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Force's 14th Flying Training Wing, where the mission is to "Train World Class Pilots." Columbus Air Porce Base had a busy year, successfully graduating 15 classes of world class pilots from Undergraduate Pliot Training. Undergraduate Pliot Training, also known as UPT, is a rigorous training program lasting approximately one year. Training takes place in the T-6 Texan II, T-38C Talon, and T-1A Jay haw kalicraft.

in the first phase of training, students fly the T-6. This phase involves basic aircraft control, which includes takeoff and landing techniques and aerobatics. Students learn how to use the aircraft instruments to fly and navigate through all types of weather and fly to several different locations. The students will go through roughly six

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receive training in the T-38 pr T-1. The T-38 training lasts roughly eight months, while the T-1 route lasts about three months. Pollowing graduation from the T-38 or T-1, the next phase of training begins, which will be specialized depending on the aircraft selected for the students to fly.

The 2024 training year is just around the corner and everyone at Columbus AFB is boking forward to new students arriving and the opportunity to guide, train and help them develop the skills necessary to become world class pliots. Congratulations to the 15 graduating classes of 2023. Here is to filling up the skies over Columbus and beyond!



Remember, these events will be great for all ages. So, mark your calendars and come enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends at Columbus Air Force Base, For up-to-the-minute information. be sure to follow 14th Force Support Squadron on social media and website: ColumbusAFBLIving.com!



 he Holiday Season is the most magical time of the year and Columbus Air Force Base is ready to celebrate! CAFB is looking forward to providing holiday. cheer throughout December which will include activities and events for all ages. The festivities begin with Breakfast With Santa and His Elves on December 2nd from 1000 -1300. This FREE event will be held at the Event Center where there will be a breakfast buffet, bouncy castles, carriage rides, and of course, photos with Santa. It will also feature a Holiday Bazaar with area vendors and artisans selling items such as jewelry, artwork, home décor, handmade difts, and much more.

Following Breakfast with Santa, get in the holiday spirit with the Winter Fashion. show, December 2nd at 1300 at Your CAFB. Library located in the Blaze Commons. This children's fashion show will showcase. vuletide trends and timeless classics that will leave you inspired and full of ideas for dressing your children for all your Christmas. events. Don't miss this great opportunity to show off your beautiful families in the fashion show! For more information, please call the CAFB library at (662) 434-2934.

The Annual Christmas Tree lighting at the CAFB Chapel will take place on December 7th at 1730. It will be a fun evening as they light up the tree for the season.



The Youth Center will host Teen Grinchmas

Party on December 8th from 1900-2300

for ages 13-18. The cost is \$20 per teen

and will include dinner and snacks. There

will be games, team building activities, a

hot cocoa bar, and much more! Contact

Tijuana McDonald or Javolco Johnson at

the Youth Center for more Information at

Dust off your Jingle bells, reindeer antiers.

and holiday costumes and get ready for

on December 9th at 0900, presented by

the annual Jingle Bell Jog 5K Fun Run

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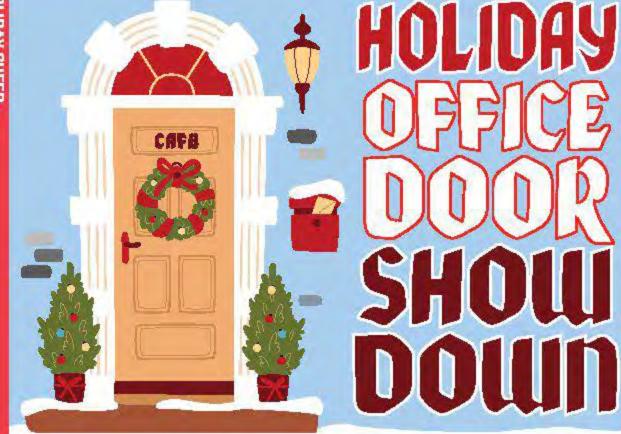
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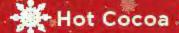
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**Q&A** with Staff



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### **SIGN UP BY 13 DEC**

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### KEEPING YOU INFORMED ABOUT YOUTH PROGRAMS!

### Boys & Girls Club's Military Youth of the Year Serve as Ambassadors for the Youth of the Nation

he Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) has identified the need to prepare youth to become leaders ready to live and lead in the zist century workplace. Focusing on qualities such as communication, goal setting and teamwork, the BGCA has developed comprehensive leadership programs which include Youth of the Month-Leadership Recognition Program, Junior Youth of the Year-Leadership Readiness Program, and Youth of Year-Leadership the Development Program, For

the past 75 years, the Youth of the Year program has celebrated and honored the Nation's most inspiring teens and their journeys. Each year, one exceptional Club member is selected as the National Youth of the Year and will serve as an

ambassador for the BGCA to use their voice to represent all youth in the Nation.

The BGCA's Youth of the Year competition is a program designed for ages 14-18, where they can showcase their talents and achievements. The kids share



CHLOE SMITH 2023's Military Youth of the Year

their hopes and dreams, and work towards a bright and positive future with the goal of winning National Youth of the Year. Past winners of this honor have enjoyed success in many different fields including business. entertainment. politics, and sports.

Throughout the Youth of the Year program, teens progress through local, state, and regional events, culminating in a weeklong celebration in Washington, D.C., where one is named the National Youth of the Year, the highest honor bestowed upon a Club member. The winner also receives scholarship money and opportunities to network with a BGCA alums and other teens from across the world.

Chloe Smith is the reigning Columbus Air Force Base Youth of the Year. She went on to compete in the 2023 State competition in March in Gulf Port. MS. where she won Mississippi Military Youth of the Year. Chloe advanced to the regional competition in Atlanta, GA.

Becoming National Youth of the Year is an exciting journey that will inspire many teens. In January 2024, the Youth Center

will host the local competition to find the Columbus Air Force Base Youth of the Year. The winner of this competition will compete against other MS Military Youth of the Year for thew State-level competition where they will showcase their hopes, inspirations, and dreams.

The CAFB Youth Center is looking for their 2023-2024 Youth of the Year. Dedicated. hardworking, teens ages 14-18 are encouraged to sign up from now until 8 December to begin their journey.

For more information. please contact the Youth of the Year Coordinator, Javolco Johnson at 662-434-2504 or visit ColumbusAFBLiving.com.



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FOR TEENS AGES 14-18

### **MUST SIGN UP BY 8 DECEMBER 2023** COMPETITION IN JANUARY 2024

Through the Youth of the Year program, youth ages 14-18 showcase their talents and achievements, share their hopes and dreams, and work toward a bright and positive future with the goal of winning National Youth of the Year!

The winner will receive a scholarship and opportunities to network with other teens at different bases.

CONTACT JAVOLCO JOHNSON AT THE YOUTH CENTER AT (662) 434-2504 FOR MORE INFO



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2 DEC 1300 1000

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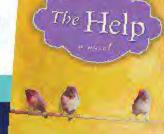
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FOR TEENS BETWEEN 13 AND 18





# COACHES' MEETING 13 DEC | 1430 FITNESS CENTER

**SEASON BEGINS 8 JANUARY** 

Contact Kimberly Haynes at (662) 434-2772 for more information



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