Flying Salukis soar into First Place

By Pete Rosenbery

With more than half of his squad potentially competing for the first time, Nathan Lincoln, head coach of Southern Illinois University’s Flying Salukis, had a few anxious moments leading to the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region VIII competition.

But a blend of veterans and youth during the Oct. 29-Nov. 2 event at Southern Illinois Airport was the right mix as the team won a ninth straight regional crown and will advance to national competition for a 50th time in 51 years.

Winning nine straight regional titles is difficult. Lincoln said it’s a “shining example of what a prestigious flight school we have here at SIU.”

“Winning with such a young team is an amazing accomplishment,” he added. “I am so proud of the way they worked together to not only better themselves but the team as a whole.” A big thanks to the coaches and team for ensuring an SIU victory over Purdue and Lewis!

Taking both the ground and flight event divisions and having five of the top six scoring contestants, SIU finished with 341 points, nearly doubling second-place Lewis University. Purdue University was third. The top two teams advance to the national finals, May 18-23, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at Wittman Regional Airport.

**Dominating performances throughout the week**

The team won eight of the 10 events, with co-captain Andrew Finer, the top scorer and junior co-captain aviation technology major from Des continued on page 2
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Peres, Missouri, winning three of the 10 events. Gavin Voris, a sophomore in aviation management and flight from Park Ridge, Illinois, won two events, as did Alex Evans, a junior in aviation management and flight from South Barrington, Illinois. Michael Ochsenbauer, a freshman in aviation technologies and flight from Forest Lake, Minnesota, won the short-field landing event and was sixth overall in scoring.

Top Pilot & Top Scoring Contestant- Andrew Finer!

Some highlights include:
Preflight - Alex Evans 1st place, Andrew Finer 2nd place
Aircraft Rec - Andrew Finer 2nd place, Max Hamilton 3rd place
Computer Accuracy - Andrew Finer 1st place, Colin Heisler 2nd place, Gavin Voris 3rd Place, Wendy Elliot 4th place (clean sweep!)
Ground Trainer - Andrew Finer 1st place
Message Drop - Gavin Voris/Matthew Santos 1st place, Colin Heisler/Andrew Finer 2nd place
Power off landing - Alex Evans 1st place, Andrew Finer 2nd place
Short Field Landing - Michael Ochsenbauer 1st place
SCAN - Gavin Voris 1st place, Colin Heisler 2nd place
Traditional Nav - Clean sweep!

Taco Tuesday
brought to you by AHP
11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Every Tuesday

Lear 35A Arrived at SIU in October

This fantastic aircraft was donated by Craig Froelich and Daniel Rittenhouse. Daniel was one of the pilots that flew the aircraft in to KMDH on October 9th. The aircraft was originally purchased by Daniel’s grandfather, Ken Rittenhouse and has been in the family for decades. The aircraft will now be used to train a new generation of maintenance and avionics technicians.

Thank you to Craig and Daniel for donating this incredible aircraft!
Important Dates for End of Semester

Thanksgiving Break
Saturday, November 23, 12:00 Noon through Sunday, December 1

Thanksgiving (campus closed)
Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29

Final Examinations
Monday, December 9 through Friday, December 13

Commencement
Saturday, December 14, 2019

Bagels and fixins’ & Trail Mix Bar
coming up during Finals Week.
Watch your email!

Need a Christmas gift for your favorite Aviator?
Aviation Management Society has your answer.

T-Shirts $19.99, Polos $29.99,
Baseball Caps $19.99 and Decals $10/$15

Items are available at our front reception desk
or online at amssalukis.com
25th United Airlines Career Day A Huge Success

This year, October 19, 2019 marked the 25th United Airlines Career Day held at SIU. United brought 120 students to Carbondale on an A320 Airbus.

Some of the alumni on the original flight joined us once again for the flight from Chicago. William R. Norwood, captain of the first flight joined us for the day. Aboard the plane were several other alumni, now employed with United, that wanted to come back and give back to SIU!

Some of the events the students enjoyed that day included: tours of Campus and Aviation; Lunch with Presentations from SIU and United; and Pizza on the return flight home. This was an amazing day, the weather was beautiful and the students on board were excited to visit. Some of the students flew on an airplane for the first time, and in the same day they flew on a commercial jet and a Cessna 172, a small 4-seater training aircraft.

We are looking forward to continued partnership with United Airlines in the coming years.

Flight crew, United employees and other alumni that made the trip down.

Retired Captain William R. Norwood with Mila Englert (left) and Stacy Beggin (right)

Faculty, Students and Staff wait for the planes arrival.

It was a full plane for the 25th Anniversary of United Airlines Career Day

Flight attendants are ready to serve breakfast with a smile.

The 2019 United Airlines Career Day

Flight attendants Mila Englert, Tracy Raul-Ferrari, Elizabeth Santon and Stacy Beggin volunteered for the flight.

Flight attendant Mila Englert and Dr. David NewMyer, retired Chair of the Aviation Department. Dr. NewMyer was chair for the first Airlines Career Day.

Captain William Norwood was welcomed back at the Saluki Homecoming Game.
At the 2019 Aviation Management Society Banquet, scholarship donors gave away over $56,000 to deserving students in the Aviation Management and Aviation Flight programs. These scholarships are made possible by many generous scholarship sponsors and donors.

People who recognize that a quality education should be available to all students.

People just like you.

And as happy as we are to be able to provide these scholarship opportunities, we would love to be able to award more. Would you like to help a student on their path to an exciting aviation career? We have a variety of scholarship endowments established to assist students in covering the costs of their education.

No gift is too small to make a difference for our aviation students. Your tax-deductible donation to one of our many scholarship endowments helps to ensure scholarship support for our students far into the future.

If you are interested in establishing a separate scholarship endowment to benefit students in any of the SIU Aviation programs, please contact the Foundation directly at 618-453-4900.

From all of us in the Department of Aviation Management and Flight,

Thank you, and Happy Holidays!
2019 Scholarship Winners

Pictured L to R: Bisola Saliu, Sarah Cada, Abby Lee, Karlie Emery, Angelina Kapp, Emily Bennett, Olivia Vincent and Sophia Ottoson
Not pictured: Vernecelyn Allen or Grace McKee

C. Gene and Robbi Seibert Aviation Management Scholarship - Grace McKee
George J. Priester Memorial Scholarship - Javier Aguirre
James and Helen Newby Aviation Scholarship - Max Dunlavy
Jerry L. Kennedy Aviation Career Advancement Scholarship
  Karlie Emery
  Emily Bennett
Joseph A. Messina II Aviation Explorers Scholarship for Aviation Students - Emily Bennett
Larry B. Byerly Memorial Aviation Scholarship - Sophia Ottoson
Mathew K. Meier Faith Family Friendship Fortitude Future Aviation Management Scholarship - Abby Lee
Kevin Duffy Moore Endowed Scholarship
  Bisola Saliu
  Matthew Sutherland
Steven Staples Memorial Aviation Scholarship - Angelina Kapp
William R. Norwood Aviation Scholarship
  Bisola Saliu
  Max Dunlavy
  Abby Lee
  Vernecelyn Allen
  Olivia Vincent
Michael R. Peters AviationInterviews.com Aviation Scholarship
  Emily Bennett
  Marcel Cooper
  Sam Rodriguez
  Abby Lee
  Karlie Emery
  Sarah Cada
  Evan McDaniel
  Ben Morris
  Angelina Kapp

Congratulations to all of you!
Jobs & Internships

Be sure to watch the website for any internship possibilities and for jobs upon your graduation. These are updated regularly, so keep an eye out.

Be Heard!

Have something to share with students of SIU Aviation? Send the information to Rhonda Ferguson at rferguson@siu.edu to be included in the next edition.

Emails

Please check your emails regularly to stay informed of any upcoming events such as airline visits, workshops, and other student or RSO events that pertain to aviation.

Happy Holidays!

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