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USAF ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Dear Future Cadet Candidate

Congratulations on your selection to attend the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School. The Preparatory School provides service enlisted personnel and civilians with the opportunity to earn an appointment to the Air Force Academy. When you enter the Preparatory School, you will join other capable individuals who want to attend the Academy and subsequently serve as Air Force Officers. Our purpose is to prepare you for these two noteworthy objectives.

The success of our students stems from their desire and ability to handle demanding academic and military assignments in minimum time. To prepare you for the Academy, we have developed a challenging learning environment. The program is highly competitive, and some students are not able to complete it. To be successful, you must possess the desire and demonstrate the ability to excel in academics, military training, athletics, and character development.

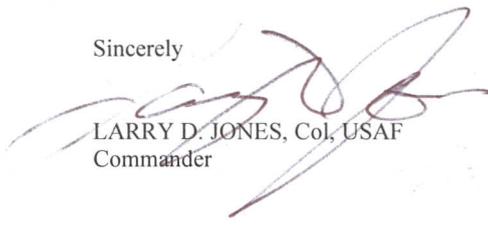
As you plan to attend the Preparatory School, there are a few things you should know in order to better prepare yourself. This is a military unit and you will be required to wear a uniform daily and have a haircut that conforms to military standards. We have small classes, and you will receive individual attention in both our academic program and military training from an experienced professional staff. The physical portion of our curriculum is quite demanding, especially because of the 7,000+ feet altitude. Therefore, I strongly urge you to begin a program of jogging ½ to 1 hour a day and do as many push-ups, sit-ups, and pull-ups as you can daily. You will not regret your physical efforts when you arrive.

WARNING: Just like me you've previously signed a form listing any prior drug usage and pledged not to use illegal drugs. Shortly after you arrive, you will be given a test for illegal drugs. Should you test "positive", you will be disenrolled. Do not destroy the opportunity of a lifetime by using drugs. In addition, underage drinking and providing alcohol to minors are treated as very serious offenses that are dealt with harshly. Do not attend the Preparatory School if you intend to underage drink or provide alcohol to minors while a cadet candidate.

It is imperative as future cadet candidates that you know what information is contained in this package and what forms you are completing. You may also find additional copies of these forms at <http://www.usafa.af.mil/?catname=Prep%20School>. You will be responsible for the information contained in here. See the Completion of Required Forms letter in this package for the list of documents we need you to e-mail or mail back promptly. Return them immediately. The form letters for information only are designed to familiarize you with many of the procedures at the Air Force Academy Preparatory School. They include items of immediate importance, which will assist you in transitioning into the Preparatory School. More detailed information will be provided through briefings, handouts and classroom instruction after your arrival.

In addition, parents and family members who accompany you to the Preparatory School to drop you off or for Parents' Weekend will be given a detailed briefing concerning Preparatory School operations. I congratulate you on your selection to attend the Preparatory School. We look forward to assisting you in your preparation to become the nucleus of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2013.

Sincerely


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Opportunity...Preparation...Motivation  Success