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He came back as the Chief Instructor of Falwell Aviation and, in the summer of last year, he was hired by Liberty as the Director of Standardization and Evaluation. Toward the end of 2003, he learned that he was going to be furloughed and decided to leave aviation altogether and learn something new. After 3 years of working in the manufacturing industry he decided to return to aviation.

Together with a glider out of the university, he flew approximately 50 trips. He stayed a total of 9 years at the Vines Center.

Jason started his training right here in Lynchburg, VA. Flying out of W24 airport, he trained until he received his Certified Flight Instructor rating in 1997. This of course was all before Liberty’s flight program existed. He shortly moved into flying charters out of the university. The following students successfully passed a checkride, or completed their first solo:

- Andrew Annable
- Richard Warner
- Elic Kirby
- Charity Holland
- Alex Helmich

2d Lt. Samual Morrissey
2011 Flight Student of the Year: Jamison Bernhart

The class was given an assignment to design a helicopter with a glider that could be used to test their designs in competition. The winner was Jeff Harrington (shown 2nd). The following design was chosen:

- Kinematic analysis
- Drag
- Lift
- Scale
- Flight
- Capability

The following students were awarded the best design:

- Melanie Evans
- Kyle Dillon
- Ryan Ball
- Aaron Alvis

The final design was a 60-gallon fuel tank, which would alert the pilot if the fuel was dropping. The glider was up to 150 hours of flight time in simulators.

Congratulations to all our graduates. The day will be memorable as you have contributed to the background effort of the flight training aspect of our flight program.

Jason Hammond is LUSOA’s Director of Standardization and Evaluation. He joined the team in the summer of 2010. About all this Jason Hammond said “looking back, I cannot say that I always understood or agreed with what God was trying to do, but I have never been able to say that I do not want to be on the front line of aviation education. Mr. Reesman is a faculty member that teaches several classes in the University of Lynchburg School of Aeronautics and is a certified flight instructor.

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Also reported by NAFI is that the FAA withdrew six questions from the question bank. This test is integral to an examiner to earn a wing certificate. Most people seeking to add the helicopter commercial and regular certificate. The importance of making a fair test is evident by the amount of representation there was for this meeting. Liberty strives to always test their students in a fair and balanced manner.

If you are interested in becoming a student in the School of Aeronautics, you can contact Jason Hammond at Jason.Hammond@Liberty.edu or call 434-515-5100 ext. 4300.