



Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 30 April 2021

UMA Family,

What a fantastic way to close out April! Prom was a roaring success thanks to the hard work of Ms Nacde Bobadillo and her many, many helpers...cadets, staff, and volunteers....thank you so much for a special evening. Just a few days later, roughly 40 of our cadets went to Hill Air Force Base for a VIP tour of the base, including a flight demonstration by the F-35 Demo Team! Our Raiders team traveled to Florida for the National JROTC Fitness Competition Championships and we administered the second ASVAB test for this year. Just one more month of school and we can see “normal” on the horizon for fall (fingers crossed)!!

Items for this week:

#### 1. SENIORS PLEASE READ!

- Senior Week Activities are set for May 24-27. These activities are optional and only available to eligible students. Details at the link below:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QxHGIFZifQ2aSvMQLGV725eHKz2L20tU/view?usp=sharing>
- Graduation will be 28 May at 1 pm at Willowcreek Middle School (2275 W 300 North, Lehi UT).
- We will hold a graduation rehearsal 27 May at 2pm at Willowcreek Middle School.

- 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.
- Because it is a large event under Utah guidance, we are required to COVID test all of the graduates who are participating in the ceremony **within 48 hours of the event**. Similar to Prom, we will offer a test session at the school or cadets can be tested off site and send the results to the front office. **Testing will be May 26 6:00-7:00pm**, prior to the Senior Sunset and Cookout scheduled that evening. If you cannot make it to this testing session, please arrange to be tested off site Wednesday or Thursday and send your results to the front office. **Several staff members will be offsite Friday to set up for Graduation and will not be available to do last minute COVID tests.**
- If you need to register your cadet to be tested at school, please use this link: <https://redcap.link/utah.gov-UtahMilitaryAcademy>.
- Please submit your senior spotlight information. We received some of those (thank you!), but we would like to be able to highlight all of you. You can send write ups and photos to [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org).
- Credit Recovery for seniors will be held for the next two Saturday's, May 1st and May 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 2 pm. Credit recovery staff is also available for Zoom meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30pm to 5pm. Contact credit recovery at [limitless.school@gmail.com](mailto:limitless.school@gmail.com)
- If your cadet does not have blues for graduation, please contact MSG Graham at [mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org) to schedule a fitting. Seniors who do not have their dress blues will not participate in the graduation ceremony.

2. 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](mailto:cwpic@Utahmilitaryacademy.org) or Lt Col Bunko at [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org)

3. 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](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org)

4. **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](mailto: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.

5. 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](http://opportunityscholarship.org)

6. **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.**

7. **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.**

8. 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](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org). We are so looking forward to participating in some community events this summer!

9. 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

**10. 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](mailto:asnyder@utahmilitaryacademy.org). Thank you very much to those already helping!

**11. Utah Valley University is excited to share the opportunity to participate in our free ONLINE Summer Bridge 2021 college credit programs!** The Summer Bridge programs aim to increase the number of underrepresented Utah high school students who graduate in the fields of business, engineering, and science. Applicants must be 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade and have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Summer Bridge Program options (Classes run from June 28-August 13, M-Th 9am to 2pm):

**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 |

These Summer bridge college courses are tuition-free, but do require a \$35 nonrefundable UVU admission application fee. The deadline to apply is May 24 at [www.uvu.edu/bridge](http://www.uvu.edu/bridge).

**12. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Camp:** 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. AI Camp created a National Scholarship Program for high school students and **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](http://www.ai-camp.org/free-lesson).

**13.** The Soccer Banquet will be May 13 at 6:30p at the school. For information please contact Mrs Tanner at [tlaub@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tlaub@utahmilitaryacademy.org)

**14. Utah Warriors Game:** We are moving forward with plans for a UMA section and on-field cadet involvement at the May 29<sup>th</sup> Utah Warriors Rugby game! The game will be a special event honoring veterans. Participating cadets (Color Guard, etc.,) will receive a free ticket to the game

as will 50 (fcfs) cadets sponsored by the school. Discounted tickets will be available for any UMA families and friends. **If you have not yet sent an email expressing interest in, please send the number of cadets in your family and an estimate of how many additional (discounted) tickets your group would need to [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org).** The team has also expressed interest in doing a Rugby camp/clinic at the school this fall so we are super excited for the future relationship between UMA and the Warriors!

15. Our lost and found is overflowing and the year is coming to a close. If you are missing items, please check the lost and found to see if something in there is yours! **Any remaining items will be donated to charity May 14.**

That's all for this week. Let's finish the year strong Marauders!

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff