



## Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 4 Dec 2020

Welcome back!

It's been a hectic week – again – trying to comply with the new testing guidelines from the state. Our priority is to do everything we can to continue to offer extracurricular opportunities for your cadets. In order to do so, cadets who wish to participate in these opportunities will be required to test at the school once every two weeks. The test kits were provided by the state and we will schedule test sessions as soon as we have the protective equipment also required to administer the tests.

**Testing is strictly voluntary.** No cadet will be tested without parental consent. All test results will be used to clear cadets for extracurricular activities, including sports, and will be shared with the state. Please see individual emails from earlier in the week for further information on the type of test we will use and **required consent forms**. If you need a paper form, your cadet can get one from the front office or from his/her coach or team time instructor. The consent form is the 1<sup>st</sup> necessary step in the process of testing your cadet and clearing them for extracurricular activities.

**Step 2 of the process will be enrolling your cadet on the REDCAP website.** You will be getting a link to sign into the system and fill out your cadet's information. This is the system the state will use to access the test results. It is also the system the school can use (with your permission) to email you the results of your cadet's test.

**If your cadet plans to participate in a Team Time activity, please have them sign up with the instructor of that activity** so we can create attendance rosters. They are welcome to sign up for up to one Team Time for each day. They should sign up even if they are doing a study hall – they won't be required to test, but it still allows us to track attendance.

The list of activities and instructors is below:

### **Tuesday**

Archery	Ms Christensen or Mr Nielson
Middle School Study Hall	Ms Roberts
Math Olympians (study hall)	Ms Klingaman

National Honor Society	Mr Shenk
Cadet Service Group	CPT Tidwell or Ms Stinson
Armed Exhibition Drill	MSgt Sater
Meditation and Yoga	Ms Evers
Goal Setting	Mr Lewis
Raiders	MSG Graham

### Wednesday

Math Study Hall	Ms Harris
Speech	Ms Stratford
Film Club	Mr Hamilton
Cyberpatriots	Mr Julander
Test Taking Study Hall	LTC Critchett
Weightlifting	Mr Bunko
Chess Club	Ms Stinson
Leadership Lessons	Mr Lewis
Study Hall	MSG Graham
Middle School Math Study Hall	SGT Laub
Study Hall	Ms Evers

### Thursday

Badminton	Coach John
Marksmanship	Col Washburn
Study Hall	Mr Lewis
Middle School Math Study Hall	SGT Laub
Dungeons and Dragons	Mr Lycett
Debate	Ms Evers
Board Games	Ms Colburn
Raiders	MSG Graham
Color Guard	SMSgt Reeve

Other notes for this week (there's a lot!):

1. **The AFROTC Scholarships and Admissions Advisor for Utah** will hold several additional online college prep events. Please see the flyer attached for more information. Unfortunately the links will not work in google docs but if you want the pdf version please email me and I can send it to you. Cadets can apply for an Air Force ROTC scholarship here:  
<https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/>

2. Representatives from the **BYU/UVU Air Force ROTC Det 855** will be holding a Zoom event for all interested cadets Dec 9 at 0925.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://byu.zoom.us/j/96301875342>

Meeting ID: 963 0187 5342

The deadline to apply for ROTC scholarships (link to apply in item 1) for next school year is Jan 14, 2021 so this is a great chance to get any final questions answered.

3. Cadets are invited to participate in the Wreaths Across America event Dec 19. UMA Cadets will assist in putting wreaths on graves at the Utah State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Camp Williams. To volunteer or to get more information, please contact Angi Snyder at [asnyder@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:asnyder@utahmilitaryacademy.org).

4. **ATHLETICS:** If you have questions about sport programs, schedules, fees, physicals... please reach out to the athletic director at [jtyler@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:jtyler@utahmilitaryacademy.org)

**Basketball schedules have been updated** and are uploaded at <https://marauderathletics.com/> but are subject to change pending state mandates and opponent team cancellations. **We will be livestreaming the games through our Utah Military Academy Lehi YouTube channel at We had a successful test yesterday and plan to stream tonight's away game at this link:** <https://youtu.be/u10piyKEg4I>

The channel also maintains the recordings so you will be able to go back and watch games you miss! The YouTube channel link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAo3s3vLhzrszZiA8t958PA>.

**The link will go live at 5pm and the game starts at 5:15**

5. There is still time to join the **30 day Gratitude Challenge** sponsored by our cadet **Hope Squad**. Complete a challenge and post it on Instagram @umalehi or tag UMA @UMACampWilliams on Facebook. Very cool prizes for those who share on social media. Each day's challenge is included in the chart below. Cadets have until Jan 5 to complete all 30 days. Let's get grateful!

6. Congratulations to our **teachers of the month**! Cadets voted and chose **Justin Garn for the Middle School and Brian Critchett from the High School**. Love seeing these amazing educators recognized by the students they care so much about!

7. Save the date(s) for the **Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit**: Jan 26 & 28 and Feb 2 & 4, 2021. This is a virtual event for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and educators. Applications are now open – **DEADLINE IS DEC 16** at 11:59pm. Find your day at [multicultural.utah.gov/youthleadership/](http://multicultural.utah.gov/youthleadership/)

8. We've made several announcements at formation for **any cadet who wants a fleece to go to MSG Graham** and get one. We still have some – and I still see cadets coming to school in the thin black windbreaker jackets. The green fleece is not a required item, but if your cadet wants

a warmer jacket they can wear with their soft and ABU uniforms, please tell them to see MSG Graham.

## 9. Scholarship Opportunities:

- **Parents of Seniors, if you have not completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) please do so.** Your student may qualify for a scholarship but not be able to get it because the FAFSA was not completed. Even if you don't qualify for grants (free \$ for college) most colleges require the FAFSA from in order to receive a scholarship. Please go to [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) to get started.

**\*\*Other helpful websites:** Create your FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)

**\*\*FAFSA help:** <https://www.fastweb.com/financial-aid/articles/fafsa-checklist>

- **Coolidge Scholarship (Juniors):** The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study at any accredited college or university in the United States. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2022 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply (current high school seniors are not eligible to apply).

- **USCA Scholarship:** Formerly known as the Lynn Jensen Scholarship, the application is available through this link: <http://www.utschoolcounselor.org/counselor-recognition.html>. Write about a School Counselor that has helped you. Applications are due January 15, 2021 for this \$500 scholarship.

- **Regents Scholarship:** Seniors, the regents scholarship is for academically qualified students. Please view the information here:

<https://ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid/regents-scholarship/regents-2021-applicants/> **The priority deadline to apply is TODAY.**

- **The Utah Promise Scholarship** is a needs based scholarship available at all USHE institutions (all Utah tax payer funded colleges). Just google Utah Promise and the college of your choice. For example, Utah Promise SUU <https://www.suu.edu/finaid/accessutahpromise.html>

SLCC <https://www.slcc.edu/promise/>

The University of Utah combines the Utah Promise, FAFSA awards and the "For Utah Scholarship" to cover all 4 years at the U. Find out more here:

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/new-for-utah-scholarship-at-the-u/>

- **Scholarships for Engineering and Architecture-Bound Students:** The Great Basin Post of the Society of American Military Engineers invites high school seniors attending a Utah high school who plan to pursue an ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) accredited engineering degree, a NAAB (National Architectural Accreditation Board) architecture degree, or a Construction Management degree to apply for a Lt. Col. G. Roger Sunada \$1,800 college scholarship. Award of multiple scholarships is anticipated. Just fill out an application with two

short essays telling them what you hope to contribute to society through a career in engineering or architecture. No military service required. Find the application at: <http://same.org/Great-Basin> and contact Evan Gabrielsen [evan.gabrielsen@gmail.com](mailto:evan.gabrielsen@gmail.com) with questions. **Applications due January 8, 2021**

**\*\*11th and 12th graders can find additional scholarships here:**

<https://completescholarships.org/>

**\*\*It's never too early to search for scholarships! Here is a scholarship site for middle school students:** <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/age/middle-school/>

**If you have any questions regarding scholarship opportunities or the FAFSA application, please contact your cadet's counselor. A-L Ms. Whitmer at [ewhitmer@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:ewhitmer@utahmilitaryacademy.org) or M-Z Ms. Swanson at [lswanson@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:lswanson@utahmilitaryacademy.org)**

**10. We will administer the ACT at the school March 17.** This test session is open to Juniors only. Juniors wishing to apply to a service academy or ROTC scholarship need to make sure to get an ACT or SAT test done asap and it would benefit them greatly to take it more than once! For context - as a high school student, you must have a 26 ACT to apply for an Air Force ROTC scholarship, but there is no limit on the number of times you can take it!

For other test opportunities you can go to ACT.org to register for an ACT test, and CollegeBoard.org for an SAT test. The next ACT is Feb 6 with an application deadline of Jan 8. Please note, if you are applying to West Point you must also take the essay portion. If your cadet is not yet a junior, but is interested in an Academy or ROTC, please encourage them to take one or both of these tests as early as possible and often!

There are lots of great free resources available to help cadets study at:  
<https://www.march2success.com/>

There are additional test prep resources for purchase on the ACT website and through the University of Utah. The link for the U of U course is:

[https://continue.utah.edu/youth/class/yehs\\_720\\_act\\_preparatory\\_course\\_grade\\_10\\_up](https://continue.utah.edu/youth/class/yehs_720_act_preparatory_course_grade_10_up)

*Please note the U of U course costs about \$200.*

**11. Applications for Summer Seminars for the Academies** are open now or will open soon. Your best chance to get a slot is to apply early! **Air Force is the first one and is open NOW and closes Jan 15.** Only Juniors may apply at this link:

<https://www.academyadmissions.com/prepare/high-school/summer-seminar/>. **Navy opens on January 4** and closes as soon as it is filled, which typically is within a couple of weeks. Keep checking West Point's website to find out when they open their applications. Remember, if you can't find the link, just google the name of the academy and the words "summer seminar."

12. Our counselors want to share this **Ted Talk by Collin Kartchner on Teens and Social Media**. Sadly, Mr. Kartchner recently passed away. His passion for protecting youth against the dangers of social media lives on in this powerful video

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMb0wqTqE\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMb0wqTqE_4)

13. This week a group of counselors from **Utah Strong** did a presentation to our cadets on resiliency and stress management. Ask your student about the basic coping skills they learned from this presentation and please share with us any feedback you get from them!

14. As we move into the next term and we have some cadets graduate early – there will be additional JROTC leadership opportunities open, so please encourage your cadets to get involved and apply through the JROTC staff!

15. Our Fan Gear site is having a Holiday apparel sale, so for a few more days you can take **25% OFF ALL ITEMS** store wide, for our Utah Military Academy LEHI apparel and accessories.

[Click here to browse the Marauder apparel deals](#)

Lastly, our Student Body Office, will be undergoing a transition within the organization. Three of our officials neglected to abide by the Student Body contract, which requires them to maintain high academic and leadership standards. It is incumbent upon student officials to set the best example for the student body. As a result, the officials and administration have agreed that changes must take place. Beneath is a list of the new Student Body Officers for the remainder of the year. We are excited to have this leadership team move forward with the great things the SBO is doing for the school!

**SBO President: Jayson Paul**

**Second in Command: Lukas Borges**

**Secretary & Online/Blended Rep: Kaiyla Emfield**

**12th Grade Reps: Amaia Winger & Ty Gifford**

**11th Grade Reps: Corbin Loveless & Xander Allison**

**10th Grade Rep: Gustavo Campos**

**9th Grade Reps: Elise Emfield & Grace McDonald**

From the SBO President: *We want cadets and their families to know that we will hold ourselves to the highest standards and are committed to doing what is best for the Marauder family.*

Here are some of the exciting events the SBO has planned in the coming weeks:

**\*\*Gingerbread House competition -- Cadets should submit a photo of themselves (or them and their family) and their gingerbread house to [nacde@utahmilitaryacademy](mailto:nacde@utahmilitaryacademy) by December 16th.**

The competition is open to UMA cadets and their families. The best/most creative entry will win a Holiday Gift Basket.

**\*\*Teddy Bear Drive--**Please bring any new and unused stuffed animals to the collection boxes near the front office. Donations will go to the South Salt Lake Police Department. Each box will have a picture of a teacher or administrator. The box that fills up the most will have that person turned into a "Holiday Dinner."

**\*\*The SBO** will also host various games and activities for cadets and teachers to help countdown the final days before Winter Break so stay tuned for more information on those!

Thank you and enjoy your weekend,

Your Utah Military Academy Staff

Attch: College Prep Night Flyer  
Gratitude Challenge

# MEET THE ADVISORS



**Megan Jorgensen**  
B.A. International Relations



**Natasha Herbenson**  
B.S. Microbiology

*We just recently graduated from college! We're now working as Air Force ROTC scholarship advisors and we're excited to work with our communities!*

## What in the World Weeknights

*Presented by Air Force Gold Bar Advisors that cover the states of UT, WY, OR, ID, & MT*

What are you supposed to be doing to prepare for college?

What do colleges look for in students?

How can I get help paying for college?

When should I start working on my college applications?

Join us virtually on Zoom on these Weeknights!!

**5:00-6:30 pm PDT**

**6:00-7:30 pm MDT**

### Topics That We'll Cover:

- College Applications
- SAT/ACT Preparation
- Essay Writing Tips
- International Study
- FAFSA

**CLICK ON A DATE TO RSVP**

**Hello from your counselors!**

2020 has challenged all of us so we want to challenge all of you to find the blessings! It is true that what we focus on will grow. Stay focused on the things you are grateful for with the UMA-CW 30 day Gratitude Challenge.

**Your counselors are grateful for you. Please reach out to us and let us know how you are doing!**

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