



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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Families and Friends of the Class of 2026

On behalf of the United States Air Force Academy community, we would like to extend our congratulations on your cadet's upcoming graduation.

The Class of 2026 began their Academy journey by in-processing and completing Basic Cadet Training. Over the next 47 months they responded with grit and discipline to challenges in their squadrons, classrooms, and on the athletic fields. Their experience has forged them into Warfighters, Leaders of Character, and Critical Thinkers, ready to lead our Air Force and Space Force on day one.


None of us would be where we are today without the support of our families and friends. Thank you for the encouragement and dedication you've shown over the past four years and for the support you will continue to provide as these graduates embark on their career of service to our Nation.

We look forward to celebrating the 68th graduating class at the commencement ceremony in Falcon Stadium on May 28, 2026. Following the ceremony, we will honor the class with the traditional flight demonstration by the Air Force Thunderbirds.

The Class of 2026 is commissioning into a complex and unpredictable world during a time of consequence for our Nation, and we couldn't be more confident that our future is in great hands. On behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Chief of Space Operations, and the entire Academy community, thank you for all you have done in support of your cadet.

Sincerely


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