



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Superintendent

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Dear Parents of the Class of 2024 Appointees,

Congratulations on your son or daughter's appointment to the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Class of 2024 – and welcome to the USAFA family! You may be very proud – an appointment to USAFA is a highly competitive opportunity extended only to a very small percentage of applicants. This transformative experience will build upon your appointee's skills and talents to develop them into leaders with a crucial role in the future of our Air and Space Forces. This experience will begin on 25 June 2020 with Basic Cadet Training, a program that will challenge them both physically and mentally, while also testing their commitment to a pursuit of excellence.

My first priority as Superintendent is the health and safety of your appointees, our Cadet Wing, and the entire USAFA community. We will remain vigilant against the spread of COVID-19 by wearing masks, social distancing and following other protocols proscribed by the Center for Disease Control and the Department of Defense. Safeguarding our community against the health risks of this pandemic has resulted in a lot of recent "firsts" for our Academy, including early graduation and commissioning of 967 new officers into our Air and Space Forces in a ceremony that looked different from any other in the history of military service academies. We are navigating another "first" as we make plans to safely welcome the Class of 2024 and lead them through basic training. Specific reporting guidance for Inprocessing Day will be posted on your appointee's Admissions Portal.

Details regarding Inprocessing Day and Basic Cadet Training are still being finalized in order to ensure that we are taking every possible precaution to mitigate health risks, and we will communicate those updates with you and your appointee. The numbers of COVID-19 cases on our campus have been extremely low, and we are continuing to work closely with our exceptional medical team to maintain this trend. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of your appointee taking responsibility for his or her health and strength during this unprecedented time. Choices they make now could have a lasting impact on their future. Upon arrival, each basic cadet will be tested for COVID-19, then enter a 14-day period where each basic cadet and his or her roommate will undergo online training, learn Air Force customs and courtesies, and basic marching movements with limited exposure to others while we monitor their health. At the end of the 14-day period they will be tested again before beginning more rigorous basic training activities within their 30-person flight.

Typically, we look forward to welcoming our appointee families with a robust family-focused program on Inprocessing Day. Unfortunately, we must postpone our welcome activities until a future date when it is appropriate to travel or gather in large groups. Please monitor our social media channels and website for a virtual welcome from our United States Air Force Academy leadership team as 25 June approaches. Meanwhile, we invite you to enjoy our Virtual Tour at <https://www.usafa.edu/virtualtour/>.

We look forward to your appointee's arrival to the United States Air Force Academy and to supporting your family throughout their four-year journey to join the proud lineage of the Long Blue Line.

Welcome to the United States Air Force Academy!

  
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