

## 6th ANNUAL AVIATION EDUCATION EXPO HIGHLIGHTS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN AVIATION

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Leesburg, Va...ProJet Aviation hosted the sixth annual Aviation Education Expo on Friday, September 30, 2011 at its corporate hangar on the Leesburg Executive Airport. The event, geared primarily toward youth aged 16-20, was attended by more than 350 students, educators and parents. Attendees had the opportunity to interact with more than 35 aviation vendors who represented diverse and exciting aviation and aerospace careers including US military and national security assignments; emergency medical airlift; law enforcement; aircraft maintenance; government; medevac; avionics repair; and more.

The event, which was free to all attendees and included lunch donated by local restaurants and sponsors, also featured speakers, videos and demonstrations to showcase the wide variety of career options in aviation. "Many students are unaware of the career opportunities available in the aviation industry," said Julie O'Brien, ProJet's Marketing Director. "We want to make this event accessible to all students, thus we rely completely on corporate funds and donations to make this day happen." In addition to ProJet Aviation, sponsors included Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, The Hoxton Agency, Inc., Flight Safety International, and the Aircraft Owners & Pilot's Association (AOPA).

Speakers and demonstrations included the following:

- Jamail Larkins, pilot and entrepreneur, who was ranked #1 in *Inc.* Magazine's "30 Under 30 – America's Coolest Young Entrepreneurs" poll. Larkins has been featured on the David Letterman Show and in Parade magazine, as well as the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum. He started flying at the age of 12 and now travels nationwide to speak to students about achieving their dreams and careers in aviation. He has shared the stage with General Chuck Yeager at fundraising events, and he was also the keynote speaker at the VIP reception at ProJet's hangar before the air show on Saturday.
- Lieutenant Meagan Flannigan, who has accumulated over 1250 hours in the F-14D, F/A-18, and training aircraft, and has more than 180 arrested landings. Her personal awards include the Strike/Flight Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, as well as various unit awards.
- United States Coast Guard helicopter hoist demonstration. The Coast Guard not only saves lives, it guards our shores, apprehends drug runners and protects the environment, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- A "detector dog" demonstration by Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection.

Two local Loudoun County students, Scott Bell and Omar Safiani were awarded aviation scholarship programs this year, donated by ProJet Aviation, The Hoxton Agency and Av-Ed Flight School. The Aviation Education Expo is an annual event and hosted every Fall at the ProJet facility.

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