



USAF Academy Men's & Women's Gymnastics Team Funds



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Women's Team MVP, 1980

USAF Gymnastics Alumni, Parents, and "Friends of USAFA Gymnastics,"

The 2016 USAFA Men's and Women's Gymnastics Seasons are complete – it was a sensational year for both teams. As the season progressed, we hope you routinely kept up with the Falcon Pride "News Releases" (of course you can still find all of them via our Campaign website: <http://www.supportusafagymnastics.org/current-teams.html>). But if you missed the news . . . this was also a tremendous year for individual recognition at the national level – here are those end-of-year accomplishments. Congratulations to all!

- For the Women:

- o *Jamie Lewis ('18): USA Gymnastics All-American in Vault*
 - o *Mariana Murphy ('19): USA Gymnastics All-American in Uneven Bars*
 - o *Sarah Neumann ('16): USA Gymnastics Spirit Award recipient*
 - o *Sarah Neumann ('16):*
 - o *Joey Ching ('16):*
 - o *Kara Witgen ('17):*
- } *Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
All-Academic Scholar Athlete*

- For the Men:

- o *Denis Aurelius ('16): NCAA All-American in Rings*
 - o *Erin Wade ('18): NCAA All-American in Pommel Horse*
 - o *Tim Wang ('17): NCAA All-American in Pommel Horse*
 - o *Denis Aurelius ('16):*
 - o *Jonathon Fornoff ('18):*
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Graduation is just around the corner for the Class of 2016. As our First Class Cadets are to don their well-deserved "butter bars" on June 2nd, the transition to active duty service brings plenty of challenges. Here is where everyone is headed . . . if you are nearby, no doubt they'd love to have a fellow alum reach out!

- *Denis Aurelius: Columbus AFB in Columbus, MS for Undergraduate Flying Training*
- *Joey Ching: National Chengchi University, Taiwan to earn a Master's Degree in International Studies*
- *Shannen Kelly: Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, OK to serve as a Contracting Officer*
- *Sarah Neumann: Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright Patterson AFB, OH to earn a Master's Degree in Engineering*
- *Vaughn 'Josh' Pyne: Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS to serve as a Cyber Warfare Officer*



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Shifting gears, back in our February update we wrote extensively about the 60 Year USAFA Gymnastics Reunion and what a success it was. Now you can view the movie! Check out this 25-minute recap on YouTube now linked at our website: <http://www.supportusafagymnastics.org/team-historical-items.html> . Thanks again to lead organizer Ken Kemper. We eagerly anticipate February, 2021 as Lynn Ellen Vergis and Nancy Kiyota team up as the lead organizers of our 65th.

A few months ago at the Reunion, we recognized our donors in attendance with a “Campaign Coin.” Now, as of last week, **all** donors to **any** of the USAFA Gymnastics Funds since 2008 have received their Campaign Coin! For those of you who have donated – THANKS so very much! For you future donors, ready to “raise your hand and commit” – look forward to receiving your coin! (By the way, the “All Academy Challenge” takes place from June 1-7. This is a friendly competition between USAFA and the other service academies where we compete to see how many grads will give our institution a gift. Yes, you can get a “2-fer” over the upcoming week: contribute to USAFA Gymnastics while also counting toward our tally in the All Academy Challenge! See the main web page at www.allacademychallenge.com to support USAFA).



On a final note, our Campaign is expanding efforts to find those “lost” gymnastics alums – those for whom we don’t have email addresses. Unfortunately, recognizing there have been 294 men’s gymnastics alums and 177 women’s gymnastics alums, we only have ~ 1/3 of those grads in our email database. To help expand our contact list, we’ll soon reach out to all the team captains and ask if they could do a bit of research to “find” their missing USAFA gymnastics classmates.

- While we can’t openly display all the “To” recipients of this email update due to privacy concerns, we’ll still ask for your help right now . . .
 - o Gymnastics Alums: Please forward this email to **all** the USAFA gymnastics alums you are in contact with.
 - o For those of you receiving this Campaign Update for the first time, and you’d like to routinely receive our Campaign emails, please visit <http://www.supportusafagymnastics.org/contact-us.html> and click on the “ENROLL” box.

That’s it for this quarter. Enjoy the summer, thanks for your support, and GO FALCONS!

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