

## **A Busy Thanksgiving Break (Continued)**

Tuesday, we drove back to USAFA where my sister and mom dropped me off and said goodbye. They were headed to Denver and catching flights back to New York City. I truly appreciated my mom and sister coming out to see me and being able to spend time with them. Nothing can beat being with family. I spent the rest of the day at the academy, refueling for the rest of my Thanksgiving break.

Wednesday, I drove over to my CGA friend's house, Leigha, since she lives in Colorado. Both Leigha and my other CGA friend, Mary, were flying in to spend Thanksgiving in Colorado. I was super excited to see them as well since I hadn't seen them since I came to USAFA for the semester. I was also welcomed by Leigha's four dogs, three birds, one cat, many fish, and her brother's two snakes. It was a lively house and I enjoyed the company! After Leigha's dad and I picked up Leigha and Mary from the airport we got to see the Red Rocks Amphitheater. I definitely want to come back to Colorado just to see a concert there.

Thursday, we ate a lot and Leigha's dad made sure we were not hungry! I really enjoyed the family's hospitality. Also spending nights outside in their hot tub looking at the stars was so peaceful. I realized that the CGA bond is just like a family one because spending Thanksgiving with Leigha and Mary felt so comforting and familiar. Although, we did not keep in touch that often because we all had busy semesters, coming together for Thanksgiving was so easy and we felt just as close as when we were all in the same company 4/c year.

Friday, Leigha's dad took us through the mountains on Loveland Pass. It was a breathtaking view and that was when I got to take a step back and truly appreciate the opportunity I have received. I love the view of the mountains from 13,000 feet and seeing all the untouched snow around us.

Saturday, Leigha and Mary went back to the East Coast and I got to spend the weekend with my Air Force friend. I got to finally watch the most talked about movie, *Catching Fire*, and then I got to go snowboarding again at Keystone. Overall, my Thanksgiving break was very eventful and I enjoyed all the time I was able to spend with the people I love. Now, I just have to get through the final few weeks of school and survive finals. Then, sadly I will have to inevitably depart from the United States Air Force Academy. Colorado and the Air Force Academy has treated me well!