

Propelling Aviation Careers



Message from the incoming FAC Education Committee Chair

As all of you know, the FAC Education Foundation funds scholarship and internship opportunities for Florida aviation students every year. What you may not realize is the incredible impact these scholarships and internships have in shaping the lives of selected students.

As a past FAC scholarship recipient and airport intern, I can attest to the impact the Education Foundation can have on a young person's life. When I was a junior studying Aviation Management with flight at Florida Tech I applied, interviewed for, and ultimately received a FAC scholarship. While interviewing for the scholarship I was lucky enough to meet past FAC Chair Peter Modys. At the conclusion of the scholarship interview Peter offered me a summer internship with the Lee County Port Authority and effectively changed my life. The internship opened my eyes to the world of airport management and ultimately led to a job with the Port Authority.

Because I know the impact the Education Foundation can have on students lives I am extremely passionate about paying it forward to the next generation of aviation students. I am looking forward to working with all of you to meet our future fundraising goals. Thank you for all of the help and support you provide each year. It has a huge impact.

Derek Faulkner



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HELP US REACH OUR 2018 FUNDRAISING GOAL

We are asking our members to go above and beyond and help us reach our goal. As of September 2018 we have collected \$17,183. We are almost there. Only \$7,817 is needed to reach our fundraising goal of \$25k.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DONATE TODAY!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

There is more than one path to finding a career in aviation



Very rarely is finding a career you enjoy as simple as going from point A to point B. It's more like skating down a winding hill with no helmet on. Just ask Karissa Strickland. When she was in high school she did not know what career path she wanted to take. She ended up studying psychology at the University of South Florida. In 2011 she graduated and began searching for a career. After struggling to find a job in the field, she became an elementary school teacher for a year. "Talk about tough jobs" Strickland said, "I have a lot of respect for teachers because I could only do it for a year."

After discovering that teaching was not for her, she decided to switch things up and enrolled in the Aerospace Program at Polk State college. Her initial goal was to become a professional pilot, but after taking some administration classes, she discovered the world of airport management. When one of her professors recommended that she apply for a FAC sponsored airport operations internship with Lakeland Linder International Airport, she jumped at the opportunity.



As an intern Karissa helped with airfield inspections, ACM and AEP updates, construction projects, emergency responses, and planning for the airports full scale emergency drill. Each day she felt that she was allowed to do important work and loved that it was both interesting and challenging. At the end of her internship Karissa was hired on as a part time Operations Specialist. Since then she has been hired on full time and just completed her third year with the airport.

NEW STUDENT MEMBER



Hello everyone!

My name is Mason Miller and it is an honor to be a part of this organization. I am 24-years-old and have been living in Mount Dora, Florida for the past three years. I was born in Voorhees, New Jersey but moved to Jacksonville, Florida around the age of three and lived there for most of my life. I got my private pilot certificate a few years ago and now I am a junior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. I hope to go for an MBA in the future.

My hobbies and interests include running, basketball, TV, and hanging out with friends. I have recently been learning how to play golf which is perfect because I work at a golf course! I can't wait to meet other members and begin my journey with the FAC.

On behalf of the Education Committee, FAC Staff and Members we'd like to welcome Mason Miller to the FAC Family.

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2018 49th Annual Conference & Exposition

The Education Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed, participated, and volunteered to make the 2018 Annual Conference fundraising a success.

A total of \$16,377 was raised during several fundraising events including the pre-auction, 5k/Fun Run, live auction, silent auction, and raffle ticket sales. Only \$3,623 shy of reaching our 2018 Annual Conference fundraising goal of 20k.



Thank You!

5K/FUN RUN

The 5K/Fun Run was held on Sunday, July 15 along the Tampa Riverwalk. A total of 27 runners, walkers and stroller participated. Gainesville Regional and Aerostar Airport Holdings, LLC sponsored the event.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 5 K/FUN RUN SPONSORS



2018 5K/FUN RUN, Marriot Waterside, Tampa



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2019 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



FAC established a scholarship for students pursuing careers in aviation and airport management. We are proud to report that since 1990, FAC has awarded \$358,100 to 138 students.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & PROCESS

- Pursuing a degree in aviation
- Enrolled full-time at one of the following universities:

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Everglades University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Lynn University
 Miami Dade College
 Polk State College
 University of South Florida



- Achieved at least sophomore class level standing
- Submit an unofficial transcript copy
- [DOWNLOAD & Complete the 2018 Scholarship Application](#)
- Application are due on or before September 30, 2018
- Scholarship Interviews will be conducted at the Daytona Beach International Airport, November 2, 2018

2019 INTERNSHIP APPLICATION PERIOD

The Florida Airports Council awards Internship Grants to member airports to help provide work experience for students interested in pursuing careers in airport management.

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DATES TO REMEMBER	Location	Date
2019 Scholarship Application Is Now Open	Visit FAC Website	APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 30, 2018
2019 Scholarship Interviews	Daytona Beach International Airport	November 2, 2018
2018 Internship Recipients	Visit FAC Website	GRANT CLOSES: September 30, 2018
2019 Internship Application Period Is Now Open	Visit FAC Website	APPLICATION DEADLINE: TBD
Florida International Air Show	Punta Gorda Airport	October 19-21, 2018
Education and Training Summit	Orlando, FL	May 22-24, 2019

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