



Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 23 April 2021

UMA Family,

Continuing our march to the end of the school year! So excited about prom tomorrow. Any sense of normal for these cadets is so welcome. We are taking a group of cadets next week for an F-35 demonstration and a tour of the base and plan to do a LRC/Obstacle course in May. Hopefully this is just a glimpse of the cool things we will be able to do next year! Speaking of events, seniors should have received an email asking for their input on activities for Senior Week. Please check with Ms Bobadillo asap if you didn't get it.

Items for this week:

1. Our volunteers have been a great help getting our cadets within haircut standards. They plan to be here each week for cadets who need a haircut. **For those who would like to take advantage of the haircuts during Team Time Wednesday and Thursday, please fill out the attached form.** You can return it to tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org or print it and have your cadet bring it to school. We have a running list of cadets so if you fill out the form once, you don't need to fill it out every time.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F8UNJMv64JSjf5ZeUq6OF-xbBOANCBsr/view?usp=sharing>

We are suggesting a \$1 tip/donation per haircut directly to the volunteer(s) to help pay for their transportation costs and supplies.

2. **GRADUATION NEWS:** We have final approval on our venue! Graduation will be 28 May at 1 pm at **Willowcreek Middle School (2275 W 300 North, Lehi UT)**. The auditorium will accommodate up to 800 people so we do not anticipate having to limit the number of guests per cadet; however, masks will be required.

If your cadet does not have blues for graduation, please contact MSG Graham at mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org to schedule a fitting. Seniors who do not have their dress blues will not participate in the graduation ceremony.

3. **JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM is tomorrow from 8pm to midnight at the school.** Cadets are permitted to wear service dress or formal attire. PLEASE SEE FULL DRESS CODE BELOW THE MAIN TEXT. **We will be checking for dress code compliance at the door! Cadets dressed inappropriately will not be admitted.**

4. The **Parent Involvement Committee leadership positions** will rotate at the end of this school year. If you want to lead the charge for changes at the school by filling one of these roles, please contact the PIC at cwpic@Utahmilitaryacademy.org or Lt Col Bunko at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org

5. We are currently planning for next academic year's **PLEBE WEEK**. If there is something you would have wanted the school to include in last year's Plebe Week – including parent night - please let us know so we can improve the experience for our incoming parents and cadets. Send your thoughts/ideas to Lt Col Bunko at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org

6. We will administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (test) APRIL 30. **If your cadet is registered to take the test, please encourage him/her to study.** Even if they have no interest in joining the military, the test can be a good indicator of aptitude and interest in various careers. There are free study materials at:

<https://www.asvabpracticetests.com/asvab-free-online-study-guide/>

<https://www.npsk12.com/cms/lib/VA02208074/Centricity/Domain/4432/ASVAB%20Study%20Guide.pdf>

<https://www.march2success.com/>

<https://uniontestprep.com/asvab>

7. **CADET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The VFW reached out for help with their **Memorial Day Weekend poppy drive Saturday May 29**. They were unable to do these in a lot of places last year so it's good to see this event come back for 2021. Proceeds from the drive fund a variety of veterans charities and service programs and partially support the VFW National Home for Children. The VFW will be giving all the cadets who volunteer a dog tag of their choice and the cadet who does the best at each store will be given a coin. If you and/or your cadet would like to help, please contact Kate Sautter at ksautter@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

We need two cadets (12 total) for the following shifts and locations:

-Lindon Walmart: two shifts 10am -2pm & 2pm-6pm

-American Fork Walmart: two shifts 10am-2pm & 2pm-6pm

-Pleasant Grove Macey's: two shifts 10am -2pm & 2pm-6pm.

8. New legislation passed during the 2021 session created a simplified, statewide, achievement-based scholarship—the Opportunity Scholarship. **The Opportunity Scholarship will be available to students beginning with the high school graduating class of 2022.**

To qualify, students must:

- Graduate from a Utah high school with a 3.3 cumulative high school GPA
- Complete 1 Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Concurrent Enrollment (CE) course in each of the core areas: Language Arts, Math, and Science
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Additional details about the application process and available programs can be accessed at opportunityscholarship.org

9. **American Legion Boys State** will be offered virtually this year. Registration is open now and will close on May 15th. You must be a junior with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Go to: <https://utahboysstate.org> to learn specific details of the program. Cadets can earn 3 Political Science credits from Weber State. These are transferable to most Utah colleges. **Please see your counselor for further information.**

10. **American Legion Girls State** will be offered virtually this year to junior girls. Girls who were selected last year when it was cancelled are invited to attend this year in addition to those girls selected from the junior class this year. Cadets can earn 3 Political Science credits from Weber State. These are transferable to most Utah colleges. **Please see your counselor for further information.**

11. If your cadet needs to be COVID tested and was not previously registered in RedCap, the state has updated the link for Utah Military Academy. If you need to register your cadet, please use this link: <https://redcap.link/utah.gov-UtahMilitaryAcademy>. We will no longer be testing for cadets participating in Team Time. Only those cadets who are on competition teams (Raiders, Soccer, Track & Field, etc.,) need to be tested every two weeks between now and the end of the year.

12. We are starting to compile a list of **cadet volunteers who would like to be included in parades and other events over the summer**. When we have an event or request, we will only reach out to cadets/families on this list. If you would like to be on the list of those contacted when these opportunities come up, please send an email with your name and summer contact info to the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org. We are so looking forward to participating in some community events this summer!

13. More good news....our **Marauders letter jacket** design is finalized! Jackets are available for purchase at this link: <https://www.lettercustom.com/product/utah-military-academy-letter-jackets/>. The good folks

at Letter Custom have agreed to allow our cadets to use their own letters instead of ordering them through their store. Cadets will have to mail the letters to their shop at:

Attn: Luke Biesinger
7308 North Pawnee Road
Eagle Mountain, UT 84005

14. The **National Kindness Speech Contest** is now accepting entries. Students ages 6-18 can write, record and submit their own kindness speech for a chance to win \$500 and be featured on ThinkKindness.org. Not only is it a great exercise to practice their public speaking skills, but their speech may reach thousands around the world. Deadline to submit entries is April 22. Details are at <https://thinkkindness.org/national-kindness-speech/>

15. **Volunteers needed to sew on unit patches!** Good news – we have our AFJROTC unit patches in and they look great! Now we need help sewing them on cadet uniforms. If you can pitch in, please contact Ms Angi Snyder at asnyder@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

16. **Utah Valley University is excited to share the opportunity to participate in our free online Summer Bridge 2021 college credit programs with your High Schoolers!**

Utah Valley University's tuition-free online Summer Bridge programs aim to increase the number of underrepresented Utah high school students who graduate in the fields of business, engineering, and science. Admitted students participate in college-level courses, as well as in success and career exploration workshops.

These programs are for Utah high school students currently in grades 10th-12th. (Graduating seniors and students entering 10th graders will be considered based on program availability).

Students may select one of the following Summer Bridge Program options:

BUSINESS LEADERS OF TOMORROW

ENTR 2500 | Creativity and Entrepreneurial Thinking (3 Credits) | M-R 9:00 am - 11:30 am |
PES 1097 | Fitness for Life (2 Credits) | M-R 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm |

ENGINEERS OF TOMORROW

ENGR 1000 | Engineering (3 Credits) | M-R 9:00 am - 11:30 am |
AET 1150 | Applied Electrical Theory (4 Credits) | M-R 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm |
AET 1155 | Applied Electrical Lab (4 Credits)

LATINO SCIENTISTS OF TOMORROW

BTEC 1010 | Fundamentals of Biotechnology (3 Credits) | M-R 9:00 am - 11:30 am |
GEO 1010 | Introduction to Geology (3 Credits) | M-R 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm |

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Students with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.
- Utah high school students currently in grades 10th – 12th. *Graduating seniors and students entering 10th grade will be considered based on availability.*
- Students considering attending Utah Valley University and majoring in business, engineering, or science.

DATES & LOCATION:

June 28, 2021 - August 13, 2021

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Online)

COST: These Summer bridge college courses are tuition-free. Admitted students who have not taken UVU concurrent enrollment classes will need to pay a \$35 nonrefundable UVU admission application fee.

Application deadline: May 24, 2021

Application link: www.uvu.edu/bridge

17. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Camp: AI Camp created a National Scholarship Program for high school students.

AI Camp was founded by Stanford Ph.Ds, and the instructors are from Stanford and Carnegie Mellon University. Their mission is to bring AI education to all middle and high schools across the nation. Learning AI can spark students' interest in learning about math, coding, critical thinking, and science. AI is the biggest technology tidal wave in our student's lifetime.

They are offering all students full or partial scholarships. Students who receive a partial scholarship will pay only \$29. To be able to receive the scholarship students should apply through this link www.ai-camp.org/free-lesson.

18. Last item...we asked seniors to send in a paragraph about themselves and a brief explanation of their plans after graduation. We received some of those (thank you!), but we would like to be able to **highlight all of our seniors**. So if you are a Class of 2021 parent, please encourage your cadet to send their write ups to tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

That's all for this week. Thank you so much for everything you do!

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff

Attch: Junior Senior Prom Dress Code

PROM DRESS CODE

Men's Attire (Tux or Service Dress)

- Must be cleaned, pressed
- No color requirement, but it should be a tux not a business suit

* if not from UMA, date must still conform to the dress code



Women's Attire (Modest formal gown or Service Dress)

- Must be cleaned, pressed
- Floor length
- Open back may come no more than to the midpoint of the back
- Start of slit may come no more than 3" above the knee
- Spaghetti straps are allowed **with a shawl**
- Halter style or off shoulder may be worn
- No strapless gowns
- Modest cleavage
- No 2 pieces
- No stilettos (they will damage the floor and can cause injury)

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