



# CLEAR VISION FOR THE FUTURE



## Launching The Next Generation



When I wear my polo shirt with the AAA logo around town, people stop me to talk about it and inevitably they ask what it takes to get their son or daughter, or sometimes themselves, started on acquiring a private pilot's license. Achieving that first big milestone - the private pilot ticket - is no small feat. Not unlike for a first-generation college student or first-time triathlete, it takes a plan and a community to move these kids forward into a field with which they may have little practical experience. For instance, one can hire a hitting coach to learn to hit a baseball, but without the support of a team, a league - a system, it's hard for players to even know the objectives along the way to their goal.

Thanks to our Development Officer and Scholarship Director **Don Wolfe**, the AAA scholarship committee members have developed and instituted such a system. The chicken-or-the-egg game of fundraising to support success and then demonstrating success to obtain donations has steadily enabled our program to ramp up. Since the inception of the AAA endowment fund in 2019, along with Don's enthusiasm and vision for inspiring young people to fly, AAA now administers nearly \$100,000 annually in scholarships and grants for four different organizations. This includes educational grants and flight scholarships at KAUN as well as grants for Airframe and Powerplant license candidates at Sacramento City College. More than that, we've created a program that allows prospects to learn the basics of the airline interview process (good skills for any job or college candidate), to interact with mentors among new and veteran pilots, and to participate in a welcoming local aviation community.

For volunteers at Auburn Aviation Association, our vision is clear: Encourage young people to fly and support their journey with training and community. We do much more for these promising young people than just the easily reported tally of scholarships distributed each year. Every pilot has a path. Where AAA can be most effective is to identify motivated candidates who are on their way and engage them with our system to help, as a community, push them toward success.

We're building momentum and we hope you'll help us propel these young men and women along in their aviation journeys.

**Chris Haven**  
AAA President 2023



Visit Our Website

# Where Are They Now?

Take a look at our recent scholarship and grant recipients. These young adults represent the values, hopes and dreams of our community. Meet our Aviation Ambassadors from Auburn California.

## “Paying It Forward to the Next Generation”



**Frank Bell**  
USNA 2022  
Oceanography  
Rugby Team  
USN Flight School



**Christian Watt**  
CSU Sacramento 2020  
MS Mechanical Engineering  
CH-53K Flight Test Engineer,  
Patuxent River NAS  
Private Pilot



**Brandon Brown**  
Cal Poly State 2021  
Global Politics  
CFI-I, Commercial Pilot  
Land, Sea



**Camile Tricomo**  
Dyncorp Firefighting  
Support Pilot  
CFI-I, Commercial Pilot  
Land, Sea, MEI



**James Jacobson**  
University of ND 2019  
Aviation Major  
Airline Pilot, ATP, CFI-I  
Single, Multi Engine



**2nd Lt. Mikaela Sawaya**  
CSU Sacramento 2018  
Honor "Cum Laude"  
USAF Flight School 2020



**Renata Mackenroth**  
Utah State 2024  
Aviation Technology  
Collegiate Flight Team  
Private Pilot



**Jessi Dreschler**  
California Baptist Univ 2025  
Civil Engineering  
Missionary Aviation



# Scholarship and Mentoring Programs

At Auburn Aviation Association we recognize the value of aviation in our world today. Our members take every opportunity to promote flying activities in the greater Auburn area, especially at the Auburn Airport. Methods include fund raisers, donations, flight scholarships and good old fashioned mentoring.

Aviation is a profession that attracts high quality individuals. They pay attention to detail, have situational awareness, humility, self-confidence, and good communication skills. They must be of high moral character and maintain a desire to learn. Auburn Aviation Association promotes young adults with these traits by supporting them with our scholarship and mentoring programs. They go on to become successful adults and will then pay it forward as well.

"Aviation Career Event" is our annual presentation focused on exposing teens and young adults to aviation. Topics include: the job application, tips for an effective interview, aviation opportunities, and ways to become a successful person. Mentors from various areas of aviation share information about their career field. These professionals include Air Traffic Control, Aircraft Maintenance, Military, Airline, CHP, Placer Co. Sheriff, Corporate Aviation and even Alaska Bush Flying. We also have flight instructors, recently rated pilots and student pilots on hand to discuss their journey through flight training. A one on

one discussion with these mentors is invaluable in helping one learn more about career options in aviation and aerospace.

As a non-profit organization, we educate the next generation of aviators through our aviation scholarship program. Our annual Brig. Gen. C.E. "Bud" Anderson Flight Scholarship has helped numerous individuals begin their journey towards a pilot rating. We also offer aviation related grants for advanced education on an individual, by need basis.

## Won't you help us?

We invite you to give a gift that will keep on giving by donating tax deductible dollars or estate assets to our endowment fund. Consider purchasing one of our Lifetime Memberships and join us at our monthly dinner meetings. Be a Corporate Sponsor. Your company logo will be placed on our website in recognition of your support. We also offer a legacy plan with an annual scholarship grant in your name. Your bio can be posted on our web page and your life work will be recognized through the annual grant presentation for the eternity of our organization.

You can trust the Auburn Aviation Association to put your hard earned money to work in promoting well deserving young adults in the field of aviation. Give the Gift of Education and Help Their Dreams Take Flight. Join us in "Paying It Forward to the Next Generation!"



Auburn Aviation Association's  
Next Generation of Mentors



**Don Wolfe**  
Scholarship Director

# Auburn Aviation Association Education Endowment Fund

at Placer Community Foundation

*Helping Dreams Take Flight*



The Auburn Aviation Association began in 1984 as a small group of pilots and airport enthusiasts dedicated to aviation safety, friendship, and community involvement. The years since then have been a tribute to their foresight and dedication to this cause. From the original small group to now more than one hundred-and-fifty members, they represent a large cross-section of the aviation community from all over the country, and have helped to make this airport one of the most popular in northern California. The organization has also worked with the City of Auburn to make the airport a self-sufficient enterprise.

Today, the Auburn Aviation Association offers mentoring programs that educate youth and young adults about aviation professions, as well as scholarships to help them achieve their goals. Programs include discussions about careers in aviation, how to apply for and interview for a job, and how to be a successful person in life. Mentors from numerous fields of aviation including Air Traffic Control, military, airline, California Highway Patrol, Placer Sheriff, corporate aviation and Alaska bush flying are available to share information about their career fields. One on one discussions with these mentors is very valuable in helping one know more about the numerous careers in aviation and aerospace.

Aviation is a profession that attracts high quality individuals. They must pay attention to detail, have situational awareness, humility, self-confidence, and good communication skills. They must be of high moral character and have a desire to learn. AAA seeks out young individuals that exhibit these traits via our mentoring and scholarship programs. We are looking to expand their educational support through the Auburn Aviation Association Endowment Fund at Placer Community Foundation.

As a non-profit organization, AAA is able to help educate the next generation of aviators and those interested in aviation related fields. Our Primary Scholarship is named in honor of the legendary WWII Fighter Pilot and Triple Ace Pilot Brigadier General C.E. "Bud" Anderson. Brig. Gen. Anderson grew up in the local area and has been a resident of Auburn for years.



*Local resident and triple ace of WWII  
Brig. Gen. C.E. "Bud" Anderson*

Brig. Gen. Anderson sets an excellent example of statesmanship, integrity, and patriotism. Individuals that earn the Auburn Aviation Association Brig. Gen. C.E. "Bud" Anderson Scholarship exhibit these same traits.

Learn more about Brig. Gen. Anderson and his amazing career.

Brigadier General C.E. "Bud" Anderson turned age 100 on January 13, 2022! Show your support of Brig. Gen. Anderson by making a cash donation in his name directly to the Auburn Aviation Association Educational Endowment Fund. Be sure to include a note to Brig. Gen. Anderson with your donation.

AAA invites you to become part of their vision by making a tax deductible gift today, or through your estate plan. All gifts to this permanent fund are pooled and invested for long-term growth. Earnings are then used to support AAA's education programs now, and for generations to come. Your gift will go toward helping quality individuals get a start in a career in aviation. Most of these young adults complete college and go in to the workforce as our ambassadors. They represent the values, hopes and dreams of the community of Auburn.

Give the Gift of Learning and Help Dreams Take Flight. Help us Pay It Forward to the Next Generation!



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