

2024 Graduation Schedule of Events

The schedule of events is tentative. Some times and venues may change due to security, weather, or other circumstances. Graduating cadets will be given up to 20 tickets each for guests to attend the graduation ceremony. Any changes to the schedule will be reflected on this page. (Last updated: 25 April, 2024)

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| Monday, 20 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am |
| 9:00-10:30am | USAFA Preparatory School Graduation Parade | Black Field |
| 2:00-3:30pm | USAFA Preparatory School Graduation Ceremony | Arnold Hall Theater |
| 3:30-5:00pm | USAFA Preparatory School Graduation Reception | Arnold Hall Ballroom |
| Tuesday, 21 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am |
| 5:00-8:30pm | Athletic Department Bolt Awards | Arnold Hall Ballroom |
| Wednesday, 22 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am |
| 7:00-9:00pm | Graduation Concert with Cadet Orchestra (<i>no tickets required</i>) | Arnold Hall Ballroom |
| Thursday, 23 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am |
| 4:00-6:00pm | 94 FTS Soaring G-Wings Ceremony (<i>Pass/EAL required</i>) | Hanger, Black Field |
| 6:20-7:50pm | Buddhist Meditation (<i>optional, cadets only</i>) | Sijan, Oasis III, Rm 409 |
| 7:00-9:30pm | Bluebards Production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" Opening Night | Arnold Hall Theater |
| Friday, 24 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am |
| 6:00-9:00pm | Jewish Shabbat Service (<i>worship, followed by dinner</i>) | Polaris Hall |
| 6:00-7:30pm | Ring Dining In (<i>Second-Class cadets; tickets required</i>) | Mitchell Hall |
| 7:30-10:00pm | Reception (<i>Second-Class cadets & their guests only; tickets required</i>) | Arnold Hall Ballroom |
| Saturday, 25 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am |
| Canceled | Commandant's Future Spouses Reception (Canceled) | Arnold Hall Ballroom |
| Sunday, 26 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am |
| 8:00-9:00pm | Sunday/Baccalaureate Services (<i>optional</i>) | |
| | Chapel Worship Services (<i>optional</i>) | |
| 8:00-8:50am | Catholic Confession | Polaris Hall |
| 9:00-10:00am | Catholic Baccalaureate Mass | Polaris Hall |
| 9:00-11:00am | Orthodox Divine Liturgy | Sijan, Oasis 111, Room 403 |
| 11:00-noon | Protestant Baccalaureate Service | Arnold Hall Ballroom |
| 4:30-9:00pm | Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Baccalaureate | Polaris Hall |
| 1:30-2:30pm | Cadet Chorale Graduation Week Concert | Polaris Hall |
| 7:00-9:30pm | Bluebards Production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" | Arnold Hall Theater |
| Monday, 27 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:30am |
| 2:00-6:30pm | Superintendent's Graduation Reception for Cadets and Families | Carlton House |
| 7:00-9:30pm | Bluebards Production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" | Arnold Hall Theater |
| Tuesday, 28 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:00am |
| 8:00-8:45am | Graduation Tapping Ceremony (<i>by invitation to honored cadets & their guests</i>) | Arnold Hall Ballroom |
| 8:45-9:15am | Tapping Ceremony Reception | Arnold Hall Ballroom |
| 9:15-11:15am | Graduation Awards Ceremony (<i>presentation of organizational & individual awards</i>) | Clune Arena |
| 11:15-12:15pm | Graduation Awards Ceremony Reception (<i>senior leaders depart by 11:45am</i>) | Clune Arena |
| noon-12:45pm | Schulte Award Ceremony (<i>by invitation to honored cadets & their guests</i>) | Polaris Hall Forum |
| 12:45-1:30pm | Schulte Award Ceremony Reception | Polaris Hall |
| 1:15-2:15pm | Wings of Blue Awards & "Blue Suit" Ceremony | Davis Airfield Hangar |
| 2:15-4:45pm | Academic Department Award Ceremonies | Fairchild, Polaris, Arnold Hall |
| 4:45-5:45pm | Martinson Honors Program Ceremony (<i>By invitation to honored cadets & their guests</i>) | Fairchild Hall, F1 |
| 6:00pm-Taps | Thunderbirds Meet and Greet (<i>For Cadets only</i>) | Hap's Place, Arnold Hall |
| Wednesday, 29 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:00am |
| 7:30-9:00pm | Cadet Aerial and Cadet Honor Guard Demonstrations | Stillman Field |
| 9:00-10:00am | Graduation Parade (<i>open to six guests per graduate; wristbands required</i>) | Stillman Field |
| 10:30am-1:30pm | Parents Graduation Luncheon | Mitchell Hall |
| 10:30am-noon | Space Force Patching Ceremony | Polaris Hall |
| 12:30-2:00pm | Commissioning Ceremonies Wave 1 (<i>Limited Guests</i>) | Locations vary (<i>See schedule</i>) |
| 3:00-4:30pm | Commissioning Ceremonies Wave 2 (<i>Limited Guests</i>) | Locations vary (<i>See schedule</i>) |
| 5:30-7:00pm | Commissioning Ceremonies Wave 3 (<i>Limited Guests</i>) | Locations vary (<i>See schedule</i>) |
| 8:00-9:30pm | Commissioning Ceremonies Wave 4 (<i>Limited Guests</i>) | Locations vary (<i>See schedule</i>) |
| Thursday, 30 May 2024 | | Gate Visitor Hours: 5:00am |
| 6:30am | Gates open to public (<i>tickets required; entry will not be allowed once the ceremony begins</i>) | Falcon Stadium |
| 8:00-9:15am | Performances by the Cadet Honor Guard, Sabre Drill Team, In the Stairwell, The Aerodynamics and the U.S. Air Force Academy Band | Falcon Stadium |
| 9:30am-1:15pm | Graduation Ceremony and Thunderbirds | Falcon Stadium |