Dear Prospective Cadet,

I hope you are enjoying your summer! As it comes to an end, it’s time to begin preparing for the fall semester. You are at a critical part in your life right now; the decisions you make will impact the course of your future! Your choice to join our team at UNL is one of the smartest decisions you will ever make. Air Force ROTC will provide you with many mental and physical challenges. Facing these challenges will help to further define your character and strengthen your levels of confidence and determination. Being part of this program is a rewarding experience, which will never be forgotten.

As a new cadet joining our team, you will represent the United States Air Force. High standards of conduct, both social and military, will be expected of you. As an Air Force officer, your decisions can have a far-reaching impact on others’ lives and property. Throughout your time here at UNL you will learn how to be a leader and a follower. Your voyage here ends when you are commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force following your college graduation.

Your journey begins at New Student Orientation (NSO). NSO is a program designed to help you become better oriented with the campus and our program, and to provide you with the opportunity to meet some new friends. NSO will kick-off with a casual get-together on Thursday, August 18th.

During NSO, upper class cadets will address several topics, including drill and ceremonies, customs and courtesies, extracurricular activities, and physical fitness. In addition, we will also be issuing uniforms, having an initial paperwork session, and exposing you to a small part of our Physical Training Program (PT). NSO gives you the opportunity to get some of these basics out of the way so that once school begins, you won’t have to sacrifice more time than necessary from your already busy schedule.

New Student Orientation is an invaluable resource to you. There is no obligation or commitment to the Air Force by attending NSO. I hope that you enjoy the rest of your break. If you have any questions feel free to contact our office at (402) 472-2473.

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