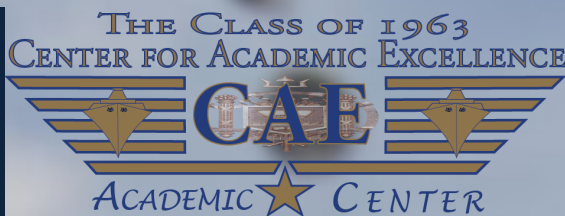


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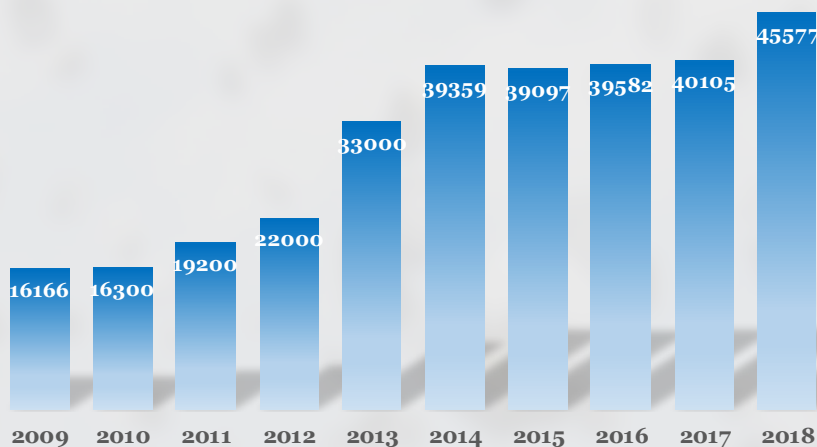


Summer
Academic Year 2019

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. This year was record-breaking for the CAE; we had the most midshipmen visits in our history with 45,577 total—almost 5,500 more visits than last year. That's 1,350 per week. In fact, almost 3000 unique midshipmen utilized a CAE-provided service this year, including 98% 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:

**Yearly Academic Center Visits
2009 - 2018**



♦ **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. SI continues to be CAE's most popular service, with 13,691 SI visits last year—10,388 of them by plebes.

♦ **The Writing Center** - The Writing Center offers one-on-one writing consultations for midshipmen for all writing projects at every stage of the writing process. Our professional and peer tutors work collaboratively with students to improve both the work in progress and the student's overall writing proficiency. We also provide dynamic writing and public speaking workshops throughout the semester. Since the CAE took over the Writing Center in 2013, appointments in just five years have increased tremendously, from 2,422 in AY2014 to a record-breaking 4,528 in AY2018, averaging 135 students per week. It is worth noting that the Writing Center truly serves writers of all levels, including 64% of students with a 4.0 CQPR.



♦ **Midshipmen Group Study Program** - Approximately 115 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 AY2018, leaders were responsible for 11,352 visits—an increase of 2,400 visits since last year—which is roughly 335 students attending per week. With a trimmer, more efficient staff, MGSP was able to serve 2,115 unique students.

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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 academic support programs for all midshipmen seeking to improve their academic performance.

♦ **Evening Tutoring** - Offered Sunday through Thursday evenings every week, this program is designed to augment Extra Instruction with professional mathematics, chemistry, and physics tutors. The Brigade took great advantage of these valuable tutoring sessions this year with 3,366 total visits.

♦ **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 “Internal Combustion Engines.” 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 we conducted 602 review sessions, approximately 18 per week.



♦ **Advanced Learning Skills** - Through one-on-one consultations and custom workshops, our learning skills program helps midshipmen develop critical skills and learn strategies in memory improvement, note taking, time management, reading, test preparation, and test anxiety. After increasing visits by

56% in AY2017, our Learning Specialist has continued to extend his reach throughout the Brigade. In this year alone, he conducted 44 workshops, including 13 company workshops, and saw a total of 627 unique students.

♦ **ACE Reader** - This 4-6 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. Of the 82% of students who showed improvement, they increased their Effective Reading Rate by ~ 40%.



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. As we grow in size, we are constantly striving to improve the quality of our support services. We are pleased to report that the qualitative assessments we conducted for each of our programs yielded one unified message: CAE users largely report a positive and beneficial learning experience after utilizing our services, whether they are increasing their academic confidence at Topic Reviews or learning how to organize and structure their ideas in the Writing Center. 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,

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