



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

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Dear Families and Friends of the Class of 2021,

Over the past four years, the members of the Class of 2021 have built a strong foundation for careers of unlimited potential, dedicated to integrity, service, and excellence. As this class progressed through our demanding and interdisciplinary curriculum, they formed a cornerstone in character – the hallmark of a United States Air Force Academy Graduate. We have tested them in the classroom, in the squadron, and on the athletic fields, and over the past year they not only persevered, but led the Cadet Wing through one of the most challenging periods in our Academy's history. Through these experiences, they have transformed from some of America's most promising young people into the leaders our Nation needs to guide its Air Force and Space Force into the future. On behalf of the United States Air Force Academy, I am thrilled to extend my congratulations on your cadet's upcoming graduation!

It is with great pride that I invite you to join me in Falcon Stadium on May 26, 2021, when the 63rd graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy receives their diplomas and commissions as second lieutenants. Due to regulations in place to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our community against the spread of COVID-19, the ceremony will take place with a limited audience. As of 16 April, each graduate will be allowed to bring 8 guests to the Graduation Ceremony on 26 May. Each graduate will also be allowed to bring 3 guests to the Graduation Parade and Commissioning Ceremony on 25 May. Attendance numbers remain subject to change as we monitor conditions and consider recommendations of local, state, and federal health authorities. We will communicate additional details to our cadets, parents, and community.

At the conclusion of the Graduation Ceremony, the class will be honored with an exhilarating performance by the Air Force Thunderbirds. More detailed information on graduation week can be found on our graduation website: <https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/graduation/>

This milestone marks the end of one challenging journey and the beginning of an even bigger one. Much will be asked of these leaders in their careers, but I am confident they are prepared to solve the unknown problems of tomorrow, and our entire Academy community will be proud to see them take their place as the newest members of the Long Blue Line. On behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and the Chief of Space Operations, thank you for supporting your cadet and our Academy. Together, we look forward to the extraordinary accomplishments that these outstanding young leaders will achieve throughout their careers of service to our great Nation.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Clark".

RICHARD M. CLARK
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Superintendent