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USAFA AOG PARENT AMBASSADOR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

A platform that helps educate, motivate and support new Parents' Club leadership.





Our Vision

To cultivate a vibrant community of dedicated ambassadors and mentors who enhance initiatives through parental involvement and an extended family network, dedicated to serving the Academy and our nation with unwavering excellence for life.



How the USAFA AOG Parent Ambassador Mentorship Program Serves You

This Mentorship Program provides a platform of education and support by encouraging Parents' Club Mentors to engage in meaningful educational, informational, and developmental activities to better support the parents' club.

The USAFA AOG Parents' Club Mentors help clubs succeed in their own clubs' mission and goals by:

- Improving club success and continued service to the community.
- Helping to foster positive behaviors, and when needed, serving as a partner to generate solutions to overcome adversity.
- Encouraging and increasing participation from local families.
- Building confidence on club value.



USAFA AOG Parent Ambassador Mentorship Program is Powered by Volunteers

- Who are our volunteer AOG Parent Ambassadors?
 - Ambassadors are an exclusive group of passionate Falcons that are instrumental in supporting parents' clubs, parents and spouses in navigating the US Air Force Academy experience and beyond.
 - USAFA AOG Parent Ambassadors will act as a consultant to the mentor and will find a good fit for a parents' club requesting a Mentor.
 - USAFA AOG Parent Ambassadors will support and consult with Parents' Club Mentors monthly to provide any additional resources/information needed.
- Who are our volunteer AOG Parents' Club Mentors?
 - Volunteer USAFA AOG Parents' Club Mentors are those who have held parents' club leadership positions and can share ideas and resources to help all clubs be successful.
 - Parents' Club Mentors will provide a safe and secure environment for Parents' Clubs to reach out for help.
 - Parents' Club Mentors will commit to 1-year of service for 90-minutes per month
 - Parents' Club Mentors will seek the support of our USFA AOG Parent Ambassador Team.



The USAFA AOG Parent Ambassador Mentoring Program matches parents' club volunteer mentors with clubs who are interested in participating.

The program is available and provided, at no cost, to all USAFA Parents' Clubs.

How it Works





How Parents' Club Mentors and Mentees are matched

Prior to being matched, all mentors and mentees will go through an interview process to determine the best fit for both. During this time, we get to know mentors and mentees and learn about their personality and values so that we can match them with someone they will enjoy spending time with.

What to Expect From a Mentoring Session

Mentors and mentees will get to know each other and will identify strengths and weaknesses of the parents' club.

Together they will set simple, achievable goals to accomplish through the mentorship program. A typical mentoring session will include the following:

- Highlight Parents' Club needs
- Brainstorm ideas and opportunities
- Show where resources can be found
- Plan activities to help the parents' club work towards their goal
- Schedule next mentoring session and share contact information to foster communication





Format and Frequency of a Mentor Session

Mentoring will take place through virtual meetings. Meetings will be held monthly, but frequency will decrease as deemed necessary by the mentor. At the very least, mentors will check in quarterly with their assigned mentee.

Next Steps

How to become a USAFA AOG Parents' Club Mentor

- Complete application <u>https://zfrmz.com/tRR4CByPkJ6qtGYn1u23</u>
- Complete interview process
- Be assigned a USAFA Parents' Club

How to request a USAFA AOG Parents' Club Mentor

- Complete application <u>https://zfrmz.com/CZHgvHTw4R4OBu6eDQaK</u>
- Complete interview process
- Be assigned a USAFA AOG Parents' Club Mentor

Our Staff

The USAFA Parent Liaison Team and Association of Graduates (AOG) staff members work closely with the Parent Ambassador Team to support and make sure they have the relevant tool-kit and information to share with all Parents' Club Mentors.





Thank You

For more information on this mentorship opportunity, contact Katrina Claydon.

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