

What's up with WASP?

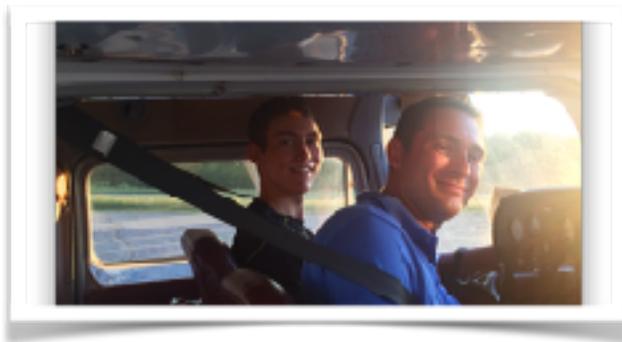
Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program



This is our plea for holiday donations to keep this program alive! Please see page 4 for further information.

WASP & WFC Open House and Hangar Party

On October 6th, the Williamsburg Flight Center hosted a hangar party for their clients and friends of WASP, with all the proceeds going to WASP to support our mission of student flight. There was a good turnout on a beautiful fall day. The food was exceptional...Tuck McAtee had brisket flown up from Fort Worth - unbelievably tender and tasty. This is the same barbecue that



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Congress has when they have their annual BBQ! Many thanks to Tuck.

Several of our graduated students attended along with some of this year's student class. They participated in flying exhibitions - a spot landing competition and a flour drop contest. It added a great deal of interest to see the students & instructors flying in the pattern and executing these maneuvers. Isaac Rutan was declared the winner of the contest - congrats to our class of 2018 winner!

Thank you to all of those who made this event possible, and especially everyone who attended and participated!



CONDOLENCES

With much sadness, WASP recognizes the untimely passing of Janice Martinez-Montes, 49, from cancer. Janice was the mother of WASP class of 2019 student Julian Martinez-Montes, and she will be sincerely missed by the entire WASP family. Our condolences and prayers are offered to Julian in this difficult, transitional time. Julian...call on us to help however we can.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

CHARLIE IPPOLITO

I am a senior at Menchville High School and I live near Hilton Village in Newport News. I enjoy playing varsity golf and club ice hockey, and I also hold the position of Deputy Group Commander for my school's AFJROTC program. Since my parents are both retired Army aviators, I have grown up around military aviation communities and always wanted to fly. I never dreamed that I would get the opportunity while still in high school, but here's an interesting story: Last Thanksgiving, my family visited the Wright Brothers National Memorial at Kitty Hawk, NC. It was such an inspirational trip. During his awesome presentation, the Park Ranger described the folklore surrounding the First Flight Boulder (a granite marker commemorating the spot where Orville Wright first left the ground 1903). He told us that kissing the boulder was known to bring good luck to current and future aviators, so I kissed it. A couple months later, I found out I was selected for WASP! My main desire is to become a military aviator—specifically a fighter pilot. To achieve this goal, I have applied to the Naval and Air Force Academies and for a Navy ROTC scholarship. I plan to pursue a degree in Aerospace or Mechanical Engineering. I really enjoy flying with my instructor Tim McSwain and I just completed my first solo flight with about 17 hours.

“I am so grateful for the opportunities that WASP has provided me to pursue my passion and get a head start on a great career in aviation.”

-Charlie

BRIAN BUCK

My name is Brian Buck. I am 16 years old and in my junior year at Warhill High School. My love for aviation started in middle school when I purchased my first flight simulator. I spent countless hours virtually flying everything from 737's to 172's. My parents encouraged me to take my passion for aviation from the computer to the skies and in July of 2017, I took my discovery flight at the Williamsburg Flight Center. As soon as the wheels left the ground, I knew aviation was in my future. I

began training with David Otey III. His extensive knowledge and passion for aviation only furthered my desire to fly. On February 20, 2018, I became one of the fortunate few to solo on their 16th Birthday. The surreal experience of soloing encapsulated everything I loved about aviation: freedom, the euphoria of flying, and the friendly people waiting on the ground. As of October 2018, I have 31.4 hours, 136 landings, and completed my cross country solo. I look forward to becoming a new pilot in February 2019.

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-Brian

GARRISON GREENWALD

I am a senior at Tabb High School in York County and the son of an Air Force pilot, so my interest in aviation started at an early age. For practically my entire life I have been surrounded by F-16s, F-22s, F-35s and the men & women who fly and maintain them.

Besides flying I am an avid backcountry skier, climber, backpacker, and all around lover of the outdoors. In high school I played four years of varsity golf where I was the team captain and qualified for the Virginia State Tournament. I also run middle distance events for the Tabb track & field team. I am an Eagle Scout, president of my church youth group, and I participate in many community service programs.

In the aviation field I am enrolled in a Flight Dynamics internship at NASA Langley. My principal life goal is to become a pilot, and serve as an Air Force Officer.

“I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to earn my PPL through the WASP scholarship program and I am enjoying every minute of my instruction through WASP. Thank you for this great opportunity.”

-Garrison

A Plea for Donations

Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program

Like all good pilot debriefs, we'll cut right to the chase and tell it like it is: WASP is running out of money. This year we selected five deserving, motivated and talented youth for our 2018 class under the assumption that we would raise the needed money faster than their training would use it. As of today, though, their training is burning through the funds faster than we are raising it. If we don't reverse this trend, we won't have enough money to finish this class. As you may know, WASP operates primarily from the donations of generous individuals like yourself. While we continually seek corporate sponsorships and grants, we count on you to keep us afloat. We really hope you are in the giving spirit this season, because we need your gifts now more than ever.

In an effort to spread awareness and expand our model throughout Virginia, WASP board members have been busy meeting with aviation and STEM advocates such as State Delegates & Senators, the Governor's Aerospace Advisory Council. All are impressed with our unique and innovative model and plans are beginning to replicate this in other communities. It's an exciting first step toward our long-term goal of expansion. We're really proud of how far we've come in the last 4 years and excited to be sharing it with others. If you are someone who has helped us get here, either by giving your time or financial support, we are sincerely grateful. We are excited about our long term future and hope you can help us in the short term. WASP is a registered 501c3 charity, so your donations are tax deductible. Also, 100% of your donations go directly toward funding our students. We hope that you and yours have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

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2nd Annual WASP Golf Tournament - 6/30/18

As anticipated, the second annual WASP Golf Tournament was bigger and better than last year. We had more teams (19 total) thanks to increased word-of-mouth participation, as well as sponsor involvement. While we raised nearly \$6,000, we are hoping next year's tournament will double or triple that amount! Remember, the cost of sending one student through WASP is \$11,000.

Larry Waltrip's team won the over all prize. Congratulations to Larry, John Russell, Tyler Hagen, and Scott Holmes!

A new addition was the hole-in-one contest sponsored by POMOCO Chrysler Jeep of Newport News. Everyone enjoyed the chance to compete for the 2018 Jeep Compass on the River Course signature hole # 17. Alas no winners, but we hope POMOCO will sponsor the contest again next year! Mark your calendars for June 15th, 2019.



Another happy WASP supporter on the clubs of participant Karen Rollins Jackson!



The Jeep Compass prize with "Cool Man Isaac Rutan," a 2018 WASP alumnus.