



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



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## Quarterly Update – 2015/11/01

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

On behalf of the Honorary Chairs and Committee Members we are happy to provide you with this quarter's update for our USAFA Gymnastics Team Funds Campaign. As we move past our very successful "Campaign Kick-off" on August 1<sup>st</sup>, we'd like to use these quarterly updates to provide you with the latest information about our Campaign as well as the USAFA Gymnastics Program and related events. Here we go . . .

### Campaign Progress:

It is clear that our young Campaign is generating interest and additional donations for both the Men's Gymnastics Team Fund and the Women's Gymnastics Team Fund. Here are some good metrics . . .

- Honorary Chairs and Committee Members: *28 and growing*
- "Friends of USAFA Gymnastics" email addresses: *505 and growing*
- Total viewings of our campaign video (on YouTube): *3,065 and growing*
- Total "hits" on our Campaign Website ([www.supportusafagymnastics.org](http://www.supportusafagymnastics.org)): *8,492 and growing*

### Men's Head Coach Transition:

In early September, Coach Kip Simons completed 10 years as the USAFA Men's Gymnastics Head Coach taking our athletes to new levels of excellence and success. Given a set of significant circumstances and opportunities, none of them unfavorable to USAFA or the team, Kip applied for the position of US Naval Academy Men's Gymnastics Head Coach and was hired. We wish him all the best as he moves back east with this new opportunity. Josh Loeser, then the current assistant Men's Gymnastics coach, was named as the "interim" head coach and has been doing a superb job running the show single-handedly for the past 6 weeks.

On October 21st, the Athletic Department announced that Jeff Robinson will return to USAFA as the new USAFA Men's Gymnastics Head Coach in early November. Jeff served as the USAFA men's gymnastics assistant coach for ~5 years before moving to Nevada last winter for a different coaching opportunity. We are blessed that Jeff and his family are now returning to Colorado Springs – his incredible coaching skills, gymnastics prowess, leadership, and complete familiarity with the USAFA



Gymnastics Program and the cadet environment will yield fantastic results. For further details see the USAFA Men's Gymnastics Team website: [www.goairforcefalcons.com/sports/m-gym/](http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/sports/m-gym/)

### **60-year Reunion (Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016):**

All recipients of this email should have also received an email from "AFGym Update" on September 16<sup>th</sup> that was titled "USAFA 60 Year Gymnastics Reunion Feb 5-7th 2016 -- September Update." Yes – it's time to gather again at USAFA to watch both teams compete and participate in Reunion festivities. While the Reunion Committee (led by Ken Kemper, '90) is outside of our Gymnastics Funds Campaign, we will have Campaign publicity and Donor Recognition activities before and after the co-ed dual meet on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll send out an email to Campaign Donors with more details in early December. If anyone has any questions specifically about the reunion, please email Ken and his reunion staff at [usafagymupdate@gmail.com](mailto:usafagymupdate@gmail.com).

### **How you can support your USAFA Gymnastics "roots"**

Since August 1<sup>st</sup> the USAFA Endowment's two gymnastics funds have collected just under \$15,000. While that's a very nice start to our Campaign, everyone needs to be aware that the bulk of that money has come from large, single payment donations from a handful of donors. Clearly these "one-time" donations are greatly appreciated, but the way long-term campaigns such as ours become truly significant is through "routine" allotments. You can do the math yourself, but could you imagine what we'd see each quarter if all of our 505 "Friends of USAFA Gymnastics" committed to just a \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25 monthly donation?!

At the Reunion in February, our Gymnastics Funds Campaign will unveil the "Donor Level Recognition Plaques" which will be permanently displayed by the West Gym. As you can see below, to account for those donors who have been generously supporting our USAFA gymnasts even before our Campaign kicked off, these donor levels will be based on "cumulative" donations (from each funds' establishment back in 2008 to the present).

 <p><b><u>Podium Level Donors</u></b> <b>\$2,000 to \$5,000 (cumulative)</b> Funds origination through 31 Dec 2015</p> 	 <p><b><u>Silver Level Donors</u></b> <b>\$10,000 to \$50,000 (cumulative)</b> Funds origination through 31 Dec 2015</p> 
 <p><b><u>Bronze Level Donors</u></b> <b>\$5,000 to \$10,000 (cumulative)</b> Funds origination through 31 Dec 2015</p> 	 <p><b><u>Gold Level Donors</u></b> <b>Greater than \$50,000 (cumulative)</b> Funds origination through 31 Dec 2015</p> 

Please browse through our website, watch our campaign video, and review the "Our Purpose" and "Margin of Excellence" documents. If supporting our USAFA gymnasts is worthy of your donation(s), simply click on the website's "Donate" button for either the Men's or Women's Team Fund. On behalf of our gymnasts, thanks!

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