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Scholarships Awarded at the 2005 Women in Aviation International Conference

Dallas, TX—Women in Aviation, International, a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization that provides networking, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for women who are looking for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries, for aviation enthusiasts, and aviation educators, awarded more than half a million dollars in scholarships to more than 50 of its members during its 16th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, held last weekend in Dallas, Texas.

More than 2,600 women and men, students, active and reserve military, corporate and individual members of Women in Aviation, International gathered for the three-day event. Speakers included National Transportation Safety Board Chair Ellen Engleman Connors, Congressman John Mica, as well as executives from major U.S. airline and aircraft manufacturers.

Awarded at the 2005 THURSDAY MEMBER MEETING, MARCH 10 – 10:30-12 am

JOHN MOLSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

R-W FOUNDATION:

The R-W Foundation Scholarship is a needs based scholarship which is not advertised but is taken from the applications of ALL scholarships.

WINNER: Onyena Benigna Ajuogu from Trans-Egbu, Owerri Imo State, Nigeria, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Awarded at the 2005 FRIDAY GENERAL SESSION, MARCH 11 – 9 am

Sponsor: Chevron Texaco, Tracy Boval, Aviation Fuels Tech Mgr

Speakers: Kim Black, USAF B-1, Pilot

Motivate: Ralph Hood

Aircraft Electronics Association Scholarship – Presented by Debra McFarland, Vice President of AEA

WINNERS: Allison Cook, Davidsonville, MD

AOPA FLIGHT TRAINING MAGAZINE Scholarships– Presented by Mike Collins, Editor of AOPA Flight Training Magazine.

WINNERS:

Karlie Beth Buntin of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University

Laurie Jessup of Janesville, Wisconsin, Blackhawk Technical College

CORNELIA FORT Scholarship - Presented by WAI on behalf of an Anonymous Donor

WINNER: Nancy "Lianne" Boileau

Awarded at the 2005 LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Sponsors: FedEx and Pratt & Whitney

KEEP FLYING Scholarship – Deborah Hecker and Evelyne Tinkl

WINNER: Jennifer Lea Meiners, Auburn, CA, Southwest Airlines

Karlie Beth Buntin, Stillwater, OK, Oklahoma St. U

DASSAULT FALCON Scholarship:

WINNER: Jessica "Bailey" Ryan - Cordova, TN, St. Benedict at Auburndale, Cordova, TN, MTSU next year

BOBBI TROUT Memorial Scholarship: Presented by Cheryl Baker and Nanette Malher

WINNER:

Sara Catto, Mokelumne Hill, CA, Calaveras High School, San Andreas, CA

RIDE THE SUN Air Racing Scholarship – Presented by Ruth Maestre and Denise Waters

WINNER: Evelyn Elizabeth Ross, Winfield, KS, Kansas State U at Salina

MAULE Tailwheel Training Scholarship-

WINNER: Miranda Faith Hill, Makanda, IL, Southern Illinois U at Carbondale

ATP Aircraft Technical Publishers Maintenance Technician of Year Award - Presented by Jerry Kosbab, President of ATP

WINNER: Lorraine "Lori" DiMarco, FedEx

Awards presented at the 2005 SATURDAY - GENERAL SESSION MARCH 12 - 9 am
SPONSOR: Boeing

MESA Pilot Training Scholarship – Presented by Richard Castle, Chief Flight Instructor and Chief Operating Officer for Mesa Pilot Development and Rae Lynn Shropshire, Aviation Coordinator for San Juan College

WINNER: Julia McElroy, Philadelphia, PA

ELISHA HALL BIZZARO MEMORIAL, THE WRIGHT WAI CHAPTER – Presented by Kathy Tyler, Chapter Secretary

WINNER: Dora Gallo, Budapest, Hungary, Ministry of IT and Telecommunications

TELEX Scholarship:

WINNER: Erin Long, Tucson, AZ

WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER Scholarship: Presented by James Smithhart, Washington State Chapter President

WINNER: Donna Plotz, Chehalis, WA

WOMEN IN AVIATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS Presented by Mary Ann Eiff

WINNERS: Maria Weybrecht, Eastlake, OH
Elizabeth Schmidt, Eden Prairie, MN

WAI MANAGEMENT AWARD – Presented by Rosemary Emhoff

WINNER – Cherice Phillips, Indianapolis, IN

AIRLINE DISPATCH FEDERATION Scholarship

Unfortunately ADF was not able to join us at the conference, but their scholarships will be awarded shortly.

Awards Presented at the 2005 BANQUET SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Sponsors: American/American Eagle and Pratt & Whitney and UPS

PRATT & WHITNEY –Presented by Linda McGeary – Student Administrator, Customer Training and Scholarship Chair for WAI

WINNERS:

Lauren N. Agne, Otsega, MI, Purdue Univ

Kimberly Balcos, Minneapolis, MN, Northwest Airlines

Margaret Murphy, Cloverdale, IN, ATA Airlines and Purdue University

Denise Waters, New York City, NY

Karen Aravich, USAF Reserves, Pittsburgh, PA

ASTAR Air Cargo – Presented by Ted Mallory, Senior VP of Flight Operations for ASTAR.

WINNER: Tara Pratz, Clifton, NJ

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT Scholarship – Presented by Nicole Cagnolatti, a former multiple winner of WAI and AWAM scholarships. She is now an A&P Technical Instructor at ABARIS in Reno. She is giving back to WAI through these scholarships.

WINNERS: Janna Greenhalgh, Westerly, RI, US Fish & Wildlife

RUNNER-UPS: Vivian Poon, Jersey City, NJ, Credit Suisse First Boston

Elisabeth Lewandowski, Vista, CA Palomar College

CESSNA – Presented by Rhonda Fullerton, Manager of Corporate & Community Affairs

CITATION Type rating WINNER:

Andora Lin Vrooman, O'Fallon, IL, Parks College Professor

PRIVATE PILOT Course WINNER –

Kailey Anne Dwyer, Omaha, NE, University of Nebraska at Omaha

AIRBUS Scholarships – Presented by Renee Martin-Nagle, Vice President and Corporate Counsel for Airbus North America Holdings and WAI Board of Directors

Leadership Award Winners:

Michelle Bartleman Loscher, Anchorage, AK

Kelly Ann Wardlaw, Stillwater, OK

Type Rating Winners:

Leslie Carlisle, Parkville, MO

Cassandra Nelson, Avondale, AZ

KATHY K. HODGKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – FLOAT PLANE TRAINING – Presented by Brooke Miller, flight student and friend of Kathy Hodgkins, and friend of WAI.

WINNERS: Erica Muse, Honolulu, HI

Marianne Louise Hall, Naches, WA

CAE SIMUFLITE – Presented by Kamilia Sofia, VP, Integrated Training Solutions for CAE, Inc.

KING AIR C90 INITIAL FLIGHT TRAINING WINNER:

Danielle Grieco, Providence, RI, Horizon Aviation,

CITATION INITIAL FLIGHT TRAINING WINNER:

Rani J. Hobgood, Alexandria, VA, Frederick flight Center

GAT – Wings to the Future Management Scholarship – Presented by Tony Richards, President of GAT

WINNER: Tashsa Bliss, Stillwater, OK, Oklahoma State U

Women in Corporate Aviation Scholarship – Presented by Ava Sumpter-Shubat, President of Women in Corporate Aviation

WINNER: Trinity Stanley, of Monrovia, CA

SOUTHWEST Airlines Type Rating Scholarships– Lindsey Lang, Flight Operations Recruiter

737 TYPE RATING WINNERS:

Nicole Wolfe, Port Orchard, WA

Himani Patel, LaGrange Park, IL

AMELIA EARHART SOCIETY – Dan Ververloh, Jr., President of the Amelia Earhart Society (AES)

St. Louis, MO

WINNER: Grace McGhee, Oxford, MI

BOEING CAREER ENHANCEMENT: Ellizabeth Yingling - Boeing Corporate Planning Committee for WIA

WINNERS:

Margaret Murphy, Cloverdale, IN, ATA Airlines and Purdue University

Meghan Kruger, Orlando, FL

CONTINENTAL EXPRESSJET AIRLINES AND FLIGHTSAFETY EMB-145 TYPE TRAINING

Scholarships–Presented by Karen Miles, VP of Human Resources and Administration

WINNERS: Erin Miller, Woodbridge, VA

Wendy O'Malley, Oakland, CA

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES Scholarships--Presented by Kathy Petersen, 737 Captain

WINNERS: Monica Lea Frain, Greenback, TN, Air Wisconsin

Kari Degurse, Hebron, KY, Mesaba

Women Military Aviators Scholarship – Presented by WMA President, LT Col Vicky Calhoun US Army (retired), and WMA Scholarship chairman, CAPT Barbara Bell US Navy.

WINNER: Carole Dawson, Salina, KS

BOMBARDIER Scholarships –Presented by Karen Parr, Human Resources from Bombardier and Sharon Hopkins, Captain Flexjet

WINNERS:

CRJ200 Flight Training Course:

Cindy Langford, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Lear 31A Flight Training Course:

Gina Victoria Mallin, Buffalo Grove, IL

Carin Counihan, Anchorage, AK

DELTA CONNECTION ACADEMY Training Scholarship – Presented by Gary Pheasant, Director of Delta Fleets

WINNER: Rachel Denise Thomas, Orlando, FL

DELTA Scholarships – Presented by Jim Maucere, VP Maintenance Operations and Gary Pheasant, Director of Fleets

WINNERS:

Aircraft Maintenance Technician: Lauren N. Agne, Otswega, MI Purdue University

Aircraft Maintenance Training: David A. Zaworski, Newark, TX

Business/Maintenance Management: Irena C. Wentzel, Lakewood, OH

737-800 Type Rating: Andrea Bertin. Burbank, CA

737-800 Type Rating: Amy Eddins, Memphis, TN

737-800 Type Rating: Alexa Singer. Marblehead, MA

The 2006 Women in Aviation, International Scholarship opportunities promise to be all of these, and more. Watch the web site, www.wai.org in August, and the September issue of *Aviation for Women Magazine*, and start getting letters of recommendation together today! Remember, you can't be a winner if you don't apply!

For more information about Women in Aviation, International, its members and its mission, go to www.wai.org or call:

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