

Previous FAC Scholarship Recipients

Graduate of the Florida Institute of Technology B.S. Aviation Management (1991)

The FAC scholarship was significant for me in multiple ways. In addition to its important financial support that helped me fund my senior year at FIT, the scholarship application process itself was formative. The entire process, which included me buying my first business suit, gave me an opportunity to practice my application, interviewing, and communication skills. It was my first professional-level interview in front of a panel of airport professionals who could very likely be interviewing me for positions after graduation, which proved invaluable in the early stages of my career. I also met Bill Crouch, then Airport Manager at FXE, who would eventually become my boss and mentor throughout my career.



Clara Bennett
Executive Director
Boca Raton Airport Authority

Graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University B.S. Aviation Business Administration (1994)

I was a recipient of the Florida Airport Managers Association scholarship in the 1993 academic year. At the time I was a student at Embry-Riddle studying Aviation Business Administration. I was paying for most of my college education through work and student loans (with a small amount of support from my parents), so the scholarship was very meaningful and impactful for me. I graduated from ERAU in May of 1994 and began a career in aviation business in the aircraft leasing field.



Damon D'Agostino
President and CEO,
Zephyrus Aviation Capital

Graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University B.S. Human Factors Psychology (2017) Master's in Business Administration (2019)

The Florida Airports Council scholarship has allowed me the opportunity to continue my education at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University when I was at point of financial hardship. Because of the generosity and trust placed in me by the council, I was afforded the chance to complete my degree and go above and beyond where I ever thought I would. I am scheduled to complete my MBA this May.



Lonnie Marts
MBA Student and
NCAA Track &
Field Team Captain

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Graduate of the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University B.S. Business Administration (2013)

The Florida Airports Council has had a significant impact on my education and career journey. I still remember feeling overwhelmed with joy, honored, and remain incredibly humbled to have received the William P. Coulter Scholarship. It was a tremendous investment in my career aspirations and afforded me the chance to fully pour my efforts into maximizing my university experience. With the weight of tuition's heavy financial burden off my shoulders, I felt further motivated to succeed both inside and outside the classroom. I pursued student government, club activities (which included visiting many Florida airports through our Airport Management Club), aviation management research projects with the Honors Program, and tutored statistics; all while balancing academics, and all enabled by the FAC's support. Because of the scholarship, I was able to pursue three aviation management internships. Before my senior year, I had prepared a capital budget for a major airport, examined zip code and air service data for potential new airline service, helped prepare the schedule for one of the nation's largest airlines, and assisted in maintaining airport safety, security, and compliance in airport operations. These opportunities, learnings, and pursuits, owed to the FAC's support, have led to a wonderful and exciting journey in the aviation industry. I am forever deeply in gratitude for the financial support, mentorship, and experiential opportunities afforded to me through the scholarship program.



Jonathan Heckman

Sr Adviser Intl Network Planning
Qantas Airways

Graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University B.S. Business Admin/Accounting & Finance (2016) Master's in Business Administration (2017)

The scholarship from FAC allowed me to focus on and advance my studies. Thanks to the scholarship I was able to tack graduate classes on top of my undergraduate classes without having to worry about taking on another loan and burdening my schedule with another job in order to pay for my education.



Maite Moscoso

Operations Specialist
Vector Airport Systems

Previous FAC Scholarship Recipients

Graduate of the Florida Institute of Technology B.S. Aviation Management w/ Flight (2008)

As a self-funded student, tuition and flight costs were always a heavy burden. The FAC scholarship was incredibly beneficial in helping fund my education by reducing the amount of tuition funded through student loans. I recall being very nervous for the scholarship interview; a process that proved to be beneficial as I interviewed for jobs my senior year.



Morgan Einspahr
Environmental Planner
Aviation Inc.

Graduate of the Florida Institute of Technology B.S. Aviation Management w/ Flight (2019)

I first learned about the Florida Airports council from my airport planning professor, Zach Nelson. He encourage me to apply and I am thankful he did. Before even finding out I had received a scholarship I was introduced to numerous amazing aviation professionals. With the scholarship I was able to take more time off of work and focus on my studies. After receiving the scholarship, I have had more time to get involved in aviation groups on campus.



Gabriel Quinn
2018 Scholarship Recipient

Graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University B.S. Aviation Business Administration (2016)

I was entering my final year of school and thankfully up to that point I relied on the Montgomery GI Bill to fund my education, along with a subsidy allowance for other expenses. By the end of the 2015 spring term I exhausted all of the GI Bill money allotted to cover my tuition and books and had to rely on student loans for the three remaining semesters. I was facing a tough financial time since my wife was unemployed, and my employment at Kissimmee Gateway Airport was our only source of income. Thankfully the FAC Scholarship paid for an entire semester and part of the consecutive one to allow me to continue and graduate as expected.



Ramon Senorans
Airfield Manager
Kissimmee Gateway Airport
