

# MAY NEWS...

## From the GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

We're in the homestretch. Just a few more weeks and we will witness the 120<sup>th</sup> school session at Fork Union Military Academy come to a close. With great anticipation and excitement, 65 seniors and 18 postgraduates will take that long-awaited walk across the stage to receive their diploma, prepared and ready to take on their next challenge. For most of them, this step will take them on to college and university campuses to further their education toward what will eventually lead to a career. Two of our seniors have plans to enlist in military service. Whatever their chosen path beyond Fork Union, we wish our seniors and postgraduates Godspeed with hopes that all will stay in touch with their high school alma mater for years to come.

Speaking of colleges and universities, the Guidance Department sponsored two "College Road Trips" this past month. The first trip of the month was to the University of Virginia on April 6. Fourteen cadets, along with our Guidance Director, COL Rob Feathers, attended an informative admissions briefing with over 300 other high school students and their families and were then taken on a walking tour of the University's Grounds. Photos from the trip to the University of Virginia can be found [here](#).



On April 13, thirteen of our cadets traveled to Lexington, VA to visit the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). Jenny Payne, who serves as our senior and postgraduate counselor and college placement officer, along with CPT Jonathan Greenspon, one of our social studies teachers who is a graduate of VMI, chaperoned this trip. One of the highlights of the trip was the viewing of a full-dress parade involving the VMI Corps of Cadets. Honored during the parade was COL David Coggins, who is retiring from VMI this year and will be taking the reins as Fork Union Military Academy's eleventh president this summer. More photos from the VMI trip can be viewed [here](#).



Our final "College Road Trip" of the year will be to Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. This event will take place this coming Friday, May 4. It is strongly recommended that our rising juniors and seniors spend time this summer visiting colleges and universities to help them in the college search and selection process. Cadets who attended any of our road trips this year would undoubtedly attest to the value of their experience, allowing them the opportunity to learn about criteria used by colleges in making their student selections, as well as providing them insight into college culture.

The Guidance Department  
is pleased to announce the next  
"College Road Trip"  
To

**LIBERTY**  
UNIVERSITY



When: Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Depart/Return Times: 1300-2000  
Uniform: Class "B" White

Contact COL Feathers at [feathers@fuma.org](mailto:feathers@fuma.org) if you are interested in attending this trip. Seats are limited. First come, first served, with priority given to juniors.

Note: If you are on an athletic team, make sure to get your coach's permission to go on this trip.

## TESTING NEWS...

- The final administration of the SAT will take place on the Fork Union campus this coming Friday, May 5.
- The SAT will be offered on June 2, but not on our campus. A listing of test sites can be accessed [here](#). The registration deadline is this Thursday, May 3.
- The ACT will be offered on June 9, but not on our campus. A listing of test sites can be accessed [here](#). The registration deadline is this Friday, May 4.
- The College Board recommends the use of Khan Academy for test preparation and practice. This is a free resource and can be accessed at [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat).

Below is a listing of the colleges and universities that have offered our upcoming graduates acceptance to their school.

## **FORK UNION MILITARY ACADEMY**

### **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OFFERING ACCEPTANCE TO OUR GRADUATES**

#### **2017-2018**

Alabama A&M University  
Alderson Broaddus University  
Appalachian State University  
Auburn University  
Averett University  
Barton College  
Baylor University  
Bluefield College  
Boston University  
Campbell University  
Carson-Newman University  
Catawba College  
Charleston Southern University  
Chowan University  
Christopher Newport University  
Clark Atlanta University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Columbia State Community College  
Dean College  
DePaul University  
Drexel University  
East Carolina University  
East Tennessee State University  
Eastern Mennonite University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emmanuel College  
Fairfield University  
Ferrum College  
Flagler College  
Florida A&M University  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Franklin Pierce University  
Frostburg State University  
Gardner-Webb University  
George Mason University  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Hampton University  
Hiram College  
Indiana University - Bloomington  
Iowa State University  
Jacksonville State University  
Jacksonville University  
James Madison University  
La Salle University  
Liberty University  
Limestone College  
Longwood University  
Louisiana State University

Loyola University of Chicago  
Lynchburg College  
Lynn University  
Marion Military Institute  
Marquette University  
Marymount University  
Mercer University  
Methodist University  
Miami University  
Michigan State University  
Morehouse College  
Mount St. Mary's University  
Muskingum University  
New Mexico State University  
Norfolk State University  
North Carolina A&T State University  
North Carolina Wesleyan College  
Northeastern University  
Northern Arizona University  
Northern Virginia Community College  
Old Dominion University  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Portland State University  
Radford University  
Randolph-Macon College  
Rhodes College  
Richard Bland College  
Rider University  
Roanoke College  
Rutgers University  
Sacred Heart University  
Shaw University  
Shenandoah University  
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania  
Springfield College  
State University of New York at Albany  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
Tennessee State University  
Texas A&M University  
The Citadel  
The University of Alabama  
Towson University  
Tyler College  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Coast Guard Academy  
United States Merchant Marine Academy  
University of Alabama

University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Arizona  
University of California - Davis  
University of California - Irvine  
University of California - Riverside  
University of California - San Diego  
University of California - Santa Barbara  
University of Connecticut - Stamford  
University of Denver  
University of Hartford  
University of Maryland - Baltimore County  
University of Maryland - Eastern Shore  
University of Melbourne - Australia  
University of Mississippi  
University of New Hampshire  
University of North Carolina  
University of North Carolina - Charlotte  
University of North Carolina - Pembroke  
University of North Carolina - Wilmington  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Carolina  
University of South Carolina - Beaufort  
University of South Carolina - Upstate  
University of Tennessee  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
University of Virginia - Wise  
University of Washington  
University of Wyoming  
Utah State University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia Tech  
Virginia Wesleyan University  
Wagner College  
Wake Forest University  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
West Virginia State University  
West Virginia University  
Western Carolina University  
Wingate University  
Xavier University  
Xavier University of Louisiana



Besides the upcoming road trip to Liberty University, the Guidance Department is sponsoring two other events to close out the school year. This coming Friday evening, COL Feathers will be taking ten cadets to a local church to volunteer as helpers and “Big Brothers” at a carnival for children with special needs in our community. The value of community service is frequently stressed to our cadets, and numerous opportunities for our cadets to get involved in such work have been offered through the year.

The final Guidance-sponsored event for this school year will be held Thursday afternoon, May 10. This last installment in our “Let’s Talk” series will feature five military recruiters who will be on campus to share information about their particular branch of service with interested cadets. We have also invited students from the local high school to this event.





**Attention Upper School Cadets:**

**UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES  
INFORMATION SEMINAR**

On **Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1410 – 1510**, military recruiters will be visiting Fork Union Military Academy to share information with interested cadets about their respective military branch of service.

The recruiters will share the following about their respective branch:

- The role that each branch plays in the United States Armed Services
- Requirements for joining each of the branches of service
- Jobs that would be available to both enlistees and officers in each branch, including potential pay & benefits
- Continuing education options that might be available through military service (e.g. college ROTC opportunities)
- Other benefits of serving in the Military with each particular branch

Cadets interested in attending this event will rotate through five 10-minute sessions, meeting with each of the recruiters during the course of this seminar. The seminar will take place in the Beatty Library.



Thank you very much for the honor and privilege of being able to serve each one of you, cadets and parents, throughout the course of the year. We wish all of you a happy and safe summer. We will look forward to seeing those of you returning in the fall, and, to our graduates, we again offer you hearty congratulations for a job well done. Stay in touch!

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