



# THE SENTINEL

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE 11TH PRESIDENT

LTC JARED NORRELL

Ranger Nation,

We are so blessed to be entering our 121st school year here in Camp Hill. One of the things I have noticed lately is that even though the names change, the faces look the same. Last week, we were going through old LWMA yearbooks from the 60s & 70s. It was amazing how we were able to find alumni who look identical to some of our current students. I love this small connection to our past and it made me realize that our Cadets here today are standing on the shoulders of giants as the academy opens a new chapter in its history as Southern Prep.

The atmosphere on campus is infectiously positive these days. Our football team is winning, and the Cadet Corps looks as good as I've ever seen it. We have an amazing crew of staff and faculty who are working tirelessly to keep Dr. Ward's mission alive. We need friends, so please spread the good word about our academy! Also, be sure to mark your calendars for homecoming (Oct 11th) and Military Day (Apr 25th). I look forward to seeing you soon. God Bless & Rangers Lead the Way!

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## MEET THE ADMISSIONS TEAM



### **MS. JENIFER ISBELL DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS**

I started with Southern Prep back in July 2017. After initially interviewing for an HR position, God called me in a different direction: admissions. The Director of Admissions position has turned into much more than a career, it is truly a passion of mine. The mission here with changing young men's lives- so powerful- it is easy to get behind and support. I love every day when I come to work I am able to make a difference in someone's life, whether through a conversation with a mother about how the school can get her son back on the right path, elevating him to his fullest potential, or patting a young man on the back saying, "Good job, I am proud of you." The rewarding feeling from being the Director of Admissions is most definitely one of God's greatest gifts that He has bestowed upon me.

I would like to thank each and every parent and/or family member for sharing your time with me through the enrollment process and for trusting Southern Prep Academy to mold your son into a young man of integrity, honor, and pride. I challenge each of you reading this to tell someone about Southern Prep Academy and how we helped change your life or your son's life! Share my contact information with everyone you know, don't keep this life changing experience a secret any longer - Share it with everyone around...

### **MS. MORGAN COMOLLI INTERNATIONAL RECRUITING**

I'm originally from Pennsylvania where I grew up at an all-boys military school because my father taught there. While in college, I would come home during the summer and work for the school's admissions department. I graduated in 2018 from Cabrini University with my Bachelors in Criminology and Sociology, and the following year I received my Masters in Criminal Justice from the same school. I heard about Southern Prep through family friends who work here, and it sounded a lot like where I grew up. When an admissions position opened up, I knew I wanted to apply because of my experience living and working at a similar school. I know the long-lasting effect a program like Southern Prep can have on a young man and I wanted to be a part of that transformation. I am now the International Admissions Recruiter for Southern Prep and I am very excited about expanding our program to reach even more young men across the world.





## 2019 RANGER FOOTBALL

### OFF TO A SOLID START

COACH ROLAND BELL

The Southern Prep Rangers are off to a solid start to the 2019 season. With the addition of multiple players included with the returning talent, the Rangers are off to a 4-1 record, our best in several years. Statistically, records are also on the verge of being broken as well.

On August 23, the Rangers traveled to Prattville to play East Memorial Christian Academy. During warmups, EMCA coaches informed our coaches that they were cancelling the game without the possibility of rescheduling it this year. This was a tough one for the boys, as they were dressed and pumped up, ready for battle. That frustration would have to be held in for a whole week longer.

On August 29, Covington Academy hosted our Rangers in Conyers, GA, and fell victim to our Ranger ground and aerial assault. We loaded the bus and headed home with a 40-0 win. Justin Wallace passed for 3 TDs. Yogi Barker, Ny Dowdell, Daniel Tampa, and Parker Slaughter all added offensive TDs and Samuel Roberto returned an interception for a TD. Preston Linkenauer collected two interceptions as well. The defensive shutout was the first in 16 years.

Camp Jewell House from Atlanta visited on September 6 and limped home after the Rangers scorched them 61-0. The home team was so dominant that it put up 34 points in the first quarter alone and rested the starters for the remainder of the game. The point spread was the largest margin of victory in school history.

Our first conference game did not go as planned on Friday, September 13, under a full moon, as Lighthouse rode home with the 38-35 win. The lead changed hands six times. Even though Yogi Barker put up 471 yards on offense, it wasn't quite enough. Lighthouse improved to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in the conference.

The Rangers bounced back tough against North River over in Tuscaloosa on September 20. Despite 21 penalties for 200 yards and four touchdowns called back, Yogi Barker again led the Rangers to a 36-20 victory. The win evened the conference record at 1-1 and overall record improved to 4-1. North River dropped to 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the conference.



INTERCEPTION BY SAMUEL ROBERTO



POST GAME PRAYERS

## RANGER SPORTS!

BY: DMITRY TANDY

On Thursday, September 5th, 2019, we had our very first cross country meet since becoming Southern Preparatory Academy. The meet was located at the Opelika Sportsplex, and our cadets did very well! Congratulations to Logan Ballard, who placed First for JV, and Daniel Tampa, who placed Sixth for Varsity.



TACKLE BY DANIEL TAMPA

In both games, we saw some stand-out performances from our cadets! Yogi Barker (#2) had 8 carries and 2 receptions in the first game, for a total of 129 yards. Barker also had a 2 point conversion and a 57 yard punt return for a touchdown. He added a 138 combined rushing/passing yards, 4 touchdowns, an interception, and a quarterback sack in the 2nd game.

Some other stand out players are Ny Dowdell (#4) with 10 tackles and 2 catches for 79 yards and one touchdown in the first game, followed by 32 rushing yards, and 52 reception yards in the second game. In our game against Camp Jewell House, Justin Wallace, quarterback, had 118 pass yards, 3 touchdowns, 3 carries for 21 yards; and Garrett Peebles had 2 carries for 17 yards.



CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

The Ranger football team started the season off with a cannon shot. On August 29th, the team travelled to Covington Academy in Georgia. The Rangers stormed the field with a swift and hard hitting game, with the final score being 40-0. A Ranger victory! The team's winning streak continued on September 6th when Southern Prep hosted Camp Jewell House Academy. The Rangers once again defeated our opponent: 61-0.

## PINK OUT

BY: MICHAEL DIOCSON



On Friday, September 13th, Southern Prep sponsored a "Pink Out," which is a special way we raised money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. During our football game, our players had on pink socks and many fans had on pink shirts.

During halftime, there was a 50/50 event, where the Booster Club raffled tickets for a "kickoff". The people chosen had the chance to kick or throw the football as far as they could. The team who won got half of the money raised, and the other 50% was donated to St. Jude.

Did you know that the causes of childhood cancer are not yet completely understood? Adult cancers are almost completely based off of environmental factors, but cancer in children is believed to be caused by genetic mutations, which are commonly thought to occur by chance. However, in 8% of cases, children are born with the genetic changes that increase their risk of cancer. Now, treating this cancer could include things like surgery, chemo, radiation, and sometimes immunotherapy.

Approximately 175,000 children ages 14 and under are diagnosed with cancer each year. Everyone can make a difference: donating just \$3 is enough to provide

pediatric isolation masks to protect patients with compromised immune systems; donating \$57 is enough to provide necessities for parents who may have hurriedly left home after their child was diagnosed; and \$500 is enough to give one child a platelet transfusion.

Please take the time to help these children in need. You never know, even donating \$10 could mean a child has a chance to live a normal life.

Information on childhood cancer from [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).



STAR STUDENT



**WEI LEONG THAM**  
CHARLIE COMPANY

Cadet Tham, from Malaysia, started his freshman year at Southern Prep in August of 2019. Right out of Scrubs, he was one of six cadets promoted to E2. In October, he is set to be promoted once again to Ops Sergeant.

Cadet Tham challenges himself in and out of the classroom, by taking online Mandarin and playing JV football. He has really bought into the system at Southern Prep and is excited about his future here.

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TO EXCEL.

MAJOR STEVE MAYER  
COMMANDANT



IMPORTANT DATES

**OCTOBER**

- 01** THE ACT ON CAMPUS
- 03** GRAD PRODUCTS ORDERS DUE
- 11** HOMECOMING
- 18-21** FALL BREAK
- 30** PSAT TESTING (9-11)

**NOVEMBER**

- 21** ASVAB TESTING (9-12)
- 22-** THANKSGIVING BREAK
- DEC. 1**



# BLAST FROM THE PAST



1969 BATALLION STAFF

# THE CLASS OF 1969



SCIENCE CLASS



FOOTBALL



1969 HOMECOMING COURT



In the Spring of 1969, The Academy had a graduation ceremony honoring 41 of its finest Cadets. Southern Prep is proud to recognize our LWMA Alum in this month's issue of the Sentinel, 50 years after their graduation. Congratulations on everything you have accomplished in your lifetime!

50 YEARS AGO



**THE PRESIDENT**  
**COL. WESLEY P. SMITH**



**THE COMMANDANT**  
**LT. COL. GEORGE A. BROWN**



**THE ACADEMIC DEAN**  
**LT. COL. E.H. RAMSEY**

**CALLING ALL ALUMNI, FRIENDS, & FAMILY:**

We are continuing to update records for all alumni, family, and friends of the Academy.

Please update your information [here](#) to receive updates from Southern Prep.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DEVELOPMENT

COLE LEONARD

Southern Prep's annual dove shoot was a success! **More than \$22,000** was raised to support scholarships for cadets attending the academy.

Special thanks to Trowbridge Wealth Management and The Uncapher Family for the sincere generosity. We are looking forward to another great event next year and hope you will join us!

If you have not yet completed the **contact information form**, please do so as soon as possible. This information allows the academy to send updates regarding events on campus and upcoming fundraisers. Last year, over \$300,000 was raised to support the academy. This year will be even better! Be on the lookout to see how you can support the cadets attending Southern Prep!

## MARKETING

BECCA NELSON

As we continue to promote Southern Prep, we are asking all members of the Ranger family to rate/review us on several different online sites: Google, Facebook, Niche.com, etc.

**Alumni:** We currently do not have any reviews on Boarding School Review as the site only allows alums to review. This is a big site in which we have had several leads come in lately, yet we have no reviews. Having multiple positive reviews will amp our presence on the site. Please take a few minutes to submit a review by clicking **here**. We ask that in your reviews/comments to please refer to the school as Southern Prep/Southern Preparatory Academy, as any references to LWMA/Lyman Ward will not be accepted by the website since it is not listed under that name.

## MILITARY

MAJOR STEVE MAYER

It's been a great start to our first year as Southern Prep. We are excited to see where the year takes us.

Reminder to the parents to please be wary of the amount of snacks and food you send back with your cadet. There is only so much we can allow them to keep in their dorms before it overflows into the TAC offices. Any questions, please let me know.

## ADMISSIONS

JENIFER ISBELL

### ***Refer a family and get REWARDED!***

Southern Prep is offering a tuition discount of \$1,000 (\$500/semester) for each new enrolled boarding student who a current family refers, providing the referring family stays in good standing with the school.

Reach out to family and friends, share your experience, encourage your prospect to contact me and fill out an application.

For program information, please call me at 256-675-6260 or visit the **Financial Assistance page**.

## ACADEMICS

MARK MORGAN

Just a reminder that the on campus ACT is October 1. If you missed sign-ups but want your cadet to take the test next week, please contact me by phone: (256) 307-2533 or by email: mark.morgan@southernprepacademy.org and we will see what we can do. If your son is unable to take this one, other opportunities are available. Please visit the **College Preparedness tab** on the website to see upcoming tests.



THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!



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US ALL  
DAY LONG!

A graphic of a smartphone screen displaying the text 'BE WITH US ALL DAY LONG!' and six social media icons: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Pinterest.



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