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10th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day Continues to Expand!

Girls in Aviation Day 2024, organized by Women in Aviation International, recorded another successful program with record attendance and events for its 10th Anniversary. Through unique local events hosted by WAI chapters and corporate members, the number of GIAD participants grew to over 33,000 attendees this year with 194 events held across the globe. Of these events, 59 were in international locations representing 33 countries, and 135 were in the U.S. and U.S. Territories.

Many thanks to our Girls in Aviation Day 2024 supporters, without whom this education program would not be possible. Our supporters included the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, PPG Foundation, Emanuel Bachmann Foundation, Sporty's Pilot Shop, and JCL Aviation Services.

Save the date for the 11th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day on September 20, 2025!





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Scholarship Applications Open November 8 for WAI and Harvard University Program

Rising women leaders in the aviation and aerospace industry are encouraged to apply to attend *Women in Leadership: A Program for Emerging Leaders*. The three-day, on-campus professional development program is hosted by WAI and conducted by Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education (DEC).

Applications will open on Friday, November 8 at WAI.org/scholarships and close on December 20, 2024. The course takes place May 13-15, 2025, on Harvard University's campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A fourth day of training will be held virtually in mid-June 2025.

This intensive leadership program draws on curriculum from Harvard's DEC Professional Development Department and is tailored to address the unique challenges women face in the aviation and aerospace industry. Topics will include executive communication skills, strategic thinking, and negotiation skills.

No more than 30 WAI members will be chosen to receive funding support that will include program tuition, hotel and meals for the three days of the course. Selected participants are responsible for their own travel costs, including airfare and ground transportation.



The WAI Emerging Leaders Class of 2024 included WAI members from countries around the world, including Australia, India, Japan, The Netherlands, Zimbabwe, as well as women from across the United States.

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Don't Miss Out—Register for Conference Today!

Join nearly 5,000 attendees and 200 exhibitors at the 36th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Denver, Colorado, March 27-29, 2025, for our unique annual gathering full of networking, education sessions, professional development seminars and workshops, and more.

As a valued WAI member, we are eager to share some of the exciting changes and improvements for #WAI2025. Check out our new conference website at WAI.org/2025-conference to review the schedule to help you in your planning.



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	 <p>Women in Aviation INTERNATIONAL</p> <p>www.WAI.org/donate</p>	

Upcoming Events

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

2024

November 8- [18th Annual Aviation Education & Career Expo](#), Rider Jet Center, Hagerstown Regional Airport, Hagerstown, Maryland.

November 13-15 - NGPA's 2024 Aviation Inclusion Summit, Washington, D.C. www.NGPA.org

November 17-19 - [10th Anniversary AOPA Aviation STEM Symposium](#), Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia.

2025

March 27-29 - 36th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center, Denver, Colorado, www.WAI.org/2025-conference

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