



# Delaware Military Academy



Class of 2021 closing out their week-long boot camp with a motivation run and BBQ.

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Good morning, Seahawk Nation,

We hope the summer is treating you well, and that you are getting a chance to unwind and relax at some point. The phone has been ringing off the hook with cadets asking if we can start school earlier, because they miss us so much. We keep telling them don't worry; school will start before they know it ;-).

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- ❖ Last Friday we wrapped up orientation/boot camp with our newest class. They did a remarkable job all week, and look to be a very strong class. We have tremendous confidence that the class of 2021 will propel DMA even farther as we embark on our fifteenth year of operation (time really does fly). Thank you to all of the NSIs and cadets who took time out of their summer to ensure our newest Seahawks are well prepared and ready for the beginning of their DMA journey.
- ❖ Last week, state test scores were announced, and while there was really not much movement across the state, there was significant growth for DMA. During the 2014-2015 school year, the Delaware Department of Education determined that the SAT would be the tool utilized to measure college and career readiness at the secondary level. This assessment is administered to all juniors across the state each spring. This past week, the state released the 2016-2017 assessment results and compared those results to the baseline scores taken in 2014-2015. DMA has seen advances in Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math over the past three years. During this time, Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing has climbed from 64% to 72% and surpassed the state's benchmark of 55%. In Math, we have progressed from 28% to 38% and exceeded the state benchmark of 29%. There is still much work to be done, and we will continue seeking ways to challenge our cadets to ensure that they are college and career ready. However, we need to celebrate the incredible growth that has occurred over the past three years. BRAVO ZULU on a job well done not only by our cadets, but by our staff and administrative team who have worked collaboratively to achieve this success, and who will continue to do so.
- ❖ Next week we will be sending out information regarding cadets parking on campus so please keep an eye out for that letter if you have a cadet who drives.
- ❖ In the next couple weeks, we will be providing you an update on the expansion and where everything stands for the start of the school year.

Right now, we all would like to slow things down a little and enjoy the last month of summer. See everyone soon and if you need anything please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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