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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Start Date:**
April 24, 2007
- **Open House:**
March 10, 2007
- **Housing Deadline:**
March 15, 2007

Successful Open House!!!



Open House

F-18 Navy Simulator

Cessna CJ-1+

Career Fair

NAA kicked off 2007 with a special Open House that invited the public in to see everything our school offers while having a great time. The January special event included NAA's 1st Annual Car Show, a Navy Flight Simulator, a visit from Cessna with their new CJ-1+, and a Career Fair with recruiters from the industry.

NAA's inaugural Car Show was a huge success with a DJ and refreshments and over 80 cars of different makes, models, and years. The public had a blast looking over this wide array of automobiles. At the end of the day awards and prizes were presented to the winners of the Car Show.

The Navy brought their F-18 Hornet Flight Simulator to the event and allowed the public to experience what it's like to sit in and fly a real

F-18 mission. The Hornet simulator attracted so many that the Navy asked if they could come back next year.

Another big attraction from our Open House was a visit from Cessna who brought their new CJ-1+ aircraft to display to NAA and the public. Cessna visited NAA for recruiting our January graduates, hoping to beat out other offers made to NAA students by other aviation companies.

To top off our Open House, NAA's Career Services Department organized a Career Fair with recruiters from the aviation industry. This was a great opportunity for NAA students to meet with recruiters from Colgan Air, Atlantic Southeast Airlines (ASA), Lockheed Martin, Bombardier, PEMCO, Goodrich Aero-Structures, Plastic-Pak, Cessna, Airship Management Services (AMS), and others.



Pictures from NAA's 1st Annual Car Show consisted of over 80 cars of different makes, models and years.

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Leah Ziermann

National Aviation Academy has just acquired Leah Smith as our new Financial Aid Specialist. Her experience helps our Financial Aid Department provide the proper time and care needed when counseling our incoming and existing students.

Admissions Department

Due to the influx of inquiries to attend NAA, the Admissions Department has acquired Brian Sawyer and Cristina Garces as new Admissions Representatives. The Admissions Department is now fully staffed and ready for the growth of incoming students.

Brian Sawyer brings over 36 years of aviation experience from both the military and civilian side to NAA.

He is an Online Aeronautical Instructor who holds a commercial pilot's license and is a certified flight Instructor/Instrument for both SEL and MEL aircraft.



Brian Sawyer



Cristina Garces

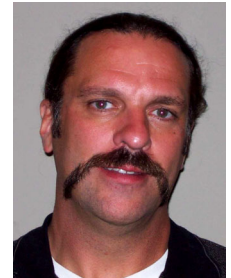
Additionally Brian is a former air traffic controller with a Master's Degree in Aviation Management.

Cristina Garces brings experience as a counselor from the Immigration Office at the University of South Florida and holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations. Cristina speaks Spanish and French and will be a huge asset to NAA and it's international students.

Instructor Spotlight

In this edition NAA would like to acknowledge 6th Term Instructor, Pat Gang, who plays a huge role not only in our students education but is key to assisting in job placement. "I really enjoy seeing my students earn their A & P certificates." says Pat.

Pat is an former Marine and has been working in aviation for over 28 years. He spent 18 years working for Northwest Airlines and is now retired. Pat enjoys teaching and working on aircraft and NAA's staff and students are happy to have him as an instructor.



Pat Gang (6th term)

Financial Aid Update

Great News Concerning Free Money For School - R. Angle

President Bush proposed the week of February 5th to increase the Pell Grant, according to the U.S. Secretary of Education. His plan is to increase the maximum Pell Grant from \$4050 an academic year to \$4600. Bush's plan also calls for a 33% increase over the next 5 years.

The Pell Grant is a

government-issued monetary award based on FAFSA information and does not need to be repaid.

The last time the Pell Grant was increased was 2002. Mr. Bush plans to do away with the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) and the low interest Perkins Loan program. However, this does not impact NAA.



Open House a Success

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NAA takes pride in every Open House, but another key to making January's Open House so special is that the event raised almost \$1000 that was donated to the SPCA.



NAA will be hosting its next Open House on **March 10, 2007**. Don't miss a chance to visit one of the world's best aviation maintenance schools. If you would like to attend the **March 10th** Open House, please call NAA at **(800) 659-2080** and ask to speak with an Admissions Representative.

Left: NAA Representative Bob Westbrook and President Mike Wisniewski present a check to SPCA Public Relations Director, Marissa Weeks.



NAA plans to hold its 2nd Annual Car Show in January of 2008.

Student Testimonial

Recent graduate **Todd Grothause** is a perfect example of what hard work, good grades, and perfect attendance can do for someone's career. Todd graduated in January and has entertained offers from several aviation companies.

While attending NAA, Todd's accomplishments have been extraordinary. He is not only

one of the best in his class but one of the best students that NAA has ever seen. Todd was Class President with perfect attendance and led his class with a 99.9% GPA. He has interviewed with several companies and accepted an offer with Dexter Aviation located in Arcadia, Florida, restoring vintage aircraft.



Todd Grothause

Department of Education- (AMP)

At the end of 2006, NAA was approved by its accrediting body - Council on Occupational Education (COE) to begin its new program that combines the A & P program with Avionics. Graduates from this program will be called Aviation Maintenance Professionals.

The **Aviation Maintenance Professional (AMP)** program is designed to meet the needs and

challenges of the aviation maintenance global marketplace by positioning graduates to make an immediate contribution upon being placed with an employer. The program consists of 3000 hours in which there are nine terms and lasts a total of 21 months.

Avionics systems are now an integral and critical part of aircraft design which in turn

will require technicians to repair and maintain. By completing the AMP course, NAA graduates make themselves a more marketable asset to the industry.

Graduates of this program will have broadened opportunities, and the first class that started in February was full. Reserve your seat today for this exciting program.

Tomorrow's technicians are important to the future of aviation maintenance. Industry employers are looking for quality professionals that can contribute to their teams upon hire. It is more important now to start with a great attitude and work ethic, then train for skill. NAA embraces that approach and companies hiring our graduates keep coming back because of the focus and quality of each technician. **"Attitude Equals Altitude"** Go after your career goals!

-Mike Wisniewski
President - NAA





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Recent Recruiters



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Student Services- Student Referrals

Student Services has teamed up with the Admissions Department in developing a Student Referral Program that will help spread the word of NAA. This program has proven to be valuable both to our school and our student body.

The way this program works is the student body is issued personalized business cards on the first

day of class. Students can then use the cards to refer others to NAA. As a result, NAA has come up with incentives and rewards for students with successful referrals.

Some students have discovered that by referring others to our school it gives them a chance to network and show pride in NAA. Other students have found that having person-

alized business cards are extremely valuable when meeting recruiters from the industry or when going on job interviews.



Employer Profile

In this edition, NAA's Career Services Department features **Atlantic Southeast Airlines (ASA)** based out of Atlanta, Georgia. ASA was established in 1979 as a regional airline and started international service in 2000. ASA was acquired by Delta and in 2005, Delta sold ASA to Skywest, Inc. but continues to serve as a Delta

connection carrier.

Recently, ASA visited our school offering several interviews to our upcoming graduates. With hubs in Atlanta, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City, ASA's demand for quality maintenance technicians is on the rise. NAA intends on meeting this demand.



NAA is International

NAA is fortunate enough to have students come here from all over the world. A large percentage of our students are from other states and countries. As a result, NAA students are culturally diverse.

Chances are someone at NAA comes from your neck of the woods. Our students come from:

- All 50 states
- Japan
- The Bahamas
- India
- & many more



Where do you come from?