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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Start Date:**
September 7th
- **Open House:**
August 5th
- **Orientation:**
August 24th

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Open House -August 5th!!!

The purpose of our Open House is to allow prospective students and their families to see first-hand what the NAA experience is like. It's an opportunity to meet instructors, take a look at the classrooms and hangar, and of course, to meet with the Admissions Representatives to make plans for enrollment.

In May, NAA's Open House had one of the biggest turnouts in history. Prospective students stopped in by the dozens and some even brought their families. All of our visitors were astonished with our facility and staff and enjoyed their day of food and fun.

What made the May Open

House so different was that NAA opened the Hangar doors at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport to the public. At the hangar,



Above: NAA staff outside the school getting ready for Open House.

Right: Picture of NAA's Hangar with an aircraft displayed for guests at Open House in May, 2006.

prospective students were able to sit in a plane as it taxied down the runway, view all NAA aircraft, and meet the Director of Education, George Nelson, and have questions answered.

The next NAA Open House will be on **August 5th**, from **9:00am to 3:00pm**. If you missed it in May then this is your chance to see what NAA is about. Make reservations with your Representative today!



Employer Profile: Cessna Aircraft!

In this edition, NAA is featuring Cessna Aircraft based out of Wichita, Kansas.

Cessna is one of the leading corporate aircraft manufacturers in the world. In Wichita, Cessna manufactures all of their aircraft models including the new Citation X. In Independence, Kansas, Cessna is building the new corporate/private jet, Very

Light Jet (VLJ)-Mustang.

Cessna has the 2nd largest service center in the U.S. in Orlando, Florida and NAA has several graduates that work there. Cessna requires talented A & P and Avionics technicians and NAA strives to provide them with only the best employees for years to come.

Below: June 06' graduate, Matthew Witthuhn, who recently landed a job at Cessna's Orlando Service Center as an A & P Technician.





In September, NAA's first ever softball season begins. The NAA team of students will play every Tuesday night at the Largo Recreational Complex.

Admissions – The Acceptance Process

NAA's procedures in the Admissions process has remained unchanged since 1969. However, due to the increase of applicants, the acceptance process has been refined to carefully select only the most qualified candidates for training.

NAA accepts only 54 students out of over 750 prospective student inquiries each term. The number of applicants will grow as

the industry grows. Therefore like any other college or technical school, NAA has the task of selecting only the most qualified students out of a large pool of applicants.



Recently, NAA adopted a policy of placing some accepted students on a waiting list when a class start is filled. This ultimately means that prospective students must make their very best efforts to meet the requirements of the acceptance process in order to reserve one of the 54 seats available each term. Applying early is key in getting in!

NAA Intern Profile

As the Aviation Industry grows, so does NAA. In the past year NAA has had an increase in the number of A & P graduates and kicked off the new Avionics program. NAA moved into a new facility to accommodate the influx of students. To top it off, the academy has it's first ever Intern, **John Alestra**, from Palm Harbor.

John is majoring in Aviation Business Administration with a minor in Professional Communication at Embry Riddle University. He has applied his talents to assist in both the Marketing and Admissions Departments. As John moves on, he plans on working in the aviation business field here in Tampa Bay.

John Alestra



Financial Aid - Subsidized & Unsubsidized Loans

When applying for Stafford student loans it is important to understand the difference between Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans.

A **Subsidized loan** is available to students who have financial need. Eligible students can borrow a subsidized FFEL or Direct Loan to cover some or all of their need. The U.S. Department of Education pays

the interest if you are in school (at least half-time), for the first six months after you leave school, or during a period of deferment.

An **Unsubsidized loan** is available to students that **do not** have financial need. If eligible, a student can borrow loan funds beyond their subsidized loan

limit (up to the annual maximum loan amount) and the Department of Education **does not** pay off the interest.



Welcome to Tampa Bay



The Tampa Bay area is famous for its fishing and other water activities. In this edition, Futures is featuring the Skyway Fishing Pier located in

St. Petersburg (20 minutes from school).

Enjoy some of the best fishing or sightseeing on the longest fishing pier in the world. View magnificent sunrises and beautiful sunsets from the pier, which is open 24 hours everyday of the year. Common catches include snook, tarpon, grouper, black sea bass, Spanish mackerel, king mackerel, cobia, red snapper, and many more.

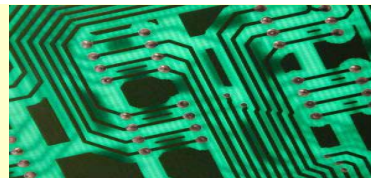
Tampa Bay Attractions:

- **June 13th-** Buddy Guy's Blues Fest at Ruth Eckerd Hall (Clearwater)
- **August 10th-** NFL preseason: New York Jets at Tampa Bay Bucs
- **Tampa Bay Devil Rays-** 2nd half of 2006 season offering inexpensive home game tickets.
- **Clearwater/Largo Adult Leagues-** Recreational sports leagues (basketball, softball, and others)

From The Desk of the President

Congratulations to our June 2006 Grad Class! Be part of the next group of overachieving grads to enter the industry! Attitude equals Altitude!

Avionics Does Matter!!!



NAA is featuring Ron Sawyer from New York, who can testify the importance of Avionics in the job market. When Ron graduated with his A & P from NAA, he had over a dozen job offers. Since Ron's enrollment in Avionics, he has had over 50 different job offers from various aviation companies with a need for true Aviation Maintenance Professionals.

Ron Sawyer- 2nd Term



Avionics Tuition Schedule for 2006/2007:

- 9/7/06 \$9,500.00
- 11/16/06 \$10,500.00
- 2/6/07 \$11,500.00
- 4/24/07 \$12,500.00

****Scholarships Available**

Ace Aircraft Maintenance Camp 2006!

In June, NAA participated in the FAA sponsored ACE Aircraft Maintenance Camp, located at the Fantasy of Flight Maintenance



Hangar in Lakeland, Florida.

Only 24 teenagers were chosen out of 85 applicants; each applicant had to write a 500 word essay. This amazing experience lasted for two days and they received hands-on aviation training and fun. The camp focused on safety tips and FAA regulations as well as theory

Left: Wood Shop of Wings Activity

of flight and team oriented/group activities.

The teenagers were fascinated at the Jet Dragster demonstration by Elaine Larsen and flight simulations presented by the FAA. They also enjoyed visiting the metal & wood shops, the Officer's Club, and many WW I & WW II aircraft.



Above: A picture of Elaine Larsen's MISSTAFIRE Jet Dragster.



Very Light Jets (VLJs) represent one of the fastest-growing segments of the aviation industry and production & maintenance of this aircraft will require top notch A & P and Avionics Technicians.

Student Services-Employment

The Department of Student Services is a resource for existing and potential students in many ways. However, for students, finding part-time/full-time employment while they attend NAA can be vital.

Student Services is constantly challenged with finding quality P/T & F/T employment that will work around the NAA school schedule. This means only 2nd & 3rd shift jobs. Keep in mind that NAA students are in school 35 hrs per week. So, it is wise to seek a job that will satisfy

your financial obligations but will not overwork you. Some frequent 2nd & 3rd shift job openings include assembly line, machinist, restaurant, delivery, telemarketing, customer service, and line maintenance.



Career Development Services

NAA's Placement Specialist, Mike Keenen, plays a key role in the future of all NAA students and graduates. Job placement assistance is only one function that the Career Development Department provides to our students.

Our school recently added several new Dell computers in the computer lab. These computers will assist both the students and the Department of

Career Development in resume building, online research, online applications, Financial Aid assistance, and numerous other needs.

As NAA students progress in their education, they will attend a 2 hour workshop on resume and cover letter preparation and will use the computer lab as a resource.



International Students of NAA

Diversity is a fitting word to use when describing the student body of NAA. Being one of the world's most sought after aviation schools, it is no wonder that NAA attracts students from all over the globe.

At our school we have students from Europe, Asia, North & South America, Africa, and Australia. This mix of cultures makes the NAA student body unique and this year's World Cup Soccer Match very exciting.

Although the majority of our student body is from the U.S., NAA takes pride in its growing diversity.

