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Dear Professor and Employer,

Each year during the Easter holiday, approximately 1,000 Air Force ROTC and Academy Cadets and civilian college students from 125 universities, meet for the Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings (AAS-SW) National Conclave. This year we will proudly celebrate 75 years of AAS-SW legacy, leadership and service, from Friday, 15 April (travel day) through Tuesday, 19 April (travel day), in our Nation's Capital at The Grand Hyatt Washington. As America's premier, honorary, collegiate, community service organization, AAS-SW has brought extraordinary educational and professional development opportunities to our students since we were incorporated as a non-profit in 1947. In the last 5 years, based largely on plans built at our Conclaves, the 3,400 AAS-SW members combined for over 500,000 hours of community service, raised nearly \$60,000.00 for military members and families in need and were recognized with the highest U.S. Air Force civilian award.

Our Conclave will include an incredible line-up of professional development and networking opportunities for these cadets, including major keynote addresses from the Distinguished Visitors listed below, as well as at least 24 solid hours of student business sessions that will set the conditions for a successful 2022-2023 academic year of servant leadership across the Nation. An agenda is also attached for reference.

- The Honorable Dr. Stacy Dixon, Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence
- General Charles Q. Brown, Air Force Chief of Staff
- General Jay Raymond, Chief of Space Operations
- Lieutenant General Jim Slife, Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) and a panel of decorated "Heroes"
- Dr. Bonnie Dunbar (Angel Flight), Astronaut and five-time Shuttle Crewmember
- Defense Attachés from Japan, Germany and Finland
- Performance by the Silent Drill Team of the Air Force
- Mentorship mixer with AAS-SW alumni at the Smithsonian Museum of American History

We value the importance of sustained attendance in classes and in employment, and deeply appreciate our partnership with the colleges and universities that host AAS Squadrons and SW Chapters. However, we also believe the professional and personal growth that occurs at our National Conclave helps build resilient students ready to face future challenges. We ask for your support in providing an excused absence for this event.

For questions, please contact us at 202.999.5173 or at mgmt.center@arnold-air.org.

Sincerely,

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