

# Plane Talk

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#### **AIM Chesapeake Fall Career Fair a Success**

On Friday, November 8, 2019, AIM Chesapeake hosted its Fall Career Fair. Fourteen employers consisting of local and non-local employers were set up across the AIM Chesapeake campus. Recruiters and aviation practitioners met with nearly 60 students and alumni. Employers were given the time to share aviation employment opportunities within their organization which included: HAECO Americas, GE Aviation, Piedmont Airlines, Trans State Airlines, Air Wisconsin, Workforce Resources, and Aerotek. AIM Chesapeake also has other local organizations such as: Army National Guard, Chesapeake Public Schools, World Financial Group, and Auxiliary Systems for those students interested in gaining short term employment while currently enrolled in school.

Five graduates will potentially get hired as a result of their attendance at the Career Fair which added



to the excitement of the day. All participating employers felt the Career Fair was a success and they look forward to attending our next one in June 2020 at our new campus at 2329 E. Little Creek Road, Norfolk, VA 23518.



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#### **Certified Repair Station Provides Real-World Lessons to AIM Houston** Students







Students visiting Texas Aircraft Propellers and Accessories facility.

On October 10, 2019, Aviation Institute of Maintenance Houston's Aircraft Propellers and Inspections day class visited Texas Aircraft Propellers and Accessories. Known as a Certified Repair Station for repairs and sales of Students were able to witness several top-notch nonprofessional support AIM Houston strives to provide

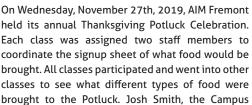




#### **AIM Fremont Holds Annual Thanksgiving Potluck**









Executive Director, cooked ham and the school provided potato salad and dinner rolls. This is an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to come together and think about all the things that we are thankful for and share a meal together.

#### Avocet Joins AIM Orlando's Mock Interview Process



Capstone at AIM Orlando is the time for students to work with Career Services to learn important career development skills to be able to transition into their chosen career path. One of the most important pieces of Capstone is the mock interview process where students wear their interview attire and answer a series of interview questions to prepare them for real-life interviewing. This year, Career Services has transitioned to inviting industry members to participate in mock interviews.

Avocet is one of AIM Orlando's local MRO leads. The employer is located in Sanford, FL, about 30 minutes away from the campus. Avocet has been in business for over 25 years. To date, Avocet has hired 17 of our graduates.

For mock interviews, students dressed up in interview attire. AIM Orlando was pleased to have Luis Velazquez, a Human Resource Generalist for Avocet, join in the mock interview process and to help give students feedback on their interviewing along with his insight on the aviation maintenance industry.

This is the second Mock Interview that our guest has participated in and AIM Orlando was grateful to have him return to the campus.

Career services provided the employer with a list of general and technical questions to ask students. Velazquez was overall pleased with the number of students who participated and responded.

After the mock interviews, our guest was able to provide Career Services with his feedback and provided additional questions that can be used for the next mock interview.

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#### AIM Fremont Appreciates Our Veterans

On Tuesday, November 11th, AIM Fremont celebrated Veterans Day with pizza and soda. Students, faculty, and staff who have served in the military came out to enjoy the meal during lunchtime. Student Services also provided Veterans Day information about free food and other offers to veterans around the local community. Our instructors that came out were Thomas Wheeler, Moe Z, and Troy Holman. Mr. Wheeler served for 20 years in the Army and his job was supervising E-7's and was in charge of supervising Blackhawks and other helicopters. Moe Z served for 6 years in the Air Force reserves and flew C5 Galaxies. Troy Holman served in the Navy for 6 years and was an Aircraft Electrician. He flew ET Hawkeye radar planes. We want to thank all of our veterans for their service to our country. We appreciate you!















#### **AIM Orlando Hosts Thanksgiving Food Drive**

By Gail Strickland







On Monday, November 4, 2019, Aviation Institute of Maintenance Orlando began its food drive to benefit Milwee Middle Schools' Food Pantry. Milwee is a Title 1 school, meaning that a large percentage of their students are low income. Approximately 25 students go home each Friday during the school year with backpacks filled with food to sustain them through the weekend. The "Thankful Hearts" food drive was held Monday, November 4, 2019 through Friday, November 15, 2019. Our goal was to collect at least 25 complete meals to provide a wonderful Thanksgiving meal for their needy families. The items included canned ham, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, yams, marshmallows, brown sugar, mashed potatoes, corn bread mix, macaroni and cheese, cake mix, pumpkin pie filling, holiday plates, napkins and cloth grocery bags. We were able to collect

approximately 885 non-perishable items. At last update, Milwee provided 26 families a hearty Thanksgiving feast and some extra food for the week!

This event was open not only to our faculty, staff and students, but also to our Central Florida community. Everyone was tremendously giving and brought this food drive to an awesome end. Our students and instructors competed by class and the 2 winning classes (Day and Evening) each were awarded lunch provided by AIM Orlando. Ms. Shannon LaFoy, Certified School Counselor and her team were excited at the sight of a truckload of food items. Although they had collected items this was a huge help and a boost to their food pantry. It has enabled them to continue to provide for Milwee's students and their families beyond the Thanksgiving holiday.

#### **Prince William Fire Staff Spends the Day at AIM Manassas**



Prince William County Fire Department spent a day at the Manassas Campus in learning some ins and outs of aircraft and how to respond to aviation-related accidents. The fire personnel sought to understand ways to help victims of aviation crashes by grasping a better comprehension of the mechanical aspects of a plane. Scott Kenney, our Aviation Coordinator, was the facilitator for the training. Scott taught such areas as: where are places on the skin of the plane the thinnest for the best application of the Jaws of Life; how to carefully walk on the wings; the front windscreen is shatterproof, so good luck in trying to break through for an exit route. Different types of fuel spills, such as Jet-Fuel and AV-gas, were discussed along with, aircraft brakes made of magnesium, a class D-metal that can burn and must use special dry powder fire extinguishing agents. He provided hands-on equipment and various other components that would help the Fire Fighters assist those in need. The training was enlightening for the fire personnel and will be incorporated into their annual training.



#### AIM Orlando Attends Banyan Air Career Fair



AIM Orlando's students and alumni attended Banyan Air's Career Fair in Fort Lauderdale, FL on September 21, 2019. The invitation was also extended to the Master of Achievement, Leadership & Excellence (M.A.L.E) group of Tampa Bay, who previously attended AIM Orlando's Summer Jet Camp.

Banyan Air is an FBO that was started in 1979 by President, Don Campion when he was only 25 years old. Don and Co-Founder, John Price, decided to name the company after the trees Don grew up around. Since that time, they both purchased four competing FBOs and expanded in 2006 to the location they are currently in today. There is a total of three hangars on-site and five maintenance crews. While an aircraft is in the shop for maintenance, their client has the option to schedule avionics upgrades or modifications.

Banyan Air's mission is to provide exceptional aviation services through dedication to quality, safety, and efficiency while maintaining a commitment to growth and the development of their team.

Leaving campus around 6 am, the entire group arrived at Banyan Air's facility at approximately 10 am. AIM Orlando's Campus Executive Director, Jerry Moore, scheduled the group to tour the facility with the Director of MRO Services, Charlie Amento. The tour began at their Pilot Shop, continued through general maintenance and ended at the avionics hangar. The trip concluded with meeting the different vendors at the Career Fair. The purpose of this trip was to inform prospective students about the opportunities available in the aviation industry and allow our alumni and pending graduates to take advantage of this networking event. Travel for the trip was provided by Road Ready Tours, LLC.

During the tour, Career Services had an opportunity to meet with Banyan's Director of People Relations, Arlisa Jernigan. She explained to the group their culture, standards, and open opportunities. Charlie Amento has been a part of the Banyan team for 15 years, where he started as a Mechanic Apprentice and worked his way

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up to the Director of MRO Services role. He expressed his love for the culture, as did, Arlisa Jernigan who has dedicated 10 years at Banyan Air.

They are currently hiring and Arlisa was pleased to take the resumes of AIM Orlando's graduates who attended, stating that culture is important to the company. She added that she prefers applicants that take the time to visit the facility and by doing so, they get to see and understand the culture there.

AIM Orlando is grateful for the opportunity to visit Banyan Air and we look forward to working with them again in the future.

#### AIM Manassas Airtoberfest: Not Just Your Average Car/ Motorcycle Show

The Airtoberfest Car and Motorcycle show brought out the best of the best. As an annual Fall event at the Manassas campus, the community and car/motorcycle enthusiasts gather to display their wares and participated in a family, fun-filled day. A BBQ truck was on site, a moon bounce, music, and of course, tours of our campus were offered. The Boy Scouts sold popcorn, and other vendors took part in this community event. The Best in Show Trophy was awarded to a 1966 original Shelby Mustang. With its original paint and interior, AND the original owner

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was on-site to show it off. The Campus Director's choice was awarded to a student of the school, with an original 1950's Ford pick-up truck. It was a historic day with historic vehicles and motorcycles; and historic numbers of family, friends, students, alumni and community visiting.



### **Placements**

ADAMS, Samuel	AMT	BARAYAN, Khalid	AMT				
AGUIRRE, Brian	AMT	BARRERA PEREZ, Julian	AMT*	COLON RAMIREZ, Luis E	AMT	GRAY, Richard P	AMT**
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ALAEI, Vahid	AMT	BELL, Zeth	AMT	CRAIN, Chance C	AMT	GUILFORD, Kyle P	AMT*
AL-AMMAR, Mohammed A	AMT	BELLO, Olaide	AMT	CULMER, Marie	AMT	HACKETT, Curtisha	AMT
ALAMOUDI, Mohammed	AMT	BENTON, Jessica L	AMT	CUMMINS, James T	AMT***	HANS, David	AMT
ALBARAKATI, Yazeed S	AMT	BERGLUND, George	AMT	CUNNINGHAM, Marcus	AMT	HARMON, Christopher	AMT**
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ALHARBI, Thamer	AMTE	BLENMAN, Brianna	AMT	DISLA LOPEZ, Jesus G	AMT	HENTHORNE, Tyler	AMT
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ALHUDAIFI, Mohammed M	AMT	BOLDEN, Leonardo	AMT***	DOUCETTE, Charlton	AMT***	HOCK, Cory A	AMT***
ALI, Khalid A	AMT	BREFO, Clement	AMT*	DUPLESSIS, Darrell	AMT*	HOLLAND, Jeremy	AMT
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## AIM Orlando Socktoberfest Benefits the Salvation Army of Central Florida





On Friday, November 1, 2019, Aviation Institute of Maintenance Orlando concluded Socktoberfest with the delivery of new socks and used towels to The Salvation Army of Central Florida. The Salvation Army provides social services to the Central Florida Community and internationally. Their services range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless to opportunities for underprivileged children. Collection boxes were located in AIM Orlando's Main Lobby, Learning Resource Center and Student Services Dept. The drive was open to the community surrounding AIM Orlando to allow them to give as well. AIM Orlando's faculty, staff, students and the community donated approximately 181 men's, women's and children's socks and 33 used towels, hand towels and washcloths. Student Services Coordinator Gail Strickland and Career Services Coordinators Katherine Rolon and Nicole Hammer made the donation to the office on Colonial Drive. Mr. Octavio Serrano, Director of Volunteer Services states that the socks would be a huge help to

those individuals who are in need. He was extremely excited to know that the socks were new and not used. How are used towels utilized? People that are homeless are issued a towel when they come in to take a shower at the shelters. Once they are done with it, they turn it

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in, and it is sanitized to be used by another person. Mr. Serrano offered additional volunteer opportunities to help those less fortunate, including assisting with the Soup Kitchen, Food Drive, Care Packages, Toiletry Drives, etc. We look forward to the next opportunity to assist and help those in need.

#### **AIM Chesapeake Teams up with CHKD**





Seeing kids smile is the best feeling in the world! Aviation Institute of Maintenance teamed up with Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters (CHKD) – Child Life for a community event for the month of October 2019. We did two great deeds this month! Did you know that CHKD has an "Adopt-A-Buddy" program that offers sponsorships of one or more of the 60 certified pet therapy dogs of the CHKD Buddy Brigade?!! We didn't before – but we do now! The owners of these awesome pet therapy dogs get to visit the patients to bring them smiles and help comfort families. We sponsored "Amelia Grace", who is an English Mastiff whose name reminded us of Amelia Earhart!

We also created toy bags for the kids to keep them busy while they are at CHKD. Each bag was full of a variety of toys for anyone to play with.

There were coloring books, crayons, kid's activity dough, building blocks, mini basketball with hoop, plush teddy bears and fun crafts. We had enough toys to fill up 50 bags! We look forward to teaming up with CHKD again, hopefully soon!





