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Message from WAI

WAI2023 Conference Hosts Record Number of Attendees & Exhibitors

Women in Aviation International held one of its largest and most successful annual gatherings during the 34th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference at Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California, February 23-25. With its unique blend of world-class speakers, busy exhibit hall, an array of education sessions, and more than 120 scholarship awards, the WAI2023 conference delivered numerous opportunities to connect and network with female peers in the aviation and aerospace industry. [Read more details of #WAI2023 in our press release.](#)

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Applications for the WAI/Harvard Emerging Leaders Program Due March 15!

Rising women leaders in the aviation and aerospace industry are encouraged to apply to attend Women in Leadership: A Program for Emerging Leaders, a two-day, on-campus/one-day virtual learning professional development program hosted by Women in Aviation International, conducted by Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education, with generous funding provided by Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

The program is ideal for high-performing women who are WAI members currently working in middle-management who have an interest in advancing their careers into leadership roles in the aviation and aerospace industry. (Please note: the program is not open to WAI Junior members.) Up to 30 women will be chosen to receive funding support that will include program fees, hotel, meals, and a stipend for airfare. The program takes place on Harvard's campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on May 3-4, 2023, with the virtual learning day on May 16, 2023.



To apply and for more information, [click here](#).

For more information email Stephanie Kenyon, WAI chief growth officer, at skenyon@wai.org.



Have Lunch with WAI at SUN 'n FUN on March 31!

Make your plans for the annual SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo in Lakeland, Florida, March 28-April 2, 2023, and visit WAI in Hangar A,

WAI members receive a discounted rate on SUN 'n FUN admission online using the code WAI381. You will be asked to show proof of membership at the entrance gate.

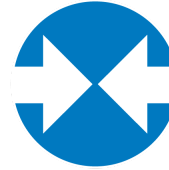
Don't miss the annual [WAI Connect Lunch](#), sponsored by Piedmont Airlines, at noon on Friday, March 31, at Prop 75 on the show grounds. Meet **Lystra Julien**, maintenance quality control inspector for Piedmont Airlines, and hear her inspiring story of entering the field of aircraft maintenance.

This lunchtime gathering is also a fantastic opportunity to meet and network with WAI staff and other members and friends.

[Purchase advance \\$20 lunch ticket online.](#)
Or purchase onsite for \$25 at the WAI booth.



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Chapter News

Officers and leaders from all WAI chapters are welcome to participate in our monthly webinar to give you the best resources to help Women in Aviation International chapters grow and succeed. Watch the Chapter Leader Facebook page, the WAI Connect newsletter, and the [WAI Chapter Resources page](#) for registration links monthly.

Leadership Connect!

March 17, 2023 - (1 p.m. EST)

Topic: Aww, do I HAFTA? (Yes, you do!):

Reviewing Annual Chapter Reports

[Register here.](#)

Thinking about starting a WAI Chapter? Have questions about WAI Chapters? [Email Jessi Rowden](#), WAI chapter relations manager!



Understand all the details of how to file an Annual Chapter Report for WAI by attending the March 17, 2023, Chapter Leadership Connect. Register to attend [here.](#)



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- Do you love aviation and STEM?
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- Are you interested in finding out more about scholarships in aviation?

We have a free WAI membership for you!

Join for free here and learn about all the resources and benefits at WAI.org/membership-information



Upcoming Events

*The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events. Events marked with * are WAI events that we sponsor, exhibit, or partner.*

Interested in volunteering to help at events where WAI is participating? [Email Rorie Ainbinder, Chapter Relations Specialist](mailto:Rorie.Ainbinder@wai.org), to sign up.

2023

March 6-9 - HAI HELI-EXPO, Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia, www.HELIXPO.com

March 31 - WAI Connect Lunch in Lakeland, Florida, during SUN 'n FUN, March 28-April 2. Purchase your ticket online here. www.FlySNF.org

April 25-28 - Professional Women Controllers (PWC) National Training Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, www.PWCinc.org

Member Benefits

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- Sarah Kay*

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