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Cadet Class Statistics (as of 31 Dec 17)

| Class Year | Men | Women | Total |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2017 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 2018 | 791 | 215 | 1006 |
| 2019 | 756 | 264 | 1020 |
| 2020 | 745 | 303 | 1048 |
| 2021 | 843 | 322 | 1165 |
| WING | 3136 | 1104 | 4240 |

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 25 Jan 18)

| Class year | Men | Women | Total |
|------------|-----|-------|-------|
| 2017-2018 | 163 | 54 | 217 |

ACADEMY APP AVAILABLE –

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Spring Break Bus Schedules: Holiday Bus Schedules can be found online on the USAFA Parent Webpage at the following link:

<https://www.usafa.edu/parents/holiday-shuttle-information/>

Breaking the status quo: USAFA educator develops program based on mountaineering and special ops background



Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo, Jan. 24, 2018
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. – If you told Lt. Col. Rob Marshall leadership starts at the top, he'd take you literally.

Part mountaineer, part special operations pilot, he's spent a lot of time living his life at high altitudes. Marshall is by no means the casual adventurer, he's a world-class mountaineer, having led climbs of the highest peak on each continent, including Mount Everest, and ferried special operators in and out of war zones as a CV-22 Osprey pilot.

These days, the 2001 Academy graduate is on the forefront of adventure-based experiential learning at the Air Force Academy. He's in the early stages of developing a summer program that encourages cadets to learn and overcome challenges, risk, and failure that can't be replicated in a classroom via outdoor experiences.

"The greatest threat to America is following the status quo," said Marshall, who serves as the Academy's director for experiential education programs and honor education at the Center for Character and Leadership Development. "It inhibits innovation."

His vision for the program stems from a career he calls "unconventional."

"In a classroom, we mainly learn through reading, discussion, watching and listening," Marshall said. "Experiential learning involves applying the concepts learned in a classroom – often outdoors – experimenting with them and sometimes failing."

Controlled environments can limit learning and it's easy to develop tunnel vision as an Academy cadet, Marshall said.

"There's not a single cadet here who isn't highly intelligent, but how far have they been tested?" he said. "Learning with unpredictability is essential and that's what Mother Nature provides."

'There's no one way to do anything'

Marshall vibrates with innovation and ideas. He's a mixture of a mad scientist and athlete, and the walls of his office are covered with floor to ceiling whiteboards dotted with his adventure-based notes.

He's an educational pioneer who admits to sometimes needing to taper his vision into something achievable, but recognizes the need to push cadets to break through their personal limits.

Although in the nascent stage, Marshall plans to add 10 days onto the Academy's Expeditionary Survival Training. The program would include a 12-hour hike, a 24-hour hike and a 36-hour adventure race in the wilderness west of the Academy. It's slated to be implemented this summer and involve the Cadet Wing's 1,200 junior-year cadets and 250 freshman and sophomore cadets.



"At the end of each experience, cadets will debrief and reflect upon what they learned," Marshall said. "This way the experience is personalized and they can then try it again and again, each time learning something new and hopefully improving their results."

The CCLD department head, Col. Mark Anarumo, said faculty have been completely evolving the way they deliver character education to cadets.



CCLD officials, including Marshall, plan to develop an adventure-based experiential learning foundation at the Academy and start collecting data to empower the Air Force to implement this style of learning across the enterprise.

“We will push them to their personal limits through these programs and test them in ways they would otherwise never experience short of leading in a combat environment,” Anarumo said. “This generation clearly learns differently than any past cohort of young adults.

“Adventure-based experiential learning and similar programs we will be rolling out will close the gap between how we teach and what these future leaders need as they enter a rapidly changing, hyper dynamic world.”

Melding his background as a special operations pilot and mountaineer, Marshall wants to incorporate lessons at the Academy that deal with uncertainty and quick flexibility.

“There is usually only one way to solve things here at the Academy, you need to get an ‘A’,” he said. “The further you get to an ‘A’ the better. But what I always foot stomp to cadets is that there is never one way to accomplish anything. This summer program is an opportunity for cadets to create their own unique strategy to succeed.”

Having witnessed the innovations made by enemy combatants during his time in the special operations community, Marshall stressed the need for Air Force leaders to think “outside the box and step out from their comfort zones.”

“I believe the number one skill that we have to fight our enemies is innovation and the outdoors requires innovation in abundance as the rules and environment are always changing,” Marshall said. “I want our cadets to realize that when you walk off the beaten path you’re no longer following the status quo and that’s okay, because often the status quo is our enemy.”

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

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

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Prep School 2017-2018 Academic Calendar:
https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/PL_Calendar_12Jul2017.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

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 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

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

Sports Schedules:
www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/

Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop):
(719) 472-8589
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:

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| 15 Feb 18 | Majors Night |
| 16 Feb 18 | 100s Night (2018 Class) |
| 21 – 23 Feb 18 | National Character & Leadership Symposium (NCLS) |
| 8 – 10 Mar 18 | Recognition for Class of 2021 |
| 23 Mar 18 – 1 Apr 18 | Cadet Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 1 Apr 18) |
| 23 Mar – 1 Apr 18 | Prep School Spring Break (Return by 7:00 pm on 1 Apr 18) |
| 28 Apr – 2 May 18 | Prep School Spring Finals |
| 9 - 12 May 18 | Cadet Spring Finals |
| 16 May 18 | Prep School Baccalaureate Awards Ceremony |
| 17 May 18 | Prep School Parade & Graduation |
| 18 May 18 | 2019 Ring Dance |
| 23 May 18 | 2018 Graduation |
| 2 Jun 18 | 1 st Summer Session Begins |
| 23 Jun 18 | 1 st Session Ends/2 nd Session Begins |
| 28 Jun 18 | 2022 Class In-Processes |
| 29 Jun 18 | 2022 Swearing In Ceremony (7:30 or 8:00 am normally) |
| 15 Jul 18 | Prep School – Prior Service report (in-processing) |
| TBD | Field Day (parent viewing but no parent access) |
| TBD | Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (No parent access) |
| 14 Jul 18 | 2 nd Session Ends/3 rd Session Begins |
| 21 Jul 18 | (tentative) Doolie Day Out (DDO) to meet sponsor families (Basics can have cell phones today) |
| 18 Jul 18 | Prep School - Direct Entry report (in-processing) |
| TBD | March out to Jacks Valley |
| 4 Aug 18 | 3 rd Session Ends |
| TBD | March back to Jacks Valley |
| 4 Aug 18 | Cadet Wing Returns by 7pm |
| 4 Aug 18 | Prep School Basic Military Training (BMT) Graduation (not for Parents) |
| TBD | Cadet's Laptop Issue |
| TBD | Cadet's should have e-mail |
| TBD | Acceptance Parade (time TBD) (2022 class is allowed cell phones) normally at 9:00am |
| TBD | 2020 Class Commitment Dinner (Mitchell Hall) |
| 7 Aug 18 | New Semester Classes Start |
| 18 Aug 18 | Scholarship Checks will be Accepted for the Class of 2022 |
| 31 Aug – 3 Sep 18 | Parents Weekend https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/parents-weekend/ |
| 20 – 25 Nov 18 | Cadet Thanksgiving Break Release - Last Military Duty (LMD) Return by 7pm |
| TBD | Prep School Thanksgiving Break Release - TBD Return by 7pm (awaiting Prep School Calendar) |
| 12 – 15 Dec 18 | Cadet Winter Finals |
| TBD | Prep School Finals |
| 16 Dec 17 – 3 Jan 19 | Cadet Winter Break - Return by 7pm on 3 Jan 19 |
| TBD | Prep School Winter Break - Return by 7pm on 3 Jan 19 |
| 20 – 22 Feb 19 | National Character & Leadership Symposium (NCLS) |
| 7 – 9 Mar 19 | 2022 Recognition |
| 22 – 31 Mar 18 | Cadet Spring Break - Return by 7pm on 31 Mar 19 |
| TBD | Prep School Spring Break - Return by 7pm on TBD |
| 13 – 17 May 19 | Cadet Spring Finals |
| TBD | Prep School Spring Finals |
| 27 May 19 | Memorial Day |
| 24 -29 May 19 | 2019 Graduation Week |
| 30 May 19 | 2019 Graduation |

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| 1 Jun 19 | 1 st Summer Session Begins |
| 22 Jun 19 | 1 st Session Ends/2 nd Session Begins |
| 27 Jun 19 | 2023 Class In-Processes |
| 14 Jul 19 | 2 nd Session Ends/3 rd Session Begins |
| 3 Aug 19 | 3 rd Session Ends/ BCT ends/Cadet Wing Returns by 7pm |
| 9 Aug 19 | Cadet Classes Begin |

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