



Falcon Family News

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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?

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https://www.flickr.com/photos/af_academy/albums

Prep School Access:

<https://twitter.com/USAFAPrepSchool>

www.facebook.com/AFPrepSchool

<https://www.instagram.com/usafapreppreofficial/>

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 site at:

<http://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>

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



iTunes



Android

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 Nov 16)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2016	3	2	5
2017	764	231	995
2018	801	219	1020
2019	798	279	1077
2020	778	317	1095
WING	3144	1048	4192

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

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.



Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson (center left), the superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Dr. Jim Knowlton, the director of the Academy's Athletics Department (center right), stand besides the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Nov. 17, 2017, in Mitchell Hall. (U.S. Air Force photo/Darcie Ibdapao)

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

Cadets erupted into applause when Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson presented the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to the Cadet Wing, Nov. 17, at the Air Force Academy.

The trophy is awarded to each season's winner of the American college football triangular series among the football teams of the U.S. Military Academy, the Army Black Knights; the U.S. Naval Academy, Navy Midshipmen; and the U.S. Air Force Academy, Air Force Falcons.

The Falcons grabbed a record-setting 20th CINC Trophy-win with a 31-12 victory against Army, Nov. 5.

"This is awesome," Johnson said to the throng of cadets crowding Mitchell Hall after Coach Troy Calhoun and his team rolled the trophy into view for the Cadet Wing to see. "It's a really big deal for the team to win this."

Johnson beamed when she looked at the long list of Air Force wins inscribed on the trophy.

"There's no more room for plaques," she said. "Winning this trophy again was a team effort -- this is about something bigger than us."

Calhoun said taking home the trophy 20 times is an amazing achievement.

"When you think of all the responsibilities our cadets balance, whether athletic, academic or military, this is such a high-level achievement," he said. "It takes a true team effort. This win is a tribute to the entire Academy, our cadets, our football team and our terrific staff -- at all levels. I'm very, very proud of our football team and all cadets."

Senior defensive back Brodie Hicks said the trophy-win indicates the confidence shared by his teammates.

"It really shows how much we trust each other," he said. "Having it here shows the trust shared by our offense and defense to come together and get the job done. I am absolutely proud of our players, our cadets and this achievement."

The trophy returned to the Academy Nov. 10.

The president or his representative will present the trophy to the team in an official ceremony next year at the White House.

The 2016 season marks the 45th season of CINC's trophy competition.

Cadet Taxes: Most cadets don't have many deductions and file an EZ form. USAFA has volunteers that can do their taxes for free to ensure they have used all the deductions they are entitled to and are done on an appointment basis. Income Tax assistance will be available through USAFA/JA, located in Harmon Hall, telephone 719-333-3940. 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. Then the cadet can pick up the letter

from the Registrar's Office (Fairchild Hall). See below for more information on Federal Income Tax.

GIFT CARDS for Cadets:

AAFES (Exchange or cadet store): These cards can be used at the Cadet Store, Arnold Hall (Subway, Godfather's Pizza & Wing Zone), & the Base Exchange store as well. Parents can call (719) 472-1953 (Bonnie) and order an Exchange gift card for their cadets. The Exchange will either mail to the parent, parents can tell the cadet to come pick up the gift card, or lastly the Exchange will e-mail the cadet and have them come and get the gift card. Don't worry if you don't know your appointee's squadron and such, the cadet store can find that out through the Basic training folks.

10 Force Support Squadron (10 FSS) Gift Cards:

These cards can be used at the Arnold Hall coffee shop, HAPS, and all 10 FSS activities (Outdoor Recreation (think skiing, bicycle rentals & fun trips), Bowling Alley, Golf Course, Horseback riding, Arts & Crafts center etc...) Parents can call (719) 472-7930 and order a gift card for their cadets. They will either mail to the parents or parents can tell the cadet to come pick up the gift card at the coffee shop in Arnold Hall.

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](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 Link:

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

Graduation Information Link:

www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=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:
http://www.usafa.af.mil/Portals/21/documents/About_Us_Docs/AY%202016-2017%20Calendar%20Approved%2012%20Jul%2016.pdf?ver=2016-07-15-094359-360×tamp=1468590250387

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=dfr2>

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/0c9d0bf12f8b6a1ca725ae69871b531b?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 Peloso

1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241

<http://lifetouch.com/>

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
18 May 17	Prep School Parade
18 May 17	Prep School Graduation
24 May 17	2017 Graduation

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

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