



HARGRAVE

A College-Prep Leadership Academy

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WELCOME TO HARGRAVE

Be More.

At Hargrave, your son will grow into a man of integrity, discipline, and leadership. Through the strength of Hargrave's brotherhood, he will forge lifelong bonds, and gain the confidence and resilience needed to succeed in life. Surrounded by a supportive community, he will be challenged to discover his full potential, embracing his strengths and rising to new levels of achievement. At Hargrave, your son will set down a path toward the best version of himself as he embraces a future full of new possibilities.

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About our President

conferences for the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS). Eric is a past member of the TABS Board of Directors and has led accreditation teams for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

A graduate of Deerfield Academy, Eric earned his B.A. in English, Cum Laude, from Dartmouth College and a J.D. with honors from Northwestern University. He played football at Dartmouth and was a member of the U.S. Bobsled Team.

He holds a certificate in Design Thinking from Stanford University and has presented at the national

Eric has decades of independent school experience. He has taught English, History, Government, and Ethics, and has coached football, baseball, and track. He has been a Dorm Parent, Assistant Director of Admissions, Director of Admissions, Associate Headmaster, Upper School Director, and served as a Head of School for thirteen years.

Thank you for your interest in Hargrave. We are proud of the incredible opportunities that Hargrave provides to young men as they grow into leaders of character prepared for lifelong success. Our goal is to help each student realize his potential, both academically and personally, preparing him for success in college and beyond.

We are excited to share how Hargrave can make a difference in your son's future.

Eric Peterson

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President

Hargrave Military Academy



About Hargrave



- ✓ All Boys
- ✓ Leadership Focused
- ✓ 100% Athletic Participation
- ✓ 100% College Acceptance

Hargrave is devoted to delivering a premier educational experience with a clear focus on leadership development. Our dedicated faculty is determined to equip our students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in the diverse and interconnected world of the 21st century. We encourage critical thinking, promote teamwork, and above all, foster the growth of confident, responsible leaders.

At the heart of Hargrave is a brotherhood that supports each boy on his path to success. This lifelong bond instills a sense of accountability and mutual respect, creating a community where every student is empowered to achieve his best. The strength of this brotherhood helps guide our students towards successful futures, enabling them to make informed choices about the colleges, universities, or service academies that best fit their goals and aspirations.



Our Campus



Hargrave's sprawling 200+ acre campus offers more than just a place to learn—it's a dynamic environment designed for exploration, adventure, and personal growth. Nestled amidst the scenic landscapes of Southern Virginia, the campus boasts an impressive array of outdoor amenities. Cadets can challenge themselves on our expansive obstacle courses, which are perfect for building physical endurance and teamwork.

The wooded areas, streams, and ponds provide a serene backdrop for reflection, outdoor activities, and a close connection with nature, while the outdoor golf practice facilities offer a space for cadets to refine their skills in a sport that emphasizes precision and focus.

Beyond the traditional sports, Hargrave's airsoft course brings a unique blend of strategy, fun, and camaraderie. Whether scaling the climbing tower, navigating the leadership reaction course, or practicing their swing, cadets at Hargrave have the opportunity to push their boundaries, discover new interests, and cultivate lifelong friendships.

Four Pillars of Leadership

Throughout their Hargrave experience, students put leadership into practice daily – in the classroom, on the sports field, within our Corps of Cadets, and in our communities. Students learn that the ability to follow – rules, people, procedures, and principles – is an essential ingredient of leadership, and their leadership skills are cultivated by gifted, passionate educators and mentors who care deeply about the progress and development of each student.



Hargrave's four pillars – academics, character, faith, and athletics – combine to create a blueprint for developing leaders.

Leadership in academics is cultivated through rigorous coursework and the guidance of educators who challenge students to excel and lead by example. Within the military program, students learn to lead and follow with honor and integrity, understanding the weight of their responsibilities and the impact of their decisions. Athletics stretch students' capability, instilling the value of teamwork and underlining the importance of discipline in building skill and character. Some students will find their leadership motivation in their faith where they learn to bear the responsibility of leadership with humility as they seek to serve others with their time, talents, and treasure.

Hargrave graduates intuitively understand that leadership combines competence and character, helping people and organizations reach lofty goals. Leadership is taking the path less traveled, sacrificing for a greater cause, and often being the one to take the first step.

Academics

At Hargrave, academics are the foundation for success. Our rigorous curriculum challenges students to think critically, solve problems, and excel in all subject areas, preparing them for college and beyond.

Character

Hargrave builds men of integrity and discipline. Our focus on character development instills values like responsibility, respect, and leadership, ensuring students become role models in their communities.

Faith

At Hargrave we encourage students to seek purpose and balance. Grounded in our Baptist heritage, we nurture spiritual growth, guiding students to lead with humility and serve with compassion.

Athletics

Hargrave athletics develops teamwork, resilience, and discipline. Through competitive sports and physical challenges, students build confidence, push their limits, and grow into strong, capable leaders.

Academics and Coursework

Each student is unique, and their educational experience should reflect their level of maturity, talents, and individual interests. With over a decade of 100% college acceptance for graduating seniors, our academic program is tailored to provide our students with the necessary skills, abilities, and support to gain admission to best-fit colleges, universities, and United States Service Academies.

We offer standard college-preparatory classes based on the familiar 4.0 grade point scale and advanced study college-preparatory classes, including Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment, on a weighted grade point system. This grading system acknowledges the additional rigor of advanced coursework and also serves as a motivating factor, encouraging students to embrace more challenging courses.

Our Middle School Program caters to our sixth to eighth-grade students, taking an integrated approach to holistic development. With an emphasis on active participation and purposeful instruction, the Middle School faculty and staff aim to equip young men with the necessary skills to navigate the complexities of high school, college, and beyond, fostering academic proficiency, self-assuredness, and a lifelong passion for self-improvement.



Our Upper School academic program is meticulously tailored to prepare ninth to twelfth-grade students for college, taking into account their unique academic strengths, interests, and needs. The daily schedule includes six subjects, alternate-day homework assignments, and mandatory study halls, providing a productive atmosphere for focused learning and personalized instruction. This structured approach allows students to delve deeply into their studies and receive individualized attention from our faculty.

Hargrave also welcomes families considering Post Graduate options, including aspiring athletes, future Service Academy students, and academically inclined individuals seeking additional preparation before embarking on a four-year university journey. Starting with a comprehensive assessment of the student's knowledge and confidence, we craft a customized schedule tailored to their current and future needs.



Investing in His Future

Hargrave is, first and foremost, a college preparatory boarding school. Over the past three years, our graduates have earned 395 acceptances (and counting!) to over 200 different colleges and universities. Additionally, in the last three years, we have had multiple young men earn appointments to the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy.



Our college counseling journey begins with a specialized Seminar Class designed to support students in every aspect of the college application process. This class provides structured guidance, helping students understand the stages of applying to college, from researching institutions to submitting their final applications.

Standardized testing is a significant component of many college applications. We offer dedicated SAT preparation as part of Junior and Senior Seminar courses that equip students with the strategies and practice they need to perform their best. Our prep sessions address the specific needs of each student, helping them to improve their scores and increase their college options. We require all juniors and seniors to take the SAT on campus in October. Just across town, Chatham Hall offers the ACT as well.

A crucial part of the application process is creating a well-rounded college list that reflects a student's academic achievements, personal interests, and future aspirations. We work closely with students to identify a diverse range of colleges and universities, ensuring a balance between reach, target, and safety schools. This thoughtful approach maximizes opportunities and aligns with each student's goals.

Affordability is a key consideration for many families, and our counseling program includes targeted strategies to help students apply for merit scholarships and financial aid. We provide information on various scholarships, guide students through the application process, and help them craft compelling scholarship essays.



The personal statement and supplemental essays are vital components of the college application that allow students to showcase their unique voices and experiences. Our counselors offer personalized attention, working one-on-one with students to brainstorm, draft, and refine these essays. This individual support ensures that each student's narrative is clear, compelling, and aligned with their application goals.

We are committed to helping each student find their path to success. Our comprehensive college counseling program is designed to provide the knowledge, resources, and support necessary to navigate the college application process with confidence and clarity.

Success Through Brotherhood

With a solid academic foundation and essential skills, our alumni are well-prepared for college and beyond. Their Hargrave experience facilitates the transition to further education and career advancement. Hargrave alumni become leaders in business, professions, fields of study, and their communities. They are role models, men of character and discipline, brothers you can count on, and leaders who are compelled to take action.

Every Hargrave graduate is prepared to pursue his life goals as part of a lifelong brotherhood.



A significant contributor to the marked growth students experience at Hargrave, and their success in future endeavors, is their powerful sense of responsibility for one another and the indelible bonds they develop. They form a brotherhood. That strong sense of community and the lifelong friendships that are a hallmark of the Hargrave experience contribute to personal and professional success. The brotherhood created at Hargrave is an enduring gift. Decades after graduating, Hargrave alumni maintain their friendships and continue to find ways to help each other.



Structure Yields Creativity and Independence



The Hargrave military model is the gateway to creativity and independence.



While you might think that our military model, with its rules and procedures, dulls individuality and extinguishes the flames of creativity, that's not the case. In fact, removing the pressures of coed environments and other distractions allows students to refocus on what is meaningful to them.

The military model is liberating, allowing students to concentrate on new ideas, find their passions, discover talents, and achieve lofty goals. With the support of an empowering brotherhood, students achieve personal and educational growth and are inspired to become independent and confident young men ready to face life's challenges. Hargrave's structured and supportive setting ignites positive change and future success.

Potential in Every Young Man



We harbor a deep and abiding belief in the potential of each young man.

Students are encouraged to adopt a mindset of possibilities, learn from risk-taking, and pursue a future where they can accomplish anything. Every facet of the Hargrave experience focuses on helping students reach their potential. Small classes have a big impact as teachers provide personalized attention and support for students at every level. Coaches help students develop individual skills along with a team mentality as the foundation of athletic success.

Residential life is overseen by former military officers, who act as mentors, role models, and counselors, establishing boundaries while compassionately providing guidance to help students make the decisions that will allow them to reach their goals.

By seeing each student through a unique lens, Hargrave fosters personal development, self-discipline, and resilience, empowering them to achieve and exceed their goals. Ultimately, while every student's journey is unique, they all leave with the skills to navigate and succeed in a rapidly evolving global landscape.



Finding Faith

At Hargrave, all students attend chapel twice weekly where they sing hymns and contemporary Christian worship music led by the Cadet Praise Band, and hear a message from either the chaplain or guest speaker. These chapel messages are grounded in Christian Scripture and each Thursday's message offers a scriptural foundation for the character traits we teach daily. All students are provided with a personal Bible upon matriculation and a new Bible is gifted to each graduate at graduation on behalf of the Hargrave alumni.

All of our students complete a one-semester Bible Survey course. This course serves as an introduction to the Christian faith and demonstrates to the students that regardless of their faith backgrounds, the Bible can be trusted to provide guidance for faithful living and help us grow into individuals of character.

- Chapel Messages: Regular chapel services encourage students to integrate their faith into their daily lives.
- Devotion Time: Structured devotion periods help students incorporate spiritual growth into their daily routine.
- Church Attendance: Opportunities to visit local churches expose students to diverse faith communities, enhancing their spiritual development and community engagement.
- Community: The chaplain offers mentorship, counseling, and discipleship, guiding students on their faith journeys. Faculty and staff demonstrate and share their faith, serving as role models for students.
- Bible Survey Class: This course provides an overview of Scripture, fostering an appreciation for its importance and relevance.
- Spiritual Emphasis Week: a week-long celebration of faith with an intentional focus on fostering and encouraging faith by special guest speakers and special musical guests leading worship and performing.



Competitive Athletics

Hargrave is committed to robust athletic programs in support of our four pillar approach to the development of well rounded young men. At a time when many schools are canceling athletics completely, we remain committed to providing the opportunities and experiences our students need and deserve.

Athletic Facilities

- Olympic-Sized Pool
- Historic Walter Davis Gym
- Indoor Baseball Training Facility
- Grant Multipurpose Gym
- Weight Room
- Baseball, Football, and Soccer Fields
- Outdoor Track
- Cross-Country Course
- Outdoor Obstacle Courses
- Tennis Center (Six Courts)
- Trap Range
- Paintball Field
- Climbing Tower
- Indoor Golf Training Facility



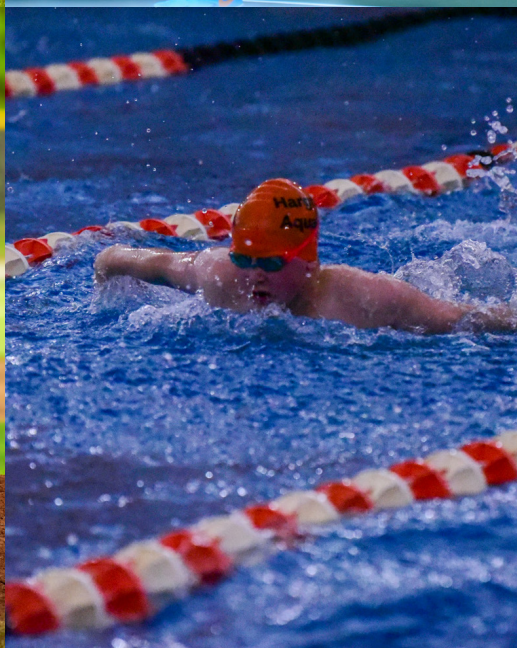


Post-Graduate Basketball

Varsity
Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Fencing
Football
Golf
Soccer
Swimming/Diving
Tennis
Track and Field
Wrestling



Junior Varsity
Baseball
Basketball
Fencing
Soccer



Middle School
Basketball



Prospective Student Profile

The Hargrave experience guides our students towards successful futures, allowing them to make informed choices about the colleges, universities, or service academies that best fit their goals and aspirations. Success at Hargrave requires our students to embrace the challenge to Be More – More of a leader, more of brother, and more of a man.

Embrace the Challenge to Be More.

Hargrave is a college preparatory school, not a pathway to serving in the military. The Hargrave military model is scaffolding for success, teaching students honor, integrity, self-discipline, pride, tolerance, and perseverance, all of which builds character and grit that benefits each student throughout their life.

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- The Hargrave military model is the gateway to creativity and independence.
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Faith

While Hargrave is a Baptist-affiliated institution, the faith pillar is designed to meet the needs of all students, regardless of their background or perspective on faith and spirituality.



International Students

Since 1909, Hargrave's uncompromising commitment to building men of character has set us apart as the best at what we do. Our approach has attracted students from around the world.



Join the Hargrave Family



✓ Create an Account Online

✓ Submit Your Application

✓ Speak with an Admissions Counselor

✓ Student Interview

Joining our community is easier than ever, thanks to our streamlined and supportive admissions process. We value the unique strengths of each applicant, and we're here to guide prospective families on this exciting journey.

Hargrave is a college preparatory school. As such, the academy seeks and encourages applicants whose goal is to pursue higher education, who perform successfully in an environment where high standards of conduct and character are expected, and who will abide by the academy's Honor Code. Successful applicants will demonstrate the character and moral fitness necessary to excel at an all-boys military school.

www.hargrave.edu/apply

Administration



Mr. Wesley McClure

Assistant Head of School

With extensive experience in boarding and military schools, Mr. McClure has served as Dean of Students at both Sunshine Bible Academy, and Chamberlain-Hunt Academy. He has a Master of Divinity degree from Moody Theological Seminary.



LTC Sam Redding

Commandant

LTC Sam Redding attended Hargrave Military Academy, enlisted in the Army in 1993, and commissioned as an Aviation Officer after graduating from Campbell University. He served multiple deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, holding leadership roles in Germany, Hawaii, New York, Nebraska, and Virginia. LTC Redding earned a Master's in Leadership from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and his awards include the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal.



Mrs. Christy Lipscomb

Director of Admissions

Christy Lipscomb holds a Master of Arts in Teaching with a specialization in Special Education from Liberty University, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Averett University. Mrs. Lipscomb has over 25 years of education experience.



Dr. Jim Tung

Academic Dean

With a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Dartmouth, Dr. Tung has taught various science courses, led summer programs, and earned multiple teaching awards while also contributing to educational research.



Mr. Michael Washington

Chaplain

Chaplain Michael Washington, a US Marine Corps and Army veteran, brings over 20 years of youth ministry experience to Hargrave. A gifted speaker and mentor, he inspires cadets through his leadership, faith, and passion for teaching the Gospel, making a lasting impact on the Hargrave community.



Mrs. Amanda Weishaar

Athletic Director, Head Swim Coach

Amanda Weishaar, a native of West Germany and former British Royal Navy Leading Marine Engineering Mechanic, brings energy and experience to Hargrave. She earned her Master of Arts in Coaching and Sports Leadership from Randolph College in December 2023, fueling her passion for developing strong, resilient leaders.



Airports

Lynchburg Regional Airport (LYH)

Lynchburg, Virginia

50 minutes north of Hargrave

Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO)

Greensboro, North Carolina

80 minutes south of Hargrave

Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU)

Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina

100 minutes south of Hargrave

Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA)

Roanoke, Virginia

120 minute north west of Hargrave



City	Distance in Miles	Travel Time
Charlotte, NC	157	2 hr 25 min
Danville, VA	19	24 min
Greensboro, NC	65	1 hr 3 min
Lynchburg, VA	50	55 min
Raleigh-Durham, NC	87	1 hr 55 min
Richmond, VA	140	2 hr 45 min
Roanoke, VA	55	1 hr 15 min
Washington, DC	230	4 hr 15 min
Winston-Salem, NC	93	1 hr 30 min



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