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Dear Cadets Parents, Friends and Families

Welcome to the United States Air Force Academy! I am Lieutenant General Jay Silveria, the 20th Superintendent of our Academy. My own Air Force journey started right here in 1981, when I arrived to start Basic Cadet Training and begin four years of incredible intellectual, physical, leadership and personal development. It's an honor to be at my alma mater leading an institution that prepared me for an incredibly rewarding career in our Air force, and it's a pleasure to host you here this weekend.

Our newest cadets, the Class of 2023, entered the Academy on June 27, 2019. Together as a team, this summer they began their own journey toward joining the next generation of innovative, critical thinking officers of character for our Air Force. Basic Cadet Training (BCT) is an intense program of physical and mental challenges that transforms them into more confident, fit, motivated, and disciplined leaders. Our most senior cadets, the Class of 2020, are now leading the Cadet Wing with confidence and will graduate in less than a year. No matter where they're at on this journey, your sons and daughters are in the midst of an amazing transformation. They face a challenging but rewarding curriculum of academics, military training, athletics, and leadership development throughout the year. As parents, your interest, encouragement, involvement and support are force multipliers. Your love and support helped them get here, and it will help them succeed. Thank you for everything you've done and continue to do to prepare these young men and women to be the leaders our Air Force and our nation needs.

Parents' Weekend activities begin on Thursday, August 29th, and continue through Monday, September 2nd. Detailed information is available on the USAFA website at <https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/parents-weekend/> to help you plan your weekend. You can receive Parents' Weekend information via email by registering on the website.

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 with your cadet. Join us on Saturday as we cheer for our Air Force Falcons football team when they take on the Colgate Raiders. 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, join your cadet for a tour of Jacks Valley, where they faced the rigorous challenges of Basic Cadet Training.

Please enjoy this time with your cadet and make the most of this opportunity to learn about the programs and facilities of the Air Force Academy. I hope it is an interesting and worthwhile experience that allows you to learn a bit about your cadet's life and development here. We look forward to meeting you, and are happy to welcome you into the Academy family!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay B. Silveria". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and a final flourish.

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