PHOTO ACCESS FOR PARENTS -
The U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs office provides command information to the installation and the public. One of the ways we do this is through social media venues such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. All information provided is official, but there is also fun stuff on there too. Did you know you can download photos from our Facebook page for free? 

Official USAFA Facebook site
Official USAFA Twitter site
Official USAFA Instagram site
https://www.flickr.com/photos/af_academy/albums

Prep School Access:
https://twitter.com/USAFAPrepSchool
www.facebook.com/AFPrepSchool
https://www.instagram.com/usafaprepofficial/

We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy and #YourUSAFAPrep for the Prep School. You might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at (719) 333-7731.

You can also access free photos on the Academy’s website at:
www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm
Just select your cadet’s class year!

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. Apple app available at the I-Tunes Store at: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/united-states-air-force-academy/id427133480?mt=8

Use the following QR codes with your cellphone to get access to the Academy app.

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 Sep 16)

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54 International Cadets are counted in the Cadet Wing Strength, but do not count in the Fiscal year Strength.

Thanksgiving/ Winter Break/ Spring Break Procedures (normally): (Shuttle Info at the end of this newsletter) Please note that travel home for breaks is paid by the cadet and not USAFA.

Thanksgiving Break: (22 - 27 Nov 16) The official release for cadets for Thanksgiving is 22 Nov 16. The cadets will normally be able to leave after the last military duty (LMD). LMD could be noon formation if the cadet has a morning class or after an afternoon class. Check with your cadet before purchasing any airline tickets. Prep School Cadet Candidates will be released on 23 Nov 16 (9:00 am release time) - 27 Nov 16. Cadets must check in by 7:00 pm on 27 Nov 16. Cadets and Cadet Candidates should land in Denver not later than 3 hours prior to Academy check-in time of 7:00 pm. No set time for Colorado Springs, but at least an hour is suggested.
Winter Break: Cadets: (17 Dec 16 - 2 Jan 17) The official release is 17 Dec 16 for Cadets. The cadets/cadet candidates will normally be able to leave anytime on the release date. That being said, you need to check with your cadet. If they take their last final on Wednesday, then they can leave after their final with Commander's permission (standard release is given). Your cadet can go into the (CAMIS) system and look up each of his or her classes (hopefully sometime in September) and see when their finals are. Cadets will not be allowed to move up finals for airline tickets. Also the return date for Cadets is 2 Jan 17 by 7:00 pm. Cadets should land in Denver no later than 3 hours prior to Academy check-in time at 7 pm. No set time for Colorado Springs, but at least an hour is suggested.

Prep School: Release date is 17 Dec 16 – 2 Jan 17 with a return by 7:00 pm.

Spring Break: Spring break for Cadets is 24 Mar – 2 Apr 17. The cadets will normally be able to leave after the last military duty (LMD). Prep School Spring Break is 24 Mar (LMD) - 2 Apr 17 by 7:00 pm. Cadets should land in Denver not later than 3 hours prior to Academy check-in time at 7:00 pm. No set time for Colorado Springs, but at least an hour is suggested.

Shuttle Rides to Airports: For the main breaks from the Academy (Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring Break) the 10th Force Support Squadron (10 FSS) Outdoor Recreation Office (719) 333-4602, has shuttle buses (for a cost) that will take the cadets and cadet candidates (Prep School) to Colorado Springs and Denver Airports.

Please don’t wait to purchase shuttle bus tickets once Cadet Outdoor Recreation is accepting reservations. 10 FSS will start accepting reservations on 17 Oct 16. Please do not call and leave a message with airline information etc. before that date.

Shuttle information from DIA to Colorado Springs: (No 10th FSS support for Summer Break) These shuttles don’t normally come directly to USAFA, but to a hotel in Colorado Springs.

No endorsement of the following shuttles is being given by USAFA, but provided by parent requests. It is for information only to get you started. Check the internet for more options.

1. Front Range Shuttle: (direct to airports) [http://www.frontrangeshuttle.com](http://www.frontrangeshuttle.com) (719) 237-2646

2. Colorado Springs Shuttle: [https://www.coloradoshuttle.com/prices-schedules](https://www.coloradoshuttle.com/prices-schedules) 1-877-587-3456, (719) 687-3456 Reservations: reservations@coloradoshuttle.com

3. TAXI information: (for USAFA access before or after visiting hours) For your information the following taxis have already been approved access to the installation before or after duty hours. Your cadet can call them to get to the airport or local hotel to catch a shuttle to Denver airport during non-visiting hours.


Cadets from Cadet Squadron 26, and volunteers from the Coalition for Upper South Platte, move rocks to reinforce a jute barrier to decrease erosion in the Waldo Canyon Burn Scar, Oct. 14, 2016. (U.S. Air Force photo/John Van Winkle)

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Scores of Air Force Academy cadets volunteered for several community service events Oct. 14 across the region.

The cadets donated their time to 43 community organizations, including the Red Cross, the City of Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Department, and the Care and Share Food Bank.

Cadets worked with the Red Cross to install fire alarms in at-risk homes, planted Sage plants in Garden of the Gods, and handed-out food at the Care and Share Food Bank, among other activities.

The volunteer work was organized by the Academy’s Cadet Service Leadership program, which connects community organizations with cadet volunteers.

During the last 10 years, cadets have donated more than 30,000 hours to community service.
Cadet Squadron 06 beat out the competition during the Commandant’s Challenge Oct. 29-30 at the U.S. Air Force Academy to take home the Commandant's Challenge Trophy. The competition is a physically and mentally demanding 48-hour training exercise and contest between the Cadet Wing’s 40 cadet squadrons. (U.S. Air Force photo)

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. --**

Cadet Squadron 06 won the Commandant’s Challenge Trophy Oct. 29 at the Air Force Academy.

Cadet 1st Class Jack Corriere, CS-06 commander, chalked-up the win to the squadron’s dedication to its motto, “For the Bulls.”

“lt means in everything we do, we do for each other and the squadron,” he said.

Corriere said CS-06 prepared in advance of the competition, a physically and mentally demanding 48-hour training exercise and contest between the Cadet Wing’s 40 cadet squadrons.

“Our squadron-training and military-training event staff set up two days to go to Jacks Valley at night to practice the obstacles courses,” he said.

Neener said in the past women may decline a pilot slot for various reasons, including the challenges of balancing their service commitment with their desire to have children. Now, the Air Force offers a longer convalescent maternity leave and the opportunity to apply for the Career Intermision Program.

“As a mom of three children and a pilot my entire career, it was important to me to convey the message that, while not always easy, it can be done,” she said.

The discussions are broken down based on class year.

“The fourth class cadet Gender Forum builds awareness on the social and cultural development of gender and the impact it has on individual behavior, personal values and followership,” Morris said. “Female cadets focus on women’s issues within the Academy and overcoming unique challenges for female cadets, while the male cadets focus on understanding the social pressures of hyper-masculinity and the negative impacts of these attributes in leadership within a diverse military environment.”

The forums designed for third class cadets build awareness on how gender impacts interpersonal relationships with a focus on treating wingmen with respect and dignity, according to Morris.

“An additional focus of this Gender Forum is to foster understanding of how gender impacts interactions with others, including leaders and followers,” Morris said.

Both the fourth and third class cadet forums are separated based on gender to allow for open and honest discussion. However, second and first class cadet discussions are co-ed to relate to active duty military matters and personal life development.
The second and first class discussions further awareness on gender, individually and inter-personally, with an additional focus on group cohesiveness and cooperation, and build awareness on organizational gender-related issues,” Morris said.

Cadet attendees believe the Gender Forums are relevant to all cadets who will be the Air Force’s future leaders.

“The topics are relevant to being at the Academy and being a woman in the Air Force and how to cope with some of the things we might face,” said Cadet 4th Class Grace Orahood. “I think it was interesting to talk about all the perceptions we know about, and how they relate to being in the Air Force and the Academy as a woman. The new part was learning about it from this perspective. You learn a lot about societal perception but it was really interesting to see how it applies here. We can use what we learn here and carry it on with us and hopefully help people in the future.”

According to Neener, the cadets seem to benefit from the discussions.

“The cadets I engaged with all offered opinions on stereotypes, as well as feelings and descriptions of what it might be like to not conform to society's view of women,” Neener said. “I think they appreciated the conversation and knowing that the Air Force takes these issues seriously. While the military has made huge efforts to eliminate these biases, they still exist and members need to be armed with the tools to identify and handle situations.”

The forums are mandatory for all cadets. There are eight sessions scheduled during the fall.

Lt. Col. Chris Hubbard, air officer commanding for CS-06, said he’s noticed the squadron’s winning ethic off and on the competitive field.

“I’m most proud of how they’ve acted since winning,” he said. “It’s one thing to win; it’s another thing to do it with class and humility.”

Hubbard said CS-06 is ready for future challenges.

“We may have had things work out for us last weekend, but the next big challenge is right around the corner,” he said.

Corriere agreed.

“No matter what lies ahead, we will approach any challenge with the same motivation and drive we’ve had all semester.”

The challenge began Oct. 28 with the Combat Fitness Challenge, designed to test cadet’s physical fitness, teamwork and discipline. Cadet also attended “Warrior Ethos” briefings, and field training in Jacks Valley.

**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, or phone (719) 333-2583

Website: www.usafa.edu/?catname=Prep School

Mail: HQ USAFA/PL
5229 Cedar Drive, Suite 117
USAF Academy, CO 80840-3100

**HELPFUL WEBSITES and POCs –**

**Parent Information Link:**

**Graduation Information Link:**
www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?cat name=graduation

**USAFA’s Public Calendar Link:**
(Managed by the Association of Graduates) www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events

**2016 - 2017 Academic Calendar Link:**
The Academic Calendar for 2016-2017 has been approved and you can find it at the following link:
Curriculum Handbook:
(which also outlines summer programs available for cadets in what year):
www.usafa.edu/df/dfr/curriculum/CHB.pdf

Cadet Major listing:
http://www.usafa.edu/df/dfr/curriculum/majors.cfm?catname=ddf2

Cadet Clubs:
(just a listing of clubs and POCs,
not a schedule of where they may be):
www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/

Cadet Survival Guide: Go to www.usafasupport.com
and click Arnold Hall or go to the below link:
http://nebula.wsimg.com/0c9d0bf12f8b6a1ca725ae69871b531bb?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 Pelosi
1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241
http://lifetouch.com/
2016 CADET THANKSGIVING BUS TRANSPORTATION

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22 NOV 2016: 0400, 0700, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800
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Revised 08/11/2016
2016 CADET WINTER BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION

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BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!

DEPARTURE INFORMATION:
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REMEMBER all Cadets luggage looks the same.
2) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time to Denver International Airport + 1 hour security.
3) Please allow at least 1 hour for driving time to Colorado Springs Airport + 1 hour security.
4) Additional departure times will be set up if the date or time for release or Cadets LMD changes.

RETURNING INFORMATION:
1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for $35.00, COS $25.00 but there is NO GUARANTEE a seat will be available!!
2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door 505
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UPCOMING DATES:

- **22 - 27 Nov 16**: Cadet Thanksgiving Break (after LMD). Return by 7:00 pm on 27 Nov 16
- **23 - 27 Nov 16**: Prep School Thanksgiving Break (released at 9:00 am)
- **12 - 16 Dec 16**: Cadet Winter Finals
- **17 Dec 16 - 2 Jan 17**: Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 2 Jan 17)
- **17 Dec - 2 Jan 17**: Prep School Winter Break (released at 9:00 am/return by 7:00 pm on 7 pm)
- **17 Feb 17**: 100s Night (C1Cs)
- **22 - 24 Feb 17**: Character & Leadership Symposium (NCLS)
- **9 - 11 Mar 17**: Recognition for Class of 2020
- **24 Mar 17 - 2 Apr 17**: Cadet Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 2 Apr 17)
- **24 Mar - 2 Apr 17**: Prep School Spring Break (Returns 7:00 pm)
- **1 - 3 May 17**: Prep School Finals
- **15 - 19 May 17**: Cadet Spring Finals
- **22 May 17**: Prep School Parade
- **23 May 17**: Prep School Graduation
- **24 May 17**: 2017 Graduation

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Marie

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