

CONVOCATION

August 21, 2006

Prelude Music

Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major
II. Allemande
III. Courante
IV. Sarabande
V. Menuett I and II
VI. Gigue
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Chris Trigg, Cello
2005 IMSA Graduate

Pledge of Allegiance

John Li
Student Council President

Welcome

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Dr. Stephanie Pace Marshall
President

Dr. Eric McLaren
Principal

Dr. Leon Lederman
IMSA Resident Scholar
1998 Nobel Laureate in Physics

Musical Selection

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Keynote Speaker

First Lieutenant Kenyatta H. Ruffin
United States Air Force
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First Lieutenant Kenyatta H. Ruffin is a F-16 pilot in the 523rd Fighter Squadron, *Crusaders*, at Cannon Air Force Base, NM. The Crusaders fly the Block 30 F-16C+ and specialize in both air-to-air and precision air-to-ground employment.

Lieutenant Ruffin earned his commission after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2003. There he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in aeronautical engineering with a minor in military doctrine, operations, and strategy. While a cadet, Lieutenant Ruffin had the opportunity to serve as the cadet commander of the 94th Flight Training Squadron. In this role, he was directly responsible for more than 200 cadet instructor pilots and advised the active duty officers on the operation of the squadron's 20 gliders, "soar-for-all", instructor upgrade, and advanced programs. He was qualified as a basic acrobatic, spin and stan/eval instructor pilot. Lieutenant Ruffin also has his Federal Aviation Administration Certified Flight Instructor and commercial licenses. Lieutenant Ruffin has over 1200 total hours in civilian and military aircraft. Additionally, he is the class vice president for the Class of 2003.

Lieutenant Ruffin entered the U.S. Air Force Academy directly from his high school, the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy® in Aurora, IL. He is originally from Maywood, IL and has two younger brothers, Sidney, 21 and Melcolm 14. He is married to the former Tané L. Peterson of Philadelphia, PA.

