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## Message from WAI

WAI is excited to award 151 scholarships this week at the 31st Annual International Women in Aviation Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, during our three-day gathering March 5-7, 2020.

### [Congratulations to all of our 2020 winners!](#)

These scholarship awards total \$828,925 for a wide variety of career pursuits in aviation and aerospace. Since 1995, our organization has awarded more than \$13 million to help members reach their goals and advance in aviation and aerospace careers they have always dreamed about.



*Alana-Ife Therrien presents Maheen Fatima a 2019 Pratt & Whitney Engine Maintenance Training Scholarship.*

[WAI Scholarship Spotlights Video-Lindsey Dreiling](#)

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## Limited Spaces Available for Girls in Aviation Day Orlando!

Learn about aviation and aerospace careers, meet positive female role models, and get involved with lots of hands-on STEM related activities--all during Girls in Aviation Day Orlando on Saturday, March 7 during the #WAI20 conference at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Thanks to our [generous sponsors](#) and our luncheon speaker, champion aerobatic pilot [Patty Wagstaff](#), WAI will introduce 250 girls, ages 8-17, to a wide range of career opportunities in the industry. Don't miss out on the fun!



*There's a full day of fun planned for Girls in Aviation Day Orlando!*

[Register for GIAD Orlando](#)

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## Member News

Corporate member Silver Airways announced [Capt. Cindy Guay](#), made history as the first female captain to fly the ATR-600 series aircraft in the U.S, including both the ATR-42-600 and ATR 72-600.

In addition, Cindy is now flying alongside the Florida-based airline's first all-female flight crew, including first officer Susan Sugar, and flight attendants Rachel Peacock and Flavia Fabiano, all based in Orlando.



*Silver Airways Capt. Cindy Guay, FO Susan Sugar, and flight attendants Rachel Peacock and Flavia Fabiano*

## Industry News

#RIP [Katherine Johnson](#), a trailblazing pioneer and longtime NASA mathematician from 1953 to 1986, passed away on February 24, 2020, at the age of 101. Katherine received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015 and 2017, NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, dedicated the new Katherine Johnson Computational Research Facility in her honor.



*Katherine and other black female "human computers" shared their story in Margot Lee Shetterly's book [Hidden Figures](#).*



## IYE Youth Exchange for Summer 2020

Do you want your child to travel abroad, learn about a new culture, further their foreign language skills, and have the experience of a life time? Teens of airline families can make this dream a reality with the help of [International Youth Exchange \(IYE\)](#), an innovative program that has matched more than 6,500 teens during the past 23 years. IYE connects teens, ages 14-19, with a similarly aged youth in another country.

The teens spend two weeks in each other's homes, usually over summer break. IYE has matched teens in a wide range of countries, including: The USA, Canada, Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Australia, Vietnam, The Netherlands, and Switzerland. To learn more email retired Delta Airlines staff member [Camille Wheeler](#).



*Many times the exchange results in a life-long friendship.*





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## 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.](#)

### 2020

March 5-7 - [31st Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

April 3 - WAI Connect Lunch (sponsored by Piedmont Airlines) during [Sun 'n Fun\\*](#), March 31-April 5, in Lakeland, Florida. [Register today!](#)

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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.

### Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
- **Aviation Medicine Advisory Service:** 5% discount on standard case fees
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- **Flying magazine subscription:** annual \$8.00 rate for new subscribers
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- **MedJetAssist:** reduced annual and multi-year rates
- **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products

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"A true aviator really sees aviation as a whole, constantly improving but while still being humble, and realizing that you can never know everything there is to know."

--Patty Wagstaff

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