

# UAA CONNECT

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## University Aviation Association Announces Savanthi Syth as 2023 Opening Session Keynote Speaker



The University Aviation Association is pleased to announce that noted aviation expert, Savanthi Syth, will be headlining the organization's 2023 annual convention, slated for September 26-28 in St. Petersburg, FL.

Savanthi Syth, CFA, is the Managing Director of Global Airlines & Advanced Air Mobility at Raymond James & Associates - one of the nation's premier, full-service investment firms. Wall Street Analytics ranks her in the top ten percent of analysts.

Savanthi Syth joined Raymond James in 2010 as a senior research associate and became an analyst in the airlines sector in 2011; expanding coverage to include advanced air mobility last year.

Articles across news outlets cover statements by Savanthi Syth, She is a frequent contributor to NBC and guest on CNBC Closing Bell. Her publications range from Global Research, Best Stocks, American Journal of Transportation, and Aviation Week Intelligence Network's publication earlier this month of AAM Memo: Are Automotives and eVTOLs A Match Made In Heaven?

When she discusses aviation's financial shifts, people listen. Whether it is Savanthi, being credited as saying "Airline revenue will be strong over summer due to vacation travel, but the fall (when business flying is a higher share of revenue) will remain in question" or Airline Weekly quoting Savanthi's address to the U.S. Transportation Research Board at their Meeting in Washington, D.C. earlier this year as "American Airlines fundamentally changed the economics of regional flying when it raised pilot pay at its three wholly-owned affiliates." She is an intellectual powerhouse in the aviation community.

*Founded in 1947, UAA represents the voice of collegiate aviation. With more than 1,200 members worldwide, the Association meets annually to stay at the forefront of industry development and regulatory demands.*

## UAA Annual Conference in St. Pete Just Weeks Away

The conference registration structure continues to allow attendees to register for the conference at one single price and take advantage of all the professional development that the three day conference has to offer. There is so much education value offered this year in St. Petersburg, FL.

The University Aviation Association's Program Planning Committee and staff are working tirelessly to bring you all the great activities you look forward to at conference; a record amount of research poster submissions, our collegiate aviation safety infoshare and administrative leadership forums, professional development workshops, multiple research roundtables and professional paper sessions, an engaging exhibit hall, and wonderful networking opportunities that include an opportunity to view an array of trainer aircraft.

The Publications Committee has organized the published presentations to offer a tremendous learning opportunity. The Safety Committee continues to work closely with the FAA to host a full-day information sharing program held the first day of conference. The conference continues to offer timeless topics across a variety of areas including mental health and student stress, transitioning to an online program, building industry partnerships, the use of virtual reality in aircraft maintenance learning, sharing of best practices, open resources, and capturing revenue and resource constraints.

We look forward to seeing many of you in St. Petersburg.

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*Awards of Excellence Dinner*

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5:00 pm - 5:45 pm Reception Pre-Awards \*open to all St. Petersburg Foyer  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Awards of Excellence Dinner \*ticketed event St. Petersburg Ballroom #2



# UAA 2023 Collegiate Aviation Education Conference & Expo

Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront | September 27-29

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



300+ Attendees



70+ Colleges & Universities



35 Education Sessions



85 Presenters



60 Exhibitors



10 Airlines



5 Trainer Aircraft

University Aviation Association invites you to the 2023 Collegiate Aviation Education Conference & Expo in St. Petersburg, Florida. Our Conference will be held in the Hilton St. Pete Bayfront, September 27-29, 2023. This 3-day event offers innovation workshops, thought-provoking education sessions, and opportunities for attendees to hear from leaders across the industry. During the meeting, committees meet to discuss targeted issues and policy positions that affect core groups within the membership.



**Learn, Network, Connect!** The annual collegiate aviation conference is the premier gathering place for college and university educators focusing on the collegiate aviation industry. It includes presentations from government agencies, university professionals, research-based programs, safety professionals, and those committed to best practices in aviation education in the college and university environment.



### About St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg, which glimmers between the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay, is known for its warm weather and for holding the title of "most consecutive days with sunshine" at 768 days! Whether you're having some down time on America's best beaches or admiring beautiful Tampa Bay from downtown St. Pete, you're in for some major fun in the sun.

### Things To Do

Downtown St. Petersburg is the city's heart, home to great shopping, restaurants, bars, and attractions. After making a stop to check out the largest collection of Dali's work outside of Spain, swing by the Chihuly Collection on Central Avenue to witness mind-blowing glass work.

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Group Name: UAA Conference and Expo

Booking Method - Individual Call In: (727) 894-5000 or **URL Link: <https://group.hilton.com/1r4u8z>**

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### Tuesday, September 26

4:00 PM	Board of Trustees Annual Meeting *open to all members
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### Wednesday, September 27

8:00 AM	Keynote Speaker
9:15 AM	Safety InfoShare *must pre-register
9:15 AM	Workshop: Mental Health & Human Trafficking Education Session: USAF Aim High
10:30 AM	Education Session: UAS
11:30 AM	Luncheon: Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs *ticketed event
1:00 PM	Panel Discussion: University Leadership Education Session: CRM
2:15 PM	Panel Discussion: DME Education Session: Advanced Air Mobility
3:30 PM	Workshop: Communication Education Session: ISD
5:00 PM	First Time Attendees Social
5:45 PM	Welcome Reception at Airport Terminal

### Thursday, September 28

8:00 AM	Keynote Speaker
9:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Opens
10:00 AM	Education Session: AI Education Session: Barriers Education Session: Safety Education Session: Medical
12:15 PM	Committee Meetings (DE&I, Dispatch, Pubs, Safety, & UAS)
1:30 PM	Education Session: ISD Education Session: Mentorship Education Session: Global Perspectives
3:15 PM	Professional Papers Research Roundtable Education Session: Technology Education Session: Safety
4:15 PM	Exhibit Hall Closes
5:00 PM	Reception Pre-Awards *open to all
6:00 PM	Awards of Excellence Dinner *ticketed event

**Friday, September 29**

7:00 AM	Past-Presidents Breakfast *ticketed event
8:00 AM	Keynote Speaker
8:30 AM	Collegiate Aviation Student Program
9:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Opens
10:00 AM	Professional Papers Research Roundtable Education Session: Safety Education Session: DE&I
12:00 PM	Student Lunch with Professionals *ticketed event
12:15 PM	Committee Meetings (ATC, Av Mx, Flt, Mgmt, & Policy)
1:30 PM	Annual Membership Meeting Education Session: CFI & DPE Education Session: DE&I Education Session: Safety
2:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Closes
2:30 PM	Closing Reception & Student Poster Awards

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# SAFETY INFOSHARE SEMINAR SCHEDULE \*must pre-register

8:00 AM	Keynote
9:15 AM	Corey Stephens - Federal Aviation Administration
9:30 AM	Introductions
9:45 AM	Bob Joyce - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
10:10 AM	Break
10:20 AM	Andrew Walton - Liberty University
10:45 AM	Brian Willis - University of North Dakota
11:10 AM	Fiona Silcox - Utah Valley University
11:35 AM	Meredith Boardman - Middle Tennessee State University
12:00 PM	Lunch On Own
1:30 PM	Brandon Wild, Mark Dusenbury, and Erik Baker - NGAFID
2:00 PM	Zachary Morgan - Southeastern Oklahoma State University
2:25 PM	Brian Roggow - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University- Prescott
2:50 PM	Break
3:00 PM	Stephanie Brown - Purdue University
3:25 PM	Darin Laby - Farmingdale State College
3:50 PM	Mike Robertson and Steve Goetz - Southern Illinois University Carbondale
4:15 PM	Open Discussion - All

## WELCOME TO ST. PETERSBURG RECEPTION



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September 27th at 5:45pm-7:15pm | Short walk from the hotel lobby



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Baylor University

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**UAA Aviation Image of the Month**



**Home of World's First Airline**

St. Petersburg is the birthplace of world-wide commercial aviation, January 1914: The world's first scheduled commercial passenger flight took place when Antony Habersack Jannus piloted a St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line Benoist Type XIV flying boat from St. Petersburg to Tampa. Over 3,000 people witnessed the departure. The federal government determined that pilots of commercial flights should be licensed and Jannus became the first federally-licensed pilot. The Benoist Centennial Plaza features a full-sized sculpture of the Benoist Airboat that Jannus flew. The exhibit is located on the exact same spot as the hangar used for the World's First Airline.

**Silent Auction Donations NEEDED!**

The University Aviation Association (UAA) will hold a Silent Auction during its 76th Collegiate Aviation Conference & Expo in St. Petersburg, Florida. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the UAA Endowment Fund for scholarships and educational programs.

If you or your organization would like to donate one or more items to the Silent Auction, e-mail this completed [form](#) to be received by **September 18th**. Shipped items must be received in St. Petersburg by September 25, 2023 OR hand-deliver to registration counter at UAA's 2023 Collegiate Aviation Education Conference & Expo.

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**MTSU 3rd Annual Aviation Mental Health Symposium**

The Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Department of Aerospace invites you to the third annual Aviation Mental Health Symposium, brought to you by the MTSU Aerospace Resiliency and Mindfulness Program (RAMP).

This event will bring together the different areas of the aerospace industry to discuss mental health and well-being among the industry's current and future professionals.

This year's symposium will also include presentations from trade associations and, for the first time, governmental agencies such as the NTSB.

The symposium will provide relevant research and best practices for educators and an opportunity to hear from industry leaders and students about the challenges and initiatives that have been successful.

Registration is free and open to all. We encourage you to submit presentation proposals and register for the symposium at the following link. Proposals must include an abstract, an indication of the presentation format, and any special requests for room or technology accommodation.

The last day to register for the conference is October 9th, with proposals due August 31st. Late proposals will be considered on a space-available basis. <https://www.mtsu.edu/aerospace/wellness.php>

**Hilton St. Petersburg Special Room Rate Available Until September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

A block of rooms has been reserved for September 25, 2023 thru September 29, 2023.

The special room rate of \$165 a night will be available until September 2<sup>nd</sup> or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first. For additional information and reservations click here.

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**VOTING NOW UNDERWAY! Help Choose Our Leadership. Voting closes September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you in advance for taking time to think about the leadership opportunities for the future of University Aviation Association. Each position is elected by ballot of the membership. Election results will be announced at the UAA Collegiate Aviation Education Conference & Expo Sept. 27-29, 2023. New trustees will join the Board of Trustees January 1, 2024.

**Candidate full bios can be viewed online. [CLICK HERE](#) to view bios AND cast your vote.**

**Secretary (2-year term)**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board and shall assure that all notices are given in accordance with these Bylaws. The Secretary shall implement and conduct all aspects of the actual election process. With the results to be announced at the annual meeting of the membership.

**Carla Pinto - Broward College**



In her role as the Associate Dean, Transportation Programs at the Emil Buehler Aviation Institute at Broward College, Carla Pinto provides academic and operational leadership, develops key alliances with aviation, automotive and marine organizations to promote the expansion of workforce programs offered by the College. Prior to BC, she was the Chairperson at the renowned Eig-Watson School of Aviation at Miami Dade College and the Director for the South Florida campuses at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where her diverse background allowed her to positively impact her interactions with international students and multinational leaders, creating a truly global community in the South Florida locations. During her thirteen-year career in Higher Education, she has formed strong partnerships within the aviation community and focused greatly on student success. At Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

University, she also created "VAMOS" - An Approach to Globalization and Diversity Community of Interest, which focused on establishing one global community at the University.

**Tyler Tenbrink - Piedmont Airlines**



Tyler Tenbrink's journey into the airline industry began while he was still in school, as he joined Air Midwest Airlines as a Customer Service agent in 2005. After graduating, he continued to work for the airlines, demonstrating his dedication and passion for the aviation field. Over the past 18 years, he held various positions in Flight Operations, Safety, Station Management, Avionics, and Talent Acquisition, gaining valuable experience and expertise. Since 2015, Tyler has been an integral part of Piedmont Airlines, where he started as the Manager of Safety Programs. His exceptional skills and contributions led him to be appointed the Manager of Flight Operations Recruitment. In 2019 he achieved another milestone in his career by being promoted to the position of Director of Talent Acquisition, responsible for overseeing all recruiting efforts at Piedmont Airlines. Apart from his aviation career, Tyler is a multi-

talented individual with impressive skills. He is actively involved in emergency response and serves as a Firefighter, Emergency Medical Responder, and Emergency Veterinary Technician. Tyler resides with his husband in Chester, MD, and shares his life with three adorable dogs.

**HAPPY**



**LABORDAY**

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**Treasurer (2-year term)**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the control of all monies collected and disbursed by the UAA and shall provide a report of the UAA's financial condition at the quarterly meetings. The Treasurer will be responsible for the overall financial condition of the Association and will prepare, with input from the other four Officers and the Executive Director, the annual budget for approval by the Board.



**Dristin Rose - Envoy Air**

Dristin is a graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a B.S. in Aviation Management where he was a Flight Instructor and Lecturer. Dristin has served as the Director of Pilot Training at Boutique Air and is most recently First Officer at Envoy Air, where I consistently strive for excellence in my profession. Beyond my role in the flightdeck, I am actively engaged in making a positive impact within the aviation community as a Board Member of the NGPA (National Gay Pilots Association), where I contribute to fostering inclusivity and diversity in the industry. Additionally, my commitment to environmental conservation led me to serve on the Board of Directors for the Denver Mountain Parks Foundation. Furthermore, as a member of the Board of Trustees for UAA, I actively contribute to the advancement of aviation education and the development of future industry leaders.



**Ryan Wallace, EdD - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**

Dr. Ryan Wallace is an Associate Professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He holds an Ed.D. in Applied Education Studies (Aviation option), a M.S. in Aviation, and a B.S. in Aeronautics. His research focuses on UAS safety, security, human factors, and public policy. Dr. Wallace serves as the PI for federal grants valued at more than \$2.1 million. He has facilitated professional training seminars for multiple federal agencies in the areas of UAS safety, operations, and counter-UAS topics. He further serves as a representative on the FAA's Drone Safety Team (DST). Dr. Wallace previously chaired the University Aviation Association's UAS Committee, where he led a collaborative effort to publish the UAS Pilot's Code, a compendium of procedures and best practices to improve UAS operational safety. He is also a former Editor of the Collegiate Aviation Review International, the official scholarly journal of the

University Aviation Association.

**Educator Trustees - Two Positions (Six Candidates)**

An Educator Trustee shall be a person who is a voting member in good standing in the Institution, Academic or Emeritus membership categories and a faculty member or administrator at a college or university, which is an Institutional Member of UAA.



**Amanda Briggs - Parkland College**

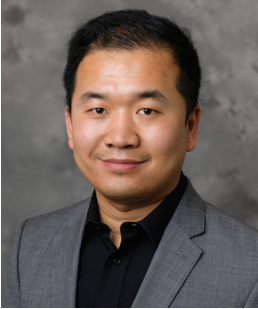
Amanda Briggs is the UAS Program Director and Assistant Chief Flight Instructor at Parkland College, where she has taught both manned and unmanned aviation courses. In her current role, she is also a check airman and flight instructor. During her time at Parkland College, she has also developed and implemented the unmanned aviation program. She has served as both PI and Co-PI on several National Science Foundation grants focused on UAS curriculum and program development. Briggs has a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Illinois and is type rated in the Falcon 20 and Lear 45. She has worked in several areas of aviation including aerial photography along with corporate and charter operations.



**Tony Foster, PhD - University of Dubuque**

Tony Foster, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Aviation and the Head of Academics in the Aviation Department at the University of Dubuque, Iowa. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Aerospace Sciences from the University of North Dakota and a Master of Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Additionally, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Flight Operations and Aviation Management from the University of Dubuque, where he has been employed since 2011. Foster is an experienced pilot and holds several pilot and instructor certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration. He is published in peer-reviewed journals, including The Collegiate Aviation Review International and the International Journal of Aviation, Aeronautics, and Aerospace.

## Educator Trustees - Two Positions (Continued)



### Yi Gao, PhD - Purdue University

Dr. Yi Gao is an Associate Professor in the School of Aviation and Transportation Technology at Purdue University. Currently serving as the Editor-in-Chief for Collegiate Aviation Review International and Chairperson for the UAA Publication Committee, he is deeply committed to advancing collegiate aviation research and education. Dr. Gao's research expertise in air transportation is well-recognized. He frequently publishes in top academic journals, including Safety Science, Journal of Transport Geography, Journal of Air Transport Management, and Transportation Research Record, and actively contributes to over 20 peer-reviewed academic journals as an editorial board member or reviewer. As the Principal Investigator, Dr. Gao and his research group at Purdue University have been awarded multiple federally sponsored projects, reflecting recognition by federal agencies and aviation industry practitioners of Dr. Gao's scholarly research. Before joining Purdue University as a faculty member in 2018, Dr. Gao was the Aviation Course Director and a Senior Lecturer at Swinburne University of Technology (Melbourne, Australia).



### Matthew Johnston - California Aeronautical University

Previously having served as a UAA board member during COVID, Mr. Matthew A. Johnston has over 28 years of experience serving various roles in education and is currently serving as the President of California Aeronautical University. The University, with its main campus in Bakersfield, CA and flight centers in Ventura, CA, San Diego, CA and Mesa, AZ offers aviation-related degrees preparing graduates as professional pilots, mechanics, and other aviation related professions. He maintains memberships and is a supporting participant with several aviation promotion and advocacy associations including RAA, AOPA, NBAA, and EAA with the Young Eagles program. He is proud of his collaboration with airlines, aviation businesses and individual aviation professionals who are working with him to develop California Aeronautical University as a leader in educating aviation professionals. He continues his enthusiasm for aviation by regularly flying a Baron 58, Cessna 182 or Super Decathlon with family, friends or whomever wants to go flying. If granted the privilege of another term, the opportunity to serve UAA again, without limiting pandemic engagements, would be a great privilege and allow for better engagements to assist the organization.



### Caroline Marete, PhD - Purdue University

Caroline K. Marete is a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Purdue University School of Aviation and Transportation Technology, West Lafayette, Indiana. Dr. Marete holds a Ph.D. in Technology with focus on Aviation and Transportation Technology and Master of Science in Aviation and Aerospace Management from Purdue University. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Science and Operations from Moi University, Eldoret Kenya. Dr. Marete joined UAA as a graduate student while at Purdue University and is beneficiary of various UAA events such as the UAA Policy Seminar and the annual UAA Conference where she has presented her research. She currently serves on the UAA Management & Policy and Publications Committees. She has over four years of industry experience in the global aviation and aerospace industry with companies such as Boeing Company (Seattle), Kenya Airways Limited (Nairobi), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) (Montreal) and as a Thomas J. O'Bryant Fellow at the Eno Center for Transportation (Washington DC). Her research focuses on sustainable air transportation systems specifically, airport systems and representation of women and minorities in the aviation and aerospace industry.



### Rian Mehta, PhD - Florida Institute of Technology

Dr. Rian Mehta is currently the Assistant Dean of the College of Aeronautics at Florida Institute of Technology. He has been a faculty member in the College of Aeronautics since 2017. He has a Ph.D. in Aviation Sciences with a primary concentration on Human Factors. He has an extensive background in aviation research. Dr. Mehta's research has predominantly focused on consumer perceptions as they relate to automation in the aviation industry. Dr. Mehta has also been involved in several other research endeavors that span over 90 publications in the field of future cockpit design, pilot configurations, and even space travel. In addition to these arenas, he has experience in airport operations, safety management systems and is also a commercial rated pilot. Dr. Mehta in addition to past roles involving teaching, has and does serve as on editorial boards of different aviation research journals around the world, and is a frequent reviewer of scholarly work. Lastly, he has served for the last several years as reviewing panelist for the Department of Defense's SMART Scholarship. At Florida Institute of Technology, Dr. Rian Mehta is heavily involved in several different aspects of faculty and university life. He serves on the Associate Provost's Academic Affairs Committee, and the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

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**Member at Large – One Position (Three Candidates)**

The Trustee representing the membership and the industry at large shall be a person who is an individual voting member in good standing in any membership category. A Trustee at Large is NOT be required to be from a college or university which is an Institutional Member of the UAA.



**Jorge Albelo, PhD - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**

Dr. Albelo, an accomplished aviation professional and educator, has significantly contributed to the aviation industry and academia. Holding a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Liberty University, his career is dedicated to advancing aviation through teaching, research, and leadership. With over five years in higher education, he played a pivotal role in creating innovative curriculum strategies for aviation’s evolving needs. He brings practical insights as a pilot for a Part 121 airline and Part 135 flight instructor, enriching his academic teachings with real-world scenarios. An active researcher, Dr. Albelo has published numerous papers on aviation topics, including underrepresented minorities, aviation safety, airline operations, & advanced qualification programs. Engaged in the aviation community, he volunteers as a guest speaker at events, mentors aspiring aviators, shares knowledge and experiences.



**Michael Gaffney - Southeastern Oklahoma State University**

Michael Gaffney is the Director of the Aviation Sciences Institute at AABI Accredited Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma and serves as the Industry/Educator Forum Co-Chair at AABI. He has served as a flight training unit leader at universities, academies, and institutes in the US, Australia, India, and Europe and consulted for numerous international airlines providing operational, safety, and process advisory services. He was recognized as the “National Flight Instructor of the Year” by the Federal Aviation Administration in 2007 and presented the 2007 “Flight Training Excellence Award” by the National Aviation Transportation Association (NATA). He holds an MBA from the University of Bridgeport and a B.S. in Aeronautics with a specialty in Aircraft Maintenance Management from Parks College of Aeronautics at St. Louis University.



**John Marselus, DMin - California Baptist University**

John Marselus is a retired Colonel in the United States Air Force with 25 years of service and is currently Chair of the Aviation Science Department at California Baptist University. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Canadian Forces Staff College, Air War College, and Liberty University Baptist Theological Seminary with five degrees culminating in a Doctor of Ministry. He commanded at three different levels in the USAF, flew both the A-10A and F-15E in peacetime and combat accumulating over 3,500 hours of flight time, and has a multitude of medals and awards to include the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism, the Anthony C. Shine Award for the top professional fighter pilot in the USAF, and the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association award for the outstanding strategy paper at Air War College. He is a licensed Southern Baptist pastor and an ordained pastor in the Christian Missionary Alliance.

**Industry Trustee – One Position (Five Candidates)**

An Industry Trustee shall be a person who is an individual voting member in good standing and a full-time employee of a company, government agency, or officer of a non-profit organization, which is an Industry member of UAA.



**Amy Parish - UFA, Inc**

Amy Parish is UFA’s Vice President of North American Business, delivering critical training systems to customers to achieve Air Traffic and Airside Training goals. As a Navy Veteran turned CTI graduate and Valedictorian of Daniel Webster College in 2012, Amy joined UFA and deviated from the standard path of becoming an FAA controller by growing from an entry level ATC Specialist to Project Manager, Program Manager, Director, and Vice President. 12 years later, you can still find Amy at UFA supporting product development, customer installations, training activities, and mentoring the next generation of aviation enthusiasts. Most notably, Amy’s work can be seen in projects including new initiatives started by the FAA during the pandemic, replacement of critical simulator systems in Canada, and UFA’s first Airside Driving delivery in the Middle East. As a passion project, Amy has supported aviation outreach since her college

days with the creation of a Student Air Traffic Controller Association (SATCA) as well as bringing ATC simulation to various STEM and aviation events throughout the United States.

## Industry Trustee – One Position (Continued)



### **Megan Sollender - Republic Airlines**

Megan Sollender is the manager of campus recruitment at Republic Airways. She manages a team of 6 campus recruiters responsible for sharing pathway opportunities in aviation with flight, maintenance and corporate students. She has a Bachelors and Masters of Science degrees in Aviation and Aerospace Management from Purdue University. She has worked in Talent Acquisition at Republic Airways for the past 5 years.



### **Jason Starke, PhD - Baldwin Safety & Compliance**

Jason Starke is the Director of Safety & Product Development for Baldwin Safety & Compliance and instructor for BaldwinVirtualTraining.com. He recently completed his Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership at Northcentral University. Before joining Baldwin, he served as Operations Manager for the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC). He joined IBAC from Universal Weather and Aviation where he led efforts to develop an SMS solution, composed of software and classroom training, for client flight departments. Prior to Universal, Jason was both a pilot for and Director of Safety at Priester Aviation in Chicago where he developed the company's SMS and implemented its FOQA program. He has also served as a part-time simulator instructor for Flight Safety International in the CL-601 and HS-800XP training programs. He has an Airline Transport Pilot certificate and is rated in the CE-500, CL-600, and HS-125. He had been a charter and EMS pilot for R&M Aviation before joining Priester. Jason started his career as a satellite systems operator in the U.S. Air Force and has a B.S. in Meteorology from Northern Illinois University and a Master of Aviation Science from Everglades University. Jason served on the Safety Management and Flight Operations panels at ICAO and has been serving on the NBAA Safety Committee since 2013. As an instructor at the University of Southern California, Viterbi School of Engineering, Jason teaches Aviation Safety Management Systems.



### **Mark Taylor - US Aviation**

Mark Taylor is an aviation executive, marketing and labor relations professional with over three decades of experience. Mark is co-founder of US Aviation Group (USAG) of Denton, TX founded in 2006 and recognized as a premier collegiate aviation training organization. Mark has a sincere belief in the value of education and quality training as evidenced by USAG's tremendous growth over the last decade. USAG trains domestic and international students around the globe from North America, Asia, and Europe via their seven (7) US locations. Mark was awarded the Chickasaw Nation Education Foundation Scholarship and The American Indian Graduate Center Fellowship and holds an MBA in Personnel & Industrial Relations and a BA in Management from California State University. Mark has a true passion for community involvement and has served on various aviation-related boards, committees and councils.



### **Frank Zimmermann - Simulate Pty Ltd**

Frank Zimmermann is the founder and application architect of AIRPORT Online and AIRLINE Online economic and management simulations. The simulations allow participants to experience the complex world of aviation management in a realistic and challenging environment. Frank travels regularly and extensively (for both research and business) often speaking at universities and conferences around the world. Since the first US customer (Ohio State) started using AIRLINE Online, Frank has been a member of the UAA and has attended every Fall conference since Toronto in 2004 where he has also over time presented on a variety of topics related to management training and the use of simulations. Frank is a contributing Author to Airline Operations: A Practical Guide (Bruce, Gao & King) being published in October 2017 and is an active technology supporter of the UAA. Frank is a firm believer that education is not just facts and figures but encouraging people to think for themselves.

Candidate full bios can be viewed online. [CLICK HERE](#) to view bios AND cast your vote.

### UAA Maintenance Committee

The UAA Maintenance Committee has been meeting regularly and is developing new elements in order to “inform, influence and encourage” a better understanding of the maintenance element in aviation. Recently held meetings have covered idea creation for:

1. The Committee is working on a Mission Statement for the Committee: two DRAFT Mission Statements suggested- The University Aviation Association Maintenance Committee’s mission is to Inform students and businesses of the opportunities available within the aviation industry for those pursuing or possessing their AMT certificates; Influence educational institutions and governance entities of the need for well-thought out and realistic policies, procedures and protections; and Inspire collaboration from all aviation-related stakeholders to ensure all aircraft operations are safe, sustainable and successful.

#### Mission

To promote and foster excellence in collegiate aviation education by providing a forum for students, faculty, staff, and practitioners to share ideas, to enhance the quality of education, and to develop stronger programs and curricula. To

influence aviation education policy at all governmental levels. To provide and nurture the linkage between college aviation education, the aviation industry, and government agencies.

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  - To promote awareness of collegiate aviation through interaction with the aviation industry and government
  - To assist students, faculty, and institutions in defining and achieving their aviation education aspirations
  - To assist in the professional development of individual members
  - To assist institutions in meeting the needs of the aviation industry and government
  - To be a resource for accurate aviation education information
  - To encourage individuals to choose aviation-related careers
2. One of the committee members

provided an example of a simple “hands-on” airfoil project that could be used to encourage potential maintenance students the opportunity to work with their hands and experience some of what maintenance professionals do regularly;

3. Several Webinars aimed at informing the UAA membership of maintenance issues as well as potential opportunities: topics discussed were the increasing interest and practicality of Electric propulsion; Mental Health concerns for Maintenance professionals.
4. Looking at potential scholarships for young people interested in a maintenance career: a scholarship committee has been formed, committee members will review both ATEC and Women in Aviation websites for potential ideas, and scholarships that might be promoted for specific systems training.
5. The committee is also looking into ways to promote it’s initiatives via social media.
6. Committee members will be presenting at the Annual Conference on the topic “What’s Getting in the Way? A Discussion on the barriers to eligible students taking the A&P certification exam and Airmen Certification Pipeline. Contact Tracy Yother at [tyother@purdue.edu](mailto:tyother@purdue.edu) for more information.



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### GAMA Announces Across the Board Increases in GA Deliveries

The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) released its Second Quarter (Q2) 2023 Shipment and Billing Report, and the results are looking good for the industry. Over the first half of the year, deliveries increased along all segments, with an overall increase in value for shipments so far this year. And the pace seems to be accelerating.

Compared with Q1 of 2023, Q2 recorded a 11.4 percent increase in piston-aircraft sales (713 units), while turboprops were up by 17.4 percent at 290 units. Business jets increased at a more modest 2.4 percent at 296 units, and the overall dollar value of deliveries was up by 1.4 percent at \$9.2 billion.

Shifting to a comparison with the second half of 2022 (Q3 and Q4), GAMA reported piston helicopters showed an increase in deliveries of 28.7 percent at 112 units, while turbine rotorcraft deliveries were up by 30.4 percent at 339 units. Dollar value of overall helicopter deliveries was \$1.9 billion, an increase of 29.9 percent.

While celebrating the positive news from GAMA's accounting division, the organization's president and CEO, Pete Bunce, also struck a political note, calling for action to assign decisive leadership at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure continued growth and prosperity. "As we look towards the future," he said, "it will be imperative that we have stability, accountability and sound direction from regulatory authorities, particularly in the United States. Not only does the FAA need an effective permanent leader during this transformative time for aviation, but the agency is in the process of being reauthorized by Congress.

"We are encouraged by the bipartisanship we have seen throughout the legislative process and hope that the momentum to finalize an FAA reauthorization bill continues to build so that the agency can enhance its ability to deliver critical activities that promote safety, innovation and efficient promulgation of rules, policy and guidance that preserve global aerospace leadership."

### NAHF to Present Congressional Leadership Award



The National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) Board of Trustees has named the distinguished recipients of the inaugural National Aviation Hall of Fame Congressional Leadership Award.

Chairman of the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, Congressman Sam Graves, and Ranking Member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Ranking Member Senate Commerce Committee -Aviation Subcommittee, Senator Jerry Moran, will be honored for their outstanding contributions to American Aviation and Aerospace.

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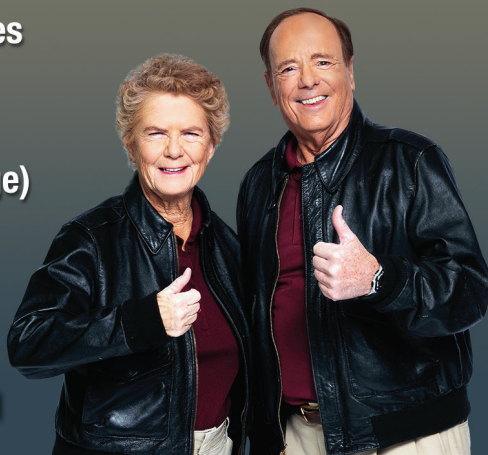
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### Florida Tech Adds Eight 2025 Piper Aircraft for Flight Training



The \$3.2 million, future-facing acquisition, approved by the university’s Board of Trustees in January, will bring to nearly 40 the number of aircraft in the FIT Aviation fleet, almost all of them made by Vero Beach-based Piper Aircraft.

Planes such as the 100i featuring all-glass avionics – think digital screens, not physical gauges and dials – will be used for instrument rating and commercial pilot training programs.

“At Florida Tech, we understand the power and promise of integrating the newest technology as a teaching tool. I am excited about how these new planes will enhance our already stellar flight programs and better prepare our students for success,” said President John Nicklow.

### CAU Meets Strict Regulations to Receive FAA Part 141 Approval

California Aeronautical University (CAU) is proud to announce its Phoenix campus recently received FAA Part 141 approval. This federal recognition demonstrates the structured flight training CAU offers and allows eligible students to take advantage of time and cost savings.

Awarded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Part 141 approval signifies that CAU Phoenix has met strict federal regulations regarding its structured flight training curriculum, training facility, and flight instructors.

This approval helps each student at CAU Phoenix receive consistent, high-quality instruction, and enables students to meet important flight milestones and ensure quality at various stages throughout their training.

Additionally, Part 141 approval provides significant benefits to students who earn a bachelor’s degree. Eligible CAU graduates can benefit from a 500 flight-hour reduction when pursuing their Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) certification while also reducing the minimum age for eligibility.

### University Launches Flying Car Course, No Pilots Needed



Australian software engineers will be invited to level up their ambitions with the launch of a course in flying cars.

Melbourne based RMIT partnered with Udacity to launch a “nano degree” in the next-generation transport technology on Tuesday in an expansion of its self-driving car courses.

The launch comes amid predictions the market for flying taxis could be worth \$2.3 trillion by 2040, with aircraft expected to arrive in Australian cities as early as 2026.

The new RMIT course, called Flying Car and Autonomous Flight Engineer, is designed to be completed over four months and teach engineers skills including 3D robot motion control and quad-rotor dynamics.



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## Purdue University School of Aviation and Transportation Technology Wins 5 National Awards in the 2023 ACRP Design Competition



The Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP), a program of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, is sponsoring a national competition for universities that engages students in addressing issues relating to airports and the National Airspace System. The Competition builds upon the former FAA Design Competition for Universities which has now become an ACRP program funded by the FAA. The Competition is managed for the ACRP by the Virginia Space Grant Consortium of Hampton, Va.

### **Airport Environmental Interactions Challenge:**

**First Place** - A four-member team from the School of Aviation and Transportation Technology at Purdue University received top honors in the Airport Environmental Interactions category with its design titled, Implementing Airside Bioswales for Stormwater Management at the Airport. Dr. Mary Johnson served as faculty adviser.

[Full Design](#)

**Second Place** - A four-member team from the School of Aviation and Transportation Technology at Purdue University placed second in the Airport Environmental Interactions category with its design titled, Integration of Piezoelectric Speed Bumps into Airport Roadways. Dr. Mary Johnson served as faculty adviser. [Full Design](#)

### **Runway Safety/Runway Incursions/Runway Excursions Including Aprons, Ramps, and Taxiways:**

**First Place** - A three-member team from the School of Aviation and Transportation Technology at Purdue University received top honors in the Runway Safety/Runway Incursions/Runway Excursions Including Aprons, Ramps, and Taxiways category with its design titled, Active Runway Indication System (ARIS). Dr. Mary Johnson served as faculty adviser. [Full Design](#)

### **Airport Management and Planning Challenge:**

**First Place** - A four-member team from the School of Aviation and Transportation Technology at Purdue University received top honors in the Airport Management and Planning category with its design titled, Accessible Air Travel Information System (A2TIS). Dr. Mary Johnson served as faculty adviser. [Full Design](#)

**Third Place** - A two-member team from the School of Aviation and Transportation Technology at Purdue University placed third in the Airport Management and Planning category with its design titled, Advanced Air Mobility Shuttle from GA Airports. Dr. Mary Johnson served as faculty adviser. [Full Design](#)

### **Honorable Mentions given to:**

A four-member team from the Technology Department at California State University, Los Angeles won an honorable mention in the Airport Environmental Interactions category with its design titled, Innovative Noise Mitigation and Casting System. Dr. Yilin Feng served as faculty adviser. Dr. Yilin Feng teaches in their aviation programs in the Technology Department.

## FedEx Gifts CF6 Engine to Marshall's Aviation Maintenance Technology Program



Transport and logistics giant FedEx has given a jet engine from its fleet of aircraft to the Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program at Marshall University.

The engine, a General Electric CF6 motor from a retired McDonnell Douglas DC-10 aircraft, will be used in the daily classroom instruction of AMT students as they work toward their powerplant certification.

"Donations like the CF6 allow our students to have hands-on experience working on large transport category aircraft systems," said Jim Smith, director of the AMT program at Marshall.

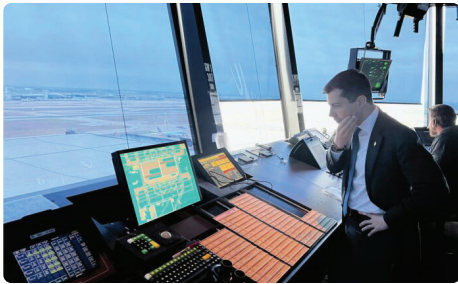
"The CF6 is one of the most common large transport category engines in the world and will be what most of our students will work on when they enter the industry. Having a partner like FedEx provides our program with materials that we may not be able to acquire otherwise and helps provide our students with options in the industry that will enrich the overall student experience."

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Aviation Maintenance Technology program at Marshall, which launched in 2022 as a joint degree program with Mountwest Community and Technical College, provides training in aircraft maintenance technology, in which students learn to inspect, maintain and repair aircraft systems.

### House Approves Bipartisan FAA Reauthorization Legislation



The House of Representatives passed the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act (H.R. 3935) on July 20, a bill to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and aviation safety and infrastructure programs for the next five years, with broad bipartisan support in a 351-69 vote. The bill makes targeted changes to the organizational structure of the FAA to improve overall efficiency of the agency, allow for innovation, and streamline the regulatory process. The bill does so in a manner that will not harm the FAA's ongoing efforts while simultaneously ensuring the agency is better organized to lead in an advanced aviation future.

### Aviation Bill Upping Pilot Retirement Age to 67

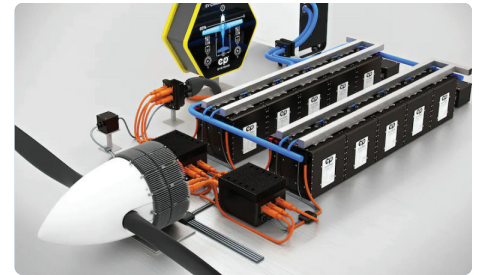
The U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday voted to pass legislation that would raise the mandatory commercial pilot retirement age to 67 from 65 and make other aviation reforms, with the Senate now set to consider its own measure.

The vote in the Republican-led House was 351-69 to pass the bill that would reauthorize U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) aviation safety and infrastructure programs for the next five years.

The Air Line Pilots Association has said hiking the retirement age could cause airline scheduling and pilot training issues and require reopening pilot contracts. Current international rules would still prevent pilots older than 65 from flying in most countries outside the United States.

The Regional Airline Association supports the pilot age hike, saying it "allows retention of more experienced captains, who can in turn fly alongside and mentor new first officers, helping to stabilize attrition."

### United Grows Its Electric Battery Portfolio with Investment in EPS



United today announced an investment in Electric Power Systems, a company producing battery technology that can potentially be used for a broad suite of aerospace applications. Rather than producing battery cells, the company's compatible module technology can be adapted to support a variety of batteries, optimizing performance and safety. The versatility of the technology could allow United to consider EPS's modules for a number of near-term applications, and as part of its longer-term operations that support decarbonization. This is United's second investment in electric battery technology, after sodium-ion battery-maker Natron.



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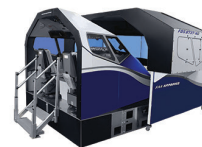


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## Purple Tails Set New Goals After Cross-Country Competition



Members of Minnesota State University's Purple Tails are setting new goals for the Air Race Classic cross-country aviation competition after participating this past month.

MSU aviation students Sami Naples, Grace Ackerman, Madi Luebke and Ella Jones all took part in taking the university back to the competitive skies once again after a seven-year hiatus.

The all-women race consisted of 44 teams and 101 racers and included both first time and returning participants from all over the country. Racers made their way from Grand Forks, North Dakota, to checkpoints in Mankato, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Alabama and Florida.

The winner wasn't determined by who finishes first, but by who beats the handicap they are given by the most time. The Purple Tails got fifth place out of five in their category, which was Electronic Data Monitoring Aircraft, said Naples.

The category measured how well the team was able to maintain revolutions per minute or RPM.

"Because we didn't want to fly our airplane at full throttle, we fly at 2500 (RPM) the whole time, because we have certain avionics in our aircraft that let us see how well we stayed at 2500."

Although they finished last in their category, Naples said this year their goal was to get a feel for the race.

"Next year I hope to build the team and be able to coach them and see how they can do," she said.

Naples said she already has some goals she'd like to meet for next year's competition.

"I'm hoping to have more structure to it and just have more defined roles, like each person has a certain set of tasks," she said.

## How AI is Helping Airlines Mitigate The Climate Impact of Contrails

Contrails – the thin, white lines you sometimes see behind airplanes – have a surprisingly large impact on our climate. The [2022 IPCC report](#) noted that clouds created by contrails account for roughly 35% of aviation's global warming impact, over half the impact of the world's jet fuel. [Google Research](#) teamed up with American Airlines and [Breakthrough Energy](#) to bring together huge amounts of data – like satellite imagery, weather and flight path data – and used AI to develop contrail forecast maps to test if pilots can choose routes that avoid creating contrails.

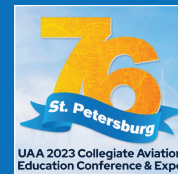
Contrails form when airplanes fly through layers of humidity and they can persist as cirrus clouds for minutes or hours depending on the atmospheric conditions. While these extra clouds can reflect sunlight back into space during the day, they also trap large amounts of heat that would otherwise leave the Earth's atmosphere. This creates a net warming effect. Avoiding flying through areas that create contrails can reduce warming. The challenge is knowing which flight routes will create contrails.



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### Agreements to Enhance Simulator, Drone Training Take Flight

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Frasca International signed an agreement at EAA Air Venture Oshkosh this week, which detailed the \$5 million purchase of new flight-training simulators to be housed at Embry-Riddle's Prescott Campus, in Arizona.

Reinforcing the university's longstanding relationship with Frasca – the first collaboration between the two organizations occurred in 1987 – the agreement was signed on July 26, in the Embry-Riddle tent at the Oshkosh, Wisconsin-based airshow. Included in the purchase are a total of eight new simulators, including seven Cessna 172 machines and one Diamond DA42. Portions of the new fleet will also feature high-fidelity motion-cueing systems which, when combined with realistic replicas of an aircraft's flight deck, offer students a fully immersive learning system.

Additionally, extensive upgrades and updates will also be made to the three existing Frasca simulators on campus as part of the agreement.

### Ultralight Dragon and Is Ready To Add the Pilot



Rotor X Aircraft has completed hundreds of unmanned flights of its kit-built, ultralight Dragon and is ready to add the pilot

Americans who have the flying bug but lack the time or energy to put in the hundreds of hours needed for a pilot certificate. But if they have the money, a personal aircraft for which the pilot needs no certification to fly just came closer to entering production.

Rotor X Aircraft, a 50-year-old manufacturer that primarily produces two-seat experimental kit helicopters, announced it will soon begin piloted flight testing of its preproduction Dragon: an ultralight, build-it-yourself, electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) design that can be flown without a certificate.

The Chandler, Arizona-based company on Thursday shared a [video](#) of Dragon's final unmanned flight tests, which took place earlier in the month. The preproduction prototype, unveiled to the public at EAA AirVenture in July, can be seen taking off, hovering, and cruising at low altitude over the Arizona desert. Not pictured are a ballistic chute and safety cage that will be included on the final production model.

According to Rotor X, these flights cleared the way for crewed testing to begin in early September. After that, the company plans to begin mass producing Dragon in March—if all goes well.

Customers can pay a deposit of \$19,500 to add their name to the preorder list. Deliveries are expected to begin next spring, and the full price of just under \$90,000 will be due once they arrive.

There are a few aircraft designs out there today that can be flown without a pilot certificate, such as the Aerolite 103, Quicksilver MX 103, or Phantom X1. But none have eVTOL capabilities.

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Scholarship is available for a woman who wishes to advance her career in aerospace industry in the fields of engineering, technology development or management. The award is to be used for educational purposes only and may not be applied toward flight hours. Applicants may be full-time or part-time employees currently in the aerospace industry or related field. Students pursuing aviation related degrees that are at the junior level with a 2.5 GPA or higher.

### RACCA/UPS Flight Path Scholarships

**Scholarship Sponsor**  
The Regional Air Cargo Carriers Association (RACCA)

**Contact**  
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**Usual Deadline**  
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### Preferred Qualifications

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- Aviation experience in the US Military and/or civilian air carrier industry
- Experience teaching undergraduate/graduate students



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**Texas AM University - Central Texas**  
**Assistant Professor of Aviation Science**

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**Minimum Qualifications**

- Ph.D. in Aviation Science or related field from a regionally accredited institution. ABD candidates with completion dates by January 1, 2024, will be considered
- Verifiable teaching experience with online Learning Management Systems (LMS), preferably in a collegiate setting
- Possess minimum Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission of Colleges (SACSCOC) credentialing standards, typically including at least 18 graduate semester credit hours in the subject area taught
- Hold an FAA Commercial Pilot rating, Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) rating, Advanced Ground Instructor (AGI) rating, or Airline Transport Rating (ATP)
- Demonstrate a track record of growth and improvement as an educator, and preferably have experience advancing a student’s aviation career AND must be able to relocate to Central Texas

**Preferred Qualifications**

- Part 141 or Part 147 training background experience
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**University of Nebraska at Omaha**  
**Instructor - Aviation Institute**

The Aviation Institute at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) seeks applicants for a Instructor position. A successful candidate of this position will be able to teach courses in our Bachelor of Science in Aviation major as well as courses related to one of our three concentrations, professional flight, air transport administration, and unmanned aircraft systems. Potential courses may include but are not limited to Introduction to Aviation and Aerospace, Introduction to Airports, Airline Operations, Private, Instrument, or Commercial ground Theory, Meteorology, Data Analytics, Airport Master Planning, and General Aviation Operations. A successful candidate will have a demonstrated ability to teach in higher education and possess strong written and oral communication skills. While not required, it would be beneficial for a candidate to hold an FAA pilot and/or remote pilot certificate.

The Aviation Institute is in the heart of Omaha, Nebraska and is a nationally recognized aviation program housed in the School of Public Administration which provides a supportive and collaborative academic culture. The Institute offers a Bachelor of Science in Aviation with concentrations in Air Transport Administration, Professional Flight, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems. The Aviation Institute is a proud partner in workforce development initiatives with Jet Linx Aviation, Southwest Airlines Destination 225°, United Aviate, Republic Airways, Mesa Airlines, and Envoy Air. Students have an opportunity to join several diverse organizations including Women in Aviation International, Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals, Alpha Eta Rho International, and the National Gay Pilots Association. Additionally, the UNO Flying Mavs compete in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association.

To apply for this position, go to <https://unomaha.peopleadmin.com/postings/17601>, resume, a cover letter addressing professional experience and qualifications, and the names and contact information for three references must be attached to the electronic application. Applicants are also encouraged to attach evidence of teaching excellence and productive scholarly research. Application review will begin June 18. Anticipated start date is August 14, 2023. The position will remain open until filled.

For more information about the Aviation Institute, visit our web page at <http://www.unomaha.edu/ai/> or contact the Search Committee Chair, Scott Vlasek at [svlasek@unomaha.edu](mailto:svlasek@unomaha.edu) or (402) 554-3785.

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**Indiana State University**  
**Assistant Chief Instructor Pilot**

If you are an experienced Flight Instructor looking for a full-time position in collegiate aviation, then search no further! Indiana State University's Aviation Department is currently looking for an Assistant Chief Flight Instructor.

**Some of the Job Duties for this position will include**

- Assisting the Chief Flight instructor in Part 61 and 141 FAA compliance in flight training, record keeping, certifying records, and maintenance
- Teach student working towards a bachelor's degree in aviation; Will have the ability to work with Private, Instrument, Commercial, Multi Engine, and/or Flight Instructor students
- Responsible for conducting all stage checks/exams along with the Chief and Senior Flight Instructors
- Conduct standardization rides with students when safety becomes a question

**Required Education & Experience**

Must meet FAA Part 141 Assistant Chief Flight Instructor Requirements per 14CFR Part 141.36. Must have CFI, CFII with MEI preferred. Must hold all current pilot certificates, qualifications, and ratings for this position. Must hold at least a 3rd class medical.

**Application Process**

The review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For more information about the position or to apply, please visit <https://jobs.indstate.edu/postings/43605>

**About the Institution**

Indiana State University is a world-class center of higher education, located in Terre Haute, Indiana, and serving a multi-state region that stretches from Indianapolis to St. Louis, Chicago, Louisville, Cincinnati, and beyond. It has been recognized by the Princeton Review as among the best universities in the Midwest. Indiana State is a beautiful, pedestrian-friendly campus located within walking distance of local shops, restaurants, and activities in Terre Haute's historic downtown district. Situated near the Indiana-Illinois border, the campus is about an hour's drive from Indianapolis and within a few hours of other major metropolitan areas.

Indiana State offers more than 100 undergraduate degree programs and more than 70 graduate degrees, certificates, and licensure programs, many offered on campus and online. It also serves as a dynamic educational partner for businesses and industries across Indiana and throughout the Midwest. Indiana State is noted for programs in education, business administration, operations and supply chain management, aviation, criminology and criminal justice, cybersecurity, insurance and risk management, psychology, engineering technology, and a variety of health and human services degrees, among many others. Indiana State is a place of belonging where students, faculty, and staff learn and thrive together. Join our Sycamore family!

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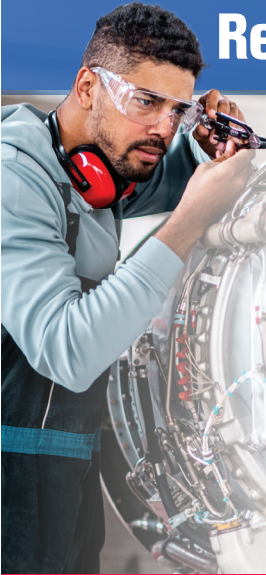
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**Successful candidates will have:**

- Be working towards or recently completed a bachelor's or graduate degree in aviation or related discipline (within 1 year of graduation)
- Possess, or obtain upon hire, and maintain a valid, non-probationary Colorado driver's license not subject to restriction related to alcohol and/or drug violations or pending charges
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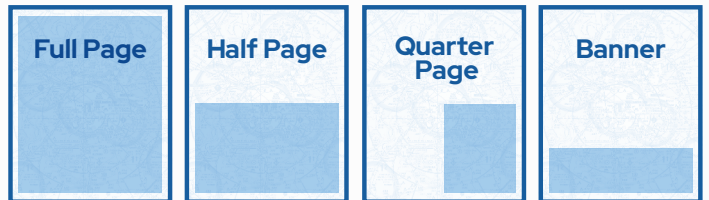
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