



Welcome to AeroStar News



Landing the Plane

Dear AeroStar Family and Friends,

We are descending on final approach for the last time in 2023 and I cannot help but reflect on the journey we've embarked upon over the past twelve months. Like a well-navigated flight, this year has been a testament to our resilience, adaptability, and collective spirit. We soared to new heights, witnessed breathtaking vistas of success, and navigated through unexpected turbulence with unwavering determination.

As your Captain, I've had the honor of witnessing the remarkable landscapes of innovation and teamwork that sprawled beneath us. We took off into 2023 with a clear vision and a shared destination. Along the way, we encountered both



anticipated challenges and unforeseen storms. Yet, through every patch of turbulence, your professionalism, dedication, and teamwork and partnership has shone like beacons, guiding us safely forward.

As we prepare to land, it's crucial to acknowledge that this journey was made possible by not just the AeroStar crew onboard but also the ground support – our students, parents, partners, and collaborators. Your trust and support have been the tailwind propelling us forward, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

Landing the plane is a metaphor for the meticulous process of bringing this year to a close. It signifies the careful coordination, precise timing, and collective effort required to conclude one journey and prepare for the next. As we approach our final destination for 2023, let's do so with the satisfaction of challenges met, lessons learned, and successes earned.

Looking out to the horizon, 2024 awaits with its own set of adventures and opportunities. As we disembark from this flight and step into the new year, I'm filled with optimism and excitement for what's to come. We are equipped with the experience, knowledge, and team spirit to take on whatever skies lie above.

In closing, I extend my deepest thanks to each of you. Your hard work, innovative ideas, and relentless pursuit of excellence are the engines of our success. As we bid farewell to 2023, let's carry forward the momentum and the memories, and let's look to the new year with anticipation and enthusiasm.

Wishing you and your loved ones a restful holiday season and a prosperous New Year. May our next flight together be even more rewarding and successful.

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

Thank you for Giving Wings to Dreams. Wishing you a joyous holiday.

With gratitude,

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AeroStar Wins Coveted Award from MacArthur Foundation: Comes with \$50K Donation



AeroStar Avion Institute has been awarded a 2023 Annual Staff Award from the MacArthur Foundation. We are truly humbled by this gracious award, and what it will mean for our organization, as we continue to be trailblazers at the forefront of aviation and aerospace education for the black and brown community. For generations, our young people have been overlooked, and now they are the number one targeted talent pool for our industry.

When we started over 15 years ago, we had no clue that we were way before our time in anticipating the sheer magnitude of what our work would mean for not just Chicagoland and the nation, but the World. Our mission has not changed, and that is to serve youth who look like us, come from where we come from, and provide them with extraordinary opportunities literally above and beyond.

Thank you to all who made this possible, for Tawa Mitchell's support over nearly 15 years and believing in us, and those who voted for The AeroStar Avion Institute.

Click [here](#) for more information about this award!

AeroStars Tour American Airlines

Students at AeroStar's Aviation Exploration Program got the chance to tour American Airlines Maintenance Hangar at O'Hare International Airport.

American Airlines recognizes is inspiring the next generation and creating a passion for aviation. This tour provides an immersive and educational experience, demistrating the world of air travel. This tour not only cultivates an interest in aviation careers but also reinforces American Airlines' commitment to community engagement and youth development. A special "Thank You" to AeroStar supporter, Licensed Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic Lawrence Waiters, for his time and passion to support our youth.



On The Radar

Chicago Officials Unveil New Concession Area at Midway Airport



Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson celebrated the reopening of Midway International Airport's Central Market and the completion of the \$400 million Midway Modernization Program. The program emphasizes diverse local businesses, with over 56% of Midway's concessions operated by firms with diverse ownership in 2023. The revamped Central Market features a mix of new and existing brands, contributing to the airport's total concessions area expanding from 40,000 to over 70,000 square feet. Future plans include additional retail and food and beverage locations, as well as the opening of Midway's first lounge, The Club MDW, in the Central Market next fall.

Click [here](#) for more information

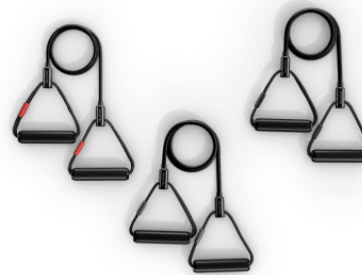
Peloton Awards AeroStar Fitness Accessories to Promote Health and Wellness



AeroStar was awarded an in-kind donation of fitness equipment to promote health and wellness. As part of a national community-giving effort by Peloton in collaboration with LISC, an assortment of fitness accessories have been donated directly to not-for-profit organizations working to increase physical activity opportunities in underserved places. In 2024, we plan to use the equipment to launch AAI's **Fit To Fly Program** in 2024, incorporating Social Emotional Wellness and physical fitness required for



personal and professional success.



Student Opportunities

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NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY GEO-SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

About GEO-Scholarship Program

The GEO-Scholarship targets graduating high school seniors and degree seeking college students with less than 45 credits that are majoring in areas of study NGA deems as a critical need and are typically difficult to recruit. NGA offers tuition payment, a book stipend, and a paid summer internship for all scholars. Some scholars may also qualify for a travel stipend. All selected scholars are required to commit to a 1.5-year continuing service agreement post-graduation. This agreement states for every year NGA pays tuition, that scholar will commit 1.5-years of service post-graduation.

Awardees will onboard with NGA in August 2024, attend school during the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 semesters, and return to NGA for their summer internship in summer 2025.

About the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

NGA is a unique combination of intelligence agency and combat support agency. It is the world leader in timely, relevant, accurate and actionable Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT). NGA enables the U.S. intelligence community and the Department of Defense (DOD) to fulfill the President's national security priorities to protect the nation. NGA also anticipates its partners' future needs and advances the GEOINT discipline to meet them. To learn more about NGA and opportunities, please visit the NGA website.

Areas of Study

NGA is looking to recruit scholars majoring in the following areas of study (but not limited to):

- Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning / Computer Vision
- Cartography
- Coding & Scripting Language
- Computer Programming/Science
- Criminal Justice
- Cybersecurity
- Data Analytics, Data Science, Data/System Engineering
- Data & Visualization
- Database Maintenance / Management
- Earth/Planetary Systems Science
- Engineering (any)
- Geodesy/Geomatics/Geophysics
- Geography
- GIS
- Homeland Security
- Image/Signal Processing
- Imagery Science
- IT- Network Operations
- Intelligence and National Security Studies
- Mathematics / Statistics
- Physical/Spectral Sciences
- Regional Studies
- Remote Sensing
- Software Development

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Apply for **National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency** High School Scholarships today!

The High School Internship Program is for high school students, age 16 or older, that are looking for real world experience.

High School Interns perform a variety of entry-level functions and tasks in support of the organization to which they are assigned. They are given a work project that involves problem identification, analysis, and resolution. Specific duties may include the preparation and presentation of briefings directly related to work assigned.

Apply Now!



- **Aviation Technical Education Scholarships**

Do you know an aspiring aircraft mechanic or have an aviation maintenance program at your school? Choose Aerospace offers various aviation technical education scholarships for students, instructors, and schools. All scholarships are accepting applications through February 15, 2024.* (Please note: Eligible applicants must plan to attend, enroll, or teach in an aviation technical program. Only ATEC members, their instructors, and enrolled students are eligible to apply)

Apply Now!

A green advertisement for Adler Planetarium Teen Programs. The background is dark green with white stars and waffle patterns. At the top, it says 'ADLER PLANETARIUM TEEN PROGRAMS'. Below that, in large white letters, is 'WAFFLES & RESUMES'. To the right, in yellow, is '#ADLERTEENS'. In the center, there is a pink tablet with a white resume on it, labeled 'RESUME'. At the bottom right, there is a yellow Adler Planetarium logo, a QR code, and the text 'FREE with an RSVP!' and 'BIT.LY/WAFFANDRES2024'. There are also illustrations of waffles and a globe.

Waffles & Resumes is Back at the Adler Planetarium!

Teens in grades 9–12 are invited to join us for this fun and engaging professional development brunch event. Bring your curiosity about effective resume writing AND your appetite, because we're serving up waffles! Whether you are starting from scratch or need a refresher about how to level-up a resume you already have, all skill levels are welcome! * Waffles & Resumes is FREE with an RSVP!

When: Saturday, January 13, 2024
Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Where: Adler Planetarium
1300 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr.
Chicago, IL 60605

Parking voucher or CTA passes to the event are available upon requests submitted by January 3, 2024. CTA passes from the workshop will be available at the event.

After submitting RSVP stay tuned to your email for upcoming event info. For more info contact youthprograms@adlerplanetarium.org

RSVP Now!

PIONEERS OF FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

The National Air Transportation Foundation (NATF) established the Pioneers of Flight Scholarship Program in 1989 to offer financial assistance and encouragement to young people in the pursuit of academic excellence. By making scholarships available, NATF's ultimate goal is to foster and promote careers in the general aviation industry.

Applicants to the Pioneers of Flight Scholarship must be:

- College students in their sophomore or junior year who are enrolled in a full-time aviation degree program at an accredited four-year college or university
- A high academic achiever with a 3.0 GPA or better, on a 4.0 scale
- Able to demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in general aviation

Apply Now!

Happy Holidays from Aerostar to You!

Happy Holidays

As we approach the close of another remarkable year, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the unwavering support and partnership. In the spirit of the season, we extend warm wishes for a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with success and fulfillment.

As we reflect on the past and look forward to the future, we are reminded of the strength of our community and the positive impact we can create together.

May this holiday season bring you moments of joy, laughter, and connection with your loved ones. May the New Year usher in new opportunities, growth, and prosperity for each of you.

Donate Today!

YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAN CHANGE LIVES!

You can help expand our mission to train and employ youth in this exciting industry. Now 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...the future of aviation...DONATE NOW!

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