

2024 Graduation Schedule of Events

The schedule of events is tentative. Some times and venues may change due to security, weather, or other circumstances. Graduating cadets will be given up to 20 tickets each for guests to attend the graduation ceremony. Any changes to the schedule will be reflected on this page. (Last updated: 17 May, 2024)

Monday, 20 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am
9:00-10:30am	USAFA Preparatory School Graduation Parade	Black Field
2:00-3:30pm	USAFA Preparatory School Graduation Ceremony	Arnold Hall Theater
3:30-5:00pm	USAFA Preparatory School Graduation Reception	Arnold Hall Ballroom
Tuesday, 21 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am
5:00-8:30pm	Athletic Department Bolt Awards	Arnold Hall Ballroom
Wednesday, 22 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am
7:00-9:00pm	Graduation Concert with Cadet Orchestra (<i>no tickets required</i>)	Arnold Hall Ballroom
Thursday, 23 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am
4:00-6:00pm	94 FTS Soaring G-Wings Ceremony (<i>Pass/EAL required</i>)	Hanger, Black Field
6:20-7:50pm	Buddhist Meditation (<i>optional, cadets only</i>)	Sijan, Oasis III, Rm 409
7:00-9:30pm	Bluebards Production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" Opening Night	Arnold Hall Theater
Friday, 24 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am
6:00-9:00pm	Jewish Shabbat Service (<i>worship, followed by dinner</i>)	Polaris Hall
6:00-7:30pm	Ring Dining In (<i>Second-Class cadets; tickets required</i>)	Mitchell Hall
7:30-10:00pm	Reception (<i>Second-Class cadets & their guests only; tickets required</i>)	Arnold Hall Ballroom
Saturday, 25 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am
Canceled	Commandant's Future Spouses Reception (Canceled)	Arnold Hall Ballroom
Sunday, 26 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am
8:00-9:00pm	Sunday/Baccalaureate Services (<i>optional</i>)	
	Chapel Worship Services (<i>optional</i>)	
8:00-8:50am	Catholic Confession	Polaris Hall
9:00-10:00am	Catholic Baccalaureate Mass	Polaris Hall
9:00-11:00am	Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Sijan, Oasis 111, Room 403
11:00-noon	Protestant Baccalaureate Service	Arnold Hall Ballroom
4:30-9:00pm	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Baccalaureate	Polaris Hall
1:30-2:30pm	Cadet Chorale Graduation Week Concert	Polaris Hall
7:00-9:30pm	Bluebards Production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"	Arnold Hall Theater
Monday, 27 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am
2:00-6:30pm	Superintendent's Graduation Reception for Cadets and Families	Carlton House
7:00-9:30pm	Bluebards Production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"	Arnold Hall Theater
Tuesday, 28 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:00am
8:00-8:45am	Graduation Tapping Ceremony (<i>by invitation to honored cadets & their guests</i>)	Arnold Hall Ballroom
8:45-9:15am	Tapping Ceremony Reception	Arnold Hall Ballroom
9:15-11:15am	Graduation Awards Ceremony (<i>presentation of organizational & individual awards</i>)	Clune Arena
11:15-12:15pm	Graduation Awards Ceremony Reception (<i>senior leaders depart by 11:45am</i>)	Clune Arena
noon-12:45pm	Schulte Award Ceremony (<i>by invitation to honored cadets & their guests</i>)	Polaris Hall Forum
12:45-1:30pm	Schulte Award Ceremony Reception	Polaris Hall
1:15-2:15pm	Wings of Blue Awards & "Blue Suit" Ceremony	Davis Airfield Hangar
2:15-4:45pm	Academic Department Award Ceremonies	Fairchild, Polaris, Arnold Hall
4:45-5:45pm	Martinson Honors Program Ceremony (<i>By invitation to honored cadets & their guests</i>)	Fairchild Hall, F1
5:00-6:00pm	Thunderbirds Meet and Greet (<i>For Cadets only</i>)	Hap's Place, Arnold Hall
Wednesday, 29 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:00am
7:30-9:00pm	Cadet Aerial and Cadet Club Demonstrations	Stillman Field
9:00-10:00am	Graduation Parade (<i>open to six guests per graduate; wristbands required</i>)	Stillman Field
10:30am-1:30pm	Parents Graduation Luncheon	Mitchell Hall
10:30am-noon	Space Force Patching Ceremony	Clune Arena
12:30-2:00pm	Commissioning Ceremonies Wave 1 (<i>Limited Guests</i>)	Locations vary (<i>See schedule</i>)
3:00-4:30pm	Commissioning Ceremonies Wave 2 (<i>Limited Guests</i>)	Locations vary (<i>See schedule</i>)
5:30-7:00pm	Commissioning Ceremonies Wave 3 (<i>Limited Guests</i>)	Locations vary (<i>See schedule</i>)
8:00-9:30pm	Commissioning Ceremonies Wave 4 (<i>Limited Guests</i>)	Locations vary (<i>See schedule</i>)
Thursday, 30 May 2024		Gate Visitor Hours: 5:00am
6:30am	Gates open to public (<i>tickets required; entry will not be allowed once the ceremony begins</i>)	Falcon Stadium
8:00-9:15am	Performances by the Sabre Drill Team, In the Stairwell, The Aerodynamics and the U.S. Air Force Academy Band	Falcon Stadium
9:30am-1:15pm	Graduation Ceremony and Thunderbirds	Falcon Stadium