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"Everyone knows the definition of a 'good landing' is one you can walk from, but very few know the definition of a "great landing." It's one after which you can use the airplane another time." –Unknown

"There's nothing like an airport for bringing you down to earth." –Richard Gordon

LU Students and Dean Attend Virginia Aviation Business Annual Banquet

Four Liberty University School of Aeronautics students and Dean Young attended the Annual Banquet for Virginia Aviation Business last month. MiRae Lee, Aaron Alvis, Chayce Wiggins, and Nathan Edwards went to learn more about the business end of their major. The banquet provided the students with an opportunity to meet aviation business leaders from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

LUSOA Host Missionary Aviation Banquet

On February 17th, 2009, LU SOA organized and held a banquet for missionaries in aviation who were here for Mission Emphasis Week 2009. Missionaries, faculty, and students interested in entering the missions aviation field packed the new Aviation

Maintenance Technician School (opening January 2010.) After dinner was served, Mr. Ernie Rogers, chairman of the program, welcomed the missionaries and introduced each organization present. Rogers then showed a PowerPoint presentation explaining what was currently happening in the program and what is planned for the future. To end the evening, Rogers and Dean Dave Young presented an authentic aviation jacket to Mr. Sherwin Cook, a longtime friend and contributor to the University.

Students and Staff Attend Women in Aviation Conference

Laura Cox, MiRae Lee, Maureen Mutisya, Kristie Morris, and Beth Partie attended the annual Women in Aviation Conference in Atlanta, Georgia last month. The Women in Aviation program and conference provides women pilots an opportunity to network, receive scholarships, and learn about jobs in the aviation field. Traveling eight hours to Atlanta, Laura Cox stated, "The Women in Aviation Conference was an amazing place to network with executives in the industry and share the love of Christ at the same time. It was the trip of a lifetime." The students and staff safely arrived home and are planning on attending the conference next year.

"...On wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31
Written By: Alessandra Boardman

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Dynamic Aviation Visits LUSOA

Mr. Joel Shank, Dynamic Aviation Human Resource Director, visited the Liberty University School of Aeronautics on February 10, 2009. He briefed students and staff about the mission of Dynamic Aviation and discussed employment opportunities for graduates and paid summer internships for current students. Dynamic Aviation is located near Harrisonburg, VA.

Congratulations to the following students who earned certificates:

Solo:
Peter Pittman, Marcus Lau

Private:
Tamer Khoury, James Mashburn

Instrument:
Reid Montgomery, Patrick Jackson, Maureen Mutisya, Andrew Morton

Dean & Chairman visit Richmond

Dean Dave Young and Chairman Ernie Rogers visited the FAA Richmond Flight Standards District Officer on February 19, 2009 to update them on the Program. District manager Duane Hunter and staff asked numerous questions and gave advice on how to work with the FAA as Liberty's flight program expands.

Walls of the Hangar Food Court Dedicated to School of Aeronautics

The Hangar Food Court, located in the Courtyard of DeMoss Hall, was decorated and dedicated to the Liberty School of Aeronautics last month. Shirttails, pictures, and various pieces of aviation memorabilia were hung on the walls to commemorate the world of aviation and the progress the school is making.

Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr., Vice Chancellor Dr. Ron Godwin, Founder Dr. Elmer Towns, Dean Dave Young, and Chairman Ernie Rogers were all present during the ceremony. A recent photo of the helicopter flying over the LU monogram was presented to Chancellor Falwell to hang in his office. Jerry Falwell Jr. thanked Young and Rogers for their time, effort, and leadership shown in the program.

Dean's Comments

As you can see from the coverage in this month's newsletter, February has been a great month for our school. Despite some adverse weather, the students and instructors have been very flexible allowing us to maintain a respectable flying schedule. We also added another C-172 G1000 airplane to the fleet of available aircraft, thus making it possible to accommodate more students and to provide a spare aircraft when unexpected maintenance problems require an aircraft go into the hangar for repairs. Additionally, we are in the process of acquiring a replacement twin engine aircraft. It has been frustrating for some of our students who are pursuing their multi-engine certification to have not had an aircraft to fly. Thank you for your continued support and if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

-Dave Young

Liberty Hosts Missions Conference

Liberty University School of Aeronautics looks forward to hosting the International Aviation Missions Association annual conference May 20-22, 2009. This will be the first visit to Liberty for many of the missionary aviation organizations that will be sending our graduates to the mission field.

-Ernie Rogers

Students Travel During Spring Break

The flight line was slim during Spring Break as many of our students took long cross-country flights. They went to Georgia, Florida, Maine, and the Bahamas.