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### **SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY'S KARP AND MATA CZYNSKI RECEIVE APPOINTMENTS TO U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY**

**MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., Jan. 21, 2008** – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. M. Mataczynski and Cadet Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class N. Karp have received appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

“Cadets Mataczynski and Karp have excelled during their time at Saint Thomas Academy,” said Commandant of Cadets Lt. Col. Michael DePuglio (ret.), U.S. Army, “and will continue to lead the way at the U.S. Air Force Academy, ultimately developing into superb military officers.”

Mataczynski, son of Craig and Anna Mataczynski, is a multiple recipient of Saint Thomas Academy's Eagle Award for academic excellence. He played varsity football and is a member of the varsity wrestling squad. He is a cadet officer in the Academy's Honor Guard and is a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

In his first year at Saint Thomas Academy, Karp is in the National Honor Society and is an Eagle Award winner for academic excellence. He was a member of the varsity football team, and has been named All-State for band. He quickly rose to the grade of Sergeant First Class in the Corps of Cadets, a difficult accomplishment for a first-year cadet. He is the son of Thomas and Angela Karp.

According to the U.S. Air Force Academy's Web site, “The Academy seeks to enroll students of high moral character who have a well-rounded background of academic, leadership, and athletic preparation in addition to the motivation and potential to successfully complete the Academy's four-year program...Admissions criteria are carefully chosen and weighted to ensure only those with the potential to succeed at the Academy are offered an appointment.”

#### **About Saint Thomas Academy**

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, military/leadership, Catholic, college preparatory school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit [www.cadets.com](http://www.cadets.com).

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