



**PHOTO ACCESS FOR PARENTS -**

The U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs office provides command information to the installation and the public. One of the ways we do this is through social media venues such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. All information provided is official, but there is also fun stuff on there too. Did you know you can download photos from our Facebook page for free?

[Official USAFA Facebook site](https://www.facebook.com/USAFAPrepSchool)

[Official USAFA Twitter site](https://twitter.com/USAFAPrepSchool)

[Official USAFA Instagram site](https://www.instagram.com/usafaprepofficial/)

[Official USAFA Flick'r site](https://www.flickr.com/photos/usafa/)

Prep School Access:

<https://twitter.com/USAFAPrepSchool>

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

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

We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy and #YourUSAFAPrep for the Prep School. You might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at (719) 333-7731.

**Cadet Class Statistics (as of 30 Jun 17)**

| Class Year  | Men         | Women       | Total       |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2017        | 7           | 1           | 8           |
| 2018        | 793         | 215         | 1008        |
| 2019        | 767         | 267         | 1034        |
| 2020        | 749         | 308         | 1057        |
| 2021        | 882         | 334         | 1216        |
| <b>WING</b> | <b>3198</b> | <b>1125</b> | <b>4323</b> |

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

**Prep School Class Statistics (as of 30 Jun 17)**

| Class year | Men | Women | Total |
|------------|-----|-------|-------|
| 2017-2018  | 0   | 0     | 0     |

**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.



iTunes



Android



By Maureen Welch/ July 18, 2017

You've got to love "snail mail," especially if you happen to be a basic cadet at the Air Force Academy. You could say it's their lifeline to the outside world during their six weeks of Basic Cadet Training because computers, cellphones and social media are strictly off limits.

Other than a family emergency, letters are the only way these trainees can contact or hear from their family and friends.

“The mail room is something the basics look forward to because it’s their opportunity to be at ease and relaxed,” said Cadet 1st Class Kai Billings, Demons “E” flight cadre. “They get to see how much their friends and family love them by sending them mail.”

Billings said personal letters helps the basic cadets see the light at the end of training tunnel.

“Words of encouragement from loved ones enable basics to push through and make it during training,” he said.

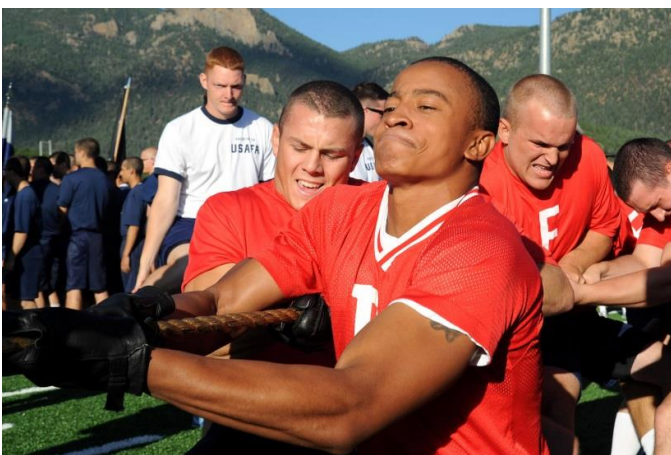
Basic cadets read their mail in formation while the cadet cadre collects any unauthorized items: pictures, food, candy, tokens, care packages, magazines and newspapers, among other items. The cadre returns these items when the trainees complete BCT.

According to an Academy postal worker, mail is eagerly anticipated. In many cases, the piles of letters from friends and family are equaled by mail from complete strangers.

Cadets keep their post box for their four years at the Academy. Mail to a basic cadet should be addressed:

- Basic Cadet First and Last Name
- P.O. Box number, U.S. Air Force Academy
- Colorado, 80841

Mail with an incorrect or general address may be delayed or never received, the postal worker said.



By Maureen Welch/July 13, 2017

Basic cadet trainees at the Air Force Academy tested their skill, stamina and physical condition July 14 at Field Day.

The basic cadets marched to the Academy’s athletic fields in squadron formation at 6:30 a.m. and competed in distance runs, sprints, tug-of-war, dodgeball, log relays and other events.

Basic cadet training for the Class of 2021 started June 29 and continues through Aug. 5.

#### **Hometown News Release (for local Newspapers):**

Your cadet (not parents...the cadets are the active duty member) can go to the following link and put in a Hometown News Release for their achievements here at USAFA. The cadet has to release their Privacy Act Information for the article to be used. Please note that you must have a CAC identification card (active duty ID) to use this program. Parents can’t update for their cadet.

Hometown News Release link:

<https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public>

#### **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/>

Mail: HQ USAFA/PL

5229 Cedar Drive, Suite 117

USAF Academy, CO 80840-3100

#### **Prep School 2016-2017 Academic Calendar:**

<https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/PL-Calendar-AY-2016-2017-15-Jul-16.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](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/AY-2017-2018-Calendar-Approved-14-Dec-16.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

1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241

[http://lifetouch.com/](http://lifetouch.com)

**UPCOMING DATES:**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 22 Jul 17            | Doolie Day Out (DDO) to meet sponsor families (Basics can have cell phones today)   |
| 16 Jul 17            | Prep School – Prior Service report (in-processing)  |
| 15 Jul 17            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Ends/3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Begins   |
| 19 Jul 17            | Prep School - Direct Entry report (in-processing)   |
| 5 Aug 17             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Ends  |
| 9 Aug 17             | 2019 Commitment Dinner  |
| 24 Jul 17            | March out to Jacks Valley   |
| 3 Aug 17             | March back from Jacks Valley  |
| 5 Aug 17             | Cadet Wing Returns by 7pm   |
| 8 or 9 Aug 17        | 2021 Cadet's Laptop Issue   |
| 8 or 9 Aug 17        | 2021 Cadet's should have e-mail   |
| 8 Aug 17             | Acceptance Parade (time TBD) (2021 class is allowed cell phones) normally at 9:00am   |
| 9 Aug 17             | 2019 Class Commitment Dinner (Mitchell Hall)  |
| 10 Aug 17            | New Semester Classes Start  |
| 1 – 4 Sep 17         | Parents Weekend <a href="https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/parents-weekend/">https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/parents-weekend/</a> |
| 30 Sep 17            | Air Force Birthday Ball (C4Cs Mandatory, other cadets optional) at Mitchell Hall, Cocktails at 5:30pm   |
| 21 – 26 Nov 17       | Cadet Thanksgiving Break (after LMD). Return by 7:00 pm on 26 Nov 17  |
| 22 – 26 Nov 17       | Prep School Thanksgiving Break (released at 9:00 am) Return by 7:00 pm on 26 Nov 17   |
| 11 -15 Dec 17        | Cadet Fall Finals   |
| 14-15 Dec 17         | Prep School Fall Finals   |
| 16 Dec 17 – 2 Jan 18 | Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 2 Jan 18) Check w/cadet ... Cadets can leave after their last final                         |
| 16 Dec 17 – 2 Jan 18 | Prep School Winter Break (released at 0900/return by 7 pm on 2 Jan 18)  |
| 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)  |
| 16 May 18            | Prep School Baccalaureate Awards Ceremony   |
| 17 May 18            | Prep School Parade & Graduation   |
| 23 May 18            | 2018 Graduation   |
| 28 Jun 18            | 2022 Class In-Processes   |
| 2 Jun 18             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Session Begins   |
| 23 Jun 18            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Ends/2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Begins   |
| 28 Jun 18            | 2022 Class In-Processes   |
| 14 Jul 18            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Ends/3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Begins   |
| 4 Aug 18             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Ends  |
| 4 Aug 18             | Cadet Wing Returns by 7pm   |

**Parent Liaison Contact Info:**

MARIE NIKOVITS  
Parents' Liaison  
U.S. Air Force Academy, CO  
Phone: (719) 333-3828  
Toll Free: (877) 268-3383  
Fax: (719) 333-1433  
E-mail: [USAFA.ParentLiaison@usafa.edu](mailto:USAFA.ParentLiaison@usafa.edu)