



WAI2026

37th Annual Conference

Dallas, Texas | March 19-21, 2026

SPONSOR IMPACT REPORT



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

WAI is proud to stand as a strong, global community of 20,000 members across 112 countries, supported by financial health and a growing impact. From awarding more than half a million dollars in scholarships at WAI2026 to expanding access through new programs like the Global Access Program, we are breaking down barriers and creating meaningful pathways for the next generation of women in aviation worldwide.

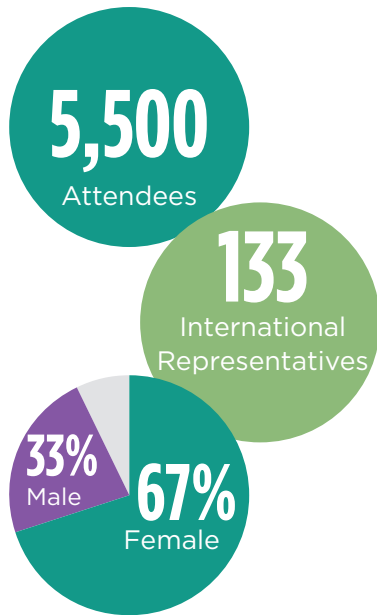
— Lynda Coffman, WAI CEO



We envision a world where the sky is open to all,
where aviation and aerospace dreams
are possible without barriers.



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



WAI2026 Attendance & Global Reach

- **5,500 total attendees**
- **133 international representatives from 28 countries** including Canada, Ghana, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Brazil, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Ireland, Luxembourg, Kenya, Korea, St. Maarten, the Netherlands, India, Australia, Colombia, Czechia, Denmark, and more.
- **67% female and 33% male** attendance, representing broad perspectives in aviation
- **Majority of attendees between the ages of 19-49**, with 19-25 year olds and 30-39 year olds being the most strongly represented
- **63% first-time attendees**, generating new leads every year



STATS from WAI2026 Sponsor and Exhibitor Surveys

Attendees from all stages of careers including college students, young professionals, emerging leaders, and seasoned executives



“Engaging, awesome to meet so many women in the field and meet mentors.”

94%

ranked **exhibit hall traffic** to be good or excellent

53%

rated traffic as excellent

9

average rating of conference experience

from sponsors and exhibitors on a scale of 0 to 10 (10 being extremely satisfied)

82%

found the **investment made to participate in WAI2026** was either

very or extremely valuable



“There are not enough words to express the overall professional and personal benefits gained from annual attendance. I depart each year with a renewed sense of personal worth and confidence gained from all the inspiration that permeates this conference. Nothing will ever over-ride my scheduled time at conference.”

POWERFUL INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

- **Aviation Networking Night**—a variety of events hosted by WAI’s sponsors, exhibitors, chapters, universities, and other aviation communities—16 simultaneous events held at WAI2026
- **Industry Briefings** allow companies to showcase opportunities within their organizations
- **Nearly 160 companies and organizations** showcased in our bustling exhibit hall
- **Strong representation across all aviation sectors** including engineers, air traffic controllers, executives, pilots, educators, and military personnel



“The WAI Conference was absolutely amazing! I had so many wonderful interactions and met some really great people. It felt so good to feel seen and heard as a female in this industry.”

NEW & EXPANDED PROGRAMS

- **Aviation Networking Night**—a variety of events hosted by WAI’s sponsors, exhibitors, chapters, universities, and other aviation communities
- **Braindate**—A powerful structured networking program which facilitates one-on-one or small group conversations at conference
- **Global Access Program (GAP)**—an initiative designed to expand access to WAI membership across developing economic environments worldwide
- **New Members and First-Timers events** to encourage networking with the WAI community
- **Speed Mentoring**—a fast-paced session for mentors and mentees at conference
- **WAI On Air Podcast**—video interviews of inspiring WAI members from around the world pursuing their personal aviation dreams and interests
- **WAI Together**—a new member discussion platform designed to enable members to connect, share insights, and discuss key topics



“This is my 7th conference in the past year with the first being WAI2025. Both WAI 2025 and 2026 were hands down the most well organized of all conferences I have attended. Additionally, the content is next level compared to the other conferences. Thank you for a wonderful experience!”

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION AT GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY DALLAS

- **200+ girls (ages 8-18)** participated in Girls in Aviation Day Dallas
- **30+ interactive activity stations** providing hands-on aviation experiences
- Nearly **15 educational institutions** presenting career pathway opportunities
- **“The Sky is Unlimited” Career Panel** highlighting 4 different aviation careers
- Emcee **Adva Amir**, a commercial airline pilot, and special appearance by **Shaesta Waiz**, the eighth woman to fly solo around the world

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Investing in the Future

- **87 scholarships awarded** totaling over \$610,000 to deserving WAI members at all career stages
- An additional **90 WAI members** received scholarships to attend Harvard’s Women in Leadership courses
- **Contributions to the \$17+ million** in total scholarships awarded since 1995



“Thank you, the WAI2026 conference was absolutely amazing! I didn’t expect I would love it as much. It was empowering and moving to see all the people lifting each other up, and to be part of it.”

YOUR SPONSORSHIP IMPACT

By sponsoring the WAI Conference, you have:

- 1. Connected with Industry Future Leaders**
Engaged with a highly educated audience where the majority hold bachelor's degrees or higher
- 2. Enhanced Your Brand Visibility**
Positioned your organization among leaders committed to fostering the current and future aviation workforce
- 3. Demonstrated Corporate Leadership**
Shown your commitment to advancing women in all aviation careers
- 4. Invested in Future Talent**
Supported critical programs that inspire the next generation of aviation professionals



"I really enjoyed the WAI2026 conference! It is a great opportunity for a student like me, and I am very grateful!"

MULTIMEDIA RESOURCES



Watch CEO Lynda Coffman's Inspiring Keynote Address



View the WAI2026 Conference Highlights Video



Explore More Content on the WAI On Air YouTube Channel



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X: @WomeninAviation

Instagram: @WomeninAviation

LinkedIn: Women in Aviation International (group)

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"I really enjoyed the conference. I am a student and like most, had been having a moment of self doubt. I had such a great time at the conference and felt like I learned so much. I left feeling renewed and not so alone in my journey, after hearing so many stories similar to mine. I am so incredibly grateful that WAI and this conference exists. I think it is such an important resource for women in aviation. I was blown away by the overwhelming amount of support from everyone I met. Also, the willingness of everyone to want to help and guide those around them. It was really beautiful to experience such an incredibly supportive environment from the women and men who attended."

LOOKING AHEAD: WAI2027

We invite you to continue your valuable partnership with Women in Aviation International at our 38th Annual Conference:

February 25-27, 2027

**Savannah Conference Center
Savannah, Georgia**

Early commitment ensures premium placement and maximum visibility for your organization. Sponsorship opportunities for WAI2027 are now available.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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