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A Message from the ATEC Conference



"It's been an exciting week at ATEC in Wichita. Once again, your schools have emerged as a top leader in Aviation Maintenance Education. Nearly half of the students who came to the ATEC job fair were from AIM, and as you know, AIM Dallas was selected to host next year's ATEC conference. But some of the most enlightening time I spent was with members of the FAA, where some of their statistics shed a light on

- 1) how great a job we are doing at training students, and
- 2) how important our schools are to the industry of aviation maintenance."

-Joel English, Vice President Operations

United Airlines Prepares AIM Houston Students

By Tiffany Pothier



On January 22, 2019, AIM Houston welcomed Mr. Rick Willingham, Sr, Supervisor at United Airlines, for day and evening presentations open to all students and graduates. The main topics he covered included the business of Aviation within the transportation industry, the role of an A&P technician, resume writing, "Do's and Don'ts" on disposition and appearance, the "Motivational Fit" interviewing process and mock interviews. In addition, he spoke briefly on the growing number of upcoming opportunities with United Airlines and the need to be flexible with location in order to get a "foot in the door". Students were very engaged and a few even volunteered for the mock interview without hesitation. After each session, Mr. Willingham was available for individual questions from students. We appreciate United Airlines and Mr. Willingham's continued support of our students and graduates.



Calvary Revival Church Announces the One Million Dollar Overcomers Scholarship

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Overcomers
Scholarship



Under the leadership of Bishop Courtney McBath, Calvary Revival Church in Norfolk, Virginia, unveiled a brand new scholarship offering thanks to a deal struck between the church leaders and the Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Centura College and Tidewater Tech.

AIM Houston Surprises Local School with Donation of Backpacks

By Rita Pradier



By Rita Pradier, AIM Houston Community Outreach Representative

Most of us can remember back-to-school shopping in the weeks before the start of school. New clothes, shoes and, of course, the cool backpack and supplies that your mom told you not to touch. Things have changed and many families don't have the resources to purchase all of the required school supplies so many weeks in advance. To the rescue—AIM Houston's "Backpack Attack".

Aaron Armendariz, Campus Executive Director at AIM Houston, challenged the campus to participate in the project, as a way to give back to the local community. With the promise of 250 backpacks and school supplies on order, each department found a way to help before the challenge deadline. Lucile Gregg Elementary, a Title I school located near the AIM Houston campus, was contacted. The school's principal, Mr. David Jackson, was given the news of the forthcoming donation.

In the weeks leading up to the deadline, AIM Houston's National Technical Honor Society approached area stores to donate 1,000 spiral notebook tablets. Soon after, the staff and students joined in to help reach the goal. Classes challenged each other to make sure there would be enough supplies for the backpacks.

The final tally came to 1,973 notebooks donated by students and staff at AIM Houston. At last, it was packing day and all departments lent a hand as supplies were sorted, organized, bundled and placed into the backpacks.

Campus Director Aaron Armendariz poses for a photo with a Lucile Gregg Elementary student as she receives her backpack.

On Tuesday, August 21, 2018 the backpacks were delivered by the campus management team to Principal Jackson and his staff, to be shared with families in need. The students and parents from Lucile Gregg Elementary entered the cafeteria expecting just to meet their classroom teachers. However, they were greeted to a table of backpacks filled with school supplies to kick off the school year.

The AIM team issued the backpacks and posed for pictures with some of the students. It was truly fulfilling to see the children's' faces as they came forward. Principal Jackson and his staff thanked us for blessing them with the donation and now consider AIM a community partner. AIM Houston looks forward to collaborating with Lucile Gregg Elementary again in the near future.

The deal, which is tied to the purchase of a building owned by Calvary Revival, includes a scholarship for the church and its family for one million dollars.

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The church plans to use the full one million dollar scholarship over a ten-year period in an effort to

help as many as possible reach their full potential and improve their lives and the lives of their families through education.

Calvary Revival Church announced the scholarship program during their services on the weekend of March 30th. Campus Outreach Representatives, Admissions and program directors from all three school brands were on hand to share information about the schools' offerings, facilities, programs, tuition and career potential, as well as to answer the many questions that the excited congregation had for them.

The scholarship, named The Overcomers Scholarship,

AIM Chesapeake Preps for Move by Donating Equipment



Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM) has purchased a new facility on East Little Creek Road, in Norfolk, Virginia. AIM Chesapeake plans to relocate to this facility later this summer.

The building, once Calvary Christian School, had become a repository for school equipment and books suited to children. AIM invited the City of Norfolk and REACH, Inc. (Reading Enriches All Children) out to collect these items to give back to the community they will soon serve.

Employees from the City of Norfolk were on hand to load trucks and vans with desks, bookshelves, and other equipment that will be useful in recreation centers and other community facilities throughout the city. They were joined later by the Executive Director of REACH, Jennifer Goff. REACH was interested in the wealth of reading materials. REACH, established in 1998, focuses on literacy and education, specifically for at-risk and impoverished youth in the Hampton Roads area.

Also on site was Norfolk Mayor Kenneth Alexander, who gave a brief statement about AIM's contribution.

"We are excited about this wonderful gift. These are high-quality furniture and fixtures. Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Mr. Yagen, and Dr. English are great corporate citizens and continue to give back to the cities and communities where they have career education centers. This is a continuation of their generosity . . . [This equipment] will be used for our youth, for their growth and development in our recreation centers, as well as for our Community Services board." AIM has donated quite a bit of equipment already, but still has much to give. Janis Schoonmaker, Regional Director of Operations said, "We are reaching out to other organizations within the city. We hope to be able to donate to those individuals who will benefit most."

Over the coming weeks, AIM will work toward finding suitable homes for the remaining furnishings and materials, before transforming the building into their flagship campus.

Calvary Revival Church Announces the One Million Dollar Overcomers Scholarship—Continued

will help those chosen by the church to attend one of the local campuses in the collection of schools. They can take their pick and enroll in a local Centura College, Tidewater Tech or Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM).

Though the Norfolk building will need a complete renovation to become the newest AIM school, the facility's school books, furniture, and other salvageable materials will be repurposed and donated to local schools and community centers.

Reporting for the Pilot Online, Trevor Metcalfe wrote, "School leaders also want to launch several community involvement efforts after they move to Norfolk. For example, the school plans to let the community use the gymnasium located between the two classroom buildings, [...]. Additionally, the institute plans to partner with Norfolk for a series of aviation-themed summer camps starting in July."

AIM Houston Saves Lives

By Courtney McCallion



The student's foot taps nervously as the technician is about to draw his blood at the AIM Houston blood drive. Though the anxiety is present, the overwhelming feeling of selflessness outweighs his fear. Students check out the t-shirt they will receive and brag about how many times they've donated in the past. The fact that a life will be saved from such a simple gesture is overwhelming. Many individuals, both young and old, benefit from the contributions made by the students and staff at the AIM Houston campus to the MD Anderson Cancer Center. The halls fill with students as the bell rings for lunch. Before you know it, the line is long, and many have to wait their turn for an open station. It tugs at the heart when you're able to witness the greatness in each person as they wait to donate. The pride in making a difference is evident on days like today. Great Job AIM Houston campus. Let's keep making cancer history!



AIM Houston National Technical Honor Society

Andrea Vallien



On February 20, 2019, the AIM Houston chapter of the National Technical Honor Society held its new member induction ceremony. Three new members were welcomed into the chapter and new officers were also chosen to lead the chapter. The AIM Houston NTHS chapter is a visible and active chapter that works to assist the community and has showcased its participation in the form of fundraisers, community food drives and holiday drives to help those in need. Students participated in the induction ceremony by lighting candles for each principal read. All new members were asked to repeat the pledge as it was recited aloud to solidify their membership.

The students always gain a sense of pride and membership at the conclusion of the induction ceremonies. Through hard work, dedication and the drive to help the community, the NTHS is making great strides at the AIM Houston campus.



Strategic Partner Opens Door To High Schools For AIM Houston

By Rita Pradier

The annual ACT Conference is viewed by some as a week of meetings, workshops and the company awards ceremony. In reality, it is a week of daily speakers who are industry experts, product knowledge breakout sessions and a final evening of celebrating our peers.

One of the speakers, Mr. Greg Dellinger, Director of Talent Acquisition Strategy for AAR, delivered a message of interest to me. He spoke of the importance of developing a high school aviation program with

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"strategic partners". He included three organizations that introduce aviation to high school students; Aero Star, Commemorative AirForce and Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP).

Each year OBAP reaches out to districts for their annual Pilots & Professionals In Schools program. A panel of speakers to include a pilot, flight attendant, air traffic controller, and A&P mechanic, along with other professionals, speak to students about their education, credentials and career path in the aviation industry. Non-aviation professionals share their experiences as well and include writers, artists, athletes and entrepreneurs. High school principals are eager to extend invitations as the event brings industry to the classroom and connects with students who would otherwise miss the opportunity. We are invited to return at any time.

For three years I have been an OBAP panel speaker. It has opened the door to several schools who now want to partner with us for classroom presentations, field trips and summer jet camp. Seeing and hearing the importance of the aviation mechanic role creates a powerful image for the student and adds value to the industry and to AIM as a company. Thanks "G Man" for your inspiring words!



AIM Joins Industry Leaders to Raise Awareness for Careers in Aviation Maintenance, Commits to Support Choose Aerospace Campaign

By James W. Ray, Jr



The aviation industry faces dire challenges as it strives to recruit enough technicians to keep aircraft flying and airlines operating. Boeing recently reported that the shortage of FAA-certified aircraft technicians has caused a vacuum within the airlines, and 189,000 trained technicians will be needed within the next 20 years. But fewer than 20,000 students across the country are currently enrolled in Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) programs. In order to promote aviation maintenance technology for new college students considering a career path, a new coalition of industry leaders called Choose Aerospace is coming together. Choose Aerospace, an awareness campaign spearheaded by the Aviation Technician Education Council (ATEC), will bring together a coalition of industry stakeholders and educational leaders to quantify staffing needs and promote aerospace technical

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-Mark Holloway, Corporate Director of Aviation

careers. Hampton Roads-based Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM) has signed on as Choose Aerospace’s primary educational sponsor for this venture.

“Aviation Institute of Maintenance is proud to announce its partnership with Choose Aerospace,” said AIM’s Corporate Director of Aviation Mark Holloway. “The coalition is a great opportunity for industry leaders to come together on an issue that will detrimentally impact us all if not addressed. The community must find a way to attract a diverse, qualified technical workforce, if we are going to attain the anticipated industry growth projections.” AIM has 12 FAA-Certificated schools teaching aircraft maintenance across the country and is the largest family of aviation maintenance schools in the United States. “Partnering with Choose Aerospace

just makes sense as we strive to make a positive impact on the lives of our students and the aviation industry,” Holloway said.

The campaign is a solutions-oriented effort to identify and implement strategies to address the aerospace workforce shortage. Kick-off activities will include market research to pinpoint the target audience and determine what marketing initiatives will have the most impact. Once the initial research is complete, the campaign will focus on brand development and content marketing, and other efforts intended to raise the public’s awareness of career opportunities in aviation maintenance.

AIM joins a growing list of companies, associations, and labor unions joining together to address the aviation workforce challenge. AIM’s Vice President of Operations, Dr. Joel English, explains, “It is clear that United Airlines, Envoy Airlines, PSA Airlines, Piedmont, and the other industry partners who are supporting Choose Aerospace hope to increase the flow of certified professionals to service their aircraft. But this effort addresses not just the problem of a technician shortage; it addresses the problem of the average family not thinking about aerospace as an accessible and lucrative career path. Young people and their families need to understand that programs like ours are efficient educational pathways to lifelong employment. I feel that it was AIM’s duty to get involved with Choose Aerospace in order to increase the population of certified aviation professionals.”

As a Launch Sponsor, AIM has committed to the highest level of support over the next three years in support of Choose Aerospace. AIM is also doubling the capacity to train students at its Hampton Roads campus by moving to a 109,000 square foot campus in Norfolk, Va. The institution is also expanding its campuses in Charlotte, NC, Fremont, Calif., Las Vegas, Nev., and several other campuses around the country. “We look forward to working with ATEC on this venture,” concluded Holloway, “and we can’t wait to see the positive impact it will have for future aviators.”

AIM Students Compete at MRO America’s Conference

By Drew Schnaath



Atlanta was the place to be this April for aviation enthusiasts. It was Aviation Week at the MRO Americas Conference, the “premier event for the commercial air transport maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) industry,” as described on its website. Featuring industry exhibits, guest speakers, and the Aerospace Maintenance Council (AMC) Competition, 2019’s Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Americas Conference was a must-see event for aviation professionals.

This year, the MRO was held in the sprawling Georgia World Congress Center, a 3.9 million-square-foot facility located in the heart of downtown Atlanta. The trade show floor was packed with booths and lavish displays from hundreds of industry players – Boeing, Pratt & Whitney, Delta Airlines, Sonic Tools, Panasonic – every name you can imagine under one roof. You could stop by the coffee bar in Lockheed Martin’s booth, or paint in virtual reality at Akzo Nobel’s display. Attendees crowded the floors, mingling with company representatives and recruiters, and admiring the latest innovation and advances in aviation technology.

Despite the opposition, AIM teams from Atlanta and Houston managed to rank in several categories. AIM Atlanta was the fastest school in the Spectro Scientific Oil Test Analysis, and the Houston Hawks were the top school in United Airlines’ Fuel Tank Entry category. We are proud of our teams and their accomplishments, both in the AMC competition and at school. Many of them received job offers at the MRO Conference, and we wish them only success in the future! It is also a testament to the AIM curriculum and our wonderful instructors that our students can compete and win against some of the world’s best aviation maintenance teams. We are proud of their hard work and dedication to the future of aviation. Thank you!



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Luis Navas (left) and his father Gustavo (right) pose for a photo at Luis's exit ceremony.

AIM Orlando Grad Follows in Fathers Footsteps

By Gail Strickland

oil change that changed his mind about becoming a mechanic. He realized that he enjoyed working with mechanical things, then he took a tour of the same Cessna hangar his father had previously visited and recognized that it was a totally different world.

After the Cessna tour, he decided that this was what he wanted to do with his life – become an Aviation Maintenance Technician.

Almost exactly one year after his father began the program at AIM, Luis followed in his father's footsteps and started school. The father and son duo didn't have any classes together, until Gustavo's last block, Reciprocating Engines, taught by AIM Orlando Instructor James Allman. Gustavo states that it took a push to get his Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Certification but, with support from Mr. Allman, he did it.

"The process is not hard, but you need passion," says Luis. "That way, when challenges do come, you don't feel intimidated, but can enjoy it."

Gustavo wants to encourage future students to consider AIM and says, "In my opinion, this (AIM) is one of the highest quality schools in the industry." Gustavo and Luis are both looking forward to working together in the aviation field.

On Friday, June 15, 2018, Luis Navas attended his exit ceremony at Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM) Orlando. However, this was no ordinary event for him. Also, in attendance was his father, Gustavo Navas, who had graduated from AIM Orlando himself, almost exactly one year earlier, on June 11, 2017.

Utter pride showed on Gustavo's face as he discussed what it meant for not only himself to have graduated, but his son, as well.

Prior to his time at AIM, Gustavo was working as an industrial mechanic in a Staples Warehouse. He wanted something different and better though. Gustavo has a cousin who works for Cessna and says that becoming an Aviation Maintenance Technician wasn't on his mind until he toured the Cessna hangar. It was then that he fell in love with aviation. He says that since he graduated, he has reached his goal of

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working for Cessna and that people now look at him with respect.

Gustavo encouraged his son to go into the aviation field because he wanted him to have a bright future and be successful. However, Luis had different goals for himself.

Luis began attending Lake Sumter State College. After attending college for a time he felt like he was at a dead end and eventually dropped out. Upon leaving Lake Sumter, Luis worked at U-Haul as a hitch pro but quickly grew frustrated. It was performing an

AIM Oakland Graduate Spotlight Daniel Mendiola



Daniel Mendiola first came to Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM) Oakland back in 2014. While in the Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) program, he worked as an electrician for his family's company, Mendiola Home Repair, as well as a pest controller to help make ends meet financially. During his training program at AIM, Daniel maintained a stellar 3.78 GPA. He graduated from the AMT program in 2015 and continued to work towards gaining his A&P license. In August 2017, he got a job opportunity to return to AIM as an Aircraft Assembly Technician. In this position, he was able to gain real hands-on experience to further prepare him for the aviation industry. He was the lead tech in charge of disassembling and reassembling aircraft. He also fabricated aircraft cradles and parts to move the aircraft. Other responsibilities included creating a custom welding hood and installing new compressor airlines for the facility. Additional custom-built projects included sound walls for running the aircraft in AIM Oakland's new facility in Fremont, CA, as well as a conference table built from scratch, using a wooden airplane wing.

Daniel obtained his Powerplant rating in June 2018, and is continuing to study for his Airframe rating. In November of 2018, Boeing came to AIM Fremont and held a presentation, as well as on-site interviews. Daniel interviewed and was offered a position right away. He has since relocated to Renton, Washington, where he now works as an Aircraft Test Technician for Boeing. All of his hard work and determination has paid off and we wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors!