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Annual 2011 Aviation Awards Banquet a Success!



The 2011 aviation banquet was well attended with guests enjoying a meal and an awards program.

The “Annual” Aviation Awards Banquet was attended by almost 80 students, alumni, family members, friends, faculty, staff, political leaders, and other guests at D.B Searle’s in St. Cloud. The keynote speaker (John Mohr) is a nationally renowned aerobatics pilot. He has been thrilling crowds for 25+ years and performed at the Great Minnesota Air Show in St. Cloud.

(see Awards Banquet pictures on page 2 & 3)

Aviation Department Closure: What Next?

Dr. Tara Harl, Chair

Many current aviation students are concerned about the teach out process in the Aviation Department. All aviation students admitted to the major will be given the opportunity to take aviation courses to finish their degree over the next several years. Next fall, Drs. Tara Harl, Steve Anderson, and Jeff Johnson will be returning full time. Ms. Angie Olson, Mr. Bill Towle, and Mr. Matt Quinn will be returning part time. All department and aircraft training services at our flight training contractor (Wright Aero) will run normally. Aviation internship opportunities within the state and beyond will continue to be offered to qualified aviation students. The department will continue to remain accredited through the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). Military aviation students who are deployed will be allowed to continue if they notify the Office of Records & Registration before they leave on assignment. At this point, long term deployments by military aviation students beyond the duration of the teach out plan may have to look at other options like transferring out of state to finish an AABI-accredited aviation degree program. For more information, please feel free to contact Dr. Tara Harl, Aviation Chair.

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Congratulations, Jessica!



Jessica Miller (see photo on page 3) has been selected for the EAA's International Daher-Socata internship for Summer 2011. She will be spending a month in France.

Quotable Quote

"As a former member of the University Aviation Association Board of Trustees representing over 400 collegiate aviation programs throughout the U.S., I can honestly say that SCSU's corporate aviation outreach program with Fortune 500 corporate flight departments is the nation's best program that I've ever seen! As a result, the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) inaugurated the Industry/Collegiate Aviation Pipeline Program Guide."
- Dr. J

New Certificates & Ratings

Jeremy Hahn
Commercial Pilot, SEL

Andrew Lauber
CFII & MEI

Danny Madani
Commercial Pilot, SEL

Jesse Quass
Private Pilot, SEL

Hikaru Sako
Commercial Pilot, SEL & MEL

Corinne Schafer
Private Pilot, SEL

Lee Olson
Instrument Rating

Aviation Department News

The Aviation Department is proud to announce that **Lt. Ajdin Hedzic** (SCSU '10) has been chosen to train for Navy Flight School in Corpus Christi Texas. Lt. Hedzic's story is all the more touching in that his family escaped the ravages of war in Bosnia during the 1990s and have come to see their son attain this honor. The Aviation Department is proud that Lt. Hedzic represents SCSU Aviation and has chosen to serve his country in such a proud heritage on this anniversary of 100 years of Naval Aviation, and that one of our own was selected out of over 400 applicants nationwide to become a Naval Aviator.



The Aviation Department is proud to announce that **Garrett Weston** and **Dan Britz** have been selected by Sun Country Airlines as interns for Summer 2011. **Fatmata Tarawally**, **Donald McGinty**, and **Aaron Johnson** were also selected as interns in the MSP Tower/ATC Center.

SCSU Aviation Department's Diversity Commitment

The Aviation Department prides itself in attracting talented and diverse students! We have had aviation students from Canada, Mexico, Kenya, Japan, Congo, Iceland, Bosnia, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Lebanon, Nepal & beyond. A special THANK YOU for your courage and commitment to become a part of the close-knit group in the SCSU aviation family!

Faculty News

Steve Anderson attended the Regional SAFECON hosted by UND in October. Dr. Anderson also attended the University Aviation Association (UAA) conference last October in St. Paul and the AABI conference last February in Daytona Beach.

Michael Ferguson was hired by Virgin America Airlines as a Manager of Corporate Safety. He continues to serve as an instructor for AVIT 345 (Introduction to Occupational Safety).

Tara Harl was asked to chair the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Committee overseeing research to update the FAA Integrated Noise Model (INM) for General Aviation. Dr. Harl was asked to serve on a second ACRP committee for FAA research selection 2012.

Angie Olson and **Jeff Johnson** presented a paper titled *Aviation Student Involvement in Campus Based Extracurricular Organizations at a Midwestern University* at the Fall 2010 University Aviation Association conference in St. Paul, MN. The paper was accepted for publication in the Collegiate Aviation Review.



Awards Banquet (continued from page 1)



Dr. Steve Anderson (center) presents the Aviation Operations Excellence Award to Auguy Oyouba (left) and Derek Johnson (right).



Dr. Steve Anderson (center) presents the Aviation Management Excellence Award to Taylor Wallace (left) and Kayla Caufield (right).



Awards Banquet *(continued from page 2)*



Dr. Steve Anderson (left) presents the Kimberly Ritschie Aviation Scholarship to Corinne Schafer.



Barbara Ryan (left) presents Danny Madani the Robert Ryan Memorial Scholarship.



Angie Olson (left) presents the William Carlson Memorial Scholarship to Jessica Miller.



Ken Raiber (left) presents Matt Dreher the Ken Raiber Aviation Scholarship.



Angie Olson (left) presents the Karen Seaton Professional Flight Scholarship to Alicia Yankovec.



Dr. Steve Anderson (center) presents Hikaru Sako (left) and Danny Madani (right) the Pro Flight Excellence Award.

Other Awards

Jared Hicks won the Gerald Johnson Aviation Scholarship.



Congratulations Graduates!



We are very proud of you & will miss you!

- Dayo Adeloye
- Nicholas Bartel
- Glen Belmer
- Daniel Britz
- Kayla Caufield
- Andre Do
- Michael Fesenmaier
- Jeffrey Goetzke
- Derek Johnson
- Byung Min Kang
- Nicholas Krygowski
- Andrew Lauber
- Danny Madani
- Kushani Manthrige
- Bob Mielke
- Shane Rengel
- Hikaru Sako
- Corinne Schafer
- Tracy Schmidt
- Justin Smith
- Andrew Svoboda
- Erik Swanson
- Kyle Swenson
- Paul Thomas
- Matthew Thorsness
- Taylor Wallace
- Garrett Weston

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Employer _____ Position/Title _____

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