



### **Congratulations, Academy Graduates! We Will Miss You!**



This past summer through the Young Eagles program, [YIAA](#) (Youth Initiative Aviation Academy) students were given airplane rides at the Little Falls airport. This was the first time some students got close and personal to an airplane. The academy graduates final ceremony was held at the St. Cloud Regional Airport last July.

The first partnership involving faculty from the Department of Aviation, Department of Criminal Justice, SCSU & city employee staff volunteers joined with YIAA to develop an “aviation boot camp” for high risk youth. Ms. Mamie Singleton (Executive Director) of YIAA made numerous trips to St. Cloud and beyond to support the boot camp. “Aviation careers, particularly pilot positions, are still predominantly held by white males. This program was a great way to increase minority access to aviation and get them excited about the many job opportunities,” according to aviation professor and academy instructor Jeff Johnson. Although the program in St. Cloud was off to a successful start, the future of a St. Cloud based program is now uncertain with the closure of the aviation department.

Special thanks goes to our active volunteers . . .

- Ms. Mamie Singleton, YIAA Executive Director
- Ms. Denise Fale, St. Cloud NAACP President
- Mr. Blair Williams, St. Cloud Police Department Chief
- Mr. Rich Wilson, St. Cloud Police Department Assistant Chief of Police
- Dr. Lee Gilbertson, SCSU Professor of Criminal Justice
- Dr. Dick Andzeng, SCSU Professor of Criminal Justice
- Ms. Darlene Thompson, Academy Volunteer
- Ms. Polly Wagner, Academy Volunteer



*Thank you all. The ride was great while it lasted.  
Godspeed!*

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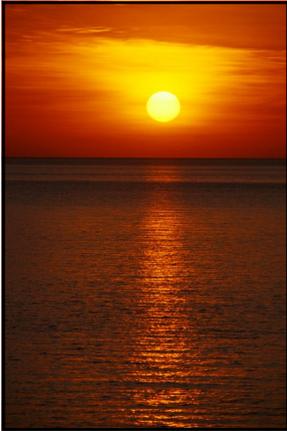
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**Our Deepest Sympathies**

*On the loss of former  
Aviation Professor  
Michael Ferguson's  
mother, Mary Zgorecki.  
We are truly sorry,  
Mr. Ferg!*

***The Ode to the  
Controller****(Reprinted from 2006)*

The Air Traffic Controller, Mysterious  
and Unseen, Who Would Know?  
Behind the Scenes, Faithful, and In  
Charge of the Show . . .  
In a Hallowed Windowless Hall the  
Controller Works, Never Seen, but  
Always Heard!  
The Steady, Unwavering Voice  
Instructs, "Turn Left, Turn Right,  
Climb and Descend!"  
For the Weary Pilot Must Always be  
Ready to Make an Amend!  
When the Pilot Flies Through a  
Blizzard at Night that Would Make  
Anyone Uptight,  
A Feeling of Utter Loneliness Can Be  
Such a Fright.  
But to No Alas, The Controller is  
Always There, Willing to Talk,  
Willing to Share, But Most  
Importantly, Who Really Cares!  
In Charge of Countless Lives, The  
Controller is Wise. Willing to  
Admonish, so Don't Be Surprised!  
Guiding Aircraft with Such Precision,  
I Couldn't Have Imagined It, Not  
Even in a Vision.  
So, My Unseen Friend, Without Harsh  
Words or a Rebuke, I End My Poem  
with a God Bless You,  
Heartfelt Gratitude and a Salute!

**Eight Formal Resolutions of Support for Aviation have Passed**

For three years, there have been ongoing attempts to save the SCSU aviation program. Last November, the SCSU Faculty Senate (FS) recommended that admissions to the Aviation Department be reinstated in January 2014. This was the eighth resolution passed in several years. Citizens have also signed petitions to send to legislative members. Special thanks to the following organizations who have also provided resolutions of support include:

SCSU Faculty Senate (passed two resolutions)  
SCSU Student Government Association  
Area Planning Organization (APO)  
St. Cloud City Council  
St. Cloud Airport Advisory Board  
Benton County Republican Party  
Senate District 15 Republican Party

As a result of the most recent FS vote on aviation, the IFO (Interfaculty Organization) requested on November 8 that the SCSU aviation program reopen admissions in January 2014. A request for a formal external review of the process of its closing was also made. There will be follow up with Chancellor Rosenstone. However, at the last SCSU Meet and Confer (M&C) meeting held a couple of weeks ago, President Potter made it clear that aviation was dead. Conversation soon turned to specialty "niche" programs...but evidently it wasn't aviation despite the fact that air traffic control, aviation professional flight, aviation management, and [drone technology](#) are highly specialized niche programs that fall well within Chancellor Rosenstone's workforce initiatives.

**Facing the West Near Monticello on I-94...for Almost Two Years**



## The Learning Jet Lands in ~~St. Cloud~~ St. Paul

The [Learning Jet](#) which was originally destined for St. Cloud was “diverted” and landed at downtown St. Paul (STP) airport on July 30, 2013. The Learning Jet is a Boeing 727 that was generously donated by FedEx to be converted into a permanent classroom for K-12 students and the community. The ultimate purpose of the project is to help students succeed in school, mobilize future talent, and cultivate a workforce that is prepared to meet the transportation challenges of the future. This project is a collaboration between the Minnesota Association of Women in Aviation and the St. Paul Public Schools. The project was awarded a \$100,000 Garrett Morgan Grant by the Federal DOT Highway Administration. Dr. Olson is writing multi modal transportation curriculum designed to improve student proficiency in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for this project.

### “Quotable Quote”

*“It’s been real, and it’s been fun...but it hasn’t been real fun!”*



### Congratulations Graduates!



**Cody Anderson**  
BS in Aviation—Operations

**Gjertine Bagent**  
BS in Aviation—Operations

**Adam Jendro**  
BS in Aviation—Operations

**Andrew Liljegren**  
BS in Aviation—Operations

**Arbin Rai**  
BS in Aviation—Operations  
BS in Bioscience

**Mark Schwichtenberg**  
BS in Aviation—Operations

*Blessings and Best Wishes to all 2013 Graduates!*



## The Learning Jet: Helping Dreams Become Reality



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