



Connor Lee '11 didn't enjoy a typical spring break from his studies at the Air Force Academy this year. Instead, he participated in a week-long selection process to become an Air Force Special Tactics Officer (STO). The selection process included immense physical challenges, sleep deprivation, a full IQ test and multiple personality profiles, high-stress impromptu briefings and interviews, and many different leadership challenges. Lee spent the majority of this past year, when not studying, preparing both mentally and physically for this arduous week. In total, 36 cadets and officers nationwide submitted paper applications in mid-January to attend. Just 25 were invited to selection, with 13 successfully completed the week (without failing pass/fail events or quitting by request). In the end, six including Lee, were selected as future STOs. Congratulations Connor! To celebrate, he composed an email message to his teachers at Christian Brothers High School thanking them for helping prepare him for success.