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CADET MEDIA GRADUATION INFORMATION –

The United States Air Force Academy Office of Cadet Media is happy to bring you our Class of 2016 one-of-a-kind graduation products: VIDEOS, YEARBOOK AND PHOTOS

Graduation DVD includes every Class of 2016 graduate receiving his/her diploma on graduation day plus highlights of graduation week activities. This DVD is the only graduation product officially sanctioned by the USAF Academy. See order form attached or go to <http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html>

POLARIS Class of 2016 yearbook highlights the final year at the Air Force Academy, providing a comprehensive, creative collection of academic, athletic, and cadet life events for the 2016 academic year. See order form attached or go to <http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html>

Create a lifetime memory with a Family, Friends and Supporter congratulatory message or Parent Club ad in their Class of 2016 graduation yearbook online at <http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html> or <http://www.wpccolorado.com/usafa/>.

If you have any questions call Cadet Media at (719) 333-4644, send an email to cwmedia@usafa.edu or write to Cadet Media, P.O. Box 6066, USAFA CO 80841-6066.

Don't forget to look for our professional photographers here to serve you! Graduation day, a professional photographer will photograph each cadet receiving his or her diploma. The photographer will contact parents shortly after graduation to discuss how to purchase these photographs.

Cadets' guests will not be allowed access to the stage or cadet seating area for personal photos. If you do not hear from the photographer, please contact Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch at (800) 426-9533 Sherri P. ext. 128 or Maria T. ext. 241 or email mturner@lifetouch.com.

Information on obtaining photographs from Class of 2016 graduation week activities will be online at: <https://events.lifetouch.com/usairforceacademycoloradospringsco>

COMMISSIONING: (Varied Locations) Arnold Hall
*Get a professional photograph of your cadet with new 2Lt bars after commissioning. No appointment necessary!

GRADUATION BALL: Arnold Hall Ballroom
*Professional portrait photographers are available at Arnold Hall for formal cadet and family portraits. No appointment necessary!

RING DINING-OUT: (FOR SECOND-CLASS CADETS AND GUESTS ONLY) Mitchell Hall
*Professional portrait photographers are available in Mitchell Hall for formal portraits of cadets, couples, group photos with Ring. No appointment necessary!

RING DANCE (FOR SECOND-CLASS CADETS AND GUESTS ONLY)
Arnold Hall Ballroom
*Professional portrait photographers are available in Arnold Hall for professional portraits of cadets, couples, group photos. No appointment necessary!

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<http://www.usafa.org/Media/KAFAPopup>

- Download for FREE from the USAFA apps for Android© or iPhone© click the “Radio” button for mobile streaming

- Station contact info: (719) 333-KAFA (5232)
kafafm@gmail.com

Cadet Taxes - Most cadets don't have many deductions and file an EZ form. USAFA has volunteers that can do their taxes for free and ensure they have used all the appropriate deductions.

Tax preparation is done on an appointment basis. This information will be posted in the cadet area. The USAFA Tax Center is located near the South Gate, at the 10th ABW/HQ Building, 8034 Edgerton Drive, Suite 237. Cadets can call for appointments at 333-3920. If your cadets (C4Cs) need proof of attendance for you to claim part of the year, the cadet needs to go online to USAFA Registrar's website and request a letter. The cadet can pick up the letter from the Registrar's Office (Fairchild Hall).

GOLD PROP AND WINGS - The Cadet Site Picture states that Cadets will wear standard chrome plated prop and wings on flight caps upon recognition. Direct descendants of Army Air Corps, Women Air Force Service Pilots, or parent USAF Academy graduate are authorized to wear gold prop and wings.

HONOR LIST - The Fall Semester Honors List can be found at the following website:
<http://www.usafa.edu/df/dfr/Spring2016HonorsList.pdf>.

Honors List Criteria

Athletic Director's List: Cadets who earn a semester Physical Education Average (PEA) of at least 3.0 will be on the Athletic Director's list. These cadets are authorized to wear the Athletic Director's pin on their uniform for the next semester. PEA is a weighted 4.00 grading scale (50% Physical Fitness Test + 35% Phys Ed course grades + 15% Aerobic Fitness Test).

Dean's List: The cadet has to earn a 3.0 GPA, minus grades from physical education courses.

Commandant's List: The top one-third of each class year are eligible for this honor. Stipulation, if a cadet is on "ANY" probation, he/she is not eligible for the honor.

Superintendent's List: Cadets must be on the Dean's/Commandant's/AD lists combined

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?

FB: www.facebook.com/USAFA.Official

Twitter: @AF_Academy

Instagram: AF_Academy

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

There are also more **FREE** pictures on the Academy website. You can gain access from the following website:

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm>

PROOF OF CADET HEALTH INSURANCE –

Please review the below link. The link will provide you with the phone number and information on how you can receive proof of medical coverage. I would suggest calling the Beneficiary Line highlighted below for urgent requests. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

<http://www.tricare.mil/Plans/Eligibility/DEERS/milConnect/Proof.aspx>

Requests for Proof of Insurance Certificates

Requests for certificates may be made in writing, via fax, or by phone.

Written (mailed or faxed) requests for a certificate must include:

Sponsor's name and Social Security number or Department of Defense Benefits Number
Name of person for whom the certificate is requested
Reason for the request
Name and address to whom and where the certificate should be sent
Signature of the requester

Mail written requests to:
Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO)
Attn: Certificate of Creditable Coverage
400 Gigling Road Seaside, CA 93955-6771

Fax requests to 1-831-655-8317.

Call the DSO Beneficiary Line directly at 1-800-538-9552 to request or check the status of your certificate. The DSO will review each request. Certificates can take up to three weeks to process. However, if your request is urgent, you can request that processing be expedited and your certificate can be faxed directly to a particular number.

On base POC is Glenda Phillips
Glenda.phillips@us.af.mil phone (719) 333-5281
(USAFA TRICARE for cadets)

LETTER FROM THE 10 MDG ON MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR USAFA CADETS - Each year there are lots of questions regarding medical coverage. The main question being: should I maintain my cadet on my family health insurance plan once they are at the USAFA? The other being, what happens when a cadet gets sick away from the AFA while traveling or is home on break?

Medical Care for U. S. Air Force Academy Cadets

Welcome to the United States Air Force Academy Military Medical Treatment Facility-10th Medical Group. We are dedicated to providing your son/daughter with exceptional service and access to consistently high quality health care. I encourage you and your cadet, once they are settled in, to visit our cadet clinic.

While assigned to the USAFA as an active student they are entitled by law (Authority is 10.U.S.C. 1074, 6201-6203; 31 U.S.C. 1535) to the following military medical care:

- 1) Direct outpatient Care
- 2) Aeromedical Evacuation
- 3) Dental Care
- 4) Emergency Care
- 5) Immunizations
- 6) Prosthetic Devices (includes hearing aids)

Cadets must have approval/authorization to receive care in the civilian community and Urgent Care Clinics. Routine care is not covered.

The care and treatment of injuries/diseases that existed prior to departure on leave are not considered emergencies. Whenever cadets require routine medical care, they can use the nearest US. Military Medical Treatment Facility available (Army, Navy, or Air Force). For assistance in finding a military hospital near your home, call 1-877-988-9378 or visit website: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>.

Cadets requiring Emergent/Urgent care in the civilian community, have to utilize the local Emergency Room or contact the Cadet Clinic (719-333-5180). Current cadet clinic hours are from 0600-1800 Monday through Friday and 1200-2000 on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. An On-Call provider is always available through the automated system (524-2273 or 526-2273) for after hours and weekend authorizations. After hours you will be directed to our answering service and they will contact the provider on-call. If it's after hours or you are unsure if you need to see a doctor, you can call the TRICARE's Nurse Advice Line by calling 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273) and choose Option 1, 24 hours per day seven days per week. Failure to receive authorization could result in a Point of Service charge where the Cadet/Cadet Candidate is responsible for the bill. If this occurs the cadet/cadet candidate could submit the claim through their parents' medical insurance if they are still a covered beneficiary.

For emergency situations (risk of loss of limb, limb, or eyesight) cadets should go to the nearest emergency room for care (or call an ambulance if the situation supports it). As soon as the medical situation has been stabilized, the cadet should report the visit to the Cadet/Flight Medicine Clinic (719-333-5180) and Benefit Support Office (719-333-5281, for insurance purposes).

For emergency dental care in the civilian community to eliminate or prevent undue pain and suffering, cadets must call the Cadet Dental Clinic (719-333-5190) for pre-authorization. Cadets should use the nearest military medical treatment facility for non-emergent dental care.

The cadet should identify himself or herself as an active duty member and provide their name, social security number, squadron and their Air Force Academy mailing address. If a civilian provider/facility is used, direct them to mail all claims to:

TRICARE
West Region Claims
P.O. Box 7064
Camden, SC 29020

Cadets must report the use of civilian care to the USAFA Cadet Clinic, Commercial (719) 333-5183, DSN 333-5183. They must also contact our Benefit Support Office (719-333-5281) for benefit questions and insurance claim issues. If you receive bills from a civilian hospital, bring them immediately to the TRICARE Service Center, located in the main lobby of the 10th Medical Group. If you paid for medication or hospital bills, keep all receipts and any other documentation that shows proof of payment.

A Cadet Clinic provider must see Cadets the next duty day from their return to the USAF Academy if medical treatment was received while away from the Academy.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to maintain health insurance coverage for their son/daughter in the event that they are disenrolled from the USAF Academy or develop catastrophic illnesses (e.g. liver transplant, potential heart transplant...). On average 40 cadets are medically disqualified and the Air Force has no financial obligation once the cadet is disenrolled from the Academy (medically or otherwise). Your son/daughter may qualify for Veterans Administration (VA) outpatient/inpatient care which they will determine.

If you need additional information about your cadet's medical coverage, please contact the Benefit Support Office at (719) 333-5281.

We look forward to caring for your son/daughter at the 10th Medical Group.

WALTER M. MATTHEWS, Col, USAF, MC, CFS
Commander, 10th Medical Group

ACADEMY APP AVAILABLE –



Do you have an iTunes or Android enabled device? Scan one of the QR codes below with your barcode scanner to download the new Air Force Academy App. Get the latest Academy news, photos, videos, and more.

You can also access free photos on the Academy's website site at:

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm>
Just select your cadet's class year!



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CLASS STATISTICS (as of 29 Feb 2016)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2016	642	185	827
2017	778	236	1014
2018	826	223	1049
2019	842	293	1135
WING	3088	937	4025

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

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

Website: [http://www.usafa.edu/?catname=Prep School](http://www.usafa.edu/?catname=Prep%20School)

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

HELPFUL WEBSITES and POCs -

Parent Information Liuk:

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/Leadership/CadetDevelopment/ParentsClub.aspx>

Graduation Information Link:

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=graduation>

Graduation Week Schedule

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/data/2016gradSchedule.pdf>

Graduation Formal Reception Ticket Information

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/data/GraduationFormalReception.pdf>

Order Form for Yearbook, Graduation Video and Yearbook

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/data/2016GradOrderForm.pdf>

Order Form for Grad Ball and Graduation Ceremony Photos

http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/data/Lifetouch_flyer.pdf

Prep School Graduation Schedule of events

http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/data/PrepSchoolGraduation_Schedule.pdf

USAFA's Public Calendar Link: (Managed by the Association of Graduates.)

<http://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:

http://www.usafa.af.mil/Portals/21/documents/About_Us_Docs/2016_2017_Calendar.pdf?ver=2016-03-08-095219-077

Curriculum Handbook (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):
<http://www.usafa.edu/df/df/curriculum/CHB.pdf>

Cadet Clubs (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/>

Admissions: (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Sports Schedules:

<http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/>

Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop) 719-472-8589,
petalsnblooms.com

Gift Cards order phone numbers: Cadet Store (Base Exchange) (472-1953); 10 FSS: (719) 472-7930

UPCOMING DATES:

16-20 May 16	Cadet Spring Finals
24 May 16	Prep School Graduation
2 Jun 16	2016 Graduation
4 Jun 16	1 st Summer Session Begins
24 Jun 16	1 st Summer Session Ends
25 Jun 16	2 nd Summer Session Begins
30 Jun 16	Class of 2020 In-Processes
17 Jul 16	<u>Prep School</u> – Prior Service report (in-processing)
17 Jul 16	Doolie Day Out (Sponsors pick up approx. 8:00 am to 7:00 pm (Cadets can have cell phones today)
20 Jul 16	<u>Prep School</u> - Direct Entry report (in-processing)
1 Jul 16	Class of 2020 Swearing In Ceremony (8:30 am) at Chapel Wall
15 Jul 16	Field Day (viewing only...no cadet access)
15 Jul 16	2 nd Summer Session Ends
16 Jul 16	Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (No parent access)
16 Jul 16	3 rd Summer Session Begins
6 Aug 16	3 rd Summer Session Ends
TBD	March out to Jacks Valley (8:00 am)
TBD	March back from Jacks Valley (8:00 am)
5 Aug 16	Cadet Wing Returns by 7:00 pm
8 Aug 16 (tentative)	Laptops Issued
9 Aug 16 (tentative)	Freshman E-mail should be up on e-mail
TBD	Acceptance Parade (9:00 am) (2020 class are allowed cell phones)
TBD	2018 Class Commitment Dinner (time TBD)
12 Aug 16	New Semester Classes Start
15 Aug 16	USAFA/FMF will accept Scholarship Checks
2-5 Sep 16	Parents' Weekend 2016 http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend/?catname=Parents%27%20Weekend
22-27 Nov 16	Cadet Thanksgiving Break (after LMD). Return by 7:00 pm on 27 Nov 16
TBD	Prep School Thanksgiving Break (released at 9:00 am)
15-20 Dec 16	Cadet Winter Finals
21 Dec 16 – 3 Jan 17	Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 3 Jan 17)
TBD	Prep School Winter Break (released at 0900/return by 7 pm on TBD)
22 - 24 Feb 17	National 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)
TBD	Prep School Spring Break (Returns TDB)
15-19 May 17	Cadet Spring Finals
31 May 17	2017 Graduation

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

Marie

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