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## FALL SCHEDULE

### September

Sat.-Sun.	13-14	NICK TOTH OPEN, USAFA	All Day
Sat.-Sun.	27-28	New Mexico Open, Albuquerque, NM	All Day

### October

Fri.-Tue.	10-13	North American Cup "A" Div. II/III, Columbus, OH	All Day
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### November

Fri.-Mon.	7-10	North American Cup "B" Junior, St. Louis, MO	All Day
Sat.-Sun.	22-23	Western Invitational, Pasadena, CA	All Day
		Stanford, UC San Diego, Cal State Fullerton, Air Force	

### December

Fri.-Sun.	12-14	North American Cup "C" Division I, The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO	All Day
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## SPRING SCHEDULE

### January

Fri.-Tue.	16-19	North American Cup "D" Division I/Junior, Louisville, KY	All Day
Sat.	31	FALCON OPEN, USAFA	All Day

### February

Sun.	1	FALCON OPEN, USAFA	All Day
Fri.-Sat.	13-16	Junior Olympics Championships, Albuquerque, NM	All Day
Sat.-Sun.	21-22	Notre Dame Invitational, Notre Dame, IN	All Day
		Northwestern, Air Force, Wayne State, Lawrence, Cleveland, Detroit Mercy	
Fri.-Sat.	27-28	North American Cup "E", Division II/Div. III, Atlanta, GA	All Day

### March

Sun.-Mon.	1-2	North American Cup "E", Division II/Div. III, Atlanta, GA	All Day
Sat.-Sun.	7-8	NCAA West Regionals, Stanford, CA	All Day
Thurs.-Sun.	19-22	NCAA Men & Women's Championships, Penn State, PA	All Day

### April

Fri.-Mon.	24-27	North American Cup "F", Division I, Portland, OR	All Day
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### July

Fri.-Sun.	July 3-12	Summer National Championships, Grapevine, TX	All Day
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Schedule subject to change: [www.GoAirForceFalcons.com](http://www.GoAirForceFalcons.com)

NAC schedules and results available at [www.USFencing.org](http://www.USFencing.org)

## CREDITS

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## 2008-09 AIR FORCE MEN'S FENCING ROSTER

Name	Year	Squad	Hometown	High School
Linden Ballen	2012	14	Sky Valle, Calif.	La Quinta
Lantz Balthazar ^	2011	35	Niceville, Fla.	Rocky Bayou Christian
Phil Choy	2012	23	Basking Ridge, N.J.	Ridge
Curtis Christensen *	2011	04	Los Alamos, N.M.	Berea
Christopher Daniels *	2011	37	Woodbridge, Va.	Osborn Park
Joseph Eastman	2009	38	Colts Neck, N.J.	Colts Neck
Daniel Fang *	2011	09	Duluth, Ga.	Mt. Pisgah Christian
Peter French **	2010	31	Austin, Texas	Home School
Dustin Heideman	2011	31	John Day, Ore.	Grant Union
William Hock *	2011	40	Shreveport, La.	Caddo Parish Magnet
Ian Hocking *	2011	07	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Home School
Mister Jackson, III	2012	21	Phoenix, Ariz.	North
Brennan Jones	2010	38	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Fountain Valley
John Kerr ^	2011	05	Shippensburg, Pa.	Shippensburg
Brent Lavey ^	2010	04	Puyallup, Wash.	Emerald Ridge
Anthony Lorenzini *	2010	05	Herndon, Va.	Home School
Samuel McKinnon	2012	09	Flower Mound, Texas	Coram Deo Academy
Michael O'Connor **	2010	16	Charlotte, N.C.	Charlotte Latin
Geoffrey Pamerleau	2012	03	Annandale, N.J.	North Hunterdon
Ben Rinaldi	2012	39	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pennsylvania Cyber Charter
Sam Rinaldi	2012	10	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pennsylvania Cyber Charter
Nicholas Stockdale *	2011	19	Lansdowne, Pa.	Home School
Daniel Trapani *	2011	10	Houston, Texas	Home School
Edward Wong	2012	18	Singapore	St. Mary's Senior

## 2008-09 AIR FORCE WOMEN'S FENCING ROSTER

Name	Year	Squad	Hometown	High School
Ainsley Allen *	2009	16	Grand Saline, Texas	Grand Saline
Simone Barrette	2012	03	Louisville, Ky.	duPont Manual
Tannis Bertoncini	2009	31	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Royal Military Academy
Rebecca Bodtke ^	2011	27	Naples, Italy	Naples American
Kaitlyn Bogan	2012	12	Colfax, Wis.	Colfax High
Rachel Burk	2012	34	Richmond, Va.	MLW Governor's
Naomi De La Torre	2012	20	El Paso, Texas	Socorro
Chelsea Esenwein	2012	12	Washingtonville, Ohio	Leetoinia
Nicole Flint *	2011	12	Canaseraga, N.Y.	Canaseraga Central
Mary Guzowski *	2009	17	Tiffin, Ohio	Tiffin Columbian
Saskia Hicks	2012	18	Waterloo, Belgium	St. John's International School
CJ Jung	2012	04	Waynesville, Mo.	Waynesville High
Catherine Kiyota	2012	07	Wahiawa, Hawaii	Leilehua
Michelle Kiyota	2012	23	Wahiawa, Hawaii	Leilehua
Katherine Lyons	2012	16	Charlottesville, Va.	Albemarle
Julie Luce **	2009	23	Denton, Texas	Denton
Jennifer Nolta *	2010	22	Reston, Va.	South Lakes
Angelica Plazas **	2009	10	Bogota, Colombia	Colegio Anglo-Americano
Amanda Terry	2012	33	Fort Worth, Texas	Brewer

HEAD COACH: Abdel Salem

Assistant Coaches: Adam Skarbonkiewicz

Tom Strazkowski, Anthony Pryor, Capt. James Lotspeich (Officer Rep.)

Team Captains: Senior Angelica Plazas and Juniors Michael O' Connor and Peter French

\* = Varsity letters won

^ = Junior Varsity letters won



## John F. Regni

Second year at Air Force Academy, 1973  
**Superintendent**



**Lieutenant General John F. Regni** is superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. He directs a four-year academic, military training, athletic and character development program leading to a bachelor's degree and commission as an Air Force officer.

The general received his commission in the Air Force following graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1973. His career has encompassed a wide range of personnel, training and command assignments, and he has served at base, numbered air force, major command, Air Staff and joint unified command levels. Prior to his stint at the Academy, he served as Commander, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

The general's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster and Air Force Commendation Medal.



**Colonel Paul C. Ackerman**  
**Vice Superintendent**



**Brig. General Samuel Cox**  
**Commandant of Cadets**



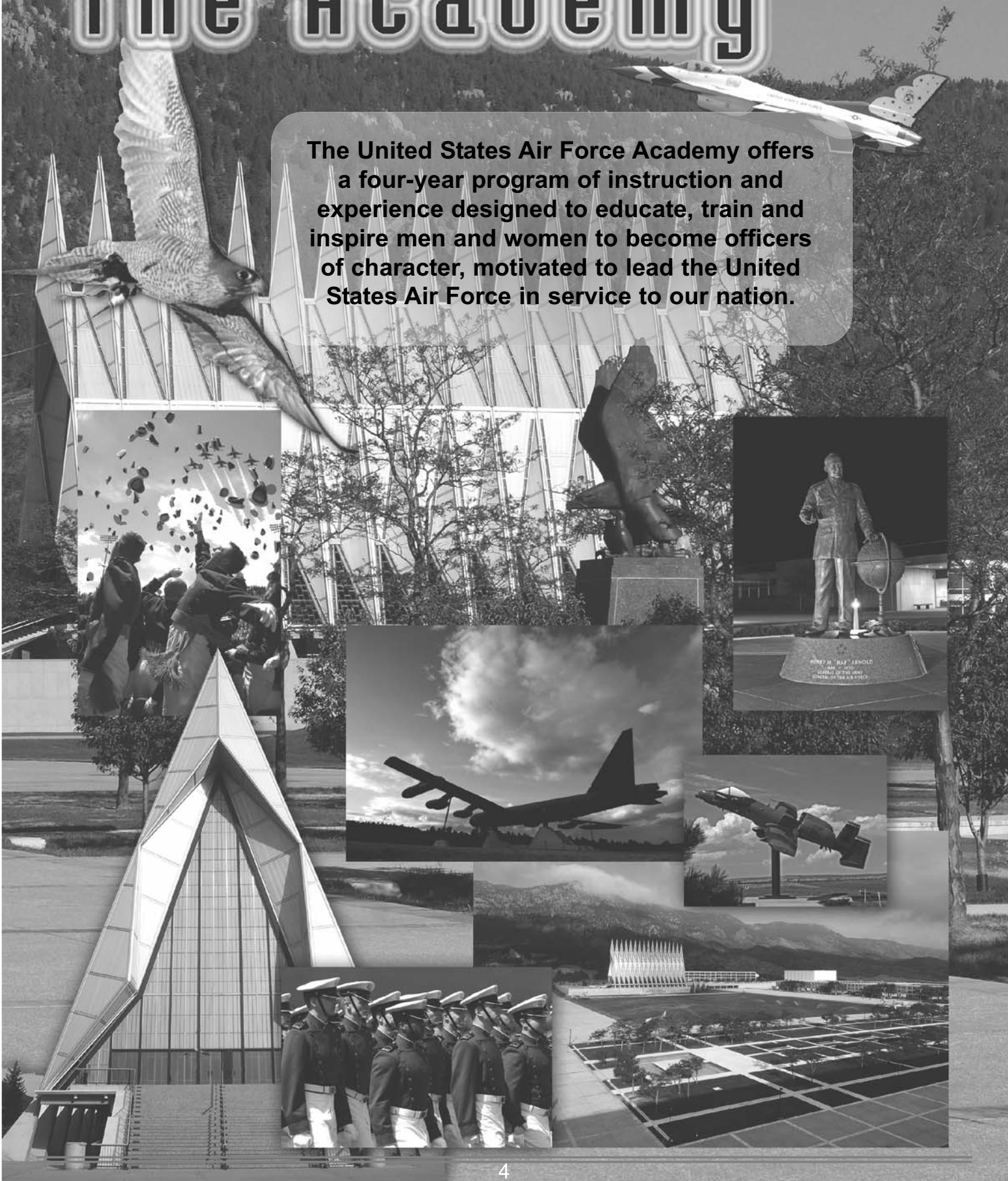
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**Dean of Faculty**



**Colonel Jimmy McMillian**  
**Commander, 10th Air Base Wing**

# The Academy

The United States Air Force Academy offers a four-year program of instruction and experience designed to educate, train and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation.



# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY



The United States Air Force Academy offers a four-year program of instruction and experience designed to educate, train and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation. Each cadet graduates with a bachelor of science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

## COURSE OF STUDY

Cadets are exposed to a balanced curriculum that provides the knowledge, skills and responsibilities essential to a career Air Force officer. The entire USAFA experience is integrated and mapped to achieve a set of desired outcomes in every graduate.

The core academic curriculum includes courses in basic sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities. Cadets take additional elective courses to complete requirements for one of 32 major areas of study. Over 50 percent of the cadets complete majors in science and engineering; the remainder graduate in the social sciences and humanities. Some of the most popular majors include management, aeronautical engineering, foreign studies, history, behavioral science, civil engineering, astronautical engineering, electrical engineering and engineering mechanics.

## FACULTY COMPOSITION

The majority of the Academy's faculty members, more than 500 total, are Air Force officers. They are selected primarily from career-officer volunteers who have established outstanding records of performance and dedication. Each has at least a master's degree and more than 55 percent have doctorates or other terminal degrees in their field of study.

Faculty members are intensely focused on cadets' learning as an integral part of their officer development. The Air Force Academy has been ranked No. 1 in the nation for the most accessible and involved faculty for four years in a row.

To provide greater contributions by a diverse faculty, the Academy has several distinguished visiting professors and associate professors who serve one or more years. Officers from other services are members of the faculty and a small number of officers from allied countries teach as well. Distinguished civilian and military lecturers also share their expertise with the cadets during the academic year.

## ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The Academy's athletic program is designed to improve physical fitness, teach athletic skills and develop leadership qualities. To achieve its goals, the Academy offers some of the most extensive physical education, intramural sports and intercollegiate athletic programs in the nation. Cadets take at least three different physical education courses each year.

## MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

An air, space and cyberspace-oriented military education, training and leadership program begins with basic cadet training and continues throughout the four years. Seniors are responsible for the organizational leadership of the cadet wing, while juniors and sophomores seek to develop team and interpersonal leadership and instructional tasks. Cadets are projected into as many active leadership roles as possible to prepare them to be effective Air Force officers.

Fundamental concepts of military organization -- drill, ethics, honor, Air Force heritage and physical training -- are emphasized the first summer during basic cadet training. Freshmen then study the military role in United States society as well as the mission and organization of the Air Force. Sophomores receive instruction in communicative skills and juniors study the combat and operational aspects of the Air Force. Military studies for the senior class focus on military thought.

The Academy offers courses in flying, navigation, soaring and parachuting, building from basic skills to instructor duties. Cadets may fly light aircraft with the Cadet Flying Team.

Summer training for cadets is divided into three, three-week training periods. There are a variety of programs available and each cadet is required to complete two training periods each summer with leave during the other period. All new cadets take six weeks of basic cadet training in their first summer.

Combat survival training is a required three-week program during cadets' second summer. For other second-summer training periods, cadets have options such as working with young airmen in an operational

unit at an Air Force installation, airborne parachute training, soaring or basic free-fall parachute training.

During their last two summers, all cadets are offered leadership training as supervisors or instructors in summer programs, such as basic cadet training, survival training, freefall parachuting and soaring.

Extracurricular activities also are an integral part of the education program. The cadet ski club, drum and bugle corps, cadet chorus and forensics are a few of the programs available.

## NOMINATIONS

Nominations to the Academy may be obtained through a congressional sponsor or by meeting eligibility criteria in other categories of competition established by law. For information on admission procedures, write to HQ USAFA/RRS; 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200; USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025.

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## HISTORY OF THE ACADEMY

In 1948, a board of leading civilian and military educators was appointed to plan the curriculum for an academy that would meet the needs of the newly established Air Force. The board determined that Air Force requirements could not be met by expanding the other service academies and recommended an Air Force academy be established without delay.

In 1949, then Secretary of the Air Force W. Stuart Symington appointed a commission to assist in selecting a site and on April 1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower authorized creation of the United States Air Force Academy. After considering 580 sites in 45 states, the commission narrowed the choice to three locations. The summer of 1954, Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbott selected a site near Colorado Springs, Colo. Colorado contributed \$1 million toward purchase of the property.

In July 1955, the first academy class entered interim facilities at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, while construction began. It was sufficiently completed for occupancy by the cadet wing in late August 1958. Initial construction cost was \$142 million.

Women entered the academy on June 28, 1976, as members of the class of 1980.

# U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Hans J. Mueh is in his fifth year as the director of athletics at the Air Force Academy. A retired Air Force brigadier general, Mueh was vice dean of faculty for two years prior to his retirement from active duty in the summer of 2004. Mueh was heavily involved in Academy athletics before becoming director of athletics. He was the Academy's faculty athletics representative from 1996-2004 and was a long-time member of the board of directors for the Air Force Academy Athletics Association.

Since becoming the director of athletics, Mueh has led the Academy to some remarkable feats. In 2006-07, the Academy was one of only three schools (Michigan State and Boston College) to reach post-season play in football, men's basketball and ice hockey. It marked the first time a service academy has ever had a team compete in the post-season in all three sports.

In addition, under Mueh's watch the men's basketball team has played in an NCAA tournament and the National Invitational Tournament's Final Four. Mueh hired current head coach Jeff Reynolds and helped him continue Air Force's winning tradition last season. The ice hockey team has won back-to-back conference championships and made two straight appearances in the NCAA tournament. Mueh was on the selection committee that hired current head coach Frank Serratore and led the Academy's move into the Athletic Hockey Association. The women's basketball program has shown steady improvement and last year won an Academy Division I record 10 games.

The football program, the Academy's flagship sport, went through a major overhaul. Mueh led the transition from the retirement of the legendary Fisher DeBerry after 23 years at the helm to hiring current head coach Troy Calhoun, a 1989 Academy graduate. Calhoun's impact was immediate, leading the Falcons to a 9-4 overall mark and a second-place finish in the Mountain West Conference in 2007. The Falcons qualified for their first bowl game in five years, playing in the Armed Forces Bowl last year.

Mueh has been just as successful behind the scenes with the administration of the department. Mueh restructured the department with an internal/external model that has streamlined resources and made the department more effective from top to bottom. In addition, he has the department on course to become a federally chartered non-profit organization which will lead to more fund-raising opportunities.

Mueh has also been active within the conference and the NCAA. He was recently selected to be part of the NCAA Division I Amateurism Cabinet and has been active on the NCAA's academics/eligibility compliance cabinet, the men's golf committee and the region 7 postgraduate scholarship committee. Mueh has been equally active within the conference on various leadership committees. He is currently on the awards and recognition committee and has previously served on the joint council executive committee, and committees on championships, television and sportsmanship.

Before assuming his duties as vice dean at the Academy, Mueh was permanent professor and head of the department of chemistry at the Academy, a position he held since October 1987 where he oversaw the annual design and instruction of 25 undergraduate courses for 1,500 cadets annually.

Mueh was born Jan. 8, 1944, in Celle, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1951. He entered the Air Force in 1962 as a member of the Academy's eighth graduating class, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry in 1966. While at the Academy, Mueh was a two-year letterwinner in soccer as a goalie. He still holds the Academy record for saves in a game with 30, accomplishing it twice in 1965 against North Carolina and Benedictine. In his junior and senior years, Mueh helped the Falcons to the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Soccer League championship and quarterfinal berths in the NCAA tournament.

## Hans Mueh

Fifth year at Air Force  
Air Force Academy, 1966  
**Athletic Director**



Following graduation, Mueh completed two assignments in intelligence before attending the University of Wisconsin where he earned his master's degree in chemistry in 1970. He later earned a doctorate degree in chemistry from Wisconsin in 1976 as a distinguished graduate. He has also completed Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College.

Between earning the two degrees, Mueh returned to the Academy as an instructor in the department of chemistry from 1970-72. He also served as assistant soccer coach and played semi-pro soccer with the Aurora Internationals in Denver during those two years, leading the Internationals to the Colorado state title in 1971. He volunteered for duty in Vietnam and served as an intelligence officer in Saigon, Republic of Vietnam and at Nakhon Phanom RTAB, Thailand, in 1972 and 1973.

After earning his doctorate degree, Mueh returned to the Academy in 1976 as an associate professor of chemistry. He remained at the Academy except for a stint in 1985-86 as the special assistant for technical matters at the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon.

In 1986, he assumed the position of acting head, department of chemistry, before being selected for his position of permanent professor and head of the department of chemistry in 1987. As faculty athletics representative, he was active in both the Western Athletic Conference and Mountain West Conference, and was the Academy's representative on the transition team to form the new MWC, the only faculty athletics representative on the team. He competes in golf, racquetball, handball and tennis, and has promoted Air Force Academy intercollegiate sports throughout his tenure, beginning with work as chairman of the hockey eligibility committee, officer representative to the men's golf team and five years as the officer representative to the football team.

Mueh is married to the former Sally Flax of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have three children: Kristine, Kurt and Deborah.



# U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATION



Vice Director of Athletics  
Brad DeAustin



Associate AD/Programs  
Col. Billy Walker



Senior Associate AD  
External Affairs  
Jim Trego



Associate AD  
Recruiting Support  
William Carpenter



Associate AD/Finance  
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Athletic Trainer



Vicky Jimmerson  
Events Management



Madeline McGuire  
Athletic Communications

## AIR FORCE ATHLETIC FACILITIES



Few schools in the country have an athletic program as extensive as the Air Force Academy's.

The goals of the athletic program are to enhance the physical conditioning of all cadets, to develop the physical skills necessary for officership, to teach leadership in a competitive environment and to build character. There are three subdivisions of the athletic program: intercollegiate athletics, intramurals and physical education.

The intercollegiate program has 17 men's and 10 women's NCAA-sanctioned teams, facing some of the top competi-

tion in the nation. Men's teams are football, baseball, basketball, ice hockey, cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, indoor and outdoor track, lacrosse, rifle, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, water polo and wrestling. The Academy fields women's teams in basketball, cross country, fencing, gymnastics, rifle, indoor and outdoor track, swimming and diving, soccer, tennis and volleyball. In addition, the Academy sponsors two non-NCAA programs; boxing and cheerleading.

The majority of the Academy's men's and women's programs compete at the NCAA Division I level in the Mountain West Conference. The Falcons compete in this conference against teams from Brigham Young, New Mexico, Colorado State, San Diego State, TCU, Wyoming, Utah and UNLV. All sports also compete against non-conference opponents, including many nationally-ranked teams.

The football team competes annually for the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, which is emblematic of service academy football supremacy. The Falcons have won the trophy 16 times, which is more than Army and Navy combined. The winner of the annual rivalry visits with White House to have the trophy presented by the President of the United States.

Falcon Stadium opened on Sept. 22, 1962. The stadium was originally built solely for football, but non-athletic events like the Academy's annual graduation ceremonies are also conducted there. The newest modification to the stadium was completed in the spring of 2006 with fieldturf. Falcon Stadium has a seating capacity of 46,692.



The USAFA Cadet Field House is one of the most impressive buildings in the country. It's a modern, versatile structure with seemingly endless uses. The \$5.6 million building is five stories high and 396 feet by 426 feet, the size of three football fields laid side by side. The structure is divided into three areas--basketball arena, ice hockey arena and multipurpose area. The three sections have a combined seating capacity of 11,000.

Clune Arena seats 5,939. The Cadet Ice Rink has a seating capacity of 2,502, while the multipurpose area seats 1,000 fans for track and field competitions.



Head coach **Abdel Salem** has been at the helm of the Academy's men's and women's fencing program since 1998. A 1980 graduate of the University of Alexandria, Egypt, he holds a Doctorate in Medicine. After graduating from Alexandria and during his Olympic efforts, Salem was a practicing general physician in Egypt for four years. He was also a 10-year member of the Egyptian National Fencing team and competed in the 1984 Olympics. In 1996, Salem was named the U.S. Olympic Committee Coach of the Year.

Salem came to the Academy in 1998. Under his guidance, the Falcons have won four consecutive Western Region Championship women's titles from 2002-2005 and the men's teams were region champions in 2002 and 2003. In 2003, Elia Burrill was named NCAA Woman of the Year (Colorado) and was awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Eliza Enyart was the 2007-08 independent nominee for the NCAA's 18th annual Woman of the Year Award. Salem has coached five All-Americans and a national champion. In 2006, the women's team claimed its first-ever All-American honorable mention when Enyart finished 11th in epee at the NCAAs. In 2008, Peter French was honored as the Mountain West Conference Hal Rothman Sportsmanship Award and the NCAA Sportsmanship Award for Division I athletics honoree. The Falcons have appeared at the NCAA Championships each year while Salem has been coaching at Air Force.

"I feel lucky to live and work at the United States Air Force Academy in beautiful Colorado. Colorado Springs is a moderately-sized town laying in the shadow of Pikes Peak, the inspiration for America the Beautiful," said Salem.

Before coming to the Academy, he was the head coach at the Lone Star Fencing Center in Dallas, Texas. He founded the center in 1989 and developed fencers from the novice skill level to the advanced competitor, including United States National Team members. During his time at Lone Star, Salem was also the fencing coach for the St. Mark's School in Dallas.

Salem taught fencing courses at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania from 1987-1989.

His first head coaching position was at the Fairmont Park Fencing Center in Philadelphia. As head coach at the club from 1987-1989, Salem taught U.S. Olympic and World Team members. The club took the U.S. Foil Team Championship title. He was also the assistant coach at the University of Pennsylvania from 1986-1988.

Salem has been a coach at five U.S. Olympic Sports Festivals and has been involved with many U.S. National Teams. Between 1993 and 2005, he was a staff member of the U.S. Fencing Coaches College.

Salem's coaching career in the United States began in 1984 at the Westside Fencing Center in Los Angeles. In 1986, he moved on to the Salle Csiszar Fencing Center in Philadelphia where he coached the winning U.S. Women Epee championship team.

Salem is the president of the U.S. Fencing Coaches Association.



## SALEM'S

## QUICK FACTS

**Years at Air Force:**

.... Ten

**Born:**

.... Jan. 5, 1955

**Hometown:**

.... Alexandria, Egypt

**High School Athletics:**

.... Abasia High School

**Athletic Awards:**

.... Fencing and Soccer letters

**College:**

.... University of Alexandria--Medical College

**College Athletics:**

.... Fencing

**Coaching Experience:**

.... U.S. Fencing Assoc. Coaches College Staff,  
.... 1993-2005

**Air Force Academy:**

.... Head Coach, January 1998-present

**Air Force Coaching Record:**

.... 180-126

**U.S. Military Fencing Team:**

.... Head Coach, 1999-present

**Lone Star Fencing Center (Dallas, Texas):**

.... Head Coach, 1989-1998

**Fairmont Park Fencing Center (Philadelphia, Pa.):**

.... Head Coach, 1987-1989

**Bryn Mawr College:**

.... PE Instructor, 1987-1989

**University of Pennsylvania:**

.... Assistant Coach, 1986-1988

**Salle Csiszar Fencing Center (Philadelphia, Pa.):**

.... Assistant Coach, 1984-1986

**Westside Fencing Center (Los Angeles, Calif.):**

.... Assistant Coach, 1984-1986

**Certification:**

.... Fencing Master, U.S. Fencing Coaches  
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Adam Skarbonkiewicz joined the Academy's fencing program in 2005 as an assistant coach. He graduated from Portland State University with a bachelor of science degree in science in December 1998.

Skarbonkiewicz's fencing credentials include a 2002 Master of Fencing from the Academy of Physical Education, Katowice, Poland. He attended the academy from 1990-1993. Prior to joining the Air Force Academy's fencing staff, he managed the fencing program at the Oregon Episcopal School in Portland from 1995-2005. He was the fencing coach at the Oregon Fencing Alliance, where several of his students won both national and world championships in various age categories. He was responsible for creating and directing the strength and conditioning program for elite fencing athletes while at OFA. From 1995-1996, he was a fencing instructor at Oregon Parks and Recreation in Portland. He was also an instructor at the Rochester Fencing Club in New York from 1993-1994. While in New York, one of his students won the U.S. Junior Olympic Championships and was a member of the U.S. Junior National Team.

Skarbonkiewicz's athletic achievements include National Champion from 1995-1996; U.S. National Saber champion, 1996; qualified for the 1996 U.S. Olympic Fencing Team; ranked No. 1 in U.S. Saber point standing (1995-1997); U.S. National Championships top three saber team finish in '96, '97, '98; and Polish National Saber Junior champion (1990). Skarbonkiewicz is also a 2007 staff member of the Coaches College.

## Adam Skarbonkiewicz

Fourth year at Air Force  
Portland State, 1998  
Assistant Coach: Saber



## Tom Strzalkowski

Seventh year at Air Force  
Penn State, 1995  
Assistant Coach: Epee/Foil



Tom Strzalkowski joined the Air Force Academy fencing program as an assistant coach in 2002. He is a 1995 graduate of Penn State with a bachelor of arts, general arts and science degree.

Strzalkowski brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the fencing team. At Penn State, he was the team captain in 1993 and 1994. He is a three-time NCAA champion and a four-time All-American.

He was a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic fencing team. In 1994 and 1995, he competed on the World Championship teams and was a member of the gold medal team at the Pan-American Games.

*"Tom is a very special person and the team enjoys having him as an assistant coach," said head coach Abdel Salem. "Tom can juggle between the discipline of the Air Force Academy and the civilian lifestyle. Without Tom, the team would not be the same."*

## Anthony Pryor

First year at Air Force  
Air Force Academy, 2003  
Assistant Coach: Epee/Foil



Coach Anthony Pryor joins the fencing team after serving five years on active duty in the Air Force. He was stationed at McConnell AFB, Kan., and was a Bioenvironmental Engineering officer. Pryor graduated from the Academy in 2003, and was a four-year letter winner in epee and a team captain.

*"He's very excited to be back at USAFA, and hopes to bring a new look and enthusiasm to the team. Coach Pryor is the guy who has 'been there, done that,' and can really relate to the cadet experience," said Salem.*

## Capt. James Lotspeich

Second year at Air Force  
Air Force Academy, 1999  
Assistant Coach/Officer Rep.



Capt. James Lotspeich joined the Academy's fencing program in 2007 as an assistant coach and officer representative. Lotspeich, a native of El Paso, Texas, graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in computer science. In 2003, he earned his master's degree in computer engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. The captain is an assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science at the Academy.

Lotspeich's computer science interests include artificial intelligence, evolutionary algorithms, high performance computers and UAF control algorithms.

Before coming to the Academy, the captain's military assignments included being the officer in charge, help desk, 72nd Communications Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla., from 1999-2000. He was the executive officer for the 72nd Mission Support Group at Tinker from 2000-01. From 2003-04, he was element chief, Command Communications Security, 82nd Communications Support Squadron, and flight commander, Air Combat Command Postal Operations, 82nd Communications Support Squadron from 2004-06, Langley AFB, Va.



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# 2008-09 TEAM PHOTOS: MEN'S AND WOMEN'S

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The 2008-09 Air Force Falcons .... top row, left-right: Nick Stockdale, Chris Daniels, Curtis Christensen, John Keer, Lantz Balthazar, Daniel Trapani, Anthony Lorenzini, Phil Choy, Ben Rinaldi, Daniel Fang ... bottom row, left-right: Linden Ballen, Sam Rinaldi, Sam McKinnon, Bren Lavey, Peter French (kneeling), William Hock, Michael O'Connor, Joseph Eastman, Geoffrey Pamerleau (seated), Ian Hocking, Edward Wong (seated).



The 2008-09 Air Force Falcons .... top row, left-right: Christina Cassabaum, Chelsea Esenwein, Kaitlyn Bogan, Jennifer Nolta, Nicole Flint, Simone Barrette, Michelle Kiyota, Naomi (Libby) De La Torre ... bottom row, left-right: assistant coaches Anthony Pryor and Adam Skarbonkiewicz, Amanda Terry, Saskia Hicks, Rachel Burk, Catherine Kiyota, CJ Jung, Julie Luce, Angelica Plazas, Rebecca Bodtke, head coach Abdel Salem.

# SEASON PREVIEW: FENCERS TO WATCH

The Air Force Academy fencing team opened the season on September 13th, hosting the annual Nick Toth Open. The Nick Toth has been one of the program's premier events since 1981 in memory of Master Nick Toth, who coached at Air Force from 1961-81. Each year, some of the region's top fencers compete in the Open, which allows the Academy's fencers to compete against all levels of experienced fencers before moving on to U.S. Fencing Association (USFA) competition.

Head coach Abdel Salem has been at the helm of the Academy's fencing program for 10 years. Assistant Coach Adam Skarbonkiewicz, 2002 Master of Fencing from the Academy of Physical Education in Katowice, Poland, has been with the program since 2005. Returning to the program is Anthony Pryor, who is a 2003 Academy graduate. Pryor also competed on the men's fencing team from 1999-03. Pryor earned four varsity letters while at the Academy. The combined coaching staff brings a wealth of talent, experience and leadership to the Academy's fencers and its program.

Returning this year as team captains are senior Angelica Plazas, an exchange student from Colombia, and juniors Michael O'Connor, of Charlotte, N.C., and Peter French, from Austin, Texas. These leaders are experienced fencers and will provide leadership to the men's and women's fencing team. Plazas is a 2008 all-region section in women's saber, with a 39-33 dual-meet record. O'Connor holds a 43-29 dual meet record, and was named a Mountain West Conference Scholar-Athlete for 2007-08. French is a top-rated fencer, 2008 All-American and an all-region honoree. French received the Academy's outstanding athletic achievement award for 2008; he was also named the recipient of the 2007-08 Mountain

West Conference Hal Rothman Sportsmanship Award and is the NCAA Sportsmanship Award for Division I 2008 selectee.

## Epee

**Men's** – the men's epee team will be led by French and Daniel Trapani, a sophomore from Houston, Texas. Last year, Trapani finished 11th in the junior division at the 2008 Summer Nationals. French earned All-American honors at the 2008 NCAA Championships as well as all-region honors. Both qualified for the NAAs, Trapani finished 14th, French finished sixth.

Newcomers include Sam McKinnon from Flower Mound, Texas, and Ben Rinaldi from Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Women's** – the women's epee team lost some of its top competitors, Eliza Enyart and Brynn Thoreson, to graduation in May. In 2008-09, the team will depend on senior Mary Guzowski, Tiffin, Ohio, junior Jennifer Nolta, Reston, Va., and sophomore Nicole Flint, Canaseraga, N.Y., to round out the team. Newcomers include Simone Barrette from Louisville, Ky.

## Foil

**Men's** – the men's foil team will consist of sophomores Daniel Fang from Duluth, Ga., Nick Stockdale, Lansdowne, Pa., and William Hock from Shreveport, La., to take over the



**Simone Barrette, class of 2012**

reins of competition. Stockdale earned 2008 all-region honors after finishing fifth in the NCAA West Regional Championships. He also finished 16th in Division I at the Summer Nationals in 2008. Freshmen Phil Choy from Basking Ridge, N.J., and Sam Rinaldi, Pittsburgh, Pa., join the men's foil team.

**Women's** -- the women's foil team has seniors Julie Luce, Denton, Texas, and Ainsley Allen from Grand Saline, Texas, returning to the strip. The two will be joined by freshman Naomi De La Torre of El Paso, Texas, who will help to round out the women's team.

## Saber

**Men's** – the men's saber team had a tough year last season, but with O'Connor and fellow juniors Brent Lavey, of Puyallup, Wash., and Anthony Lorenzini, a junior from Herndon, Va., the team should have a successful year. The team also looks to sophomore Chris Daniels from Woodbridge, Va., to improve upon a promising freshman season.

**Women's** – the women's saber team should have a strong season with the leadership of Angelica Plazas and the return of sophomore Rebecca Bodtke from Colorado Springs, Colo., to build upon the 2007-2008 season.



**The men's epee team will be led by Peter French and Daniel Trapani**

# SEASON PREVIEW: LOOKING TO 2008-09



**2008-09 Team Leaders**  
**Michael O'Connor, Peter French, Ainsley Allen, Julie Luce, and Angelica Plazas**

## LOOKING TO 2008-09

Air Force will have the opportunity to compete at home hosting both the Nick Toth Open, Sept. 13-14, and the Falcon Open, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, at the Cadet Field House. For the first time ever, the North American Cup is coming to Colorado Springs. In Dec. 12-14, the NAC Division I and Junior tournament will be held at the Broadmoor. The Falcons will return to Albuquerque for the New Mexico Open, Sept. 27-28. In October, the first NAC competition begins with Division II and III in Columbus, Ohio. The Junior NACs is in St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 7-10.



**Phil Choy, class of 2012**

This year, the Western Invitational will be held, Nov. 22-23 in Fullerton, Calif. Following the Invite, the Falcons return to Colorado Springs for the NAC Division I competition.

In January, the NAC Division I/Junior tournament is in Louisville, Ky., on Jan. 16-19. The Falcons will host the Falcon Open, Jan. 31-Feb. 1. The Notre Dame Invitational is Feb. 7-8. The Junior Olympics Championships is in Albuquerque, N.M., Feb. 13-16, and the NAC Division II/III tournament is scheduled for Feb. 27-March 2 in Atlanta, Ga.



*At the 2008 Nick Toth Open, Daniel Trapani finished second, while Peter French tied for third in senior mixed epee.*

With most of the NACs under their belts, the Academy's fencing team will travel to Stanford, Calif., for the Western Regional Championships, March 7-8. Last season, the Falcons had two fencers at the regionals qualify for the nationals. This year, the team is looking to improve on the number of qualifiers. The 2009 NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Championships will be held at Penn State, March 19-22. The final Division I NAC is in Portland, Ore., April 24-27. Summer Nationals will conclude the season for the Falcons, July 7-12, in Grapevine, Texas.



**Nicole Flint**

## AINSLEY ALLEN

Senior - Grand Saline, Texas. - Materials Chemistry-Foil



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Event	Place
9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	9th
10/20/2007	Rocky Mtn Collegiate	12th
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	8th

**2007-08:** Finished ninth in women's foil at the New Mexico Open in September ... placed 34th in the mixed event ... took eighth place in the women's event at the Nick Toth Open ... finished 31st in the mixed event ... at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate in Denver, she finished 12th ... went 4-8 at the Western Invitational ... helped the women's foil team to a 17-19 team record ... she had a 5-13 record at the Brandeis Invite.

**2006-07:** She finished seventh in the Nick Toth Open in women's saber ... followed that top-10 finish with her fourth-place showing at the New Mexico Open ... finished fifth at the Falcon Open.

**2005-06:** Team manager ... freshman walk-on.

**Before Air Force:** Played volleyball and tennis at Grand Saline ... earned two letters in tennis and one in volleyball ... academic all state in volleyball ... second team all-county in volleyball and was district champion in tennis ... National Honor Society president ... parents are LaRue and Donna Allen ... has two brothers, Grant and Ross ... enjoys playing the piano. **Academy:** Major is materials chemistry ... spent fall 2005 on the dean's and athletics' lists ... listed on the dean and commandant's lists in spring 2006 ... completed Operation Air Force at Scott AFB, Ill. ... also completed soaring ... academic goal is to remain on the dean's list ... member of squadron 16 "Chickenhawks" ... received an Air Force chemist slot ... squadron academic clerk ... wants a career in research or OSI ... 2007-08 superintendent's list ... spent third summer period as the Administrative Squadron Commander ... 2007-08 recipient of the Mountain West Conference Scholar-Athlete award.



Right, Ainsley Allen finished ninth in women's foil at the New Mexico Open in 2007.

## REBECCA BODTKE

Sophomore - Naples, Italy - Biology and Russian - Saber



**Before Air Force:** Attended the Naples American High

School in Italy ... lettered once in track/cross country, three times in soccer, three in volleyball and twice in softball ... all conference Europe Soccer in 2005 ... Freshman of the Year in volleyball (2004) ... National Honor Society ... Alabama Governor's School ... honor roll eight semesters ... National European Humanities and Science Symposium finalist ... Linguafest representative ... parents are Michael and Barbara Bodtke ... brother Chris is 2.

**Academy:** Intended major is biology with a minor in Russian ... member of Cadet Squadron 27 - Fabulous Thunderbirds ... would like to become a flight surgeon ... fly A-10 ... travel ... squadron PEER (for morale and welfare) ... C3 Element NCO (duties include keeping track and organizing a team of people) ... class representative/chief clerk as a freshman (freshman and upper classes liaison) ... made superintendent's list twice ... summer assignments included CST Cadre (first period) ... Global Engagement (second period) ... Russia Summer Language Immersion Program for Cadets (CSLIP)... enjoys reading, running, snowboarding, Russian and Italian music, and working out ... nickname is Bonkers.



Jennifer Nolta's top finishes as a sophomore were at the New Mexico Open (11th) and the Nick Toth Open (13th).

## MARY GUZOWSKI

Senior - Tiffin, Ohio - Engineering Mechanics - Epee



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Event	Place
9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	7th
10/20/2007	Rocky Mtn Collegiate	9th
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	15th
12/01/2007	Falcon Open	7th

**2007-08:** Her best finishes of the season came in the New Mexico Open (7th), Rocky Mountain Collegiate (9th) and the Falcon Open (7th) ... was 2-4 at the Western Invitational.

**Before Air Force:** Attended Tiffin Columbian H.S. ... member of the National Honor Society ... parents are Bruce and Jeanette Guzowski ... six siblings, Brian, John, Peter, Tommy, Jenny and Sarah ... brother, Peter, is a junior at USAFA. **Academy:** Major is engineering mechanics ... wants to attend pilot training and have an Air Force flying career ... Cadet Squadron 17 training NCO ... made dean's list all four semesters ... 2007: first period Summer Language Immersion in Berlin, Germany ... member of BCT cadre for second period.

## NICOLE FLINT

Sophomore - Canaseraga, N.Y. - Behavioral Sciences - Epee



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Event	Place
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	12th
12/01/2007	Falcon Open	12th

**2007-08:** Finished 12th in women's epee at the Nick Toth Open ... also finished 12th at the Falcon Open ... finished 48th in the mixed event ... went up against one competitor in the Western Invitational and won ... at the NAC "E" tournament, she finished tied for 90th place in Division II. **Before Air Force:** Graduated from Canaseraga Central High School ... earned one letter in basketball and one in soccer ... member of the National Honor Society and class valedictorian ... parents are Jess and Valerie Flint ... has three siblings: Seth, Jessica and Sawyer. **Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 12 - the Dirty Dozen ... majoring in behavioral sciences.

## JULIE LUCE

Senior - Denton,  
Texas - Mechanical  
Engineering - Foil



**2007-08:** Spent the first semester as an exchange student at the Naval Academy ... her only competition came in the Western Invitational where she finished 2-5 ... competed in the Duke Invite ... suffered 12 losses ... went 2-16 in the Brandeis Invite ... currently has a 12-53 dual-meet record at Air Force.

**2006-07:** She spent most of the season as team manager ... season-best finish at the Falcon Open, finishing seventh in women's foil ... she also finished 25th in mixed-foil event ... dual-meet record was 8-20.

**2005-06:** Team manager.

**2004-05:** Freshman walk-on ... team manager.

**Before Air Force:** High school sports included volleyball and softball ... earned two letters in volleyball ... member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National and Honor Societies ... parents are Clarice and Larry Luce ... has one sister, Lori.

**Community Relations:** Volunteer for the Salvation Army Back-to-School program

**Academy:** Completed Operation Air Force training at McChord AFB ... completed the Jump Program and participated in Global Engagement summer 2006 ... has earned a pilot slot ... completed a semester exchange program at the US Naval Academy in fall of 2007 ... participated in language immersion programs in both Peru and Spain ... major is mechanical engineering ... member of Cadet Squadron 23 ... won the team's outstanding academic performance award as a junior ... 2007-08 recipient of the Mountain West Conference Scholar-Athlete award.

## JENNIFER NOLTA

Junior - Reston, Va. -  
Foreign Area Studies  
- Epee



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Event	Place
9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	11th
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	13th

**2007-08:** Her top finishes as a sophomore were at the New Mexico Open (11th) and the Nick Toth Open (13th) ... she also finished 49th in New Mexico ... in the Nick Toth Open, she also finished tied for 62nd place in open epee ... she tied for 43rd place in open epee in Falcon Open ... she was 2-16 at the Duke Invitational ... had a 4-14 record at Brandeis Invite.

**Before Air Force:** Attended South Lakes High School ... earned three letters in soccer, two in track and four in diving ... member of the National Honor Society and German Honor Society ... has the ability to solve a Rubik's cube ... enjoys snowboarding, golfing and playing guitar ... parents are Mike and Christy Nolta ... has two siblings, Thomas and Sarah ... brother attended the USAFA ... grandfather graduated from USMA in 1962.

**Academy:** Major is Foreign Area Studies (Europe) ... wants to fly bombers ... 2007: attended Operation Air Force at Ramstein AFB, Germany ... completed Global Engagement and Jump during third period.



Senior Julie Luce was an exchange student at Navy in 2007-08.

## ANGELICA PLAZAS

Team  
Captain

Senior - Bogota,  
Colombia -  
Economics - Saber



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Event	Place
9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	3rd T
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	2nd
12/1/2007	Falcon Open	3rd T
1/12/2008	Western Invitational	7-5
2/2/2008	Brandeis Invite	13-5
2/9/2008	Duke Invitational	6-6
3/2/2008	NCAA West Regionals	6th

**2008 All-Region** ... Senior Angelica Plazas has made vast improvements over the past three years ... she was the 2007 Nick Toth Open women's saber runner-up ... finished sixth at regional ... currently holds a 39-33 (.542) dual-meet record at Air Force.

**2007-08:** Tied for third place at the New Mexico Open ... also finished 22nd in th mixed event ... finished 16th in the mixed event ... tied for third place in the Falcon Open ... won 59 percent of her dual bouts during the season ... finished sixth to earn all-region honors at the

NCAA West Regionals.

**2006-07:** Her season-best performance came at the New Mexico Open ... finished third in women's saber ... tied for third at the Falcon Open ... finished in the top 10 at the Nick Toth Open in sixth place ... at regionals, she was eighth in saber ... won over 40 percent of her dual-meets in 2006-07.

**2005-06:** Finished 17th in mixed saber at the Falcon Open ... performed manager duties for the team.

**Before Air Force:** Spent 18 months at the Colombian Air Force Academy ... graduated from Colegio Anglo-Americano ... parents are Gustavo and Esperanza Plazas ... has one brother, Gustavo ... father attended the Colombian Air Force Academy.

**Academy:** Member of the commandant's and dean's lists ... exchange cadet from Colombia ... spent the summer of 2006 with the Colombian Air Force ... major is economics ... wants to become a pilot following graduation ... member of Cadet Squadron 10 ... 2007: spent second period at Operation Air Force ... was a member of the basic training cadre ... 2008: she was also a member of the cadre for the Falcon Sports Camps ... during Basic Cadet Training (BCT), she worked the low crawl and high crawl obstacle, the obstacle course is composed of a series of obstacles challenging the basics of 2012 both mentally and physically, during the first two weeks of second BCT.



"I remember pushing myself past what I thought I was capable of in order to cross the water pit located at the final obstacle," Plazas recalls of her freshman BCT. "It has been rewarding and a memorable experience and I hope the obstacle course will continue to be part of the BCT in the future," Angelica Plazas.

## LANTZ BALTHAZAR

Sophomore -  
Niceville, Fla. - Major  
undeclared - Epee



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Event	Place
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	44th
12/1/2007	Falcon Open	40th
3/7/2008	NAC E Division III	44th

**2007-08:** Had limited action as a freshman ... finished in the top 40 at three events ... finished 44th in the Nick Toth Open mixed epee event ... at Falcon Open, he finished 40th ... at NAC "E" tournament, he finished 44th in Division III ... earned junior varsity letter.

**Before Air Force:** Graduate of Rocky Bayou Christian ... lettered in soccer once ... parents are Lantz and Lou Balthazar ... has five siblings: Casey, Mary, Josiah, Nathan and Zachary ... father graduated from USAFA in 1981 ... enjoys playing the drums and video games.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 34.

## CURTIS CHRISTENSEN

Sophomore - Los  
Alamos, N.M. -  
Management - Foil



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Event	Place
9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	13th
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	29th
12/1/2007	Falcon Open	14th
3/7/2008	NAC "E" Division III	21st

**2007-08:** Varsity letter winner as a freshman ... started the season with a 13th-place showing at the New Mexico Open ... finished 29th at the Nick Toth Open ... in men's epee, he finished 108th among 244 at the NAC Junior competition ... finished 14th at the Falcon Open ... finished 3-5 at Duke ... at the NAC Division I tournament, he finished 211th ... has a 4-5 dual meet record as a freshman ... at the NAC "E" tournament, he finished 21st among 147 in Division III.

**Before Air Force:** Graduate of Berea High School ... high school coaches were Tom Hill and North Carey ... earned three varsity letters in fencing ... was fencing state champion in 2006 ... parents are Kirk and Gretta Christensen ... siblings are Kristi, Kyle, Marit and Micaela ... enjoys playing the guitar and singing.

**Academy:** Majoring in management ... won the team's outstanding academic performance award as a freshman ... wants a career as an Air Force officer ... member of Cadet Squadron 02 ... 2007-08 recipient of the Mountain West Conference Scholar-Athlete Award.

## CHRIS DANIELS

Sophomore -  
Woodbridge, Va. -  
Electrical Engineering  
- Epee



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Event	Place
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	29th
12/1/2007	Falcon Open	3rd
1/13/2008	Western Invitational	1-1

**2007-08:** Varsity letter winner as a freshman ... finished 29th at the Nick Toth Open ... finished in third place at the Falcon Open ... finished 108th among 244 at the NAC Junior competition ... finished 3-5 at Duke ... at the NAC Division I tournament, he finished 211th ... has a 4-5 dual-meet record as a freshman ... at the NAC "E" tournament, he finished 21st among 147 in Division III.

**Academy:** Majoring in electrical engineering ... member of Cadet Squadron 27.

## DANIEL FANG

Sophomore - Duluth,  
Ga. - Economics -  
Foil



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Event	Place
9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	6th
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	3T
11/13/2008	Western Invitational	8-8
2/2/2008	Brandeis Invitational	7-8

**2007-08:** Varsity letter winner ... top finishes came at the New Mexico Open ... finished sixth ... tied for third at Nick Toth Open ... also finished 183rd at the NAC Juniors ... went 8-8 at the Western Invite ... finished 188th at NAC Division I ... had a 7-8 win/loss at Brandeis Invite ... finished the season with a 15-16 freshman record.

**Before Air Force:** Graduated from Mt. Pisgah Christian School ... earned a varsity letter in cross country ... high school coach was Walid Mahran ... currently holds a B2007 rating in USFA ... placed first in several local tournaments in fencing ... parents are Ted and Amy Fang ... has two siblings, David, a senior at USAFA, and Deborah ... enjoys paintball, autocross, cars, guitar and fencing.

**Academy:** Major is Economics... wants to attend pilot training after graduation ... member of Cadet Squadron 10.

## PETER FRENCH

Junior - Austin, Texas  
- System Engineering  
- Epee



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Tournament	Finish
9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	1st
10/14/2007	Junior World Cup	9th
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	9th
12/1/2007	Falcon Open	3T
11/11/2007	NAC Junior	3T
12/9/2007	Richmond NAC C D1	15th
1/13/2008	Western Invitational	11-2
1/26/2008	Junior World Cup	3rd
2/2/2008	Brandeis Invitational	11-4
2/8/2008	Duke Invite	12-3
2/15/2008	Junior Olympics	1st
3/2/2008	NCAA Regionals	1st
3/13/2008	NCAA Championships	6th
4/11/2008	Junior World Championships	51st
4/25/2008	Division I Championships	41st

**2008 All-American and All-Region** ... Junior Peter French has been one of the Academy's top fencers in his first two seasons at Air Force ... all-region in 2007 and 2008 ... All-American in 2008 ... traveled to Europe for Junior World Cup and Championships ... currently holds a 61-12 (.835) dual-meet record at Air Force ... he received the Academy's outstanding athletic achievement award for 2008 ... he was named the recipient of 2007-08 MWC Hal Rothman Sportsmanship Award ... received the NCAA Sportsmanship Award for Division I.

**2007-08:** Earned his second varsity letter ... finished sixth at the NCAAs ... first in the region with a record of 11-2 ... bronze at the Junior World Cup in Basel, Switzerland ... won the men's epee championship at the 2008 Junior Olympics ... also earned the No. 2 spot on the 2008 Junior World Team ... finished 51st ... epee champion in three events: New Mexico Open, Junior Olympics and NCAA Western Regionals ... finished the season with a 34-9 record ... he competed in the Division I Championships in Portland, Ore., in April ... finished 41st among 58.

**2006-07:** Qualified for the NCAA Fencing Championships with a fourth-place finish at regionals ... finished 14th at NCAAs ... overall dual-meet record was 27-3 ... in April, he competed in the Div. I NAC "F" tournament, finishing sixth ... the men's epee champion at the New Mexico Open ... earned second-team all-region honors after finishing fourth in the 2007 Western Regionals ... competed in the Summer Nationals junior division ... finished ninth ... finished 33rd in Division 1.

**Before Air Force:** Ranked No. 2 in the junior men's epee point standings ... finished fourth in junior men's epee point standings for 2005-06 (first alternate) ... in

2006, Division I North American Cup (NAC) finished 14th ... traveled to Tauberbischofsheim, Germany in January 2006 for the Junior World Cup, finished 15th ... finished ninth at the 2006 Junior NACs ... the 15th-place finisher in Division I NAC in December 2005 ... finished 31st at 2005 Junior World Cup in Laupheim, Germany ... fifth-place finisher at the 2005 Junior NAC ... top finish, third, in junior epee came in at the Summer Nationals (2005).

**Academy:** Major is system engineering ... member of Cadet Squadron 31 ... wants to attend pilot training ... goals: to compete in all Junior and Senior NACs ... 2008-09 begins his senior competition ... and compete in World Cups in Slovakia, Germany, Hungary and Spain ... made the dean and commandant's lists (2006) ... in 2008, he received the Academy's athletic achievement award.

*"Making the World Team is a great honor," said French. "I'm glad I was able to meet my hopes and the expectations of my coach and teammates. I worked hard and fenced well last season, so it felt very good to earn the selection to the World Team."*

**WILLIAM HOCK**  
 Sophomore -  
 Shreveport, La. -  
 Systems Engineering  
 Management and  
 French - Foil



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Tournament	Finish
10/20/2007	Rocky Mtn Collegiate	2nd
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	22nd
1/12/2008	Western Invitational	3-5

**2007-08:** Started his freshman year off as the senior mixed foil runner up at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate in October ... placed 22nd in the Nick Toth Open ... at NAC Juniors, he finished 182nd ... went 3-5 in the Western Invitational ... competed in the Junior Olympics ... earned a varsity letter ... overall dual-meet record is 7-28.

**Before Air Force:** Graduated from Caddo Parish Magnet High School ... member of the National Honor Society and honor roll ... earned a varsity letter in fencing ... head coach was Andy Shaw ... parents are Richard and Ulrica Hock ... grandfather graduated from West Point in 1955 ... siblings are Amanda, Diana and Waverly ... enjoys snowboarding.

**Academy:** Would like to become an Air Force pilot ... member of Cadet Squadron 40 -- the Warhawks.

ber of the National Honor Society ... NHS president ... Student Council representative ... was recruited by West Point and Brown University ... brother Rick graduated from USAFA and is a C17 pilot ... parents are Rick Kerr, Lt Col, US Army, Ret. and Carol Kerr, Col, US Army, Ret.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 05 ... would like to become a helicopter pilot ... major is operations research.

**IAN HOCKING**  
 Sophomore -  
 Colorado Springs,  
 Colo. - Mechanical  
 Engineering - Foil



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Tournament	Finish
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	5th
12/1/2007	Falcon Open	6th
1/13/2008	Western Invitational	5-3

**2007-08:** As a freshman, he took fifth at the Nick Toth Open ... competed in the Western Invitational and finished 5-3 ... finished sixth in the Falcon Open.

**Before Air Force:** Home schooled ... coached by Ray Bautista and Chris Pullo ... is an Eagle Scout ... parents are Steven and Elise Hocking ... has three brothers, Christopher, David and Nathan ... father graduated from USAFA in 1978 ... brothers Christopher graduated in '06 and David in '07 ... Nathan is a senior at Air Force ... was also accepted to West Point ... enjoys playing the French horn and piano and playing in orchestras and band.

**Academy:** Is majoring in mechanical engineering ... member of Cadet Squadron 07.

**JOHN KERR**  
 Sophomore -  
 Shippensburg, Pa. -  
 Operations Research  
 - Epee



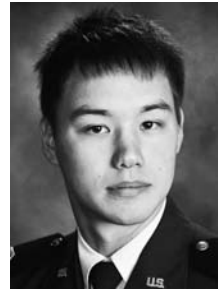
### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Tournament	Finish
10/20/2007	Rocky Mtn Collegiate	15th
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	56th
3/7/2008	NAC "E" Division III	52nd

**2007-08:** Earned a junior varsity letter ... finished 15th at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate ... finished 56th at the Nick Toth Open ... competed in one bout at the Western Invitational and lost ... finished 52nd out of 81 competitors at the NAC "E" Division III tournament.

**Before Air Force:** Graduate of Shippensburg High School ... earned three varsity letters in football ... sophomore year, honorable mention all-conference ... senior year, second team all-conference and Top-50 Mid State linebacker ... coached by Eric Foust ... mem-

**BRENT LAVEY**  
 Junior - Puyallup,  
 Wash. - Biology and  
 Japanese - Saber



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Tournament	Finish
9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	17th
10/20/2007	Rocky Mtn Collegiate	4th
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	12th

**2007-08:** Had three top 20 finishes ... finished 17th at the New Mexico Open ... took fourth place at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate ... finished 12th at the Nick Toth Open ... finished 91st in Division II NAC "E" competition ... earned a junior varsity letter. **2006-07:** Contributed to the program as a team manager.

**Before Air Force:** Graduated from Emerald Ridge High School ... coaches were Rick Burnley, Shane Siliva and Gary Osborne ... parents are Jack and Sun Lavey ... lettered once each in track and cross country ... National Honor Society officer ... made honor roll seven semesters ... enjoys snowboarding, camping and playing sports.

**Community Relations:** Volunteer judge for 2008 Remington Elementary School 5th Grade Science Fair.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 04, the Fighting Fourth ... major is biochemistry with a Japanese minor ... earned athletic's pin ... spent second period at Operation Air Force in Mildenhall UK ... completed Global Engagement and earned his jump wings in third period.

## ANTHONY LORENZINI

Junior - Herndon, Va.  
- Foreign Area  
Studies - Saber



**2007-08:** Competed in the New Mexico Open and took 15th ... tore his ACL and missed most of the season ... earned a varsity letter for his contributions to the team.

**2006-07:** Contributed to the program as a team manager.

**Before Air Force:** Home schooled ... parents are Ed and Elizabeth Lorenzini ... has three siblings, Zachary, Jessica and Amanda ... father Edward Lorenzini ('84), uncle Dino Lorenzini Jr. ('85), and grandfather Dino Lorenzini ('62) graduated from USAFA ... his mother, Elizabeth (Alvarez) Lorenzini, also graduated in '86.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 05 ... majoring in Foreign Area Studies (Russian) ... plans on attending pilot training or going into intelligence after graduation ... squadron's Standardizations and Evaluations NCO ... named to superintendent's list.

## MICHAEL O'CONNOR Team Captain

Junior - Charlotte, N.C.  
- Astronautical  
Engineering/  
Mathematical science  
- Saber



### 2007-08 Top Finishes

Date	Event	Place
9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	3T
10/20/2007	Rocky Mtn Collegiate	1st
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open, Saber	1st
12/1/2007	Falcon Open	1st
1/12/2008	Western Invitational	8-7
2/2/2008	Brandeis Invitational	8-7
2/8/2008	Duke Invitational	8-7
3/2/2008	Western Regionals	7th

**2008 All-Region** ... Junior Michael O'Connor is a men's saber team leader ... he is a two-time all-region ... as a sophomore, he won the Nick Toth Open mixed saber event and won the Falcon Open ... finished the season winning over 50 percent of his dual meets ... he currently holds a 45-30 meet record at Air Force.

**2007-08:** He tied for third among 25 saber competitors at the New Mexico Open ... won the mixed saber event and took 11th place in the open saber competition at the Nick Toth Open ... won the Falcon Open and the Rocky Mountain Collegiate ... tied for 78th at the NAC Division I meet ... had a 8-7 record at the Western Invitational ... 8-7 at Duke ... seventh at regionals ... is a varsity letter winner.

**2006-07:** Earned his spot on the Falcons' saber team ... had a freshman dual-meet record of 21-9 ... finished 24th at the NCAA championships ... was the No. 3 finisher at the West Regional Championships ... his top finishes included second place at the Colorado Cup ... seventh and sixth at the Nick Toth Open and New Mexico Open, respectively.

**Before Air Force:** Attended Charlotte Latin School ... 2006 North Carolina Divisional champion in foil ... Southeast Section Junior Foil runner-up ... fencing coach was Alan Blakeborough of the Knights of Siena Fencing Club ... earned three varsity letters in cross country ... coached by Mike Weiss ... earned four varsity letters in track, coached by Robert Wayne ... his 4x400-meter relay team won the state championship his senior year ... ran at the 2006 Penn Relays ... team was the overall state championship runner-up ... member of Cum Laude Society ... honor roll student ... five-time Junior Olympics competitor ... earned a "B05" U.S. Fencing Association rating in saber and "C06" in foil ... parents are Chris and Phyllis O'Connor ... has one sister, Jessica.

**Community Relations:** Volunteer judge for Remington Elementary School 2007 and 2008 Science Fairs.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 16 - the Chickenhawks ... majoring in astronautical engineering and mathematical science ... minor in philosophy ... wants to continue his fencing career after graduation ... wants to be a pilot and attend graduate school ... Cadet Squadron 16 Athletics NCO ... made commandant's list four times, dean's list four times, athletic's list twice and superintendent's list twice ... spent first two summer periods at Lackland AFB with AETC Summer Leadership ... earned the team's outstanding academic performance award as a sophomore ... 2006-07 and 2007-08 recipient of the Mountain West Conference Scholar-Athlete award.



Junior Michael O'Connor is a two-time all-region.

## NICK STOCKDALE

Sophomore -  
Lansdowne, Pa., -  
Major undeclared -  
Foil



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

Date	Event	Place
9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	1st
1/13/2008	Western Invitational	13-2
2/2/2008	Brandeis Dual	12-3
2/8/2008	Duke Invite	9-6
2/18/2008	Junior Olympics	20th
3/2/2008	NCAA Regionals	5th
4/25/2008	Division I Championships	37th
7/1-10/2008	Summer Nationals D1	16th

**2008 All-Region** ... Sophomore Nick Stockdale is fast becoming one of the teams top foil fencers ... in 2007-08, he accumulated an impressive 38-14 freshman record.

**2007-08:** Earned his first varsity letter as a freshman ... won the men's foil title at the New Mexico Open ... AFA dual record is 34-11 (.755) ... won 13 bouts, losing two at the Western Invitationals ... earned all-region honors, finishing fifth at Western Regionals (4-3) ... during the post-season, he competed in the Division I Championships ... he finished 37th among 43 ... at the 2008 Summer Nationals, he finished 16th among 94 in Division 1.



Above, right, Stockdale is a two-time New Mexico Open champion (2007 - 2008).

**Before Air Force:** Home schooled ... high school coach was Mark Masters ... also finished 31st/137 at the NAC-C Division I tournament in 2006 ... is currently ranked A2007 in USFA ... also finished 31st in World Cup in Montreal ... parents are Jef and Roxanne Stockdale ... has five siblings: Jason, Christina, Alexander, Laura and Simon ... older brother Jason is a second lieutenant in USAF ... Jason graduated in 2007 and was an NCAA All-American in fencing for USAFA.

**Academy:** Member of Squadron 19.

**Before Air Force:** Was home schooled ... competed in fencing and was team captain his last two years of high school ... coached by Andrea Geva at Alliance Fencing Academy ... tied for third in men's epee in the junior division of the NAC-D tournament ... also finished 41st/265 in Division I ... went on to compete in the 2007 Junior Olympics ... finished 17th/228 in epee ... finished 16th/176 NAC-F ... ranked A2007 in USFA ... parents are William and Anne Trapani ... has three siblings: Katie, Laura and Nicholas ... member of the National Honor Society and was president and vice president his last two years in high school ... enjoys paint-balling.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 10 -- Tiger Ten ... majoring in foreign area studies with a minor in Russian ... would like to become an intelligence officer or join the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

**JOE EASTMAN**  
Senior - Colts Neck, N.J. - Social Sciences - Epee



**Before Air Force:** Lettered in track/cross country three times ... one letter in swimming and four in volleyball ... high school coach was Mr. Sebastiani ... enjoys paintball, skiing, camping, volleyball, and watching movies ... competed in the modern pentathlon before USAFA ... in 2002 and 2003, he was first in the nation for 16 and under ... in 2004, he was second in the nation for the modern pentathlon for 18 and under ... parents are Edward and Patricia Eastman ... brother Ned is 22 and sister Susie is 17.

**Academy:** Major is social science ... will attend pilot training after graduation ... wants to fly A-10s ... member of Cadet Squadron 38 -- the All-Stars ... squadron jobs included element NCO, element leader, Ops/Exec NCO, and assistant director of operations ... currently on the dean and commandant's lists ... completed the soaring program and was able to solo in the glider ... completed Global Engagement and summer academics ... completed Operations Air Force at Tinker, Okla. ... cadre for the OPS Warrior course during second BCT as an aggressor ... also completed Ops Air Force CIC to Randolph, Texas ... cadre for CATM course during second BCT.

## DANIEL TRAPANI

Sophomore - Houston, Texas - Foreign Area Studies and Russian - Epee



### 2007-08 TOP FINISHES

9/15/2007	New Mexico Open	2nd
10/27/2007	Nick Toth Open	5th
11/11/2007	NAC Junior	8th
12/1/2007	Falcon Open	1st
1/13/2008	Western Invitational	13-2
2/2/2008	Brandeis Invitational	11-4
2/8/2008	Duke Invitational	14-1
2/15/2008	Junior Olympics	54T
3/2/2008	NCAA Regionals	2nd
3/13/2008	NCAA Championships	14th
7/1-10/2008	Summer Nationals Juniors.	11th
	Summer Nationals D1	37th

**2008 All-Region** ... Sophomore Daniel Trapani is proving to be one of the team's stronger competitors ... as a freshman he recorded a 49-10 (.830) record for the year ... a varsity letter winner ... he won the Falcon Open ... earned all-region with 11 victories and three losses at the Western Regionals ... was an NCAA qualifier, finished 14th ... in the post-season Summer Nationals, he finished 11th among 119 in the junior competition ... he was 37th/114 in Division I.

**2007-08:** He finished second at the New Mexico Open ... took fifth-place at the Nick Toth Open ... finished eighth out of 204 at the NAC Junior competition ... went 13-2 at the Western Invite in January ... finished 11-4 at Brandeis and 14-1 at Duke.



Sophomore Daniel Trapani is proving to be one of the team's stronger competitors. As a freshman he recorded a 49-10 (.830) record for the year.

## Simone Ellyse Barrette

**Hometown:** Louisville, Ky.  
**High School:** DuPont Manual



**Before Air Force:** Attended DuPont Manual High School ... coached by Pat Kelly ... Bluegrass state games champion for fencing (six times) ... No. 1 female epee fencer in the Kentucky Division (four years) ... made honor roll four years ... National Spanish Honor Society ... Beta Club ... would like to attend graduate school ... also recruited by Northwestern, Princeton and Ohio State University ... enjoys art, reading and sewing ... parents are Dana J Barrette and Karen E. Roepken ... has one brother, Bryce age 17.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 03 – Dogs of War.



Senior Joe Eastman discusses strategy with freshman Simone Barrette

## Christina Cassabaum

**Hometown:** Tucson, Ariz.  
**High School:** Sabino



**Before Air Force:** Graduated from Sabino High School ... parents are William and Mary Cassabaum.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 38 – the Almighty All-Stars ... would like to major in electrical engineering.

## Kaitlyn Bogan

**Hometown:** Colfax, Wis.  
**High School:** Colfax



**Before Air Force:** Lettered four times in track/cross country at Colfax High School ... cross country team was Team Sectional champions her junior and senior years ... state qualifier (junior, senior) ... second team all-conference as a senior ... state qualifier in track all four years ... first team all-conference (4x400) as a sophomore and senior ... second team all-conference (400m) as a sophomore, junior and senior ... MVP her senior year ... National Honor Society ... salutatorian ... Dunn County Top 10 Percent ... parents are Craig and Amy Bogan ... sister Emma is 16 years old.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 12 – Dirty Dozen ... intended major is Foreign Area Studies (Middle East) ... would like a career as an intelligence officer or be a pilot.

## Phil Choy

**Hometown:** Basking Ridge, N.J.  
**High School:** Ridge



**Before Air Force:** Lettered three years in fencing at Ridge High School ... all state third team his junior year ... fenced at Fencing Academy of South Jersey ... coached by Andy Ma ... holds a US Fencing Association "B" rating in both epee and foil ... enjoys fencing and snowboarding ... parents are David and Lillian Choy ... brother Jason is 17, sister LeeAnn is nine years old ... also attended the USAFA Prep School.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 23 – the Barnstormers ... intended major is engineering ... wants to attend pilot training ... would like an Air Force career as a mechanical engineer.

## Naomi De La Torre

**Hometown:** El Paso, Texas  
**High School:** Socorro



**Before Air Force:** Graduated from Socorro High School ... coaches were Bill and Mariette Towery ... National Technical Honor Society ... lettered in journalism ... received President's Award ... Student Council ... Health Occupations Student of America (HOSA) ... parents are Richard and Laura De La Torre ... Colonel Naomi Lawless, USAF, is her aunt ... also had campus visits with Texas Tech and UTEP ... enjoys reading, writing, playing guitar and snowboarding ... famous quote: "life's no fun without a good challenge to shake things up a bit" and "Laugh through the good times and smile through the bad times," quotes to live by.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 20 – Tough Twenty Trolls ... intended major is behavioral science ... would like to have a career in emergency medicine.

## Chelsea Esenwein

**Hometown:** Washingtonville, Ohio  
**High School:** Leetonia



**Before Air Force:** Attended Leetonia High School ... earned two letters in soccer ... four in cross country ... cross country all-Columbiana honorable mention ... K.O. Drugs Boxing Tournament champion ... all county academic team ... valedictorian ... National Honor Society ... Great Lakes Scholar Award recipient ... Americanism and Government award ... honor roll ... parents are Edward and Carol Esenwein ... brother Matthew is 26.

**Academy:** Major is undecided ... member of Cadet Squadron 12 – the Dirty Dozen.

## CJ Jung

**Hometown:** Waynesville, Mo.  
**High School:** Waynesville



**Before Air Force:** Attended Waynesville High School ... also attended the USAFA Prep School ... member of the National Honor Society ... made honor roll ... hobbies include traveling, drawing, painting, fishing and camping ... parents are Sung Taek Jung and Kyung Suk Choi ... has one sister, Rachael, 13.

**Academy:** Intended major is management ... would like a career in information management and make the Air Force her career ... member of Cadet Squadron 04 – Fightin' Fourth.

## Catherine Kiyota

**Hometown:** Wahiawa, Hawaii  
**High School:** Leilehua



**Before Air Force:** Attended the USAFA Prep School ... played soccer ... parents are Ronald and Heide Kiyota ... has two sisters, Heather (23) and Michelle (19) ... Michelle also attends USAFA and is on the fencing team ... Leilehua High School's magnum cum laude ... earned intergraded science award ... hobbies include: playing the cello and dance.

**Academy:** Major is undecided ... member of Cadet Squadron 07 – the Shadow Seven.

## Michelle Kiyota

**Hometown:** Wahiawa, Hawaii  
**High School:** Leilehua



**Before Air Force:** Graduated from Leilehua High School ... valedictorian ... made Principal's list ... played soccer for the USAFA Prep School ... hobbies include dance and the cello ... parents are Ronald and Heide Kiyota ... sister Catherine (19) also attends the USAFA and is on the fencing team ... sister Heather (23).

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 23 – the Barnstormers ... major is undecided ... would like to be an Air Force pilot ... would like a career as an astronaut.

## Amanda

### Terry

**Hometown:** Fort Worth, Texas  
**High School:** Brewer



**Before Air Force:** Graduated from Brewer High School ... high school coach was Coach Ganniger ... earned three varsity letters in soccer ... and one in cross country ... was second team all district (2005) in soccer ... cross country regional qualifier (2004) ... soccer most inspirational player (2007, 2008) ... soccer and cross country academic all-athletic (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008) ... National Honor Society vice president ... salutatorian ... Female Student Athlete of the Year ... junior class president ... National Honor Society Distinguished Service Award winner ... parents are Robert Terry and Deborah Hernandez ... brothers Anthony (17), Joseph (7) and sister Samantha (three).

**Academy:** Major is undecided ... would like to become an astronaut ... member of Cadet Squadron 33 – the King Ratz.

## Saskia

### Hicks

**Hometown:** Waterloo, Belgium  
**High School:** St. John's International School



**Before Air Force:** Graduated from St. John's International School in Belgium ... National Honor Society ... parents are Larry and Lisa Hicks ... brother Theo is 16, sister Izzy is 13.

**Academy:** Major is undecided ... member of Cadet Squadron 18 – the Nightriders.

## Mister

### Jackson III

**Hometown:** Phoenix, Ariz.  
**High School:** North



**Before Air Force:** Graduated from North High School ... coaches were Rolly (Rolando) Arroyo, Dirk Moonen and Amber Nichols ... National Honor Society ... honor roll ... parents are Ronald and Georgia Jackson ... sister, Precious, is 10 years old ... enjoys riding roller coasters, singing, dancing, acting, and hanging out with friends.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 21 – Blackjacks ... intended major is Economics.

## Katherine

### Lyons

**Hometown:** Charlottesville, Va.  
**High School:** Alemarle



**Before Air Force:** Lettered three times in soccer ... National Honor Society ... National Science Honor Society (vice president) ... National English Honor Society (treasurer) ... Math Honor Society ... honor roll (four years) ... parents are Charles Lyons and Sarah Jackson ... has four siblings: Juliana Jackson, Jenifer Jackson, Trey Lyons and Jay Lyons.

**Academy:** Would like to major in astronautical engineering ... would like a career in space and missiles.

## Sam

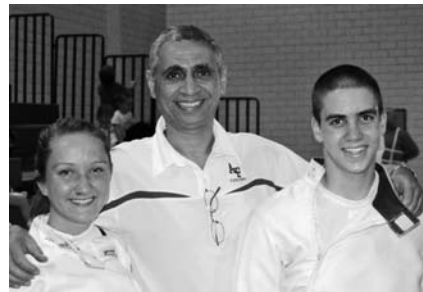
### McKinnon

**Hometown:** Flower Mound, Texas  
**High School:** Coram Deo Academy



**Before Air Force:** Graduated from Coram Deo Academy ... coached by Mohammed Elsakhawy ... earned one varsity letter in track/cross country, four in soccer ... 2006-07 All District Midfield ... 2007-08 All District Forward ... parents are Frank and Ann McKinnon ... siblings are: Caleb (20), Aaron (17) and Katy (15) ... Father (1979) and uncle (1978) are military academy graduates ... enjoys the outdoors, working out and music ... campus visits included the Naval Academy and U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 09 – Viking Nine ... major is not decided ... would like to be a combat rescue officer or special tactics officer.



*Jennifer Nolta, head coach Abdel Salem and Sam McKinnon take a photo op at the 2008 Nick Toth Open.*

## Geoffrey

### Pamerleau

**Hometown:** Annandale, N.J.  
**High School:** North Hunterdon



**Before Air Force:** Fences saber ... has four years of fencing experience ... two years of track and field (javelin).

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 03 – the Dogs of War.

## Ben

### Rinaldi

**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, Pa.  
**High School:** Pennsylvania Cyber Charter



**Before Air Force:** Graduated from Pennsylvania Cyber Charter ... high school coach was Frank Foley ... 2007 Summer Nationals – seventh in Division II Epee ... 18th Division IA epee ... parents are Philip and Cynthia Rinaldi ... has two brothers, Joseph (21) and Sam (18), his twin ... one sister, Kate (17)

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 39 – the Campus Radicals ... intends on majoring in physics ... thinking about going into special forces, pilot training or physics research.

## Sam

### Rinaldi

**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, Pa.  
**High School:** Pennsylvania Cyber Charter



**Before Air Force:** Graduate of Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School ... fenced on club level ... was 16th in 2007 Division IA Summer Nationals ... placed third at 2008 Mid-Atlantic sectionals ... finished third in 2008 Mid-Atlantic Sectionals in foil ... 2007 Mid-Atlantic Sectionals in epee ... finished 32nd at Cadet Junior Olympics ... parents are Philip and Cynthia Rinaldi ... twin brother, Ben (18) is also on the USAFA fencing team ... brother Joseph is 21, sister Kate is 17.

**Academy:** Major is undecided ... member of Cadet Squadron 10 – Tiger 10.

## Edward

### Wong

**Hometown:** Singapore  
**High School:** St Mary's Senior



**Before Air Force:** Spent time in the Singapore Police Force and the Republic of Singapore Air Force ... parents are Augustine Wong, from Malaysia, and Hillary Wong, from Indonesia ... parents are retired ... has two siblings, Edwin and Marie ... lived between Singapore, where he was born, and Canada.

**Academy:** Member of Cadet Squadron 18 – the Nightriders ... 18th Singaporean cadet at USAFA.



**Class of 2012**

# SEASON RECORDS

## Men's

YEAR	W-L	HEAD COACH
1956-57	6-5	Capt Richard Bowman
1957-58	5-3	Capt Richard Bowman
1958-59	5-3	Lt Col James Jackson
1959-60	8-2	Lt Col James Jackson
1960-61	6-3	Nick Toth
1961-62	12-0	Nick Toth
1962-63	14-0	Nick Toth
1963-64	10-0	Nick Toth
1964-65	10-1	Nick Toth
1965-66	10-0	Nick Toth
1966-67	8-3	Nick Toth
1967-68	8-2	Nick Toth
1968-69	7-3	Nick Toth
1969-70	9-1	Nick Toth
1970-71	11-0	Nick Toth
1971-72	10-0	Nick Toth
1972-73	9-3	Nick Toth
1973-74	10-3	Nick Toth
1974-75	7-1	Nick Toth
1975-76	10-2	Nick Toth
1976-77	3-2	Nick Toth
1977-78	6-0	Nick Toth
1978-79	6-1	Nick Toth
1979-80	11-4	Nick Toth
1980-81	17-1	Nick Toth
1981-82	13-7	Capt Todd Chirko
1982-83	10-2	Capt Rick Bereit
1983-84	10-4	Maj Rick Bereit
1984-85	16-1	Capt Tom Worsdale
1985-86	15-1	Maj Tom Worsdale
1986-87	11-7	Capt Wendell Kubik
1987-88	17-1	Capt Wendell Kubik
1988-89	15-4	Capt Wendell Kubik
1989-90	12-4	Capt Wendell Kubik
1990-91	7-11	Capt Wendell Kubik
1991-92	15-6	Capt Shawn Bertel
1992-93	24-4	Capt Shawn Bertel
1993-94	23-10	Capt George Chandler
1994-95	17-8	Capt George Chandler
1995-96	21-6	Capt George Chandler
1996-97	15-8	Capt Stu LeBlanc
1997-98	5-11	Maj Stu LeBlanc
1998-99	12-9	Abdel Salem
1999-00	6-8	Abdel Salem
2000-01	16-4	Abdel Salem
2001-02	6-4	Abdel Salem
2002-03	11-1	Abdel Salem
2003-04	10-8	Abdel Salem
2004-05	10-5	Abdel Salem
2005-06	13-2	Abdel Salem
2006-07	5-5	Abdel Salem
2007-08	7-8	Abdel Salem

**Men's Overall Record: 560-192**

## Women's

YEAR	W-L	HEAD COACH
1977-78	1-0	Nick Toth
1978-79	0-2	Nick Toth
1979-80	1-0	Nick Toth
1980-81	4-1	Nick Toth
1981-82	14-6	Capt Todd Chirko
1982-83	10-2	Capt Rick Bereit
1983-84	7-8-1	Maj Rick Bereit
1984-85	7-6-1	Capt Tom Worsdale
1985-86	13-1	Maj Tom Worsdale
1986-87	9-8	Capt Wendell Kubik
1987-88	10-3-3	Capt Wendell Kubik
1988-89	9-7	Capt Wendell Kubik
1989-90	4-10	Capt Wendell Kubik
1990-91	4-12	Capt Wendell Kubik
1991-92	9-11	Capt Shawn Bertel
1992-93	24-4-1	Capt Shawn Bertel
1993-94	16-12-1	Capt George Chandler
1994-95	11-12	Capt George Chandler
1995-96	21-7	Capt George Chandler
1996-97	11-10	Capt Stu LeBlanc
1997-98	5-10	Maj Stu LeBlanc
1998-99	11-9	Abdel Salem
1999-00	5-11	Abdel Salem
2000-01	15-5	Abdel Salem
2001-02	4-6	Abdel Salem
2002-03	9-5	Abdel Salem
2003-04	11-7	Abdel Salem
2004-05	14-3	Abdel Salem
2005-06	7-8	Abdel Salem
2006-07	3-7	Abdel Salem
2007-08	5-11	Abdel Salem

**Women's Overall Record: 274-204-7**

### Air Force Longevity

#### Salem's Overall Record:

1999-present 180-126

#### Toth's Overall Record:

1960-1981 200-33

#### Kubik's Overall Record:

1986-1991 98-67

## Men's Finish

1956 ..... First	1986 ..... Second
1957 ..... Second	1987 ..... First
1958 ..... Third	1988 ..... First
1960 ..... First	1989 ..... Second
1961 ..... First	1990 ..... Fourth
1962 ..... First	1991 ..... Third
1963 ..... First	1992 ..... Second
1964 ..... Second	1993 ..... Second
1965 ..... First	1993 ..... First
1966 ..... First	1995 ..... Second
1967 ..... First	1996 ..... Second
1968 ..... First	1997 ..... Second
1969 ..... First	1998 ..... Second
1970 ..... First	1999 ..... Second
1971 ..... First	2000 ..... Second
1972 ..... First	2001 ..... Second
1973 ..... First	2002 ..... First
1974 ..... Second	2003 ..... First
1975 ..... Second	2004 ..... Second
1976 ..... First	2005 ..... Second
1977 ..... Third	2006 ..... Second
1978 ..... Second	2007 ..... NTS
1979 ..... Second	2008 ..... NTS
1980 ..... First	
1981 ..... Fourth	
1982 ..... Second	
1983 ..... First	
1984 ..... Second	
1985 ..... Second	



## AFA women before NCAA Western Region competition

*AIAW - Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women*

- 1981 AIAW Western Region Championships, 4th
- 1982 AIAW Western Region *champions*

## Women's Finish

1983 ..... Fifth
1985 ..... First
1986 ..... Fourth
1987 ..... Third
1988 ..... Fifth
1989 ..... Second
1990 ..... Fourth
1991 ..... Fourth
1992 ..... First
1995 ..... First
1996 ..... Second
1997 ..... First
1998 ..... Second
1999 ..... Second
2000 ..... Second
2001 ..... Second
2002 ..... First
2003 ..... First
2004 ..... First
2005 ..... First
2006 ..... Second
2007 ..... NTS
2008 ..... NTS

In 2007, the NCAA Championship Committee changed the format for Regionals from team tournament to individual competition.

## 2009 NCAA Western Region Fencing Championships

The 19th Annual National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships (Regionals) will March 7-8, at Stanford University, California.

## FALCONS AT THE NCAA

### FALCONS AT THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS ... Women in AIAW National Championships

1981 AIAW National Championships, 16th; 1982 AIAW National Championships, 8th

*Air Force women began competing in the NCAA in 1983*

Year	Team Place	Year	Team Place	Year	Team Place	Year	Team Place	Year	Team Place	Year	Team Place
1961	12th	1970	10th	1979	NT	1988	10th	1997	17th	2006	15th*
1962	11th	1971	26th	1980	17th	1989	31st	1998	18th	2007	16th*
1963	3rd	1972	NT	1981	42nd	1990	NT #	1999	24th	2008*	21st
1964	6th	1973	16th	1982	18th	1991	12th	2000	19th	* Combined men & women's team finish	
1965	5th	1974	7th	1983	6th	1992	9th*	2001	15th		
1966	9th	1975	DNQ	1984	20th	1993	11th	2002	15th*	# First Men & Women's Fencing Championships with combined men's & women's team title.	
1967	5th	1976	38th	1985	19th	1994	12th	2003	9th*		
1968	9th	1977	40th	1986	16th	1995	14th*	2004	15th Tie*	NT = No Team	
1969	12th	1978	NT	1987	17th	1996	16th	2005	15th*		

### Men's and Women's NCAA Championships Individual Qualifiers (64) & Teams (2)

1962	Gary Forrest (epee)	1996	Kim Chalaire (22nd, foil)
1963	Warren Manchess (epee) John Skoro (saber)		Heidi Triggs (23rd, epee) Chris Dougherty (13th, saber)
1964	Jock Patterson (2nd, epee)		Garrett Gulish (15th, saber)
1965	Jock Patterson (6th, epee) Charles Ryerson (saber)	1997	Garrett Povar (15th, epee) Zoe Hawes (20th, foil)
1966	John Swanson (6th, saber)	1998	Zoe Hawes (18th, foil)
1967	John Swanson (saber) Donald Motz (foil)		Ryan Moon (20th, epee) James Steiner (15th, saber)
1968	John Swanson (saber)	1999	Heidi Triggs (24th, epee)
1974	Rich Jacques (epee)	2000	Jamie Rasmussen (24th, saber) Elia Burrill (19th, epee)
1977	John Williams (40th, foil) Rory Childress (26th, epee)		Seth Kelsey (9th, epee) Chris Jones (20th, foil)
1978	Wendall Kubik (foil) Steve Weart (saber) Jeff Hass (epee)	2001	Jared Parks (23rd, saber) Seth Kelsey (6th, epee)
1979	Wendall Kubik (foil) Gary Hecker (saber)		Wil Gettys (23rd, epee) Elia Burrill (14th, epee)
1980	<i>Men's Team (17th)</i> Wendell Kubik (10th foil) Dartanian Warr (epee) Gary Hecker (saber)	2002	Jamie Rasmussen (21st, saber) Seth Kelsey (3rd, epee) Elia Burrill (16th, epee)
1981	Wendall Kubik (28th foil)		Andrea Rix (23rd, saber) Ryan Dunn (14th, foil)
1982	Norm Rennspies (14th, saber)	2003	Seth Kelsey (1st, epee) Tim French (8th, epee)
1983	Rich Stephenson (6th, foil) Norm Rennspies (9th, saber) Bill Spacy (11th, epee)		Elia Burrill (18th, epee) Caitlin Harris (21st, epee)
1984	Stu LeBlanc (14th, epee)		Andrea Rix (15th, saber)
1985	Carolyn Moore (23rd, foil) Sally Anschuetz (24th, foil)	2004	Marisa Romero (23rd, saber) Jason Stockdale (11th, epee)
1986	Scott Shinberg (16th, epee)		Marisa Romero (24th, saber) Apphia Taylor (22nd, epee)
1987	Scott Shinberg (11th, epee)		Sam Bartron (23rd, saber)
1988	Rosemary King (24th, foil) Scott Shinberg (9th, epee) Todd Hensley (20th foil) Thomas Guerra (foil)	2005	Tim French (16th, epee) Marisa Romero (23rd, saber) Jason Stockdale (13th, epee)
1989	Scott Shinberg (29th, epee) Francois Desamours (30th, epee)		Eliza Enyart (18th, epee)
1990	F. Desamours (9th, epee)	2006	Eliza Enyart (11th, epee) Jason Stockdale (8th, epee)
1991	F. Desamours (10th, epee)		CJ Baran (23rd, saber)
1992	F. Desamours (10th, epee)		Jackson Ranes (14th, epee)
1992	<i>Women's Foil Team (12th)</i> Denise Chambers, Heidi Gibson, Jennifer Rawlins, Regan Ritchie, Kari Vad		Nate Smith (foil) (DNC)
1994	Ben Maitre (10th, epee) Tim Cullen (11th, epee)	2007	Eliza Enyart (19th, epee) Peter French (14th epee) Nathan Smith (21st, foil)
1995	Ben Maitre (5th, epee) Kim Chalaire (25th, foil) Tanya Hurwitz (31st, foil) Rachel Beacham (26th, epee)		Michael O'Connor (24th saber) Jason Stockdale (DNC, epee)
		2008	Peter French (6th, epee) Dan Trapani (14th, epee)

### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Before 1990, the NCAA held separate fencing championships for men and women. Championships were held for the men from 1941 through 1989 and for the women from 1982 through 1989. New York University and Columbia dominated the men's side, winning 12 and 11 team titles, respectively. Wayne State (Mich.) was the dominant team on the women's side before 1990, winning three of nine team titles. Since 1990, the NCAA team champion has been determined by a combination of women's and men's scoring.

Year	Champion	Runner-up	Host/Site
1990	Penn State	Columbia-Barnard	Notre Dame
1991	Penn State	Columbia-Barnard	Penn State
1992	Columbia-Barnard	Penn State	Notre Dame
1993	Columbia-Barnard	Penn State	Wayne State (Mich.)
1994	Notre Dame	Penn State	Brandeis
1995	Penn State	St. John's (N.Y.)	Notre Dame
1996	Penn State	Notre Dame	Yale
1997	Penn State	Notre Dame	Air Force
1998	Penn State	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
1999	Penn State	Notre Dame	Brandeis
2000	Penn State	Notre Dame	Stanford
2001	St. John's	Penn State	Wis.-Parkside
2002	Penn State	St. John's	Drew University
2003	Notre Dame	Penn State	Air Force
2004	Ohio State	Penn State	Brandeis
2005	Notre Dame	Ohio State	Rice University
2006	Harvard Univ.	Penn State	Rice University
2007	Penn State	St. John's	Drew University
2008	Ohio State	Notre Dame	Ohio State

*DNC = In 2007, Sr. Jason Stockdale qualified for the NAAs, but due to an illness he could not compete; 2006, Nathan Smith could not compete due to military commitment.*

**Some individual finishes were not available. Repeat performers are counted once.**

## NCAA CHAMPIONS

### MEN

Seth Kelsey, epee, 2003

## Olympians

Seth Kelsey, epee, 2004, 2008

## All-Americans

### MEN

Gary Forrest, epee, 1962  
 Warren Manchess, epee, 1963  
 John Skoro, saber, 1963  
 Jock Patterson, epee, 1964, 1965  
 Charles Ryerson, saber, 1965  
 John Swanson, saber, 1966, 1967, 1968  
 Donald Motz, foil, 1967  
 Rich Jacques, epee, 1974  
 Rich Stephenson, foil, 1983  
 Norm Rennspies, saber, 1983  
 Scott Shinberg, epee, 1988  
 Francois Desamours, epee, 1990, 1991, 1992  
 Tim Cullen, epee, 1994  
 Ben Maitre, epee, 1994, 1995  
 Seth Kelsey, epee, 2000 HM, 2001, 2002  
 (2003 NCAA Champion)  
 Tim French, epee, 2003  
 Jason Stockdale, epee, 2004 HM, 2006  
 Peter French, epee, 2008

### WOMEN

Eliza Enyart, epee, 2006 HM

## All Regions

Eliza Enyart, 2007, 2008  
 Brynn Thoreson, 2008  
 Peter French, 2007, 2008  
 Michael O'Connor, 2007, 2008  
 Nick Stockdale, 2008  
 Myramn Ruth, 2008  
 Angelica Plazas, 2008  
 Collette Bannister, 2008  
 Daniel Trapani, 2008



In 2003, Seth Kelsey became the NCAA Division I Fencing epee national champion. Kelsey went on to compete in the 2004 and 2008 Olympics.



Warren Manchess  
1963 Epee



Norm Rennspies  
1983 Saber



Seth Kelsey  
2000, 2001, 2002  
2003 National Champion  
Epee



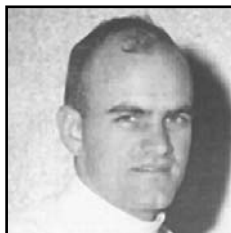
Jock Patterson  
1964 and 1965 Epee



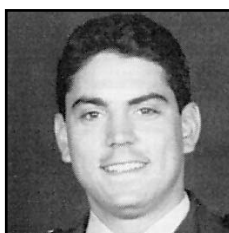
Rich Stephenson  
1983 Foil



Tim French  
2003 Epee



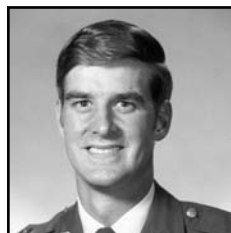
Charles Ryerson  
1965 Saber



Scott Shinberg  
1988 Epee



Jason Stockdale  
2004, 2006 Epee



Donald Motz  
1967 Foil



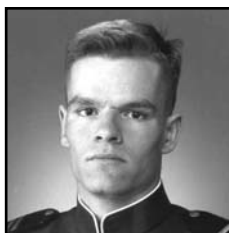
Francois Desamours  
1990, 1991 and 1992 Epee



Eliza Enyart  
2006 Women's Epee



Rich Jacques  
1974 Epee



Ben Maitre  
1994 and 1995 Epee



Peter French  
2008 Men's Epee

**Photo Unavailable:** Gary Forrest 1962 Epee; John Skoro 1963 Saber; John Swanson 1966, 1967 and 1968 Saber; Tim Cullen 1994 Epee

## Academic Excellence

### Academic All-American

Tim Cullen, 1994 GTE

### NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winner

1994 Tim Cullen  
2003 Elia Burrill

### NCAA Sportsmanship Award Winner

2008 Peter French

### Scholar Athlete

2003 Elia Burrill

### Academy Athletic Award Winners:

#### *Athletic Excellence*

1968 John Swanson

#### *Outstanding Athletic Achievement*

2003 Seth Kelsey  
2008 Peter French

### NCAA Woman of the Year (Colorado)

2003 Elia Burrill  
2007-08 Elizabeth Enyart (Independent)

### MWC Hal Rothman Sportsmanship Award

2007-08 Peter French

### MWC Scholar Athlete (by academic year)

2002, Elia Burrill	2006, 2007 Michael O'Connor
2002, Marisa Romero	2006, 2007 Ainsley Allen
2002, Christopher Jones	2006, Lydia Bigelow
2002, 2003, Alison Freiman	2007, Curtis Christensen
2003, Ashley Roell	2007, Julie Luce
2005, 2006, Christopher Baran	
2005, Adam Schenk	
2003, 2005, Sam Bartron	
2002, 2003, Edemumo Oboho	
2005, Katherine Gulczynski	
2005, 2006 Kara Thoreson	
2005, 2006 Frederick Meyer	

## Most Valuable Fencer: 2007

2008 MVP, Collette Bannister, demonstrated her leadership abilities as the team's captain in 2007-08. She led the women's foil team to its 65 victories for the season. She earned all-region honors after finishing fourth at the 2008 NCAA Western Regionals.



2008 MVP, Peter French, has been one of the AFA's top fencers in the past two seasons. As a sophomore, he earned All-America and all-region honors. He won the bronze medal at the Junior World Cup in Basel, Switzerland, and won the men's epee championship at the 2008 Junior Olympics. He also earned the No. 2 spot on the 2008 Junior World Team. He was awarded the Academy's Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award. In 2008, he also won the MWC Hal Rothman Sportsmanship Award and was awarded the NCAA Sportsmanship Award.

## Most Valuable Fencer Award

### MEN

1966 John Swanson, Saber  
1967 John Swanson, Saber  
1968 Cliff Crutchfield, Epee  
1969 Robert Webb, Saber  
1970 Robert Webb, Saber  
1971 Joe Kubala, Foil  
1972 Bob Berg, Epee  
1973 Kirby Knox, Foil  
1974 Dennis Vollink, Saber  
1975 Russell Newland, Foil  
1976 Mark Whalen, Saber  
1977 Bob Platenberg, Foil  
1978 Rich Treadway, Foil  
1979 Steve Wheelers, Foil  
1980 Wendell Kubik, Foil  
1981 Wendell Kubik, Foil  
1982 Norm Rennspies, Saber  
1983 Rich Stephenson, Foil  
1984 Stewart LeBlanc, Epee  
1985 Ervin Sheets, Foil  
1986 George Chandler, Epee  
1987 Robert Madril, Foil  
1988 Thomas Guerra, Foil  
1989 Scott Shinberg, Epee  
1990 Francois Desamours, Epee  
1991 Michael Smith, Saber  
1992 Francois Desamours, Epee  
1993 Garret Povar, Epee  
1994 Ben Maitre, Epee  
1995 Ben Maitre, Epee  
1996 Chris Dougherty, Saber  
1997 James Steiner, Saber  
1998 James Steiner, Saber  
1999 Ryan Moon, Epee  
2000 Sean Blas, Saber  
2001 Seth Kelsey, Epee  
2002 Seth Kelsey, Epee  
2003 Seth Kelsey, Epee  
2004 Sean Blas, Saber  
2005 Edemumo Oboho, Saber  
2006 Jackson Ranes, Epee  
2007 Nathan Smith, Foil  
2008 Peter French, Epee

### WOMEN

1980 Ellen O'Sullivan, Foil  
1981 Ellen O'Sullivan, Foil  
1982 Ellen O'Sullivan, Foil  
1983 Ann Conroy, Foil  
1984 Nancy Galley, Foil  
1985 Sally Anschuetz, Foil  
1986 Chrissy Dickerson, Foil  
1987 Sueling Cho, Foil  
1988 Rosemary King, Foil  
1989 Sonia Falk, Foil  
1990 Heidi Gibson, Foil  
1991 Heidi Gibson, Foil  
1992 Heidi Gibson, Foil  
1993 Heidi Gibson, Foil  
1994 Kim Chalaire, Foil  
1995 Tanya Hurwitz, Foil  
1996 Kim Chalaire, Foil  
1997 Zoe Hawes, Foil  
1998 Zoe Hawes, Foil  
1999 Heidi Triggs, Epee  
2000 Laura Powell, Epee  
2001 Elia Burrill, Epee  
2002 Elia Burrill, Epee  
2003 Elia Burrill, Epee  
2004 Apphia Taylor, Epee  
2005 Marisa Romero, Saber  
2006 Eliza Enyart, Epee  
2007 Lydia Bigelow, Epee  
2008 Collette Bannister Foil



# HISTORY, TEAM CAPTAINS

## Men's

YEAR.....	CAPTAIN
1956.....	Michael Lipscomb
1957.....	Art Elser
1958.....	Art Elser
1959.....	Art Elser
1960.....	Robert Davis
1961.....	John Wolcott
1962.....	Keith Keppen
1963.....	John Skoro
1964.....	Joe Prenez
1965.....	Jock Patterson
1966.....	Donald Hausman
1967.....	Roy Jared
1968.....	Dan Ahern
1969.....	Cliff Crutchfield
1970.....	Moses Herrera
1971.....	Dick Gray
1972.....	Bill Walker
1973.....	Ed Haegele
1974.....	Billy Dillard
1975.....	Karl Gabrys
1976.....	Mark Whalen
1977.....	Bob Platenberg
1978.....	Eugene Bowman
1979.....	Steve Weart
1980.....	Gary Hecker
1981.....	Wendell Kubik
1982.....	Steve Jarvis
1983.....	Norm Rennspies/ Rich Stephenson
1984.....	Stewart LeBlanc
1985.....	Ervin Scheets
1986.....	Darren Neal
1987.....	Robert Madril
1988.....	Tom Guerra
1989.....	Scott Shinberg
1990.....	Matt Skeen
1991.....	Michael Smith/John Cooper/ Mike Beck
1992.....	John Glass
1993.....	Kevin Moffatt
1994.....	Greg Nowak
1995.....	Ben Maitre
1996.....	Scott Hartman
1997.....	Garrett Povar
1998.....	James Steiner
1999.....	Ryan Moon
2000.....	Robert Bremmer
2001.....	Wilbert Gettys
2002.....	Eric Lathrop
2003.....	Sean Recame/Anthony Pryor
2004.....	Curtis Marshall/Sean Blas
2005.....	Edemumo "Pappy" Oboho
2006.....	Sam Bartron/Jackson Raney
2007.....	Nathan Smith
2008.....	Brent Watson
2009.....	Peter French/Michael O'Connor

## Women's

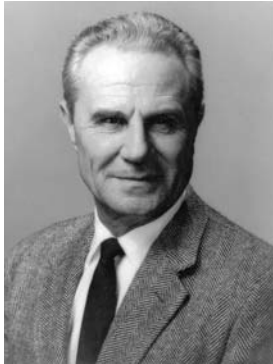
YEAR .....	CAPTAIN
1977 .....	None
1978 .....	Sandra Waples
1979 .....	Lisa Kirkus
1980 .....	Ellen O'Sullivan
1981 .....	Ellen O'Sullivan
1982 .....	Ellen O'Sullivan
1983 .....	Justine Dishart
1984 .....	Ann Conroy
1985 .....	Chrissy Dickerson
1986 .....	Chrissy Dickerson
1987 .....	Sueling Cho
1988 .....	Rosemary King
1989 .....	Sonia Falk
1990 .....	Andrea Long
1991 .....	Andrea Long
1992 .....	Jennifer Rawlins
1993 .....	Heidi Gibson
1994 .....	Lisa Purul
1995 .....	Lisa Purul
1996 .....	Kim Chalaire
1997 .....	Zoe Hawes
1998 .....	Zoe Hawes
1999 .....	Heidi Triggs
2000 .....	Laura Powell
2001 .....	Kristin Wenner
2002 .....	Elia Burrill
2003 .....	Elia Burrill
2004 .....	Apphia Taylor
2005 .....	Marisa Romero/Ebony Cook
2006 .....	Elizabeth Jaszczak
2007 .....	Lydia Bigelow
2008 .....	Collette Bannister
2009 .....	Angelica Plazas



2009 Team Captains, Michael O'Connor,  
Angelica Plazas and Peter French

The Air Force Academy's fencing program is a successful blend of recruited fencers and walk-on athletes. The fencers have the use of all of the Academy's athletic facilities, including a weight room, aerobics room, human performance laboratory and the main fencing gymnasium. The regular fencing season runs from September through March, and the teams compete in the U.S. Fencing Association North American Cup events, NCAA meets, the Western Region, and other open tournaments, including several home events.

The Academy's fencing program began in 1955, with the women's team added in 1977. Master Nick Toth coached the Academy's teams from 1961-81.



The Air Force Academy hosts the annual Nick Toth Memorial Fencing Tournament in memory of Toth. Born in Hungary, Toth had an illustrious coaching career after his graduation from the Central Sports Institute in Budapest. As a competitor, he won the International Master's in saber fencing at Innsbruck, Austria, in

1948. Toth was the head coach of the U.S. Olympic Modern Pentathlon team in 1956 at Melbourne. He was the national coach in the Modern Pentathlon World Championships in 1955, '57 and '58. In addition, Toth was selected as the U.S. National coach at the 1971 World Junior Fencing Championships. In March 1977, he was inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame. Toth passed away in January 1980.

Air Force fencers were undefeated in six of Toth's 21 seasons and won 15 Western Intercollegiate Conference championships. Eleven of his participants earned All-American honors, including John Swanson who was named three times.

The Falcons have finished as high as third (1963) at the NCAA Championships and have 11 top-10 finishes. Women were admitted to the Academy in 1976. Before the NCAA, the women's teams competed in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) from 1981-82. In 1981, the women finished 16th in the AIAW and in '82 they finished eighth in the national championships. In the AIAW

Western Region, they were ranked fourth in 1981 and were the 1982 champions.

Since 1962, the Academy has qualified 64 members of its fencing program for the Men's and Women's NCAA Championships and has sent two teams to participate (1980 and 1992). The 1980 team of Wendell Kubik (foil), Dartanian Warr (epee), Gary Hecker (saber) and Joe McLaughlin (saber) finished 17th. In 1992, the women's foil team of Denise Chambers, Heidi Gibson, Jennifer Rawlins, Regan Ritchie and Kari Vad finished 12th.

The Academy was the host for the 1997 and 2003 NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Championships and was host to the 2006 NCAA Western Region Championships. In 2007, Air Force qualified five fencers for the NCAAs. In 2007, the NCAA Championship Committee changed the format for Regionals from a team tournament to individual competition. In 2008, seniors Eliza Enyart, Brynn Thoreson, Collette Bannister and Myramn Ruth, junior Angelica Plazas, sophomores Peter French, Michael O'Connor and Daniel Trapani and freshman Nick Stockdale earned all-region honors.

The teams' past achievements include 19 NCAA All-Americans (28 times), one two-time USA Olympian and 23 men's Western Region titles and eight women's regional titles. The women have achieved four consecutive region titles from 2002-05. Student-athletes have been awarded MWC scholar-athletes, the 2007-08 MWC Hal Rothman Sportsmanship award, and the NCAA Sportsmanship award, NCAA post-graduate scholarships, and the 2003 NCAA Woman of the Year (Colorado), and one selected as the 2007-08 independent nominee for the NCAA's 18th annual Woman of the Year award. The nominees represent all three divisions and have excelled in academics, athletics, leadership and community service; an Academy-named scholar-athlete and two outstanding athletic achievement recipients. Former Academy fencer, Seth Kelsey, was the 2003 NCAA men's epee national champion. Kelsey also participated in the World Class Athlete Program (WCAP) and competed in the 2004 and 2008 Olympics.

Cadet-athletes have assumed squadron roles as element leaders, non-commissioned officers, squadron commanders and peer counselors. Cadets also play key roles within the community, performing community service.

Over the past eight years, the team has compiled a 180-126 cumulative team record under head coach Abdel Salem,

which brings the school's record to 834-396-7 (.677 avg.).

Former fencers have gone on to careers in the U.S. Air Force as pilots, commanders and general officers and, after retirement, a former president of U.S. Fencing. While others have returned to the Academy as head coaches and assistant coaches. Several Academy fencers have been accepted into the WCAP.

The fencing program has one head coach, Abdel Salem, who has been at the helm of the Academy's fencing program since 1999. Salem was a 10-year member of the Egyptian National Fencing team and competed in the 1984 Olympics. In 1996, he was named the U.S. Olympic Committee Coach of the Year. Assistant coach Adam Skarbonkiewicz, who is a 2002 Master of Fencing from the Academy of Physical Education in Katowice, Poland, joined the program in 2005. New to the fencing program is Captain James Lotspeich, who is a 1999 Academy graduate, whose duties include officer representative and assistant coach. Tom Stzalkowski has been with the Falcons since 2002 as a volunteer coach. Anthony Pryor joined the coaching staff in 2008 as the administrative assistant coach. Pryor is a 2003 Academy graduate and a four-time letterwinner in fencing.

The Air Force Academy is affiliated with the Mountain West Conference. In fencing, the Academy competes against Western Region opponents UC San Diego, Cal State Fullerton, CalTech and Stanford University. Twice a year, the Academy travels to both coasts to compete in NCAA sanctioned meets against Duke, Notre Dame, North Carolina, John's Hopkins and Army in the east, and UC San Diego, Fullerton, CalTech, Stanford and Northwestern in the west.

At the Academy, 2008 marked the 52nd season (1956) for the men's fencing program and the 25th season (1983) for the women's fencing program. ❖



*Elizabeth Enyart, 2007-08 independent nominee for the NCAA's 18th annual Woman of the Year award.*



**Capt. Seth Kelsey**, entered the World Class Athlete Program (WCAP) in June 2003. While at the Academy, Kelsey was a four-time All-American in fencing, and the 2003 men's epee national champion.



Following graduation from the Academy in 2003, the second lieutenant trained at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Kelsey has the opportunities to compete internationally in all the World Cups and in all of the North American Cups as well.

"I'm a liaison for the Air Force," he said. "I talk to people, tell them what we do and help create a more educated public."

In 2004 and 2008, he competed as a member of the U.S. Olympic men's epee team.

Kelsey is ranked No. 1 in men's epee in the United States.

**Competition Record:**

- 2008 - Member of the U.S. Olympic Team, Beijing, China
- 2007 - Pan American Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
  - 6th Individual/bronze medal team
- 2004 - Olympic Games, Athens, Greece - 19th Individual/6th Team
- 2004 - Senior "A" World Cup, Tallin, Estonia - bronze medal
- 2003 - Pan American Games, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
  - top 8 individual and team
- 2003 - Senior "A" World Cup, Havana, Cuba - bronze medal
- 2002 - U.S. National Champion



2nd Lt. Pappy Oboho, class of 2005



Pictured above are former fencers, 1st Lt. Josh Trice 2nd Lt. Pappy Oboho, 1st Lt. Marisa Romero (class of 2005), and 2nd Lt. Tim French, who graduated in 2006. Both Romero, 2004, 2005, and French, 2003, 2005, represented the Academy at the NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Championships.



## CAPTAIN ERIC LATHROP

*Class of 2002*

**Eric Lathrop**, was a four-year letter winner (1999-2002) and was team captain in 2002.

## CAPTAIN ELIA HICKIE

*Class of 2003*

**Elia (Burrill) Hickie** was a two-time team captain and a three-time MVP. She was voted NCAA Woman of the Year (Colorado) in 2003. The captain flies the C-17 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



### Expeditionary females make history for Amelia Earhart

In July 2007, Capt. Elia Hickie (Burrill) and six others from the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron from Charleston AFB helped to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the birth of Amelia Earhart. Hickie was a member of an all-female C-17 crew that was assembled and a combat mission was accomplished with precision, professionalism and enthusiasm that even Hollywood could not have matched.

## All Air Force Sports World Class Athlete Program

The Air Force World Class Athlete Program (WCAP) provides active duty, national guard and reserve Air Force personnel the opportunity to train and compete at national and international sports competitions with the ultimate goal of selection to the United States Olympic team. The WCAP is not a developmental program; it targets athletes who have achieved world class status in their sport.

Candidates' national ranking, ability and potential will be verified through the United States Olympic Committee's National Governing Body of the sport. If selected, the athlete will be assigned to Headquarters Air Force Services Agency, San Antonio, Texas, with a duty location near elite coaches and/or world class training facilities.