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Message from WAI

While around the world on March 8, International Women's Day will be celebrated, Women in Aviation International will be marking Women's History Month for three days at our [30th Annual International Conference](#), March 14-16, 2019, in Long Beach, California. General registration prices are available until March 4, 2019 midnight EST, so please join us and [sign up today!](#)

With a theme of Connect, Engage, Inspire, WAI2019 has something for everyone who attends whether it's learning a new skill at our [professional development seminars and workshops](#), exploring new areas in [education sessions](#), listening to a variety of [hiring briefings](#), visiting the [exhibit hall](#), or picking up new ways to contribute to your [WAI chapters](#).



Cheers to 30 years of WAI conferences and 25 years as an organization!

[Register for WAI2019](#)

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Dr. Peggy Chabrian, WAI president, attended the AABI Winter 2019 meeting, February 19-22, in Auburn, Alabama. (photo: Stan Alluisi)

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Visit us at the WAI Conference to learn more.
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American Airlines

A recruitment banner for American Airlines. The banner features the American Airlines logo on the left and right. The main text reads "LET YOUR MAINTENANCE CAREER TAKE FLIGHT." followed by "Visit us at the WAI Conference to learn more." and a button that says "READY TO BROWSE OPEN ROLES? CLICK HERE NOW."

Can You Help WAI Reach Our Goal?

This month WAI will celebrate our 30th annual conference in Long Beach, California, as well as the 25th anniversary of our organization--the same year we also began our Endowment Fund. Consider making a difference, by helping WAI reach our Endowment Fund goal of \$1 million. With your generosity we are close to reaching this goal.

WAI continues to put your gifts to work by expanding our scholarship offerings, youth outreach programs, as well as Girls in Aviation Day. These programs are vital to encouraging our future workforce.

You can help us reach that goal and donate online [here](#), mail a check, or call our headquarters office with your payment information at (937) 839-4647.



Youth outreach programs such as Girls in Aviation Day expand every year.

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Member News

Congratulations to **Michaela Lucas**, WAI 950 and board member, for being recognized as the 2019 Joyce Crockett WiSTEM Pro Staff award winner. A University of Nebraska Omaha employee for 23 years, Michaela was recognized as a positive role model for UNO students and the Nebraska community.

Shout out to **Grace Dwyer**, WAI 70426 and an aviation student at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, for sharing how she got started in aviation in [this video](#).

Corporate member **Alaska Airlines** has [pledged to increase its African American female pilots](#) by 2025 through a new agreement with Sisters of the Skies, a nonprofit committed to pilot diversity.



Several WAI members attended the [2019 NGPA Industry Expo](#) in Palm Springs, California, on February 9, including (R) Marci Veronie, WAI Lifetime 10594 and Board Chair, pictured with Vanessa Blacknall-Jamison, OBAP Chair, and Kit Warfield, WAI 4834 and NGPA Co-Chair.

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Industry News

With a theme of *We Can Do It!* focusing on Women in Aviation and Space, the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum will hold a [Family Day at the Udvar-Hazy Center on Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.](#)

[Ethiopian Airlines](#), Africa's largest airline group, has announced it will operate an all female flight March 8, 2019, to mark International Women's Day on its flight from Addis Ababa-Stockholm-Oslo route.



Girls are invited to attend Family Day at the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Center to learn about women in aviation and space

Get Your Sun 'n Fun WAI Connect Lunch Ticket!

[Tickets are now available](#) for the annual WAI Connect Lunch, sponsored by Piedmont Airlines, on Friday, April 5, 2019, at the Buehler Aerospace Skills Center at noon during Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida. Enjoy lunch, meet new and old friends, and hear a panel of aviation experts talk about their experiences. Through April 1, [purchase advance tickets](#) for \$18 (members), \$19 (non-members), and \$20 each onsite beginning April 2.

We look forward to seeing you at #SNF19, and visit WAI at booth A-057!



Join WAI members and friends at the annual WAI Connect Lunch at Sun 'n Fun on Friday, April 5

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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. Are you a corporate member and want to offer WAI members a discount for your product or service? Email [Cassandra Bosco](#).

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
- **Aviation Medicine Advisory Service:** 5% discount on standard case fees
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- **MedJetAssist:** reduced annual and multi-year rates
- **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 15% discount on all products

[Learn More about Member Discounts](#)

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 Outreach Director Molly Martin](#) to sign up.

2019

March 14-16 - [*30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Long Beach, California

March 25-28 - [Aircraft Electronics Association \(AEA\) International Convention & Trade Show](#), Palm Springs, California

April 5 - WAI Connect Lunch (*sponsored by Piedmont Airlines*) at Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida, during [*Sun 'n Fun April 2-7, 2019](#). Purchase tickets online [here](#).

"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."

--Maya Angelou



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