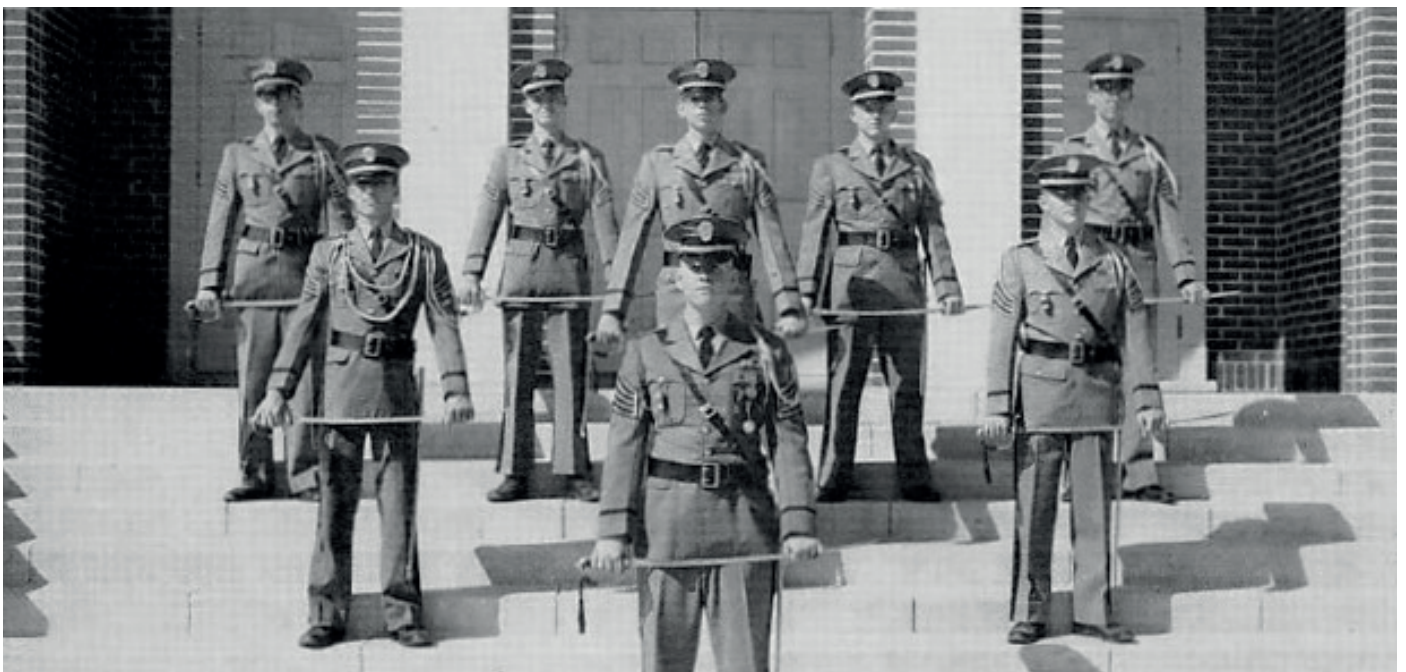
My teachers. Colonel Floyd, who taught me to be a good citizen. Major Spence, who tried to teach me English. Captain Sanders, who taught me to love math. Miss Blair, who taught me how to read. Colonel Cosby for his Sunday Vespers Services. Curtis for his many haircuts, Mrs. King for the shower inspections, Mrs. Watts for laundry service to number 18, Colonel Todd for personal discipline, and Maj Miller for military tact. And the many others, too many to mention, but all my teachers were dedicated to my learning.

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

Commitment.

What advice would you give to current cadets?

My advice to current students is to stay focused and committed. I suffer from dyslexia, and very little was known about this learning difference in the 1960s. This difference has required me to take the lessons learned at Hargrave, most importantly self-discipline and commitment, and apply them to everyday life. My successful career and fulfillment of life goals are built on the foundation laid in place during my six years at Hargrave. You are responsible for championing your subordinates and your supervisors, which will lead to your professional success.



Chief Advancement Officer,
Andy Sands '89, presents
A. B. Gravatt III '62 with a
Hargrave Challenge Coin.



THE HARGRAVE SUMMER EXPERIENCE '22



On June 25th, 75 students began an experience that harkens back to the early 20th century. They came to Chatham, Virginia, from all walks of life and corners of the world for an intense 29 days that would impact their lives not just throughout their teen years but perhaps remain a landmark in the landscape of their lives.

Although advertising and marketing are factors, many families were reassured by the reputation of Hargrave and the word-of-mouth network of alumni. Arriving on campus, they were handed off from the Admissions Counselors and families to Hargrave's Military and Residential Life Department under the leadership of Commandant CWO3 Jason Rader and Deputy Commandant 1SG Eric Samuels.

Over the course of the Summer School, the cadets studied, learned, and were held accountable for their work, exercised daily, lived and studied in a truly communal living environment, had a consistent study schedule including major exams and projects, attended chapel twice a week, and otherwise practiced healthy patterns for a successful future.

Over 21 thousand man-hours were spent on homework, quizzes, tests, writing, reading, and doing the business of learning. That doesn't include the hundreds of extra hours put in by students in their free time. Over 12,000 lbs of food flowed through the mess hall line. Over 4,000 lbs of ice water were delivered over the summer to the afternoon sports camps.



While alumni may have different recollections of barracks life (particularly during summer school), we continue to use the military structure during summer school. TAC officers aren't wearing their normal uniforms, but each young man certainly knew the voice of their TAC for their company, just as so many others in past generations. As this was summer school rather than the traditional year, some of the standards were relaxed, but the power of the peer was always present.

The practice now also offers successful Hargrave cadets the opportunity to return to summer school as "Leadership Interns" and fulfill the roles of senior company cadet leadership. They gained valuable experience, mentored some emerging leaders, earned internship credit, had an opportunity to take a class or participate in sports camp, and even some cash! What's not to like? In the end, it was agreed that they were a critical factor in the routines of barracks and campus life in a group in which 9 out of 10 were new to Hargrave.

Faith Life is also a staple of Hargrave. The Chaplain led both a traditional chapel service as well as many "teen-friendly" sessions that blended fun, learning and reflection!

As expected in a Military School, we continue to offer a Leadership course tailored to the needs of young men trying to understand the ins and outs of good leadership. That also meant coming to a working knowledge of group dynamics, personal motivations, and a sense of mission. This summer's two courses culminated in service projects that raised over \$900 for a local food bank and created a mini-garden for the community.

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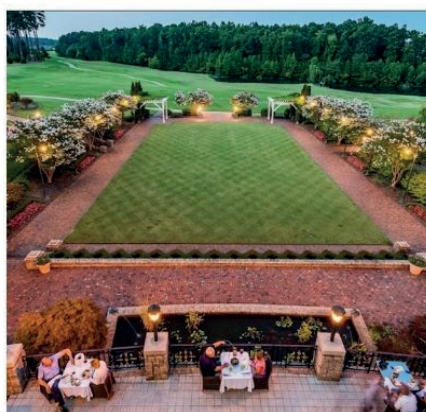
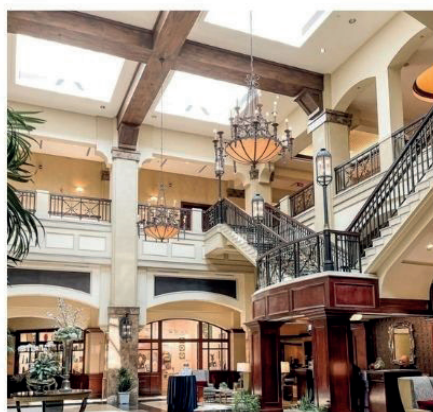


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