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Prep School Access:

<https://twitter.com/USAFAPrepSchool>

[www.facebook.com/AFPrepSchool](http://www.facebook.com/AFPrepSchool)

<https://www.instagram.com/usafapreppofficial/>

We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy and #YourUSAFAPrep for the Prep School. You might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at (719) 333-7731.

**CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 Mar 17)**

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2017	761	229	990
2018	799	215	1014
2019	784	271	1055
2020	766	312	1078
<b>WING</b>	<b>3110</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>4137</b>

61 International Cadets are counted in the Cadet Wing Strength, but do not count in the Fiscal year Strength.

**Preparatory School Class Statistics (as of 7 Apr 17)**

Class year	Men	Women	Total
2016-2017	158	48	206

**ACADEMY APP AVAILABLE –**

Do you have an iTunes or Android enabled device? Get the latest Academy news, photos, videos, and more with the Academy App.



Android app available on Google Play at:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.u360mobile.airforceacademy> .

Apple app available at the I-Tunes Store at:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/united-states-air-force-academy/id427133480?mt=8>

Or use the following QR codes with your cellphone to get access to the Academy app.



iTunes



Android

**2017-2018 Cadet Academic Calendar** was approved on Dec. 14, 2016 and can be found [here](#). Please note that the 2018 Graduation is 23 May, 2018.

**Cadet Taxes:** Most cadets don't have many deductions and file an EZ form. USAFA has volunteers that can do their taxes for free to ensure they have used all the deductions they are entitled to and are done on an appointment basis. Income Tax assistance will be available through USAFA/JA, located in Harmon Hall, telephone 719-333-3940. If your cadets (C4Cs) need proof of attendance for you to claim part of the year, the cadet needs to go online to USAFA Registrar's website and request a letter. Then the cadet can pick up the letter from the Registrar's Office (Fairchild Hall). See below for more information on Federal Income Tax.



Then-Cadet 2nd Class Leah Gates (left) and then-Cadet 4th Class Luke Robinson shovel dirt into a wheelbarrow in Corpus Christi, Texas, March 22, 2017, during an Alternate Spring Break Program volunteer effort with Habitat for Humanity. (Air Force photo/John Van Winkle)

By Maureen Welch, U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs /Published March 27, 2017

#### U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -

Scores of cadets are building and repairing homes today across the U.S.

The 110 cadet-volunteers taking part in the Alternate Spring Break Program here will return April 2 from working in Lafayette and Mandeville, Louisiana; Eglin, Illinois; Fort Smith, Arkansas; Fairfield, Alabama; Hattiesburg and Tupelo, Mississippi; and Beaumont, Texas.

“This is the largest number [of cadets] who have participated in the program,” said Capt. Jennifer Greer of the Academy’s Center for Character and Leadership Development.

Cadet-volunteers teamed with Habitat for Humanity volunteers to build and repair homes.

“I’ve wanted to participate in Habitat for Humanity since middle school,” said Cadet 3rd Class Molly Olmos. “When I heard the Academy offers it, I knew I had to sign up.”

So far this academic year, the cadets have completed more than 31,000 hours of community service.

“As an international student, I want to make an impact on American society,” said Cadet 2nd Class Dan Neghina of Moldova. “Habitat for Humanity is a good opportunity to do that.”

The Alternate Spring Break Program began at the Academy in 1999. It’s funded by the CCLD and Academy donors.



JCS Chairman Dunford to speak at USAFA Graduation May 24

By U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs/Published April 12, 2017

#### U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. –

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. is scheduled to give the Class of 2017 commencement speech, May 24 at the Air Force Academy.

As chairman, Dunford is the highest-ranking military officer in the U.S. and principal military adviser to the president, secretary of defense and National Security Council.

Before his Oct. 1, 2015 appointment as chairman, Dunford served as the 36th commandant of the Marine Corps.

He was also assistant commandant of the Marine Corps from 2010 to 2012, and commanded the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan from February 2013 until August 2014. The Class of 2017 graduation ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. in Falcon Stadium.

Visit [www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu) and [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov) for more information.





By John Van Winkle, U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs, Published April 03, 2017

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. - Wings of Blue, the Air Force Academy's parachute team, will help the Texas Rangers kick off their Major League Baseball season with a jump into the team's home opener, April 3 at Globe Life Park, Arlington, Texas.

The WOB will take part in the pre-game ceremonies before the Rangers compete against compete against the Cleveland Indians.

Five Academy parachutists are scheduled to jump: Maj. Chase Scully, Master Sgt. James Cain, and Cadets 1st Class Gabriel Dawson, Everett Joiner and Jordan Glover.

For Dawson, a native of Lake Jackson, Texas, the jump will be a return to his old stomping grounds.

"My family has been to the home-opening Rangers games every year since I was born," he said. "In 2008, I watched Dana Bowman — Army double-amputee — jump into the Rangers stadium. That jump inspired me to join the WOB. Now, not only have I had the opportunity to jump alongside Dana, but I'm also getting my own opportunity to jump into the Rangers

stadium. This jump is a dream-come-true for my family and me."

Along with Dawson, Scully and Cain are also from Texas. Scully is from Spring, Texas.

"It is an honor and a privilege to jump into an opening day game for the Texas Rangers," said Scully, a 2007 Academy graduate. "I'm a Texan getting to jump into a stadium full of Texans. to support a sport I love and grew up playing. Not sure it gets much better than that."

Cain hails from Odessa. The KC-10 in-flight refueling operator completed more than 2,500 parachute jumps. He said landing on the Texas Rangers' field will be the "best way to top off a great assignment." A lifelong Rangers' fan, Cain will dedicate the jump to his wife Misty, and his family.

The WOB will bring five flags to the stadium: four Texas state flags and the 2016 American League West Division Champions flag.

#### [Hometown News Release \(for local Newspapers\):](#)

Your cadet (not parents...the cadets are the active duty member) can go to the following link and put in a Hometown News Release for their achievements here at USAFA. The cadet has to release their Privacy Act Information for the article to be used. Please note that you must have a CAC identification card (active duty ID) to use this program. Parents can't update for their cadet.

Hometown News Release link:

<https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public>

## **PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Preparatory School Candidate parents.

Central Email for Prep School Questions:  
[PrepInfo@usafa.edu](mailto:PrepInfo@usafa.edu), or phone (719) 333-2583

Website: <https://www.usafa.edu/prep-school/>

Mail: HQ USAFA/PL  
5229 Cedar Drive, Suite 117  
USAF Academy, CO 80840-3100

**Prep School 2016-2017 Academic Calendar:**  
<https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/PL-Calendar-AY-2016-2017-15-Jul-16.pdf>

## **HELPFUL WEBSITES and POCs –**

**Parent Information Link:**  
<https://www.usafa.edu/parents/>

**Graduation Information Link:**  
<https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/graduation/>

**USAFA's Public Calendar Link:**  
(Managed by the Association of Graduates)  
[www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events](http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events)

**2016 - 2017 Cadet Academic Calendar Link:**  
<https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/AY-2016-2017-Calendar-Approved-12-Jul-16-1.pdf>

**2017 - 2018 Cadet Academic Calendar Link:**  
The Academic Calendar for 2017-2018 has been approved and you can find it at the following link:  
<https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/AY-2017-2018-Calendar-Approved-14-Dec-16.pdf>

**Curriculum Handbook:**  
(also outlines summer programs available for cadets in what year):  
<https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/CHB.pdf>

**Cadet Major listing:**  
<https://www.usafa.edu/academics/majors-minors/>

**Cadet Clubs:**  
(just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):  
<https://www.usafa.edu/cadet-life/clubs/>

**Cadet Survival Guide:** Go to [www.usafasupport.com](http://www.usafasupport.com) and click Arnold Hall or go to the below link:  
<http://nebula.wsimg.com/0c9d0bf12f8b6a1ca725ae69871b531b?AccessKeyId=C7760A2EE485D3702028&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

**Cadet Media:**  
[www.usafasupport.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media](http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media)

**Admissions:**  
(parents can help us recruit future cadets):  
[www.academyadmissions.com/](http://www.academyadmissions.com/)

**Sports Schedules:**  
[www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/](http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/)

**Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop):**  
(719) 472-8589  
[petalsnblooms.com](http://petalsnblooms.com)

**Gift Cards order phone numbers:**  
Cadet Store (Base Exchange) (719) 472-1953  
10 FSS: (719) 472-7930

**Hometown News Release** (must have CAC card):  
<https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public>

**Life Touch photos:**  
POC: Sherri Peloso  
1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241  
<http://lifetouch.com/>

## UPCOMING DATES:

1 - 3 May 17	Prep School Finals
15 - 19 May 17	Cadet Spring Finals
18 May 17	Prep School Parade
18 May 17	Prep School Graduation
19 May 17	Ring Dance (C2Cs)
24 May 17	2017 Graduation
3 Jun 17	1 <sup>st</sup> Session Begins
24 Jun 17	1 <sup>st</sup> Session Ends/2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Begins
29 Jun 17	2021 Class In-Processes
30 Jun 17	2021 Class Swearing In Ceremony (normally at 8:30am)
14 Jul 17	Field Day (parent viewing but no parent access)
15 Jul 17	Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (no parent access)
15 Jul 17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Ends/3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Begins
16 Jul 17	Prep School Prior Enlisted In-process
19 Jul 17	Prep School Direct Cadet Candidates In-Process
22 Jul 17	Doolie Day Out (Basic Cadets will have cell phones today)
24 Jul 17	March Out to Jacks Valley
3 Aug 17	March Back from Jacks Valley
5 Aug 17	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Ends
5 Aug 17	Cadet Wing Returns by 7:00 pm
10 Aug 17	New Semester Start
1-4 Sep 17	Parents Weekend
21-16 Nov 17	Cadet Thanksgiving Bread (after Last Military Duty [LMD])
TBD	Prep School Thanksgiving Break
11-15 Dec 17	Cadet Fall Finals
TBD	Prep School Finals
16 Dec 17 – 2 Jan 18	Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00pm on 2 Jan 18) Check w/ cadet...Cadets can leave after last final)
TBD	Prep School Winter Break
21-23 Feb 18	National Character & Leadership Symposium (NCLS)
8-10 Mar 18	2021 Recognition
23 Mar – 1 Apr 18	Cadet Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns by 7:00pm on 1 Apr18)
TBD	Prep School Spring Break
23 May 18	2018 Graduation

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