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CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 Apr 17)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2017	761	229	990
2018	798	215	1013
2019	779	271	1050
2020	764	312	1076
WING	3102	1027	4129

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

Preparatory School Class Statistics (as of 3 May 17)

Class year	Men	Women	Total
2016-2017	153	47	200

2017-2018 Cadet Academic Calendar

The calendar was approved on Dec. 14, 2016 and can be found [here](#). Please note that the 2018 Graduation is 23 May, 2018.

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:



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Apple app available at the iTunes Store at: itunes.apple.com/us/app/united-states-air-force-academy/id427133480?mt=8

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iTunes



Android



Maureen Welch, June 12, 2017

In the Stairwell, the Air Force Academy's all-male a Capella singing group, performed on NBC's America's Got Talent, June 13.

Show producers saw the group's fall YouTube broadcast and contacted the Academy. Their video was shown to AGT producers, who picked their favorites and showcased them to NBC executives," said Lt. Col. Kris Conde, Air Force entertainment liaison.

NBC invited the 16 singers to L.A. to perform in front of judge Simon Cowell.

"NBC unanimously loved the singing group," said producer Nigel Caaro.

Freshmen cadets formed the group in 2004 to sing together in the only place they could: the dorm stairwells. They're now recognized as the Academy's official all-male a cappella group.

"[Performing for AGT judge Simon Cowell] was by far one of the coolest experiences that our group has ever had the opportunity to be a part of," said vocalist Thomson Knox. "America will be surprised."



Academy grad selected for NASA astronaut training

Lt. Col. Raja Chari has been selected by NASA to join the 2017 Astronaut Candidate Class.

Chari relinquished command of the 461st Flight Test Squadron at Edwards Air Force Base, California, June 9, where he oversaw developmental testing of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter for the past few year. Simultaneously, he served as director of the F-35 Integrated Test Force.

Chari will leave Edwards with a selection for promotion to colonel. He has flown more than 2,000 hours in the F-36 Lightning II, the F-15 Strike Eagle, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the F-18 Hornet, including F-15E combat missions in Operation Iraqi Freedom and deployments in support of the Korean peninsula.

The Iowa native graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1999 with a bachelor's in aeronautical engineering and engineering science. He continued to earn a master's degree in aeronautics and astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated from the Naval Test Pilot School.

Chari is one of 12 new astronauts introduced June 7 who will train for missions in Earth's orbit and deep space.

The seven men and five women comprise the 22nd class of American spaceflight trainees since 1959. According to a NASA news release, the group is the largest NASA has selected in almost two decades. The 12 candidates include six military officers, two medical doctors, a lead engineer at SpaceX and a NASA research pilot.

Chari is scheduled for report for duty in August to begin two years of training. Upon completion, he will be assigned technical duties in NASA's Astronaut Office while he awaits a flight assignment, according to NASA.

Hometown News Release (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, or phone (719) 333-2583

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

Mail: HQ USAFA/PL

5229 Cedar Drive, Suite 117

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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:

www.usafa.edu/parents/

Graduation Information Link:

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:

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:

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):

www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/CHB.pdf

Cadet Major listing:

www.usafa.edu/academics/majors-minors/

Cadet Clubs:

(just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

www.usafa.edu/cadet-life/clubs/

Cadet Survival Guide: Go to

www.usafasupport.com and click Arnold Hall or go to the below link:

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

1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241

<http://lifetouch.com/>

UPCOMING DATES:

29 Jun 17	2021 Class In-processes
30 Jun 17	2021 Swearing In Ceremony (normally 8:30am by Chapel Wall)
14 Jul 17	Field Day (parent viewing but no parent access)
15 Jul 17	Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (No parent access)
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 nd Session Ends/3 rd Session Begins
19 Jul 17	Prep School - Direct Entry report (in-processing)
5 Aug 17	3 rd 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 www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/parents-weekend/
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 st Summer Session Begins
23 Jun 18	1 st Session Ends/2 nd Session Begins
28 Jun 18	2022 Class In-Processes
14 Jul 18	2 nd Session Ends/3 rd Session Begins
4 Aug 18	3 rd Session Ends
4 Aug 18	Cadet Wing Returns by 7pm

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