August 19, 2019

Message from Madam Chair

Dear Members of the Florida Airports Council

On behalf of the FAC Board of Directors I extend a heartfelt thank you for making the FAC 50th golden anniversary one to remember for the next 50 years!

The annual conference held in beautiful Fort Lauderdale was nothing short of spectacular and exceeded all expectations. Thank you to our gracious hosts Broward County Aviation Department and the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. Such a conference involves enormous amounts of time and energy. For the countless hours worked by all of the volunteers, planning the conference sessions and the amazing evening events, we thank you!

A conference of this magnitude has many moving parts. We recognize Kelly Tortoriello with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau and thank the GVB for the gold feet that led us to our meetings and exhibit halls at the hotel, the aprons for the chef demonstration, and all that you did helping with the host event.

Thank you to our conference management team CMC & Associates for pulling it all together and making sure every little detail was catered to. Special thank you to FAC Staff, Lisa, Idalia and Gina for all the hard work this year. You are all amazing!

Finally, to all the past presidents who came back to us, we hope you felt honored, had some laughs with old friends and enjoyed yourselves. Lookout 2020 here we come! We are looking for the up and coming professionals that are ready to take the aviation industry into the next decade!

Thank you all for being part of FAC’s golden anniversary!

Nina MacPherson
Chairman of the Board - FAC
Welcome 2020 FAC Officers and Directors

Each year, a nominating committee of past presidents convenes to review applicants and recommend a slate of Officers and Directors for the upcoming year. FAC members approved their nominations at the Wednesday, August 7th General Membership meeting. Effective October 1st, the 2020 Leadership includes:

**Officers:**
- **Chairman of the Board** - Parker W. McClellan, Jr., Executive Director, NW FL Beaches International Airport
- **Vice Chair** - Luis Olivo, Governmental Relations, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
- **Secretary/Treasurer** - Roy Sieger, Airport Director, Flagler County Airport
- **Immediate Past Chair/Education Foundation President** - Nina MacPherson, Airport Manager, North Perry Airport

**Directors:**
- **Mark Cervasio**  
  Airport Manager  
  Venice Municipal Airport
- **Karen Feaster**  
  Deputy Airport Director  
  Daytona Beach Intl Airport
- **NEW James Furiosi**  
  Dept. Director-Maintenance  
  Lee County Port Authority
- **James Parish**  
  President/CEO  
  Punta Gorda Airport
- **Chad Rosenstein**  
  Governmental Affairs  
  Lee County Port Authority
- **Lloyd Tillmann**  
  Director of Operations  
  Tampa International Airport

**Welcome new Director, James Furiosi**

FAC's newest Director is not new to FAC at all! James Furiosi, Department Director-Maintenance for Lee County Port Authority has been active in a number of specialty committees since 2004. He has served in the role of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Facilities and IT committees, participated in specialty conference planning and the facilitation of seminars and workshops in the fulfillment of FAC’s education and professional development mission. James has a passion for involving all professionals and emerging leaders in training activities and educational opportunities and has helped grow the Facilities committee into one of FAC’s most active training committees. James will bring an important perspective to the Board and will serve for 3-years. Congratulations James and Welcome Aboard!
FAC turns 50! Fort Lauderdale hosts historic annual conference and exposition

Congratulations Broward County Aviation Department and Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport on a fantastic celebration of FAC’s Golden Anniversary. The conference planning team and FAC staff embraced the theme of “Flying High for 50 Years” and exceeded all expectations. The conference attendance was outstanding - more than 799 delegates registered, including guests, spouses, exhibitors and sponsors. This is an all time high!

The Sunday night Past Presidents’ Banquet welcomed more than 18 past presidents of the Florida Airport Managers Association/FAC. It was wonderful to have Mrs. Leigh Coulter Beal and her son David, daughter and grandson of FAMA’s first Executive Director, Bill Coulter, join us. Bill was the perfect fit for FAMA at a critical time in our organization’s history. His knowledge of the Florida legislative process, relationships with key officials and southern charm helped shape FAMA into FAC. It was heartwarming to see our past leaders reminiscing and celebrating the Council’s achievements with our current members, students and Board. Sorely missed was Past Presidents Morgan Rankin and his wife Carol, Louis Miller and his wife Susan, and Bill and Marycatherine Johnson, Honorary Lifetime Members.

A special video was featured, capturing the achievements of the Council over the last 50-years and celebrating the success of the Florida airport system. Much of this success is due to the dedication and commitment of our past leaders and their vision for the future sustainability of our industry. Their leadership inspired many other professionals that came later to embrace the important work of the Council and grow the Florida aviation and aerospace industry to the 4th largest economic engine for the State. If you would like to see more photos from this event, click here....

If you would like to view the video, This is our Story click here and enjoy.
The Education Foundation has a rich history and is critical to FAC’s mission of educating young professionals. The financial support provided by the scholarship program has had an impact on students now working in almost every segment of our industry. The Foundation was established in 1990 and has since awarded $353,100 in scholarships to 143 students.

FAC scholarship recipients serve as managers and senior staff at airports in Florida and throughout the U.S. including Boca Raton Airport, Kissimmee Gateway Airport, St. Pete Clearwater Intl. Airport, Houston Airport System, Orlando Sanford Intl. Airport, and Lee County Port Authority, as airline representatives (American, Quantas), FAA and FAA-ATC staff, airport and environmental planners/consultants/engineers for nationally recognized companies, aircraft and aircraft parts manufacturers (Boeing, JetParts Engineering), flight instructors and more. A special PowerPoint paying tribute to the scholarship program and recipients was presented at the Past Presidents Banquet. Click here to view the presentation.

A message from the Education Foundation President, Gary Duncan...

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to be your FAC Education Foundation President over the course of this past year. To see first-hand the hard work the Education Committee Leadership Team put in throughout the entire year was truly inspiring. I would like to recognize and thank Chair, Derek Faulkner - Operations Manager, Page Field, Co-Vice Chair, Aimee Pidgeon - Resilience Program Manager, Tampa Intl. Airport and Co-Vice Chair, Sierra LePore - Aviation Planner, VHB. These are the 3 individuals that have worked tirelessly throughout the entire year, raising money, reviewing scholarship applications, and corresponding with students.

This year the Committee reviewed over 40 scholarship applications, awarded $15,000 in scholarships, developed a new student assistance program to make it easier for students to attend the FAC annual conference, and hounded, pestered, and at times, politely begged for donations to be auctioned off at our silent and live auctions. If not for their hard work and assistance of other active Education Committee members, and for our members that have donated your time or money, the FAC Education Foundation would not exist.

During this, our 50th Anniversary, it’s fitting to celebrate the Education Foundation and all of those that have worked through the years to make it such a tremendous success. The Education Foundation was formed in 1990 and since that time has assisted 143 students in pursuit of aviation careers with over $353,000 in financial assistance. The Foundation has also supported 100 airport internships funded by FAC with underwriting by FDOT – which totals a $412,000 investment in Florida’s future aviation and airport professionals. So many of our scholarship recipients successfully completed their education and are having an impact in our industry in Florida and around the nation.

Thanks again to Bill Crouch and Bill Johnson for their foundational leadership and to all past leaders, Board of Directors and committee chairs that keep this a priority of our council.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Duncan, CM
Deputy Executive Director, Aviation
Lee County Port Authority
Thank You Conference EXHIBITORS!!

AECOM
Aero Cloud Systems, Inc.
Airport Consultants Council (ACC)
Airport Improvement Magazine
Airport Lighting Company
Allen Enterprises, Inc.
Ameribridge
Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc.
Asphalt Systems, Inc.
Associated Asphalt
AVCON, INC.
Avigilon USA Corporation
Burns Engineering
C&S Companies
CAST Perimeter Lighting
Cherokee Enterprises, Inc.
The Corradino Group, Inc.
D.S. Brown Company
Daktronics, Inc.
DBT Transportation Services
EDI
EG Solutions, Inc.
EJ
Ennis-Flint, Inc.
ESA
Flagship Airport Services, Inc.
Gale Associates, Inc.
GPI Geospatial, Inc.
Hanson Professional Services, Inc.
Hanwha Techwin America
The Haskell Company
Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC
HMMH, Inc.
Hotspray Industrial Coatings, Inc.
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Quantum Spatial, Inc.
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Sightline, Inc.
SSI, Inc.
Taffy Pippin Consulting, LLC
Thales Air Traffic Management, US
ThyssenKrupp Airport Systems, Inc.
TransCore
Twist Aero
Vector Airport Systems
Members and delegates exceed the Education Foundation fundraising goal!

Congratulations to FAC members and conference delegates for your outstanding support of the Education Foundation. Education Committee Chair Derek Faulkner, and Co-Chairs Sierra LePore and Aimee Pidgeon and the committee deserve a huge THANK YOU for all their hard work. Also, a special shout out to Kelly Sheets, Mary Soderstrom and Dana Cline for their special efforts throughout the year and at the conference. Below is a preliminary summary of the outstanding results of all their hard work and our Members’ investments:

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WE DID IT!
Opening Ceremony wowed and inspired

Since 2016, FAC has made it a priority to include a community service event associated with our annual conference. This year, the Broward County Aviation Department and City of Fort Lauderdale organized a special event to support local homeless residents. According to Broward County United Way statistics, 2,803 men, women and children are homeless in Broward County; there are 144 homeless families on the street any given night.

Mandy Harvey, award-winning singer, songwriter, and inspirational speaker who lost her residual hearing at the age of nineteen. Her performance was uplifting, and no one left the room with a dry eye.

Mandy was born in Cincinnati, Ohio before moving to St. Cloud, Florida. She had hearing problems and underwent several surgeries as a child to try to correct them. Her family moved to Colorado when she was a young child. She sang throughout her childhood and her talent was recognized at Longmont High School, where she graduated in 2006. Harvey gradually lost her hearing as a result of the connective tissues disorder Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. She lost her remaining hearing when she was eighteen, while she was majoring in vocal music education at Colorado State University; as a result, she left the university.

After fully losing her hearing in 2007, Mandy became depressed and quit music. However, with the aid of “visual tuners” she learned how to find the correct pitches when singing. In 2008 she met jazz pianist Mark Sloniker at Jay’s Bistro in Fort Collins, where she began performing regularly. She later performed at Dazzle Jazz Lounge in Denver and recorded three studio jazz albums. Her second album After You’ve Gone was released in 2010. In 2011 Harvey won VSA’s International Young Soloist Award. Her third album All of Me followed in 2014.

In 2017, she appeared on America’s Got Talent, season 12, where she took fourth place, using her ukulele while performing original songs during the competition. The same year, she published a memoir Sensing the Rhythm: Finding My Voice in a World Without Sound. She is an Ambassador for the nonprofit organization No Barriers to help people with disabilities overcome obstacles.

United Way community event supports local homeless

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FAC attendees assembled 150 personalized care boxes for the United Way Homeless Initiative - 75 male boxes and 75 female boxes. Each box included important personal hygiene products, first aid items and words of encouragement from participants. Congratulations and a huge Thank You to all who participated!
The Monday Night Host Event at the Museum of Discovery and Science included outstanding Polynesian entertainment, great food and a beautiful venue that was an inspiration to young and old! Polynesian Proud Productions, a local family owned business, provided an outstanding show of traditional Polynesian dance, fire dancing and flower lei design. The museum featured a special area highlighting transportation and aviation. It was a wonderful venue and a fantastic way to celebrate FAC’s 50th Anniversary. **Thank You BCAD and FXE!**

**Conference delegates receive a warm welcome at the Monday host event**

Host Mark Gale - BCAD, Director Roy Sieger, FAC
Madam Chair, Nina MacPherson

Co-host Carlton Harrison and Rufus James-FXE, and Vicki and FAC
Director Mark Cervasio-VNC

Lori Bunting and Past President Jeff Bunting
The Ice Cream Social was a very popular event back in the early days of FAMA. We resurrected this fun event in recognition of our 50th Anniversary, but it was so popular, we plan to keep this on our schedule for 2020. Over 100 scoops of ice cream were served. Kids and former kids enjoyed North Perry Airport coloring books, hula-hoops and decorating sundaes with a variety of candy and condiments. Thanks to Miami-Dade Aviation Department and Passero Associates for sponsoring this event!

AVCON hosts FAC’s biggest fishing tournament to date

The FAC fishing tournament was a popular event this year. So popular, we added a third boat to the tournament. Thanks to AVCON for sponsoring a fantastic day!

AWARDS:  
Best Sportsman went to Dan Blake, Daytona Beach International Airport for helping others to fish and for assisting with litter pick up on the boat when it docked.  
Strangest Fish went to Pam Seay, Punta Gorda Airport - Charlotte County Airport Authority, for snagging a Scorpion Fish – one of the most poisonous animals in the ocean.  
Smallest Fish went to Chris Evers, Pavement Technology, Inc. for a 2” Grunt Fish.  
Most Fish went to Joanne Simmons, Sanford Airport Authority, who caught a total of 9 fish. And finally, Biggest Fish went to Mike Iguina, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport, for a 30.5” King Fish and a 31.5” King Fish.

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Most fish - Joanne Simmons - SFB, 9 fish

Biggest fish - Mike Iguina - PIE, 30.5” & 31.5” King Fish
Wednesday Leadership Luncheon honors member achievements

The Wednesday Leadership Luncheon wrapped up the conference with special recognition for member achievements and contributions to the Council. Mark Gale and Rufus James were recognized for their efforts and contributions to making the 50th Annual Conference and Exposition an outstanding business and networking event. The membership recognized James Wikstrom, FDOT District 5 Modal Development Manager, with a special resolution recognizing his dedication to Florida Airports and their improvement and development programs. And following tradition, outgoing Education Foundation President Gary Duncan and outgoing Madam Chair were recognized for their leadership this past year.

The Council also presented the Corporate Eagle and Aviation Leadership Awards. This year, the Board awarded two Corporate Eagle Awards in recognition of a corporation that went above and beyond in support of FAC, the Education Foundation and our members.

Corporate Eagle Award - Global Aerospace, in recognition for their Airport Safety Advocacy Program that has raised more than $48,000 for the Education Foundation. 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 airport participants to 18! Through this partnership, Global Aerospace has contributed a combined total of $48,315.29 toward the Education Foundation. The Foundation and Global Aerospace anticipate this program will continue to contribute to FAC’s education mission.
Corporate Eagle Award - Sierra Lynn LaPore, VHB in recognition of her for dedication to the Council and the Education Foundation. Over the past 4 years, Sierra has shown leadership and ownership of one of the most important fundraising responsibilities of the Council – that is raising money to fund student scholarships and internships. At FAC conferences, she has been highly involved in organizing the gift gathering of prizes for the silent and live auctions at FAC events that help build the scholarship fund. This process begins truthfully at the end of the current year’s event and is a commitment that runs throughout the year. Her level of dedication has been a major contributor to the Foundation’s success. We would also like to thank VHB for supporting Sierra.

Aviation Leadership Award - Mr. George Weaver, Trustee, Buehler Aviation Research Foundation, Inc., in recognition of the Foundation’s legacy support and continued contributions to the Education Foundation.

The Emil Buehler Trust was established in 1984 to perpetuate the memory of Emil Buehler and his commitment to aviation science and technology. Emil Buehler was an aviation visionary, architect and engineer, and to whom the majesty and mystery of flight was more than a private interest. It was a vision to be shared through the continuing philanthropic involvement of the Buehler Trust. A pioneer in aeronautics as well as a designer of buildings, Mr. Buehler was actively involved in many of the significant aviation events that took place in New Jersey during the late 1920’s and early 1930’s.

His legacy of philanthropic commitment extends to a number of leading educational institutions. In the early 1960’s, a donation from the Buehler Foundation led to the establishment of Buehler Planetarium at Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale. Other projects include:

- Sponsorship of the Eagle Flight Leadership Center for the Experimental Aircraft Association
- Funding of the Emil Buehler Conservation Laboratory at the Dulles Center, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institute
- Funding of major aviation capital projects including the FIT Emil Buehler Center for Aviation Training and Research, the Emil Buehler Aviation Maintenance Science building at ERAU and support for the Emil Buehler Endowed Teaching Chairs at numerous universities
- Funding of a grant for the development of the Buehler Aviation Park at Valkaria Airport, Brevard County

and so much more...

With Mr. Weaver’s support, since the founding of the FAC Education Foundation in 1990, FAC has been the recipient of $194,000 from the Buehler Foundation to support scholarships and internships to Florida students.