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Women In Corporate Aviation Announces Over \$60,000 In 2021 Spring Scholarship Offerings

SOUTHAVEN, Miss. – **January 28, 2021** – Women in Corporate Aviation (WCA) is pleased to announce the spring scholarship program. The future is bright despite the challenges of 2020, thanks to you, our dedicated sponsors, WCA members, and many amazing volunteers.

We are honored to start 2021 with this inspiring lineup of spring scholarship offerings, supported by such a continuously generous industry. We have made several improvements to help grow our scholarship program including investing in new scholarship software. The software is allowing us to transition from a manual to an automated process providing greater communication and an elevated experience from start to finish for each applicant and sponsor. "The impact of this program is beyond calculation," according to Laura Scanlan, President of WCA. We have seen firsthand how these scholarships propel the lives of the recipients and the success of business aviation work force.

Helen Hagg, recipient of the 2020 CAE Citation Initial Type Rating Scholarship, had this to say about the program:

"I am so grateful to WCA and CAE for awarding me the Citation Bravo Type Rating Scholarship. I encourage all members of WCA to seek out and apply for scholarships to expand their horizons. The value of a scholarship is not just monetary, it is a blessing that will last a lifetime. This experience has sharpened my skills as a professional pilot through learning CRM and teamwork with the added benefit of building lasting friendships. This opportunity has helped move my aviation career to the next flight level. Scholarships are an open door to opportunity and the ticket to your future in aviation!"

Just to give you a little history of the program- 27 years ago, a group of amazing women started on a mission to support others. They began a grassroots movement to provide scholarships, networking and mentoring to help connect women with opportunities to thrive in corporate aviation. That program took off and has since grown significantly. Over these last 15 years, WCA has awarded 219 scholarships valued at \$703,520.00. The program's expansion is the direct result of massive, selfless efforts of many volunteers, sponsors and applicants who recognize the positive impact they have on our industry, and the importance of the long hours and donated funds in our quest to support and connect each other.

From all of us on the scholarship team, we wish all of our ever-impressive applicants success as they apply for the 2021 scholarships. We remind them simultaneously that success doesn't always come from receiving an award. Being part of an inspiring network of women and men that continue to blaze a trail for others and are always willing to help is what the organization represents.

"I want to thank all the amazing sponsors and the team at WCA who are willing to give their all to help others" I am pleased to announce the 2021 WCA spring scholarships," says Jim Huntoon-Scholarship Coordinator.



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If you have questions, please email the Scholarship Coordinator, Jim Huntoon, Scholarship Coordinator, scholarships-wca@wca-intl.org or call +1 386-736-3379.

The following offerings are now available, you only need to be a WCA member to apply:

- Aircare International Aircare FACTS Training Scholarship Value: \$5,000
- DaVinci Inflight Training Institute The Culinary Experience Elite Value: \$4,200
- International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) IS-BAH Workshop Attendance Value: \$1,300
- International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) IS-BAO Workshop Attendance- Value: \$1,300
- Member Company Gulfstream G650 Maintenance Initial, FSI Value: \$35,000
- Satcom Direct (SD) Connectivity Training Scholarship For All Aviation Professionals: Maintenance, Pilots, Flight Attendants Value: \$1,800
- Viasat Technology/Maintenance Scholarship Value: \$1,000
- Wolston Sky Crew Resource Management Course (CRM), Initial (6 Offerings) Value: \$1,500

Application Window Opens: January 28, 2021

Application Window Closes: April 9, 2021 @ 11:59PM EST

Winner Announcement: May 4, 2021

To Join, Apply, Support or Donate to WCA, please see our website: www.wca-intl.org

About Women in Corporate Aviation

WCA is a premier 501(C)(3) non-profit mentoring association for professionals in corporate and business aviation. Providing networking, mentoring, scholarships and educational opportunities for current and future corporate/business aviation professionals, WCA offers individual and corporate memberships. wca-intl.org.

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