



Welcome to AeroStar News!

New Horizons



Dear AeroStar family and friends,

As we prepare to wrap up the third quarter of 2022 and look forward to 2023, exciting opportunities await beyond the horizon. Students and teachers are starting another school year. Leaves are changing colors. Innovations are being made in every field. With this latest edition of the newsletter comes the addition of our jobs section, so our readers might find a new pathway. Inspiring things are taking place all around us especially in the world of aviation. And, AeroStar is a part of it.

AeroStar partner, Republic Airways, hosted their first Leadership Luncheon centered on increasing access to careers in aviation. As with AeroStar, the vision at Republic Airways is to ensure students are aware of, have access to, and can see the visual representation of diverse people in careers across the aviation industry. Republic is the only airline headquartered in our neighboring program state, Indiana.





The luncheon brought together a coalition of Indiana companies, academic institutions, and governmental entities to not only spread awareness about the aviation industry but also support the creation of career opportunities. It was a huge success! Vice president of People and Culture for Republic Airways, Robert Lowe, gave a dynamic presentation on not just the history of aviation in Indiana but the monumental impact that African Americans had on the industry since its inception.

With a mission of creating tangible action toward change, the Aviation Career Summit Committee will host an Aviation Career Summit on October 21 – 23. The Aviation Career Summit is an exciting, introductory event for middle school, high school, and college students as well as job seekers and career changers who are interested in the exciting and growing aviation industry. AeroStar is grateful to be amongst the key strategic partners for this initiative.

Our mission could not reach the many it does or expand as much as it has without partners. The interdependence between organizations and people in aviation is what helps us grow in the right direction.



In the spirit of growing, I traveled to Southern Illinois University - my alma mater - to participate in their inaugural Saluki Women's Weekend, an event curated to inspire and promote women in leadership. The SIU Aircraft was flown by my mentee, Verneceelyn Allen, who is a certified flight instructor training for her multi-engine rating at the University.

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Title IX and to celebrate the accomplishments of Saluki Women in Athletics and Education, the Southern Illinois University Foundation Women's Leadership Council presented its Inaugural Saluki's Women's Weekend in partnership with SIU's Women Athletics. The Women's Leadership Council is a network of alumni, parents and friends who are committed to creating a culture of women-driven

philanthropy at SIU and mentoring future generations of Salukis.

When invited to speak for the inaugural Saluki Women's Weekend Conference, I couldn't miss the opportunity to inspire the next generation of Saluki women through sharing lessons learned on my own journey to success.

SIU is celebrating the largest freshman class in the past six years. They, like many universities across the country, are struggling to stay relevant as higher education and advanced degrees take a backseat in an economy in dire need for skilled trades, work experience, licenses, certifications and credentials. The University's aviation program, which offers technical training for pilots and mechanics, is now competing with local trade schools that can present qualified and diverse candidates to the workforce as much as two years earlier than a traditional four year degree program.



Another point of struggle for the collegiate aviation program is diversity, with less than 10% of students being minorities and/or female. This is a struggle that is industry-wide and that groups, like the FAA Task Force, are fighting to find solutions.

We need new innovative ideas to keep this momentum. Working together, promoting diversity, and educating the next generation of aviation professionals is where we thrive. New things await us on the horizon waiting for us to discover them.

Donate cash, in-kind services, and sponsorships [HERE](#). Collaborate and volunteer (click [HERE](#) to volunteer). Support AeroStar and the future of aviation. Please contact me today at Tholmes@aerostarcorp.com for branded sponsorship opportunities.

Thank you for Giving Wings to Dreams!

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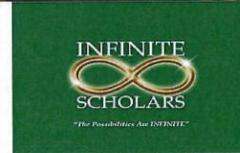
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Upcoming Events

On October 18, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Urban League of Northwest Indiana & Infinite Scholars Program is holding its Annual Scholarship Fair. The event is available for residents of Lake, Porter and La Porte Counties. Come and visit with college, university and ROTC representatives. Find opportunities and funds for future endeavors. Open to students and parents! Students register [HERE](#).



**The Urban League of
Northwest Indiana &
Infinite Scholars
Program**



Present



**The Annual Scholarship Fair
for Lake, Porter & La Porte Counties**

Over 50 college, university and United States Army ROTC representatives will be on site offering admission and college scholarship award opportunities to qualifying students!

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Indiana University Northwest

3400 Broadway

Savannah Center

Gary, IN 46408



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST**

The Urban League of Northwest Indiana and the Infinite Scholars Program are proud to host our Annual Scholarship Fair on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 for high school students in Northwest Indiana.

**REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE SCHOLARSHIP FAIR INCLUDE:**

1. A G.P.A. of 3.0 or better is ideal, however some colleges and universities will consider lower G.P.A.'s
2. 21 ACT Score or SAT Score of 1100.
3. 250 word essay explaining why a college education is important to you.
4. Students should register at www.infinitescholar.org

REMEMBER TO BRING SEVERAL COPIES OF: transcripts, ACT/SAT scores

High school students and recent high school graduates are encouraged to attend. College students that have graduated from a two (2) year accredited college or university and wish to pursue a degree at a 4 year higher education institute should attend as well.

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND WITH THEIR CHILDREN

For more information please contact:
Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Inc.
3101 Broadway, Gary, Indiana 46409
Phone: 219-887-9621

We Would Like To Thank Our Collaborative Partners and Sponsors



On October 21, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, join AeroStar in collaboration with the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and Foot Locker in a day full of activities and developing our SEL. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process of developing the self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work, and life success. Through various activities and workshops students will be able to have fun and learn more about themselves. [Register now!](#)

FOOT TO FLIGHT



October 21, 2022 | 9am- 1pm
Register Now:

www.footlocker-SEL.eventbrite.com

*Social Emotional Learning &
Physical Wellness Activity Day*



Workshops | Fun |
Foot Locker led Physical
Wellness Session

Register Here!

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SAVE THE DATE!

October 21-23, 2022



INSPIRING, CONNECTING AND SUPPORTING

Future Aviation Professionals

Join us as we kick off our 1st Aviation Career Summit right here in Indiana! Our goal is to plant the seed of aviation in the minds and hearts of a new audience.

The Aviation Career Summit is a three-day event for students as well as job seekers and career changers interested in the exciting and growing aviation industry. Aviation offers incredible opportunities and is seeking to welcome people of all backgrounds and cultures. Don't miss being part of this exciting experience!

Friday, October 21: Indianapolis International Airport

Saturday, October 22: Ivy Tech Community College

Sunday, October 23: Republic Airways Hangar

Help support the education of the next generation of aviators.
For more information, please email us at aviationsummit@rjet.com or visit aviationcareersummit.com.

FOR
CHILDREN IN
GRADES K-12

Completed participation
waiver required.



Aviation Themed FAMILY FUN DAY

*Join us for a fun day
learning everything
about aviation!*

Register at <https://bit.ly/FFAVIATION>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 AND **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

SIEGEL HALL – ILLINOIS TECH MIES CAMPUS – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

3301 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60616

Featuring dedicated classrooms for grades k-4, 5-8, and 9-12.

Parents are required to stay with their children and complete a participation waiver.



Office of Community Affairs



ILLINOIS TECH

Mechanical, Materials, and
Aerospace Engineering

Registration

On Nov. 4, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, come join AeroStar and Boeing for Aviation Day! The expo is a FREE event that introduces inner-city youth to the aviation and aerospace fields and mentors career aspirations that may ultimately lead to well-paying, satisfying careers in flight and aerospace. Participants will interact with flight simulators, mini-drones, and robots. Additionally, industry professionals will provide one-on-one mentoring opportunities. The event is open to Gary and Chicago school students. Register [HERE!](#)



AVIATION DAY

November 4, 2022 | 9am-1pm
B. Coleman Aviation Executive Hanger

**FREE
ENTRY**

**GRADES
5-12**

WORKSHOPS



garyaviationday.eventbrite.com

Summer Programs Recap

AeroStar had an amazing summer with students and staff. We went to places far and wide to showcase STEM and aviation to participants.

After School Matters

AeroStar Aviation Exploration at Air Force Academy High school offered youth the opportunity to discover the options and careers present in the aviation industry. It provided alternative summer activities for

students. Students were engaged and interested while being paid for their time. One parent said, "As a single parent, I appreciate the support to keep our teenagers busy and safe during the summer."

Students met Captain Wilfred K. Nnorom, a first generation pilot from Nigeria. Nnorom's presence was matched with enthusiasm and curiosity. At the end of the program, students received their aviation completion awards with smiles on their faces. Sydney Bryant, whose life dream is to fly a plane, was able to sit in the pilot seat for the first time. A perfect example of AeroStar giving wings to dreams.



Tuskegee NEXT Awards AeroStar

On July 22, 2022, Tuskegee NEXT held an open house at the Illinois Aviation Academy. AeroStar was awarded with a check for \$1,000. It was an afternoon of events and networking with about 25 people. AeroStar appreciates the partnerships and support that help us reach youth far and wide.

American Airlines Hangar Tour

American Airlines hosted a tour event with Aerostars and After School Matters on August 9, 2022. 25 students learned about the special careers that involved Aircraft Mechanics, Pilot, Avionics, and more! Special thanks to Lawrence Waiters and Gary Percy of American Airlines.





Field Trips

On July 19, 2022, AeroStar visited the Adler Planetarium. AeroStar was able to collaborate with After School Matters. On July 21, 2022, we visited the Museum of Science and Industry. The students have learned the dynamics of flight, the aspects of aerodynamics and toured various aircrafts like the Boeing 777.

EAA AirVenture OshKosh 2022,

AeroStar went to the [EAA AirVenture OshKosh Air and Water Show 2022](#) in Wisconsin. It's described as "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration." The students were able to interact with all sorts of aircrafts, be interviewed by various aviation companies like Boeing, and watch the annual air show held once a year.

The students hoped to learn from airline workers and saw unique aircrafts, each completely different from the next. American Airlines hosted 100 student as a part of a push to start recruiting at an early age. The push to diversify aviation starts with us. AeroStar introduces and educates youth on the aviation and STEM field with trips just like this.



(Source: [WGN9](#))

Girls in Aviation

Girls in Aviation Day is an international event. It began in 2015 and has featured a variety of events. This year, AeroStars were able to visit with American Airlines. They met with women who held different positions including pilots, flight attendants, and customer service.

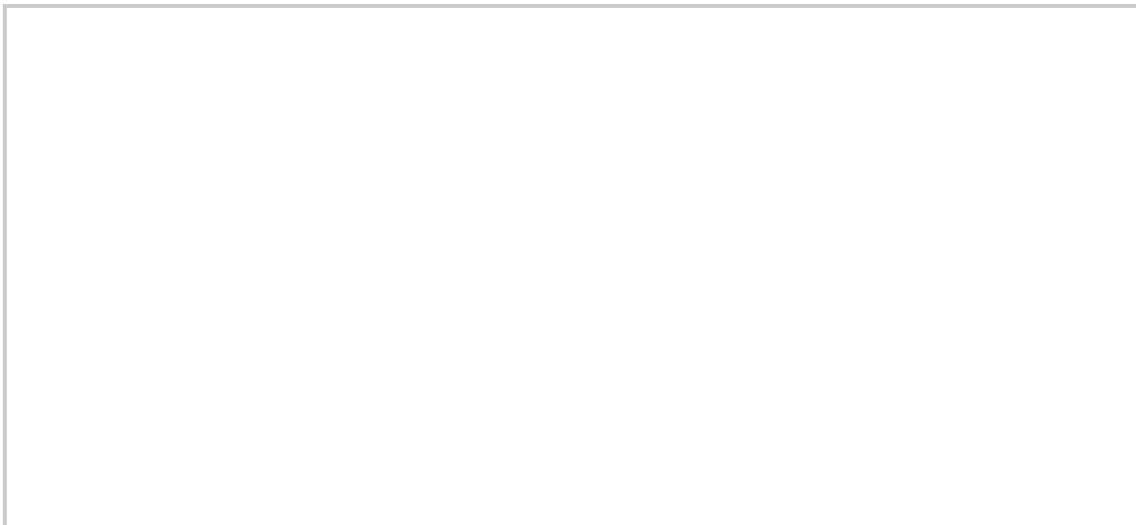


Summer Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony featured AeroStars in grades 5-10 from our summer programs. After being immersed in all subject areas of aviation, these students have grown to extraordinary heights within the field. Students were awarded for their progress throughout the summer and allowed to share testimonials of their experiences being an AeroStar. We cannot wait to see these students take flight!



Fall Program Registration - Register NOW!



Aerospace. Fun. Aviation.



**LAUNCH INTO
FALL
REGISTRATION**

EVERY SATURDAY

OCT 8 **GRADES 5-12**

**Olive Harvey College TDL Evolution Center
October 8th- Decemeber 17th
Free**

WWW.AVIONINSTITUTE.ORG/PROGRAMS



Fall registration is upon us! We are excited to have you join us in the Fall for more fun and learning. Saturday sessions start October 8, 2022. Programs are available for students in grades 5-12. Students are immersed in aviation, aerospace and engineering projects. They operate flight simulators, remote controlled helicopters, drones, RC airplanes and VR headsets. They study and demonstrate extensive knowledge on flight theory, aviation weather, aircraft radio operation, aircraft cockpit instrumentation and STEM careers. Please follow the [link](#) to register for AeroStar classes now! Register [here](#) for After School Matters!



Join an After School Matters Fall 2022 Program!
Earn money. Learn new skills. Gain friends.

Apply to a **free** After School Matters program and thrive!

Air Force Academy

For more information,
please contact

This Fall session, apply to:

**AeroStars Aviation
Exploration @ Air Force
Academy**

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AFTER SCHOOL **matters**



Aviation Job Opportunities

AeroStar is seeking new and dedicated people to join our team. Your support will help the AeroStar Avion Institute train and prepare students to pursue the aviation and aerospace careers of their dreams!

AeroStar Aviation Instructor

Part-Time
Chicago, IL

The primary responsibility of a Program Instructor is to facilitate AeroStar curriculum online (AeroVerse) or in a classroom environment for students ages K through 12th. As an AeroStar Instructor, you will engage in fun aviation, aerospace, and STEM-focused programs and activities.

Submit resume and cover letter to HR@avioninstitute.org; CC: tholmes@aerostarcorp.com; Subject Line: Program Instructor.

Aviation Flight Program Instructor

Full-Time
Gary, IN

The Aviation Instructor for the Gary Area Career Center will be the primary instructor for students to receive FAA certified level training provided they successfully complete the program. The instructor accomplishes this by providing students with a program of study that teaches required program skills, develops employability skills, and reinforces academic skills through the use of rigorous curricula. The Instructor will also handle all responsibilities associated with the High Tech Flight Simulator Laboratory, including program coordination, school-wide integration/collaboration, and special events/workshops/classes. The instructor will also handle coordination of flight simulator hardware and software routine maintenance, repairs, and updates. Apply [HERE](#).

QUALIFICATIONS

- CFI or CFII
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Hold either a commercial pilot certificate or airline transport pilot certificate and an instrument rating.
- Have logged at least 250 hours of flight time.
- Hold a valid FAA 3rd Class Medical Certificate (or higher)
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university AND 2,000+ hours of department-approved, aviation-related work experience, OR; No degree and 8,000 hours of department-approved, aviation-related work experience
- Complete Work-based learning Instructor requirements as directed by Indiana Department of Education: for selected candidate, certificate will be applied for by Gary Community Schools



Boeing Summer 2023 Internship Program (Paid) - Government Affairs

Boeing is seeking motivated, excited, and innovative students to join their internship program in Government Operations. Interns will work directly with a mentor in your field of study while finding solutions to real world problems; experience our products up close by touring our state-of-the-art manufacturing and research facilities; interact directly with our company leaders to discuss strategy and the future of Boeing; build a lasting professional network through social events and engaging activities; and, gain the skills and knowledge to become a future leader in the aerospace industry. The deadline to apply for the **paid 2023 Boeing Summer Internships is October 13, 2022.**



Chicago Department
of Aviation

The Chicago Department of Aviation has an open position! Consider applying for the following post.

Airport Facilities Manager (O'Hare)

\$75,996.00

Job #358863

09/20/22 - 10/03/22

Under general supervision, the Airport Facilities Manger manages and oversees day-to-day operation activities performed by Skilled Trades staff and service contractors to maintain airport terminals, related facilities, and airport operations areas (AOA) at O'Hare International Airport; performs related duties as required.



Southwest is excited to offer Ramp Agent roles in cities around the country, especially for high school students or graduates looking for real-world experience. Ramp Agents will direct planes on the ground, handle cargo/baggage, and ensure our ground operations run smoothly. Starting pay begins at \$17/hr. Apply [HERE](#). To explore more Southwest positions, start [HERE](#).

Tuskegee NEXT Flight Training

The **Tuskegee NEXT Summer Flight Program** is open for applications! It is a full-time, residential program in the Chicago area that runs from mid-June to mid-August. It is open to applicants between the ages of 18-20, whom have completed their junior year of high school

with a minimum 2.75 GPA. Tuskegee NEXT seeks to provide role models and a clear path toward aviation careers through Flight Training, Life Skills, and Educational Assistance. The Tuskegee NEXT Summer Flight Program Application Deadline is December 31. Apply [HERE](#).



ON THE RADAR



AeroStar celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15) to honor the culture and people who share this identity. Isaias Toledo is an AeroStar aviation instructor contributing his knowledge and experiences to AeroStar youth. He is among other Latinx individuals like Olga Custodio, the first Latina military pilot, and Ellen Ochoa, the first Hispanic woman in space, who are positively influencing and enriching the STEM and aviation field.

(Source: [Science Buddies](#))

Donate Today!

One person *can* make a difference. Your generosity will help the AeroStar Avion Institute train and prepare students—K-12, college, and beyond—to pursue the aviation and aerospace careers of their dreams!

Please donate!

We're fired up about our mission to train and employ youth in this exciting industry, and we need your help more than ever before. To give, click [HERE](#). Your donation is tax deductible, and 100% of your gift goes toward training the next generation of aviation and aerospace professionals.

Invest in the passion ... the mission ... DONATE NOW!

Book Teaches Kids to Fly Through Fear

What if you were afraid to fly? Authors Kenyatta Scott and Tammera L. Holmes join forces to show girls and boys how to face their fears!



Tammera L. Holmes Teaches Violet How to Fly Through Fear!

Follow along as ***Violet Takes Flight*** for the first time! Daddy teaches her and her brother Derek the true meaning of "doing it afraid." Follow along as Pilot Holmes makes her literary debut as Violet's flight teacher!

30% of all book sales support AeroStar Avion Institute, NFP, a female, minority owned NFP that teaches underrepresented youth in underserved neighborhoods about aviation STEM careers.

Buy your copy of ***Violet Takes Flight*** [HERE](#) today!

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