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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni,

I am grateful for the opportunity to share with you some exciting updates about our continued progress as a school and as a community.

First and foremost, I am delighted to report that Krista and I thoroughly enjoyed our first Order of the Sabre banquet in November. It was an honor to meet many of you in person, and I appreciated the opportunity to express the school's deep gratitude for your unwavering support. Your generosity and devotion are critical to our mission, and we are committed to using every dollar you provide to create meaningful impact in the lives of the young men we serve. Later in this issue, you'll read more about the individuals who were acknowledged for their generosity at this year's event.

I am also pleased to announce that our mid-year enrollment numbers are up significantly over last year. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, and we are thrilled to see more individuals engaging with our programs and services. We believe that our continued investment in high-quality programs, coupled with a well-oiled Admissions and Marketing operation, is paying off and attracting more families to join us in our mission.

Looking ahead to the upcoming Homecoming Weekend in April, we have a lineup of events that will engage and inspire you and the school community. We are confident that it will be a fantastic opportunity for us to come together and celebrate our shared values and goals. We look forward to your participation and involvement in this exciting event. Please visit our website under the Alumni tab to register if you have not done so already. You will also be receiving a weekly email with the list of attendees so you can see which other classmates and friends may be planning to attend.

Finally, I want to reaffirm our commitment to building programs of excellence in both academics and athletics, while preserving our devotion to cultivating character and faith. We believe that high quality educational and athletic activities are critical components to creating well-rounded individuals who are capable of achieving great things. As we focus on continued growth in our enrollment, we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our programs are of the highest quality, and we are grateful for your support in this important endeavor.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. We could not fulfill our mission without your generosity, and we are grateful for your partnership in this important work.

Sincerely,



Eric Peterson
President
Hargrave Military Academy



HARGRAVE ALUMNUS TURNED PHILANTHROPIST

Michael Montgomery, Hargrave Class of 1969

Michael Montgomery, Hargrave class of 1969, is co-founder of HydroLOGICA, a water well drilling company based in Managua, Nicaragua which provides technical excellence in water well drilling, hydrogeological studies, and training for the region. Founded in 2017, HydroLOGICA has built a long-standing relationship with Nicaragua's Ministry of Education, which helps lead them to the schools with the most need for wells and safe water access. In 2019 HydroLOGICA was featured on the Waves of Hope episode of The Fixers on BYUtv. They were tasked with the job of siting and drilling a well for a school in Nicaragua. The project was a success and provided students and teachers of the community with safe water. Due to the generosity of the HydroPhilanthropy Foundation, HydroLOGICA drilled five more wells during the last quarter of 2022.

Montgomery grew up in Atlanta, Georgia, and attributes his time at Hargrave to his learned self-discipline and invaluable leadership skills. After Hargrave, he attended Tennessee Tech and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. He worked almost a decade offshore in various subsea-related positions, where he recognized the need for a training, inspection, and testing service provider for Blowout Preventers (BOPs). His dynamic vision led to the creation of WEST Engineering Services, and he later moved the company to Houston, Texas. Michael is now retired after the sale of WEST Engineering in 2013 and mainly focuses on philanthropic efforts, especially bringing clean water access to communities in need.

Michael is also the CEO of Cotton Gin 116, an event and wedding venue in Brookshire, TX. The site was initially established as a working cotton gin in 1936 and has since been transformed into a beautiful venue.



THANK YOU, MICHAEL MONTGOMERY '69

Montgomery has been a generous supporter of Hargrave and our mission to build boys into leaders of character. Michael has supported cadets for many years by giving them the opportunity to be part of the Hargrave family. We owe him many thanks and are proud to call him one of our own.



Dr. Randy Clements '94 received the Provider Excellence award from Carilion clinic Department of Orthopedics and Neuroscience, Roanoke, VA. This award is given each year to someone who exemplifies the best in medicine; someone who is dedicated to his patients, fellow clinicians, and the community.

Randy enrolled at Hargrave in the fall of 1990, quickly establishing himself as a hard-working student-athlete and leader. Dr. Clements continues to display those attributes today, and the Hargrave community salutes him for his efforts.



HARGRAVE ALUMNUS PROVIDES EXCELLENCE

Dr. Randy Clements, Hargrave Class of '94

Dr. Clements joined Carilion Clinic in 2005. He earned his medical degree from Temple University and his internship and residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas.

As chief of the Foot and Ankle Section at Carilion's Institute for Orthopedics and Neurosciences, Dr. Clements specializes in foot and ankle reconstruction, diabetic foot and foot and ankle trauma. He also provides clinical care to patients at the Carilion Clinic Wound Care Center.

Dr. Clements is certified by the Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine and by the American College of Podiatric Surgery for both foot surgery and reconstructive rearfoot and ankle surgery. He has received the Presidents Award from the Virginia Podiatric Medical Association. He is assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and clinical professor of medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

A licensed pilot, Dr. Clements enjoys flying recreationally in his spare time. He was included in the Airmen Certification Database by the Federal Aviation Administration in 2013 in recognition of his meeting or exceeding educational, licensing and medical standards set by the FAA.

HARGRAVE ALUMNI RETURN TO CAMPUS



**FRANK THOMAS '87
HEAD BASEBALL COACH**

"Only a select percentage of the population experience boarding school life and education. An even smaller number of them get to experience the Hargrave brotherhood. I am a blessed man. Go Tigers!"

Bottom Left

**JOSH COTHAN '98
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH**

"Being a coach and educator at Hargrave is honoring the coaches and teachers that led me as a cadet. I owe all my success to the lessons I learned at Hargrave. I am honored and humbled to be able to lead and educate today's cadets."

Bottom Right



BEN WALL '92
DIRECTOR OF CLIENT ENGAGEMENT

"I truly came back home, and to be able to give back to the school that gave me so much is far more rewarding than anything I've ever done. The highlight is being able to work with the young men that are here and it's an honor to bestow upon them the many lessons that I learned while at Hargrave. I owe all my success in business and in life to what I learned at Hargrave."

Top Left

ANDY SANDS '89
CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER

"Having grown up on the grounds of Hargrave, I am excited to help the advancement of the academy. Hargrave holds a special place in my heart and I look forward to helping the academy grow."

Top Right

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

Hargrave Alumni provide current updates of their lives, accomplishments, and more!

1966

Robert Sartwell has fully retired from various educational positions after 50 years. He spends his free time watching his four grandchildren's athletic competitions.



1968

On November 8, **Sam Johnson, Ken Wells,** and **Dan Darrell**, graduates of Hargrave Military Academy, Class of 1968, met in Candler, NC. They shared an evening meal prepared by Ken's wife, Linda. The three men have remained close friends for the past 54 years. In the photograph, from left to right, are Darrell, Wells, and Johnson. Sam and Dan both graduated from The Citadel, Charleston, SC, in 1972. Sam made a career in the U.S. Air Force, while Ken made the most successful career as owner/operator of Wells Foundations, a large concrete business in Western NC. Dan was in the U.S. Army for five years and a police officer in Charleston, SC, for seven years. He returned to the Medical University of SC, from which he graduated with his Bachelor of Nursing degree in 1993. Ken and Dan were on Hargrave's Rifle Team under COL Rogers. Ken was ranked No. 2 in the nation in marksmanship in U.S. military schools, while Dan ranked No. 3.

1975

Fairfield Bain recently received the John Thomas Vaughan Equine Achievement Award at the annual Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine conference. Bain received his DVM from Auburn in 1983 and attributes his success to his education from Hargrave.

1978

George Bergamini and **Anne Marie Bergamini '80** live in Ocean View, Delaware. They have five sons and three grandchildren. George is the Government Sales Manager for Rosenbauer America, and Anne Marie is an Educator Outreach Consultant for Lead4Change Student Leadership.



1982

Heriberto Nunez, with his wife Aracelly, returned to campus on December 10, 2022, for the first time since his graduation. They currently live in Pareira, Colombia where Heriberto volunteers to assist U.S. servicemembers receive services. He served in the U.S. Army after graduation from Hargrave. The Nunez' were hosted in Chatham by Foster and Kim Hamilton who held a honorary luncheon at their home on Sunday, December 11. Several additional members of the HMA Class of '82 also attended. In the photo from left to right are **Foster Hamilton, Julie Nenon, Heriberto Nunez, Matt Gillispie, Rhonda Gammon (Gibson), and Jamie Gosney.**

1994

Joshua Houghton co-founded H2 Construction Inc., a Federal & General Construction Contracting company located in Martinsburg, WV. They have been in business for just over a year with \$1.2 million in gross revenue.

2007

Matt Tremblay recently joined FanDuel as the head of Southeastern US Government Relations and lives in Northern Virginia.



2020

Ethan Gadson committed to a gap year of service after graduation with City Year - an AmeriCorp organization. While fulfilling his commitment to City Year, he took classes at Montgomery College. After City Year, he entered Morehouse College, where he is currently a junior finance major. Recently Ethan was named a 2022 ELC Scholar. In addition, he was awarded an academic scholarship from HSBC Bank. He hopes to be interning with them this summer in New York.

2020

Charles Moreno graduated from Liberty University's Helms School of Government with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice this past May 2022, being the youngest to graduate in that degree program at 18. He began employment at Henry County Sheriff's Office (Martinsville, VA) in September 2022.

A NIGHT OF HONOR AND TRADITION

Hargrave's 34th Annual Order of the Sabre Banquet

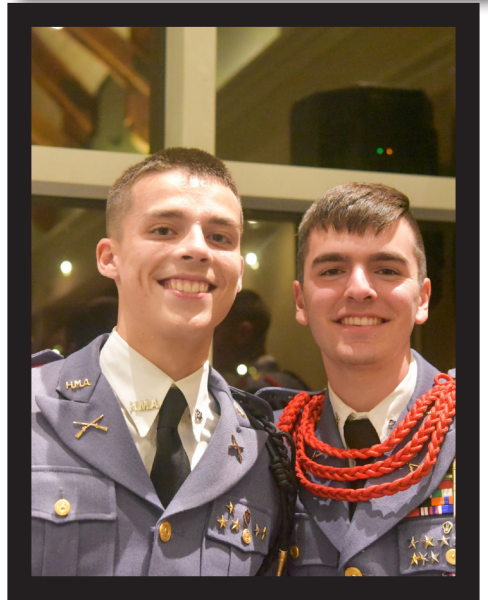
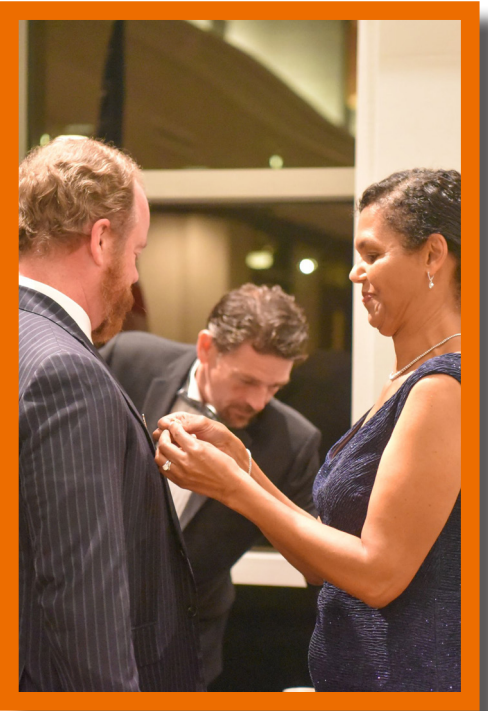
Hargrave's 34th Annual Order of the Sabre Banquet was held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, North Carolina. The banquet began with a cocktail reception where members of the Order could mingle and catch up. After cocktail hour, Mr. and Mrs. John Alexis '89, the emcees for the night, welcomed everyone.

As the last bites of dinner were taken, Mr. and Mrs. Alexis returned to the podium to begin the program. HMA's band, directed by Master Sergeant Tyler Selden, played a small jazz number and a military medley. Cadet Sergeant Major Sean Rose '24 spoke to the Order about his experience as a Hargrave Cadet and how it is preparing him for lifelong success. After awarding the new Order of the Sabre members with their pins, the crowd heard from Dr. Jim Tung, Hargrave's Academic Dean. The new Benefactors, Senior Benefactors, and Distinguished Benefactors were presented with their gifts before Hargrave's President, Eric Peterson, delivered his keynote speech.



Mr. Peterson compared Hargrave to Buffalo, NY. Once a thriving city, Buffalo found itself struggling for years until recently, the city has begun to grow again. To quote Mr. Peterson, "In parallel fashion, a distinguished school like ours could easily find itself trapped in the amber of its prior achievements, but Hargrave is constantly growing and evolving. We will continue to think critically, act creatively, and remain resolute in our efforts on behalf of Hargrave and the cadets we serve". Hargrave's Color Guard retired the colors to end the evening.

Contact development@hargrave.edu or call our office at 434-432-2688 to learn how you can become a member of the Order of the Sabre and attend the annual banquet next year.







A TIME TO REFLECT

Cadets, Alumni, Faculty, and Staff gather to reminisce during this year's Weekend of Service

Alumni visit Hargrave's campus each year, and for many, it is time to reflect on a foundation given to them by many outstanding faculty and staff. Others reminisce on the brotherhood forged from the unique experience shared with other young men at a challenging place. Nonetheless, each visit made to Hargrave will continue to leave a mark for various reasons.

One such experience is the annual Weekend of Service, where the alumni, cadets, faculty, and staff gather and give back to the school with various projects that help beautify the landscape, improve the functionality of facilities, and teach the cadets the value of service. This year a group of Alumni worked side by side with cadets, faculty, and staff to express appreciation for the school that impacted their life. They worked tirelessly as they spoke of the new and old experiences of being a cadet.

After a morning of work and some lunch, the Weekend of Service came to an end. The bones of Hargrave are improved, and the Hargrave Spirit grows and continues firm into the future with bonds of the Hargrave brotherhood.



AN EXCEPTIONAL FALL SEMESTER GIVES WAY TO SPRING

Academic Dean provides detailed recap of the 2022 Fall Semester

Most living alumni will remember Colonel Lankford's "college schedule" of a given course meeting on alternating days for 80 minutes. After extensive reflection and research, the faculty and staff concluded that we should adopt a schedule with daily 50-minute class periods. The initial results are promising: the number of cadets on the Honor Roll is slightly elevated, while the number of students struggling is significantly lower. We continue to work on refining expectations during the evening study hall times and raising cadet targets from "doing my homework" to the plethora of activities under the more general label of "studying" (i.e., recopying notes, reading ahead, organizing materials, creating and taking practice quizzes and tests, improving reading skills, etc.).

The Dorthy Blair and Mary Tallent Reading Center (dedicated at last year's Homecoming) has made an immediate impact on the lives of those needing support to become proficient readers. Small classes and a place in the schedule have supported the transition of several struggling students to

being named to the Honor Roll. The Reading/Writing Workshop course continues to polish emerging writers and stretch them beyond the traditional English course requirements. A math lab period and resources have been set aside given the equivalent trend in struggling math students.

We introduced AP World History and reintroduced AP Physics and AP Calculus in addition to our AP offerings in Human Geography, US History, US Government, and Chemistry. Dual Enrollment college courses are offered on-campus in Chemistry, English, Sports Management, Business, and New Testament. A traditional Health/PE course sequence is also being piloted.



Mary Tallent

Faculty always seek opportunities to take their students off-campus (beyond social activities, sports, and military department activities).

Several Beta Club members attended a Leadership Summit in Virginia Beach. As expected, they received compliments on their attitude, behavior, energy, and focus. As a group, they earned Outstanding Leadership for 22-23, and each team (see below) qualified for the National Competition. Collaboration Connection Team competition: Patrick Fowlkes '27, Vance Hooper '24, Archie Hooper '25, Keylen Hudson '25, Kelsten Hudson '25, and Zain Satti '25. The Lead Outside the Box team competition: Sonny Le '23, Phoenix Johnson '24, Aidan White '23, and Spencer Mullen '24.

Mr. Phillips, the instructor for Business Math and Personal Investments, took a group to a "Community Idea Fair" hosted by Danville Community College. At the fair, student and adult teams presented ideas that might benefit the community economically, socially, or spiritually. The Hargrave proposals included tutoring and mentoring programs for teens and preteens (using Hargrave cadets as tutors and mentors) and a youth athletic program structured to also act as a "Big Brother" program

(teen peer mentoring). Their proposals focused on serving Hargrave's surrounding community. Participants included Michael Walton '23, Aiden Dykstra '23, George Hohman '24, Jarius Steely '23, Eli Arnold '24, Teni Olufore '24, and Vance Hooper '24.

Finally, the college admissions process provides some stellar results. Among the 29 seniors, 191 applications were submitted to 63 unique colleges. In line with our long-standing tradition of 100% college acceptance, all of our seniors have received offer letters. We are excited to see the results of their ongoing efforts to find the "right fit" college.

We are looking forward to another successful semester this Spring!

- Dr. Jim Tung
Academic Dean

"We can change the world one thought at a time, one child at a time, one family at a time, one community at a time, one city, one state, and one country at a time."

- Bryant McGill



2023 ALUMNI WEEKEND SCHEDULE



Friday, April 21, 2023

9:00 A.M.	Golf Tournament (Registration)	Danville Country Club
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Pre Registration	Lankford House Museum
6:00 P.M.	Retreat Ceremony	Company Street
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	Alumni Social	Hunt & Co. on Reid Street

Saturday, April 22, 2023

7:30 A.M.	Registration	Front Lawn of Cosby
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	Alumni Morning Breakfast Social	John D. Smith III '56 Mess Hall
8:15 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.	Heritage Breakfast	Executive Dining Room
9:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	Barracks Inspection	Barracks 1, 2, 5, 6
9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.	Class Photos	Camden Hall
10:30 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.	Rick Cline Baseball Facility Dedication	Baseball Facility
11:00 A.M.	Alumni Parade	Simpson Parade Field
12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Lunch	Thompson Track Big Tent
1:00 P.M.	State of Hargrave - President Eric Peterson	Thompson Track Big Tent
1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	Alumni Association Board Meeting	Executive Dining Room
2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Facility Tours	
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Skeet Shooting	Spradlin Skeet Range

REGISTER AT HARGAVE.EDU/ALUMNI/HOMECOMING

NOTES

CELEBRATING REUNION CLASSES

75TH - '48 , 70TH - '53, 65TH - '58,

60TH - '63, 55TH - '68,

50TH - '73, 45TH - '78 40TH - '83,

35TH - '88, 30TH - '93, 25TH - '98,

20TH - '03 15TH - '08, 10TH - '13,

5TH - '18, 1ST - '22

EXTRA EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

LANKFORD HOUSE MUSEUM

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

SKEET SHOOTING

2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

GIFT SHOP (OPEN)

8:30 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

ATHLETICS BUILDING MOMENTUM

Hargrave Tigers continue to display determination and passion



VARSITY FOOTBALL

Hargrave Football turned the page from last season and welcomed Josh Cothran (HMA '98) back to campus as the program's Head Coach. In his inaugural campaign, Cothran led the Tigers to a 1-9 overall record against a loaded schedule. Through hard work and perseverance, Hargrave made strides as a team and with that progress, several individuals were recognized for their success on the gridiron this fall. Both Logan Rader '23 (WR) and Jude Koker-Thomas '23 (DB) earned First Team All-BRAC honors on Offense and Defense respectively! Additionally, Gabe Shaffer '24 (QB), Jude Koker-Thomas '23 (WR), and Tristan Barefoot '23 (OL) earned Second Team All-BRAC recognition on Offense while Roger Adams '23 (DL), Tae Barbour '24 (LB), Xavier Broadnax '24 (LB), and Logan Rader '23 (DB) earned Second Team All-BRAC nods on Defense. The future is bright for Hargrave Football!



CROSS COUNTRY

This fall the Tigers' Cross Country squad took several strides forward under the stalwart, veteran leadership of Head Coach Mike Broomell. For the first time in years, Hargrave hosted a Cross Country meet on campus and took home first place! Throughout the season, this band of brothers continued to push each other to new heights as they constantly set and then broke their own personal best times race after race. The Tigers were paced this fall by Phoenix Johnson '24, Andrew Francis '23, and Eli Willette '25!

VARSITY SOCCER

This fall, the Varsity Soccer program welcomed in some new faces and worked hard to mesh together with the returning members of last year's squad. In their first full season for the Tigers, Zane McKenna '25, George Hohman '24, James Alexis '25, and Ethan Otto '24 performed remarkably and made their names known throughout the campus and the region. Despite an 0-14-2 record, the team became a more cohesive unit as the season progressed and two individuals stood out amongst the rest as Erich Weber '25 and Jalen Carter '26 both earned Second Team All-BRAC honors!



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Hargrave's Military Ball took place on February 18, 2023, at Tuscarora Country Club in Danville, VA. The runner-ups for the night were Olivia Kauffman From Miami, FL, escorted by Cadet Captain Nicholas Meyers from Alexandria, VA. The King and Queen of the night were Grey Young From Houston, TX, escorted by Cadet Captain Aiden Dykstra from Ten Sleep, WY.





SPIRITUAL REVITALIZATION

It is a time when the Faith pillar at Hargrave Military Academy takes front and center across the campus.

Spiritual Emphasis Week, coordinated by Chaplain Michael Washington, is an annual event designed to foster the spiritual revitalization of Hargrave's Corps of Cadets. It is a time when the Faith pillar at Hargrave Military Academy takes front and center across the campus. Cadets and staff are encouraged to take ownership of their spiritual development. This year's activities included several guest and musical artists. We were blessed through praise and worship by two phenomenal worship teams – Cornerstone Church of Christ and Liberty University's Worship Collective. Adrien Butler brought a unique zest through his ministry of Christian Hip Hop to the Cadets that was exciting, engaging, and highly empowering. We were captivated by the Christian illusionist and speaker Bryan Drake, who masterfully integrated Gospel presentations into every illusion. The result was an incredible display and powerful message.

The aforementioned artist and musicians were a prelude to our fantastic guest speaker, Bill Paige, who presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the cadets daily. Bill is a gifted, passionate speaker whose broad appeal is anchored in a depth of life experience. His life is a testimony of service and support to his community and youth. He worked as a police officer and detective for 20 years in and around the New York City metropolitan area. Bill was also the associate chaplain for 14



years at Children's Village, working with emotionally disturbed boys in the city. In addition, he was in senior leadership for 21 years with Young Life, a Christian ministry that reaches out to middle school, high school, and college students in all 50 states. Bill brought a wealth of valuable insight into the emotional and behavioral problems that are so prevalent in the lives of young men. His unique communication of the Gospel, combined with his life experience and sharp insight, captured the quintessence of both youth and adult present. We are honored to have him as a friend of Hargrave.



HARGRAVE WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES



**MRS. TERESA
BOELTE**

Nurse



**MS. BAILEY
GRAY**

*Admissions
Counselor*



**CPT. KATIE
MESSINGER**

English Faculty



**CPT. ELIZABETH
PITCHER**

English Faculty



**MRS. JAMIE
WHITE**

Nurse

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TAPS

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

KENNETH R. MERRITT '50

EDWIN B. LYON '57

ARTHUR C. PRICE '59

JOHN H. HANSEL '61

WILLIAM W. FLIPPO '62

CHARLES M. WARE '62

MARC AXEL '63

MICHAEL W. ESTES '63

WILLIAM "FIG" J. NEWTON '63

EDWIN T. JONES '66

RONALD W. SNIPES '73

JOHN "JAY" H. CRIDER '82

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

We know you plan to take care of your family in the future, but have you thought about your Hargrave family?

Hargrave's Heritage Society honors those special alumni, parents, and friends that have chosen to include Hargrave in their will or trust. With your documented planned gift, you can leave behind a legacy that will help Hargrave Cadets for years to come. Big or small, all planned gifts are welcome. As a member of the Heritage Society, you will enjoy a special meal with the President during Alumni weekend, along with other perks.

If you have questions about becoming a member of the Heritage Society or have already included Hargrave in your plans, please call or email *Nikki Shields* at 434-432-2688 or nikki.shields@hargrave.edu.



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