That familiar saying came true at BGSU this Fall. We welcomed 85 new flight students and 14 new AMO and AET students, giving us over 227 students in our aviation programs. The picture above was taken at the welcome event which was held Thursday, August 24th. Though over 100 students were missing, we had a great turnout. We enjoyed good food, prizes, and had a career fair along with the event. CommutAir, Endeavor Air, Kalitta Charters/AirNet II, MESA Airlines, Mission Aviation Fellowship, NATCA, Piedmont Airlines, PSA Airlines, Republic Airline, Transstates Airlines, and USAIG all attended to show their continued support of our students. The vendors each donated $100 for attending the event, which will be used for a student scholarship. The vendors were also generous in giving great door prizes. Many thanks to all who participated!
The Falcon Flight Team has accomplished many things this semester! The team has seen steady and considerable growth and commitment over the past few months. This past October, the team competed in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) Region III SAFECON, where we brought home quite a few awards - including the Safety Award! Many thanks to all who made it possible! We’re excited to see what the next year will bring.

2017 Regionals Results

Preflight Inspection
5th and 9th place

Ground Trainer (Sim)
9th and 10th place

Message Drop
2nd and 9th place

Power-Off Landings
7th place

Short-Field Landings
8th place

2017 Safety Award Recipient

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First, I'd like to say that I'm humbled to be a part of the BGSU Aviation family! My start in aviation began when I was fourteen years old growing up in Morgantown, West Virginia. I chose to pursue BGSU and started flying right away during the fall semester of 2003. After working as a flight instructor my junior and senior years, I graduated in fall 2006.
In the summer of 2007, I landed my first job at a little regional airline called Piedmont. A few years later, I saw the window to apply for US Airways open and I went for it. I was graciously offered the job!
It’s been a journey beyond my wildest dreams. US Airways, as a result of the largest merger in aviation history, became American Airlines. A little over a year ago, I took the opportunity to upgrade to captain on the Embraer 190. Being one of the youngest captains at the world’s largest airline is an amazing, humbling, and challenging position.
The biggest lesson I took from BGSU is simple. Don’t burn bridges. It’s amazing how small of an industry aviation is in retrospect. One of the highlights of my career was connecting with fellow alum, Raphael Vasconcellos, in his hometown of Rio de Janeiro in 2014.
It’s hard to look at the big picture while in school when you’re worried about the current stress of college life. If you can find down time, do your research, call an alum and make connections. Find a plan A, B and C. Never feel alone. We are all willing to extend the hand of help. The vast network of alumni is only one of the numerous benefits of being a part of the BGSU Aviation family. Fly safe, study hard, perfect your craft and enjoy the journey along the way.”
What a great fall semester we have had so far!! BGSU Aviation welcomed a record setting class into our family and we are really looking forward to getting to know each and every one. The first half of fall semester saw predominantly sunny skies and if you can believe it – relatively calm winds for the most part. Our students have been flying the wings off our fleet day and night. Congratulations to all the students and instructors who accepted my challenge to complete their cross-country time prior to October 31st. Northwest Ohio doesn’t generally afford us an overwhelming opportunity for long range cross-country flights in November and December. I encourage each student to talk with their CFI and discuss a plan for flight lab completion as the final stretch of our fall semester approaches.

BGFC was pleased to welcome the addition of 2 Piper Archers to our fleet this fall – N331BG and N399MA. The PA28-181 has a 180 horsepower engine and flies like a dream. It has been really exciting to see the positive reaction to the Archer integration at BGFC. Thanks go out to BGFC and North Star for making this possible for flight training at BGSU.

And so… as we hope for clear skies and calm winds to complete the semester’s flights, I look forward to seeing everyone work safely and diligently in their training. Please remember safe operations require all of us to remain vigilant – stay alert, focused, and safety-minded.

Fly on Falcons. Seize those opportunities!
BGSU Aviation is currently in the process of pursuing accreditation for its Flight Technology and Operations (FTO) and Aviation Management and Operations (AMO) programs from Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). AABI accreditation is the gold standard for collegiate aviation programs across the country and will continue to raise the quality and profile of BGSU Aviation by developing and formalizing existing assessment and safety systems, and expanding avenues for input from members of the industry. This is being headed by Dr. Russell Mills, a BGSU Associate Professor.

Since our last newsletter, we have said goodbye to one more flight instructor, Aaron Wells, who was hired by PSA Airlines earlier this year. We will miss you, Aaron! Congratulations to our spring and summer graduates; Nathan Nuveman (FTO), Jaiteh Abdoulie (AMO), Will Handel (FTO), Wesley Mathias (AET), David Wilson (FTO), Steven Kolb (FTO), Tobin Pietras-Swanton (FTO), Joseph Mullahaey (FTO), Alexander Heckman (AMO), Brent Lenahan (AMO), Zachary Calli-coat (FTO), Samantha Hannon (AMO), Taylor Maibach (FTO), and Ryan Stratton (AET). We wish them all the best. Make us proud, Flying Falcons!!
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