



THE WINGS CLUB FOUNDATION

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WINGS CLUB FOUNDATION ANNUAL AWARDS GALA – OCTOBER 18, 2019

The Annual Awards Gala is the aviation industry event that everyone eagerly looks forward to and this year was no exception. The 77th Gala was led by Master of Ceremonies, David Jolly, former Congressman and Political Analyst for MSNBC. It's no wonder that he referred to it as a "storied event" and this evening's program did not disappoint. Mr. Jolly set the stage by recognizing the extraordinary achievements that have been made in the field of aviation and congratulated the courageous individuals whose innovation has transformed flight and ultimately transformed civilization.

Mr. Jolly then introduced David Davenport, the 77th president of the Wings Club Foundation. Taking the stage, Mr. Davenport welcomed the 1,300 guests and warmly introduced the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award, Mr. Tom Enders. Highlighting the primary mission of the Wings Club to support aviation education, Mr. Davenport also proudly announced the addition of two new academic scholarships. From the audience he also recognized Medal of Honor recipient Captain Florent "Flo" Groberg U.S. Army retired and thanked him for his service.



Tom Enders, David Davenport

David Jolly then called the audience's attention to the video showcasing the careers of two past Wings Club Foundation Scholarship award winners. Elise Eberwein and Greg Hamilton, Scholarship Committee Chairs, then presented this year's scholarship awards to eleven outstanding aviation students.

Upon returning to the podium, Mr. Davenport announced this year's humanitarian grant of \$25,000 to Airlink. Accepting the donation on behalf of Airlink were Mr. Bob Brown, Founder and Board Chairman and Mr. Steve Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Davenport then segued into the introduction of the evening's entertainment. He noted their early origins from in a loft in Greenwich Village, New York and welcomed Grammy Award winning Blood Sweat & Tears to perform.



The 77th Annual Awards Gala

In the finale of the evening, Mr. Davenport returned to the stage and proudly announced Tom Enders as the 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award Honoree. When Mr. Enders reached the podium to offer his acceptance speech, he warmly stated that he was impressed by all The Wings Club's activities and, the scholarships and youth programs for future generations. Mr. Enders expressed his gratitude for his tenure at Airbus and for being present during its "integration, internationalization and innovation" period which led to the success story it is today. With great pride he paid homage to his predecessors, his "wingmen," and former colleagues for their support during his 30-year legacy.





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A Message From The President

Winter 2020



*D*ear Wings Club Members:

Looking back, 2019 was a memorable year for the Wings Club. We continued to make significant progress in our mission to support aviation scholarship.

A key component of our mission is to create opportunities for students pursuing an education in the field of aviation. This is achieved through our annual scholarships. This past year we were very pleased to expand our awards, adding Tuskegee University and the University of Texas to our scholarship program. In total, the Wings Club presented 11 student scholarships, amounting to \$167,000.

We also held three very successful Aerospace on Campus events. Executives from the Wings Club and Aviation Week Network spoke at the University of Michigan, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and Tuskegee University. The campus events were well attended by the students and created a sense of excitement about careers in aviation.

Continuing our long tradition, the Aviation Leader Series Luncheons featured an outstanding roster of speakers. Looking forward, we have several interesting events planned. Our speakers will cover a wide range of topics and discuss the full spectrum of air travel, including the new field of commercial travel in space.

As we begin 2020, the Wings Club board is conducting a review of our evolution and examining how we can expand our impact and reach in the decade to come. We are working with McKinsey & Company to develop a strategic plan for the Wings Club. In January, we sent out a survey to better understand the interests of our membership. Thank you to everyone who participated. With the results of the survey, we will develop a plan to move the organization forward. The plan will include strategies to modernize the Club as well as find ways to expand our scholarship and humanitarian programs.

2020 looks to be a very promising year. I thank you for all your support and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Best regards,

David Davenport

President

The Wings Club Foundation





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Validating Careers; The Wings Club Foundation Scholarships

The Wings Club Foundation Scholarships mean something different to every recipient. Largely, it is a validation of their exceptional academic performance and their passion for aviation.

A key element of The Wings Club Foundation mission is supporting and fostering aviation scholarships. Over the years, the Foundation has awarded nearly 1 million dollars in grants to over 100 students. This year, the Wings Club continued to expand its program and added two more scholarships, affording 11 outstanding students the opportunity to make their dreams a reality and become tomorrow's innovators.



The 2019 Wings Club Foundation Scholarship Awards

The Wings Club Foundation Scholars:

Brandon Baber

A senior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Johan Mantilla

A senior at Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology

Distinguished Scholar Award Recipients:

Johan Gonzalez

A junior at The University of Texas at Austin

Kailey Hetzel

A senior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Mia LaRocca

A senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Fabian Jyasi Martin

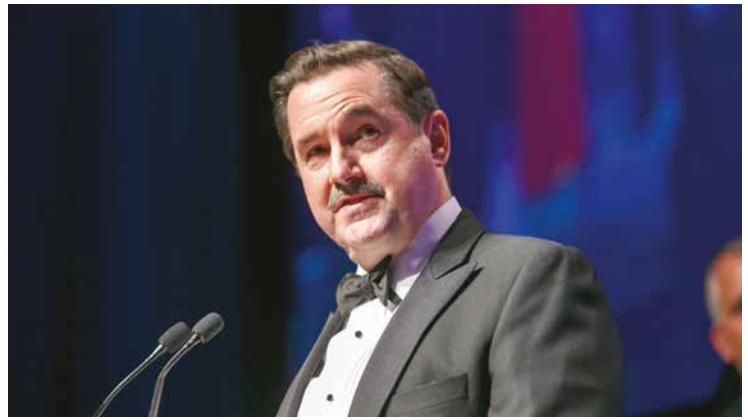
A senior at Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology

Ryan Murphy

A junior at Purdue University

Patrick Rozell II

A senior at Tuskegee University



The eleventh annual William R. DeCota Scholarship:

Lizmarie Rodriquez

A junior at Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology

Children of Fallen Patriots Scholarships:

The Vern L. Pray Scholarship

Carson Orr

A freshman at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Cameron McCormack

A senior at Auburn University





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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Pieter Elbers
Chief Executive Officer
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines

Celebrating KLM's 100th Anniversary, Mr. Elbers proudly lead the audience on the historical journey of the "Royal Airline". KLM was founded in 1919 by Dutch visionaries and has continued to grow through many advancements and diverse partnerships. Mr. Elbers said that the airline remains true to the vision of its first CEO who believed that "The ocean of the air unites all people." With an established record of transatlantic travel being the backbone of the airline, Mr. Elbers stated that, "To some extent, for a small country like The Netherlands, an airline has been a key factor in going forward. Our population is 17 million, the airport last year welcomed 71 million and as such, we have really built this model around the world."



Pieter Elbers



David Davenport, Pieter Elbers, Bruce Jackson



Chris Rossi, Paul Metselaar, Chuck Imhof, Sunil Mahtani, Scott Jordan



Robert Aceves and York College Students



Age Diedrick, Josephine Beltrams, Pieter Elbers, Peter Luethi, Henk Guitjens, Charmaine D'Cruz





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Robert Isom
President
American Airlines

Interview by:
Scott Mayerowitz
Executive Editorial Director
The Points Guy

Mr. Mayerowitz framed the opening of the lively interview by “starting on the ground and not in the air” as he referenced the newly opened American Airlines headquarters. Mr. Isom responded, “We’ve actually put, I think, almost 31 billion dollars in the airline over the last five years; it’s an investment larger than there’s ever been made in commercial aviation history – most of that is planes.”



Robert Isom, Scott Mayerowitz



*Andrea Brantner, Jayesh Shanbhag,
Victoria Adams, Chris Damianos*



*David Davenport,
Tracey Kroboth, Robert Isom*

*Jennifer Wilson, Karen Berg,
Maya Cayaba*



*Seated: Robert Craft, Robert Isom, David Davenport, Franklin Pray;
Standing: John Brogan, Jason Tonich, Candice Irwin, Andrew Watterson, Ankit Gupta, Scott Mayerowitz*



New York University (CUNY) Students and Craig Jenks



DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Gary Kelly
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Southwest Airlines

Interviewed by:
Dallas based journalist, Lee Cullum

Traditionally, December is a celebratory time of year and Mr. Kelly noted that there was much to celebrate. He pointed towards his outstanding employees, superb airline operational quality, extraordinary record of customer satisfaction and achievement of the employee profit sharing target for 2019.

Mr. Kelly was asked about a wide range of issues by interviewer Lee Cullum. Responding to the question regarding developing biofuels or other alternatives, Mr. Kelly responded, "I think it is a real issue and needs to be addressed...we want and need to do our part to minimize emissions and I think biofuels is the greatest opportunity we have next to modernizing the air traffic control system."



Lee Cullum, Gary Kelly



*Sharron Bryan-Allen, Olivia Nicolas,
 Susan Toth*



*Candice Kimmel, Karen Berg,
 June Freemanzon*



Gary Kelly



*Seated: Libby Davenport, Diana Wheeler, Tom Eff, Joe Warakomski;
 Standing: Linda Rucconich, Denise Hafenback, David Davenport,
 Tim Komberee, Terry Hilber*



Gary Kelly, Otha Richardson II, David Davenport





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Aerospace on Campus Tuskegee University

The Aerospace on Campus program received a warm welcome at Tuskegee University in October. As part of the day's itinerary, executives from the Wings Club Foundation and Aviation Week Network had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Lily D. McNair, President of Tuskegee University. The group was escorted on a tour of the university and on a visit to the George Washington Carver Museum.

The afternoon's Aerospace on Campus forum was coordinated by Tuskegee University's Department of Aerospace Science Engineering. Elise Eberwein, Executive Vice President, People and Communications and her team from American Airlines, and Irene Klotz, Space Editor, Aviation Week Network, presented their outlook on jobs in aerospace and aviation and shared their insight on career management and development. The informal setting in the Luther H. Foster Hall gave students the chance to speak with these industry experts and gain firsthand knowledge.

"We know there are tremendous growth opportunities in the aerospace industry, which is why we're so excited about this partnership with The Wings Club. The perspectives our students of all disciplines, not just aerospace engineering, will gain through this event will be invaluable to their post-graduate career goals." said Dr. M. Javed Khan, head of Tuskegee's Department of Aerospace Science Engineering.

The Wings Club Foundation's educational initiative, the Aerospace on Campus Series in partnership with Aviation Week Network, continues to gain recognition and momentum. Having long been a high priority of the Foundation, this university-level program highlights both technical and management careers in aviation and aerospace. Since its inception in 2014, 18 universities have participated in the program with over 1,900 students in attendance.



Tuskegee University Student



Paul Pierre, Marissa Horne, Elise Eberwein, Dr. Lily D. McNair, Keith Taylor, Dr. M. Javed Khan



Elise Eberwein, Keith Taylor, Marissa Horne, Paul Pierre, Irene Klotz



Dr. Shirley Friar addressing students and faculty

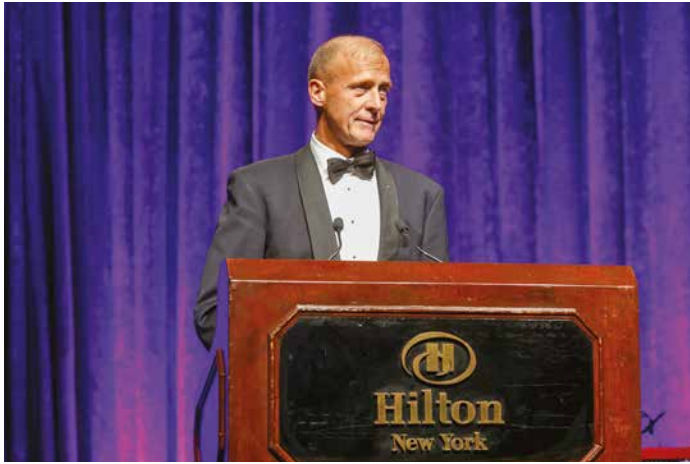


Tuskegee University Students



Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient

Annual Awards Gala
Award Honoree Tom Enders
Chief Executive Officer, Retired
Airbus SE





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'Sight Lecture'

February 27, 2020

The Yale Club

**Speaker: George Whitesides, CEO
Virgin Galactic**

Annual Meeting

March 25, 2020

The Yale Club

**Induction of new Wings Club
President, presentation of 2020
Outstanding Aviator Award**

March Luncheon

March 26, 2020

The Yale Club

**Speaker: Ted Christie,
President and CEO
Spirit Airlines**

April Luncheon

April 30, 2020

The Yale Club

**Speaker: John Slattery,
President and CEO
Embraer Commercial Aviation**

Dublin Luncheon

April 3, 2020

InterContinental Dublin
Speaker: TBA

