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You are in a unique and influential position—one that can help transform a future and deliver to our nation the kind of officers of character we need. Right now, there's a special kind of individual sitting in your classroom who's driven to achieve at a higher level. There's an athlete on your team who looks at every challenge as an obstacle waiting to be overcome. And living in your district is a student who believes character counts and that service to others comes before service to self. We know they're out there because we see them here every day. And we're sure you see them every day too.

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"IT'S NICE BECAUSE YOU SPEND SO MUCH TIME WITH YOUR ROOMMATES, THEY REALLY BECOME YOUR FAMILY."

CADET 4TH CLASS ADALYS RAMIREZ-AMADOR

At the Air Force Academy, cadets live, train and learn day in and day out with their fellow cadets. The bond they form lasts well beyond graduation. They become each other's brothers and sisters no matter where their Air Force career takes them.

During their time here, we show them how to live honorably by instilling core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.



SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

There's an energy you'll find here that you simply won't find at other colleges or universities. It's the kind of togetherness that can only come from sharing a living, learning and training experience like no other. Here, cadets know their fellow students and faculty members will be there to help them succeed.

Class sizes typically range from 15 to 20 students, and most classes are conducted in small, intimate classrooms. This low student-to-teacher ratio provides cadets extra access to the world's best instructors. Each faculty member at the Academy possess a master's degree, and half of them have obtained a Ph.D.

Many of the cadets have the opportunity to have a local sponsor family who they can turn to for support, a place to relax and a home-cooked meal.

There are nearly 100 parents clubs with representation in every state. These clubs provide a valuable network of assistance and information for parents of cadets.

Parents Weekend happens every year over Labor Day weekend and is an outstanding opportunity for family members to connect and spend time with their cadet.

IGNITING POTENTIAL

Character. Intelligence. Ambition. These are some of the common traits you'll find in our students. And when they graduate, they'll have experienced an intellectual transformation and rigorous military training, positioning them to serve a distinguished commission as an Air Force officer and achieve success wherever their future career takes them.

More than 60 percent of our cadets select operational careers, which include flying remotely piloted aircraft (RPA), the world's most advanced fighters, bombers, heavy aircraft and helicopters as well as careers in space operations, intelligence, missile operations and special operations. Many others choose non-operational careers such as weather, logistics, finance, security forces, public affairs, civil engineering, human resources and many more.

Some graduates further their education at top graduate schools and programs, including Rhodes,

Marshall, National Science Foundation and Guggenheim, among others.

A limited number of graduates go on to attend medical, dental or nursing school at the government's expense.

Graduates earn a world-class degree and a commission to serve a minimum of eight years as an Air Force officer, five of which must be active duty with the option of serving the remainder on inactive reserve.





LEADING WITH HONOR

Equally important to what our cadets accomplish is the way they do it. As the future leaders of the Air Force, they learn the importance of character and integrity and how to apply these qualities to everything they do. Because only then will they earn the honor and respect of their fellow Airmen.

Our Center for Character and Leadership Development (CCLD) offers services and programs that transform cadets into officers of character.

More than 80 cadet organizations offer an intensive exploration of various interests and significant leadership opportunities.

Through our aviation offerings—such as Free Fall Parachute Training, Soaring Program and Powered Flight Program (PFP)—cadets push beyond what they thought possible

and build confidence that will serve them throughout their career and lifetime.

With study abroad and immersion programs at service academies and institutions throughout Europe, Asia and North America, students gain an invaluable global perspective and real-world experience. And through Basic Cadet Training, students gain the benefits of rigorous physical training while establishing the foundation for a successful military career.

A young man in a blue USAF jacket is laughing as snow is thrown at him by another person. The background shows a building with large windows.

“HAVING THE COMMON EXPERIENCE JUST MAKES DORM LIFE HERE BETTER. THE BOND THAT YOU BUILD WITH YOUR ROOMMATE MAKES YOU INSEPARABLE.”

CADET 4TH CLASS JOSHUA YOUNG

The cadets who walk this campus are joined by a common spirit and common experience. Each class leaves behind a legacy of purpose that is carried on by those who follow in their footsteps.

For their residential experience, cadets are assigned to one of 40 squadrons. Each squadron includes male and female cadets who room separately and have separate bathroom facilities. Within each squadron is a support network like no other, with cadets sharing fun activities and forming bonds that last a lifetime.

MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPEN



TO EARN YOUR APPOINTMENT, APPLY EARLY BY MEETING THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Be at least 17 years old and not older than 23 by July 1 of the year you would enter
- Obtain a nomination
- Qualify scholastically
- Pass a medical examination
- Pass the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Be selected for appointment

Learn more about the Air Force Academy and how it's a place where achieving the impossible is expected.

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