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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:

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Android app available on Google Play at:



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ACADEMY SUPERINTENDENT TO RETIRE LATER IN YEAR

The Air Force announced April 27 that the superintendent of the Air Force Academy will retire from military service later this year.

Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson, a 1981 graduate of the Academy, is the first woman to lead the Academy. She's also a Rhodes scholar and command pilot with more than 3,600 hours in various aircraft.

Among her Air Force assignments, she was an aide to two presidents at the White House, and, at the Pentagon, the Air Force's Director of Public Affairs and later Deputy Director for Information and Cyberspace Policy on the Joint Staff.

She spent two years as Director, Strategy and Policy, Programs and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command, and two years as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Intelligence, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Belgium.

The official date of General Johnson's retirement and the name of her successor is pending official announcement.



Michelle Eberheart/April 27, 2017

WINGS OF BLUE DEFEATS BLACK KNIGHTS

The Air Force Academy Wings of Blue defeated the West Point Black Knights during the fourth annual Inter Service Academy Meet April 14-16 at the Military Academy, New York.

Wings of Blue parachutists won two of the three categories, the six-way speed formation and four-way competition, while Black Knights' Tristan Tarpey came in first for sport accuracy competition. Academy's Chandley Beachy came in second for the accuracy competition followed by Black Knight's Drew Cochran.

"It's always good to win any competition, especially against the Army," said Andrew Honigbaum, Wings of Blue coach. "Most important part of this type of competition is the comradery between the two service academies. It's a great opportunity for cadets from both schools to work together and develop

relationships with each other that can help them out later in their careers."

Cadet Molly Ferguson, Wings of Blue member, echoed the sentiment.

"It's a really good competition between the service academies," she said. "Everyone is really welcoming. We all spent time with each other at Collegiate's this past December, and we just hung out with each other when we weren't jumping and we have a lot in common. We have the same kind of mentality, so we get along automatically."

The weekend-long competition was designed to foster a fun rivalry while gaining skydiving experience.

Michael Colell, Black Knights member, said the meet allowed his team to develop strong, competitive relationships with the Air Force Academy while representing West Point in competition.

"Although both teams are naturally competitive in spirit, we understand the strong bond between the sister academies and take any opportunity we can get to form a relationship with their cadets," he said.



Ray Bowden/April 24, 2017

SPACE PIONEERS VISIT PREP SCHOOL CADET CANDIDATES APRIL 18

Astronauts Susan Helms and Gary Payton gave Prep School students here a look into space April 18. Viewing the Earth from space is "humbling," they said during their hour-long chat with cadet-candidates at the Community Center Theater.

"I was surprised to see the Earth was white and blue, not green and blue like in the movies," said Helms, a retired lieutenant general. "It's absolutely stunning." Payton, a retired colonel, said movies and photos of the Earth from space will never do the sight justice.

"The Earth is gorgeous, a deep dark blue," he said. From space, you can see the effects of weather all across the globe."

Helms graduated from the Academy in 1980 with a bachelor's of science in aeronautical engineering and became an astronaut in 1990. She's the first woman in the U.S. military to travel in space, on Space Shuttle Endeavor in 1993.

"The 90s' were the golden age for space travel," she said. "The Space shuttle became a space transportation system, taking people to the International Space Station."

Helms completed five space flights and has spent 211 days in space.

Payton graduated from the Academy in 1971 with a bachelor's of science in aeronautical engineering. He became an astronaut in 1980.

"There's so much we don't know about the universe and our solar system," he said. "When you look out that window and see all those dots that are galaxies containing millions of solar systems, you realize how much you don't know."

Payton tested classified spacecraft from 1976 to 1980 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida. He flew on the Space Shuttle Discovery in 1985, the first publicized Defense Department shuttle mission. He's traveled more than 1.2 million miles in 48 Earth orbits and logged more than 73 hours in space.

Helms said her adventurous spirit and her father's military service as a pilot inspired her to apply for astronaut duty. Payton said his interest in space began during his time as an Academy cadet.

"I've always tried to choose the most difficult path in front of me and it's been very rewarding," he said.

Effects of Space

Helms and Payton said astronauts experience a variety of physiological and psychological effects in space, including the loss of muscle and bone mass, the ability to smell and for a short while at least, a knack for socializing. "When you're in space, gravity is no longer pulling on you so your body fluids start to settle," Helms said. "You can't get a runny nose in space."

The lack of gravity leads astronauts to experience congestion, which makes the tasteless NASA meals even less palatable, Payton said.

"I like the shrimp cocktails because they're so spicy they were the only meals I could actually taste," he said.

There's another adjustment to grapple with after astronaut return to Earth, Helms said.

"It took me 30 days to get used to people again," she said.

Helms, Payton and other U.S. astronauts receive annual physicals at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. The information from these physicals is compiled into an ongoing study tracking the astronauts' health as they age.

Helms has the world record for the longest spacewalk at eight hours, 56 minutes. Her last Air Force assignment before retiring was commander of 14th Air Force at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

Payton is an astronautics professor at the Academy. His last assignment before retiring from a military and civil career was deputy under-secretary of the Air Force for Space Programs in Washington, D.C.

For more information on Helms and Payton visit www.af.mil/About-Us/Biographies

ACADEMY PREP SCHOOL TO GET 'EZpay'

By Ray Bowden/April 17, 2017

Cadet-candidates at the Air Force Academy Preparatory School are scheduled to get a new payment plan this summer.

The EZpay Stored Value Card Program will reduce financial hardships some cadet-candidates face, said Lt. Col. Jennifer Russell, the Prep School's vice commander.

"Cadet-candidates must bring a check for \$1,600 for books and other necessities when they arrive," she said. "This presents a hardship for a large percentage of students."

Russell said 12-percent of the students directly appointed to the Prep School are from families making less than \$25,000 annually. This figure becomes 35-percent when prior-service Airmen, whose annual income is less than 25,000, are admitted to the school.

"The EZpay card will be issued with \$1,600 to cover initial purchases, with a four-month payback period, which will reduce the financial strain the lump-sum payment created," she said. "This is a huge improvement in relieving the stress of our cadet-candidates and their families."

Nancy Klapetzky, the Treasury Department's senior Stored Value Card official, said the Air Force Academy Prep School is a great fit for this program as EZpay was created to solve financial needs for the military.

"We look forward to providing the prep students the EZpay Stored Value Card containing an advance of pay for purchases on the first day upon arrival at the [Prep School]," she said.

The EZpay Program is used during Air Force and Army basic training, and sporadically in other areas by the

two services, said Lt. Col. Steven Strain, the Academy's comptroller and director of financial management. The only organization at the Academy now slated to use the program is the Prep School.

"This will be a huge improvement in the way we provide financial management support to our cadet candidates," he said. "Mr. Woodrow Fogleman, the Academy's financial services officer, and his team will implement this new and improved way of paying cadet candidates starting this July. He will issue an EZPay card to each new cadet candidate during their in-processing."

Editor's note: Kalpetzky; Michael Windsor, the Treasury's Fiscal Service EZpay Program manager; Gradeigh Mach, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's manager of business technical services support; and John Campbell, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's director of disbursing operations, visited the Air Force Academy March 27 to tour the Prep School and talk about the benefits of EZ Pay.

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:
jhns.release.dma.mil/public

PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Preparatory School Candidate parents.

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Prep School 2016-2017 Academic Calendar:
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:
<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
1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241
<http://lifetouch.com/>

2021 Computer Issue Information

LENOVO THINKPAD YOGA 260 (TAA Complaint)

Selectable Warranty Think 3 Year On-site

Preload Type Custom Image

Display 12.5" FHD (1920 x 1080), IPS, Multitouch

Camera 720p HD Camera with MIC

WiFi wireless LAN adapters Intel Dual Band Wireless-AC(2x2) 8260

System Unit Intel HD Graphics 520

Security Chip 2 Software TPM & Hardware dTPM

Processor Intel Core i7-6500U Processor (4MB Cache, up to 3.10GHz)

Total memory 16GB DDR4-2133 SODIMM

Hard drive 512 GB Solid State Drive, SATA3 OPAL2.0 - Capable

Fingerprint Integrated Fingerprint Reader

System expansion slots Smart Card Reader

Accessories 1 ThinkPad Pen Pro

Accessories 2 OneLink+ RJ45 Adapter

ITC - Project Type Image Creation

ITC - Imaging Service 1 Standard Service Load Fee

ITC - Imaging Service 5 Standard Services Image Creation

Display Panel FHD (1920 x 1080), Multitouch, Camera, Mic, Black, No WiGig, No WWAN

ThinkPad OneLink+ dock – US

Kensington Spill Proof USB Keyboard Black

Lenovo HDMI to VGA Monitor Adapter

Kensington 3 Button USB Mouse Black

1TB USB3.0 External Disk Drive Verbatim Titan XS

End of 2nd year bulk battery Replacement

4th Year of Warranty

Casio FX-115ES Plus Scientific Calculator

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12FT CAT5E CBL SNAGLESS PATCH GRY

SAFETY PWR STRIP W/ 6 OUT OSHA YLW 9FT C

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UPCOMING DATES:

8 - 12 May 17	Cadet Spring Finals
18 May 17	Prep School Parade
18 May 17	Prep School Graduation
19 May 17	Ring Dance (C2Cs)
24 May 17	2017 Graduation
3 Jun 17	1 st Session Begins
24 Jun 17	1 st Session Ends/2 nd Session Begins
29 Jun 17	2021 Class In-Processes
30 Jun 17	2021 Class Swearing-In Ceremony (normally at 8:30am)
14 Jul 17	Field Day (parent viewing but no parent access)
15 Jul 17	Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (no parent access)
15 Jul 17	2 nd Session Ends/3 rd Session Begins
16 Jul 17	Prep School Prior Enlisted In-process
19 Jul 17	Prep School Direct Cadet Candidates In-Process
22 Jul 17	Doolie Day Out (Basic Cadets will have cell phones today)
24 Jul 17	March Out to Jacks Valley
3 Aug 17	March Back from Jacks Valley
5 Aug 17	3 rd Session Ends
5 Aug 17	Cadet Wing Returns by 7:00 pm
8 or 9 Aug 17	C4Cs should have laptops and emails...format: C21First.Last@usafa.edu
10 Aug 17	New Semester Start
1-4 Sep 17	Parents Weekend
21-16 Nov 17	Cadet Thanksgiving Bread (after Last Military Duty [LMD])
TBD	Prep School Thanksgiving Break
11-15 Dec 17	Cadet Fall Finals
TBD	Prep School Finals
16 Dec 17 - 2 Jan 18	Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00pm on 2 Jan 18) Check w/ cadet...Cadets can leave after last final)
TBD	Prep School Winter Break
21-23 Feb 18	National Character & Leadership Symposium (NCLS)
8-10 Mar 18	2021 Recognition
23 Mar - 1 Apr 18	Cadet Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns by 7:00pm on 1 Apr18)
TBD	Prep School Spring Break
23 May 18	2018 Graduation

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