



Propelling Aviation Careers



Message from the FAC Education Foundation President

On November 1st, 2019 I was fortunate to be on the panel where we interviewed 6 amazing candidates for this year's FAC scholarships. The caliber of the students was quite impressive and if I just witnessed what the future holds for aviation...the rate of climb is steep! These students are going to soar.

2020 is going to be a fabulous year filled with opportunity for them, and you! This year you can mark your place in history, and be part of the FAC scholarship legacy. This is the year we take time, to make time, for others. Perhaps you could donate a raffle item or volunteer at one of the Education Committee fundraisers. There will be many opportunities to get involved throughout the year.

2020 is the 30th anniversary of the Education Foundation. As such I see it only fitting to shorten my message and share a message from the person who was there when it all began, Mr. Bill Crouch former FAC President and Director of FXE;

Along with several other past presidents, it was an honor for me to be invited to attend the FAC Conference this year celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Council. I was particularly pleased to see the continued growth of the Educational Foundation and the emphasis that the Council has placed on the importance of providing education opportunities for students interested in aviation careers. The Educational Foundation Presentation at the Presidents Banquet was outstanding.



The presentation confirmed that many people have devoted significant time and effort to making the Foundation successful over the years. As the presentation was being shown, I reflected on the fact that the Educational Foundation was started as a direct result of the considerable efforts of Former FAC Executive Director Bill Johnson and George Weaver, Trustee of the Emil Buehler Foundation and, of course, Bill Coulter Executive Director of FAMA at that time. Also featured in the presentation were aviation professionals from later generations like Derek Faulkner and Sierra LePore. (Continued on Page 5)

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2020 Scholarship Recipients

The Education Committee held scholarship interviews on November 1, 2019 at Orlando International Airport. A total of 26 students applied for the scholarship this year and 6 were selected for an in person interview. Students were able to apply if they attend one of the following member schools and were pursuing a degree or concentration in aviation:

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

The Education Committee is pleased to announce the following 2020 FAC Scholarship Recipients:



Estelle Jules, Senior

University: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Degree: Air Traffic Management

Expected Graduation Date: May 2020



Samuel Owens, Junior

University: University of South Florida

Degree: Mechanical Engineering

Expected Graduation Date: August 2021



Garth Cumberbatch, Graduate Student

University: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Degree: Masters of Science in Aeronautics

Expected Graduation Date: June 2020

2020 Scholarship Recipients (Continued)



Hualong Tang, Graduate Student

University: University of South Florida

Degree: Ph. D. Civil and Environmental Engineering

Expected Graduation Date: May 2020



Tyler Kasperski, Senior

University: Florida Institute of Technology

Degree: Aviation Management

Expected Graduation Date: May 2020



Gabriella Ferra, Junior

University: Florida Institute of Technology

Degree: Aeronautical Science with Flight

Expected Graduation Date: December 2020

Each scholarship recipient will be invited to the FAC 51st Anniversary Conference in Orlando, Florida. Scholarship recipients will be awarded signed certificates at the General Membership meeting. We encourage all those who would like to meet the recipients to attend the General Membership meeting.

LCPA Airport-Airline Golf Tournament Fundraiser

On Friday October 25th, 2019 the Lee County Port Authority held their 31st annual Airport-Airline golf tournament. To change things up this year, the FAC Education Committee hosted a Roll the Dice Challenge on the 18th hole. Each team that made a donation to the FAC Education Foundation got to roll a giant dice to determine where they would take their tee shot from. A number of teams that participated were able to eagle the hole!

At the end of the day all of the golfers had a blast and we ended up raising over \$1,200 for future FAC scholarships and internships.



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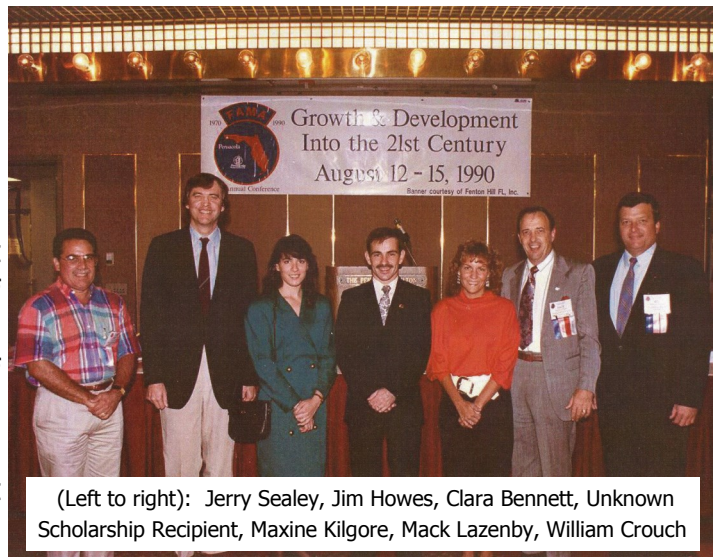


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(Continued from Page 1) This past year, I was fortunate to be able to meet with both Derek and Sierra and I have seen firsthand how hard they, and many other people, are currently working to continue the education goals of the Council. I was impressed with their dedication and enthusiasm for the mission of the Education Foundation.

None of us who were there at the beginning of the Educational Foundation and the Scholarship Committee, could have envisioned the success that the scholarship and internship programs have achieved and the progress that has been made by the Foundation which continues to benefit the aviation industry here in Florida and around the world. The people who have been associated with the Education Foundation know how beneficial the program has become. Not only can an aviation student benefit from the programs, by obtaining scholarship funds, but they can also gain aviation experience and take advantage of networking opportunities available through the Internship Program. As aviation professionals, former students have an opportunity to achieve successful careers in aviation and can mentor the next generation of aviation professionals. Many of the students participating in these Florida Airport Managers Association and Florida Airports Council programs have gone on to achieve successful careers in aviation and have given their time and effort to ensure the continued success of aviation and the Education Foundation.

In my view, there is one individual who personifies the success of the FAC Scholarship Program. Ms. Clara Bennett participated in the first scholarship interviews that we held at Melbourne, Florida. She was awarded one of the first FAMA/EMIL BUEHLER SCHOLARSHIPS in Aug 1990 and completed her aviation management degree, graduating from Florida Institute of Technology. She was initially hired by Orlando Airport Authority and later hired by the City of Fort Lauderdale at Executive Airport as a Noise Abatement Officer. She worked her way up to the Airport Manager position. She is currently Airport Director at Boca Raton Airport Authority. Throughout her career she has represented



Florida aviation and airports both nationally and internationally. She has served as a director on numerous aviation boards and councils and has also served as the President of FAC and is the only person to have served two terms as president of FAC. She continues to strongly support the goals of the Educational Foundation.

I look forward to the Year 2020 and the 30th Anniversary of the Educational Foundation.

William Crouch
Former Scholarship Committee Chair

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Nina MacPherson
FAC Education Foundation President

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Aerospace and Aviation Day 2020 at Orlando Sanford International Airport



Aerospace and Aviation Day was held at Orlando Sanford International Airport on Saturday, January 25th 2020. 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 George Speake 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 AVCON and Sheltair we were able to raise \$776 which will go towards funding next years scholarships and internships. Additionally we owe a huge thanks to the students from USF and Embry Riddle who volunteered to help us run the fundraiser.





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2020 Scholarship Interview Panel



DATES TO REMEMBER	Location	Date
Donation Solicitations for Annual Conference and E&T Summit Fundraisers Begin	Mail Donations to FAC: 5802 Hoffner Ave. Suite 708 Orlando, FL 32822	February 2020
Deadline for Education and Training Summit Donations	Mail Donations to FAC: 5802 Hoffner Ave. Suite 708 Orlando, FL 32822	April 15, 2020
Education and Training Summit	Kissimmee, FL Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South	April 22-24, 2020
Deadline for Annual Conference Donations	Mail Donations to FAC: 5802 Hoffner Ave. Suite 708 Orlando, FL 32822	July 10, 2020
FAC 51st Annual Conference & Exposition	Orlando, FL Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress	July 19-22, 2020