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CCAF UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMANDANT

'Five...Gold...Rings...Lines of effort'

I hope this finds you all well rested from the holidays of 2020... although quite a challenging year, we have much to be grateful for! The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) has been charging ahead, paving the way for the future using five main lines of effort:

1. Renew and enhance strategic communication with all CCAF stakeholders.
2. Design a new Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree pathway.
3. Update academic policies of old.
4. Modernize information technology, including the student information system and transcript ingress/egress.
5. Plan for future initiatives, including support the United States Space Force (USSF) Guardian students, and expand eligibility to sister service members enrolled in CCAF-affiliated courses, per the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2020.

The lines of effort above sound like a lot of work...indeed it has been, but this fantastic team has made great strides! Below is an update to each:

Despite COVID, we've worked to integrate recurring communication at all levels of the chain of command. From providing CCAF information booths for First Term Airmen, and at every level of Professional Military Education, to developing relationships between our program managers and the Career Field Managers (CFM) for Air Force Specialty Code specific updates. We've communicated academic policy changes to Command Chiefs, Wing and Group Superintendents, and Education Service Offices through email, Town Halls, and advisor training now offered both virtually and in-person! And we've worked to roadshow changes and new programs to our senior leadership, including the AFSELC, even hosting CMSAF #18 Wright at the College back in March, prior to the COVID travel restrictions.

The rollout of the new AAS degree in Military Technology and Applied Sciences Management (MTASM), described in a previous quarterly update this year, is expected to be on-time for a Fall 2021 execution. This took many iterations of an internal prospectus between CCAF and Air University, who helped communicate a detailed plan of intent with Air University's accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The Academic Programs Division is finalizing new catalog material, and will soon be working on a plan to prepare advisors on this new degree pathway.

The Academic Policy Changes communicated throughout this year required the establishment of an Academic Review Committee (ARC); the Academic Programs team who made possible the changes to the upgrade training credit, and in concert with the Campus Relations Division, refined

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processes on how academic experiences outside a collegiate course could be evaluated for credit. The remainder of steps to finalize all changes are in the hands of our hardworking AU/A6 information technology (IT) teammates, as these modifications required reprogramming of our current student information system.

Speaking of IT, our Enrollment Management Division has been hard at work on process improvement for the ingress of civilian school transcripts into the College, how they are loaded onto CCAF transcripts, and then sent out by the hundreds of thousands to more effectively and efficiently meet the needs of millions of active students and alumni!

Prototypes and process improvements have been made to enhance online transcript ordering, streamline diploma reprinting requests, and pairing with an e-transcript agency; all to be tested in January 2021. Additionally, this hardworking team has been attending daily requirements meetings for the anticipated enterprise-wide Air University Student Information System (AUSIS), which we are told will eventually replace our Student Transcript Administration Records System (STARS) within the next 18-24 months.

The changes summarized above will also help us make way to support two new cohorts: USSF Guardians, and service members outside of the Department of the Air Force participating in CCAF-affiliated courses. Although NDAA 2020 expanded eligibility in writing, it is necessary to navigate the details of this expansion, how those students will be advised, and by whom. And although these changes did not come with manpower or resources, we are confident our service teammates will be ready and willing to work out the particulars in the coming months. So stay tuned for that!

As you can see, CCAF has been running a marathon this year outside of our everyday operations, and the internal organizational changes needed to support these lines of effort. But this amazing team has continued to put in the miles of work with the same goal in mind: to ensure we posture CCAF for the future, to continue to be the Community College of choice for those with a calling to serve.

Thank you all for your contributions to this mission, and may your 2021 futures be bright!

Sincerely,

Lt Col Melanie Presuto
Commandant



FROM THE VICE COMMANDANT

Team:

First, I will begin by saying, “thank you” for your help in 2020 to ensure all Airmen successfully navigate their educational paths! You are at the front lines to answer questions, provide expertise, and put Airmen on a path to success. Some of these questions stem from recent CCAF policy changes and I applaud your efforts to not only keep up with the changes, but to ensure Airmen at your respective bases know as well. We held numerous town halls to accommodate various time zones to ensure all education service offices had the chance to ask specific questions in relation to their mission, challenges, and student population.

There is no easy way to sugarcoat the truth: 2020 was a difficult and very challenging year. As we look back, we can recall how unsure we were of what was before us, which was an unprecedented global pandemic. We feared the unknown and made significant changes, not only to our personal lives, but to professional commitments. Personally, we tried to keep our families safe and healthy, cognizant that at any given time, we could possibly become ill from the COVID-19 virus. We disinfected everything in sight and used as much personal protective equipment as we could find. Professionally, we began teleworking and figured out we could still do our mission from our basements, front porches, and family rooms.

Specifically at CCAF, we were in the midst of major academic policy changes, which impacted nearly every student throughout the Air and Space Force. Individually, these changes were significant, but when placed in and amongst the other changes, yielded major alterations to CCAF degrees. These changes needed to be made and will surely enhance CCAF’s credibility for years to come. Our team did a great job navigating the changes and working with students to iron out issues, provide recommendations, and even finalize Spring and Fall 2020 graduation requests!

As we begin a new year, we hope you and your teams find continued success. Best of luck and, “thank you” again, for advising our Airmen how to successfully reach their educational goals!

CMSgt Kevin P. Kloeppel
Vice Commandant



FROM THE DEAN

Authorities and Limits

Magnum Force is a 1973 thriller featuring Clint Eastwood as maverick cop Harry Callahan (following his popular movie, Dirty Harry in 1971). Having got the better of Lieutenant Neil Briggs (Hal Holbrook), who dies in the final scene, Callahan mutters: "A man's got to know his limitations." Similarly, CCAF has and must recognize its limitations. Moreover, CCAF needs everyone in the field to understand both the authorities and limitations of CCAF. This article is designed to highlight some of these major authorities and limitations.

1. CCAF is a Title 10 program established to provide degree pathways and other workplace credentials for Enlisted personnel (10 USC 9415).
2. CCAF degrees are provided for by federal policy and are awarded under the authority of Air University (10 USC 9417).
3. By DoD instruction, CCAF is the avenue by which an enlisted member's academic credit/progress is documented (DODI 1322.25, *Voluntary Education*).
4. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2020 amended Title 10, USC, authorizing participation in CCAF programs by enlisted members of services other than the Air Force who are participating in CCAF-affiliated joint service training and education courses.

HOWEVER...

5. CCAF does not have the authority to direct CCAF-affiliated schools WHAT to teach, METHODS of instruction, or HOW LONG a program will last. These responsibilities reside within the career field and school house.
6. CCAF does not advise career fields/schools against nor prohibit change needed to curriculum content or methods, or other course changes as described above, nor does meeting institutional accreditation standards prohibit such changes.
7. Where items (5) and (6) above rise to level of substantive change as defined by our accrediting agency, CCAF is obligated to work with career fields/schools to ensure such changes are executed in alignment with sound academic practices and IAW accreditation requirements...collaboration is key!
8. Affiliating with the CCAF system is voluntary. Compliance with CCAF policies and procedures after deciding to affiliate is not (AFI 36-2670, *Total Force Development*).



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In short, CCAF as an Air University college, has all the authority it needs to offer, award, and monitor degree programs; provide workplace and industry-related credentials as well as award academic credit for credentials where appropriate; and provide related programs and services. Yet there are limits to what we can and should do. Our commitment is to do our job while at the same “staying in our lanes.”

You may contact the CCAF Dean at royce.dasinger@us.af.mil

Dr. Hank Dasinger
CCAF Dean



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FROM MEDIA & DISTANCE LEARNING

CCAF Graduation Speakers Available During COVID-19 By Video

The Commandant and Dean of the Community College of the Air Force continue to be available to provide graduation messages to students during graduation ceremonies, even during the corona virus pandemic known as COVID-19. However, because of COVID-19, these graduation messages have been pre-recorded for Bases to use according to their schedules without the need to coordinate with CCAF, since no TDY travel is currently involved.

Lt Col Melanie Presuto and Dr. Hank Dasinger, the Commandant and Dean, respectively, for CCAF participated in a video project resulting in the production of CCAF graduation speaker videos that can be used for CCAF graduations at Bases for our Air and Space Force professionals. As the corona virus continues, the CCAF leadership continues to provide additional virtual media to assist our members in the field.



Lt Col Presuto prepares to tape graduation video



Lt Col Presuto tapes graduation video in studio



Dr. Dasinger tapes graduation video in studio



Dr. Dasinger participates in virtual event

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To view the CCAF graduation speaker videos and other CCAF virtual media you can use, please visit these links below:

Lt Col Presuto's graduation ceremony video:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/768024/ccaf-graduation-ceremony-lt-col-presuto>

Dr. Dasinger's graduation ceremony video:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/768022/ccaf-graduation-ceremony-dr-dasinger>

Lt Col Presuto's website video:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/762831/ccaf-commander-website-intfo>

CCAF October 2020 Town Hall Q&A Session:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/773380/ccaf-town-hall-with-usafe>

For information regarding CCAF virtual media, contact the Media and Distance Learning Flight at ccaf.decm@us.af.mil

Mr. Benny Seawright

Chief, Media and Distance Learning



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FROM MEDIA & DISTANCE LEARNING

CCAF Marketing Team Safely Briefs FTAC During COVID-19

Despite COVID-19, CCAF's Marketing Team continued to brief CCAF programs to base classes. One of these classes is the First Term Airmen Center, known as FTAC. In the past couple of years, our Marketing Team briefed new FTAC students each month. However, when the corona virus pandemic known as COVID-19 hit, many base classes were paused due to the pandemic. That was the case with FTAC, which was shut down in April 2020. After putting social distancing proper protocols in place, the class resumed in August 2020, sometimes being held twice monthly to catch up with the base backlog.

Assisting in the FTAC backlog for CCAF were two outstanding program managers, TSgt Stefany Hill and TSgt Christina Lariccia. TSgt Hill, who has been on the marketing team for three years, including past leader of the CCAF Right Start Team, took the initial lead in ensuring CCAF had a base presence for the course. Both TSgt Hill and TSgt Lariccia bring a wealth of knowledge to the FTAC class, making students aware of how to use AFVEC and CCAF Online tools, how best to complete their CCAF associate of applied science degree, and the benefits of using CCAF's other programs such as AFCOOL, AU-ABC, GEM, and professional certifications when eligible. Even during COVID-19, where they are masked up and careful to maintain social distance, they continued to reach their goal of providing students as much information as possible to help ensure their success in their Air Force career. They are highly motivated and enthusiastic, which leads to piquing students' interest as evidenced by the many questions during their presentations.



TSgt Hill leads class in viewing AFVEC online



TSgt Lariccia answers question from FTAC student

To view some of the short videos shown at FTAC, go to these sites:

- TSgt Lariccia's video regarding her pharmacy degree: <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/731214/ccaf-pharmacy>
- TSgt Hill and TSgt Lariccia (and other staff members) on a CCAF overview: <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/731405/ccaf-overview>
- Staff member Mr. Donald Ellwood's FTAC video: <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/733368/ccaf-ftac>

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For information regarding any of the CCAF programs, contact our Media and Distance Learning Flight at ccaf.decm@us.af.mil

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How To Contact CCAF During COVID-19

Since many members of the Community College of the Air Force staff are teleworking, it might be difficult to get through by phone. For students who have questions regarding transfer credits, transcripts, graduation status and more, the first step should be to contact the Education Advisor at the nearest AF Base Education Office. If that does not work, please use these contacts:

Education Services: ccaf.edservices@us.af.mil

Transcript issues: registrar.ccaf@us.af.mil

AF Credentialing Opportunities Online (AFCOOL): Log into AFVEC/AFCOOL at: <https://afvec.us.af.mil/afvec/af-cool/welcome> (CAC required)

Certifications or Credentialing: Use Air University (AU) Service Desk at: <https://auservicedesk.af.edu>

Affiliated Schools or CCAF Instructors: ccaf.fac@us.af.mil

AU-ABC or GEM programs: ccaf.decm@us.af.mil

You can still contact our phone tree by calling our main number at DSN 749-5000 or Commercial 334-649-5000. Just keep in mind that many of our staff members are teleworking on various days.

For information on CCAF programs, contact ccaf.decm@us.af.mil or visit our website at the following links:

CCAF Portal Web site (CAC required):

https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/site/AETC/AETC_AU/BARNES_CTR/CCAF

CCAF Public Web site: <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/>

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FROM ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

CCAF Pharmacy Technology AAS Degree Program Closure

The Medical Education and Training Campus (METC), located at Fort Sam Houston TX, is a tri-service technical training campus whose mission is to deliver medical training and education to United States Army, Navy, and Air Force military personnel. METC has been a CCAF branch campus (affiliated school) since 10 July 2013.

METC has proceeded with authorities provided in the FY16 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) to grant undergraduate degrees. Agreements have taken place to realign enlisted medical curriculum and faculty from CCAF to the College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS), a branch campus of USUHS. USUHS holds accreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

METC moved the Pharmacy curriculum and faculty to CAHS on 28 October 2020. In result, it is no longer feasible for CCAF to continue offering its Pharmacy Technology AAS degree. Effective 28 October 2020, CCAF discontinued registration of new students in this AAS degree program. However, CCAF is committed to enable students who are already registered in the degree program the opportunity to complete the remaining program requirements and graduate in the CCAF AAS degree within the teach-out period. The teach-out period for this AAS degree program is six years, ending 28 October 2026.

CCAF will officially close the Pharmacy Technology AAS degree program at the end of the teach-out period.

Students currently enrolled in this degree program must meet all degree program requirements to be awarded the degree within the teach-out period. It is the student's responsibility to complete sufficient courses and credit each semester to enable themselves to complete the degree within the time allotted.

Per the teach-out plan, all registered students in the CCAF Pharmacy Technology AAS degree program have been notified of program closure and the teach-out period.

Mr, J.R. Breeding, Associate Dean of Academic Programs



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FROM ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

CCAF to CAHS Degree Program Transfer Timeline

The chart below provides the status of Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) curriculum and faculty alignment from CCAF to the College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS). Additionally, the chart provides the updated status of the applicable CCAF Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree programs. The next programs to align from CCAF to CAHS is Medical Laboratory Technology and Biomedical Equipment Technology, tentatively scheduled to transfer in November 2021.

CCAF to CAHS Degree Program Transfer Timeline					
Current as of: 28 October 2020					
CAHS Transfer Complete		Partial Transfer to CAHS			
CAHS Transfer TBD		AAS not Affected			
AU/CCAF		METC/CAHS			
Relevant CCAF AAS Degree	Prgm Code	METC Program of Study	Transfer Date	Board of Regents	Notes
Nuclear Medicine Technology	7ABJ	Nuclear Medicine	11-Jul-18		Implemented teach-out; ceased new student enrollment
Cardiopulmonary Laboratory Technology	7GDA	Cardiopulmonary Laboratory	12-Oct-18	Feb-20	Program transferred to University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) on 12 Oct 18; implemented teach-out; ceased new student enrollment; tentative transfer from UIW to CAHS is 6 Jul 20
Histologic Technology	7GAE	Histopathology	4-Mar-19		Implemented teach-out; ceased new student enrollment
Dietetics & Nutrition	7GAD	Diet Therapy	28-May-19		Implemented teach-out; ceased new student enrollment
Diagnostic Imaging Technology	7GDH	Diagnostic Imaging	26-Aug-19		Implemented teach-out; ceased new student enrollment; L5ALO4R031C-00AA Magnetic Resonance Imaging (PDS 157) and L5AZO4R051-00AB Diagnostic Imaging Mammography (PDS DIO) remain as CCAF courses
Ophthalmic Technician	7GDI	Ophthalmic	12-Aug-20	May-20	Implemented teach-out; ceased new student enrollment; L5ALO4V031A-01AA Ophthalmic Surgical Services (PDS 10G) remains as a CCAF course
Pharmacy Technology	7GAH	Pharmacy	28-Oct-20	Aug-20	Implemented teach-out; ceased new student enrollment
Surgical Services Technology	7GEA	* Urology * Surgical Services	* 20 Mar 19 * TBD		Surgical Services Technology AAS degree closure upon transfer of Surgical Services faculty/curriculum
Practical Nursing Technology	7GAL	* Neurodiagnostic Medical Technician * Aerospace Medical Service	* 27 Mar 19 * TBD		Practical Nursing Technology AAS degree closure upon transfer of Aerospace Medical Service faculty/curriculum
Dental Assisting	7GBC	Dental Assistant	TBD		Transfer Date TBD
Dental Laboratory Technology	7GBB	Dental Laboratory	TBD	Aug-20	Transfer Date TBD
Medical Laboratory Technology	7GAF	Medical Laboratory	TBD		Transfer Date TBD
Mental Health Services	7GAP	Mental Health Service	TBD		Transfer Date TBD
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	7GDK	Diagnostic Medical Sonography	TBD		Transfer Date TBD
Physical Therapist Assistant	7GAI	Physical Medicine	TBD		Transfer Date TBD

Mr. J.R. Breeding, Associate Dean of Academic Programs



FROM ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Basic Military Training Credit

The USAF Basic Military Training (BMT) curriculum has been approved for award of CCAF academic credit. However, implementation was delayed until completion of systems programming and resolution of a firewall issue. These items were completed 15 January 2021.

CCAF institutional credit will be awarded for the portion of BMT curriculum that is taught by qualified CCAF faculty. Air and Space professionals who complete USAF BMT after 17 October 2019 will earn five semester hours credit in Military Studies that can be applied toward the CCAF Leadership, Management and Military Studies (LMMS) requirement in all AAS degree programs.

To be awarded this credit, the student must have completed USAF BMT on or after 17 October 2019. A student who completed USAF BMT before 17 October 2019 will not be awarded academic credit due to the course and faculty not being part of the CCAF system.

CCAF student records have been updated for applicable students. Future USAF BMT completions will be reported to CCAF and student records will be updated automatically via scheduled data feed from a system interface. If an eligible student record does not reflect USAF BMT course completion, please submit a CCAF Student Action Request to add a military course to the student record.

Mr, J.R. Breeding, Associate Dean of Academic Programs



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CCAF finalizes education partnership with Stillman College, first HBCU in GEM Program

By Billy Blankenship, Air University Public Affairs / Published January 19, 2021

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. --

The Community College of the Air Force at Air University and Stillman College signed a partnership recently allowing the north Alabama school to offer online general education courses to Airmen pursuing their CCAF associate degree.

Stillman, located in Tuscaloosa, is the first Historically Black Colleges and Universities to sign up with CCAF's General Education Mobile Program.

The GEM Program allows CCAF students to enroll in partnering civilian academic institutions to fulfill general education course requirements needed for associate in applied science degrees.

"Despite the challenges that COVID-19 has created for education, the push to move courses online helped Stillman College meet requirements to become a GEM partner, and we are really excited to partner with them," said Lt. Col. Melanie Presuto, CCAF commandant. "Adding courses from Stillman College to the growing list of over 2,192 approved GEM courses increases choice and diversity of partnerships to elevate the enlisted profession. The associate of applied science degree from CCAF supports recruiting, retention, career transition efforts and mission capability and readiness."

Partnering institutions offer the courses through distance learning, reducing the educational interruptions of deployments, permanent-change-of-station moves and family commitments. Students contact the GEM partnering school directly to enroll in general education courses, delivered via Air Force Virtual Education Center.

"At Stillman College, we are deeply honored to be the first HBCU to partner with Air University as part of the CCAF GEM program," said Dr. Mark McCormick, Stillman provost and vice president of academic affairs. "Stillman College is constantly looking for new avenues to provide educational opportunities to traditional and non-traditional students. It seems a natural fit to partner with the CCAF GEM program to fulfill the need for general education classes."

The average graduation time of a student enrolled in the CCAF degree program is eight years, with general education courses often being the last requirement fulfilled. The GEM program aims to reduce that time by half by simplifying course selections through AFVEC.

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“Adding additional partners to the GEM Program increases student course selection and registration, all accessed in one place, which helps,” Presuto said. “Providing these courses in an anytime, anywhere online format facilitates student planning across entire general education curriculum, and motivates students to complete courses on a self-paced timeline. Partnering with colleges in the community builds trust and relationships and enhances many initiatives from collaboration to community service and outreach.”

For more information about the GEM program, contact ccaf.decm@us.af.mil and visit:

<https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803250/general-education-mobile-gem/>



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Staff Sergeant Daniel Christie

SSgt Daniel Christie is the Manager of Intelligence Studies and Technology Degree Program, Community College of the Air Force, Air University, Maxwell Gunter AFB, Ala. He serves in a position utilizing career field expertise to develop, implement, and manage degree programs serving over 14,000 enlisted members. Additionally, he evaluates and translates military technical course curricula for conversion to civilian collegiate credit, advises education counselors, and counsels students on academic policies and academic best practices by using multiple systems to monitor student degree progression.

SSgt Christie entered the Air Force in March 2016. He completed the basic intelligence fundamentals course at Goodfellow, AFB, San Angelo TX, and has since worked in various intelligence roles, providing analysis and integrative support to the DoD. Prior to his current position, SSgt Christie was the Integration Lead, 32d Intelligence Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, Md.

SSgt Christie recently wrote his master's thesis titled, "Intrinsic Motivation and Retention in the Military," a study which examined levels of motivation, engagement, and satisfaction from members of the military.

Prior to enlisting, SSgt Christie was the History Department Chair for The Phelps School, Malvern Pa. Additionally, SSgt Christie taught high school English and History, for four years, in Philadelphia, where he developed course curriculum for a start-up cyber school.

EDUCATION

2009 Associate of Arts, Education, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Schnecksville, PA.

2012 Bachelor of Science, Education, West Chester University, West Chester, PA.

2018 Associate of Applied Science, Intelligence Studies and Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2019 Master of Science, Organization Development and Leadership, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA.

2020 Airman Leadership School, Fort George G. Meade, MD.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

March 2016 – April 2016, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX.

April 2016 – September 2016, Student, Signals Intelligence Apprentice Fundamentals Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX.



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September 2016 – August 2020, Integration Lead, 32d Intelligence Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, MD.

August 2020 – Present, Program Manager Intelligence Studies, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Gunter Air Force Base, AL.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Army Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 Basic Military Training Honor Graduate

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class, March 1, 2016

Senior Airman, July 1, 2018

Staff Sergeant, March 1, 2020



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Technical Sergeant Heather King

Technical Sergeant Heather K. King is an Affiliate School Manager at the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama. She is responsible for the affiliation and administrative processes for 23 schools and 1,180 instructors nationwide.

Sergeant King enlisted in the Air Force in 2007. She graduated from the Medical Material course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas in May 2007 and was assigned to the 49th Medical Group at Holloman AFB. During this time, she deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation NEW DAWN. In May 2013, she cross trained and graduated from the Education and Training Manager course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. From there she served at the Air Force Personnel Center managing mission readiness and craftsman course training worldwide.

Prior to her current assignment, Sergeant King served as Registrar and an Instructor for the Classroom Instructor Course at the 436th Training Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas.



EDUCATION

2007 Medical Material Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, TX.

2011 Airman Leadership School, Holloman AFB, NM.

2011 Associates in Applied Science, Logistics, CCAF

2013 Education and Training Apprentice Course, Keesler AFB, MS.

2015 Associates in Applied Science, Education and Training Management, CCAF

2016 Bachelor of Arts, Social Psychology, Park University

2018 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Sheppard AFB, TX.

2019 Associates in Instructor of Technology and Military Science, CCAF

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. Feb 2007 – Apr 2007, Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX.
2. Apr 2007 – May 2007, Student, Technical Training, Sheppard AFB, TX.
3. Jun 2007 – Jun 2008, Medical Material Apprentice, 49 MDSS, Holloman AFB, NM.
4. Jun 2008 – Oct 2009, Medical Material Journeyman, 49 MDSS, Holloman AFB, NM.
5. Oct 2009 – May 2013, NCOIC, Med Equip Mgmt Office, 49 MDSS, Holloman AFB, NM.
6. May 2013 – Jul 2013, Student, Technical Training, Keesler AFB, MS.

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7. Jul 2013 – Dec 2013, Unit Training Manager, 49 SFS, Holloman AFB, NM.
8. Dec 2013 – Mar 2016, Air Force Quota Manager, HQ AFPC, Randolph AFB, TX.
9. Mar 2016 – Dec 2017, NCOIC, Air Force Enlisted OJT Program, HQ AFPC, Randolph AFB, TX.
10. Dec 2017 – Nov 2020, ACC Classroom Instructor Course Instructor, 436 TS, Dyess AFB, TX.
11. Nov 2020 – Present, Affiliate School Manager, CCAF, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

AF Outstanding Unit Award

AF Organizational Excellence Award

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2018 Lance P. Sijan Award, 552d Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, OK.

2018 NCO of the 3rd Quarter, 552d Training Group, Tinker AFB, OK.

2018 ACC Education and Training Manager of the Year

2018 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, 12th Air Force

2019 NCO of the 1st Quarter, 552d Training Group, Tinker AFB, OK.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman, February 20, 2007

Airman First Class, December 20, 2007

Senior Airman, August 20, 2009

Staff Sergeant, July 1, 2011

Technical Sergeant, October 1, 2017



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Staff Sergeant Roshonda J. McGee

Staff Sergeant Roshonda J. McGhee is the Computer Science Technology Degree Program Manager at the Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Alabama. Sergeant McGhee is responsible for developing and managing support associate degrees in the applied science programs. In addition, she translates military technical course curricula to civilian collegiate credits for professional degrees broadening the educational background for Air Force enlisted Airmen.

Sergeant McGhee enlisted in the United States Air Force in November 2011 graduating from the Cyber Transport Apprentice course at Keesler AFB, Mississippi August 2012. Upon graduation she was assigned to the 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah, where she served as a Cyber Transport Systems Journeyman. During this assignment she deployed with the 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron in support of joint contingency operations such as Operation Inherent Resolve. Prior to her current position, Sergeant McGhee served as a Quality Assurance Evaluator for the 729th Air Control Squadron at Hill AFB, Utah.



EDUCATION

2015 Associate in Applied Science, Electronic Systems Technology Community College of the Air Force

2017 Airman Leadership School, Hill Air Force Base, UT.

2017 Senior Enlisted Joint PME

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. November 2011 – January 2012, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX.
2. January 2012 – November 2012, Trainee, Cyber Transport Technical Training, Keesler AFB, MS.
3. November 2012 – May 2017, Cyber Transport Systems Supervisor, 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill AFB, UT.
4. May 2017 – May 2018, Cyber Transport Systems Supervisor, 39th Communications Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey
5. May 2018 – November 2020, QA Evaluator, 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill AFB, UT.
6. November 2020 – Present, Computer Science Degree Program Manager, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman, November 11, 2011

Airman First Class, December 30, 2011

Senior Airman, April 30, 2014

Staff Sergeant, January 1, 2017



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Technical Sergeant Andy I. Mohammed

TSgt Andy I. Mohammed is the Education Services Support Manager, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL. The unit is subordinate to the Thomas N. Barnes Center, Air University, and Air Education & Training Command.

TSgt Mohammed is the Education Services Support Manager at Community College of the Air Force. He is an advisor and liaison to over 300 Voluntary Education offices worldwide. TSgt Mohammed also manages the CCAF Advisor Training Program and CCAF Annual Educational Services Awards.

TSgt Mohammed enlisted in the Air Force in January of 2002 graduating from the Fighter Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice courses in August of 2002. He retrained in April of 2007 and graduated from the Education and Training Apprentice course in August of 2007.

Prior to his current position, TSgt Mohammed was the Education and Training Section Chief, 707 Force Support Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, Md.



EDUCATION

2005 Airman Leadership School, Shaw AFB, SC.

2009 Air Force Principles of Instruction Course

2009 Instructional Systems Designer Course

2010 Associates in Applied Science, Education and Training Management, CCAF

2010 Associates in Applied Science, Aviation Maintenance Technology, CCAF

2010 CompTIA A+ Certification

2012 CompTIA Network+ Certification

2014 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun AB, Germany

2015 Senior Enlisted Joint PME Course, National Defense University

2015 CompTIA Security+ Certification

2017 USAF Senior NCO Academy (Basic Phase III), Air University

2018 Professional Managers Certification, CCAF

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ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. September 2002 — September 2003, Transient Alert Crew Member, 8th Maintenance Squadron, Kunsan Air Base (AB), Republic of Korea
2. September 2003 — August 2006, Inspection Section Team Member, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, SC.
3. August 2006 — January 2007, Dedicated Crew Chief, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC.
4. January 2007 — November 2007, Maintenance Debriefer, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC.
5. November 2007 — October 2008, Unit Training Manager, 57th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV.
6. October 2008 — February 2010, NCOIC, Unit Training Management, 57th Operations Support Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV.
7. February 2010 — August 2013, NCOIC, Unit Training Management, 58th Rescue Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev. (October 2012 — January 2013, Training and Communications, Camp Lemonnier Naval Expeditionary Base, Djibouti, Africa)
8. August 2013 — September 2015, NCOIC, Unit Training Management, 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
9. September 2015 — August 2016, NCOIC, Unit Training Management, 86th Communication Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
10. August 2016 — November 2017, Base/Wing Education and Training Manager, 707th Force Support Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, MD.
11. November 2017 — August 2020, Section Chief, Education and Training, 707th Force Support Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, MD.
12. August 2020 — Present, Education Services Support Manager, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class January 8, 2002

Senior Airman May 8, 2004

Staff Sergeant May 1, 2006

Technical Sergeant October 1, 2012



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Sachiko Cleveland

Ms. Sachiko Cleveland, joined the college as an Education and Training Specialist in the Air Force Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (AF COOL) Flight in October 2020. Ms. Cleveland monitors, evaluates, and conducts capability-based credentialing studies and manages the Air Force COOL Program.

In her final military assignment, she served as the Superintendent of the 81st Force Support Squadron, Keesler AFB, Mississippi. In this position, she represented over 500 Airmen and civilians across five varied flights of military and civilian personnel, manpower, education, professional military education in 37 diverse facilities and recreational venues.

Her responsibilities included advising the squadron commander on all matters affecting the health, morale, and welfare of assigned enlisted and civilian personnel. She also assisted with the management and direction of a wide range of programs including combat and community support, business operations, Airmen and family support services, personal and professional development, quality of life and human resource functions for team Keesler.

Her background includes numerous leadership roles at squadron and field operation agency levels. She has been stationed at locations around the globe, to include, Alaska; Azores; Texas; the United Kingdom and several deployed locations.

Prior to joining the CCAF Team, Ms. Cleveland was the Program Director for *William A. Brookshire Military & Veterans Student Center* at Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is also the author of *12 Practical Strategies to Maximize Your Military Experience*.



EDUCATION

- 1998 Airman Leadership School, Lajes Field, Azores
- 2004 Noncommissioned Officer Academy (In-residence), Goodfellow AFB, TX.
- 2005 Associate in Applied Science degree in Fitness, Recreation and Service Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2006 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (Non-residence)
- 2008 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education
- 2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (In-residence), Gunter AFB, AL.
- 2011 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, American Military University, Charles Town, WV. (Honors)
- 2016 Master of Business Administration in Project Management, Columbia Southern University, Orange Beach, Alabama (Honors)

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2017 *Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities*, Saint Joseph's University

2017 *Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship*, Syracuse University

2018 Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations Community Leader Program

2019 National Coalition Building Institute Train-the-Trainer (NCBI) Diversity Training

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. June 1993 – July 1993, trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX.
2. July 1993 – October 1993, student, Services Apprentice, Lowry AFB, CO.
3. Nov 1993 – June 1995, Food Service Apprentice, Elmendorf AFB, AK.
4. Jun 1995 – May 1996, Lodging Front Desk Clerk, Elmendorf AFB, AK.
5. May 1996 – Apr 1997, Lodging Accounting Technician, Elmendorf AFB, AK.
6. May 1997 – Jan 1998, Fitness Center Assistant Front Desk Supervisor, Elmendorf AFB, AK.
7. Jan 1998 – Aug 1998, Flight Kitchen NCO, Lajes Field Azores, Portugal
8. Sep 1998 – Jan 2000, Food Service Accountant, Lajes Field Azores, Portugal
9. Jan 2000 – Feb 2000, Military Training Manager, Dyess AFB, TX.
10. Feb 2000 – Sep 2001, Lodging Front Desk Clerk, Dyess AFB, TX.
11. Sep 2001 – Dec 2003, Readiness NCO, Dyess AFB, TX.
12. Jan 2004 – Mar 2004, Front Desk Supervisor, Dyess AFB, TX.
13. Mar 2004 – May 2006, Lodging Front Desk NCOIC, Dyess AFB, TX.
14. May 2006 – July 2007, General Lodging Manager, RAF Alconbury, United Kingdom
15. July 2007 – Mar 2010, Superintendent/Sustainment Flight Chief, RAF Alconbury, United Kingdom
16. Mar 2010 – Jun 2013, Manager, Services Enlisted Assignments, Air Force Personnel Center, JBSA-Randolph AFB, TX.
17. Jun 2013 – Sep 2016, Superintendent, Keesler AFB, MS.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

SSgt Precious A. Tonkins

SSgt Precious A. Tonkins is the Logistics Degree Program Manager for the Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Alabama. As a degree program manager, Sergeant Tonkins is responsible for updating program requirements, evaluating training requests and applying credits for four different Air Force Specialty Codes.

Sergeant Tonkins is a native of North Carolina. She entered the Air Force in November 2014 as a Materiel Manager. Her career started as an Aircraft Parts Store Technician at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. Furthermore, she has deployed to contingency assignments in support of operations ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, DELIBERATE RESOLVE and CONTINUING RESOLUTE.

Prior to her current position, SSgt Tonkins was a Customer Support Supervisor for the 4th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina.



EDUCATION

2014 Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC.

2015 Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX.

2015 Materiel Management Technical Training, Lackland, AFB, TX.

2018 Airman Leadership School, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC.

2019 Associate Degree, Logistics, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. November 2014 – January 2015, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX.
2. February 2015 – March 2015, Student, Technical Training School, Lackland AFB, TX.
3. April 2015 – May 2017, Aircraft Parts Store Technician, 4th Logistics Readiness Sq, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC.
4. June 2017 – October 2019, Decentralized Materiel Support Supervisor, 4th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC.
5. November 2019 – September 2020, Customer Support Supervisor, 4th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC.
6. October 2020 – Present, Logistics Degree Program Manager, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL.

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MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class November 24, 2014

Senior Airman March 24, 2017

Staff Sergeant March 1, 2019



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Staff Sergeant Tien T. Tran

SSgt Tien Tran is assigned to the Community College of the Air Force as the Avionic Systems Technology Program Manager, where he assists in supporting CCAF's 68 accredited associate in applied science degree programs.

Sergeant Tran was born in Vietnam, and initially entered active duty in May 2015. Following basic training, he attended the Avionic Systems Technology Apprentice course at Sheppard AFB, Texas. After graduation he was assigned to the 1st Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida, where he worked as an Instrument and Flight Control Systems Specialist.



EDUCATION

2013 Associate Degree, Computer Science, Belmont Technical College, Belmont, OH.

2019 Airman Leadership School, Hurlburt Field, FL.

2019 Associate Degree, Avionic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. January 2016 – March 2019, Avionics Journeyman, 4th AMU, Hurlburt Field, FL.
2. March 2019 – February 2020, Avionics Craftsman, 4th AMU, Hurlburt Field, FL.
3. February 2020 – Current, Avionics Degree Program Manager, CCAF, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Senior Airman below-the-zone

AF Good Conduct Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

AF Achievement Medal

Deployed Airman of the Month

Airman of Deployment

AF Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class May 26, 2015

Senior Airman March 26, 2017

Staff Sergeant March 1, 2019



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Websites for Additional Information

AFCOOL Credentials on AFVEC: <https://afvec.us.af.mil/afvec/af-cool/welcome>

AFCOOL Page: <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/Public/COOL>

AFCOOL Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/USAF.AFCOOL>

AU-ABC Degrees on AFVEC: <https://afvec.us.af.mil/afvec/au-abc/welcome>

(Note: Latest list of AU-ABC schools available on CCAF public website)

CCAF 2017-2021 Catalog: https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Portals/10/CCAF/documents/2017_2021_CCAF_General_Catalog_Ch-3_9_Dec_20.pdf

CCAF AU-ABC Program: <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/1819887/air-university-associate-to-baccalaureate-cooperative-au-abc/>

CCAF Certifications Page: <http://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803252/>

CCAF Public Website: <http://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/>

CCAF Portal Website: https://www.my.af.mil/USAF/site/AETC/AETC_AU/BARNES_CTR/CCAF

CCAF Transcript Page: <http://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803247/>

CCAF GEM Program: <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803250/general-education-mobile-gem/>

GEM Schools and Courses on AFVEC: <https://afvec.us.af.mil/afvec/gem/welcome>

(Note: Latest list of GEM schools available on CCAF public website)

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