

# ***FALCON FAMILY NEWS***

**JULY 2010**

## **CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 June 2010)**

	Men	Women	Total
2011	841	210	1051
2012	894	245	1139
2013	966	246	1212
2014	1000	293	1293
<b>WING</b>	<b>3701</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>4695</b>

## **CADET WING MEDIA – GRADUATION 2010**

Six weeks after graduation, the proofs of the pictures taken at graduation are mailed to each cadet's home of record. Graduation DVDs are expected to be shipped by early August and yearbooks are shipped no later than November. The 2010 yearbooks and graduation DVDs are still available for purchase. Also, candid photos of graduation 2010 are available at [www.printroom.com/pro/AFPhotos](http://www.printroom.com/pro/AFPhotos)

## **ACCEPTANCE PARADE**

The Acceptance Parade will take place on 4 August at 9:00 a.m. The fourth class cadets will be released after the Acceptance Parade (and pinning of the shoulder boards). The parents are invited to spend time with their cadets until 1:00 p.m. Cadets may not leave the Academy.

Cadets and families/friends may eat lunch anywhere ON BASE, including Mitchell Hall which offers a buffet for \$4.25. The Field House, Arnold Hall and Visitor Center are within walking distance and offer lunch items as well. Many families bring coolers and just have a picnic tailgate-style or throw a blanket on the grass.

Parking will be at the Field House and there will be shuttle buses to take everyone to the parade field. If a cooler is brought, we recommend it be left in the vehicle rather than carrying it on the bus and then be retrieved after the parade.

## **Can I bring stuff to my cadet at the Acceptance Parade (printer, bike, other large items)?**

The items fourth-classmen are allowed to have their first year are extremely limited. In accordance with the Cadet Sight Picture, fourth-classmen are allowed two items of personal memorabilia in addition to what they have been issued. All other items need Air Officer Commanding (AOC) or Academy Military Trainer (AMT) approval. Parents are advised to have their cadets verify what they are bringing or shipping to USAFA is an item they are allowed to possess prior to bringing or shipping the items.

## **PROPER ADDRESS FOR CADETS**

After BCT:

C4C John Jones  
PO Box xxxx  
USAF Academy CO 80841-xxxx (pob) note zip is 80841 when just using pob

## **PACKAGES MAILED VIA UPS OR FED EX**

C4C John Jones  
2302 Cadet Drive PO Box xxxx  
USAF Academy CO 80840-xxxx (note zip is 80840 in this case)

(Post office box is used as a means of identification when the cadet picks up the package.)

## **PARENTS' WEEKEND PACKETS**

Only fourth class families will be mailed packets. The packets will include a Parents' Weekend brochure and two vehicle passes. Upper class cadets will be e-mailed a condensed version of the agenda and instructed to forward it to their families. They will also be instructed to pick up vehicle passes from their squadron representatives and mail them to their families. (If a person does not have a vehicle pass, they can still get on base by showing a valid driver's license; make sure you have a current proof of auto insurance as well.) The entire Parents' Weekend schedule can be viewed on the USAFA web site:

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend>.

## **CADET SUPPORT SERVICES**

The entire staff of the Cadet Support Flight – Mitchell Hall, Cadet Barber and Beauty Shops, Cadet Laundromat, Treats, HAPS and Cadet Media are all dedicated individuals who

strive to provide a little something extra to the lives of your cadets during their time at the Air Force Academy. Please see information on each agency below.

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**Mitchell Hall** – Cadet Dining Facility – Cadet Food Service Director Ed Fitzhenry,  
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Mitchell Hall is the largest dining facility in the Air Force and provides service for the entire Cadet Wing of 4500+ cadets for the upcoming school year. Our primary mission is to provide 3 meals a day, 7 days a week for the Cadet Wing. We also support all training missions and requirements, all social events and training and sporting events along with numerous other requirements.

Meals at Mitchell Hall are planned by our nutritionist and they follow standards of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the Military Dietary Recommended Intake Levels. We provide menus and portions to accommodate the requirements of the majority of the Cadet Wing. Also, we provide heavy, light and vegetarian options to athletes with certain requirements as well as cadets with ethnic or religious requirements.

Mitchell Hall produces over 13,000 meals a day and in doing so we face the understandable challenges of trying to meet the tastes and desires of all the cadets. We try our best to meet the needs of the majority and offer a good variety of foods. We also have the challenge of accommodating all 4500 cadets with the food ready to consume in 20 minutes twice a day.

This year, the staff at Mitchell Hall has given the menu a thorough review. The result has been “Mitch’s Over Haul,” our effort to upgrade and up-value the menu. We have added specialty nights and theme meals coupled with a bigger marketing campaign to let cadets know when the specials are coming up. We have developed a schedule of special meals for the entire academic year and are looking forward to supporting your cadets in a first class way. The Cadet Focus Group is still going strong and is a valuable asset to helping us make menu decisions for the facility.

We would like to invite you to meet our nutritionist and members of the management team during the Information Fair on Friday, 3 September, the first day of Parents’ Weekend. We will be providing information on how we plan menus, the nutritional values we look at, and the calorie requirements for the cadets, and we’ll be glad to answer any questions you might have.

You will also have the opportunity to dine with us at Mitchell hall during Parents’ Weekend. The 1<sup>st</sup> class breakfast and 4<sup>th</sup> class lunch tickets will be available for cadets to purchase from their cadet squadrons in mid August. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

The entire Mitchell Hall staff looks forward to meeting you and hosting you at a meal during Parents' Weekend.

**Barber and Beauty Shop** – Manager Connie Graff – 719-333-4563  
Connie.graff@usafa.af.mil

The Cadet Barber and Beauty Shops provide not only the required haircuts for your cadets but a wide variety of services. You can purchase the service for cadets in advance as a little something from home. Our barbers and beauticians take care of your cadets as if they were their own and try to give them a feeling of family. The barber shop hosts several karaoke contests throughout the year, a “Guess the Basic” picture contest and much more.

Our staff will be at the Information Fair during Parents' Weekend as well. They will have information on all of the services we offer from facials to manicures to massages and how to purchase these for your cadets. They will also have pictures, etc., of the karaoke contest and the other events they plan for the cadets. Stop by and have a look!

**Laundromat** – Manager Connie Graff – 719-333-4563  
Connie.graff@usafa.af.mil

The Cadet Laundromat is not only a place for the cadets to do their laundry, it's also a place to hang out and relax – to get away from everything for awhile. We also provide a laundry service that you can purchase. The “Clean Coupons” can be for your cadets if they don't have the time to do their own or you just want to give them some extra free time.

Information on the Clean Coupon can be found in your Survival Guide or picked up at the Information Fair during Parents' Weekend.

**Treats** – Manger Julie Yuenger – 719-333-3387  
Julie.yuenger@usafa.af.mil

Since we realize that your famous carrot cake may not make it through the mail to your cadets, you can order one from us. Treats has a wide variety of baskets, cakes and cookies that you can purchase for a one time delivery or set it up to have delivered monthly throughout the school year. Let your cadets know you are thinking about them. You can find information and an order form on our Force Support Squadron [www.usafaservices.com](http://www.usafaservices.com). Click the Cadet Activities button to find us.

## **DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2014**

The United States Air Force Academy's Class of 2014 entered and took the Oath of Office on 24 Jun 2010.

### **High School Honors and Activities**

#### ***Excludes turnbacks***

Applicants	
Candidate Pool	7543
Qualified Candidates	2445
Offers of Admission	1566

### **Applicants and Nominees**

11,627	
Class President	9%
Class Vice-President	7%
Valedictorian	8%

Admitted:		Salutatorian	3%
New U.S. Cadets	1269		National Honor Society 63%
New International Students	17		Boys'/Girls' State or Nation Representative 11%
Turnbacks Returning	8		Yearbook/Newspaper (Editor or Business Mgr) 4%
Total	1294		Yearbook/Newspaper (Other Staff Mbr) 12%

Debate Team

**Diversity**

*Excludes Internationals*

Chorus/Glee Club

**Women**

Eagle Scout/Gold Award

Two hundred ninety three (293) women (22.6% of the class)

were admitted with the Class of 2014

Academic Bowl Team

**Minorities**

Football

The Class of 2014 includes a total of 349 minority cadets

(27.0% of the class) with ethnic backgrounds as follows:

Track

Non-Minority 928

Hispanic 112

Asia 102

African American 101

Native American 11

Pacific Islander 23

Cadets were admitted from every state in the nation and from

**College Board Scores (SAT)**

*Excludes USAFA Prep graduates and turnbacks*

Georgia, Guatemala, Jordan, South Korea, Lebanon,

**Mid 50% Range**

**Mean**

Thailand, Tunisia and Uganda.

Verbal 600-680

Math 630-700

**Sons and Daughters of Alumni**

**American College Testing Program Scores (ACT)**

*Excludes USAFA Prep graduates and turnbacks*

The Class of 2014 includes 89 sons and 40 daughters

**Mid 50% Range**

**Mean**

English 27-32

Math 28-33 30.3

Reading 28-33 30.3

Science Reasoning 27-32

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**Rank in High School Class**

*Excludes turnbacks and those reporting class size < 5*

Top Tenth 52.0%

Top Fifth 77.3%

Top Quarter 82.4%

**High School GPA**

*Excludes All Prep and turnbacks*

3.87

7%  
Dramatic Production 15%  
Band or Orchestra 25%  
Boy/Girl Scouts 24%  
JROTC Cadet 11%  
Civil Air Patrol 9%  
Athletic Letter Awards (1 or More/Any Sport) 80%  
Basketball 11%  
Baseball 9%

Swimming 11%

Soccer 13%

8.0%

7.9%

0.8%

1.8%

**Geographical Distribution**

the Territory of Guam. The Class of 2014 also admitted 17 International Students from Brunei, Ecuador, El Salvador,

Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan,

640

666

**Excludes turnbacks and Internationals**

of Service Academy Graduates (10.0% of the class):  
29.7

**Academy Alumni**

US Air Force Academy 65

US Military Academy 12

Academy 3

US Coast Guard Academy 3

US Merchant Marine Academy 0

**Sons**

65

12

3

3

2

0

**Daughters**

30

5

Note: Seven male cadets and seven female cadets had both parents attending the same academies.

13 July 2010



## **RABIES INFORMATION** from USAFA's Public Health Office

### **General Information**

- Rabies is a preventable viral disease of mammals; the virus affects the central nervous system of mammals, causing a fatal inflammation of the brain and spinal cord.
- The rabies virus is in the saliva of infected animals and is transmitted mainly through bites; the most direct way for people to get rabies is through the bites of infected wild animals.
- Rabies is found mainly in wild animals such as bats, skunks, foxes and raccoons.
  - Pets like dogs, cats and ferrets, as well as livestock (including horses!), can get rabies if they have not been vaccinated and are bitten by rabid wild animals.

### **Rabies in Colorado**

- Rabies is on the rise throughout the country and Colorado and USAFA are no exception.
- As of 22 June 2010, 3 foxes in El Paso County have tested positive for rabies this year and 65 animals in all of Colorado have tested positive for the disease.
  - 46 skunks, 10 bats, 5 foxes and 1 muskrat, 1 deer, 1 horse and 1 domestic cat.
  - Colorado is on track to break the record from 2009 of 103 animals confirmed with rabies.

### **Prevention**

- Protect your family
  - Do not feed wild animals; do not touch or approach wild or stray animals.
  - Tightly close garbage cans or store them in a garage; open trash attracts wild/stray animals.
  - Call your health care provider **immediately** if you or your family are bitten or scratched by a wild or unknown animal.
- Protect your pets
  - Vaccinate your pets against rabies.
  - Maintain control of your pets when outdoors.
  - Contact your veterinarian **immediately** if your pet is bitten or scratched by a wild or unknown animal.
- How to recognize sick or diseased wildlife.
  - Healthy wild animals are normally afraid of humans; sick or diseased animals often do not run away from people.
  - Wildlife suffering from rabies will often act aggressively and violently approach people or pets; rabid wildlife might also stumble or have trouble walking.

- Foxes, skunks and raccoons are active at night. When these animals are spotted during the day and do not shy away from people, they should be avoided and reported to the Division of Wildlife.

Public Health flight members are dedicated to ensuring your cadet has the most current preventive health information available. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or cadet public health concerns- Capt Brigitte French at 719-333-9443.



## **News Release**

# **U.S. Air Force Academy**

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**Wednesday, June 9, 2010**

### **Air Force football team ranked second nationally in APR**

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** – The Air Force football team has the second-highest multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) of any team in the Football Bowl Subdivision, according to a report issued today by the NCAA. The program's 988 ranks second only to Rutgers, who had a 992, among the 120 FBS football playing schools. The multi-year APR is for the 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years.

Air Force's number is easily the best within the Mountain West Conference. TCU is second with a 968 while Utah is third at 949. Colorado State is fourth with a 945 followed by BYU (940), New Mexico and UNLV (934), San Diego State (931) and Wyoming (928).

The Academy is also the highest ranking service academy, as Navy posted a 973 and Army a 964. The remainder of the top five nationally shows Rice third with 987, Northwestern fourth at 986 and Duke fifth at 983.

"This is hands down the finest accomplishment in all of college football. There should be no hesitation to identify educational achievements along with character development in major conference intercollegiate sports" Air Force head football coach Troy Calhoun said. "The Air Force Academy is a very challenging leadership school; and yet, the determination and perseverance of these cadets with the support of our outstanding faculty and staff moved them beyond the necessary standards of the Academy. It's remarkable that a team can have its

members take over 18 semester hours of the nation's most demanding curriculum, prepare to serve our country, and still balance participation as a Division 1 athlete in a major conference."

### **Top 5 FBS Schools**

Rutgers – 992

**Air Force – 988**

Rice -- 987

Northwestern -- 986

Duke – 983

### **Mountain West Conference**

**Air Force -- 988**

TCU -- 968

Utah -- 949

Colorado State - 945

BYU – 940

New Mexico – 934

UNLV – 934

San Diego State -- 931

Wyoming – 928

Each year the NCAA honors selected Division I sports teams by publicly recognizing their latest multiyear APR. This announcement is part of the overall Division I academic reform effort and is intended to highlight teams who demonstrate a commitment to academic progress and retention of student-athletes by achieving the top APRs within their respective sports. Specifically, these teams posted multiyear APRs in the top 10 percent of all squads in each sport.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation and provides a measure of each team's academic performance.

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