



# Delaware Military Academy

April 29, 2019

Good morning Seahawk Nation,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a chance to get a little bit of a break and enjoy some of the nice weather we had last week. Now that we are back, it is full throttle until the end of the year. Seniors are expected to toe the line until their last day (just like every class before them). We have many enjoyable events planned for all of the student body leading up to the end of the year (Prom, Hershey Park, senior breakfast, senior banquet, bell ringing, end of the year picnic, staff versus cadets' basketball and more). However, all of these "extras" must be earned and 99% of the time, they are, but we still continue to deal with a lingering matter at DMA.

Vaping, Juuls and "dab" pens have been an ongoing issue at DMA. We have suspended and removed cadets from DMA regarding the use of these items, yet some cadets still bring them to school. Yes, we are very aware that this is a nationwide epidemic and they are in ALL schools, but that does **not** mean DMA has to accept it being here. We have very strict policies regarding the use/possession of any of these items, yet some cadets still violate the policy.

DMA has spent an inordinate amount of time on this problem and going forward, we will begin providing education to our parents on what they should be looking for at home, what it looks like, signs of use and the dangers it presents. We will also start a club for cadets who are anti-vaping and our Student Government will take a much more active role in eradicating vaping from DMA. One of the main issues is cadets know that marijuana is eventually going to be legalized, so they don't see the "big deal". However, even when it does, it will not be legal for them until twenty-one, and it certainly has no place in an educational setting.

We are confident that every family has their own feelings and position on this topic and we are not here to judge. What we do ask, is that you respect DMA's position on not wanting contraband/drugs on school property. Assist us in policing the issue by having a conversation with your cadet and checking their bag and car to ensure it is not making its way on to school property.

We are certainly not trying to make the matter bigger than it is, but we also aren't going to act as if it doesn't exist here at DMA. We will continue to enforce the policy and provide ongoing education to our cadets and our parents, and be proactive in our fight against what has taken over for big tobacco.

Ask your cadet this, when in the history of time has inhaling anything into your lungs been healthy for you?

Let's get into this week's report!

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- ❖ NJROTC awards were held last week. Congratulations to our new Regimental Commander for the 2019/20 school year Cadet **Ellie Appleton** and her Regimental Executive Officer Cadet **Luke Deebel**. Congratulations also to our new Student Government President Cadet **Samantha Bennett** and her Vice President Cadet **James Hahn**. We would like to thank our outgoing CO **Tommy Mauk** and his XO **Kayla McOwen** and Our President **Kelsi Lussier** and her VP **Wyatt Martin**. They all did a fine job and have handed over the reigns to the new leadership in great shape! Please see the DMA website under ROTC for the new Regimental Command and their position.
- ❖ Congratulations to senior cadet **Colin Smith** who will be attending the United States Naval Academy and playing baseball for the Midshipmen. Colin is DMA's first cadet to attend an Academy as a recruited athlete. Well done Colin! Congratulations also, to **Collin Green** who was the Principal nomination for Senator Coons. Collin will also be attending the United States Naval Academy for the Class of 2023! This will give us a total of six DMA alums who will be at the USNA! BRAVO ZULU! We are extremely proud of you!
- ❖ Congratulations to the following cadets who have earned ROTC Scholarships worth in excess of approximately \$180K! Cadet **Wyatt Martin** will be attending U of D on an Army ROTC. Cadet **Andrew Hudson** will be attending Tennessee State University on an Army ROTC. Cadet **Emily McKenna** will be attending U of D on Army ROTC. Cadet **Devin Krass** will be attending University of North Georgia on an Army ROTC and Cadet **Justin Malone** will be attending U of D on an Army ROTC. These are some impressive numbers based on a senior class of 132! BRAVO ZULU!
- ❖ We will be holding our first college planning workshop for the class of 2020 this evening at 6:30 pm in the mess hall. This workshop is geared towards juniors and their parents, but all are welcome.

Sports Report: The Senior Athletic Banquet is Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in McDonald Hall. All families of senior athletes should have received an invitation in the mail. Please make sure you RSVP as soon as possible. You can contact Stacy Wenner at [wenner05@gmail.com](mailto:wenner05@gmail.com) with questions. This is sure to be a special night so please do not forget to respond.

- The next and last DMA College Athlete Signing Day will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are signing to play collegiate athletics, please inform Mr. Ryan no later than 5/14.
- The Annual DMA Golf Outing will be June 21<sup>st</sup> at Odessa National. Registration and sponsorship opportunities can be found at [www.dmagolf.com](http://www.dmagolf.com). If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact Mr. Ryan. All spring sport teams will be selling Golf Ball Drop tickets. The winner could win up to \$1000 at the annual golf outing. Please see any coach or athlete to purchase tickets.
- We will be honoring the 2018 Girls Soccer State Champions and the 2019 Delaware Varsity Ice Hockey Champions during Thursday's morning formation. Please join us!

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- The baseball team is 7-3 after two solid wins over Spring Break. They have two DSAC games this week as they take on MOT Charter at home on Tuesday followed by FSMA at Smyrna LL fields on Thursday. Keep it going!
- The golf team is 5-6 with a busy week ahead. They take on Charter today followed by McKean tomorrow. On Thursday, they have a tri-meet against Conrad and Delcastle. Good luck!
- After three wins in a row, the Boys Lax team is now 6-4. They play Conrad on Thursday at Dickinson HS. Good luck guys and keep it rolling!
- The Girls Lax team defeated Red Lion last week and are now 2-7. They play at Friends today and have a home game tomorrow against Concord. Good luck ladies.
- The girls soccer team is now 5-4 after winning their last two games. They play MOT at home on Tuesday, followed by Padua at the Hockessin soccer complex on Thursday. Good luck ladies.
- Softball continues to roll and are now 11-0. They defeated #2 ranked Smyrna 8-2 last week and now have the #2 ranking in the state. DMA senior shortstop **Sam Freeland** was named the Delaware Online High School Athlete of the Week. Way to go Sam! They have a busy week ahead with three games in a row starting on Tuesday with St. George's, followed by Sussex Central on Wednesday and FSMA on Thursday. Good luck ladies.
- The Track and Field team competed in the Penn Relays over the weekend and prior to that they were at the Art Madric Invitational at Caravel. Congrats to all those that competed. Today they will compete in the DSAC Championships at Archmere Academy. Good luck everyone!

As you can clearly see, DMA is doing big things, but does not mean we are perfect by any stretch of the imagination. We have our issues just like any other school does, but we will address them head on and do all we can to educate and provide a safe, meaningful and enjoyable high school experience for our cadets and families!

Again, if anyone or even your company is interested in making a donation to help offset the cost of our speaker system for the new stadium, please contact me directly! If you happen to be on campus, take a ride down the hill and see the progress!

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella  
Commandant

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