



Falcon Family News

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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?

- [Official USAFA Facebook site](#)
- [Official USAFA Twitter site](#)
- [Official USAFA Instagram site](#)
- 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 31 Dec 16)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2016	1	0	1
2017	764	230	994
2018	799	217	1016
2019	796	279	1075
2020	773	314	1087
WING	3133	1040	4173

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

Preparatory School Class Statistics (as of 18 Jan 17)

Class year	Men	Women	Total
2016-2017	159	50	159

Spring Break: Spring break for Cadets is 24 Mar – 2 April. The cadets will normally be able to leave after the last military duty (LMD). Prep School Spring Break is 24 Mar (LMD) - 2 April, 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.

2017-2018 Cadet Academic Calendar was approved on 14 Dec 16 and can be found at the following link:
[http://www.usafa.af.mil/Portals/21/documents/About Us Docs/Cadet Information/2017 2018 Calander.pdf?ver=2016-12-27-160333-253](http://www.usafa.af.mil/Portals/21/documents/About_Us_Docs/Cadet_Information/2017_2018_Calander.pdf?ver=2016-12-27-160333-253).

Please note that 2018 Graduation is 23 May 18.

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.



Jan. 24, 2017

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – After breaking the conference record in the high jump last Saturday, Air Force junior [Shelley Spires](#) was honored with the Mountain West Women's Indoor Field Athlete of the Week award this afternoon (Jan. 24). It is the fifth career award for Spires, who has earned the conference's weekly honor during each of the first three weeks of the current season.

Posting a career-best clearance of 6'1½" to win the high jump at the Air Force Invitational, Spires broke the Mountain West's six-year-old record by a quarter-of-an-inch. The native of Mobile, Ala., improved her own Academy record twice during the series and finalized the run with a one-and-a-half inch personal improvement. Her record-setting clearance, which was achieved on her first attempt, was the second-best jump in the nation over the Jan. 19-21 weekend, while her lead-up clearance of 6'0½" was tied for sixth. Spires, who won the seeded section of the high jump by over an inch and helped Air Force to the team title, is ranked third in the NCAA this season.

With this week's honor, Spires has collected more weekly Mountain West awards (five) than any other member of the women's team in Academy history. Spires, who shared the conference's Jan. 24 award with New Mexico's Josh Kerr (men's track athlete of the week), Colorado State's Mostafa Hassan (men's track athlete of the week) and San Diego State's Micha Auzenne (women's track athlete of the week), returns to action this weekend, when Air Force travels to Albuquerque for the New Mexico Collegiate Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 28.

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

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/>

Class of 2017 Graduation Product Order Form:

Cadet Wing Media offers a variety of products to memorialize the achievements of the U.S. Air Force Academy graduating class of 2017. A product order form is available at the end of this newsletter.

UPCOMING DATES:

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
19 May 17	Ring Dance (C2Cs)
24 May 17	2017 Graduation
24 May 17	1 st Session Begins
24 Jun 17	1 st Session Ends/2 nd Session Begins
29 Jun 17	2021 Class In-Processes
30 Jun 17	2021 Class Swearing In Ceremony
15 Jul 17	2 nd Session Ends/3 rd Session Begins
5 Aug 17	3 rd Session Ends
5 Aug 17	Cadet Wing Returns by 7:00 pm

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

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