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### Prep School Access:

<https://twitter.com/USAFAPrepSchool>

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

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

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### Cadet Class Statistics (as of 31 Jan 19)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2018	4	0	4
2019	753	261	1014
2020	720	292	1012
2021	805	309	1114
2022	849	289	1138
<b>WING</b>	<b>3131</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>4282</b>

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

### Prep School Class Statistics (as of 20 Feb 19)

Class year	Men	Women	Total
2018-2019	143	59	202

### 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.



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### COMMENTS SOUGHT AHEAD OF ACCREDITATION VISIT

The United States Air Force Academy is preparing for its first accreditation visit in 10 years by the Higher Learning Commission.

The commission invites the public, including the parent community, to comment about the Academy before the visit in April.

“The U.S. Air Force Academy is seeking comments from the public about the Academy in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency,” according to an Academy release.

“The Academy will host a visit April 29-30, 2019, from a team of peer reviewers representing the Higher Learning Commission. The team will review the institution’s ongoing ability to meet HLC’s criteria for accreditation.

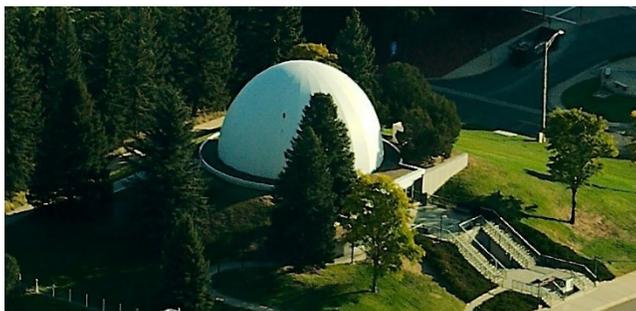
The U.S. Air Force Academy has been accredited by HLC since 1959. Comments must be in writing and must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs.”

The public can send comments to the HLC at [hlcommission.org/comment](http://hlcommission.org/comment) or mail them to the address below. All comments must be received by April 1, 2019.

Comments may be mailed to: Public Comment on the U.S. Air Force Academy Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois, 60604-1411.

“This accreditation effort is about our entire institution,” said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria ’85. “We are all in.”

Visit [www.usafa.edu/news/air-force-academy-preps-for-aprilaccreditation-visit](http://www.usafa.edu/news/air-force-academy-preps-for-aprilaccreditation-visit) for more information.



*U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs, Feb. 26, 2019*

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — If you like things that fizz, pop, and smoke, you’ll enjoy an afternoon with the Air Force Academy’s special science guest, Steve Spangler.

To celebrate the grand opening of the Academy’s new planetarium, Spangler will host a show at Arnold Hall, 3-4 p.m., March 2, followed by an open house at the planetarium, 4-4:45 p.m.

Spangler is well-known for showing millions how make a geyser out of soda and a roll of Mentos. He’s a regular guest on Ellen DeGeneres’s popular TV show, with 20 appearances so far. From sparks of electricity to exploding bubbles and giant rings of smoke, Spangler’s show is family-friendly and designed to engage your sense of wonder.

The event is free of charge and tickets are required. To reserve tickets, call 719-333-4496. Tickets may be picked up 8-3 p.m., Monday-Friday, at the Arnold Hall ticket office, or at will-call by 2 p.m. the day of the show.

Guest parking is in the Cadet Field House parking lot. A shuttle will take guests to Arnold Hall.

The planetarium is scheduled to open to the public March 4.

Visit [www.usafa.edu/academics/facilities/planetarium](http://www.usafa.edu/academics/facilities/planetarium).



*Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein. (U.S. Air Force Academy photo/Trevor Cokley)*

*Academy Public Affairs, Feb. 25, 2019*

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — The Air Force’s top officer doesn’t parse words when it comes to describing his confidence in the capability of the Air Force.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein said his faith in today’s Total Force Airmen allows him to send a simple message to any adversary spanning the globe, and via all domains: “We’re here ... We know what’s going on and you can’t do anything about it. We know

what you're up to and there's not a damn thing you can do."

A self-described "unapologetic Airman," Goldfein said he is especially proud of the culture Airmen are building at the Air Force Academy while addressing cadets, Total Force Airmen, and guests packing Arnold Hall to attend his National Character and Leadership Symposium presentation, Feb. 22.

The general said he's more than simply confident in the Air Force's ability to win the battle in air, space and cyberspace.

The lethality the Air Force can inflict with its airpower is well known, even in enemy circles, he said.

"We're a global service and I would offer that we're a global power because of that global reach," the general said.

Modern war is fought in all domains including air, land, sea, space and cyberspace – with war-fighting advances looming large in the space arena, Goldfein said.

"We have to culturally embrace space superiority with the same passion we've embraced air superiority," he told the cadets.

U.S. and coalition partners are currently busier than they've been since the Vietnam War, Goldfein said.

"The [Academy's] class of 1969 graduated and went straight into combat with some cadets graduating early and immediately going to Vietnam," he said. Today's joint force faces a similar tempo, with increasing complexity, and Airmen are at the forefront.

### **Leadership, Character, Values**

Goldfein said he's proud of the Academy's mission to develop leaders of character.

"The traditions of the 'Long Blue Line' delves into what our nation expects of us as officers and leaders," he said. "Leadership and character cannot exist as separate entities."

The general encouraged cadets to consider the quality of their personal character.

"Character is about who we are and the decisions we make when no one is looking," he said.

Goldfein urged the cadets to be humble servant leaders.

"America expects us to be leaders of humility," he said. "We have a sacred charge to preserve this sacred institution, the Air Force, and hand it off to the next generation better than we found it."

The general described his challenging first two years at the Academy.

Goldfein left the Academy after his sophomore year to travel the U.S. on his bicycle and worked as a roadie for U.S. singer-songwriter Harry Chapin. During his time on the road, the generosity and kindness he experienced from U.S. citizens inspired him to return to the Academy with a new mindset.

"While away from the Academy I embraced what this nation stands for and began thinking about what it means to be a servant leader – the value of servant leadership," he said. The general graduated in 1983 and became fighter pilot.

Goldfein encouraged cadets to dive into their Academy training and recognize the challenges they encounter are designed to save lives and preserve freedom.

And Goldfein should know, as he credits the training he received at the Academy to helping save his life in May 1999, when his F-16CJ fighter jet was shot down over Serbia.

"I brilliantly intercepted an enemy missile with my aircraft," he said light-heartedly.

Then-Lt. Col. Goldfein was rescued by a combat search-and-rescue team after many long hours hiding from Serbian forces. He said the training he received at the Academy 20 years earlier gave him confidence he would survive.

"I will tell you that the training I had here at the academy came right to me, he said.

“Find a cadet who is fighting [their experience at the Academy] and say ‘why are you fighting it?’” he said. “Join us. Don’t fight it.”

Goldfein went on to say Airmen and cadets are morally obligated to be servant leaders.

“America expects you to take our values into battle,” he said.

Goldfein’s also proud of the diversity of the Air Force.

“Our nation expects us to embrace diversity as a war fighting imperative,” he said. “Our culture has to embrace ‘all of us.’”

Goldfein said the Air Force has to be inclusive and aware of what every Airman brings to the fight.

“Think of how you build your team as a leader and make sure you understand what’s going on in your organization,” he said.

### **Embrace the Air Force**

Two freshmen cadets, Taylor Marzolf and Nicholas Oesterling, said they were inspired by Goldfein’s presentation.

“I appreciated the chief sharing his stories and experiences ‘out in the field,’” Cadet 4th Class Osterling said, referring to the general’s experience while in combat in Serbia during the 90s. “It’s a really good example to cadets to trust their training.”

Oesterling said he also appreciates that Goldfein “went through the same thing we’re experiencing at the Academy as freshmen.”

Cadet 4th Class Marzolf said the general’s message encourages her to embrace the Air Force.

“My dad is a retired colonel and he told me, ‘the sooner you join the Air Force, the better it’s going to be,’” she said. “Training helps you grow. Your freshman year can be pretty difficult, but General Goldfein’s message is inspiring. I just have to embrace everything I’m going through.

The annual National Character and Leadership Symposium is the United States Air Force Academy’s flagship event on character and leadership. It brings together distinguished scholars, military leaders, corporate executives and world-class athletes to motivate and equip participants for honorable living and effective leadership.

### **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/>

FACEBOOK:  
<https://www.facebook.com/USAFAPrepSchool/>

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

Prep School 2017-2018 Academic Calendar:  
[https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/PL\\_Calendar\\_12Jul2017.pdf](https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/PL_Calendar_12Jul2017.pdf)

### **ACADEMY’S ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER IS ‘ONE STOP SHOP’ FOR CADETS**



Cadets at the Air Force Academy study and get advice from a faculty member in the school’s Academic Success Center. (U.S. Air Force Academy photo)

By U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs, Feb. 11, 2019

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — Cadets at the Air Force Academy said the school’s Academic Success Center in Fairchild Hall helps them succeed in the classroom.

“It’s like a one-stop-shop,” said Cadet 3rd Class Kelly Motes, a geospatial science major. “I can get help with my papers from the writing center and with my physics and engineering mechanics problems in the Quantitative Reasoning Center.”

The Academic Success Center offers cadets a reading enhancement course, the strategies for academic success program, a graduate studies office, and a quantitative reasoning center that features evening tutoring for cadets, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The nine-week reading enhancement course is offered four times a year and teaches cadets to read and comprehend efficiently.

The strategies for academic success program, designed to improve cadets’ study skills, is open to all cadets regardless of academic standing. Cadets can get help on a walk-in basis.

The graduate studies office offers four programs for graduates to earn advanced degrees after graduating.

— *The National Competitive Scholarship Program identifies, mentors and assists cadets competing for national and international scholarships and fellowships, including Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Fulbright and Hertz scholarships.*

— *The Endowed Scholarship Program is only for Academy cadets and funded by the Gen. John K. Gerhart Fellowship, the Alberta Bart Holaday Scholarship, the Gen. Richard L. Lawson Scholarship, the Earl and Marion Nutter Trust Scholarship and the Franklin C. Wolfe Scholarship.*

— *The graduate studies office identifies potential faculty members by nominating graduating cadets for admission. The program allows cadets graduating in the top 25 percent of their class to pursue a 12-month master’s degree program.*

— *The medical school program allows select cadets to attend medical school and later fill vacancies in the Medical Science Corps.*

At the QRC, faculty members provide cadets with extra instruction in difficult subjects, including calculus, physics, chemistry and engineering.

“The Academic Success Center raises retention rates due to the holistic and intentional academic and personal support we give cadets,” said ASC director Dr. Kerry McCaig, also the deputy director of student services at the Academy. “When we work with cadets, we utilize the most current research on learning and assist cadets in acquiring how best to process information.”

McCaig said faculty members use a “growth mindset” at the ASC to help cadets.

“Once cadets gain confidence and realize success, we encourage them to keep that momentum and grit as they improve and return to the ASC for help and advice,” she said.

Cadet 3rd Class Itzel Chan-Topete, a civil engineering major, said the QRC staff helped her better understand his coursework.

“The group sessions were really helpful,” she said. “The use of the QRC improved my understanding of the class and my overall grade.”

McCaig said the ASC’s vision supports and encourages academic excellence.

“We’re here to assist all cadets become exceptional leaders as they read, think, communicate and lead men and women in the Air Force,” she said.

Visit [www.usafa.edu/academics/registrar/academic-success-center](http://www.usafa.edu/academics/registrar/academic-success-center) for more information.

## [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/AY2017-2018Calendar.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 <http://lifetouch.com/>

1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241

## UPCOMING DATES:

7 – 9 Mar 19	2022 Recognition (Begins LMD on 7 Mar until after formal Dinner 9 Mar)
8 Mar 19	Prep School Finals
12 Mar 19	Prep School Training Day – No Classes
22 – 31 Mar 18	Cadet Spring Break - Return by 7pm on 31 Mar 19
22 – 31 Mar 19	Prep School Spring Break – Release LMD. Return by 7pm on 31 Mar 19
1 – 3 May 19	Prep School Finals
11 – 12 May 19	Cadet Dean’s Weekend
13 – 17 May 19	Cadet Spring Finals
19 May 19	Prep School Baccalaureate
20 May 19	Prep School Graduation Parade (9:10 – 10:00 am)/Award Ceremony (2:00 – 3:30 pm)
20 May 19	Prep School Reception (4:00 – 5:30 pm)
27 May 19	Memorial Day Holiday – No Classes
24 May 19	Ring Dance, 5-8 pm (Class of 2020)
24 -30 May 19	2019 Graduation Week
30 May 19	2019 Graduation
1 Jun 19	1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Session Begins
22 Jun 19	1 <sup>st</sup> Session Ends/2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Begins
27 Jun 19	2023 Class In-Processes
28 Jun 19	2023 Swearing In Ceremony, 8:30 – 9:30 am, Parent Field
12 Jul 19	Field Day (2023 Class) (no parent contact, but parents can watch)
13 Jul 19	Rodeo (no parent contact)
14 Jul 19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Ends/3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Begins
14 Jul 19	Prep School Prior Enlisted In-Process
17 Jul 19	Prep School In- Processing (non-priors)
20 Jul 19	DDO (Doolie Day Out) Cadets can call home and will have cell phones
21 Jul 19	March out to Jack’s Valley (Parents can come to cheer C4Cs)
31 Jul 19	March back from Jack’s Valley (Parents can come to cheer C4Cs)
1 Aug 19	2023 Class should get laptops
2 Aug 19	2023 BCT Graduation (not for parents) Cadet Wing only
3 Aug 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Ends/ BCT ends/Cadet Wing Returns by 7pm
6 Aug 19	Acceptance Day Parade, 9:00am, parade field
6 Aug 19	Prep School Classes Begin
8 Aug 19	Cadet Classes Begin
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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