Preparatory School Mission Brief

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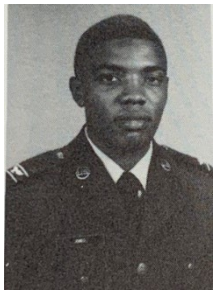
USAFAPS - History

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

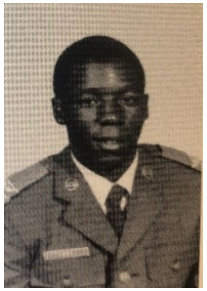
- Established 15 May 1961

  "Afford worthy enlisted men in the Army and Air Force who wish to enter the Academy. Because of their military service and other reasons, there were unable to compete with their peers in civilian life. "

- 1st class: 200 entered; 53% offered appts
- Alum: AG Gonzales, Gen Rand, Lt Gen Gould, Lt Gen Martinez, Col Shriver
- "Recent" history:

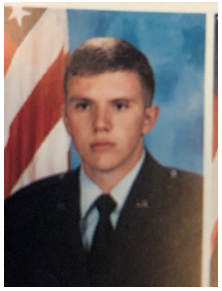


Brig Gen Jones
86 Airlift AW/CC



Col Lukes
CW/CV

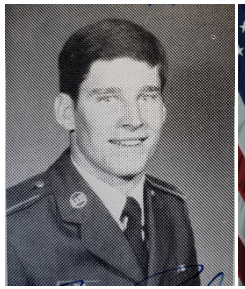
Col Primas
USAFA/RR



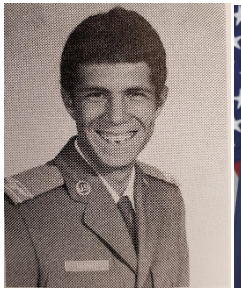
Col Cornelius
USAFA PS/CC

Col(Ret) Dague
USAFA PS/CD

80th Attorney General Alberto Gonzales (left); General Robin Rand (below)



Lt General Mike Gould (left); Lt General Jerry Martinez (below)



Astronaut/Colonel Loren Shriver (left)

USAFAPS - Now

- Average class is ~240 (Class of 2023: 219)
- Affords students from underrepresented Congressional Districts an opportunity…
- 21-day Basic Military Training
- 10-month developmental program
  - Academic, Military, Athletic training
- ~76% offered USAFA appointments

OUR WHY

USAFAPS Vision

Prepare a diverse pool of Cadet Candidates to be leaders of character for our Air Force and Space Force

CSAF AO A: Permeate diversity, inclusion, and belonging actions with this AO to cultivate and sustain both a USAF culture and environment of excellence in which all Airmen and families can **reach their full potential**.

Mission

To prepare *a diverse pool* of cadet candidates for the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) through a rigorous academic, military, athletic, ethical and character development program **to provide the best source of non-direct entry cadets to USAFA**.

AF Diversity and Inclusion Mission (AFI 36-7001): "Attract, recruit, develop and retain a high-quality, diverse Total Force, ensuring a culture of inclusion **in order to leverage the diversity of the nation for strategic advantage in Air [Space] Force, joint and coalition Operations."**

USAFAPS Organization Chart

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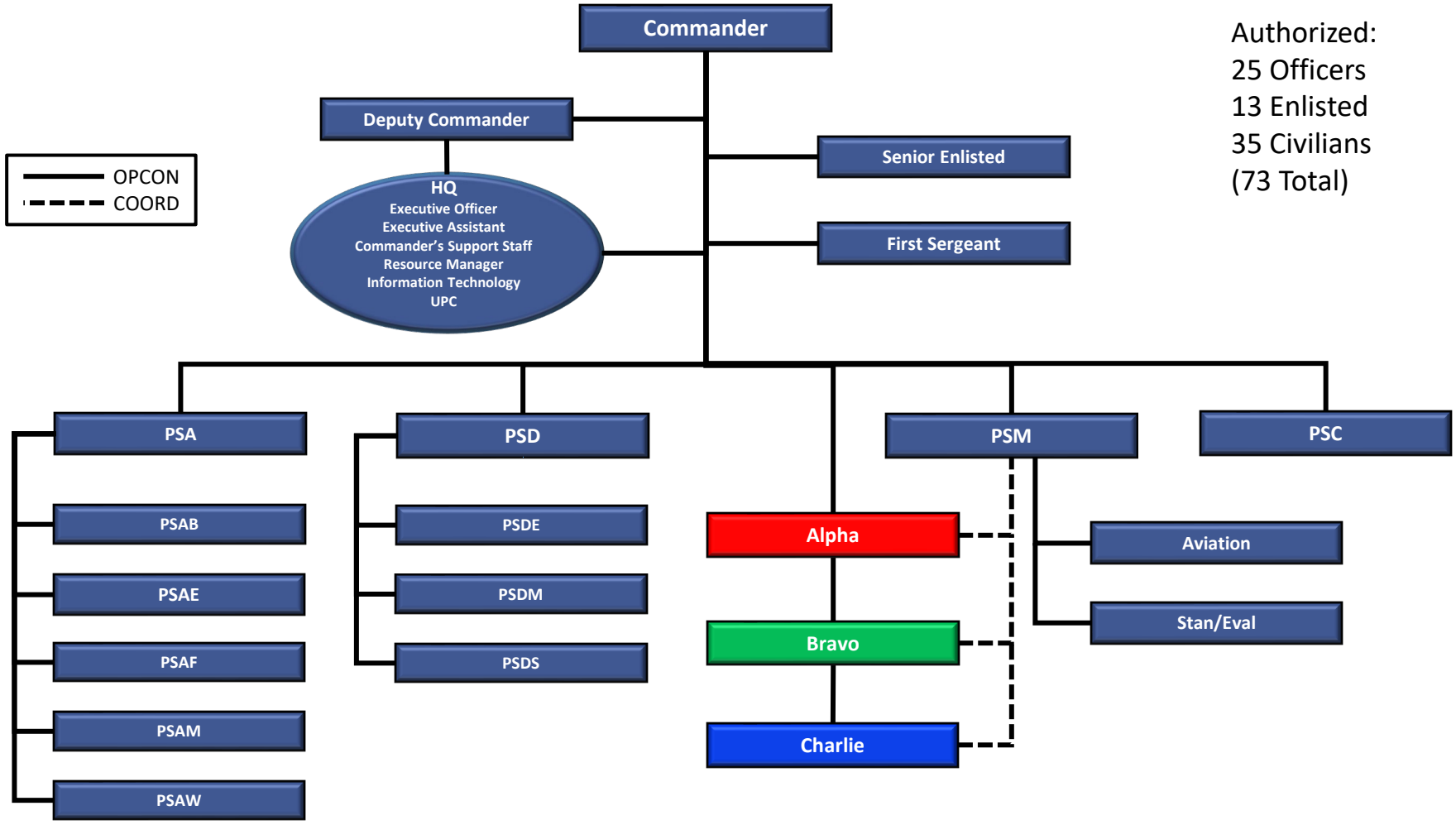

Authorized:
25 Officers
13 Enlisted
35 Civilians
(73 Total)

Appointment Recommendation

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ACADEMICS

- Demonstrate aptitude for academic success
  - Maintain >2.0 Cum GPA to Graduate
  - Maintain >2.42 Cum GPA & ≥2.0 Cum GPA in each subject area for appointment recommendation

PHYSICAL

- Demonstrate aptitude for athletics success
  - Maintain >200 PFT
  - Or meet the AAA exception

TRAINING

- Demonstrate aptitude to follow and lead
- Demonstrate consistent strong moral and ethical traits
  - Exceptional Conduct
  - Integrity, Service, and Excellence

Attendance at Prep School Does Not Guarantee Appointment to USAFA…
Both a Prep School Recommendation and Congressional Nomination are Required!

USAFA Classes Typical Preppie Contribution

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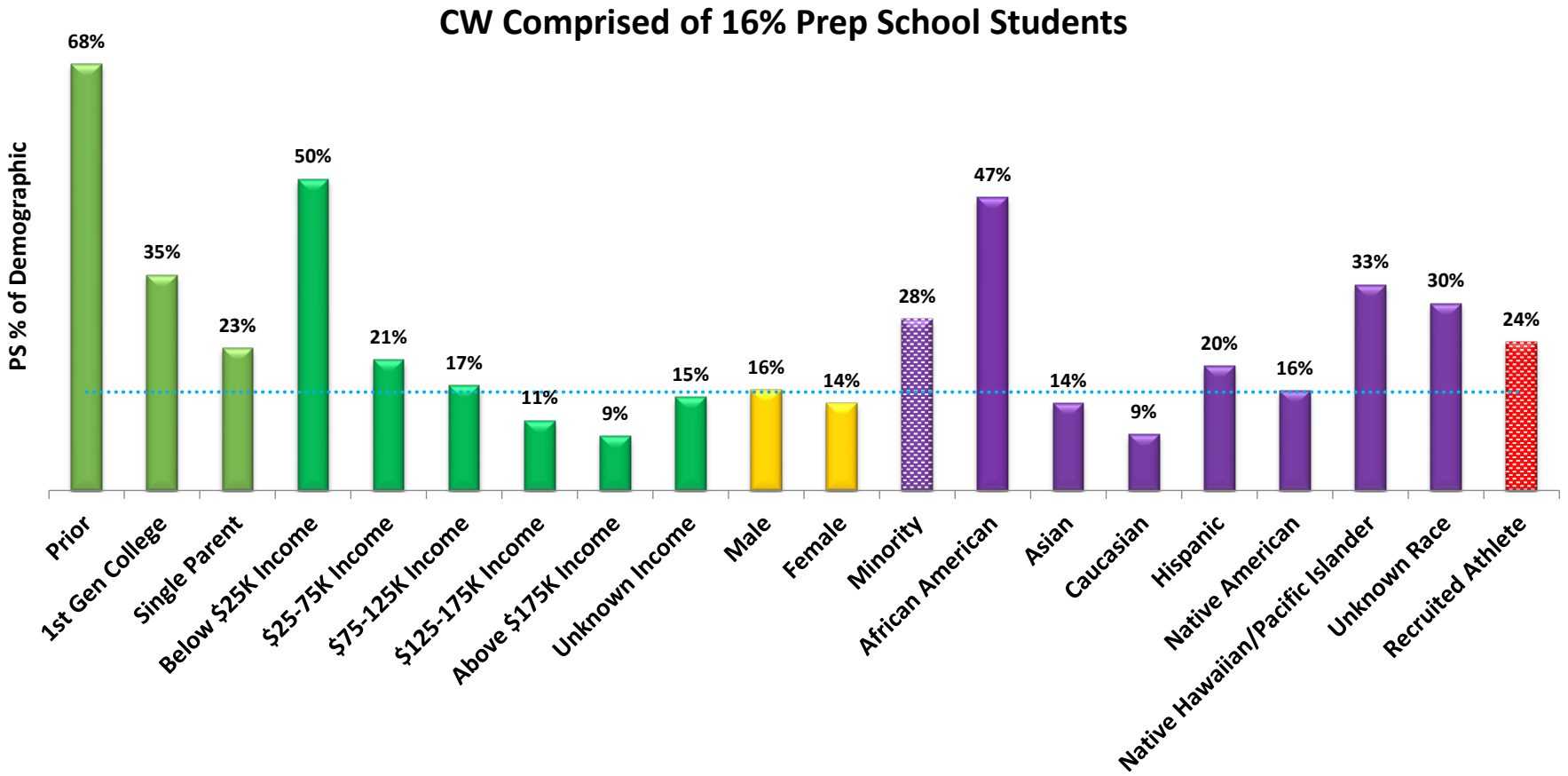
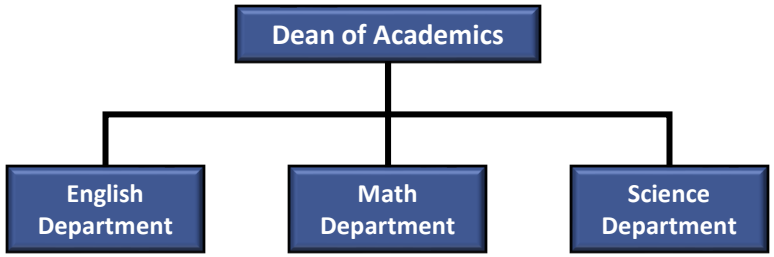
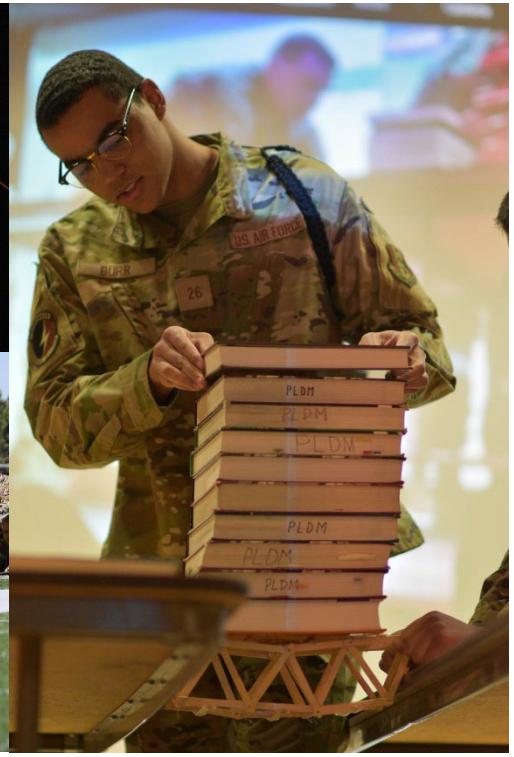


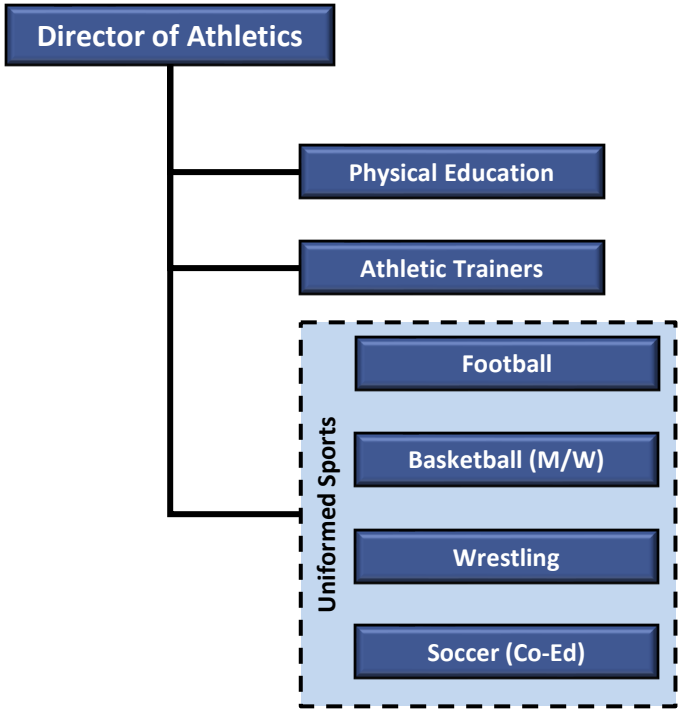
PS Students Represent 50 Congressional Districts Not Otherwise Represented by Direct Entry Cadets

Academics

Mission: Inspire and motivate candidates to develop personal academic maturity and to pursue an education at USAFA, and as future leaders of our Air and Space Forces.





Athletics

Mission: Prepare and develop candidates for the rigors of athletic competition, the required physical conditioning of all USAFA cadets, and to motivate members for a lifetime of fitness.