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CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF
2011

Class of 2011: Your future starts today

By Lt. Gen. Mike Gould
Air Force Academy Superintendent

To the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2011 -- congratulations! You've earned the right to celebrate!

You'll remember May 25, 2011 for the rest of your lives. You've spent the last four-to-five years learning, training, preparing and giving of yourself to be here with your classmates to finally celebrate this momentous day together.

Today, your persistence and selfless dedication has profound meaning. Today, you've earned the right to say, "I'm a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force." Welcome to the long blue line!

Paula and I are honored to share this experience with you. We've watched with pride and admiration as you've overcome the challenges of cadet life. We've celebrated your successes and shared tears over your setbacks. And today, as you toss your hats in the air over Falcon Stadium, we'll rejoice with you and your families. It's been fun to watch the way you've learned about the history and traditions of the Air Force, just as you've also learned about yourselves -- your strengths, your weaknesses, your commitment, your endurance. You have learned what it takes to be an officer of character.

As we look back and recognize everything you have achieved, we also optimistically look toward the future and all that you will accomplish in the coming years. You already know we are a nation at war, engaged in a global ideological conflict against some of the most dangerous and unpredictable enemies the United States has ever faced. You also know you're prepared to conquer it!

Now, more than ever, the United States needs men and women willing to voluntarily raise their hands and say, "Send me." Each of you, selflessly, did exactly that four years ago when you entered the Cadet Wing as fourth class cadets, and thankfully, you just-as-selflessly do it again today.

We have immersed you in a culture that taught you to dare to be different. You have separated yourselves from your peers across the country and you have prepared yourselves to be leaders of character to lead Airmen. Now, it's

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Lt. Gen. Mike Gould



time to showcase your talents. From today forward, you will proudly carry out the unique responsibilities with which you are charged, and you will demonstrate why the world relies on the judgment and integrity of the United States military's officer corps.

Most importantly, as you depart the Academy, I encourage you to embrace the love and pride you feel around you today from your family members, friends, classmates, teammates; from the faculty and staff who have supported you, and from me, Paula and the entire senior staff. We are indeed proud of each and every one of you!

When you leave Colorado Springs, remember the people of this community who hosted you and supported you from the day you stepped off the bus. Please remember the sponsor families who loved you like their own children ..., the fans who cheered you on at sporting events ..., the strangers who shook your hand and thanked you for your service when you were around town in uniform. The wonderful people of this town welcomed you with open arms on inprocessing day, and they celebrate with you now as you graduate.

We expect great things from you in the years ahead. The well-being of our nation is in your hands. Today, you take on the extraordinary responsibility of supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States and the American people. We urge you to drive out of Colorado Springs with all the pride and confidence in the world, knowing you're ready for the challenges that lie ahead. Our nation is in good hands -- yours. Congratulations, Class of 2011!

AOG congratulates Class of '11

By William "T." Thompson
Association of Graduates president

On behalf of the Association of Graduates and the nearly 43,000 compatriots who have graduated from this great institution, I want to extend my hearty congratulations to the Class of 2011 and welcome you to the Academy graduate community. You have made it through four challenging years, and now you will take your place in the most technologically advanced Air Force in the history of the world. You are well prepared to achieve great success.

The graduates who have preceded you have left a proud and distinguished legacy of service to our nation and have done so in a relatively short period of time. In a mere 57 years, the Academy has become one of our country's greatest institutions, and you are about to become a part of that rich heritage.

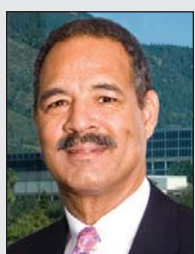
In 52 classes, we have graduated more than 42,800 officers who have taken positions of leadership throughout our nation. In the Air Force, more than 580 have become general officers, including 31 four-star generals, three of whom have become chiefs of staff.

We have produced a plethora of war heroes including recipients of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Flying Crosses and Silver Stars. The

Academy produced two of the three Air Force Aces in Vietnam. Thirty-six graduates have been prisoners of

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war. And too many have made the ultimate sacrifice, with 177 graduates who have their names inscribed on the War Memorial.

Our graduates have also excelled in many other walks of life. Thirty-nine graduates have become astronauts, and three of the six astronauts on the recent Discovery mission were Air Force Academy grads. Thirty-seven of our graduates have become Rhode Scholars, and numerous others have won Fulbright, Harvard, Marshall and Truman scholarships. The Academy has produced doctors, attorneys, business leaders, and entrepreneurs.

Our graduates are members of the clergy, teachers, college presidents, and airline captains, most notably 1973 graduate Captain "Sully" Sullenberger of "Miracle on the Hud-

son" fame. Our graduates have served in elective office at the state and local level and even in Congress. In addition, many graduates have served in appointed positions at the highest levels of national government.

In short, we have placed our graduates in leadership positions throughout society; graduates who subscribe to our core values of Integrity First; Service Before Self; and Excellence In All We Do. And you are about to become a member of this august group.

You are graduating at a time of great challenge, and your leadership skills will be tested. The global economy is still challenged; we are fighting two foreign wars; terrorism is a constant threat, and our world faces genuine environmental perils. Yet the values you have adopted, the leadership abilities you have developed and the honor with which you have carried out your assignments for the past four years is exactly what our nation needs to overcome these obstacles. I have the highest confidence and trust in your capabilities and future contributions.

I know it has been a long four years, and you are ready to meet the new challenges that lie ahead. Yet I strongly urge you to stay connected to the institution that has given you such a unique opportunity. Join and become involved with the Associa-

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tion of Graduates. Help to support the many cadet programs that you have had an opportunity to experience: the leadership and character programs, the conferences and symposiums, intramurals and cadet clubs, and the foreign travel and language emersions programs, to mention just a few. Understand that you have the responsibility to reach back by giving back to the cadets that will follow you. Realize that you have an obligation to ensure that they enjoy a better opportunity than you have enjoyed just as prior grads have insured that you have had opportunities that didn't exist when we were cadets.

The AOG is proud to welcome you as members of the Long Blue Line and stand ready to assist you in any way we can. Contact us at www.usafa.org when we can ever be of service.

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AF Secretary Donley to give commencement

By Don Bratum
Academy Spirit staff

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley is scheduled to provide the commencement speech for the 2011 graduation ceremony.

This marks the first time since 2003 that an Air Force secretary has spoken at the Academy's graduation ceremony.

Secretary Donley, the 22nd secretary of the Air Force, oversees the Air Force's annual budget and oversees the organization, training, equipping and welfare of the Air Force's 334,000 active-duty Airmen, 176,000 Air National Guardsmen and reservists and 170,000 civilians. He was confirmed by the Senate Oct. 2, 2008 and sworn in Oct. 17.

Secretary Donley's experience in the national security community includes service in the Senate, the White House and the Pentagon. He served two presidents and five national security advisers as director of defense programs for the National Security Council from 1984 to 1987 and as the NSC's deputy executive secretary from 1987 to 1989.

While working at the NSC, he conceived and organized the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on Defense Management, which recommended re-

forms to the Defense Department's acquisition structure. He also coordinated White House policy on the Goldwater-Nichols DOD Reorganization Act of 1986, which aligned combatant commanders directly under the secretary of defense through the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1975 with the XVIII Airborne Corps and 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), attending the Army's Intelligence and Airborne Schools at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and Fort Benning, Ga., and the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif.

Secretary Donley holds a master's and bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Southern California. He attended the Senior Executives in National Security program at Harvard University in 1986.

Since taking office as secretary of the Air Force, Secretary Donley has aligned the Air Force to reinvigorate its nuclear enterprise, work in partnership with other U.S. and coalition armed services to win today's wars, develop and care for Airmen and their families, modernize the Air Force's inventories, organizations and training, and set the standard for acquisition excellence.



DUNCAN WOOD

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley is scheduled to speak at the Air Force Academy's graduation ceremony today at 10 a.m.

Previous commencement speakers:

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Academy Board names cadet 'top grad' for 2011

Cody, Wyo., native honored for combination of military, academic, athletic achievements

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff

The Air Force Academy board selected a native of Cody, Wyo., assigned to Cadet Squadron 22 as the top graduate for the Class of 2011 Friday.

Cadet 1st Class Hal Schmidt Jr. received the honor after scoring the maximums on both the aerobic and physical fitness tests, earning the No. 1 military performance average among the graduating class of approximately 1,000 and maintaining a high grade-point average.

Cadet Schmidt found out about his selection while practicing for the organizational awards parade Friday morning.

Lt. Col. Christopher Gough, air officer commanding for Cadet Group 3, dismissed him from his duties for the rest of the morning and told him to report to the superintendent's office.

"He told me not to read too much into it, but to make haste and get there as soon as possible," the cadet said.

But he wasn't about to formally report to Lt. Gen. Mike Gould in his Airman Battle Uniform.

"I ran up the ramp to my room and changed into my service dress as fast as I could," he said. "I ran across the Terrazzo and up the stairs to General Gould's office." Once he arrived, Maj. Jaron Roux gave the cadet a once-over and told him to knock once, step to the side and report in.

General Gould stood up, returned Cadet Schmidt's salute and, after a bit of good-natured ribbing, congratulated him on being selected as the top graduate.

Cadet Schmidt, whose individual awards include outstanding group commander and outstanding cadet in engineering, said it's an honor to have been selected as the top graduate.

"It's been a great four years," he said. "I've grown a lot, and I've learned a lot of lessons, good and bad, and I've learned about leading other people. I've had a lot of excellent mentors, and a lot of great friends who helped."

Tech. Sgt. Adam McNeill, the Academy Military Training NCO for CS 22, didn't seem overly surprised at Cadet Schmidt's selection as top graduate.

"In the two years I've been here, I've seen people who do well here and people who stand out," said Sergeant McNeill, a Colorado Springs native. "Hal's always stood out. There are cadets I go to for the inside scoop, for cadets' perspective on things; Hal's always been that person I go to."

The AMT said Cadet Schmidt could have settled for being among the top 10 graduates but chose instead to apply himself even harder.

"You don't end up being the top grad by accident," Sergeant McNeill said. "For someone already performing so well to critique himself, find areas where there's room for improvement and attack them full out reflects on his character."

Perhaps most importantly, Cadet Schmidt inspires the cadets around him to strive for excellence, Sergeant McNeill said.

"It's a testament to Hal's leadership and personality that he's a person other cadets look up to," he added.

Cadet Schmidt reflected on Brig. Gen. Robert Olds, the Class of 2011's exemplar.

"Robin Olds ... that's all I really have to say," he said.

And while being the Class of 2011's top graduate is an honor, Cadet Schmidt has something else to look forward to: today, when every cadet, regardless of his order of merit, becomes a second lieutenant.

"It's a great feeling to graduate together," he said.



Cadet 1st Class Hal Schmidt presents information on the Air Force Academy's unmanned aerial systems research during a UAS conference in Denver Aug. 27, 2010. Cadet Schmidt is a native of Cody, Wyo.



Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould surrenders his seat to Cadet 1st Class Hal Schmidt during the board meeting.



PHOTOS BY DON BRANUM

Cadet 1st Class Hal Schmidt (center) takes the Air Force Academy superintendent's seat at the invitation of Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould (standing) during a meeting of the Academy Board May 20. Also pictured are, from left: Col. Paul Pirog, permanent professor for the Department of Law; Col. Mark Wells, permanent professor for the Department of History; Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born; Vice Superintendent Col. Tamra Rank; Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Richard Clark; Athletics Director Dr. Hans Mueh; Col. John Andrew, permanent professor for the Department of Mathematical Sciences; Col. Neal Barlow, permanent professor for the Department of Aeronautics; and Col. Richard Anderson, the vice commandant.

Cadet receives Millennium Sword of Friendship award

By Master Sgt. Amaani Lyle
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS)— The newest name engraved on the Millennium Sword of Friendship in the Pentagon is a student at the U.S. Air Force Academy, who was presented the 2010 U.S. Air Force Cadet of the Year Award May 12.

During a ceremony hosted by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, Cadet 1st Class Christopher J. McCool garnered the recognition for demonstrated excellence in military skill, academics and athletics in an Air Force commissioning program.

The Air Squadron, a private British organization, established the award in 2000 to pay tribute to the U.S. military for its support of the United Kingdom over the years. The group presented the sword to the Air Force that same year, as a symbol of the enduring British-American partnership.

In his remarks, General Schwartz lauded Cadet McCool's myriad achievements.

"Aristotle once said that we are what we repeatedly do," General Schwartz said. "Cadet McCool has consistently excelled as a scholar, as an athlete, and in the military aspects of his training."

General Schwartz said the award does not just recognize the past ac-

complishments of Cadet McCool, who is assigned to Cadet Squadron 05 and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant when he graduates May 25.

"This award is really about promise and potential," the general said. "The United States Air Force will benefit from the promise and potential of this young leader in just a few weeks."

Cadet McCool, who holds a 3.97 grade point average, distinguished himself as wing athletic non-commissioned officer, element leader and wing director of operations at the Academy, according to his award citation.

He oversaw the largest intramural sports program in the country, involving more than 3,200 cadets. Cadet McCool was also selected to attend Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., to pursue a master's degree in public policy.

The cadet spoke of his teachers and teammates in describing his journey to success.

"I'm definitely grateful for the many people who have helped me along the way," Cadet McCool said. "I don't understand why I'm here ... because the things I've done are the same things that several other cadets, not only from the Academy but from other commissioning sources, do on a daily basis. It's been an honor and a privilege."

Representing the Air Squadron,



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz presented Cadet 1st Class Christopher J. McCool with the Millennium Sword of Friendship in a ceremony May 12.

Marcus De Ferranti expressed gratitude to the Air Force and to Cadet McCool for inspiring future generations.

"We pay regular thanks to individuals who give inspiration through their actions, their example and their excellence to future generations," Mr. De Ferranti said. "On behalf of the Air Squadron, I'm very proud to present him with the sword today, and I hope

he'll keep in touch with us for at least a generation."

The Air Squadron was founded in London in 1966 by a group of friends who shared a passionate interest in flying light aircraft. Organization officials also award cadet-of-the-year honors to the top cadet at Royal Air Force Cranwell, training site for RAF officers and cadets of the South African Air Force.

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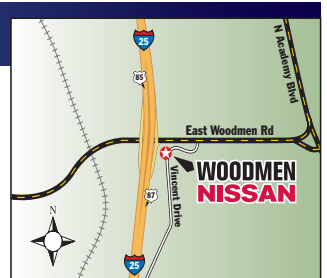


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Academy honors outstanding graduates

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff

The Air Force Academy honored several Class of 2011 graduates Monday for their outstanding military, athletic and academic accomplishments.

Cadet 1st Class Joseph Fry from Cadet Squadron 26 was named the cadet who best exemplifies the highest ideals of loyalty, integrity and courage.

Cadet 1st Class Jason Gabrick was recognized as the prior-enlisted cadet graduating with the highest class honors and the outstanding Academy Preparatory School graduate.

Recognized as outstanding Cadet Wing leaders were the spring, fall and summer Cadet Wing commanders: Cadets 1st Class Joshua Larson, CS 31, Michael Shaw, CS 39, and Megan Hoskins, CS 10, respectively.

Cadet 1st Class Andrew Costa, CS 17,

was recognized as the Honor Committee chairperson.

Cadet 1st Class Courtney Vidt, CS 30, earned the award for outstanding cadet in character, and Cadet 1st Class Krystal Sweitzer, CS 03, was named outstanding cadet in citizenship.

Cadets 1st Class Hal Schmidt Jr. CS 22, Stevie Puentes, CS 05, Karl Mohrmann CS 34, and Amanda Atitya, CS 04, were named the Cadet Wing's outstanding group commander, squadron commander, flight commander and element leader.

Cadet Schmidt also earned the outstanding military performance award. Cadet 1st Class Eric Robinson, CS 05, was named the outstanding cadet in academic performance and the outstanding scholar-athlete.

The list of cadets who were recognized for their academic accomplishments is on the right.

Outstanding Cadets - Academics

Airmanship
Parachuting
Powered Flight
Soaring
Character
Basic Sciences
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Kyle Smith, CS 04
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Jacob Banda, CS 39
Joseph Bledsoe III, CS 38
Casey Hawkins, CS 31
David Eng, CS 06
Jessica Hellmann, CS 02
Bridget Flatley, CS 37
Ryan Rickert, CS 27
Laura Abbott, CS 30
Joseph Fry, CS 26
Daniel Parker, CS 11
Krystal Sweitzer, CS 03
Sarah Cassman, CS 35
Laura Abbott, CS 30
Breanna Schmidt, CS 30
Joshua Ku, CS 07
David Eng, CS 06
Amber Sells, CS 07
Stephen Vrabic, CS 24
Eric Robinson, CS 05
Trevor Koenck, CS 25
Louis Cascino, CS 16
Patrick Hussey, CS 36
Zackery Williams, CS 31
Adam Robinson, CS 33
John Kessler, CS 14
Grant Hadley, CS 21
Nolan Sweeney, CS 15
Jennifer Bandi, CS 06
Brian Farmer, CS 28
Caroline Kurtz, CS 32
Curtis Christensen, CS 04
Robert Lystrup, CS 10



RACHEL BOETTCHER

Cadet 1st Class Jennifer Bandi, right, talks with Brig. Gen. Dana Born during an Aces List dinner Sept. 9, 2010. Cadet Bandi, a two-time Aces List winner, was named outstanding cadet in political science Monday. General Born is the Air Force Academy's dean of the faculty.

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Raptors at the top

Cadet squadron 22 earns outstanding squadron award for 2010-2011

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit writer

Cadet Squadron 22's Raptors have earned the Outstanding Squadron of the Year award for this academic year.

Lt. Col Tracy Patterson, the squadron's AOC, received the news last week and was delighted to pass it along to the 110 members of the squadron.

"I knew going into the year that we had a very strong top two classes," Colonel Patterson said. "All of them had a very strong work ethic, and they passed that along to the lower two classes. It wasn't as cliquish as it was in the past. I would call it more of a family environment."

Colonel Patterson has been trying to create that family environment for the past two years. He said his leadership philosophy is to teach cadets "correct principles and let them govern themselves."

Obviously, that philosophy and the family environment meshed to per-

fection this year. This family was the polar opposite of dysfunctional; it had overachievers galore.

Cadet 2nd Class Scott Mathis was the captain of the hockey team, and Cadet 1st Class Jonathan McMahon was praised by baseball coach Mike Kazlauskis and nominated for the AD leadership award. Frank "Hal" Schmidt was recognized as the cadet group commander of the year.

The squadron also hosted an exchange cadet from Sri Lanka and two others from U.S. service academies:

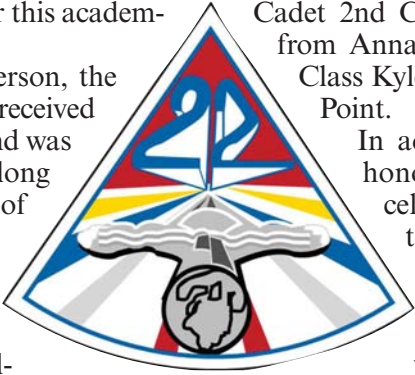
Cadet 2nd Class Mary Anderson from Annapolis and Cadet 2nd Class Kyle McAlpin from West Point.

In addition to individual honors, the Raptors excelled in a variety of team and squadron activities as well.

Wins in intramural flag football and team handball propelled them to the Intramural Athletic Squadron award for the year.

CS-22 members in the Class of 2011 ranked first among the entire cadet wing in Cadet Professional Military Education testing. Raptors in the Class of 2012 finished third. All three classes finished in the top nine for the spring semester.

"Things have consistently gotten better," Colonel Patterson said. "And fanatical institutional pride is kicking in."



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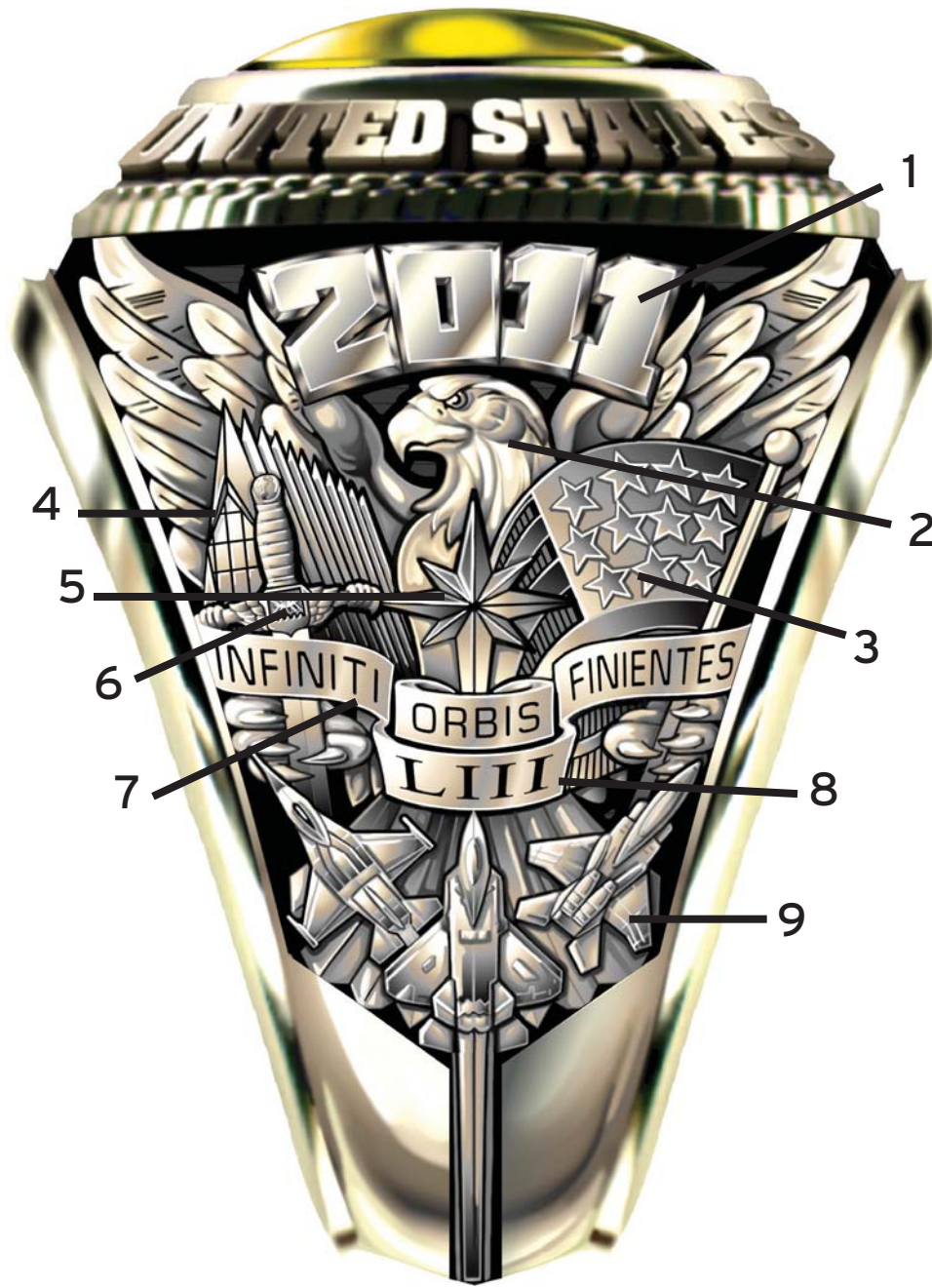


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Class crest symbolizes graduates' 'endless horizons'



The elements of the Class of 2011's crest

1. **Graduation Year**
2. **Eagle** - The proud national symbol is shown with its wings outspread, reaching toward the sky. It symbolizes graduates' aim for the future with self confidence.
3. **Flag** - The 11 visible stars and 11 visible stripes serve to remind cadets about the cost of freedom and the Academy's legacy of sacrifice.
4. **Cadet Chapel** - The most prominent feature of the Academy's skyline, the chapel reminds graduates of their personal values and the Academy's beauty.
5. **Polaris** - The North Star lies near the eagle's heart and acts to remind graduates that, while they may have to make tough decisions, self confidence and sound judgment will lead to success on and off the battlefield.
6. **Saber** - The Academy's saber connects the Class of 2011 with its predecessors.
7. **Class Motto** - "Infiniti Orbis Finientes," Latin for "Endless Horizons." The motto indicates that the future holds infinite possibilities, and graduates must seize the day as did their exemplar, Brig. Gen. Robin Olds. The banner on which the motto is written ties the graduates to their legacy class, the Class of 1971.
8. **Class Year** - The Roman numerals LIII indicate that the Class of 2011 is the 53rd class to graduate from the Academy.
9. **Planes** - The three aircraft at the bottom of the crest are, left to right, an F-16 Fighting Falcon, an F-22 Raptor and an F-15 Eagle. Adding the numerical value of each aircraft equals the number of the graduating class -- 53rd (15+16+22=53). General Olds' initials are engraved within the wings of the center aircraft.

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92 cadets headed for postgraduate schools

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff

Nearly 10 percent of the Academy's Class of 2011 will go back to school following graduation, according to a summary of postgraduate assignments compiled by the Academy's Graduate Education and Scholarships Office.

The list includes 92 cadets overall, including 39 who have won endowed or nationally competitive scholarships, 19 who are part of the Acquisition Accession Program, 20 enrolled in the Graduate School Program and 14 who will attend medical schools, said Dr. Kenneth Lavin, the Graduate Education and Scholarships Office director.

The five endowed scholarships are provided through the Gerhart, Holaday, Lawson, Nutter and Wolfe endowments. Cadets who receive these scholarships will study in France, at Oxford University, Colorado State University, Indiana University and the Naval Postgraduate School, respectively.

The full list of 2011 graduates who will attend postgraduate studies is below.



MIKE KAPLAN
Cadet 1st Class Yunior Cruz, seen here (center) during inprocessing in 2007, will attend the University of Washington after graduation.

Cadets select Heiser winners

Professors Dr. Scott Dahlke, Lt. Col. John Martin picked by Class of 2011

The adviser in charge of the Academy's Astronautical Engineering major for the Department of Astronautics and the Department of Management's curriculum director were named the winners of the 2011 Heiser Awards May 6 by the Academy's Class of 2011.

Dr. Scott Dahlke and Lt. Col. John Martin were selected from approximately 150 eligible senior professors as the instructors who contributed the most to cadets' personal and intellectual development by inspiring them to work harder and who best represented the Air Force core values.

The Heiser Award, named after Professor Emeritus Dr. William H. Heiser, is the only award selected by the graduating class of cadets. Dr. Heiser was elected in 2010 as an honorary fellow for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics alongside former Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Sheila Widnall.

Dr. Dahlke earned his doctorate in aerospace engineering from the University of Colorado - Boulder. His research interests include astrodynamics, orbit determination and satellite tracking. He currently teaches both core- and senior-level astronautics classes.

Colonel Martin earned a doctorate in strategic management from Florida State University. His research efforts include corporate governance, executive succession, and international business pedagogy. In addition to directing the Management Department's curriculum, advising and faculty development efforts, he is also the officer representative to the Academy's women's gymnastics team.



Dr. Scott Dahlke currently teaches both core- and senior-level astronautics classes.



Lt. Col. John Martin directs the Management Department's curriculum, advising and faculty development.

Endowed Scholarships

Gerhart Scholarship: Madeline Goff
Holaday Scholarship: Jennifer Bandi
Lawson Scholarship: Jessica Hellmann
Nutter Scholarship: Jason Gabrick
Wolfe Scholarship: Kellan Bethke

National Scholarships

Northeastern University, Boston

Daniel Parker
Ryan Rickert
University of Hawaii
Jeffrey Lee
Joshua Ku

Harvard University

Jamie LaRivee
Stephanie Martin
Christopher McCoil
Kyle Yohe

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Dylan Asmar
Gregory Eslinger
John Kessler
Eric Robinson
Hal Schmidt Jr.
Kyle Smith
Evan Wise

Pardee RAND Graduate School

McKay McLaren
Nolan Sweeney
Jennifer Walters

Rice University

Thomas Ainscough
Joseph Boben
Trevor Koenck
Spenser McIntyre
Nichole Stilwell

Stanford University

Eric Prince
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
Lucas Derby
Ross Elder
Michael Reid

University of Maryland

Joseph Bledsoe III
Robert Hemker Jr.
Ty Payne
Amber Sells

University of Washington

Jared Becker
Yunior Cruz
Jonathan Swift

Graduate School Programs

Laura Abbott, Stanford University
Kyle Bailey, Air Force Institute of Technology
Jacob Banda, Texas Tech. University
Melissa Beerse, Univ. of West Florida
Louis Cascino, Naval Postgraduate School
Alexander Chesney, San Diego State University
David Cooke, AFIT
Corey Daughenbaugh, St. John's College
Adrianna Eaton, AFIT
David Eng, University of Florida
Ashleigh Fugate, NPS
John Hadjis, AFIT
Patrick Hussey, College of William and Mary
Samuel Johnson, AFIT
Caroline Kurtz, Georgia Tech
Tanner Lee, University of Florida
Robert Lenzen, AFIT
Krystal Sweitzer, University of Arizona
Stephen Vrabic, University of Florida
Zackery Williams, NPS

Acquisition Accession Program

Michael Barnhart, Colo. State University
Chelsea Cooper, University of Kentucky
Nick DeBarmore Jr., AFIT
Bridget Flatley, AFIT
Matthew Guy, AFIT
Casey Hawkins, University of Utah
Alexander Hillman, AFIT
Eric Hunt, AFIT
Robert Lloyd, AFIT
Stephen Miller, AFIT
Elizabeth Norvell, AFIT
Craig Porter, AFIT
Jacob Robertson, AFIT
David Ryan, AFIT
Scott Theuerkauf, AFIT
Daniel Uribe, AFIT
Trevor Vranicar, AFIT
Russell Wilson IV, AFIT
Jennie Wood, Georgia Tech

Medical Schools

Jonathan Banta
• Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
• University of Kentucky
• Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
• University of Louisville
Brett Boyce
• Utah State University
• Western University of the Health Sciences
• PCOM
• Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
Robert Caulkins
• Utah State University, Western University of the Health Sciences
Erica Chimelski
• University of Rochester
• University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Brendan Cleary
• Utah State University
• Oregon Health and Science University
• Creighton University
John Feltenberger
• LECOM
Kaeli Kluesner
• A.T. Still University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Robert Lystrup
• Utah State University
• U.C. Davis School of Medicine
Daniel Nguyen
• Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine
• Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Taryn Ramsey
• University of North Texas Health Science Center College of Osteopathic Medicine
John Sarette
• Utah State University
Andrew Strawbridge
• LECOM-Bradenton
Trever Symalla
• Utah State University
• Boston University
Brittany White
• Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Sisters' legacy makes Academy history

By 2nd Lt. Meredith Kirchoff
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Many graduates speak of the lifelong bonds they make with classmates during their four years at the Air Force Academy. For the Robillard family, the shared challenges, failures and triumphs of the Academy experience made a close-knit group of four sisters that much closer.

As twins Alicia and Amanda Robillard graduate today, the Robillard's make history as the first family to graduate four sisters from the Academy.

"As anyone who attended the Academy can attest to, there is just that language and shared experience that all grads have in common, and being able to share that with all my sisters has really kept our bond strong," said Lauren Robillard, Class of 2007 and the eldest sister of the family. "I would even venture to say that by having all attended the Academy, we are closer than we otherwise would have been."

When Nicole, Class of 2009, and Alicia and Amanda decided to attend the Academy, the sisters said they didn't consider it a decision to simply following their older sister's lead. The Bristol, Conn., natives also said it wasn't something they were pressured into for tradition's sake.

"While they (my sisters) and my parents were sure to not make Amanda and I feel forced in any way, the fact that they were here opened us up to the opportunities and experiences that I would have not been aware of," Alicia said. "In a sense, you could say it is like choosing the same college as your best friend, especially for Amanda and me."

"I went to college, and it just turned out that we all decided to go to the same college," added Lauren, who is now a helicopter pilot stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

The younger three sisters agreed that entering the Academy with an older sister who was a current cadet had its advantages in addition to being a familiar face from home. Most notable on the list was almost unlimited access to a car during the first two years when cadets are not allowed to have their own vehicles.

"I didn't have to show up to a place where I didn't know anyone like many of my classmates," Amanda said. "I felt, and still feel today, like the luckiest girl, not only to have had an older sister at the Academy to show me the ropes but also to have a twin sister who was going through the same things I was. Knowing Alicia was experiencing those things through Basic (Cadet Training) and four-degree year was helpful and a constant motivation for me to do well."

One thing the older two were adamant about



MEGAN DAVIS

The Robillard sisters stand together on the terrazzo Monday before Graduation, from left, Amanda and Alicia, Class of 2011, Nicole, Class of 2009 and Lauren, Class of 2007. The Robillard family makes history this year as the first family to graduate four sisters from the Air Force Academy.

was allowing each sister to experience the Academy in her own way.

Nicole, now an airfield operations officer at Luke AFB, Ariz., explained that Lauren gave her only two tips prior to inprocessing at the Academy -- don't freak out the first morning of Basic Cadet Training when you get your first wake-up call by the BCT cadre, and don't hyperventilate when you low crawl through the tunnels of the assault course and cadre push sand in your face, just keep pushing it out.

"She wanted me to experience it on my own, which I came to appreciate, and a couple years down the road, when the twins decided to come, I did the same thing to them and told them the same two things Lauren told me," she said.

The twins agreed that their older sisters not only didn't spoil the experience for them, they challenged them to make the most of their time at the Academy.

"I can guarantee it pushed me a great deal harder through Basic when I knew my older sister was a cadre, and freshmen year because I wanted my sisters to hear that I was doing well so they could be proud of me," said Alicia, who will attend pilot training at Columbus AFB, Miss., with her twin sister following graduation. "They always did a great job of pushing us to do the best and

not doubt what we are capable of."

Through that challenge, the Robillards distinguished themselves by the leadership role each sister attained in the Cadet Wing. Three of the four sisters served as cadet squadron commanders, the highest-ranking cadet and leader of their approximately 110-person squadron, while Amanda served as Cadet Group 4 commander, leading 10 cadet squadrons and a 20-person staff.

Although not from a military background, all the graduates attributed their family's success to their parents, Robert and Lenore Robillard, whom they describe as avid military supporters.

"I owe everything I am and that I have accomplished to my family," Amanda explained. "From the way I was raised by my parents to having the opportunity to watch my sisters as I grew up, teach me what hard work will get you. My mom and dad have loved and supported me day in and day out and are always proud as long as they see me happy and working hard."

All the love, support and advice aside, the best perk of having all your sisters go the Academy?

"It makes conversations way easier when you don't have to define acronyms!" Lauren said. "Our poor parents have been struggling to keep up with that power curve."

Flashback: Class of 2011 cadets march to Jacks Valley during the second phase of Basic Cadet Training July 16, 2007. Included in "Second Beast" are M-16 weapons training, confidence and bayonet assault training, drill evaluations, tent inspections and aerobic and physical fitness tests.



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Matthew Douglas Beath
Jesus Julian Beltran
Jason Porter Breaux
Angelica Renee Canales
Ryan Matthew Cobb
Tobias Glenn Dirks
Sean Michael Dronen
Michael Gregory Dunn
Derek Nathaniel Fiebig
Jessica Christina Fischer
Christopher Francis Fleming
Damian Tyler Franz
Kyle Thomas Goldsmith
Jacob Logan Highfil
Greg Elliot Hoyt
Kazden Kauwilanuimakaehaonalani Ikehara
Daniel John Klimkowski
Stephen Nicholas Krieger
Steven Douglas Lauver
Keisha Frances Salandy
Travis Herbert Sebree
Christopher William Severino
Liam Matthew Stein
Matthew Alan Tasin
Forrest Kendall Whitfield
Evan Dale Wise
Margarita Zhukov



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Jae Jin Bae
Joel Nathan Bateman
David Patrick Beatty
Andrew Ryan Buttitta
Robert Jace Caulkins
Bradley Jamison Connor
Michael Anthony Duenes
David Shane Gray
Jessica Noel Hellmann
Kallen Lee Judah
Bryan Michael Koenig
Emersyn Grant Lara
Joshua David LeMair
Kurt Andrew Lemmen
Trisha Penrod

Evan Michael Porter
Palmer Francis Roux III
Kelly Elizabeth Spencer
Darrell Benjamin Strovers
Christopher Robert Thomas
Raphael Eldon Watson
Tyler Pleas Wright
Kyle David Yohe



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Kaylyn Clare Arvidson
Matthew William Barattino
Van-Ryan Joseph Belanger
Zachary Albert Borg
James Edward Carson
Chase Justice Darden
Jason Daniel Gabrick
Nathaniel William Gilbert
Ian Nicholas Ignatiev
Samuel Clinton Johnson
Brennan Kyle Lawson
Travis Anton Lyon
Alexander Julian Meyer
Andrew Ryan Miller
Cody Lane Moorhead
Kyle Bennett Nelson
Wesley Hamilton Osborn
Thomas Lee Pressley
Sara Kathryn Puckett
Philip Anthony Rancourt
Bradley Ryan Sapper
Vai Aaron Schierholtz
Matthew Thomas Siegel
Dustin Paul Smail
Paul Tyler Stanley
Krystal Ann Sweitzer
Trever Sinjin Symalla
Carrie Louise Tengelsen
Liliana Gabriela Urrego
Charles Joseph Wasson



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Anthony John Belviso
Sean Steven Bertsch
Matthew Scott Brew
Monique Angelica Cazares
Curtis Eldon Christensen
Erin Michelle Flanigan

Jack Christopher Forrester
Mark Gideon Gaudette
Lyndsey Laura Horn
James Louis Leli
Christopher Alexander Lester
Robert George Menzel
Sarah Elizabeth Mueller
Raychel Anne Poremski
Kyle Nathan Pagulayan Rimando
Keenan Rashad Ryner
Michael John Sayers
Tyler Michael Schonscheck
Kyle Alexander Smith
James Logan Spidel
William Brooks Waugaman
Chad Lee Weaver
Derek Bradford Worth
Ryan Andrew Zielinski



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Jade Ebony Best
Hugh MacDonald Black IV
Lantz Wayt Casey
John Robert Connelly
William Tyler Dallas
Alexander Jack
John Andrew Kerr
Joel Thomas Kraus
Chase Edward Lane
Elliot Christian Loper
Christopher Jay McCool
Stephen James Miller
Nathaniel Salls Moyer
Marvin Gueta Poquiz
Stevie Alexa Puentes
Adrian Ramos Sanchez
Reginald Bonanza Rembert
Eric John Robinson
Patrick Shawn Ryan
Rachel Elizabeth Simmons
Y. B.W.D.M.C. Viludani Yatawara



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Jennifer Ann Bandi
Jennifer Ann Barbee
David Lynn Barron
Mark Patrick Bell
Patrick Kieran Doyle

David Edward Eng
Jessica Dawn Gentry
Michael Nelson Glatthar
Richard J Kim
Derrick Wayne Luken
Kimberly Beth Madorran
Randolph James Mann
Edward Henry Vincent Miller
Vincent Clarence Miranda
Travis Padany Nelson
James Ryan Nichol
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Jasper Dominique Simmons
Allan James Smith
Devon Azell Ussery
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Nehemiah Francis Bostick
Sean Michael Christy
Brendan Robert Cleary
Amanda Lee Davis
Kipp Charles Druecke
Ross Morgan Elder
Patrick Kyle Gould
Michael Douglas Harrison
Ian James Hocking
Joshua Tswen-Jeng Ku
Elizabeth Anne Levri
Kevin Robert Lewis
Ben Joseph Mathewson
William Issac McAngus
Taylor John Olson
Kyle Shelby Rich
Elizabeth Ann Scarberry
Amber Renay Sells
John Michael Simkus
Jennifer Lynn Simoneau
Gray Montgomery Thompson
Nathaniel Eric Thuli
Brittany Lynn White



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Kyle Brandon Ames
Mario Rene Avila Diaz
Carmilya Nichole Boykin
Richard Ferdinand Casburn III
Aaron Haejoon Cho
David Seo Clark
Derek Eugene Clowes
Joel Andrew Corapi
Kenneth Patrick Costello
Ryan Tobin Curry
Grant Richard Dilley
Emily Irene Frick
Marie Chantelle Gaudreault
Erin Partridge Green
Jason Baker Harris
Alexander Joseph Horn
Jared Marcus Jaime
Anthony Wayne Langdon
Andrew Philip Lee
Kaleb Robert Marsh
Merry Noel Miller
Jonathan Michael Plyler
Tyler Dennis Ringwald
Peter Joseph Tarvin
Jon Wylie Wikstrom
Lisa Yun-Chun Wong



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Jonathan Scott Bradley
Laura Jayne Buster
David Garrett Cotter
Mary Elizabeth Dunsworth
Daniel Christopher Fang
Dayne Michael Foote
Brennan Morgan Gallagher
Sam Blake Harriger
Daniel James Hess
Krystie Anne Kasperperson
Anthony Joseph Morosco
Marshall Logan Nye
Tyler Dakota Oar
Kaitlin Frances Otto
Sarah Christine Petersen
Anthony David Ressel
Scott Thomas Ross
Michael Joseph Saeger
Joel Augustine Sanders
Geoffrey Michael Simkin
James Joseph Taggart
Matthew Daniel Wharton
Thomas Glenn Wood Jr



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William Clay Bradford
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Charles James Cole II
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Class of 2011 - By the Numbers

All Graduates to Date:

39,576 Male Graduates (All Years)
4,325 Female Graduates (All Years)

Class of 2011:

1,021 Graduates
818 Graduating Men
203 Graduating Women
53 African-Americans
73 Hispanics
92 Asian-American/Pacific Islanders
12 Native Americans
12 International Students
2.93 Average GPA

Rated Officers:

562 Total rated graduates
495 Pilots
25 Combat Systems Operators
10 Air Battle Managers
32 Unmanned Aerial System Pilots

Other Statistics:

564 Grads who attained general officer rank
71 Second-generation graduates
52 Second-child graduates
8 Third-child graduates
3 Fourth-child graduates
2 Sets of twins graduating

Katie Marie Gorbacz
Timothy James Hammerle Jr
Nicholas Ryan Hoogervorst
Drew Richard Ives
Jonathan Michael Lewis
Robert Lewis Lloyd
Matthew James Luman
Drew William Martin
Shawn Michael McDonald
Daniel Scott Mosher
Timothy John Nichols
Daniel John Parker
Nicole Renee Rubeck
Casey Alan Shotwell
Dustin John Soriano
Jessie Marie Stimpson
John Russell Tilton
Sammy Obura Tongoi
Adrienne Camille Torielli
Katherine Irene Vrana



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Melissa Ann Beerse
Elizabeth Nicole Borroni
Nathan James Carter
Dominic Michael Collins
Sean Adam Cosme
Nicole Ryan Flint
Dalton James Hall
Julia Adriel Hansen
Regenald Eugene Howard
Timothy Patrick Keitel
Jamie Thomas Lemieux
Roderick Andrew Mills
Christen Clarissa Monreal
Joshua Patrick Monroe
John James Nygard
Whitney Diane Peterson
Richard Edward Ricketts
Stephen Michael Shaffer
Jeremy Scott Smith
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David Patrick Tavenner
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John Richard Wallin
Mark Kenneth Weber
James Aaron Zaiser



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Logan Hyrum Barlow
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Adam Steven Chandler

Maximilian Paul Clukey
Collin Bill Junior Goodwin
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Matthew Ryan Guy
David Preston Hard
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Kevin Patrick Horn
Kevin Thomas LaCosse
Christopher Sie Git Leung
Morgan James Mathis
Bryan Stephen Mazer
McKay Ross McLaren
Kelcie Lea Meineke
Blake Davis Noble
Kevin Michael Polesky
William Daniel Remington
Brian Christopher Riley
Samantha Alexandra Sarkis
Matthew Lee Shields
Evan James Snyder



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Matthew Paul DeMars
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Carli Erin Frasier
Daniel August Gidasi
Derek Franklin Gillespie
Samantha Renae Hill
John Michael Kessler
Daniel Liu
Jake Kevin McKeon
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Shannon Christine Hart
Andrew Garret Hepler
Hans Jonothan Hoffman
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Guy Hamilton Evertson
Paul Edward Heins
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Cory Allen Cook
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Samuel Paul Janasov
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Cameron Roy Taylor
James Ryan Wilder
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David Michael Zumbach



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Emily Rebecca Allen
Alexander Ian Babbs-Butler
Benjamin Ross Brown
Andrew Joseph Cavallo
Justin David Colby
Lucas Carl Cumm
Alan Donald Delaney
Chaz Alan Demerath
David Lewis Dye
Stephen Wayne Gorman
Diana Ricci Hall
Laura Michelle Jones



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Matthew Timothy Bender
Mark David Benischek
Vitaliy Ognyanyny Benz
Kathryn Renee Blythe
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Joshua Michael Day
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Randy Roudy Semrau
Joseph Ellis Silvio
Nicholas William Strobel
Caitlin Cecilia Teresky
Jerra Leigh Turner
Aaron Thomas White



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Ashley Elizabeth Green
Rehling Paige Hitt
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The Thunderbirds over Falcon Stadium after the 2010 graduation.

T-birds return to Academy for graduation show

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, better known as the Thunderbirds, will perform in the skies above the Air Force Academy beginning at approximately 12:30 p.m. today, if weather permits.

Leading the squadron in flight is Lt. Col. Case Cunningham, a native of Argyle, Texas, and a Class of 1994 graduate with more than 160 combat hours and 1,800 flying hours in the F-15 Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon and F-22 Raptor.

Other Academy graduates flying for the Thunderbirds include 2003 Academy graduate Capt. Ryan Riley. The squadron's public affairs officer, Maj. Kristin Haley, is a 2000 graduate.

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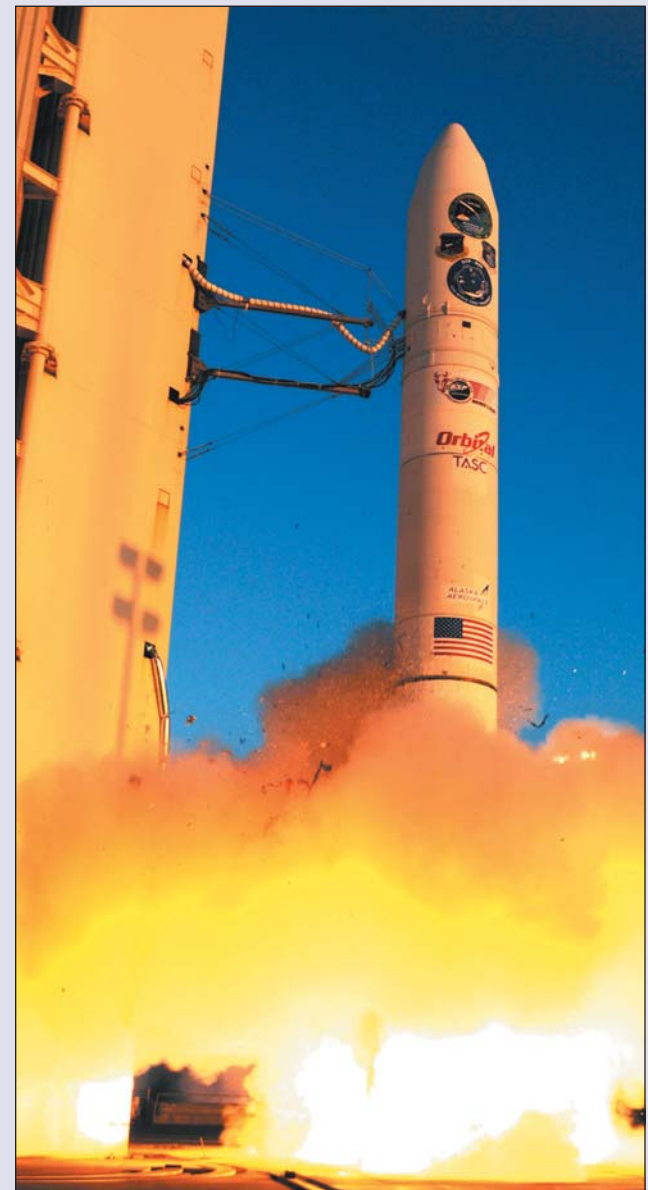
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Right: The rocket carrying FalconSAT-5 lifts off from Kodiak Launch Complex, Alaska, Nov. 19, 2010. FalconSAT-5 is an Air Force Academy satellite designed, built and tested by seniors in a capstone astronautics project.

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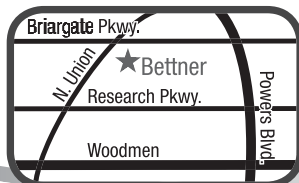


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Athletics recognizes 2010-11 outstanding student athletes

By Athletic Communications

Air Force Athletics recognized outstanding cadet-athletes at the end of the 2010-11 sports season during the Academy's annual awards ceremony.

Scholar-athlete award: Senior swimmer Eric Robinson is majoring in mathematics and has a 3.99 overall grade point average while maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA in his major. Robinson has helped the men's swimming team to back-to-back second place finishes in the Mountain West Conference while earning individual all-conference honors twice. He was also the team's co-captain this season and has top 10 Air Force times in the 200 freestyle and the 200 butterfly.



Robinson

Athletic leadership award: Senior Daniel Trapani earned All-American honors for the second time in three years while helping the fencing team to a second place national finish in the epee at the NCAA Championships. Trapani competed all four years at the NCAA Championships and finished his career with a 177-



Trapani

58 record. A four-year letterman, Trapani was the team's MVP in 2009 and earned the award this season, but asked the coaching staff to give it to a fellow teammate, who he felt deserved it more for his sacrifices for the betterment of the team.

Athletic Excellence: Senior defensive back Reggie Rembert was named a first-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association and a third-team selection by the Associated Press. He is the program's first first-team All-American and most decorated player since Carlton McDonald in 1992. Rembert was also on the Hornung Award watch list as the most versatile player in college football and was a Lowes Senior Class award nominee. He finished the season with 51 total tackles, including two tackles for loss. He also had a team-best three interceptions which ranked fifth in the conference and 10 pass breakups which tied for second. Rembert was awarded the inaugural National Football League Players Association Military Academy Player of the Year award in 2010.



Rembert

Outstanding athletic achievement: Senior co-captain Justin Tyner claimed first-team All-American honors for the second straight year, after placing fifth in the 3,000-meter run at the NCAA Indoor Champi-

onships. He also ran the anchor leg of the distance medley relay team garnering second-team All-American honors. During the indoor season, Tyner won Mountain West Conference titles in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter races, en route to earning the league's High Point Award. He also ran the final leg for the DMR team that shattered the Academy record at the Alex Wilson Invitational. Tyner's success continued outdoors, where he won a MWC title in the 5,000-meter run with a stadium-record time, posted an Academy record in the 1,500-meter run and clocked the nation's second-fastest 3,000-meter steeplechase time. He was named the MWC Athlete of the Week on two occasions this spring and is ranked among the nation's top 30 in the steeplechase, 1,500-meter run and 5,000-meter run.



Tyner

Female most-valuable athlete: Christen Monreal, a senior from San Antonio, Texas, played all 23 of her singles matches at the No. 1 singles spot. She won 14 overall singles matches and 16 doubles matches, including 10 at the No. 2 spot with fresh-



Monreal

man Anastasia Hueffner. Monreal finished third on the school's career singles wins list with 75, and sixth with 62 victories. Monreal is also the recipient of the 2011 Ciskey Leary Award for Sportsmanship for the Mountain Region, which consists of 21 schools.

Male most-valuable athlete: Senior forward Jacques Lamoureux led the team with 24 goals and 44 points this season. A second-team all-conference selection, Lamoureux was named the MVP at the American Hockey Association Tournament as he helped lead Air Force to its fourth AHA title in five years. He scored the game-winner in both games at the AHA Final Four. His 13 power-play goals led the nation and his five game-winners were the 10th most in the country. He closed out his career ranked sixth in Academy history with 79 goals scored, the most by any Falcon in the last 25 years. His 136 career points rank 15th in school history. This season, he broke the league record with 59 career goals in conference games. The Grand Forks, N.D., native became the first Academy athlete to win the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, which recognizes excellence in competition, classroom, character and community.



Lamoureux

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Athletes earn 2011 'most valuable' honors

By Athletic Communications

Men's Cross Country: Justin Tyner repeated as MVP of the men's cross country team, after another impressive season. Tyner capped off his stellar cross country career with all-conference and all-region honors, while becoming the first Falcon since 2004 to make a repeat appearance at the NCAA Championships. Tyner was the runner-up at the Mountain West Conference Championships – matching the program's best-ever placement at the conference meet. He finished 10th out of 110 runners at the regional championship, en route to all-region honors and a spot at the NCAA Championships. Tyner also paced the Falcons at Wisconsin's Adidas Classic (16th out of 202 runners) and at the Pre-Nationals meet (43rd out of 241 runners).



Tyner

Women's Cross Country: Katherine Ward capped off a stellar season, becoming the program's first all-conference and all-region honoree since 2005. Ward finished 13th at the conference championship meet, guiding the Falcons to a fourth-place finish in the team standings. She also placed 25th at the NCAA Mountain Regional Championships to claim all-region honors, marking the first time since 2005 that a member of the women's team had earned a top-25 finish. Ward paced the Falcons in every meet she competed in, including a second-place finish at the Rust Buster Invitational and an 11th-place finish in the Adidas Invitational.

Football Overall MVP: Senior defensive back Reggie Rembert was a first-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association and a third-team selection by the Associated Press. He is the program's first first-team All-American and most decorated player since Carlton McDonald in 1992. Rembert was also on the Hornung Award watch list as the most versatile player in college football and was a Lowes Senior Class award nominee. He finished the season with 51 total tackles, including two tackles for loss. He also had a team-best three interceptions which ranked fifth in the conference and 10 pass breakups which tied for second. Rembert was awarded the inaugural National Football League Players Association Military Academy Player of the Year award in 2010.



Rembert

Football Most Valuable Offensive Player: Junior quarterback Tim Jefferson was named second-team all-Colorado by the National Football Foundation and was an honorable mention all-Mountain West Conference selection. He finished sixth in the MWC in rushing with a 61.1 yard per-game average and his 794 rushing yards are the most by an Air Force quarterback since 2003. Jefferson was second in the conference in rushing touchdowns with 15 and became the 37th player in school history to top the 1,000-yard mark in career rushing yards. He gained 2,253 total yards this season, which is the ninth most in school history and recorded a 9-4 record as a starter to bring his career mark to 21-10. He ranks second in school history in career wins by a quarterback and is the only quarterback in the 100-plus year history of service academy football to start in three post-season bowl games. Jefferson has led the Falcons to two straight post-season bowl victories.

Football Most Valuable Defensive Player: Senior defensive end Rick Ricketts capped a great 2010 season by winning the defensive most valuable player award in Air Force's 14-7 victory over Georgia Tech in the Independence Bowl. Ricketts recorded 10 total tackles and a tackle for loss to lead the Falcons to their second straight bowl win. A second-team all-conference selection, Ricketts was fourth on the team in total tackles with 71 and led the team with 10 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks.

Football Most Valuable Lineman/Special Teams Player: Junior offensive lineman A.J. Wallerstein led the team in knockdown blocks, totaling double figures in every game he played. Wallerstein was the leader of the group that had five new starters and helped Air Force to its 12th straight conference rushing title. The Falcons finished second nationally in rushing with a 306.5 per-game average. The offensive line led the conference and ranked second nationally in fewest sacks allowed, with just five in 2010.

Men's Soccer: Kevin Durr, a sophomore from Garmisch, Germany, started all 18 games he played in during the 2010 season. He finished second on the team in scoring with 10 points on four goals and two assists. All four of his goals were game-winners, including three in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play. He tied

for third in the conference in shots with 56 and was second in shots per game at 3.11. Durr earned first-team all-MPSF honors in 2010.

Women's Soccer: Junior forward Bridgett Murphy was named Air Force women's soccer team MVP. Murphy led the team with five assists and was second with 11 points and third with three goals. The Melbourne Beach, Fla., native also earned her third MWC All-Conference and MWC Academic All-Conference honors. She was also named to the College Sports Information Directors of America ESPN Academic All-District for the second straight year.

Volleyball: Caroline Kurtz, one of



Murphy

three captains for the 2011 volleyball team, made an impact on the program record book during her final season. The senior, who became just the third Division I player to total more than 800 digs in a career, also moved into third on the Division I all-time list for single season kills, fourth on the D1 all-time list in career kills and seventh on the D1 all-time list for career service aces. Kurtz ranked second in the Mountain West Conference in kills per set and became just the third Air Force player to garner at least 20 double-doubles in a career. An Academic All-District selection, Kurtz was named to the all-tournament teams for the Falcon Invitational, Memphis Invitational and West Point Challenge.

Men's Basketball: Evan Washington



Washington

led the team in rebounding, assists, steals and blocked shots this season. He became the first Falcon to score 200 points in each of his four seasons,

a feat not duplicated since Otis Jones broke the double century mark from 1991-95. Washington tied for second on Air Force's career games played list with 124 and set a new school record with 112 starts. He did not miss a game in his four-year career at Air Force. He is ranked fifth on Air Force's career assist list with 327 and tied for No. 5 on the school's all-time single season assist list with 127. He dished out a career-best 11 assists this season against Utah, the most by an Air Force player in one game since 2004. Washington finished his career 25th on the school's all-time scoring list with 973 points and tied for 10th with 545 rebounds.

Women's Basketball: Senior Raimee Beck was named the Air Force women's basketball MVP for the third-straight season. The Falcons' lone senior, Beck was an outstanding all-around performer this year, finishing the season with 11.4 points and 5.2 rebounds per game, ranking second on the team in both categories. She led the Falcons in both three-point field goals made and free throw percentage, while ranking second on the team in assists, blocks and steals. Meanwhile, Beck closed out her career as one of the most decorated players in program history, setting all-time records for games played and started, three-point field goals made and attempted and free-throw percentage, as well as Division I era records in points (1,386), scoring average (11.7), assists (278), and steals (157). Beck is also the only player in Academy history to rank in the top 10 all-time in career points (fifth), assists (sixth) and rebounds (seventh).

Men's Fencing: Senior Nicholas



Stockdale

Stockdale took sixth place in the 2011 NCAA West Region Championships in men's foil with a 5-5 bout record. His season stats include a 33-13 collegiate bout mark and winning the men's foil championship bout at the Nick Toth Open. Stockdale is one of the program's top fencers and concludes his Academy fencing career with a 133-55 record. While Stockdale did not qualify for the 2011 NCAA Men's Fencing Championships, he demonstrated character and dedication to the team by giving up his spring vacation to remain at the Academy and help train those that did qualify.

Women's Fencing: Sophomore Heather Nelson became the 2011 West Region women's saber champion with an 8-0 regional bout record at the NCAA West Region Fencing Championships. Nelson was one of only two fencers to go undefeated in the competition. Nelson earned an automatic bye to the NCAA Women's Fencing Championships. It was Nelson's second trip to the NCAAs. Nelson holds a 40-2 collegiate record.

Men's Gymnastics: Nash Mills wrapped up a stellar career with two Academy records, a pair of USAG national titles and the USAG Outstanding Senior Gymnast of the Year award. Mills, who became the first Falcon to surpass the 15-point mark on the parallel bars, set a program standard of 15.200 on that event, as well as a 14.900 on the high bar. He led the team on the still rings, parallel bars and high bar, while posting the squad's second-best score on the vault. Mills won his first-ever USAG title on the still rings, while successfully defending his title on the parallel bars, to help the Falcons to their second straight USAG national title. He also claimed the still rings, parallel bars and all-around titles at the All-Academy Championships to help Air Force to its first team title since 2000.



Dutton

Women's Gymnastics: Brittany Dutton capped off a remarkable four-year career by earning the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Year award and the USA Gymnastics Outstanding Senior Gymnast award. The senior claimed the USAG national title on the uneven bars, as well as a share of the MPSF crown on the balance beam. The Falcons' team captain set career-best marks in three of the four individual events, as well as the all-around. She paced the team on the uneven bars, floor exercise and all-around, while capturing nine first-place finishes, including titles at the conference and national championship meets.

Hockey: Senior forward Jacques Lamoureux led the team with 24 goals and 44 points this season. A second-team all-conference selection, Lamoureux was named the MVP at the AHA Tournament as he helped lead Air Force to its fourth AHA title in five years. He scored the game-winner in both games at the AHA Final Four. His 13 power-play goals led the nation and his five game-winners were the 10th most in the country. He closed out his career ranked sixth in AFA history with 79 goals scored, the most by any Falcon in the last 25 years. His 136 career points rank 15th in school history. This season, he broke the league record with 59 career goals in conference games.

Rifle: Senior Tom Chandler was named first-team smallbore and second team air rifle All-American by the National Rifle Association following the 2011 NCAA Rifle Championships. Chandler finished 15th with an aggregate score of 580 in smallbore

at the NCAA Championships. Chandler has been honored by the NRA as an All-American five times during his career.

Boxing: Matt DeMars claimed his third career NCBA All-American certificate in 2011, after placing second in the 119-pound weight class at the National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships. DeMars, who competed the first three seasons at 112 pounds, moved up to 119 pounds for his senior year. A three-time Wing Open champion (two at 112 pounds, one at 119 pounds), DeMars won three NCBA regional titles and two NCBA national titles.

Men's Swimming: Senior Benjamin Gunn capped off a stellar four-year career at Air Force, winning the 200 yard butterfly title at the 2011 MWC Swimming & Diving Championships. Gunn set three school records as a senior in the 100 fly, 100 back and 200 back and earned All-MWC in those events. Gunn graduates with two MWC titles and six school records.



Gunn

Women's Swimming: Sophomore Haley Holcombe was named MVP after record-setting performances at the Mountain West Conference Swimming & Diving Championships. The Snellville, Ga., native set school records in the 100 yard butterfly (55.31) and 200 fly (2:02.36) events. In addition, Holcombe was a part of the school-record setting 200 and 400 medley relays.

Wrestling: Sophomore Cole VonOhlen was chosen as the 2010-11 Air Force wrestling team MVP. The lone Air Force representative at the NCAA Championships for the second-straight season, VonOhlen compiled a 44-9 overall record on the year. His 44 wins led the nation, while ranking tied for third-most in school history. VonOhlen, who was ranked among the top 10 wrestlers in the nation at 141 pounds, posted a 16-1 dual record and was perfect against WWC competition. He won 20 of 21 matches heading into the NCAA Championships, with 10 falls, five technical falls, three major decisions and two forfeits in that stretch. VonOhlen was also named the Outstanding Wrestler at the NCAA West Regional.

Baseball: Sophomore outfielder Alex Bast is Air Force baseball MVP. With four games left to play in the season, Bast leads the team with 19 doubles. He ranks second on the team with 62 hits, 37 runs and three triples. He is third on the team with a .316 batting average and .490 slugging percentage. Bast also leads the team with 50 starts.

Lacrosse: Senior Vinny Sandtorv was named the Air Force lacrosse MVP for the 2011 season. The team captain, who was also named the Falcons' offensive MVP, earned second-team All-ECAC honors as a midfielder for the second-straight season. Sandtorv finished the season with a team- and career-best 33 points, in-



Bast

cluding a team- and career-high 27 goals. Starting all 13 games for the Falcons at both attack and midfield, Sandtorv also posted career-high numbers in assists (six), ground balls (24) and man-up goals (seven), leading the Falcons in the latter category.

Golf: Senior Kyle Bailey was named the Air Force golf MVP for the 2010-11 season. The Falcons' team captain and lone senior, Bailey competed in 11 of 12 events for Air Force this season. In addition to leading the Falcons in four events this year, Bailey registered the best MWC Championship finish of his career, tying for 31st place.

Men's Tennis: Lance Wilhelm, a sophomore from Gig Harbor, Wash., won the team's MVP award for the second consecutive season. He won 10 matches at the top spot in singles and nine at the No. 1 doubles position in 2010-11. Wilhelm and freshman Andy Jackson were ranked No. 7 in the Mountain Region for doubles after going 4-2 during the fall tournament season.

Women's Tennis: Christen Monreal, a senior from San Antonio, played all 23 of her singles matches at the No. 1 singles spot. She won 14 overall singles matches and 16 doubles matches, including 10 at the No. 2 spot with freshman Anastasia Hueffner. Monreal finished third on the school's career singles wins list with 75 and sixth with 62 victories. Monreal is also the recipient of the 2011 Ciskey Leary Award for Sportsmanship for the Mountain Region, which consists of 21 schools.

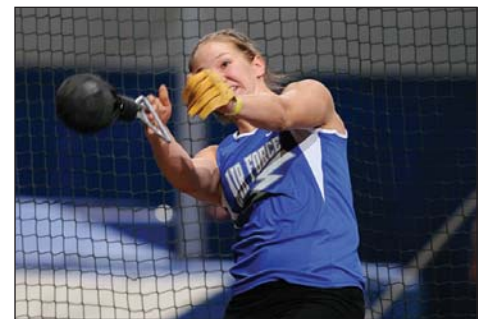


Monreal

Men's Track and Field: (as of May 18) Justin Tyner is in the midst of another impressive year. The senior co-captain claimed first-team All-America honors for the second straight year, after placing fifth in the 3,000-meter run at the NCAA Indoor Championships. He also ran the anchor leg of the distance medley relay team that garnered second-team All-America honors. During the indoor season,

Tyner won Mountain West Conference titles in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter races, en route to earning the league's High Point Award. He also ran the final leg of the DMR team that shattered the Academy record at the Alex Wilson Invitational. Tyner's success continued outdoors, where he won a MWC title in the 5,000-meter run with a stadium-record time, posted an Academy record in the 1,500-meter run and clocked the nation's second-fastest 3,000-meter steeplechase time. He was named the MWC Athlete of the Week on two occasions this spring and is ranked among the nation's top 30 in the steeplechase, 1,500-meter run and 5,000-meter run.

Women's Indoor Track and Field: (as of 18 May) Paige Blackburn used a season-best throw on her final attempt to finish second in the javelin throw at the Mountain West Conference Outdoor Championships, while setting a career-best distance in the hammer throw. Blackburn earned points for the Falcons in three of her four throwing events at the outdoor meet, while scoring in both throwing events during the indoor season. During the outdoor season, Blackburn She scored for the Falcons in both the indoor 3,000- and 5,000-meter distances, as also posted career-best marks in both throwing events during the indoor season, recording the second-best shot put mark in program history.



Blackburn

Men's Track and Field Outstanding Competitor: (as of 18 May) Robert Drye became the program's first-ever conference champion in the hammer throw, while shattering the Academy record at the Mountain West Conference Outdoor Championships. The junior co-captain, who is ranked 19th nationally in that event, is the first Air Force thrower to win the hammer title at either the MWC or WAC Championship meets. Improving his career-best distance by seven feet, Drye broke the Academy's 19-year-old standard, while distancing himself from the field, which included the nation's 15th-ranked thrower, by seven feet. Drye also broke his own record in the weight throw during the indoor season, while moving into seventh on the all-time list for indoor shot put.

Women's Track and Field Outstanding Competitor: Katherine Ward concluded her senior season with the Academy's second-fastest times in the indoor 3,000-meter run, indoor 5,000-meter run, outdoor 5,000-meter run and outdoor 10,000-meter run. Ward, who trails only five-time national champion Callie Calhoun in all four distances, also moved into 10th on the program's all-time list for the indoor mile run. Ward became only the second Air Force runner to break the 17-minute mark in the outdoor 5,000-meter distance. She scored for the Falcons in both indoor 3,000- and 5,000-meter distances, as well as the 10,000-meter run at the outdoor championships.



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