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“I chose BGSU due to their well-known aviation program in the state of Ohio. I couldn’t have picked a better place to pursue my degree in aviation studies. The staff is friendly, approachable, and easy to work with.”
- Haily B.

Spring 2017 is off to a great start! In 2015, we started 4 new spring students. In 2016, 9 new spring students, and in Spring 2017, we started 17 new students. Growth is upon us at BGSU Aviation! We now have a total of 169 students. 122 in FTO, 32 in AMO, and 15 in AET. It is very exciting times for us at BGSU Aviation.

Thank You!

Dr. Royce Ann Martin retired in August 2016. We wish her the best in all her new adventures. Nancy Vanderlugt has been a staple at BGSU for 25 years. She retired in October. She was a wealth of knowledge and has seen many students come and go at BGSU Aviation. We bid them both a wonderful retirement and thank them both for their service to BGSU aviation.





The National Collegiate Flight Association (NIFA) SAFECON event was hosted at BGSU from October 10 – 15, 2016. It was a success! Five collegiate schools competed: Western Michigan University, Kent State University, Ohio University, Ohio State University, and BGSU. The week was full of a competitive spirit and the weather was beautiful. A huge thank you goes out to the committee members, judges, pilots and coaches for all the hard work and energy that goes into a NIFA competition.



FEATURED ALUMNI

SCOTT RICHTER



“When I graduated BG back in 2008, the aviation industry was in a very different place than where it is today. I chose BG because it felt right during my campus tour, and I was impressed with the flight program. Looking back, I can say that for both my flight instructing job and my airline career, BG has more than prepared to excel

in both. I'm currently in training to be a Captain on a CRJ 200 for Endeavor Air. I also serve as a pilot mentor and pilot recruiter for my company. Looking at the industry today, I can surely say that you are all in a very great position to pursue your career in aviation. Take every opportunity you can to challenge yourself and your skills, listen to your teachers and instructors to take away every lesson you can, and most importantly take the time to enjoy the views.”

*Editor's note: We are fortunate to see Scott at BGFC quite often. He also is a recruiter for Endeavor Air and is here several times a year. We are so proud to have Alumni like Scott who are successful and living the dream they accomplished at BGSU!



Welcome back to BGSU for Spring Semester! Can you believe it is 2017!! Time flies when you are in aviation. I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy some relaxing time over the semester break. I know the weather has been extremely challenging so far and many of you have been struggling to do anything besides ground instruction,

but be patient. Keep on chair flying your standard operating procedures and continue to study the topics your instructors have assigned. It is not really supposed to be 55 or 60 degrees in the month of January (in BG) so you knew something was up with the aviation gods! When the weather finally does settle into a flyable pattern you will be ready to make up those lost flight events.

MOVING ON

This past semester we said good bye to three flight instructors; Spencer Stone, Tommy Blanchard, Justin Harnden. Two more of our flight instructors, Ethan Mathias and Kyle Sumner, will be leaving at the end of March. Though we hate to see them go, they are going into the careers that they have worked so hard for the last several years. We wish them all the best. We also had several graduates in December 2016. Best of luck to Brian Giguere (FTO), Cameron Condrey (FTO), Sultan Awad Almarwani (AMO), and Rakeem Morton (AMO). Keep in touch and make us proud.