

The H. M. Sullivan Chair of Excellence for Prep Football

A case for your support

Established to honor the dedication and service of H. M. ‘Micky’ Sullivan, Fork Union Military Academy Class of 1967, to his alma mater, this endowment fund will stand in perpetuity to support the position of Head Prep Football Coach.

Micky Sullivan came to Fork Union Military Academy from Huntington, WV, graduating with the class of 1967. After returning to FUMA for a postgraduate year he received a football scholarship to East Tennessee State University. He was a member of the 1969 squad that won the Ohio Valley Conference championship and Grantland Rice Bowl. He graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in history.

During his time at the Academy (1975-1980 & 1983-2017), Coach Sullivan taught math and driver’s education and served as a member of the Commandant’s Department. He also was an assistant coach for the postgraduate football team, the prep basketball and baseball teams, and the track team, as well as head coach for the junior prep basketball, prep lacrosse, and prep wrestling teams.

He became head prep football coach in 1986 and during a tenure running through the 2012 season compiled a record of 200-118-3, winning nine state championships, twelve Prep League championships and nine VISFA Coach of the Year awards.

He served as Athletic Director from 1995 until his retirement, impacting all areas of the Academy’s sports programs through his support of coaches and enthusiasm for cadets. Micky and his wife Kathy, married in 1971, have three daughters, Kate Melton, Emily Morris and Laura Owens, and five grandchildren, Addison, Drew, Neely, Kellen and Brody.

Endowed Chairs of Excellence have a significant impact on the Academy because they provide funding for salaries and benefits that would otherwise come from the operating budget. Gifts to these accounts will establish a corpus from which a Board of Trustees approved percentage will be drawn each year to help finance the position. Chairs of Excellence are considered fully funded upon the Academy receiving \$1,000,000 in donations on its behalf.

Gifts of at least \$12,500 will be credited towards the Academy’s campaign to receive 125 major gifts in celebration of its 125th anniversary. Gifts may be cash or a cash equivalent, marketable securities (including options), life insurance policies, 401(k)/IRA beneficiary status, real estate (with or without restrictions such as life estate, but subject to acceptance by the Academy), or in any other form acceptable to the Academy, and may be made by individuals, families, corporations, foundations, or groups such as Academy graduating classes or collections of former teammates. Gifts may also be made anonymously or in the name or memory of another individual.

Coach Micky Sullivan is widely known as the architect of the Fork Union Military Academy Prep Football program, and the establishment of this fund will allow his name to remain tied to the position of Head Coach forever, thus ensuring that the impact he had on generations of cadets on the field, in the classroom and in the barracks continues.

Talented educators like Micky Sullivan are not only a key factor in the Academy’s athletic success but teach and reinforce the mission of Fork Union Military Academy through their interactions with the Corps of Cadets. Please help us ensure we continue to attract and retain the best and brightest educators by supporting our Chairs of Excellence project.