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## CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 May 2011)

	Men	Women	Total
2012	872	239	1111
2013	884	226	1110
2014	914	262	1176
<b>WING</b>	<b>2685</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>3413</b>

The Class of 2011 graduated 818 men and 203 women on 25 May 2011.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS/EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENT PLAN PROCEEDS**

### **MEMORANDUM FOR: CADETS AND PARENTS OF CADETS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENT PLAN PROCEEDS**

10 June 2011

FROM: USAFA/FMP

SUBJECT: Cadet Scholarship and/or Educational Investment Plan Proceeds

1. The United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Financial Management (FM) Office may not accept cadet scholarships containing restrictions. Restrictions are any condition or limitation an agency places on the use of their scholarship funds. Some examples include “must be used for tuition, room and/or board,” “student is required to maintain a specific GPA,” “scholarship funds will be paid back if cadet disenrolls,” etc. Cadet scholarships without restrictions or silent on restrictions will continue to be accepted. Educational investment funds (e.g., 529 plans) may not be accepted due to their federal and state tax restrictions and, based on the specific plan, may have other restrictions on how the funds are used. Normally a university financial aid office monitors scholarships and investment plan proceeds; however, the USAF Academy is not eligible to participate in the student aid program and does not have a financial aid office. We do not charge for tuition, room or board like other universities or have the authority to maintain separate billing and receiving accounts required to monitor the restrictions levied by law. The following will assist with scholarship and/or investment plan questions.

a. Scholarships: Scholarships should be payable directly to the cadet. When the agency is unable to make payment directly to the cadet, the scholarship may be accepted by USAFA/FM for credit to the cadet’s pay account provided there are no restrictions on the scholarship and the check is payable to the U.S. Treasury. Scholarships silent on restrictions will be treated as non-restrictive and accepted. Scholarships accepted by USAFA/FM are never refunded to the agency granting the scholarship, even if the cadet disenrolls. Checks shall be made payable to “US Treasury” and mailed to HQ USAFA/FMF, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2200, USAF Academy, CO 80840-5035. Checks will not be accepted until after 19 August 2011 for the Class of 2015. The cadet’s full name and social security number must be included in the memo area of the check or on an attached memo.

b. Investment Plans: The individual owner or administrator of the educational investment plan determines the valid use of the funds based on specific fund requirements and any state, federal and/or IRS restrictions. The owner/administrator shall consult their financial advisor, tax advisor or legal advisor to ensure the specific fund rules are followed and if there are procedures for providing proceeds directly to the cadet. Investment plan proceeds will not be accepted by USAFA/FM, and if received, shall be returned to the originator. Based on information provided by the IRS, it is our understanding that the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 provides that attendance at a U.S. military academy will be treated as a scholarship for purposes of the 10% penalty on nonqualified withdrawals from a 529 plan or Coverdell ESA and that the value of the no-cost education (as determined under the U.S. military code) can be withdrawn penalty-free from a 529 plan or Coverdell ESA, although the earnings portion will

continue to be taxable. Accordingly, parents and financial planners have requested the Cost of Education (CoE) for USAFA. Please understand that we are not attempting, and are not authorized, to provide tax advice; we are simply providing information concerning the USAF Academy CoE for recent Fiscal Years. You are advised to consult your own tax advisors regarding permissible uses of this information. The USAFA CoE amount may be exempt from the 10% additional tax IAW IRS rules (see IRS Publication 970). The CoE at a Service Academy is defined in DoDD 1332.23 as: Those costs that are attributable directly to educating a person at a Service academy under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned and approved by the Office of the ASD (FM&P) (OASD (FM&P)) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (OASD(C)). Such costs include a reasonable charge for the provided education, books, supplies, room, board, transportation, and other miscellaneous items furnished at government expense. Excluded are the costs for cadet pay and allowances, uniforms, military training, and support for nonacademic military operations. The following is the CoE for the Fiscal Year (FY) indicated.

FY10 \$48,181 - 1 October 2009 - 30 September 2010  
 FY09 \$42,240 - 1 October 2008 - 30 September 2009  
 FY08 \$41,925 - 1 October 2007 - 30 September 2008  
 FY07 \$42,333 - 1 October 2006 - 30 September 2007

2. USAFA is prohibited by law (10 U.S.C. 4360) from charging cadets for tuition, room or board and does not issue IRS Form 1098-T, Tuition Statement. Any tax consequence resulting from receipt of scholarships and/or educational investment plan proceeds is the responsibility of the cadet. Additional information on educational benefits is available on the IRS web site; see IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education.

3. Tuition, room, board and cadet income and expenses at USAFA:

a. USAFA cannot charge for tuition, room or board in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 4360. Tuition, room and board are provided to cadets without charge.

b. Cadet monthly base pay is \$974.40 effective 1 January 2011. Cadet pay is equal to 35% of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant pay in accordance with 37 U.S.C. 203(c).

c. Cadet **estimated** expenses for Academic Year 2011/2012 (1 Jul 11-30 Jun 12) are:

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Freshman</u>	<u>Sophomore</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Senior</u>
Uniforms	4,350	0	260	500
Computer	2,291	72	72	66
Personal Service Fees	1,728	297	297	272
Arts and Athletic Fees	170	170	170	170
Media and Textbooks	<u>1,746</u>	<u>1,270</u>	<u>1,270</u>	<u>1,369</u>
Total	\$10,285	\$1,809	\$2,069	\$2,377

Definitions:

Personal Service Fees include barber, tailor, linen, dry cleaning and laundry.

Arts and Athletic Fees include reduced tickets to shows and sporting events.  
Media includes KAFA radio, basic training yearbook and annual yearbook.

NOTE: Exact expenses are known only by the individual cadet based on their specific circumstances. The amounts shown above are only an estimate. The individual cadet receives a monthly Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) which provides information on actual income and those expenses deducted from their pay.

4. The section of US Code that authorizes TSP participation applies only to those members who are paid under 37 USC 204 (only covers active duty and reserve members). Cadets are paid under a separate area of US Code (37 USC 203) and are therefore ineligible to participate in TSP.

5. Please e-mail [usafa.fm@usafa.af.mil](mailto:usafa.fm@usafa.af.mil) if you have questions on the information contained in this memorandum which supersedes Memorandum 15 June 2010, same subject.

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Financial Management Policy

### **2015 CLASS COMPUTERS**

- The Class of 2015 computer is a Lenovo Thinkpad X220 tablet with Intel i5 CPU, 8 GB RAM, 320 GB drive, multi-touch screen
- Also included: 500 GB external drive, slice battery, docking station, lock, backpack, surge suppressor, network cable
- Printers and flat panels are **not** provided; however, cadets are allowed to have them after classes start (4 Aug 11)
- Printers need to be compatible with **Windows 7 64-bit** and have a **USB connection**.
- Flat panels can be up to 24-inch; the computer docking station has “**VGA**” and “**Display Port (HD)**” connections.

### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER “CLASS OF 2011” GRADUATION VIDEO**

You may order the Class of 2011 Graduation DVD through the Office of Cadet Wing Media. The DVD includes cadet interviews, Graduation Week activities, EVERY cadet walking across stage to receive diploma, shake hands with grad speaker, first salute on graduation day, and Class of 2011 bonus material. This DVD is the only graduation product officially sanctioned by the USAF Academy. Go to CWMedia page <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media> for links to order your Graduation DVD

### **ALSO AVAILABLE GRADUATION DAY PHOTOS AND 2011 YEARBOOK**

You may order the Class of 2011 POLARIS Yearbook go to CWMedia page <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media> for link.

Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch has been contracted to provide professional photographs of your cadet at the Graduation Ceremony. Go to <http://www.usafa.edu/graduation>. For more information call (800) 426-9533 or write to Lifetouch, 1170 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI 02920, Attention: AFA Graduation.

You may contact Cadet Wing Media by calling (719) 333-4644, sending an email to [cwmedia@usafa.edu](mailto:cwmedia@usafa.edu) or writing to HQ USAFA/FSLAM, P.O. Box 6066, USAFA CO 80841-6066. Visit their web page at <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>.

### **ANNUAL PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION AND CONFERENCE**

Mark your calendars - this year our annual parents' club presidents' reception and conference will take place on 31 August and 1 September 2011. The reception will be held at the Superintendent's home on Wednesday, 31 August from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The conference will be held at Doolittle Hall (AOG building) from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 1 September.

Registration forms will be mailed (hard copy) in July so keep in mind that the forms will go to whomever is listed in the data base as the club presidents. If there are new presidents who haven't sent in the "new president form" they will not receive this information. If you have other officers in the club who would like to attend, that is fine – they will need to send in a registration form as well (you can just make a copy for them). Spouses may accompany the club officers but please don't invite friends!

Lunch will be at the Falcon Club and will cost \$15 per person. This information will be included with the registration forms.

### **POST OFFICE BOX, FEDERAL EXPRESS, UPS, and DHL INFORMATION**

from the USAFA Postmaster

The correct mailing address for your cadet is crucial. Mail not deliverable due to the incorrect address or insufficient information will be returned to the sender or sent to the Dead Letter Office (if there is no return address).

In addition to regular mail (envelopes) you may also send packages to the post office box and the cadets will receive a note in their boxes instructing them to pick up their packages at the counter. The address must be complete and correct. (Note that the zip code for cadets is 80841 rather than 80840.) The correct address for all cadets is below:

John Doe  
PO Box xxxx (post office box number)  
USAFA CO 80841-xxxx (post office box number)

(If you wish, you can also put the cadet rank (C4C, C3C, etc. before the name or as a basic cadet it should be "Basic Cadet John Doe").

If you choose to send a package via Federal Express, UPS or DHL, you need a street address. They will not deliver to a post office box. The pick up location, called Pak Mail, is in the Cadet Book Store in Vandenberg Hall. Below is the correct mailing address:

John Doe (add the rank before the name if you wish)  
Pak Mail  
2360 Vandenberg Drive  
USAFA CO 80840-xxxx (\*post office box number)

\*The post office box number is added to this as a 4 digit zip+4 and a means of identification when the cadet picks up the package at Pak Mail.

### **NEW ADMISSIONS WEB SITE**

USAFA's Admissions office has a new web site:  
[http://www.academyadmissions.com/#Page/Why\\_the\\_Academy](http://www.academyadmissions.com/#Page/Why_the_Academy). "Why the Academy" is new - everyone should take a look at it!!!

### **PEREGRINE PINES FAMCAMP RESERVATIONS FOR GRADUATION 2012**

Famcamp will try to accommodate all requests but our goal is to fill the campground to its maximum capacity. Therefore, we cannot promise to reserve certain sites. We will try to honor your requests to the best of our ability with the intention of making your guests' stay an enjoyable one.

Rates April 1 to September 30:

Eligible Users (staying in the site, ID card holders)

\$20 Per Night Full Hook-ups

\$10 Per Night Tent Sites

Guests Non-Military (staying in the site, no military ID)

\$25 Per Night Full Hook-ups

\$13 Per Night Tent Sites

Reg. 2.2.3. A sponsored guest is limited to 14 days only (per summer).

**A2.11.** There is a limit of 8 people per site, 2 vehicles, and 1 tent (in RV site) or 2 tents (tent sites) and a limit of 2 weeks in tents. No horse trailers allowed. Some RV sites can hold a tent, but not all. Eight people max is the rule, so inform us if you might want your tent in an RV site.

Keep in mind that during the day of the Thunderbird practice and the day of Graduation all people must evacuate from the campground. There are no exceptions. This will be for

approximately 4-5 hours and enforced by the USAFA Security Forces. Please make other arrangements if you have concerns.

For Non-Military, No Government. ID, the sponsor must contact the Pass and Registration Center (PRC) outside the South Gate between the hours of 0730-1630, Monday - Friday at 719-333-0443. The visitor must arrive at the PRC between these same hours to receive their pass. Outside of PRC duty hours, the sponsor must be present at the south gate to sponsor visitors on to the installation.

2.1.2. The USAFA cadets can make reservations (for their immediate families) for 2 sites up to 1 year in advance for Graduation and for 1 site up to 1 year in advance for Parents' Weekend, for a total of 2 weeks per year. At all other times of the year, cadets will retain the same eligibility as other active duty personnel. The USAFA Class Reunion participants may also make reservations 1 year in advance, 1 site for 1 week.

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## **SUMMER SAFETY TIPS**

It's time to play outside! Summer in Colorado is exceptional whether you're hiking in the mountains, riding your bike on one of the many trails or simply enjoying a picnic in the park with family and friends, there are a few simple measures to take to ensure your summer stays safe and fantastic:

1. Helmets - motorcycle, road bike or trail riding, protecting your brain is the smartest thing you can do to save your life!
2. Sunscreen - as you are well aware, Colorado Springs is at an impressive 7,000 ft elevation, bringing us closer to the sun and increasing the risk for sunburns and skin cancer.
3. Outdoor exercise - now is the time to enjoy all those outdoor activities that may have been a little more challenging to do during the winter - biking, running, hiking, camping, rafting, water skiing, etc.
4. Food safety - fruits of all kinds are ripening before our very eyes - visit a farmer's market to enjoy fresh produce and support locals (just remember to wash those fruits and veggies before you eat them!). While at picnics and barbeques, remember to keep your hot foods hot (>135°F) and cold foods cold (<40°F)

5. Hydrate - just as important as sunscreen and just as life-saving as a helmet; hydrate with non-alcoholic beverages - dehydration can easily sneak up on you in this semi-arid environment.
6. Insect repellent - DEET for skin, permethrin for clothes; not only are ticks and mosquitoes pesky but they also transmit some terrible diseases.

Even though the first day of summer isn't until 21 June this year, the weather forecast is dictating otherwise... so, get out there and enjoy all the beauty and fun that summer brings - just remember our safety tips and have a great time!

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: Maj Brigitte French, 719-333-5186.

### **DEBERRY ELECTED TO COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME**

Former Air Force football coach Fisher DeBerry has been elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, according to an announcement from the National Football Foundation Board of Directors. DeBerry, along with the other inductees, will be honored at the National Football Foundation's Annual Awards Dinner in New York City at the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011.

Joining DeBerry in the class of 2011 will be former Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, Florida receiver Carlos Alvarez, Texas defensive lineman Doug English, Oregon State fullback Bill Enyart, Ohio State running back and 1995 Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George, Alabama defensive lineman Marty Lyons, Miami defensive lineman Russell Maryland, Florida State defensive back Deion Sanders, Georgia defensive back Jake Scott, Nebraska guard Will Shields, Minnesota quarterback Sandy Stephens, West Virginia linebacker Darryl Talley, Oklahoma halfback Clendon Thomas, Arizona defensive lineman Rob Waldrop and Michigan State receiver Gene Washington.

DeBerry served as head coach at Air Force for a brilliant 23-year career which concluded with his retirement on Dec. 15, 2006. His mark on the program, the Academy and college football, is unmistakable. The 72-year-old South Carolina native and his Air Force program served as the epitome of what is right and good in collegiate athletics.

His record stands alone at Air Force and stands up against the best in the nation. He led 17 of his 23 teams to winning records and 12 captured a bowl bid, posting a 6-6 record. His career record of 169-109-1 is the best in school history in terms of games won and winning percentage. When you look at DeBerry's whole body of work, it's hard to believe he's done it all while coaching at a service academy that plays in a very competitive conference.

He coached the Falcons to three conference championships. The team won a share of the Western Athletic Conference championship in 1985, his second season, and again in 1995. In 1998, DeBerry guided the team to its first outright title with the WAC Mountain Division

championship and a win over Brigham Young in the title game in Las Vegas. He was named WAC Coach of the Year for the third time in his career. The 1998 team's 12-1 record completed the first back-to-back 10-win seasons in school history following a 10-3 campaign the previous year. The 1998 squad finished the season ranked 10th nationally.

DeBerry defeated Notre Dame three times, his most recent victory over the Irish came in '96, 20-17 in overtime in South Bend. His Falcons dominated the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy series with archrivals Army and Navy. Air Force won the trophy 14 times and shared it once in DeBerry's tenure. He compiled a remarkable 35-11 record against the Black Knights and Midshipmen and is the winningest coach in service academy history.

### **AIR FORCE ATHLETICS ANNOUNCES MAJOR AWARD WINNERS; RECAP OF 2010-11 ATHLETIC SEASON**

Air Force athletics recognized several cadet-athletes at the end of the 2010-11 sports season at the Academy's annual awards ceremony recently. Senior hockey player Jacques Lamoureux and senior tennis player Christen Monreal were named male and female athlete of the year, respectively. Senior swimming Eric Robinson was named the scholar-athlete of the year, while senior football player Reggie Rembert was awarded the athletic excellence award. Senior fencer Daniel Trapani took home the athletic leadership award and senior track and field star Justin Tyner won the outstanding athletic achievement award.