

# THE FLIGHT LINE

BGSU

AVIATION

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## 3rd Annual Aviation Banquet



"I chose the BGSU Aviation program because I immediately felt at home when I walked in the door for the first time. Everyone was very welcoming and friendly to me and I could tell it was just a big family. I can say now that it is definitely a big happy family here, the perfect environment for an education. *Ethan B.*"

The Aviation Banquet held, Saturday, April 16, 2016 was a success. Students, parents, faculty and friends of BGSU attended the banquet. The banquet is a fund raiser for the BGSU Flying Falcon Flight Team and the Aviation Advancement Fund. This year we added a Career Fair with the Banquet, allowing our students the opportunity to visit with aviation industry personal. They heard first hand about the hiring opportunities that are available. They were able to hear about how many employment opportunities are available and what do our students need to do to meet the airlines expectations. Gary Cotshott, producer of RedBird Simulators was our featured speaker. The theme was; "The Possibilities are Endless—Dream Big". Many scholarships were awarded at the banquet, recipients were: Ethan Beegle, Golda Bishop, Nathaniel Charter-Harris, Taylor Maibach, Daulton Moore and Drew Schmalzried. Join us next year for the 4th annual Aviation Banquet, April 15, 2017.



## FEATURED ALUMNUS, ALAN PELIS

My interest in aviation started when I was a BGSU International Studies major in the spring of 2005. I noticed that there were airplanes flying around campus and decided to investigate. I learned that there was a flight school and that I could enroll for credit. That following semester I began the goal to achieve my Private Pilot Certificate, I changed majors and became part of the Aviation Studies program.

In the spring of 2006 through the summer of 2007 I was hired as a dispatcher, using this position as my co-op experience at BGSU. Later I become a flight instructor for BGSU. I worked as an instructor and took classes until I graduated in the fall of 2008. After graduation I became a check airmen with BGSU, I enjoyed this position very much. In 2009 I became a by-product of the '65 rule' and the lack of regional hiring. I ended up leaving BGSU and moved to Albuquerque, NM to work at a bank. I worked there until 2011 when I was hired as a first officer for Pinnacle Airlines. I was based in Detroit, Michigan. I flew for Pinnacle until 2013 when I was hired as a Captain at Maine Aviation Corporation, a part 135 operation headquartered in Portland, Maine. I flew a Challenger 850 out of the Phoenix area. I am currently at Marine Aviation Corporation where over the years flown all types of charters. The customers I fly have many different needs for a charter. We may take customers on family vacations, or some contracts take me to the Bahamas, Florida and New York. Most common flights are flying touring musicians all around the country as they perform. I really enjoy meeting all the interesting people as a pilot.

The advice I would give to current and future BGSU students would be to network as much as possible. You will meet many people along your journey that are willing to help. Be willing to work hard for what you want and that the next step doesn't always come easy. With a positive attitude and genuine willingness to work hard you can accomplish anything. Most importantly enjoy the ride. I can honestly say I have so far and am eager to see what lies ahead for me next. Be safe and happy flying.

*Alan Pelis, Alumni 2008*



National Collegiate Flight Association (NIFA) Region 3 SAFECON will be hosted by our own BGSU Falcon Flight Team October 10 –15, 2016 on the BGSU campus. Five collegiate schools will compete in the event, Western Michigan, Kent State University, Ohio University, Ohio State University and BGSU. Our flight team currently has 15 members practicing for the event. They are looking for more members and for volunteers to help. If you would like to join the flight team or volunteer prior or during the event please contact Ethan Beegle at ebeegle@bgsu.edu.

Follow the flight team and the NIFA event on Facebook at BGSU Falcon Flight Team.



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## From the Chief....

What an outstanding stretch of weather we have had this April. It certainly helped us make significant progress in training. Awesome job students, instructors, flight support and all who made this possible!!

Bowling Green Flight Center welcomed five new aircraft for BGSU Aviation Studies students in March! Three of the Warriors were purchased new in 2016 directly from the manufacturer, Piper Aircraft, in Vero Beach, Florida. They are equipped with advanced aircraft avionics systems and digital cockpit instrumentation. Dual, touch-screen Garmin G650 WAAS Global Positioning Units and Garmin G500 Primary Flight Displays and Multi-Function Displays provide our students with the opportunity to train with the newest avionics technology in collegiate flight training aircraft.

BGFC also purchased a 2006 model Piper Warrior and a 2002 model Piper Warrior and completely refurbished them tip to tail with new paint and aircraft interiors! The 2006 Warrior is equipped with an Avidyne Entegra digital cockpit Primary Flight and Multi-Function Displays and dual Garmin G430 Global Positioning Units, helping students prepare for a smooth transition into our Piper Arrow when they start Commercial training. The 2002 Warrior is equipped with analog cockpit instrumentation and dual Garmin G430 WAAS Global Positioning Units helping our students learn systems and instrument scan patterns for steam gauge aircraft.

Each of the Warriors takes a valuable place in the aircraft fleet, alongside the existing Piper Arrow and Piper Seminole utilized for advanced student training



anytime day or night, in clear weather or cloudy skies. BGSU Aviation students have safe, reliable, advanced, and beautiful aircraft to become professional pilots in!

The program has been operating a Cessna fleet since 1978. BGSU Aviation will bid farewell to our Cessna 172 fleet as summer approaches. For all those sentimental pilots out there who have spent countless hours of training in the Cessna 172's, stop by and say goodbye to your high wing beauties. Where will we stand when it rains now.. Join BG Aviation in welcoming the next chapter of our wonderful history with an all Piper fleet for student Training. Fly on Falcons. Seize those opportunities.

*Catherine Smith*

*BGSU Chief Flight*

"I chose BGSU Aviation because of my first visit on campus, It had the opportunity to fly with an student and experience firsthand how the program would be. I know Bowling Green State University offered the hands on leaning experience I wanted. Every class I've taken at the flight center since then has been a great opportunity to further my capabilities in the aviation field."

*Kaily C.*

**Congrats to our**

**Graduates!**

**From all of us at BGSU**

**Aviation, best wishes**

**to all of your future**

**endeavors.**

**Make us proud!**

