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Below is a letter from the BCT staff to the Class of 2015.

Dear Appointee

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. The start of Basic Cadet Training (BCT) is less than three weeks away and I know you are excited and perhaps a little anxious for it to begin. Below are a few reminders that will help ensure that you and your family are optimally prepared for you will most likely remember as an incredible life experience.

Read completely the *Instruction to Appointees* booklet. Please contact the admissions office immediately at 719-333-2520 if you did not receive a copy of this essential booklet.

Follow exactly the checklist on page 25 (including the references to page 4 and page 5).

If you have a cell phone, bring it and its charger when you report in for training. It will be held for you until Doolie Day-In on 9 July when you will have your first opportunity to call and text message your family and friends. Prior to Parents' Weekend which is Labor Day weekend (2-5 Sep), you will not have access to your cell phone except in emergency situations (with the exception of Doolie Day In and one or two other days after BCT is completed).

Please advise your friends and family that the best way to communicate with you is through written letters.

Bring a minimum of civilian clothes with you (other than those items required in the *Instruction to Appointees* booklet).

You will have a few expenses during BCT prior to your cadet pay being placed in your bank account. The *Instruction to Appointees* booklet recommends that you bring \$250 with you. It is important that you have \$150 on your person when you actually report to Doolittle Hall on the 23rd of June. A pre-paid ATM card is an excellent way to bring this money.

Finally, continue to prepare yourself physically for the rigors of training. The physical conditioning section of the *Instruction to Appointees* booklet is an excellent aid to assist you in getting ready.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our United States Air Force!

- BCT Staff

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