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**Cadet Class Statistics (as of 31 July 19)**

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2018	3	0	3
2019	13	1	14
2020	711	289	1000
2021	776	301	1077
2022	819	283	1102
2023	821	319	1140
<b>WING</b>	<b>3143</b>	<b>1193</b>	<b>4336</b>

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



**Texas twins conquer initial training at separate military academies**



*Story by Jennifer Spradlin, Aug. 18, 2019*

Aubrie and Emma. Emma and Aubrie.

From birth, the Kuhrt twins from Wichita Falls, Texas, have been a tight pair, so much so that both were more comfortable saying 'we' than 'I.' This summer was a big milestone for the young women as each began a

rigorous phase of military training at separate service academies.

Aubrie chose the U.S. Air Force Academy while Emma selected the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“As long as we can remember we have wanted to join the military,” Emma said. “In about seventh grade, our teacher asked if there was anything in the world we could do, what would it be? And number one on both our lists was to serve in the military.”

“We didn’t even plan it that way, it happened naturally,” Aubrie added. “We both had this love for service.”

The twins learned about service academies through a leadership seminar their freshman year in high school. Inspired by the opportunities at the academies, the two charted a course that would take them far from home and each other.

“They have always wanted to serve their country,” said Shannon Kuhrt, their mother. “They started and completed the application process on their own. It was their passion, their dream and they did it. People ask what we did to have [both daughters accepted to an academy], and other than the fact that we raised them to be strong and independent, it wasn’t us, they made this happen for themselves.”

The twins said it was important to start building their own identities and opportunities, and that each academy suited their different personalities and interests.

“We have always slept in the same bedroom, had the same experiences, and now it’s going to be different, but there will definitely be a lot of letters,” Aubrie said.

“Long letters,” Emma agreed.

The twins said they could also rely on their faith as they navigated the toughest parts of the training. They were inspired by a Bible passage, Isaiah 6:8, which they each wore on a necklace as a reminder to persevere.

“I believe God has plan for me, and everything has aligned perfectly for me to be here,” Aubrie said.

Some eight weeks later, both have conquered their basic cadet training phase, and Aubrie has started the academic semester.

“It was difficult to adjust at first, especially since I was unable to talk to Emma, but I made some really awesome friends and kind of found my place here,” Aubrie said. “I learned that I am stronger than I thought possible ... whatever limit I thought I had, it can be broken, and I can go further.”

The twins hope to reunite at the Air Force vs. Army football game on Nov. 2.

## Cadet Chapel to close for restoration project Sept. 4



*Staff Reports, Aug. 20, 2019*

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** – The iconic Cadet Chapel at the United States Air Force Academy will close for more than three years beginning Sept. 4 for necessary repairs.

After removing the Chapel’s furnishings and other preparations, the actual work on the \$158 million project will begin on Nov. 1 and projected for completion on Nov. 1, 2022.

Visitors now have a little more than two weeks to visit this registered National Historic Landmark, also ranked

Colorado's No. 1 man-made attraction, before the preservation and restoration process begins.

The Chapel is listed on the National Historic Registry and the Academy is proud to oversee the preservation of the building for generations of Americans and cadets to come.

Alternative locations have been established to ensure cadets and those they escort along with USAFA cadet area-badged personnel will have access to religious services throughout the closure. Alternative locations and other information about the Chapel may be found at <https://www.usafa.edu/academics/facilities/cadet-chapel/> or by calling 719-333-4515.

## **PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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

Central Email for Prep School Questions:  
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FACEBOOK:  
<https://www.facebook.com/USAFAPrepSchool/>

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USAF Academy, CO 80840-3100

Prep School 2019-2020 Academic Calendar:  
[https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/PL\\_2019-2020\\_Calendar.pdf](https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/PL_2019-2020_Calendar.pdf)

## **HELPFUL WEBSITES and POCs -**

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

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

AOG's Event Calendar Link:  
[www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events](http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events)

Academic Calendars Link:

<https://www.usafa.edu/academics/academic-calendar/>

**Cadet 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 <http://lifetouch.com/>  
1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241

**UPCOMING DATES:**

30 Aug – 2 Sep 19	2019 Parents Weekend <a href="https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/parents-weekend/">https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/parents-weekend/</a>
5 Oct 19	Football Game against NAVY (away)
14 Oct 19	Columbus Day Holiday (no classes)
2 Nov 19	Football Game against ARMY (Home)
11 Nov 19	Veterans Day Holiday (no classes)
26 Nov – 1 Dec 19	Thanksgiving Break Leave after LMD; return by 7 pm on 1 Dec 19
9 – 13 Dec 19	Cadet Finals
16 Dec 19 – 5 Jan 20	Cadet Winter Break; Return by 7:00pm on 5 Jan 20
20 Jan 20	Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes)
17 Feb 20	Presidents Day Holiday (no classes)
19 – 21 Feb 20	National Character and Leadership Symposium (NCLS)
12 – 14 Mar 20	2023 Recognition
20 – 29 Mar 20	Cadet Spring Break, released LMD, Return by 7:00pm on 29 Mar 20
11 – 15 May 20	Cadet Finals
28 May 20	2020 Class Graduates
30 May 20	1st Summer Session Begins
20 Jun 20	1st Summer Session Ends/ 2nd Summer Session Begins
25 Jun 20	2024 Class In-Processes
26 Jun 20	2024 Swearing In Ceremony (time TBD)
4 Jul 20	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday (2024 BCT training continues)
31 Jul 20	2024 BCT Graduation (not for parents) Cadet Wing only
1 Aug 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Summer Session Ends/BCT Ends/Cadet Wing Returns by 7:00pm

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