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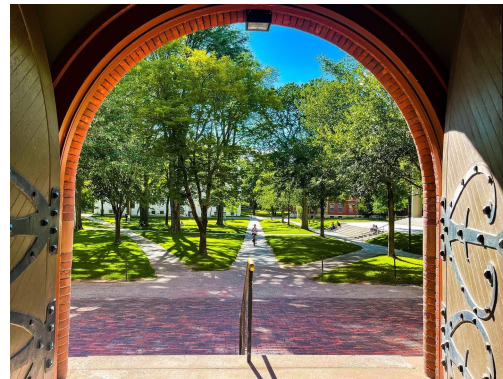
## November 2023

### New WAI/Harvard Emerging Leaders 2024 Course Applications Open Soon!

Applications for the *Women in Leadership: A Program for Emerging Leaders* course, a three-day, on-campus professional development program hosted by WAI at Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts will be offered for the second year! The intensive, three-day program will be held May 7-9, 2024, with a follow-up virtual leadership coaching session to be scheduled in June 2024.

The application portal is scheduled to open mid-November, and the deadline is **December 15, 2023, by 11:59 p.m. EST**. Rising women leaders in the aviation and aerospace industry are encouraged to apply to this course to further their career goals and leadership skills.

Questions? Need more information? Email [scholarships@wai.org](mailto:scholarships@wai.org).



*Harvard University's campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts*

Note, that this program is not designed for entry-level nor executive-level women. This course is designed to give mid-career WAI members the skills needed to rise to the C-Suite. No more than 30 WAI members will be chosen to participate and receive funding support that will include program fees, hotel, meals, and a stipend for airfare.

***Those selected to attend will be notified by December 31, 2023.***

WAI Scholarship Spotlights Videos



## Congrats to WAI Founder Dr. Peggy Chabrian!

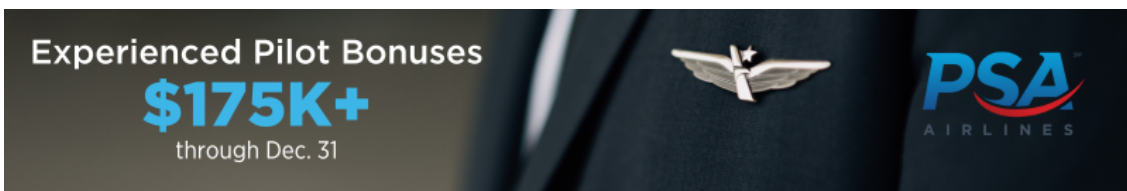
The National Aviation Hall of Fame Class of 2024 includes Women in Aviation International founder Dr. Peggy Chabrian.

Peggy's longtime leadership of WAI grew our organization from its first conference attended by 150 people in 1990 to an organization that today is the largest in the world dedicated to increasing the number of women involved in all aspects of aviation and aerospace.

A special shout-out to all the National Aviation Hall of Fame Class of 2024 inductees who will be recognized during the Annual Enshrinement event during the fall of 2024.



Dr. Peggy Chabrian, WAI founder



## Register Your WAI2024 Exhibit

Exhibitors can now [book booth space online](#) for next year's 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida.

You can also book your hotel rooms at the Orlando World Center Marriott. Group rates start at \$242 and are available through January 26, 2024, or until sold out. On-site parking is available for \$22 per day/entry.



[Book your room](#)

A limited number of government rate rooms are available at the prevailing federal rate.

[Book your government rate room](#)



Join thousands of WAI members and friends at the 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, March 21-23, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

**It's time to own your money.**

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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.

Please register for this month's Chapter Leadership Connect webinar!  
November 17, 2023 - (1 p.m. - 2 p.m. EST)

The graphic features a blue background with the text 'WAI CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONNECT' at the top. Below it, the title 'FINDING SPONSORS FOR YOUR WAI CHAPTER' is displayed. The central image shows a woman presenting a check to a man in front of a 'Rotary Club of TUMON BAY' banner. To the left is a smartphone icon showing a group photo, and to the right is a smartphone icon showing the WAI logo. At the bottom, the date and time 'NOVEMBER 17, 2023 1PM EST' are listed.

You'll learn about the importance of talking to sponsors about WAI and some of the best ways to raise money for your local chapter, in this

**Topic: Finding Sponsors For Your WAI Chapter**

month's Chapter Leadership Connect on November 17, 2023, at 1 p.m. EST. Register to attend [here](#).

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Note: You must be a current WAI member to attend.

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



**WAI Wins P&W E-STEM Award!**

WAI was selected as the recipient of the Sustainable Aviation Award through the Pratt & Whitney E-STEM award program. With the \$10,000 award, WAI will develop additional sustainability content for more than 4,000 Junior members through the Aviation for Girls app.

The awards program is also supported by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). A public recognition to WAI was made during NAAEE's virtual conference in October 2023.



**The All-New WAI Mentor Connect is Ready for You**

The new [WAI Mentor Connect](#) launched in June is allowing hundreds of members at every level of their aviation journey to

More than 400 members have formed over 225 partnerships where WAI mentors and mentees work together to set goals, establish milestones, set up meetings, and keep track of their progress. A full library of materials to help the team be effective and to keep track of progress is available throughout the mentor/mentee partnerships.



The [WAI Mentor Connect platform](#) has new capabilities, functions, and tools and is exclusively for WAI Members.

[Sign up today](#) to Be a Mentor, Get a Mentor, or both!

## Take Me To Mentor Connect



## Upcoming Events

The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events.

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

**2024**

**February 15-18** - NGPA Winter Warm-Up, Palm Springs, California, [www.NGPA.org](http://www.NGPA.org)

**February 26-29** - HAI HELI-EXPO, Anaheim, California, [www.HELIXPO.com](http://www.HELIXPO.com)

**March 12-14** - NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers, Ft. Worth, Texas, [www.NBAA.org](http://www.NBAA.org)

**March 21-23** - 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, Orlando, Florida, [www.WAI.org/2024-conference](http://www.WAI.org/2024-conference)

## Member Benefits

[WAI members](#) seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! We invite you to take advantage of exclusive discount programs, including many diverse benefits, available to our valued members.

[Exclusive Discount Programs for Members](#)

- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
- **Aviation Medicine Advisory Service:** 5% discount on standard case fees
- **Enterprise and National Rental-A-Car:** special discount rates with promotion code
- **General Aviation News subscription:** free sample issues and 50% off subscription
- **King Schools:** free package of 5 King courses focused on Risk Management and 20% discount on all King Schools courses
- **MedJetAssist:** reduced annual and multi-year rates
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Sizes: S-3XL  
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**Recycled Polyester Socks**  
One size fits all  
Price: \$20.00

**Women's Black Quilted Flight Jacket**  
Sizes: XS-3XL  
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**Unisex Black Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt**  
Sizes: XS-3XL  
\$50.00

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*"Never be afraid to stop traffic."  
- Iris Apfel*

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