



Propelling Aviation Careers



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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW EDUCATION COMMITTEE CO-VICE CHAIR

Wow! I can hardly believe it is April! Our Committee has accomplished so much already this year, and we have a never-ending list of ideas that we want to accomplish. I am happy to be welcomed on board as a Co-Vice Chair for the Education Committee, and join with the efforts of leaders such as Derek and Sierra as we strive for bigger and better successes.

I work as the Resilience Program Manager, part of the Emergency Management and Resilience Department, at the Tampa International Airport. I joined TPA 5 years ago as the Public Safety Administration Manager responsible for law enforcement compliance, budgeting and records. In 2015, I embarked on a new adventure with the Operations Department as the Operations Administration Manager overseeing the department budget, managing both the high school and college internship programs, employee engagement efforts, and most recently developing an agency-wide wellness program. You may have seen me during the 2018 Annual FAC Conference in Tampa, Florida this past year. As part of the Host Committee, I managed all volunteer activity, helped develop sessions and organized events.



Each year, I help manage a high school internship program that is coordinated through the Tampa Bay Regional Aeronautics Academy. This agency works with schools in the Hillsborough, Pinellas and Polk County Regions. This group of elite students is offered a 6-week summer internship at TPA to gain 3 college credit hours towards their Aviation Management degree. Students also go on to earn their AAAE certification after the completion of the program. We are about to embark on our 4th year of the program. It's always exciting to work with these students and learn about their career ambitions. Several students have been accepted into Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to continue their studies.

Some of my goals for this Committee are to enhance student chapter and student member engagement, grow our memberships, create energetic fundraising opportunities and arrange memorable events. But most importantly, we want all of our members to be engaged! We can't do it without **you**—and there is a lot to do!

Please reach out if you are interested in leading a charge! We need leaders for fundraising, events, newsletters, student chapter representatives, social media influencers, and more. Don't forget....your next opportunity to be engaged is at our upcoming **Education and Training Summit**, May 22-24 at the Omni Orlando Resort in Kissimmee, Florida.

Check out our special overview of the upcoming Education and Training Summit on page 6. We hope to see you there!

Aimee Pidgeon

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NEW STUDENT MEMBER

Welcome to FAC **Michael Pawlak**! We are glad to have you on board. Michael is in his final year of college at Embry-Riddle Worldwide and will be graduating with his Bachelors in Aviation Business Administration. He is also a 2019 Scholarship recipient. When asked what peaked his interest in aviation, Michael responded, *"When I was a child I use to sit in cars and pretend I was in an aircraft pulling back on the steering wheel as if the car would lift up into the air. The concept of how aviation gave mankind the ability to travel to far away destinations always intrigued me. It gave my family the ability to live in America and still be able to visit relatives back in Poland. It has allowed me to be stationed in far away countries such as Turkey but still have the ability to come home for a few weeks to visit. The more advanced aviation becomes the more of the world seems like one giant country. This has always been the attraction for me."*



Michael served 10 years in the United States Air Force as an Airfield Manager and currently serves as an Airfield Manager in the National Guard in Jacksonville. His career goal is to become an international airport manager. After participating in a scholarship interview, Michael decided to join FAC. He loved the sense of community and people he met while interviewing. He is looking forward to joining us at the upcoming Education and Training Summit in Orlando and also the **50th Anniversary Annual Conference**! We look forward to seeing you there, Michael!

2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

As a young boy living in Jamaica, Gary always wanted to travel the world. He loved the idea of visiting other countries. Originally seeking a career in Dentistry, Gary's focus soon changed to aviation. In 1996, his mother moved to the United States for work; Gary visited often and remembered the joy he had flying to/from his trips to the US. He enjoyed visiting airports to see what differences separated them and started identifying operations which were lacking from one airport to another. In 2002, he moved to Boynton Beach, Florida and has been a resident there ever since. Gary attends Embry-Riddle Worldwide University. When asked what changed his interest from Dentistry to aviation, Gary answered, "No Country Left Behind". No Country Left Behind is an ICAO initiative to assist States in implementing ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices. The ultimate goal is to ensure that all states have access to the socio-economic benefits of a safe and reliable aviation system. When Gary learned of No Country Left Behind he knew it was something he wanted to be a part of.



Gary is a second-time recipient of a Florida Airports Council scholarship. His first was while attending Everglades University. Gary has also completed two separate internships; Broward County from September-December 2015 and LeighFisher's Finance division last summer from May to August. He credits himself with being very academic and has a personal goal to graduate with Honors. When asked what his favorite aviation experience has been thus far, Gary quickly responded, stating that gaining knowledge and advice from staff and having the opportunity to attend meetings during his internships. He also enjoyed the autonomy that the internships provided. When asked about his future plans, Gary noted he would love to set up his own consulting firm some day. But most importantly, he wants to work in a capacity where he feels like he is making a difference and contributing to future growth. His next steps: Graduation in 2020, then hopefully onto the Air Force.

– Interview by Aimee Pidgeon.

Gary-Dean Campbell, Graduate Student

University: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Degree: Business Administration in Aviation

Expected Graduation Date: April 2019

FAC Member As of: 5/15/18

Scholarship Awarded: 2017 \$3,000; 2019 \$3,000

**Meet both Michael and Gary-Dean at the
50th Annual Conference in Ft. Lauderdale!**

Aerospace and Aviation Day 2019 at Orlando Sanford International Airport



Aerospace and Aviation Day was held at Orlando Sanford International on Saturday, January 26th 2019. This event attracts over 3,000 participants annually and is designed to inspire Seminole County students to follow their dreams in science, engineering, and aviation.

The Education Committee was invited to Aerospace and Aviation Day by SFB to fundraise and network on behalf of the FAC Education Foundation. The committee is excited to report that its fundraising and networking efforts were a huge success! Thanks to our sponsors OAK Construction and Kimley-Horn and Associates, we were able to raise \$765 which will go towards funding next year's scholarships and internships. Additionally we owe a huge thanks to the Alpha Eta Rho students from the Florida Institute of Technology who volunteered to help us run the fundraiser.





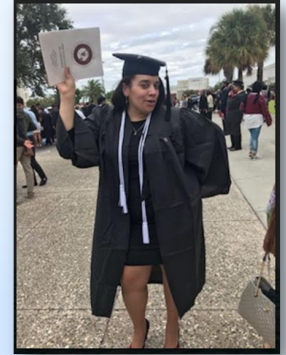
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

By Nicole Curiel

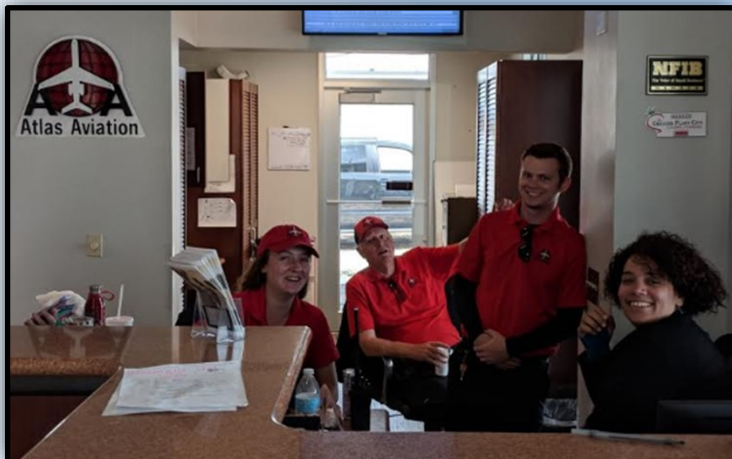
During the summer of 2017 I was the FAC intern at Tampa International Airport. At the time, I was a junior at the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT), studying different aspects of aviation, including learning to fly airplanes. The degree curriculum for Aviation Management, my field of study, included courses in Airport Management, Aviation Law, Airline Transport Management, and Airport Design, among others. I was also working in the aviation industry as a Line Technician/Customer Service Representative at one of the FBOs at Orlando International Airport (MCO). Marshalling, fueling, and tugging gave me a pretty good understanding of how to handle aircraft, while completing the administrative duties behind each arriving and departing flight gave me experience in the back-end paperwork associated with chartered flights and FBO operations. I resigned from my position at the FBO when the news came that I was the selected candidate for the FAC internship at Tampa International Airport (TPA).



The FAC Internship was a condensed, real-life application of what I had been learning at FIT. Seemingly every aspect of this experience tied to something specific that I had been exposed to through one of my courses. In the Airport Management course, we discussed safety and security, airport self-inspections, regulations, funding, and so many other topics. Throughout the internship, I was able to apply aviation specific safety and security measures, while learning different regulations and *why* they are in place. Airport self-inspections are very important, and I found the perimeter checks, and airside / airfield inspections to be very fun as well. I didn't realize how much situational awareness and focus is required, given my only experience *within an airport* was as a passenger. Airport Design was another course brought to life by this internship. In class, we learned about how every runway or taxiway marking serves a purpose, contributing to both safety and visibility, and how *imaginary surfaces* are in place to protect the inbound and outbound aircraft. Coincidentally, construction at the airport helped me better understand imaginary surfaces, line of sight, and other safety standards which all cranes, equipment, and people have to abide by.

The bulk of my internship was with Airport Ops at TPA, but I did have the opportunity to work under the General Aviation Department for the last few weeks of the internship. The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority oversees three additional airports that cater to the GA world: Peter O. Knight (TPF), Tampa Executive (VDF), and Plant City (PCM) Airports. I had the ability to help and actively participate in an AOPA fly-in that took place at TPF that fall. Over the course of the internship, I met a great number of people, many who have become good friends and professional contacts. Overall, the internship experience allowed me to learn a great deal in a small amount of time, all with a team that continuously strive for excellence and take pride in the work that they do.

I am currently working at Atlas Aviation, an FBO and flight school based out of Peter O. Knight Airport, which has currently expanded to Plant City Airport. After graduation a few months had passed, and I received a call from management from the HCAA General Aviation Department, stating that Atlas Aviation was expanding and in need of someone for the new location in Plant City.



Since I had worked with these individuals during the AOPA fly in, they noticed that I would be a good fit. I was hired on the spot by the general manager in mid-February, and we started operating out of Plant City on March 1st of this year. My current role consists of Administrative Representative/ Customer Service, where I take care of administrative duties for the FBO and the flight school. I absolutely love working for Atlas, and the fact that they are the tenants of HCAA. I continue to work with and have direct involvement with many of the people I worked with during my FAC internship. I, frankly, am unsure of what awaits with Atlas, but I am confident that the new location will have tremendous growth, and I am very happy and proud to be a part of it!

EDUCATION & TRAINING SUMMIT

Will You Be There? It's almost here! Are you signed up? Don't miss out on this year's Education and Training Summit scheduled for May 22-24, 2019 at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate in Orlando! In addition to some informative sessions from the Operations Committee, Security Committee, IT Committee, Legal Committee, Training Committee, and Facilities Committee, the Education Committee will be hosting an exciting discussion on "How to Develop a Successful Internship Program" featuring speakers from the Lee County Port Authority and Valkaria Airport. Ever wonder how an internship program works, or what is involved to make sure the students have a memorable experience—come find out! Did you know that each year, the Florida Airports Council provides grants to member airports to support their internship programs? Have you taken advantage of this funding? The impact your organization will have on a student is immeasurable. Having the opportunity to host a student intern not only broadens their perspective, but provides them with real-world experience. Who knows, you may find your next star employee.

Fundraising Opportunities. Please ask your committee members if they can provide raffle item donations.

The FAC Education Foundation Scholarship and Internship programs are successful because of donations and sponsorships from members and friends of FAC that know the importance of supporting young professionals. We are asking FAC members to please reach out to your contacts for donations for the Education & Training Summit Raffle *OR* the FAC Annual Conference (August 4-7, 2019).

The Donation Letter and Form is posted on the FAC website at the following link:
<https://www.floridaairports.org/education-foundation/fundraisers/>

Are You a New Member? We would love to see you at the Summit! There are different tiers of registration, so check it out on the FAC website.



**The Education Foundation would like to recognize
Global Aerospace for their dedication and support.
Their partnership with FAC has raised over \$48k.**

Global Aerospace partnered with FAC in 2013 to offer its airport members the opportunity to enroll in (ASAP) Airport Safety Advocacy Program. This program offers special benefits to FAC members such as affordable insurance with comprehensive coverages, convenient 3-year policy terms with rate guarantee*, accident forgiveness, online safety benefits, as well as \$250 membership dues reimbursement for one year.

Airport members who bind their insurance with Global Aerospace also contribute a portion of their insurance premium to the Education Foundation. Since 2013, participation in the program has grown from 5 to 18 participants! Through this partnership, Global Aerospace has contributed a combined total of \$48,315.29 toward the Education Foundation.

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TO ENROLL IN THE (ASAP) PROGRAM

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- ✍ Boca Raton Airport
- ✍ Crystal River Airport
- ✍ Daytona Beach Intl. Airport
- ✍ Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport
- ✍ Everglades Airpark
- ✍ Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport
- ✍ FLL - Hollywood Intl. Airport
- ✍ Immokalee Regional Airport
- ✍ Inverness Airport
- ✍ Leesburg Intl. Airport


- ✍ Marco Island Executive Airport



- ✍ North Perry Airport
- ✍ NE Florida Regional Airport

- ✍ Ocala International Airport
- ✍ Orlando Sanford Intl. Airport
- ✍ Palatka Municipal Airport
- ✍ Peter O. Knight Airport
- ✍ Peter Prince Field
- ✍ Plant City Airport
- ✍ Sebring Regional Airport
- ✍ St. Pete-Clearwater Intl. Airport
- ✍ Tallahassee International Airport
- ✍ Tampa Executive Airport
- ✍ Tri-County Airport
- ✍ Vero Beach Regional Airport

DATES TO REMEMBER

DONATION SOLICITATION BEGINS 50th Anniversary Conference Education & Training Summit	Donation Letter Donation Form	March 2019
DONATION DEADLINE Education & Training Summit	Mail Donations to FAC: 5802 Hoffner Ave, Suite 708 Orlando, FL 32822	May 6, 2019
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Education & Training Summit	Orlando, FL Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate	May 22-24, 2019
DONATION DEADLINE Annual Conference Donations	Mail Donations to FAC: 5802 Hoffner Ave, Suite 708 Orlando, FL 32822	July 19, 2019
 FAC 50th Anniversary Conference	Fort Lauderdale, FL Ft Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa	August 4-7, 2019