

# ***FALCON FAMILY NEWS***

**MAY 2009**

## **CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 April 2009)**

	Men	Women	Total
2009	891	173	1064
2010	845	190	1035
2011	888	220	1108
2012	982	272	1254
<b>WING</b>	<b>3606</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>4461</b>

## **ACADEMY MAXES OUT ACCREDITATION**

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** – The U.S. Air Force Academy earned a maximum 10-year accreditation after undergoing a comprehensive and intense evaluation by a team of distinguished leaders in higher education April 27-29. During its visit, the eight-member team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools reviewed the Academy's ongoing ability to meet the commission's criteria for accreditation.

The commission recently released preliminary results of its report, recommending the Academy receive its next accreditation site visit in 10 years. The team, consisting of leaders from diverse and well-respected institutions nationwide, cited 16 points of commendation and only four concerns for the Academy. The final written report is scheduled to be released at the end of this month. According to Academy senior leaders, everyone on the installation played a key role in the accreditation process. "This is like an institutional grand slam home run for us," said Lt Gen John Regni, the Academy Superintendent. "The team cited 16 points of commendation and noted that was an unusually high number for an accreditation visit."

"All of us at the Academy can take great pride in this accomplishment," said Brig Gen Dana Born, the Dean of the Faculty. "Although we did a good deal of specific preparation, the overwhelming success of this accreditation visit has to be attributed to the daily pursuit of excellence by every cadet and permanent party member in all the mission elements."

The Air Force Academy has been accredited at the bachelor's degree level by the NCA/HLC since 1959. In 50 years since, the school has been continuously accredited at the maximum 10-year intervals.

The Air Force Academy is widely recognized as one of the finest undergraduate institutions in the nation. U.S. News and World Report ranks the school as the top Baccalaureate College in the West, in 2008. The Academy ranked #2 in the nation in aeronautical and astronautical engineering for the eighth consecutive year, behind only Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's main campus. Forbes lists the Academy as the 16th best college in the nation (out of 569) and Barron's lists the Academy as one of the "most competitive" colleges to gain admission to, in the country. The Princeton Review ranked the Academy #1 in the nation in professor availability for the past four years.

At the U.S. Air Force Academy, the student-faculty ratio is 8:1, average class size is 20, 100 percent of the faculty is full-time and no classes are taught by teaching assistants.

### **BCT SCHEDULE + MORE**

In-Processing - June 25 2009

Swearing In - June 26

First Beast - 25 June-12 July

Field Day - 10 July

Doolie Day (Host Day) Out - 11 July (Saturday, not Sunday)

March to Jack's Valley - 13 July

Second Beast - 13 July-1 August

March back from Jack's Valley - 25 July

Valley Sweepstakes - 25 July

Acceptance - 5 August

Classes begin - 6 August

Chaplains' Picnic - 7 August

Parents Weekend - 4-7 September

Thanksgiving Break - 25-30 November (begins after LMD on 24th)

Finals - 12-17 December

Winter Break - 18 December-3 January 2010 (cadets can depart after last final)

Recognition Training - 11-13 March

Spring Break - 19-28 March (begins after LMD on 19th)

### **PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the reception (location to be determined) for the club presidents or alternates on Wednesday evening, 2 September, and the all-day conference at Doolittle Hall on 3 September 2009. If your club changes presidents, be sure to remind them. Registration forms will go out in July.

**FACT SHEET: USAF ACADEMY CLASS OF 2009**  
**(Information as of 8 May 2009)**

**When They Entered in 30 June 2005:**

1,746 were offered appointments  
1,390 were processed into the Academy

82.0% or 1146 males  
18.0% or 244 females  
19.0% or 261 minorities  
55.0% or 768 pilot qualified  
7 International students

**High School:**

Average GPA: 3.86  
Average SAT scores: 635 Verbal, 657 Math  
Average ACT scores: 28.6 English, 29.5 Reading, 29.6 Math, 29.0 Science

**As They Graduate on 27 May 2009 (as of 8 May 2009):**

Graduating: 1052 will walk across the stage  
Men: 879 (83.6%) Women: 173 (16.4%)  
Minorities: 201 (19.1%) 32 Black, 61 Hispanic, 88 Asian-Pacific Islander, 20 Native American  
International Students: 6 (one each from Oman, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, Honduras, Colombia): Total international grads for all years: 266.

Average Cumulative GPA: TBD  
Attrition Rate: 335 or 24.8%

Sets of Twins: 1  
Fourth-Child Graduates: 0  
Third-Child Graduates: 9  
Second-Child Graduates (other than twins): 52  
Second Generation Graduates: 36  
Posthumous Graduates: None

Graduates Going To Pilot Training: 520  
Graduates Going To Combat Systems Operator (Nav) Training: 28  
Graduates Going To Air Battle Manager Training: 4  
Total Rated Officers in Class: 552

**Service commitment:** Graduates from the Class of 2009 who enter pilot training incur an active duty service commitment of ten years after earning their wings. For navigators, the service commitment is six years after successful completion of training. All remaining graduates incur a five-year active duty service commitment.

<b>Total Graduates for all years:</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
(Including Class of 2009)	37,053 (+879)=37,932	3,764(+173)=3937	40,817(+1052)=41,869

**USAFA Graduates Who Have Attained the Rank of General:**

Number: 495 (312 Active duty, 175 retired, 8 deceased)

## **DENTAL CARE**

### **EXTRACTING THE MYTHS OF WISDOM TEETH (PART 2 OF 2)**

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> part to a two-part article regarding wisdom teeth.

Third molars, or “wisdom teeth” as they are often called, are the subject of great debate and discussion in the lay community, particularly among young adults and their families. There is probably more misinformation floating around than actual scientific fact, which often leads to unnecessary fears. This article is designed to answer some of the commonly asked questions and, hopefully, correct some misconceptions. Below are some common myths regarding wisdom teeth.

**MYTH:** My wisdom teeth have to come out if I want to be Pilot Qualified (PQ)

**FACT:** All cadets need an evaluation by a USAFA oral surgeon if they still have wisdom teeth. If the teeth are fully functional and healthy, they do not need to be removed and a cadet can be dentally cleared for PQ status. However, only a small percentage of people have enough room for the wisdom teeth, so in many cases, they must be removed prior to starting pilot training. Each patient will receive an individualized consultation, and recommendations are made based on the position of the teeth in his/her mouth and the likelihood of future problems.

**MYTH:** Wisdom teeth removal is an experimental thing done to cadets

**FACT:** Cadets fall in the age range where wisdom teeth are developing and may create problems. 17-23 years old is the most common age for wisdom teeth to be removed to prevent a future problem, or to correct a developing problem. USAFA is staffed by two oral and maxillofacial surgeons, and all wisdom teeth extractions are performed under their direction. The Air Force Academy has one of the busiest oral surgery clinics in the entire Air Force, removing several thousand teeth per year on cadets, active duty members and eligible family members. While we recommend having this procedure accomplished prior to starting at the Academy, the service is provided here free of charge, with options for sedation--just like in civilian offices--if the patient desires.

**MYTH:** If my teeth don't hurt, there is nothing wrong with them.

My wisdom teeth have never bothered me, so they are fine and don't require removal.

**FACT:** Just as high blood pressure is the silent killer, asymptomatic wisdom teeth can be problems just waiting to erupt. Multiple scientific studies have shown that impacted wisdom teeth that aren't causing “problems” are actually breeding grounds for oral disease such as cavities and gum disease, both of which don't bother patients until their more severe stages. Problems such as shifting teeth, cavities, gum disease, or jaw pathology are likely to develop the longer a tooth stays impacted. Severe wisdom teeth problems can even lead to prolonged hospitalizations and dangerous infections. Our goal is to address the wisdom teeth before they become a problem, as those problems can often lead to significant missed work/class time, poor healing, and additional complications.

MYTH: I'll just wait until they become a problem to have them removed.

FACT: The scientific literature has proven that the ideal time for wisdom teeth removal is prior to the age of 25. As we get older, risks associated with wisdom teeth removal increase and the complications tend to be more severe. When wisdom teeth are removed before age 25, the procedure, recovery and healing are much more predictable. There are even some newer studies that suggest the ideal time for removal may be in the early teenage years to optimize healing and lessen future complications.

For questions regarding this article, please contact SSgt Cindy Baker or Maj. Peggy Dickson (General Dentist) at 719-333-5590; or email the dental clinic at [USAFA.SGD@usafa.af.mil](mailto:USAFA.SGD@usafa.af.mil) .

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## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Dear Cadets, Parents, and Incoming Class:

The 2009 Air Force Academy Football Season is fast approaching. This letter is to inform you of how to get your tickets for this year's games before they go on sale to the general public. Current cadets, parents, as well as parents of the incoming Class of 2013, can order tickets for this year's home games beginning Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 MT. Tickets for all away games go on sale June 1, contact the Athletic Ticket Office for more information on away game tickets.

As is in the past, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree (Junior and Senior) cadets can receive a free reserved seat on the East side of Falcon Stadium to sit with their guests. When requesting cadet tickets, we will need their name(s) so we can verify enrollment and class year.

Below is the 2009 Air Force Academy Football team's home schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time (Mtn)</u>
September 5	Nicholls St. (Parents' Weekend)	12:00 pm
September 26	San Diego St.	12:00 pm
October 10	TCU	5:30 pm
October 17	Wyoming	12:00 pm
November 7	Army	1:30 pm
November 14	UNLV	4:00 pm

Pricing Information:

<u>Game</u>	<u>50 YD</u>	<u>Prem. Res.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	<u>Corner/End Zone Res.</u>	<u>Gen</u>
<u>Adm.</u>					
Nicholls St.	\$50	\$36	\$28	\$20	\$15
San Diego St.	\$50	\$36	\$28	\$20	\$15
TCU	\$50	\$36	\$28	\$20	\$15
Wyoming	\$50	\$36	\$28	\$20	\$15
Army	\$50	\$36	\$36	\$20	\$15
UNLV	\$50	\$36	\$28	\$20	\$15

- All tickets subject to applicable charges

Group pricing (home games excluding Army):

- Orders of 20 or more tickets: Reserved Category - \$20

Corner/End Zone Res. - \$14

- Group pricing is not available for away games.

Group Ticket Application:

A group order application for tickets to home and away games can be found on our website, [GoAirForceFalcons.com](http://GoAirForceFalcons.com). This eliminates the need for the group leader to coordinate getting all of the payments together and allows each person the ability to order their own tickets within the group block from their own computer. Additionally, tickets will be mailed to each individual person, thereby eliminating the need for the group coordinator to distribute all of the tickets. To do this, the group coordinator needs to call the Athletic Ticket Office at 800-666-USAF and ask about completing a Group Ticket Application. Call today!

Payment is due at the time of the order. Just a reminder, once an order has been placed there are NO REFUNDS or EXCHANGES. To place an order by phone beginning June 15th, please call 1-800-666-USAF or (719) 472-1895. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on July 1<sup>st</sup>, so order early!

Thank you for supporting Air Force Athletics. Go Falcons!

Air Force Athletic Ticket Office



# News Release

## U.S. Air Force Academy

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### **Air Force inducts six into Hall of Fame**

**Jim Bowman, Callie Calhoun, Dee Dowis, Terry Isaacson, Ernie Jennings, Ben Martin honored**

*U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.* – The Air Force Academy inducted its second class in the Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, May 1, at the Colorado Springs Marriott. The six inductees were Jim Bowman, Callie Molloy (Calhoun), Dee Dowis, Terry Isaacson, Ernie Jennings and Ben Martin. Air Force television show host Brian Jerman served as the emcee for the event.

The six inductees represent a former athletic coach and administrator, a track and cross country multiple All-American, two of the football program's most decorated performers, a multiple-sport standout and a former coach who held one of the longest tenures in Air Force history.

Bowman first came to the Academy in 1958 as a physical education instructor. He was named head junior varsity football coach in 1960. He led the junior varsity for four years before taking over the freshman team and working as the associate athletic director for recruiting support. Bowman coached the freshmen until 1975 when he went back to the junior varsity head post. After the 1975 season, Bowman stepped down from coaching to devote his full duties to recruiting support, where he served until his retirement in 2007. In his five seasons as the junior varsity head coach, Bowman compiled a 24-4-1 record, with his 1963 and 1975 teams going undefeated. In his 11 seasons as the freshman coach, Bowman led the squad to a 37-28 mark. During his tenure at the Academy, Bowman was a part of the athletic staff that led the Falcons to 17 postseason bowl games. In 2001, Bowman was inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame as part of the 1958 Cotton Bowl team.

Callie Molloy (Calhoun), a 1991 Academy graduate, is one of the most decorated female athletes in Academy history. She is a five-time NCAA Division II track and field national champion (3,000-meter run, 5,000-meter run, 10,000-meter run) and won the 1990 NCAA Division II cross country national championship. She is an eight-time track and field All-American and three-time cross country All-American. In addition, she was the team captain of both squads and a two-time track team MVP, as well as a 1991 NCAA Academic All-American. She is still the school record-holder in the 3,000-meters (indoor and outdoor), the 5,000-meters (indoor and outdoor) and the 10,000-meters. In 2001, she was inducted into

the NCAA Division II track and field hall of fame. Molloy is also the younger sister of Air Force head football coach Troy Calhoun.

Dowis is a 1990 graduate of the Academy and was a three-year starter at quarterback for the Falcons. He was a finalist for the 1989 Heisman Trophy award, awarded to college football's best player. His sixth-place finish is the highest of any Falcon ever. Dowis was also awarded the Downtown Athletic Club's Exemplary Player Award in 1989. Dowis earned honorable mention All-American honors in 1989 while being named the Western Athletic Conference's offensive player of the year. In 1989, he became the fifth player in NCAA history to rush and pass for over a 1,000 yards in the same season while leading Air Force to a Liberty Bowl appearance. Dowis scored a school-record six touchdowns and rushed for a then-school record 249 yards vs. San Diego State in 1989.

Isaacson, who is a retired Air Force colonel, is the Academy's only three-time wrestling All-American, earning the honors from 1962-64. He compiled a career record of 161-13 and was undefeated in dual matches during this career. Isaacson was the NCAA runner-up at 167 pounds in 1962. In addition to his wrestling accolades, Isaacson was a three-year football letterman and led the team in rushing in 1961 and 1963 and in passing and total offense in '62 and '63. He recorded 1,747 yards of total offense as a senior in 1963 while serving as the team captain. He started on both offense and defense for three straight seasons. He also led the team in punting two years. Isaacson was named the Air Force Academy male athlete of the year in 1964 and was recognized as a Helms Football Foundation All-American in football in 1963. He was also a finalist for the Heisman Trophy in 1963, finishing eighth.

Jennings is widely known as the best receiver to ever play at the Academy and was regarded as one of the top wide outs in college football in the early '70s. He is one of Air Force's five consensus football All-Americans, earning the honor in 1970. He still holds single-game school records for catches with 15 vs. Wyoming in 1969 and for receiving yards with 235 vs. the Cowboys the following year. His 74 catches for 1,289 yards in 1970 are still single-season Academy records. He is the Air Force career record-holder for pass receptions (148), receiving yardage (2,392), touchdown catches (43), kickoff returns (43) and kickoff return yardage (1,053). He was the first Falcon to finish as a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, finishing eighth in 1970. Jennings was the Air Force male athlete of the year in 1971.

Martin, known as the father of Air Force football, coached the Falcons from 1958-77. He was 96-103-9 during his 20-year tenure, which is the second-longest in school history. Martin led the Falcons to a pair of New Year's Day bowl games, the only two in school history. His 1958 team is the only undefeated team in school history, finishing the year at 9-0-2 and earning a trip to the 1959 Cotton Bowl where it tied TCU, 0-0. The '58 squad featured the school's first consensus All-American, Brock Strom, and helped put the fledgling Falcons on the national map. The school had not even graduated a class when Martin took over and his nine wins are tied for the most by a first-year coach in school history. Martin also led the Falcons to the 1971 Sugar Bowl, defeating the likes of nationally ranked Missouri and Stanford during the 1970 season. Martin passed away in July 2004.