

VIRGINIA TECH  
CORPS OF CADETS



*The*  
CAMPAIGN  
*for* VIRGINIA TECH  
*Invent the Future*



*“The Corps experience taught me a lot about character and commitment. I learned how to push myself to the limits and beyond. I came to understand the value of diversity and gender equality, and along the way I also came to understand myself. I face each new day with undying optimism and rock-solid determination. Success does not come easily in an occupation as competitive as that of the professional military officer, but it is what Corps graduates strive for in our pursuit to fulfill the university’s motto, Ut Prosim.”*

— CAPTAIN ERNEST CAGE,  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, CLASS OF 2002

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IMAGINE A PROGRAM THAT HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEVEN MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS; MORE THAN 100 GENERALS AND ADMIRALS; THOUSANDS OF TEACHERS, UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, ENGINEERS, RESEARCHERS, AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS; AND COUNTLESS CORPORATE OFFICERS — A PROGRAM THAT HAS DEVELOPED THE LEADERSHIP CAPABILITY OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN AND HAS DONE SO FOR MORE THAN 135 YEARS. NOW IMAGINE THAT SAME PROGRAM, POISED TO CONTINUE THAT PROUD TRADITION INTO A FUTURE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF THE KINDS OF SKILLS AND QUALITIES IT INSTILLS IN ITS PARTICIPANTS. SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1872, THE VIRGINIA TECH CORPS OF CADETS HAS BEEN THAT PROGRAM, AND, WITH THE HELP OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR VIRGINIA TECH: INVENT THE FUTURE, IT IS PREPARED TO INVENT ITS OWN BRIGHT FUTURE.

Because it combines the attributes of a top-ranked educational opportunity with that of a cutting-edge research institution, Virginia Tech has earned its rightful distinction among the nation's leading universities. In addition to this forward progress, the university has maintained a steadfast allegiance to its roots as a land-grant university and the principles upon which it was founded. These principles, which symbolize the character of our university, are engraved in stone on the towering pylons that grace the Virginia Tech War Memorial: Duty. Service. Loyalty. Brotherhood. Honor. Sacrifice. Leadership. *Ut Prosim.*

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets is perhaps the clearest embodiment of these principles. Both the Pylons and the Corps of Cadets are indelibly linked by the concept of service to our nation — one as a reminder of the sacrifice of our alumni, the other as the source of character for the future of our nation, our community, and our university. Together, they embody our past and they point to our future.

*“The basic skills I learned as a cadet at Virginia Tech are called into play on the roads of Iraq on a regular basis. Being calm under pressure and having the ability to think in chaos have allowed me to bring my convoy to safety on more than one occasion. I learned to lead my troops by being required to lead my peers in the Corps of Cadets. The lessons I learned as a cadet have never failed me as a commander.”*

— CAPTAIN SARAH VAGLIA GROEN, UNITED STATES ARMY, CLASS OF 2001  
4TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE), 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION





## ANDREW N. ARCHUT

Cadet Andrew N. Archut, of Ashburn, Va., was the regimental commander for the spring 2007 semester. Majoring in history with a minor in political science, he graduated magna cum laude. He was a Marine option midshipman and attended the Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC) at Bridgeport, Calif., and Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, Va., where he graduated with honors. He served as the company commander for Raiders Company, comprising aspiring Marine officers, in the Naval ROTC Battalion as well as Echo Company commander in fall 2006. Cadet Archut was also named the university's Undergraduate Leader of the Year in 2007. After graduation, Archut was commissioned as a second lieutenant United States Marine Corps.

### A STUDENT LEADER'S THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP

I strive to lead by example because as a leader, everything I do or say — or fail to do or say — will set the tone for this regiment. As a leader I am responsible for demonstrating initiative and common sense. I hope to teach cadets to show genuine care and concern for people and to use good judgment in their decision-making processes. We are developing and honing our leadership skills, and with 80 percent of our graduates commissioning into the military, we owe it to our cadets to provide training and an environment that is realistic, positive, and challenging — to better prepare them for wartime service and leadership outside these walls.

It is my duty to provide a positive environment in which our cadets can command, lead, and work. I must also foster a strong sense of professionalism, development, camaraderie, and esprit de corps. If we focus on developing and training good people, then we will also make good leaders. All of this must be bound by respect for individuals and the knowledge that what we are doing is the nation's highest calling, for there is no greater honor than to lead the sons and daughters of America who bear our nation's cloth.

We have a responsibility to prepare every cadet for a life of service and leadership regardless of their profession when they leave Virginia Tech. It will take true leaders who can act as standard-bearers of our Corps' history, reputation, and values. We must all strive to live by the university's values of Duty, Honor, Service, Sacrifice, Loyalty, Leadership, Brotherhood, and *Ut Prosim*. These are not just words in stone; these are cornerstones and the foundation of a successful and moral life.

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets (VTCC) has established a legacy of developing leaders of exemplary character with the highest standards of honor and integrity who are dedicated to service. These young men and women take on the ambitious responsibilities of the Corps in addition to their responsibilities as students. Supremely dedicated individuals, they think first of others, not of themselves. Furthermore, after graduation, they are some of our most loyal and generous alumni. These characteristics make the VTCC a critical part of our institution, both here on campus and in the world beyond the Drillfield.

## LEADING THE WAY

The Corps of Cadets produces some of the most remarkable men and women at Virginia Tech. Cadets are regularly honored as the University Man of the Year and the University Undergraduate Leader of the Year. Eighty percent of VTCC graduates are commissioned as officers in our nation's armed services — nearly twice the rate at VMI, the Citadel, and Texas A&M. Further, our cadets are actively engaged in improving the lives of people in our community and around the world, playing a key role in community service projects like the Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, Boys/Girls Clubs of America, and multiple mentoring programs with local schools. Perhaps the most telling example of this service to community and their support for their proud heritage is their very successful fundraising project in support of the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va. Their efforts on behalf of the memorial have made the VTCC the largest non-corporate supporter of the memorial and earned it recognition as an outstanding young philanthropy organization in south central Virginia.

Becoming a part of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets is not a simple enrichment of undergraduate life. It is a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week leadership laboratory. This leadership development program is overseen by the Rice Center for Leader Development, which fosters experiential learning in the areas of leadership, civic responsibility, service, and moral values. These learning experiences contribute to the development of informed and responsible individuals who are committed to making a difference in their nation and in the world. What's more, cadets bring their disciplined approach to everything they do, whether learning in the classroom, conducting advanced research in our laboratories, or engaging with the larger community through service projects.

*“The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets provided me with real-world, practical leadership experience that allowed me to successfully build a career in the corporate world. The team-building, organizational, and motivational skills I learned in the Corps are the foundation on which I rely every day in my work.”*

— SANDY SIEGRIST, CLASS OF 1985  
DIRECTOR OF MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS FOR  
MICROSOFT CORPORATION





## BUILDING THE CORPS OF CADETS

As we look to the future of Virginia Tech and the nation, we see a need to continue to grow this group of outstanding and dedicated cadets, and our goal is to meet that need by increasing our enrollment by nearly 25 percent — to 1,000 cadets. Boosting our enrollment will not only provide more opportunities for our cadets to bring their dedication and selflessness to leadership positions across campus and the community, it will also generate more and more outstanding young men and women who, upon graduation, will take their valuable leadership skills and unflinching dedication out into the world.



Perhaps our best tool in recruiting outstanding cadets is the Emerging Leader Scholarship, which is supported by private gifts from Corps alumni and friends. These scholarships provide support for cadets enrolled in every college throughout the university. With your help, this campaign will boost the Corps' endowment, enabling us to offer more Emerging Leader Scholarships to incoming cadets and enabling those scholarships to more adequately meet ever-increasing financial needs.

As we increase the number of cadets, we will also provide more and better learning opportunities for their growth. This campaign will raise funds for the renovation of Lane Hall, which will house the ROTC offices, the commandant's staff, and up-to-date classrooms. In addition, we will provide additional educational opportunities and enhance the leadership development programs in the Rice Center.



We will raise unrestricted funds to support a variety of projects, including VTCC alumni initiatives. For example, we will expand and improve our alumni communications, such as the *Corps Review* and the *Highty-Tighty Notes*. These funds also may be used to support our annual leadership conference and travel opportunities for cadets to represent Virginia Tech at conferences and other special events, and help our best ambassadors — the Highty-Tighties — continue to represent Virginia Tech at festivals and special events, such as gubernatorial and presidential inaugurations.

*“I attribute my successes in and out of the military largely to the guiding principles and values instilled in me during my experience in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. The immersion in a joint leadership environment and experiences within an institution that breeds a culture of service — service to our country and to public service — has truly shaped my life. I proudly embrace our university’s motto Ut Prosim and what I describe as the VTCC ethos of Joint Service Leadership.”*

— MAJOR MARK SHERKEY, UNITED STATES ARMY, CLASS OF 1995  
SENATE ARMY LIAISON OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

## DEVELOPING LEADERS TOGETHER

As we invent our future, it is increasingly important to build partnerships with individuals and organizations who share our vision and will help us succeed. Alumni are critical to the continuing growth and improvement of the Corps, but we are also looking for partnerships from others who value what the Corps represents.

As our cadets continue to go out into the world to make their mark — as they go into the world to *lead* — they take with them the ideals emblazoned on the Pylons. These principles are firm, unchanging, timeless, and, thanks to the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, they are deeply ingrained in a promising generation of tomorrow’s leaders. Help us to continue our mission to train these leaders today and improve the future for all of our communities by supporting the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. We invite you to become our partner in developing leaders for the future.

*“A great deal of my business success is directly attributable to the lessons I learned while a student in the VTCC, where its strong emphasis on leadership skills and ethical behavior are core values drilled into every cadet. As my career progressed, I drew on these guiding principles again and again, especially during stressful situations when clear thinking and critical decisions were to be made. The training I received as a cadet prepared me well and I shall always appreciate it.”*

— EUGENE V. FIFE, CLASS OF 1962  
CHAIRMAN, GOLDMAN SACHS INTERNATIONAL, RETIRED

## CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

Emerging Leader Scholarships	\$25 million
Lane Hall Renovation	\$3 million
Program Support	\$1 million
Ongoing and Future Support	\$1 million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30 MILLION</b>





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