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Dear Families and Friends of the Class of 2018

On behalf of your entire United States Air Force Academy community, I am thrilled to extend my congratulations on your cadet's upcoming graduation! Over the past four years, the members of the Class of 2018 have built the foundation for promising careers of service on a bedrock of education, military and athletic training, and character development. As this class has progressed through our interdisciplinary and challenging curriculum, we have tested them in many ways. They have proven themselves as leaders and are ready for even greater challenges. My staff and I are confident that they will succeed and are extremely proud of your cadet!

With enormous pride, on Wednesday, May 23rd, we will join you in Falcon Stadium as the 60th graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy receives their diplomas and commissions as second lieutenants. This milestone marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another.

Graduation week activities for the Class of 2018 begin with a Bluebards Theater Troupe Performance of "West Side Story" in the Arnold Hall Theater on Thursday, May 17th and culminate with the Graduation Ceremony on the 23rd. During the Ceremony, the class will be honored with a thrilling performance by the Air Force Thunderbirds. Please visit the website at <https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/graduation/> for more detailed information on the entire week's festivities.

I would especially like to highlight the Superintendent's Reception on Sunday, May 20th. Mrs. Silveria and I invite you to our home, called the Carlton House, in order to meet you personally and to extend our congratulations to you and your cadet.

On behalf of the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, thank you for supporting your cadet and our Academy during your cadet's journey. Together we can look forward to watching our newest officers lead the world's greatest Air Force for the next 60 years of excellence!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay B. Silveria".

JAY B. SILVERIA, Lt Gen, USAF