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- <https://www.instagram.com/usafapreppofficial/>

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**Cadet Class Statistics (as of 28 Feb 18)**

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2017	1	0	1
2018	791	214	1005
2019	755	264	1019
2020	740	300	1040
2021	834	317	1151
<b>WING</b>	<b>3121</b>	<b>1095</b>	<b>4216</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 9 Mar 18)**

Class year	Men	Women	Total
2017-2018	162	53	215

**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.u36Omobile.airforceacademy> .

Apple app available at the I-Tunes Store at:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/united-states-air-force-academy/id427133480?mt=8>

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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/>



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**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — *The Air Force Academy is excited to honor the achievements of women during Women’s History Month. This year, we’ll remember women who went on to do great things after graduating from the Academy. This is the first installment in a feature series to be updated throughout the month.*

### **Susan Helms**

Retired Lt. Gen. Susan Helms became the first U.S. military woman to travel in space in 1993, and the first woman to live on the International Space Station in 2001. She shares the world record, along with her crew-mate Army Col. Jim Voss for the longest spacewalk.

Helms graduated the Air Force Academy in 1980 with a bachelor’s of science in aeronautical engineering.

Her Air Force assignment include her time as an astronaut at the Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas; commander of the 45th Space Wing at Patrick AFB, Florida; and director of Plans and Policy, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska.

She now dedicates her time to increasing the role of women on corporate boards.



### **Michelle Johnson**

Retired Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson is the first woman to become superintendent of the Air Force Academy. She graduated in 1981, is a Rhodes scholar and command pilot with more than 3,600 flying hours in cargo and refueling aircraft.

Her Air Force Assignments include Air Force Aide to the President at the White House; director of personnel for Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; director of Air Force Public Affairs at the Pentagon; and deputy chief of staff for Operations and Intelligence at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Casteau, Belgium.

Johnson is now senior vice president and head of referee operations for the NBA



*By Maureen Welch/March 6, 2018*

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — If you're a cadet fourth class at the Air Force Academy, you're probably not thinking about baseball as spring approaches.

You've likely got Recognition on your mind.

For these cadets, the change of season means it's time for Recognition.

"Recognition is an institutional rite of passage," said Cadet Wing Vice-Commandant Col. John Price. "This year, over 1,100 cadets in the Class of 2021 will seek to complete it."

Cadet Wing Commander Cadet 1st Class Kaitlyn Barry said Recognition is demanding.

"The focus is on evaluating the competencies cadets have learned since in-processing [for Basic Cadet Training] last June," she said

Cadets' fourth class who complete Recognition are given more responsibilities and privileges as they've demonstrated their ability to meet the training expectations of all cadets.

Barry said Recognition is an opportunity for cadets to demonstrate they have the attitude and competence demanded of all service members.

"Recognition tests the leadership of the upper three classes, builds confidence in their capabilities by evaluating their ability to purposefully plan and professionally execute a complex training and assessment event," she said. "Recognition allows commanders to evaluate the entire Cadet Wing."

Recognition began March 8 with the Wing Round Robin, a series of high-intensity physical exercises.

The physical challenges of Recognition end March 10 when first- and- fourth class cadets Run to the Rock, a five mile trek to Cathedral Rock.

Recognition ends with the Recognition Dinner in Mitchell Dining Hall after the Prop and Wings ceremonies in cadets' fourth class squadrons.

The cadets' fourth class won't formally become upperclassmen until the Class of 2018 graduates May 23.

### [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  
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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)

### [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:**

15 Feb 18	Majors Night
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
5 - 6 May 18	Dean's Weekend
9 - 12 May 18	Cadet Spring Finals
15 May 18	Prep School Baccalaureate Awards Ceremony
16 May 18	Prep School Parade & Awards Ceremony/Reception
17 May 18	Prep School Graduation
18 May 18	2019 Ring Dance
23 May 18	2018 Graduation
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
29 Jun 18	2022 Swearing In Ceremony (7:30 or 8:00 am normally)
4 Jul 18	4th of July Holiday (BCT is still ongoing though)
4 Jul 18	2022 Morale Call (they will only get a few minutes)
15 Jul 18	Prep School – Prior Service report (in-processing)
13 Jul 18	Field Day (parent viewing but no parent access)
14 Jul 18	Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (No parent access)
14 Jul 18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Ends/3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Begins
21 Jul 18	Doolie Day Out (DDO) to meet sponsor families (Basics can have cell phones today)
18 Jul 18	Prep School - Direct Entry report (in-processing)
22 Jul 18	March out to Jacks Valley
1 Aug 18	March back from Jacks Valley
4 Aug 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Ends/BCT Ends/Cadet Wing Returns by 7 pm/ BCT ends & 2022 should get cell phones back any day.
4 Aug 18	Prep School Basic Military Training (BMT) Graduation (not for Parents)
6 - 7 Aug 18	Cadet's Laptop Should be Issued
8 Aug 18	Cadet's should have e-mail
7 Aug 18	Acceptance Parade (time TBD) normally at 9:00am
Aug 18	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 <a href="https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/parents-weekend/">https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/parents-weekend/</a>
8 Oct 18	Columbus Day Holiday – No Classes
12 - 13 Oct 18	Commandants Cadet Training Day – No Classes on 12 Oct
12 Nov 18	Veterans Day Holiday (observed) – No Classes
20 – 25 Nov 18	Cadet Thanksgiving Break Release - Last Military Duty (LMD) Return by 7pm
20 – 25 Nov 18	Prep School Thanksgiving Break Release - Release at LMD. Return by 7pm
8 – 9 Dec 18	Dean's Weekend
12 – 15 Dec 18	Cadet Winter Finals
13 – 14 Dec 18	Prep School Winter Finals
16 Dec 17 – 3 Jan 19	Cadet Winter Break - Return by 7pm on 3 Jan 19

15 Dec 18 – 2 Jan 19	Prep School Winter Break - Released at 11:00 am. Return by 7pm on 2 Jan 19
21 Jan 19	Martin Luther King Holiday – No Classes
25 Jan 19	Prep School Exemplar Dinner
18 Feb 19	Presidents Day Holiday – No Classes
20 – 22 Feb 19	National Character & Leadership Symposium (NCLS) – No Classes
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/Award Ceremony
21 May 19	Prep School Graduation
27 May 19	Memorial Day Holiday – No Classes
May 19	Ring Dance
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
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)
3 Aug 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Ends/ BCT ends/Cadet Wing Returns by 7pm
6 Aug 19	Prep School Classes Begin
9 Aug 19	Cadet Classes Begin

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