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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

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Instagram: AF_Academy

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

The 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. For an order form go to www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html

POLARIS: The 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 2015-2016 academic year. For an order form go to www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html

Create a lifetime memory with family, friends and supporters with a congratulatory message or Parent Club ad in their Class of 2016 graduation yearbook online at 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 1 (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!

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CADET MEDIA:
Cadet Wing Media
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USAFA, CO 80841-6066
Commercial: (719) 333-4644
Fax: (719)333-6376
Contact Us: cwmedia@usafa.edu

97.7FM KAFA CADET RADIO STATION

“VOICE OF USAFA” - Listen online at:

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](http://www.usafa.edu) 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:

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

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:

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 below for urgent requests. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

1 (800) 444-5445

www.tricare.mil/Plans/Eligibility/DEERS/milConnect/Proof.aspx

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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Android

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 Apr 2016)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2016	642	185	827
2017	775	235	1010
2018	823	222	1045
2019	837	288	1125
WING	3077	930	4007

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

FOUNDERS VIDEO IS NOW AVAILABLE –

[\(Take a look\)](#)



CADET SUMMER INFORMATION -

Shipment of Household Goods: Cadets/ Graduates must contact the JPPSO office at (719) 333-3007. Below is the weight allowed per category:
 350 lbs - International students/Cadets
 10,000 lbs - Unmarried 2nd Lt
 12,000 lbs - Married 2nd Lt (spouse on orders)

No Summer Bus Transportation Provided: Summer Commercial Bus Transportation will **NOT** be provided. Cadets' parents can make arrangements for transportation to and from Denver International and Colorado Springs Airports by contacting the following: (you can also check online for other companies)

- Colorado Springs Shuttle, LLC,
 (719) 687-3456, 1-877-587-3456
www.coloradoshuttle.com/index.php
- Front Range Shuttle (direct to airports):
 (719) 237-2646
www.fronrangeshuttle.com

Cabs Allowed Access to USAFA Before and After Visiting Hours:

There are two cab companies that have been approved by Security Forces to be allowed on to the base before and after visiting hours. Their contact information is below:

- Yellow Cab (719) 777-7777
<http://www.yccos.com/community.html> has approval access to the base. Other cab companies would have to



have a driver that already has a military Identification (retired military) to gain access to the installation after visiting hours (0900- 1700 daily)

- Springs Cab (719) 444-8686
www.springscabllc.com

THE CONTRAILS: THE MEDAL OF HONOR AND HISTORY OF DECORATIONS OF VALOR --

The first formal system for rewarding acts of individual gallantry by the nation's fighting men was established by Gen George Washington on August 7, 1782. Designed to recognize "any singularly meritorious action," the award consisted of a purple cloth heart. Records show three persons received the award: Sergeant Elijah Churchill, Sergeant William Brown, and Sergeant Daniel Bissel Jr. The **Badge of Military Merit**, as it was called, fell into oblivion until 1932, when Gen Douglas MacArthur, then Army Chief of Staff, pressed for its revival. Officially reinstated on February 22, 1932, the now familiar Purple Heart was at first an Army award, given to those who had been wounded in World War I or who possessed a Meritorious Service Citation Certificate. In 1943, the order was amended to include personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Coverage was eventually extended to include all services and "any civilian national" wounded while serving with the Armed Forces. Although the Badge of Military Merit fell into disuse after the Revolutionary War, the idea of a decoration for individual gallantry remained through the early 1800s. In 1847, after the outbreak of the Mexican-American War, a "certificate of merit" was established for any soldier who distinguished himself in action. No medal went with the honor. After the Mexican-American War, the award was discontinued, which meant there was no military award with which to recognize the nation's fighting men.

Early in the Civil War, a medal for individual valor was proposed to General-in-Chief of the Army Winfield Scott. But Scott felt medals smacked of European affectation and killed the idea. The medal found support in the Navy, however, where it was felt recognition of courage in strife was needed. Public Resolution 82, containing a provision for a Navy medal of valor, was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on December 21, 1861.

The medal was "to be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and Marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry and other seamanlike qualities during the present war." Shortly after this, a resolution similar in wording was introduced on behalf of the Army. Signed into law July 12, 1862, the measure provided for awarding a medal of honor "to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action,

and other soldier-like qualities, during the present insurrection.”

Although it was created for the Civil War, Congress made the **Medal of Honor** a permanent decoration in 1863. Almost 3,400 men and one woman have received the award for heroic actions in the nation’s battles since that time. Seventeen USAF personnel have earned the Medal of Honor since the formation of the service in 1947.

A complete listing of all Medal of Honor recipients and their citations is maintained at the US Army History site at <http://www.history.army.mil/moh.html>.

CADETS CHAT WITH BRAZILIAN



OLYMPICS OFFICIAL

The president of Brazil’s Olympic Public Authority told cadets here April 7 that hosting the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro this summer could be just the catalyst Brazil needs to show the rest of the world that Rio is a progressive, democratic city capable of hosting such a substantial event.

Marcelo Pedrosa, the head of the OPA, leads a large group of federal, state and municipal officials across Brazil responsible for making sure the Olympics go down without a hitch in Brazil’s most populous city, home to 6.5 million.

During the hour-long video teleconference, Pedrosa took questions with a geopolitical bent from the Portuguese-language students here, and discussed the effects he hopes the Olympics have on the Brazilian economy, It’s political unrest and infrastructure. Save for the short introduction and conclusion, the conversation occurred in Portuguese, the official language of Brazil, with Pedrosa sitting at a desk in Rio 6,000 miles from the Academy.

“The Olympics is the catalyst for a transformation of Rio into a more modern, touristic city with more equality for its people,” he said.

Cadet 2nd Class Vanessa Unseth asked Pedrosa how the Olympics, estimated to cost \$10 billion, would benefit the lagging Brazilian economy, currently enduring its harshest financial crisis since the 1930s.

Pedrosa said big investment funds will be used to improve public services, create jobs, and mend Rio’s infrastructure. He expects the Olympics to be successful despite the country’s political turmoil. These investments will reach beyond the city limits and affect Brazil at all levels of government, he said.

Lt. Col. Saint-Clair Lima da Silva, a Brazilian exchange officer from Rio assigned to the Academy’s Foreign Language Department, said half the cost of the Olympics, about \$5 billion, comes from private investors. This money, he said, will directly benefit Rio and to the lesser extent, Brazil as a nation.

“In one of his answers, Mr. Pedrosa said, ‘Rio was not chosen for what it had, but for what it could have,’ so most of the investments were not made for structure directly related to the Olympic Games, such as stadiums or swimming pools, but for infrastructure that the city urges for, such as a better transportation system, water treatment and reconstruction of its port,” Saint Clair said.

To that purpose, Pedrosa said the Authority is focused on the future when it comes to enhancing the city’s infrastructure, and the city hopes to add metro and light rails and lanes to some highways, and renovate various community landmarks in Rio before the Olympics.

“The reconstruction of museums and ports helps the historical and artistic preservation of colonial and modern Rio,” he said. “We will try to create the best in the planet -- not something disposable.”

London hosted the last Olympic Games in 2012 at the cost of \$15 billion. Economist Max Nathan, at the UK’s National Institute for Economic and Social Research, said that while historically every city hosting the Olympics promised an economic uptick, those returns are sometimes hard to spot, even years after the games have moved on.

In London’s case, Nathan said the Olympics led to a small increase in job creation, home prices went up and development occurred in East London faster than it would have without the games. When asked in 2014 if the 2012 London Olympics were worth \$15 billion, Nathan said, "It will be years before we can see that."

The Olympics will take place in four regions in the capitol city: Barra da Tijuca, Deodoro, Maracana and

Copacabana. Marina da Gloria, a pier on the Guanabara Bay, will host the sailing competitions. Lima da Silva said investments in the city's infrastructure will enhance its legacy.

"Other intangible effects I would like to see are the promotion of Rio and Brazil as an organized and modern city, an increase in tourism in the long run, and also an improvement in the Brazilian people's mood, currently overwhelmed by the political and economic crisis," he said.

Cadet 1st Class Dalin Larsen asked Pedroso if the political tumult, including protests and efforts to impeach President Dilma Rousseff on corruption charges, will affect public support for the Olympics.

"The people of Brazil are not satisfied with the government and with many issues," Pedroso said. "However, this is an internal problem. During the Confederation Cup, an international association football tournament for national teams, and the World Cup, Brazil had many protests and the people were not happy. Even with the dissatisfaction, we never had any incidents that affected the games. We are confident that likewise, the Olympic Games will not be affected by Brazil's internal problems."

Cadet 2nd Class Jaime Torres asked Pedroso how Brazil will use the Olympics to spur tourism. Pedroso said Brazilian officials view the Games as a means to dispel the myth that the country revolves around soccer, parties and Carnival, a famous annual festival.

"The Olympics provides Brazil and Rio [the chance] to show our rich cultural and historical heritage and amplify the image of Brazil," he said. "We are the fifth largest country in the world, that including amazing ecological wonders like the Amazon, the Pantanal and Iguazu falls. There will be more than 25,000 representatives of the press from different countries, so the Olympics will be a great venue to broaden the image of Brazil for the outside."

Saint-Clair said the interest Portuguese-language students showed in the Olympics motivated him to contact the Authority.

"We've had many discussions involving the problems and promises of the Olympics Games," he said.

Saint-Clair was surprised when, instead of designating a representative to speak to cadets, Pedroso accepted the invite himself.

"Olympic Public Authority responsibilities are enormous, not only for the budget [and] the effects of all the transformation in the people of Rio's lives, but also because of the deadline for the Games and the necessary coordination of efforts between the city, state and federal administrations," Saint-Clair said.

Alexandra Core-Barbosa, a Portuguese-Language instructor here since 2012, translated the conversation between cadets and Pedroso for this report.

"[Intercultural exchange events] can be very beneficial for cadets' understanding that every country faces different problems and chooses to solve them differently," she said. "As officers, it is and will be their job to be culturally aware and sensitive to know how to approach different people and situations in an effective manner to promote change or negotiate to build relationships."

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR GIVES COUNTER-ISIL CAMPAIGN UPDATE AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Ambassador Susan Rice, the president's national security



advisor, gave Air Force Academy cadets an overview of the U.S.'s counter-ISIL campaign here April 14, including strategy and global engagement tactics taken to eradicate the terrorist group.

Rice spoke to cadets, faculty and staff, saying ISIL is the most dangerous terrorist threat the U.S. faces.

"What makes ISIL especially dangerous is that ISIL is present on the ground -- attempting to function as a state -- and online," she said. "It is essentially a hybrid: a terrorist organization and an insurgency, which exploited the chaos in Syria and Iraq to occupy large swaths of territory; at one point more than a third the size of Colorado."

The Ambassador said holding territory provides ISIL with financial resources and manpower and buttresses their false claim to a so-called caliphate, granting them a

unique and powerful appeal to potential followers. At the same time, ISIL has harnessed the power of social media to recruit fighters and inspire lone-wolf attacks, she said.

“The ISIL poses an enormous danger to civilians under their brutal reign,” she said. “It is a destabilizing force in the Middle East. It is a threat to people around the world, but let’s be clear: as President Obama has emphasized, ISIL does not pose an existential threat to our nation. We have faced-down and defeated much greater adversaries. ISIL is not Nazi Germany. It is not the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War. This is not World War III or the much-hyped clash of civilizations.”

Rice said ISIL does not represent the religion of Islam.

“We alienate our Muslim friends and allies and dishonor the countless Muslim victims of ISIL’s brutality when people recklessly and wrongly cast ISIL as somehow representative of one of the world’s largest religions,” she said. “The ISIL is a twisted network of murderers and maniacs, and they must be rooted out, hunted down, and destroyed.”

A Complex Effort

For the past 18 months, the president has led a comprehensive counterterrorism strategy that relies on the U.S.’s military; diplomacy; intelligence; economic development; homeland security; and law enforcement resources to destroy ISIL, Rice said.

“When we’re sitting around the Situation Room table, we’re using all aspects of our power ... Ours is truly a whole-of-government campaign.”

Rice said the campaign represents the evolution of a broad and sustainable strategy to confront terrorism.

“As a nation, we’ve learned a lot in the past 15 years,” she said. “One of the things we’ve learned is not every conflict requires the deployment of large numbers of U.S. ground forces. That’s not always the best way to achieve our goals. Our fight against ISIL is not like Afghanistan or the Iraq War. In Syria and Iraq, we’re helping strengthen and support local forces because gains on the ground have to be sustainable. This dynamic campaign is ideally suited for airpower and the Air Force, utilized smartly in support of our partners on the ground.”

The ambassador said the U.S.’s strategy to destroy ISIL is focused on four main dimensions: relentlessly attacking ISIL’s core in Syria and Iraq; targeting ISIL’s branches; disrupting its global network; and working “round’-the-clock” to protect the U.S.

“It is a complex effort,” she said. “It will not be accomplished fully in a few weeks or months or years. But day by day, mile by mile, strike by strike, we are making substantial progress. We’re going to keep up the momentum.”

Rice said a large part of that momentum comes from the air, space and cyber capabilities of the Air Force.

“First, we’ll continue to hammer ISIL’s core in Iraq and Syria,” she said. “Coalition forces have conducted more than 11,500 strikes -- nearly 90,000 sorties. These are precision strikes, because how we win matters strategically.”

The Air Force is responsible for two-thirds of the airstrikes against ISIL, the ambassador said.

“It’s not all dropping Joint Direct Attack Munition Strike and Hellfire missiles,” she said. “We’re deploying Air Force assets in space and cyberspace. Air Force pilots deliver fuel, cargo, and humanitarian aid. As we build a more complete picture of ISIL’s operations in a highly-complex environment, the Air Force has provided critical intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.”

Rice said the Air Force nearly doubled the number of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance sorties flown since 2014.

“Roughly 11,000 airmen are dedicated solely to piloting and supporting Predator and Reaper drones,” she said. “This ISR is the best in the world, and has enabled countless strikes and other operations. At the same time, it’s no secret we need more -- more ISR, more remotely piloted aircraft pilots to get us that ISR. It’s a real challenge and I applaud the Air Force for its leadership in institutionalizing this capability.”

RPAs have more strikes against ISIL than any aircraft but the B-1 Bomber and F-15 Strike Eagle, the ambassador said.

“These ISR capabilities are essential to this campaign and future ones,” Rice said. Rice discussed last year’s U.S. recapture of Kobani, Syria, from ISIL forces as an example of Air Force and U.S. leadership in the fight.

“America is leading when a B-1 Bomber squadron spends four months over the city of Kobani, providing air support while Kurdish and Arab fighters battle ISIL below,” she said. “You had ISR, refueling and command and control assets all involved; you had air controllers working with local forces calling in targets; the B-1 crews ‘going Winchester;’ and the fighters on the ground

confirming hits. That is how our local partners recaptured Kobani.”

Rice said U.S.’s visibility of the battlefield and the coalition campaign is affecting ISIL operations. “Every few days, we’re taking out another key ISIL leader, hampering ISIL’s ability to plan attacks or launch new offensives,” she said. “We’ve removed Hajji Mutaaz, ISIL’s No. 2 leader; Hajji Iman, ISIL’s finance chief; Abu Sayyaf, another top leader; and Junaid Hussain, a key online recruiter and plotter, among many others.”

The airstrikes are squeezing ISIL’s financial network, which flows from their control of vast oil resources, extortion and taxation of local populations, and the looting and illicit sale of that region’s cultural heritage, the ambassador said.

“We’ve launched waves of strikes against ISIL’s oil infrastructure,” she said. “We’ve taken-out their cash storage site in Mosul. As the president said, ISIL’s money is quite literally going up in smoke. As we shrink the territory it controls, ISIL is feeling the pinch.

Its oil revenues are down and ISIL fighters are making about half the salary they did a year ago.”

Rice said the Counter-ISIL Finance Group, led by the U.S., Italy and Saudi Arabia, has blocked the terrorist organization’s ability to raise and receive funds or use other countries’ banks to store and rout illicit earnings.

Global engagement

Rice said another aspect to the campaign against ISIL is the State Department’s Global Engagement Center. The center brings together government and private sector leaders from Silicon Valley, Hollywood and Madison Avenue to explore innovative ways to counter ISIL propaganda and amplify anti-ISIL voices internationally, from religious leaders to ISIL defectors.

“Week by week, these voices erode ISIL’s appeal,” she said. “A new poll shows nearly 80 percent of young

Muslims from Saudi Arabia to Egypt to Tunisia are strongly opposed to ISIL.”

The ambassador said permanently defeating ISIL relies on a global awareness of conditions that draw people to ISIL’s destructive message.

“Around the world, countries and communities, including the U.S., must offer a better, more compelling vision. We must demonstrate, as President Obama said, that the future belongs to those who build, not those who destroy.”

Rice said this includes promoting sustainable development and economic opportunities; allowing people to freely express themselves and participate in the political process; providing responsible governance; and protecting the dignity and human rights of all.

“Where ISIL offers horror, countries around the world must offer hope,” she said.

To protect U.S. citizens, the U.S. hardened its defenses, strengthened borders, airports, ports and other critical infrastructure,” Rice said.

“We’re better prepared against potential bioterrorism and cyber-attacks, thanks in part, to Air Force leadership and capabilities,” she said. “Our Countering Violent Extremism task force is coordinating efforts across the U.S. government to counter extremism at home, including engaging with local communities from Boston to Minneapolis. The U.S. has the best counterterrorism, law enforcement and intelligence professionals on the planet, devoted to connecting the dots to prevent attacks and take the fight to ISIL, every single day.”

Rice said the U.S. embraced an increasingly multi-faceted approach to fighting terrorism and destroying ISIL and will apply all elements of its power to sustain this fight.

“This is our strategy, informed by hard-won experience, to put ISIL on the path to lasting defeat: destroying ISIL’s core; degrading its branches; dismantling ISIL’s global network of terror, and protecting the homeland, including our values and diversity, she said. “This long campaign won’t end with a statue toppled or a flag raised but make no mistake -- we’re in a real fight. Through the strength of our partnerships and the power of our values, the U.S. is leading the way.”

Visit www.whitehouse.gov/blog/author/ambassador-susan-rice for more information.

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: 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:

www.usafa.af.mil/Leadership/CadetDevelopment/ParentsClub.aspx

Graduation Information Link:

www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=graduation

Graduation Week Schedule:

www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/data/2016gradSchedule.pdf

Graduation Formal Reception Ticket Information:

www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/data/GraduationFormalReception.pdf

Order Form for Yearbook, Graduation Video and Yearbook:

www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/data/2016GradOrderForm.pdf

Order Form for Grad Ball and Graduation Ceremony Photos:

www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/data/Lifetouchflyer.pdf

Prep School Graduation Schedule of events:

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

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:

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 summer programs available for cadets in what year):

www.usafa.edu/df/dfr/curriculum/CHB.pdf

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:

www.usafasupport.com/home.html

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 Peloso

1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241

<http://lifetouch.com/>

UPCOMING DATES:

24 May 16	Prep School Graduation
2 Jun 16	2016 Graduation
4 Jun 16	1 st Summer Session Begins
25 Jun 16	1 st Summer Session Ends
25 Jun 16	2 nd Summer Session Begins
30 Jun 16	Class of 2020 In-Processes
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)
16 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
17 Jul 16	<u>Prep School</u> – Prior Service report (in-processing)
20 Jul 16	<u>Prep School</u> - Direct Entry report (in-processing)
23 Jul 16	Doolie Day Out (Sponsors pick up approx. 8:00 am to 7:00 pm (Cadets can have cell phones that day)
24 Jul 16	March out to Jacks Valley (8:00 am)
3 Aug 16	March back from Jacks Valley (8:00 am)
6 Aug 16	3 rd Summer Session Ends
6 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
9 Aug 16	Acceptance Parade (9:00 am) (2020 class are allowed cell phones)
10 Aug 16	2018 Class Commitment Dinner (time TDB)
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
17 Dec 16 – 4 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	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.

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