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EDUCATION COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW CO-VICE CHAIR

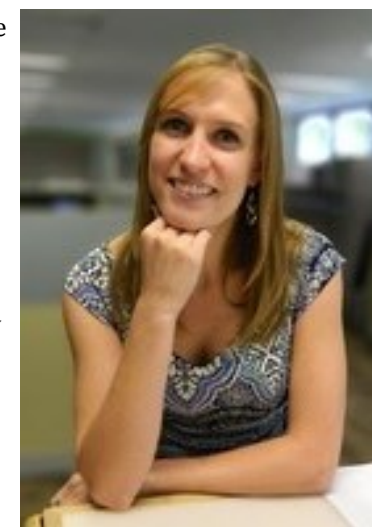
NEW YEAR.....NEW OPPORTUNITIES! The FAC Education Committee is now accepting nominations for our Co-Vice Chair position. The person who fills this position will help advance the efforts of the Education Committee as we get ready to dive into 2020 with some ambitious goals! First up...fundraising efforts. Fundraising is a huge part of the committee's mission, as it is a main source of funding for the FAC Education Foundation's scholarship and internship programs. We are looking for someone to come on board and help lead committee calls and fundraising efforts which will ultimately have a direct positive effect on students and airports across the state of Florida! For this position, the candidate must be a FAC Corporate Member. Anyone interested can send an e-mail to the Committee Chair, Derek Faulkner at dfaulkner@flylcpa.com or Committee Co-Vice Chair, Aimee Pidgeon at apidgeon@tampaairport.com.

Hello and Good Bye(ish)

As I have been the Vice Chair of the Education Committee for the last 4 years, I am stepping down as the Vice Chair of the Education Committee. I want to extend a HUGE thank you to the Florida Airports Council, the Education Committee, and VHB for their continued support and for awarding me the Corporate Eagle Award! It has truly been an honor working with such a great group of individuals as passionate about the committee as I am. This experience has allowed me to meet some amazing aviation professionals and some incredible students that I know will achieve great things in the industry. This position has been incredibly fulfilling. With all that said, this is not good bye, but rather a see you soon at the summit! I plan to stay heavily involved in the FAC Education Committee as the committee holds a special place in my heart.

So now... (drum roll please)... **It is time for a new Co-Vice Chair for the Education Committee!** We are looking for an FAC corporate member to become the Co-Vice Chair of the committee alongside Derek Faulkner (Chair) and Aimee Pidgeon (Co-Vice Chair). If you are interested in becoming the new Co-Vice Chair, please reach out to Derek, Aimee, or myself.

See you next year!!



Sierra LePore, C.M., ENV SP
Aviation Planner





Hualong Tang—USF

Sergio E. Taleisnik, MSA — ERAU



STUDENT CHAPTERS PRESENT ANNUAL REPORTS IN FT. LAUDERDALE

We had a great student chapter turnout at this year's 50th Annual Conference & Exposition in Ft. Lauderdale. Student leaders from USF, FIT, Embry Riddle, and Lynn University all presented. The presentations highlighted each chapters' activities for the past year along with a synopsis for what's on the horizon in 2020.



Mitchell Spalding — FIT

Jamarick Burrell & Malhar Dhopate
Lynn University



NEW MEMBER RECEPTION WELCOMES STUDENTS

Each year, the Florida Airports Council invites new students to attend its private new member reception. This is a great opportunity for students to interact with FAC Board Members, FAC staff, and other new members. We had lots of new faces this year and we were proud to help them become acquainted with other new members and FAC Board Members.



FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

Wow! What a turnout! This was the largest 5K participation in the history of FAC. We want to send out a HUGE thank you to all who participated in this year's 5K Race on the Beach! This was by far our most successful 5K. A special thank you to Roy Sieger with Flagler Executive Airport for helping set up the event and for donating the medals that made this race spectacular! Also, our new initiative this year took off—the Virtual 5K—thanks to all of you who participated virtually. This year's 5K raised \$2,520 in revenue for the Education Foundation!



SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE MAYHEM

We had everything from a Starbucks Gift Basket to a 6-hour all-you-can-drink, bring your buddies, Fishing Excursion at this year's silent auction. Huge thanks to everyone who donated an item! So many items, so little time! We saw you making a beeline for your favorites. Lots of last minute bidding and raffle ticket sales helped to drive up donations to just over \$14,000. Congratulations to all of the winners, and thanks to everyone who came by and placed a bid—we hope you won your treasure! But if not, don't worry, we'll be back with another round of great items at next year's conference in Orlando! Thank you to all of the committee members and students who volunteered to help with the raffle and silent auction.



SIERRA LEPORE WINS CORPORATE EAGLE AWARD



We cannot think of a more deserving candidate for this year's Corporate Eagle Award. Sierra LePore has spent the last four years paying it forward to students studying aviation in Florida. She has dedicated an immense amount of time, energy, and effort to leading committee calls, finding donations, and organizing fundraisers. Under her leadership as Vice Chair, the Education Committee has raised over \$109,000 for aviation scholarships and internships. Sierra's efforts have taken the FAC Education Committee to new heights!

Beer Cooler Finds A Loving Home

Between the silent auction, raffle, and live auction there were tons of great items to choose from; but most had their eyes peeled on one large Yeti cooler full of beer! SP Plus Airport Services donated the massive Yeti cooler and our Chair, Derek Faulkner challenged you to bring craft beer from your local city or town to fill up the cooler. When all was said and done, we had beers galore, growlers, t-shirts, koozies, glasses, gift cards and of course, stickers! We could not believe the amount of items donated for this grand prize. Everyone had to wait until the live auction to place their bid. One lucky winner ran away with the entire smorgasbord of beer for a steal!! Congratulations to Milo Zonka, Sheltair Aviation. Please throw a party and invite us!



WE LOVE OUR STUDENTS!

We love our member schools and student chapters! They are the reason we do what we do ~ It is always exciting to see what is next on the horizon for their professional development. We were excited to have several student chapters and member schools represented at this year's Annual Conference in Ft. Lauderdale.

One of our goals for this year is to visit these member schools and student chapters to speak about aviation careers and tips and tricks for getting hired straight out of school. If you are interested in visiting one of our member schools, please reach out to **Derek Faulkner** at dfaulkner@flylcpa.com or **Aimee Pidgeon** at apidgeon@tampaairport.com so we can work to get you scheduled to speak. The engagement of our committee members with students is very important to us! Here is a listing of current member schools: **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Institute of Technology, University of South Florida, Lynn University, Everglades University, Polk State College, and Miami-Dade College**

Embry-Riddle Daytona Beach Student Chapter



Pictured (L-R): **Back Row:** Jack Victory, Ethan Nijankin, Jude Solomon, David Syphers, Quinn Sullivan, Zois Alexander and Joe Betros **Front Row:** Garth Cumberpatch, Ana Pajick, Sunduss Elamri, Alexandria Codgell and Bruno Aranda.

Lynn University Student Chapter



Pictured (L-R): Giovanni Morris, Malhar Dhopate, Akil Daniels, John Waller, Brad Rockey, Elizabeth Erbe, Michal Ners, David Lowthorp, Jahq-Albehr Pun, Steven Banks, Fredrick Lamar, Andre Forsythe

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IMPORTANT DATES TO GET INVOLVED!

Below is a list of dates to remember and events where you can get involved! Let us know if you are interested in volunteering at any of the events listed below as part of the FAC Education Committee!

Aerospace & Aviation Day	Orlando Sanford International Airport	January 25, 2020
Education & Training Summit	Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista	April 22—April 24, 2020
51st Annual Conference & Exposition	Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress	July 19—July 22, 2020