



Chancellor Rosenstone's Workforce Assessment Initiative *by Dr. Jeff Johnson*

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone has been credited in developing and promoting his workforce assessment initiative for MnSCU institutions. According to the Minnesota Workforce needs website, there are ongoing listening sessions created through a cooperative effort by MnSCU, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, the Minnesota Initiative Foundation, and other organizations. These listening sessions are crucial as various studies have indicated that as many as 85% of new college graduates* move back home with their parents. However, there is controversy surrounding the validity of this study. The Pew Research Center**

(see Chancellor on page 5)

*Source: <http://newsfeed.time.com/2011/05/10/survey-85-of-new-college-grads-moving-back-in-with-mom-and-dad/>

**Source: <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2012/may/01/american-crossroads/american-crossroads-ad-says-85-percent-recent-coll/>

2012 Aviation Banquet a Success! *Photo credits to Shajive Jeganathan*



2012 Keynote Speaker

Former Cmdr. Donnie Cochran of the U.S. Blue Angels poses with aviation (air traffic control) student Fatmata Tarawally at the 2012 Aviation Banquet at Coyote Moon Grille



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In Remembrance



David Ostendorf

Heartfelt sympathies goes to the family and friends of David Ostendorf, SCSU aviation class of 2010 alumnus. David was an air traffic controller in Monterey, CA and grew up in Melrose, MN.



**“The Right Stuff!”
Cmdr. Donnie Cochran**



Captain Donnie Cochran flew for the U.S. Blue Angels & became commander in 1994. He is currently the Flight Dept. Manager of Coca-Cola and was the keynote speaker at the 2012 aviation banquet. Donnie's speech on flying fighters and how it applies to life was absolutely inspirational!

Airline Industry Update Michael Ferguson, Virgin America Airlines

Virgin America (VX) continues to expand its route structure by adding new non-stop service from San Francisco (SFO) to Philadelphia (PHL) and Portland, Oregon (PDX) on June 4. VX continues to hire new pilots, inflight, and other personnel to support its continued growth. VX also recently added another new Airbus 320 to bring its total fleet size to 50 aircraft. Also, VX passed the \$1 billion dollar annual gross revenue mark in 2011 officially making it a *major* airline that is now required to report information to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.



Aviation Student News

Mark Papko recently accepted an airside operations co-op opportunity at the Calgary International Airport in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. “Congratulations, eh!” We’re proud of you, Mark!

Peter Zenner, Tim Roth & Joseph VanderHeyden have been awarded an internship at the Minneapolis International Airport control tower for summer 2012. The interns will be shadowing the controllers and providing assistance with everyday duties of the tower. Awesome job!

Ashley Delmonico will be graduating this spring and has been offered a position at Signature Flight Support in St. Paul. Way to go, Ashley!

Chris Spaulding will be interning at the Owatonna Regional Airport. Congratulations, Chris!

Logan Vold has been offered an internship with SkyWest Airlines/Delta Connection. Logan is also working full time as a flight instructor. Congratulations, Logan!

Jamie Melton is interning at the MSP tower and **Hannah Preston** will be interning at the Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center. Congratulations and thanks for keeping the public safe!

Charles Klynderud & John Nies will be interning at Sun Country Airlines. Congratulations!

Aviation Faculty News

Steve Anderson attended the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) winter conference in Auburn, AL last February. Steve currently chairs the safety committee & is a member of the AABI Board of Trustees. Thank you for your service, Dr. Anderson!

Tara Harl has been asked to serve as a moderator/chair of the DOT Aviation Workforces Issues Panel in Washington, DC. Congratulations, Dr. Harl!

Angie Olson is completing her data collection and analysis for her doctoral degree. Hopefully, we will be calling Ms. Olson her new professional name - “Dr. Olson” in the near future!

Jeff Johnson attended a transportation listening session to assess Minnesota’s workforce needs in St. Augusta last April. The event was championed by the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development, the Minnesota Initiative Foundations, and MnSCU. There will be another listening session for railroad and aviation.



Aviation Student Organizations *(continues on the next page)*



American Association of Airport Executives

*Christopher Spaulding, President
Shajive Jeganathan, Vice President*

Kids Color St. Cloud

AAAE reaches out to the community of St. Cloud to grow aviation awareness through an art contest



Captain Mark Papko with Kids Color St. Cloud

Local children from the St. Cloud area had their artwork displayed at the St. Cloud Regional Airport on Friday, April 21st. The exhibit opened at 9:30 a.m. with an open gallery at the airport terminal.

Kids Color St. Cloud was a very unique project of its own. The project has been pursued by the student chapter in the past years thanks to the founding efforts of Zachary Sundquist and Marissa

Grajewski in 2004. However, this year the idea of bringing aviation into the classrooms was creatively implemented into the project. Members from the AAAE, Aviation Ambassadors, and the Art Student Union took time out of their busy schedules to drive to elementary school classrooms to teach the kids about the wonders of aviation. “We feel that the demonstration of showing the importance and excitement of aviation at such a young age is vital to growing their view and perspective of the fast growing industry,” SCSU AAAE President Christopher Spaulding said at the event of Kids Color St. Cloud on April 21st.



Captains Eric Wenner (left), Mark Papko & kids.

In addition to the teaching, the aviation volunteers dressed up as pilots: suited up in a classy outfit, a pilot hat, and an SCSU Aviation pilot wings pin to top it off. Eric Wenner, who volunteered to help out for the event, emphasized the positive experience he had when teaching in the classrooms: “It was such a rewarding experience to be able to teach younger kids about aviation. It was very easy because I am so passionate about aviation and kids are completely fascinated with the mystique and glamour of flying”.

The sole purpose of the drawing contest was to culminate what the students learned during the in-class visits and having them draw some place in the world where they would want to fly.

(see Kids Color on page 5)

Today’s Question

Can you list another example of many highly successful SCSU aviation graduates?



Answer:

Danny Madani!

*December 2011 graduate Danny Madani was hired by Menard’s Corporate Flight Department flying a Citation Bravo jet. Sweet!!!!
Newsflash! Brad Werner just got hired!!!!*

Thank You, James Kovac



James Kovac instructs two middle school girls during the “Science Rocks” day at SCSU last January. The girls said the flight simulator was their favorite activity.



Did You Know?

In the beginning of 2012, the Department of Aviation had 130 aviation students.

Calendar of Events

May 2012

“Got Employment?”

21-24 (Mon-Thurs):
Regional Airline Association
Annual Convention
Minneapolis, MN
The Dept. of Aviation has
been given free booth space
so we are looking for
volunteers who will get FREE
admission!

**Congratulations
Graduates!**

We are very proud of
you & will miss you!

Brian Biddle
BS Aviation—Ops.

Ashley Delmonico
BS Aviation—Ops.

Peter Grimm
BAS—AVIT Mgmt.

Nadun Gurusinge
BS Aviation—Mgmt.

“Haku” Kaiminaauao
BS Aviation—Ops.

Anthony Luu
BS Aviation—Ops.

Derek Mattila
BS Aviation—Mgmt.

Donald McGinty
BS Aviation—Ops.

Jessica Miller
BS Aviation—Mgmt.

Hannah Preston
BS Aviation—Ops.

Jonathan Price
BS Aviation—Ops.

Mark Swakow
BS Aviation—Ops.

SCSU 2012 STEM Summit a Smashing Success!

Aviation student Eric Wenner (left) is a fast moving blur as he talks to interested 7-12 students about wide open career opportunities in the aviation industry.

On January 26, the SCSU hosted the annual 2012 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) conference in the Atwood Ball Room. The “standing room only” event was well attended and there was no shortage of enthusiasm. Special thanks to Dr. Carolyn Williams, Associate Dean for Multicultural Affairs & STEM initiatives for a successful event.

Spring 2012 FOD Walk—Thank You, Volunteers

The Foreign Object Debris (FOD) walk this semester was held at the St. Cloud Regional Airport on Saturday, March 31. AAAE took a strong leadership role in coordinating this event.



Is this a
practical joke?

AAAE Member of the Month

January & February: Mr. Charles Klynderud

March: Mr. Tim Roth

AAAE Outstanding Member Award: Mr. Charles Klynderud



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in a March 15, 2012 report titled “The Boomerang Generation: Feeling OK about Living with Mom and Dad” (as cited in PolitiFact.com) found that “among adults ages 18 to 29, 42 percent of those who have graduated college live with their parents” (para. 14).



Regardless of whether you believe that 42% or 85% of college graduates are moving back home, it is alarming for graduates (and their parents in many cases) to face stifling, long-lasting college debt with poor job prospects. Clearly, public universities have a different mission than vocational/technical colleges. Academicians and non-academicians alike often argue as to what the mission of a university is and how it relates to 4-year degrees. Some academicians argue that a 4-year degree should provide a broad-based education equipping students to think critically and should provide little or no education for career preparation. However, we often see many of these “well educated” graduates who are ill-prepared for the workforce after graduation. Thinking critically and seeing the world differently is a hallmark of a 4-year degree; however the truly competitive graduate will also be exposed to career preparation through internships or other academic activities. During the ten years I’ve taught aviation at SCSU, 100 percent of the prospective students/parents I’ve advised invariably ask this question in one form or another: “Is this degree relevant in career preparation after graduation in order to pay off the debt which will be incurred?”

Critics of the workforce assessment initiative will not be standing in solidarity with a vast majority of parents and their college bound children who look at prospective 4-year degrees. At a MnSCU listening session on transportation in April, it became clear that graduates in some one or two year technical degree/associate programs have gained a significant competitive economic advantage over their 4-year graduate counterparts because of a career preparation emphasis.

College graduates who are ill-prepared for careers after graduation have become a societal problem. For many graduates, getting a college degree is a momentous and festive occasion that fuels the dreams of a better tomorrow. Moving back home with parents should not become that dream.

U.S. Army Flight Simulator Visits Atwood Plaza at SCSU



How do you get a helicopter flight simulator on campus? Very carefully! U.S Army recruiters allowed students to “fly” various missions. Minnesota has two Army Aviation flight facilities—St. Paul and St. Cloud.



Kid’s Color *(continued from page 3)*

On April 21st, during Airport Day, the unveiling of the top twenty winners was presented in the airport terminal along with the top two winners among the twenty. Those two winners received a scholarship to attend a six-week art camp at the Paramount in St. Cloud, MN. Most airport art is produced by an established artist or museum in the community, but the Kids Color St. Cloud artwork was created entirely by children in grades K-4 inspired by the field and art of aviation.

Life Tip 101

Attitude of Gratitude

Are you going to thank God for what you have in life . . . or for what you don’t have?



New Certificates & Ratings



Rudy Ghazal
Private ME

Jared Hicks
Commercial ME

Justin Murray
Private SE

Greg Naylor
Commercial ME

Lee Olson
Commercial SE

Marise Oyoub
Private SE

Luke Peterson
Private SE

Jon Price
Instrument SE

Tim Roth
Instrument SE

Max Schroeder
Private SE

Brian Town
Instrument SE

Nathan Towsley
Private SE

Erin Wolter
Private SE



SCSU 2012 Spring Banquet Scholarship Winners



Congratulations, Marise!

Marise Oyoubu just received an internship at the Grand Rapids Michigan Airport!



Guess the airport!*

Sometimes in the aviation world, you won't get a second chance to get it right!

**Thanks to AAAE*



Ms. Angie Olson presents the Kimberly Ritsche award to Jessica Miller. Jessica also won the Aviation Excellence (Management) Award.



Ms. Angie Olson presents the Robert Ryan award to Christopher Spaulding. Chris also won the Aviation Excellence (Mgt.) Award.



Ms. Angie Olson presents the William Carlson award to Nico Buechner.



Ms. Angie Olson presents the Gerald Johnson award to Brian Town.



Hannah Preston also won the Kimberly Ritsche award.



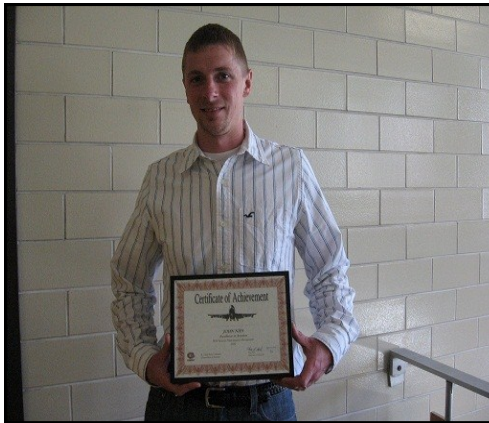
Ms. Angie Olson presents the Ken Raiber award to Eric Wenner.



SCSU 2012 Spring Banquet Scholarship Winners



Ms. Angie Olson presents the Aviation Excellence Award (Operations) to Mikaela Mahoney.



John Nies received the Excellence Award (Aviation Maintenance Management).

Good Advice!

To Prospective Aviation Flight Students:

"Don't be alarmed . . . we've never left anyone up there yet!"



Ms. Angie Olson presents the Aviation Excellence Award (Pro Flight) to Jared Hicks.



Aviation Industry Reps. Interested in SCSU Aviation Graduates

Jared Hicks (left) goes through a mock interview process with Dan Sauter (Best Jets Director of Flight Training), Mark Adamski (Delta MD80 First Officer & Airline Pilots Association MSP Base Safety Chair) and Cap. Christopher Mayer (SkyWest Airlines Flight Operations Assistant Chief Pilot).





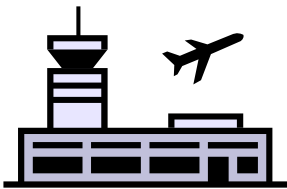
Airport Day & Kids Color 2012



Volunteers from the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles gave free airplane rides to youth at the St. Cloud Regional Airport during airport day.

Thanks to EAA member Mark Priglmeier, Wade Nelson & all the EAA pilot volunteers!

“Aviate...for life.” (Prigs)



The St. Cloud Regional Airport airline terminal has probably never been this busy . . . even when there was airline service to St. Cloud. Special thanks to airport manager Bill Towle, the maintenance staff, the air traffic controllers, Wright Aero, and St. Cloud Aviation for all your safety conscious hard work in making this event a success.



Cake, anyone?

Odds & Ends



The editors of *Flightlines* wishes to thank Shajive Jeganathan for allowing us to use his pictures for this newsletter.



SCSU aviation students are “first class” when it comes to volunteering, serving the community & for who they are as young future professionals. Thanks for all you do!

Mrs. Anderson (Dr. Anderson’s mom) volunteers at the information booth at airport day. We heard she runs a tight ship. God bless you, Mrs. A—you’re the greatest!

Aviation student volunteer Haku Kaiminaauao (seated) is working with fellow volunteer Arbin Rai.



Captain Ashley Delmonico negotiates for higher wages with Delta Airline’s CEO during intense negotiations at Kids Color. No word yet if the parties have reached a settlement.



Kids Color awards at the St. Cloud Regional Airport. Aviation merit badges were also awarded to participating scouts.

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