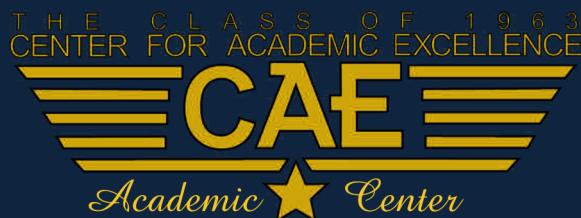


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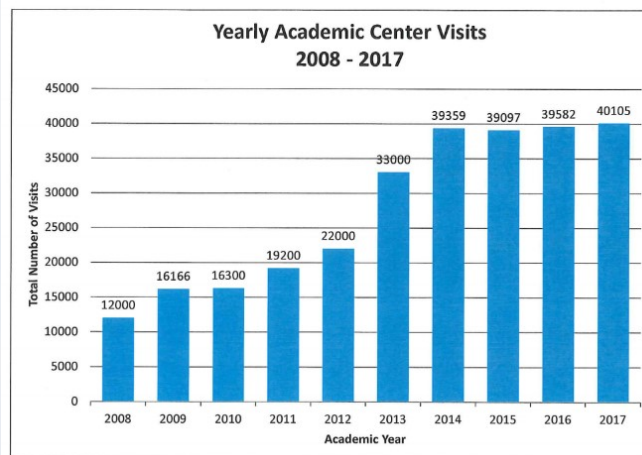


*Summer*  
*Academic Year 2018*

Greetings!

As the Director of the Class of 1963 Center for Academic Excellence (CAE), I, Dr. Bruce Bukowski, would like to share some exciting updates on the ways in which we continue to serve the Brigade. CAE remains devoted to offering the highest quality academic support programs for all midshipmen seeking to improve their academic performance. Evidence of CAE's commitment to this mission, our number of student visits has continuously increased, doubling student usage in just the past six years. This year was record-breaking for the CAE, as we had the most midshipmen visits in our history, with 40,105 total visits—that's over 1,200 visits per week. In fact, over

3,000 unique midshipmen utilized a CAE-provided service this year, including 90% of all plebes and 73% of students with a perfect 4.0 CQPR. Thanks to the valued support of the Class of 1963, the CAE has been able to continually tailor our programs according to the needs of midshipmen, aiming to enhance the academic and personal success of *every* midshipman:



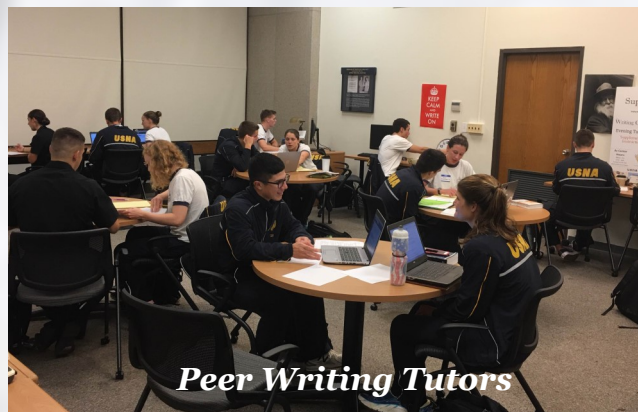
### **Supplemental Instruction**

♦ **Supplemental Instruction** - Students enrolled in traditionally difficult STEM courses can sign up for these non-credit Supplemental Instruction classes with no homework, no quizzes, and no tests—just helpful support. There are an average of 65 SI courses per semester, with over 10 students enrolled in each course.

♦ **The Writing Center** - The Writing Center provides writing workshops and one-on-one writing consultations for all writing projects at every stage of the writing process, with the goal of creating a professional and supportive environment for mid-

shipmen to improve their writing skills. Since the CAE took over the Writing Center in 2013, appointments in just four years have increased tremendously, from 2,422 in AY2014 to a record-breaking 4,409 in AY2017, averaging 130 students per week, not including the additional 522 students who attended our dynamic writing and public speaking workshops. It is worth noting that the Writing Center truly serves writers of all levels, including 55% of students with a 4.0 CQPR and 47% of students with less than a 2.0 CQPR.

♦ **Midshipmen Group Study Program** - Approximately 150 MGSP Leaders work closely with their paired Faculty sponsors throughout the year to support their peers by facilitating weekly group study sessions. Dozens of courses are supported. In AY2017, leaders were responsible for 8,938 sessions, roughly 263 per week, and served 1,948 unique students.



### **Peer Writing Tutors**

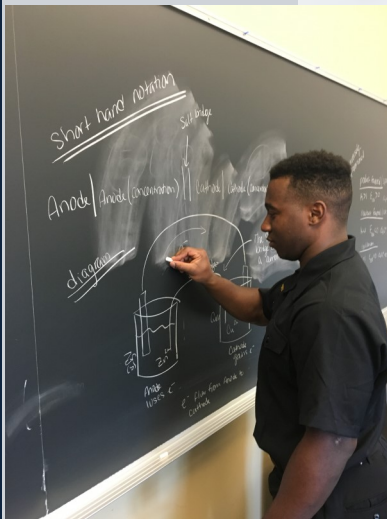


*The mission of the Class of 1963 Center for Academic Excellence is to support the mission of the Naval Academy by providing the highest quality instructional support programs for all midshipmen seeking to improve their academic performance.*

- ♦ **Evening Tutoring** - Evening Tutoring, offered Sunday through Thursday evenings every week, is designed to augment Extra Instruction with professional mathematics, chemistry, and physics tutors. More than one third of the Brigade took advantage of these valuable tutoring sessions this year.



*Evening Tutoring*



- ♦ **Topic Reviews & Exam Reviews** - Each week, our professional staff holds Topic Reviews for specific areas of core-course-related material, such as “Derivatives,” “Electrical Circuits,” or “Finding PH.”

In addition, to help students prepare for six-week, twelve-week, and final exams, Exam Review sessions are held in propulsion, physics, chemistry, and calculus. Last year alone, we conducted 450 review sessions, approximately 13 per week.

- ♦ **Advanced Learning Skills** - Through one-on-one consultations and custom workshops, our learning skills specialists help midshipmen develop critical skills and learn strategies in memory improvement, note taking, time management, reading, test preparation, and test anxiety. After increasing visits by 480% last year, our new Learning Specialist

has continued to extend his reach throughout the Brigade. In this year alone, there were 683 Advanced Learning Skills Sessions held, which is roughly 20 per week.

- ♦ **ACE Reader** - This four to six week program has proved to dramatically increase midshipmen’s comprehension while greatly improving reading speed, and therefore remains an enticing draw for all midshipmen, plebes in particular. Consistent with the last several years, almost 100 plebes completed the program this year to enhance their reading performance.



I would personally like to thank the Class of 1963 for their tireless support. With the help of your patronage, we have continued to greatly increase the number we serve. 40,000 student visits used to seem like an idealistic goal, but now that we have surpassed that benchmark, it’s time to strive for 45,000 visits per year. As we grow in size, we are constantly striving to improve the quality of our support services. We look forward to continuing our efforts to provide the best possible support services for our future naval officers. Thank you, and here’s to yet another record-breaking year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Bruce J. Bukowski  
Director, The Class of 1963 Center for Academic Excellence