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Dear Cadet Parents, Families and Friends

Welcome to the United States Air Force Academy! I am Lieutenant General Rich Clark, the 21st Superintendent of our Academy. As a proud Air Force Academy graduate myself, I am honored to lead the institution that prepared me for an incredibly rewarding career of service, and it's a pleasure to host you here this weekend!

Just like your cadets, my own Air Force journey started right here with Basic Cadet Training (BCT), an intense program of physical and mental challenges that begins to build our entering classes into more confident, fit, motivated, and disciplined leaders. The Class of 2025 arrived at the Academy on June 24, 2021, and I have been impressed and inspired by their progress as I visited them throughout BCT. Our most senior cadets, the Class of 2022, are now leading the Cadet Wing with confidence and will graduate in less than a year. No matter where they are on this journey, your sons and daughters are in the midst of an amazing transformation, working together as a team on path toward becoming a new generation of innovative, critical thinking officers of character. As parents, your love and support helped set them on this path, and it will remain crucial to help them succeed. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do to prepare these young men and women to be the leaders our Air Force, our Space Force and our nation needs.

Parents' Weekend activities begin on Thursday, September 2nd, and continue through Monday, September 6th. Detailed information is available on the USAFA website at <https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/parents-weekend/> to help you plan your weekend.

Friday is our main day of activities, which will include a Cadet Wing Parade, an Information Fair and an opportunity to attend Academic, Squadron, Athletic and Airfield open houses. Cadets will have class in the afternoon on Friday. Join us on Saturday as we cheer for our Air Force Falcons football team when they take on the Leopards from Lafayette University. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/tickets/afa-tickets.html>. Following the game, your cadet may join you for the remainder of the long weekend. On Sunday, we invite you to join your cadet for a tour of Jacks Valley, where they faced the rigorous challenges of BCT.

Please enjoy this time on our campus and make the most of this unique opportunity to learn about our many programs and facilities at the United States Air Force Academy. I am confident it will be an interesting and worthwhile experience that provides a view into your cadet's life and development here. We look forward to meeting you, and are happy to welcome you into the Academy family!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich M. Clark".

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