



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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Dear Families and Friends of the Class of 2024,

On behalf of the United States Air Force Academy community, I am thrilled to extend my congratulations on your cadet's upcoming graduation!

The Class of 2024 persevered through many challenges during an historic pandemic that required tremendous resilience and flexibility at our Academy. Despite the unique circumstances they faced, this class stepped up and led the Cadet Wing, lifting one another up through the hardships. Their experience shaped them as Leaders of Character ready to impact our Air Force and Space Force far into the future.

In addition to the many events offered during the week, my wife Amy and I would like to invite you and your guests to a reception in honor of your graduate at the Carlton House on Monday, May 27, 2024. It will be our pleasure to extend our personal congratulations to you and your cadet. Please visit <https://www.usafa.edu/graduation/> for more detailed information on the entire week's festivities.

To end our week of celebration, please join me in Falcon Stadium on May 30, 2024, when the 66th graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy will receive their diplomas and commission as second lieutenants. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the class will be honored with an exciting performance by the Air Force Thunderbirds. Graduating cadets will receive 20 tickets to distribute to their family, friends and supporters to attend the ceremony. Each graduate may also bring 6 guests to the Graduation Parade on May 29, 2024. We know your cadets did not reach this accomplishment alone, and we look forward to celebrating with you.

Watching your cadets grow over their four years at the Academy has been a truly humbling and amazing experience. As their first four years moving toward service in the Air Force and Space Force have also marked my last four years in service, please know that you are invited and more than welcome to attend the Academy Change of Command the afternoon of May 30, 2024 on the Terrazzo and my retirement ceremony at 9 a.m on May 31, 2024 in Falcon Stadium.

Great challenges await and I am confident our newest officers will become the leaders our Country needs. On behalf of the Department of the Air Force and our entire Academy community, thank you for all you have done in support of your cadet. We look forward to celebrating the extraordinary accomplishments of these outstanding Leaders of Character.

Sincerely,


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Superintendent