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New schools join Orion's membership



This fall, two more prestigious boarding schools joined Orion's consortium of members -- Salisbury School in Salisbury, Connecticut, and Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virginia. Both schools are profiled in this issue. They join nine other Orion Member Schools committed to recruiting, enrolling and funding military children for two important reasons: First, to offer military teens the opportunity for stable, uninterrupted

high school experiences regardless of their parents' military orders; and second, to enrich boarding school communities with military families who lead lives of service.

Now in its third annual application season, Orion is excited to offer new opportunities at Hargrave and Salisbury to its next cohort of Scholars, who will enroll in boarding schools Fall 2023. For more info, see www.orionmilitary.org/our-schools.

Orion Scholar Profile

Reaching New Heights



Rachel D.

Orion Military Scholar and Army child Rachel D. (LS '25) is climbing to the top in more ways than one. After a busy summer of backpacking, camping, white-water rafting, kayaking and glacier scaling in Alaska with the Adventures Cross-Country (ARCC) Leadership and Wilderness Adventures Program, Rachel is applying her experiences a sophomore at The Lawrenceville School.

"In every activity, we had the chance to be the co-leaders of our group, planning routes, creating healthy meals, and organizing chores and activities for the rest of the group" Rachel described. "My group never knew who would lead the next day's journey. It was unexpected--- much like how life is. You never know when you have to step up and take charge to help others."

Rachel "learned that a good leader knows that leading takes patience and courage, and often deals with challenges others might not immediately recognize. Leaders have to be

realistic in their abilities and set achievable goals. They must seek out their teammates' strengths and motivate them to do and be their best. True leaders listen, consider suggestions, are introspective, and make decisions that benefit everyone, not just themselves. I plan to apply what I learned this summer at Lawrenceville by ensuring that my interactions with my peers are meaningful."

Rachel is seeking leadership roles at Lawrenceville this year in her dorm, in the classroom, and on her field hockey and fencing teams. Go Rachel!



Orion Scholar Profile

Sowing Seeds of Success

Suffice it to say, Orion Military Scholar and Army child Riley E. (SG '24), **really, really** likes plants. So much so that he built a full-sized greenhouse on St. George's campus, has been nicknamed "Plant God," and is founder and co-head of the school's first Plant Club.

St. George's fully supports Riley's plant-based passions, giving him free rein of the school's Rios Conservatory, where he is experimenting on plants with his AP Bio class. "I founded the club because I had a deep passion for plants," Riley said in a recent school newspaper story, noting that he and his Plant Club co-heads are striving to make the conservatory a welcoming place for all students.



Riley E.

As for the greenhouse, Riley's spring plantings were so successful, vegetables were harvested this fall and used in King Dining Hall salads. Riley says he's planning on adding a rain collector and solar panels to the structure this year, and readying the soil for the upcoming summer crop of vegetables. Way to "grow" Riley!



Hargrave Military Academy



- 214 acres in Chatham, Virginia
- Founded in 1909
- All-male collegiate prep school
- Grades 7-12 and post-graduate year
- Military structure focusing on leadership, character development
- Exposure to Christian values
- Aeronautics program
- Strong athletics program

After joining Orion Military Scholarship's network of schools last month, Hargrave's Academic Dean said, "There is no disputing the positive impact of stability on outcomes in and out of the classroom. At Hargrave, we often talk about quieting the cacophony bombarding today's students and their families. The well-defined structure and relationships with faculty and staff at Hargrave make life 'simpler,' freeing up time and energy for authentic personal growth. Our partnership with Orion will afford military families peace of mind about their son's school situation and enable those students to focus on learning and growing in a predictable, familiar, and supportive environment."

Francis Molinari, Orion Vice President of Military Affairs, added, "Orion is extremely proud to add Hargrave Military Academy to its list of member schools committed to identifying, recruiting, and funding deserving and talented military kids. Hargrave's distinctive program emphasizes leadership and character-building that suits many military families."

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Salisbury School

- Founded 1901 in Salisbury, CT
- Boys traditional college-prep
- 725 acre campus w/wooded trails
- 31 Knights teams include football, hockey, wrestling, golf, lacrosse, skiing, sailing and mountain biking
- Arts program features woodworking and boat-building

"We are extremely pleased to add Salisbury School to our roster of partner institutions," stated Eric Peterson, Orion Military Scholarship's President after the top New England boys school joined Orion's consortium in October. "Salisbury's longstanding commitment to educating young men provides an exceptional traditional boarding school option for the sons of active duty military personnel in the Orion network."

Will Webb, Salisbury's Head of School echoed Eric's sentiments, commenting, "Orion is a natural fit for Salisbury School as it aligns with our values and our shared commitment to supporting those who serve our nation. Our close knit community and focus on the growth of the whole child allows us to develop boys into gentlemen who go on to positively impact their communities and our world while forever being a part of the brotherhood."

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