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- [www.facebook.com/AFPrepSchool](http://www.facebook.com/AFPrepSchool)
- <https://www.instagram.com/usafapreppofficial/>

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**Cadet Class Statistics (as of 30 Sep 18)**

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2018	8	1	9
2019	753	261	1014
2020	723	292	1015
2021	816	311	1127
2022	862	292	1154
<b>WING</b>	<b>3162</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>4319</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 5 Oct 18)**

Class year	Men	Women	Total
2018-2019	155	66	221

**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> .

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**CADET PORTRAITS –** Parents, annual cadet portraits will be taken Oct 15 – Nov 9. Firsties only the first week. Remind your cadet to attend and have him/her provide your current contact information at check in if you want to see proofs. A one-week make-up session will be offered in late January for cadets on exchange this semester. Call (719) 333-4644 with questions.



## **ONLY TWO MONTHS LEFT FOR VISITORS TO SEE HISTORIC CADET CHAPEL**

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** – The iconic Cadet Chapel at the United States Air Force Academy will close for at least four years beginning Jan. 1, to begin necessary renovations and repairs.

Visitors now have less than two months to visit this registered National Historic Landmark, also ranked Colorado’s No. 1 man-made attraction, before the preservation and restoration process begins.

The Chapel will be open through the upcoming holiday season. Visitor hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Chapel is listed on the National Historic Registry and the Academy is proud to oversee the preservation the building for generations of Americans and cadets to come.

Alternative locations have been established to ensure cadets will have access to religious services throughout the lengthy closure.

For more information about the Chapel, visit <https://www.usafa.edu/academics/facilities/cadet-chapel/> or call 719-333-4515.



*Five cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado, and two French service members (left and right), pose for a photo at the Saint-Mihiel American Cemetery, France, Sept. 22, 2018. The cemetery is the resting place for more than 4,000 U.S. service members who died in the Battle of Saint-Mihiel, Sept. 12-16, 1918, during the Great War. The cadets and some Academy faculty members traveled to France to take part in ceremonies honoring the 100th anniversary of the battle. (Photo courtesy of Cadet 1st Class Charles Estep)*

*U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs staff report, Sept 27, 2018*

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — Air Force Academy cadets traveled to France this month to mark the centennial anniversary of a major World War I battle.

Cadets joined French service members and government officials September 22 in ceremonies honoring the 7,000 allied service troops – including 4,000 U.S. service members – who died in the Battle of Saint-Mihiel, Sept. 12-16, 1918.

Cadet 2nd Class Michael DeFazio was one of the 18 cadets and four faculty members to make the trip. DeFazio visited one of the battle sites 177 miles east of Paris.

“Being on the ground totally changed how I view these battles,” he said.

The battle was fought during the Great War to reduce German fighting positions around the village of Saint-Mihiel, with more than 555,000 U.S. service members and 1110,000 French troops taking part in the campaign. Thousands of American troops are interred at the Saint-Mihiel American Cemetery.

Dr. Mark Grotelueschen of the Academy’s Military and Strategic Studies Department spoke at the event’s commemoration ceremony. He said he hopes cadets returned to Colorado Springs with a “broader appreciation for the scope, size and complexity of the Great War.”

“I also hope they were motivated by the commitment demonstrated by the military professionals who fought and died in the remarkably challenging context of the Great War,” he said.

Cadets visited the cemetery; the Museum of the Great War in Meaux; the Dunoumont Ossuary at Verdun; and the site of Sgt. Alvin C. York’s exploits during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.



A team of cadet researchers from the U.S. Air Force Academy took the bronze medal at the International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition in Boston, Oct. 24-28, 2018. (Courtesy photo)

*By Ray Bowden, Oct. 30, 2018*

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — Cadets took the bronze medal at the International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition in Boston, Oct. 24-28.

The Air Force Academy cadets took third-place with a research project with potential to curb fungal infections often found in bullet or shrapnel wounds and other traumatic injuries.

“Our purpose was to try and understand why yeast becomes infectious in the human body, not only because of infections, but because Americans are dying from secondary infections when returning injured from the Middle East, said Cadet 1st Class Annmarie Flatten, one of several cadet researchers who worked on the project.

Flatten said it felt great to win the bronze.

“This was our goal from the beginning,” she said. “A lot of teams, especially first-year [research] teams, struggle to even make that benchmark. “

Flatten, Cadets 1st Class Tamera Cardenas, Annamarie Flatten, Mark Muller and Heather Zimmie, with Cadets 2nd Class Erica Lee, Amanda Madrid and Anna Mendenhall, worked with Dr. Katherine Bates, a biology professor at the Academy, and Capt. Michael Barnhart, a biology instructor at the Academy, for 10 months. Their project is called “Ops Normal: A novel protein sequestration sequence to prevent a phenotypic switch in *Candida albicans*.”

“Our team combined genes together because at each end, the piece has a sequence that was complimentary to only the one other sequence we wanted,” Flatten said. “It’s more like zipping a zipper or pieces of a puzzle fitting together.”

Bates said the cadets developed a genetic “sensor” to detect and control *Candida albicans*, “the causative agent of many traumatic-wound secondary infections.”

“These infections are very hard to treat and don’t respond to antibiotics,” she said.

Project research took place at the Air Force Academy and the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The cadets worked with other service academy researchers and students from Colorado State University at Fort Collins and Carrol High School in Dayton, Ohio.

This was the first time Academy cadets competed at the event in Boston. More than 350 teams competed, Bates said.

### [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:

22 Sep 18	SAMI/PAI – Prep School (Service Dress)
28 Sep 18	Homecoming
29 Sep 18	SAMI #1 (Cadets)
4 – 7 Oct 18	USAFA Class Reunions '63/'68/'73
8 Oct 18	Columbus Day Holiday – No Classes
10 Oct 18	Majors Night
10 Oct 18	2021 Exemplar Dinner – Mitchell Hall – Time (6:30pm)
12 Oct 18	Commandants Challenge
25 – 28 Oct 18	USAFA Class Reunions '93/'98/'08
13 Oct 18	Commandants Cadet Training Day – No Classes
10 Nov 18	SAMI #2 (Cadets)
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
30 Nov – 2 Dec 18	Bluebards Theater Production of Richard III (Arnold Hall Theater) Check times with Arnold Hall
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 11:30 am. Return by 7pm on 2 Jan 19
8 Jan 19	Ring Order, Library 3rd floor
21 Jan 19	Martin Luther King Holiday – No Classes
25 Jan 19	Prep School Exemplar Dinner (location and time TBD)
2 Feb 18	SAMI #1 (Cadets)
15 Feb 19	100s Night (Class of 2019) Mitchell Hall
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
6 Apr 19	SAMI #2 (Cadets)
6 Apr 19	USAFA Founder's Day Parade
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
24 May 19	Ring Dance, 5-8 pm (Class of 2020)
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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