



ENJJPT (Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training) duty.

SIUC Aviation Alumni chosen for Special Duty **By Joshua Watson**

CARBONDALE- SIU's Air Force ROTC recognizes the accomplishments of not only one but three aviation department Alumni chosen for special training duty as pilots in the United States Air Force.

Special Recognition

Ryan Owens, Phillip Hannon, and Nicholas Creasey all of whom recently graduated SIUC this past spring were recently chosen for specialized pilot training classified as ENJJPT or the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program. ENJJPT is the world's only multi-nationally manned and managed flying training program chartered to produce combat pilots for NATO. Selection into this unique program is incredibly competitive. Of the approximate 300 Cadets Nation-wide who were awarded a manned pilot slot in Spring 16 academic semester, only 45 were selected, and these three individuals made the cut.

Background

This exercise is an event that cadets rated to become pilots compete for yearly and is a distinguished opportunity even among the pilot career field. With the program being led by seasoned USAF personnel, officers from all 14 participating nations fill subordinate leadership positions throughout the wing. Five nations -- Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway and the United States -- provide instructor pilots based on their number of student pilots. an example of this totally integrated structure, an American student pilot may have a Belgian instructor pilot, a Dutch flight commander, a Turkish section commander, an Italian operations office, and a German squadron commander. This is an extremely diverse and rewarding program for participants and having three SIU aviation alumni chosen for its ranks is a proud reflection of the Aerospace studies and aviation department.

2nd Lt. Nicholas Creasey



2nd Lt. Phillip Hannon



2nd Lt. Ryan Owens

