

## **Press Release**

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### **Asheboro Air Force JROTC Cadets Attend Summer Leadership School**

ASHEBORO- Ten members of Asheboro High School's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) attended Cadet Officer Leadership School at Fayetteville State University June 17-23.

Cadets Nathaniel Aguilera, Marybeth Barnes, Comaggio Brady, Troy Brigman, Braden Bunner, Madison Brower, Jessie Holmes, Jose Gomez-Garcia, Edith Mata-Torres, and Ethan Stutts, represented AHS's AFJROTC program.

The school day began at 4:10 a.m. with physical training followed by courses in rappelling, team building, SCUBA, land and water survival, and land navigation. Each afternoon the cadets participated in uniform and room inspections and team sports activities.

AHS cadets exceeded all performance requirements for sit-ups, push-ups and completion of the mile run garnering the school's Physical Fitness Award.

Cadets Braden Bunner, Madison Brower, and Edith Mata-Torres returned a second year as a member of the cadet staff. The leadership school is largely run by senior cadets under the advisement of the AFJROTC instructors.

Colonel Carle Hall and Master Sergeant James Worstell, both Aerospace Science Instructors at AHS, traveled with the cadets to Fayetteville State University. Both instructors agreed that despite the school starting a day late due to a power outage and a couple of days of adverse weather, the cadets persevered and attained critical leadership skills to bring back home. Col. Hall commented, "it's always a proud moment when the cadets graduate." This is the twentieth year cadets from Asheboro High School have had the opportunity to attend the school.

Master Sergeant Worstell said, "our cadets never cease to amaze me. We have great kids in the program; the school provides them the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their leadership potential. We are very proud of them. We also want to thank the members of the

community for their support as several individuals and civic organizations help sponsor our cadets.”

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