

AFAQB Club members,

Thanks for your past support of the AFA Quarterback Club of Denver. We have a long history of supporting the cadets at AFA and the athletics that are a part of their experience as cadets. I have enjoyed the privilege of serving as the President of the club for the last several years. Besides seeing all the friends at the lunches, the best experience I have annually is to represent the Club at the annual AFA Awards Ceremony the Academy holds as a part of the Graduation Week.

If you don't already know, the Club has sponsored the annual award for the Football Most Valuable Player. As a part of paying for the statue that goes to the winner of the award, we get to be a part of the awards presentation that includes awards for all cadets winning awards for academics and military achievement, as well as the athletics programs. Your annual dues for the club pay for that statue and award that goes to the cadet, so thanks to you all for the support.

Attending this ceremony has become one of the highlights of my year, every year, for one reason. That is to have an opportunity to talk to as many of these cadets as I possibly can. They are truly remarkable, no matter what award they are receiving. It is a refreshing bright spot for me to talk to these personable and highly intelligent young people, and it reminds me of my optimism for the future of our country. If you are interested, here is a [LINK](#) to the awards ceremony, and our part of the ceremony is at 1:20 in the 1 hour and 51 minute ceremony. But, you should watch it all. Some amazing achievements.

This year I had the chance to sit with Costen Cooley and Bruin Fleischmann (football award winners) during the ceremony and get to know them and their families better. What a treat. Unfortunately, the MVP award winner, Cade Harris, was unable to be at the ceremony and I did not get a chance to talk to him. He graduated last December at the mid year graduation and is now a 2nd Lt. and is assigned and working in his role at Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls, Montana. However, I did get a handwritten letter from Lt. Harris shortly thereafter. I have attached the letter to this message and urge you to read it. I was even more proud of what we are doing as a club and in the cadets that we support. What we are doing is a small part of what they deserve.

So, I want to share this with all of you to show you what we can do, and hope that you will still support the club for 2026. I would like to have all of you send \$25 (or more if you choose) for the annual dues to Norm Zettel at 6761 E. Jamison Pl. Centennial. CO 80112, or pay at the club lunch in the fall. All of

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these gifts will go to the 2027 MVP award. Yes, this means we are planning at least two lunches this fall on yet to be announced dates. We will have some AFA related speakers. If you have not noticed, there are a lot of changes going on at the Academy, and we should get some representatives to tell us where they are going and what to expect. This is a good time to have speakers.

Thanks for your time and patience reading this email, and for the ongoing support of the club and Air Force Athletics.

Dear Mr. Bernero,

I want to sincerely thank you and the AFA Quarterback Club of Denver for sponsoring The Most Valuable Football Player Award for the 2025 - 2026 Academic Year. I am truly honored and humbled to receive this recognition.

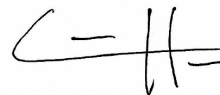
Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Awards Ceremony due to my military responsibilities at Malmstrom AFB, but please know how meaningful this award is to me and my family.

Representing the Air Force Academy football program has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. The lessons I learned in my 5 seasons go far beyond football. To be recognized by my coaches, teammates, and the Academy in this way means more to me than I can fully express.

Thank you again for your generosity and for supporting cadet-athletes at the Academy. Your investment in this program and its players is deeply appreciated, and I am grateful to have been part of a tradition that means so much to so many.

FLY! FIGHT! WIN!

Respectfully,



2d Lt Cade C. Harris

USAFA Class of '25

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