



Michael Russell

Graduation Year: 2008

Higher Education: The Citadel and University of Maryland Baltimore Campus.

Service: Maryland Army National Guard

Current Job: COO of P&R Consulting and Candidate for Maryland House of Delegates District 12.



Favorite Fishburne Flashback:

CAMARADERIE. No Matter What, I knew I could count on my Fishburne Brothers to have my back. They have continued to have my back and help me out in my life going forward.

How has Fishburne Molded/Shaped who I am today?

Fishburne has made sure that I was not only book smart but “street smart” as well. It taught me to be a well-rounded cadet so that I had the knowledge and skills to tackle any problem that came my way in life. The work ethic that Fishburne instilled in me helped me produce results for candidates from state level all the way up to federal level. I was able to show them that I would not rest until we had won their campaign. The education I received while attending Fishburne allowed me to be ahead of the game when it came to my peers in college. While others were unprepared to write twenty page papers, I had the experience and knowledge of what it took to get that work load done and how to produce an A+ paper as well. My success in my career and in my life has been mainly due to the rigorous and intense program of Fishburne Military School.

Andrew Burton

Graduation year: 2009

Higher Education: Virginia Commonwealth University – Double Major in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Current Job: Secret Service, *served 4 years in the White House!*

Favorite Fishburne Flashback:

During the "Dark Ages" (after Christmas and before spring break), the barracks are colder, the stoops are no longer popular hangout spots, and, even in the late 2000's, there was not as much technology as today. After sports and mess, cadets would go to rooms and watch TV and share snacks, or just enjoy conversation. The camaraderie was our support system during the Virginia winter.



How has Fishburne Molded/Shaped who I am today?

It taught me leadership and purpose. Through my leadership positions I learned that I wanted to help people, which ultimately led me to pursue law enforcement. Most 15 year-old kids don't have to get up at 5:30, make their bed, be prepared for inspection, etc., and if they do, generally they get to come home and put all of that aside until the next day. At FMS, you live it every moment you step outside your dorm. The level of expectations, to meet a set standard, prepared me to meet standards in college and in my career.



Liam McNamara

Graduation year: 2009

Higher Education: University of Virginia

Current Job: Global Policy and Geopolitical Analyst at Tudor Investment Corporation

Favorite Fishburne Flashback:

Friday afternoon football games and parents military weekend!

How has Fishburne Molded/Shaped who I am today?

The structure of Fishburne helped teach me self-discipline and instilled an internal drive to always keep pushing the limits of what you think you can do. These two traits that I learned at FMS certainly helped me during college and have carried over into my professional career.

Alexander Burkard

Graduation Year – 2011

Higher Education – Virginia

Commonwealth University – BS

Biology

Current Job: Research Assistant

Favorite Fishburne Flashback:

The stories. Listening to others of life experiences, whether they were students, faculty, or alumni was always enjoyable and provided perspective as a teenager.



How has Fishburne Molded/Shaped who I am today?

I gathered priceless life tools, namely interpersonal skills, which would have been absent at my age otherwise. Fishburne fostered my maturation, confidence, and ability to think clearly under periods of pressure and stress that, upon transition into university, became paramount to success.

Royce Pinner

Graduation year: 2013

Higher Education: State Police Academy and Community College

Current Job: VA State Trooper for Richmond/Henrico County

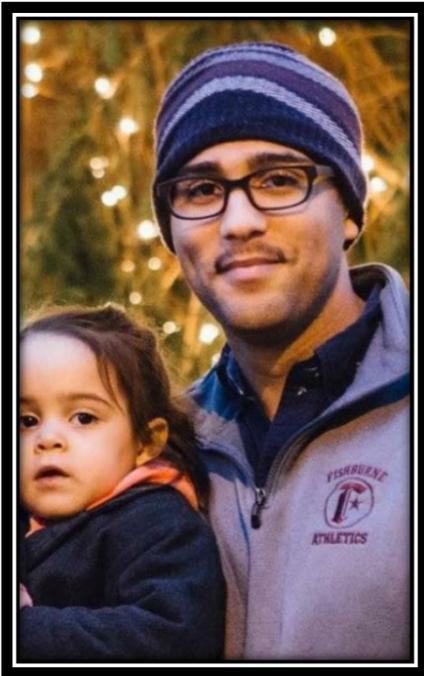


Favorite Fishburne Flashback:

I have so many good memories of Fishburne that it is difficult to choose; however, one from my senior year does stick out. One day, we were all in formation, when it was announced that it was MSG Morton's (aka BAM) birthday. After formation, some of the seniors decided it would be a good idea to charge BAM and try to tackle him. Now BAM was part of the ARMY Elite Special Forces, better known as Airborne Rangers, as an Army Drill Sergeant. The line of seniors was quickly taken down single handedly by BAM, but we prevailed, and eventually got him to the ground. All in good fun!

How has Fishburne Molded/Shaped who I am today?

I would not be the man I am today without Fishburne. The daily expectations and routine prepared me for the State Police Academy where many of the same regulations are part of our training. The values and morals that we learned and upheld shaped me into a great young man, and continue to influence me today.



Martin Goodnough

Graduation Year: 2009

Higher Education: Emory & Henry College/Virginia Intermont College

Current Job: English Department Chair, Assistant Football Coach, Yearbook Adviser at Fishburne

Favorite Fishburne Flashback:

I don't think I can pinpoint a specific memory that I relish over others; I have a unique fondness for all of them individually. I think the bonds and friendships that I cultivated and carried on into my adulthood have superseded nostalgia.

How has Fishburne Molded/Shaped who I am today?

Fishburne gave me an opportunity to pick myself up and dust off my mediocre performance as a student and teenager. Fishburne is a process that helps those willing and seeking success attain just that. For me, Fishburne proved to me that I had potential and supported my pursuit of a successful high school career.

Michael Masone

Graduation Year: 2018

Higher Education: James Madison University for Army ROTC, Nursing and Health Sciences

Favorite Fishburne Flashback:

Playing ultimate Frisbee in the Quadrangle!

How has Fishburne Molded/Shaped who I am today?

Fishburne took me from my comfort zone, threw me into a disciplined world where I turned into a disciplined young man who has had the honor of being accepted into my top choice college. I have taken the first steps towards my future, studying nursing and health sciences at JMU, and participating in Army ROTC; after which, I will serve in the Army Nurse Corps as an officer. My future has been carved out due to the advantages of Fishburne.

