



“Annual” 2005 Aviation Awards Banquet a Success!



Aviation student Blake Anderson (left) thanks Jim Goke (right) as Associate Dean Dale Williams (center) looks on. Goke retires in May.



Dr. Steve Anderson (left) presents one of the three Chairman’s Excellence Awards to Tara Harl, Assistant Professor of Aviation.

The “Annual” Aviation Awards Banquet was attended by almost 200 students, family members, friends, faculty, staff, civic leaders, and other guests. The social at the St. Cloud Radisson started at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM, and the program at 7:30 PM. The student run event was coordinated by Barbara Winne with the assistance of Dr. Patrick Mattson and Sandra Osterholt, Department of Aviation Office Manager.

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Wright Aero Dispatcher Rhoda Clayton to Retire After 35 Years!

A well-known, loved, and legendary fixture at the St. Cloud Regional Airport will be stepping down this fall. Wright Aero Chief Dispatcher Rhoda Clayton will be retiring after 35 years in the aviation industry. Over the years, many students have simply known her as “Rhoda” who dispatches training aircraft at Wright Aero. There is much more to Rhoda than most people know from their dealings with this highly competent, professional, and friendly individual. In addition to dispatching aircraft, Rhoda is an accomplished pilot. She has a private pilot certificate and many years ago, assisted in ferrying an airplane or two to Alaska. She has traveled extensively and has been to 46 states in the US. Rhoda was not always an aircraft dispatcher. In 1970, she started working at the old airport (where the St. Cloud Whitney Center now sits) as a waitress.



Rhoda Clayton

What lies in store for Rhoda after retirement? “Enjoy the serenity of living in the north,” Rhoda said. She will be moving 40 miles northeast of Bemidji, Minnesota. During retirement, some folks “rust out” while others “wear out”. Rhoda will definitely fall in the latter category! According to Rhoda, “I would like to volunteer to help students or at a nursing home. I also plan on buying season tickets to watch the Bemidji Beavers hockey team!”

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In Memoriam Sgt. Jacob Pflingsten



Sgt. Jacob Pflingsten of Brainerd, MN was an aviation student who loved people, aviation, God, and country. Jacob passed away last February while on active duty in Germany.



New Certificates & Ratings

Ben Arnal
Commercial Pilot, MEL
Instrument Rating

Grant Fitzer
CFII

Ryan Hilfers
Private Pilot, SEL

Adam Larson
Commercial Pilot, SEL

Brian Larson
Instrument Rating

Ben Lawler
Commercial Pilot, SEL

Bill Lawson
Private Pilot, SEL

Troy Michaud
Instrument Rating

Ryan Moore
Commercial Pilot, MEL
Instrument Add-on

John Rammel
Private Pilot, MEL

Randy Ripp
Commercial Pilot, SEL

Department News

The Department of Aviation had their first annual **Open House** in Headley Hall. The public had an opportunity to use the Air Traffic Control Simulation Lab and Beech 1900 turboprop simulator. The purpose of the event was to promote career opportunities in the aviation field.

A new advanced 4-station **Air Traffic Control Simulation Lab** was developed by Dr. Patrick Mattson. The software allows students to gain experience as an air traffic controller. The lab will be used extensively for Advanced Air Traffic Control (AVIT 415).

Several faculty members from the Department of Aviation and several aviation students had a chance to test PC based software that simulates the flight deck of a Regional Jet for possible program implementation starting Fall 2005. Students would learn how various systems on a Regional Jet work ranging from programming a Flight Management System (FMS) to starting the engines.

The Department of Aviation will be offering two new courses. **Aviation Electronics Systems** will cover contemporary flight management systems (FMS) including GPS, VOR, and glass cockpit technologies. **Ethics in Aviation** will cover legal, regulatory, and ethical aspects and standards in the aviation industry. Other topics will include aviation/airline customer service, employee relations in hiring, promotion, and termination.

The Department of Aviation will be exploring the viability of creating and developing an accredited **Master's Degree in Aviation** sometime during the next several years.

Aviation student **Ben Quinn** won the 2005 Wisconsin Airports Association scholarship to be presented by AOPA President Phil Boyer. Congratulations, Ben!

Faculty News

Jim Goke retired May 2005 after teaching at St. Cloud State University for the past 32 years.

Steve Anderson has been on sabbatical this semester working on research.

Angie Olson and **Jeff Johnson** were each awarded a \$1,000 mini-grant to promote student retention. One grant was used for an aviation open house and the second was used for a department-wide celebration to recognize all aviation students and Spring 2005 graduates.

Tara Harl and **Jeff Johnson** attended the Minnesota Business Aviation Association (MBAA) conference in Bloomington. Eight SCSU aviation students also attended the conference sponsored by FlightSafety.

Robert Aceves attended the Air Career and Gear Expo, a diversity conference in Moorhead and a marketing conference in Duluth.

Patrick Mattson was a sponsor for *Kids Color of St. Cloud: The Future of Aviation*.

Chairman's Report *Dr. Jeff Johnson, Interim Chair*

The spring semester could easily be described as a rollercoaster ride with highs and lows. Undoubtedly, the lowest point came when the death of one of our aviation students, Sgt. Jacob Pflingsten, was announced. One of the highlights of the semester was the "Annual" Aviation Awards Banquet. It was very exciting to celebrate the accomplishments of our aviation students, staff, faculty, and other friends of the Department of Aviation. As spring arrives, our graduates will also "spring to life" with their degrees and will soon enter the work world and begin a new chapter in the book called life. It seemed like only yesterday when our graduating seniors were entering freshmen. Congratulations to all of the graduates!



Awards Banquet *(continued from page 1)*



Sandra Osterholt (left) receives the Chairman's Excellence Award from Dr. Steve Anderson.



Dr. Steve Anderson (left) presents Dr. Steve Crow with the Chairman's Excellence Award.



Steve Trull (left) won the Captain Dennis P. Johnson scholarship. Barbara Winne (right) won the Kimberly Ritsche Scholarship and the Aviation Excellence (Management) award.



Grant Fitzer (left) won the Aviation Excellence (Pro Flight) award. Paul Joe Melsness (right) won the William L. Carlson Memorial Scholarship and the Aviation Excellence (Operations) award.



(Top photo) Randy Ripp (left) and Melissa Galvan co-host the 2005 "Annual" banquet. Ripp won the Aviation Excellence (Operations) award and Galvan won the Aviation Excellence (Management) award.

(Left photo) Barbara Ryan (left) presents Ryan Moore with the Robert Ryan Memorial Scholarship. Moore also won the Gerald Johnson and the Aviation Excellence (Pro Flight) awards.

Other Awards

Logan Albert won the Sean Paul Gonia Aviation Scholarship and Kristi Pangrac won the Kimberly Ritsche Scholarship. Anthony Zierden won the Aviation Excellence Award for the BAS in Aviation Maintenance Management.

Congratulations Robert!

Mr. Robert Aceves passed his doctoral comprehensive exams!

Way to go, Robert!



Congratulations Graduates!



Matthew Cramer
BS in Aviation—Operations

Joseph DeRose
BS in Aviation—Pro Flight
Minor: Management

Grant Fitzer
BS in Aviation—Pro Flight

Jennifer Hoyny
BS in Aviation—Management

Kelly Jude
Bachelor of Elective Studies
Minor: Aviation Operations

Joshua Kasprzak
BS in Aviation—Management

Adam Larson
BS in Aviation—Operations

Joshua Nelson
BS in Aviation—Operations

Brandon Ortmann
BS in Aviation—Operations
Minor: Military Science

Mike Peterson
BS in Aviation—Operations

Ben Quinn
BAS—Aviation Maint. Mgmt.

Jason Rose
Bachelor of Elective Studies
Minor: Aviation Operations

Mike Simons
BS in Aviation—Management

Blessings and Best Wishes to all 2005 Graduates!

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