

WASP

Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program
July 2020

Air Force Commissioning

Kyle Lingelbach was part of the first WASP class that trained during 2015-2016. He attended East Carolina University, joined the ROTC, and recently graduated. On May 8, Kyle was commissioned in the United States Air Force.

Because of his flying experience, he was selected for pilot training at Laughlin AFB in Texas.

Due to COVID restrictions, the ceremony was done online via Zoom. Tuck McAtee served as his commissioning officer.



What's up with WASP...



From Left: Hunter Ammons, Josiah Hughes, Joshua Cardoza, Zach Idema,
Tess Petersen, Emma DiCarlo.

Class of 2020



Zac Idema

Zac completed his flight training and passed his check ride at the end of March, right before the Flight Center closed for instruction. He can hardly wait to take his grandfather - a former Air Force and commercial pilot who inspired him to pursue a career in aviation - flying.

Next year, he will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, participating in both their Honors Program and AFROTC, with the intent of majoring in Engineering Physics or Aerospace Engineering. He looks forward to making friends at college as well as all the unique study and research opportunities available there.

He is truly appreciative to WASP for helping him kick start his aviation career this year.



Hunter Ammons

As a WASP scholarship recipient, Hunter completed his private pilot training after 91 days of entering the program. He has since been working on his instrument rating and hopes to have that finished soon. Hunter will continue with his flight training as he pursues his career as a commercial airline pilot. He also plans to earn his CFI and start teaching at KJGG.

Hunter is currently at 170 hours and was so close to completing his IFR rating before the virus. His goal is to have his IFR and Commercial done by the end of this summer.

He is hoping to complete his Bachelor's of Mechanical Engineering by Spring of 2024 at Thomas Nelson Community College. By then, he hopes to have hit 1,500 hours.

Hunter is truly grateful for the opportunity given to him by WASP.





Tess Petersen

Tess is a junior at Banner Christian School in North Chesterfield and is the youngest member of the 2020 WASP class. In fact, she is on schedule to get her private pilot's license before she gets her driver's license. She passed her FAA flight exam and was working towards her check ride when the coronavirus slowed everything down. She is looking forward to getting back in the cockpit soon and completing her flight training.

Tess is a familiar face at the Williamsburg Flight Center as she works the front desk scheduling flights and taking your calls. She will be preparing her college applications over the summer and is interested in aerospace engineering.

Tess is incredibly grateful to WASP for investing in her and helping her pursue her aviation dream. The opportunity has been life changing.



Tess Petersen, all smiles after her first solo and getting her "tail feathers" cut off by instructor Shaun Stewart, President of the Williamsburg Flight Center.



Josh Cardoza

Josh Cardoza is a Senior at Jamestown HS and lives in Williamsburg. He's also a member of the Civil Air Patrol where he has a background in aviation and has been through several leadership positions. He was close to completing his check ride when the pandemic set in and is eager to finish his flight training as soon as he can.

Josh plans to attend Liberty University next year, study aeronautics, and be part of the AFROTC.





Josiah Hughes

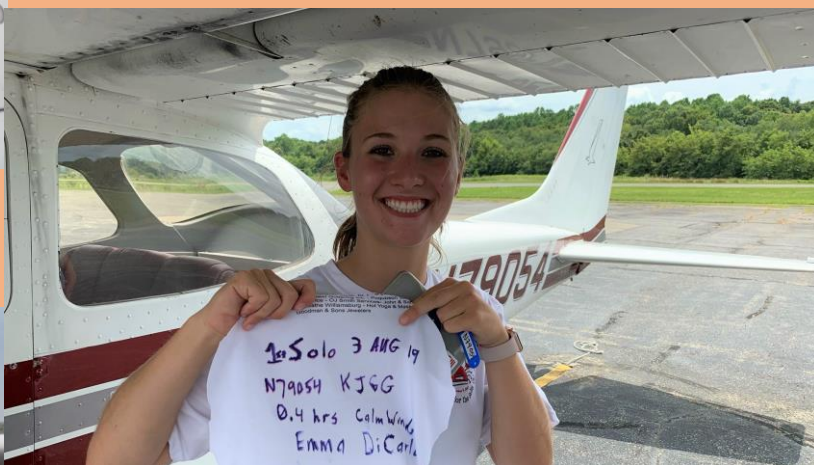
Josiah Hughes lives in Newport News and is a senior at Denbigh High School. Active in sports, he pitched for the school's baseball team and was the quarterback for the football team. He is also a part of the Denbigh Aviation Academy.

With the help of his WASP scholarship, Josiah was accepted at the United States Air Force Academy and will be attending next year.



Emmaline Dicarlo

Quarantine has been an interesting time in Emma's life. She transitioned to online school and normal senior things like prom, senior carnival, beach week, and possibly even graduation have been canceled or postponed. Although, she thinks the class of 2020 has officially won the record for their tradition of "senior skip day!" She has gotten checked out in the Tidewater Flying Club Diamond 40 and Cessna 172 and is only a couple of hours away from being able to get practice and a checkout ride in the Cessna 182 (per club rules). She completed her flight training with WASP in record time and has started instrument training. She plans to attend George Mason in the fall and is looking forward to life near D.C.





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CLIMBING ON COURSE

A Special Thanks to the Ray Foundation

The Ray foundation has given WASP another matching grant of up to \$25,000 for 2020. Last year, WASP raised enough funds to earn the entire amount. We hope to do the same this year despite the pandemic setbacks.

James C. Ray and his wife, Joan, founded the Ray Foundation in 1963. Mr. Ray was a B-17 pilot in WW II and flew 30 missions over Germany, some of the most dangerous missions recorded in aviation history. They created the foundation to “strengthen families and foster self-discipline, confidence and personal responsibility” for aspiring young aviators through flight training. James believes it is important to involve youth in all facets of aerospace and has faith in the talents and energy of the next generation of aviators.

The foundation supports programs that “develop life skills such as honesty, work ethic, self-confidence and discipline in young adults.” WASP is especially honored to have their support. Through the Ray Foundation, WASP receives not only the matching grant, but also an outside validation of their program’s effectiveness.



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Dear WASP,

Congratulations on achieving the match goal and earning the full Ray Foundation restricted matching grant. The fundraising summary you emailed yesterday will suffice as evidence of the funds raised, and therefore enclosed please find a check from Ray Foundation to Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program, (WASP) for \$25,000.

Please see to it that these funds are dedicated to the flight training expenses of the deserving kids you teach. A brief note from the students from time to time, with an update on their training and future goals within aviation would be appreciated. We read and keep every note we get! It is a privilege to provide some financial support and inspiration for these youngsters.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Ahearn, CFA
Director, President
Ray Foundation, Inc.

"Being part of the 2020 WASP team is a dream come true, and I am so very grateful for the opportunity. Thank you for donating to WASP. Your generous contribution has opened the door for me to a better life and incredible opportunities. Thank you for investing in students like me. I will do my best to make you proud."

***Sincerely,
Tess Petersen***

"Thank you again for your support of WASP. It is not often that groups or people have the opportunity of knowing their work is life changing, but I can assure you that the support I have received from the entire board at WASP has positively impacted my life and will continue to do so."

***Sincerely,
Zac Idema***

"I am truly grateful for the opportunity given to me as it jump started my career and put me on a successful path."

***Sincerely,
Hunter***

Ammons

Holstein \$10,000 Matching Grant

Kurt Holstein is a true friend of aviation, and he understands the depth of the pilot shortage in America.



He also understands that a unique program like WASP is a valuable tool to aid in alleviating the discrepancy in pilot supply and demand. WASP helps young people who have expressed a desire to pursue a career in aviation to earn their private pilot's license with financial assistance and mentorship. To join in the effort and honor his father, William Holstein, Kurt is offering a matching grant of up to \$10,000 to fund instruction. For every dollar you donate, he will donate a dollar, one for one

This donation is in loving memory of his Dad, Bill Holstein, who passed away last October after a year-long battle with cancer. He was a loving husband and father as well as a teacher and mentor to many students over a career that spanned 60 years until he retired from the William and Mary Business School in 2011. While he was not a pilot himself, he encouraged both Kurt and his brother in their aviation pursuits. Bill Jr., Kurt's brother, is now a pilot with Spirit Airlines flying the A320 and Kurt flies the T-6 Texan and the Phenom 300. Bill Holstein became a regular at the airport and was often seen at the weekly "Old Guys Lunch" with Bill Schultz, Wayne Dickerson and Larry Waltrip. He counted them as some of his closest friends, and the time he spent at the airport brought great joy, new friendships and a few really bad jokes into his life. He is truly missed.

Please help support WASP so that other students can experience the challenges, friendships and satisfaction that comes with an involvement in aviation. Make your gift count double by donating now knowing that your gift will allow WASP to train even more students in the future.

** To date, WASP has granted 23 scholarships to high school students. Successes thus far include 15 Private Pilots, 2 acceptances to USAF Academy and AFROTC/NROTC programs and further instruction in preparation for civilian training. The program is working!

To meet the \$10,000 goal please send your check to:
WASP at 102 Marclay Rd. Williamsburg, VA 23185

You can also visit our website www.waspscholarship.org and hit the donate button at the top right corner of the page.



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