

Jobs & opportunities

2024 NW AVIATION CAREER FORUM

Interested in a career in aviation? Want to fly planes? Would you benefit from the opportunity to network with colleges, aviation facilities and airlines? These are just a few of the reasons students, mechanics and career pilots attend the NW Aviation Career Forum, Saturday, February 24.

The WAA is honored to once again host sessions and exhibits dedicated to aviation careers. Along with airlines, businesses, colleges and government agencies, this represents the cumulative efforts from all aspects of the industry.

“As an aviation non-profit, we are concerned about our industry’s future,” said Jamelle Garcia, Executive Director of the Washington Aviation Association, “hosting this event is an opportunity for new and experienced aviators, and provides resources to those who need to get to the next level.” “We all need to be proactive in helping the new generation find paths to a career in aviation.” The presentations are led by aviation operators and educators including airline, colleges faculty, training facilities and airports.

Introductory sessions serve the needs of high school groups and parent/student registrations – concurrently seminar tracks serve all experience levels – maintenance, military and airline – all encouraging participation and mentorship. There is one introductory workshop each day of the Conference.

This year the event again thanks John Swedburg, Big Bend Community College, as well as the team at Rainier Flight and Safety in Motion Flight Center who have offered up their instructional support for the Career Forum.



CAREER FORUM SEMINARS

INTRODUCTION TO AVIATION: CAREER WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 24, 9:30 AM – 11:30 PM | South Foyer

Sunday, February 25, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM | South Foyer

John Swedburg, BBCC, *Faculty Emeritus*, leads an interactive workshop for students, parents and “new to aviation” participants through an overview of how to get from point A to point B, C, or D - *no matter what your aviation dreams are!* Hear first-hand from those in the industry and learn their “*how I got there*” stories. Attendees will leave session with many questions answered and the resources to seek answers to design a career path in aviation.

NAVIGATING THE TRANSITION | MILITARY FUNDING OPTIONS, TIPS & RESOURCES

Saturday, February 24, 11:45 PM - 12:30 PM | South Foyer

Shawn Pratt, Safety in Motion Flight Center, will discuss hiring projections and steps a candidate can take to transition to an air carrier. Topics include veteran funding options, rotorcraft transition programs, credential assistance programs, and dispelling common myths and misinformation.

AIRLINE PILOT INTERVIEW PREP WORKSHOP: BEST FIRST IMPRESSION

Saturday, February 24, 1:00 PM | South Foyer

Gordon Alvord, Rainier Flight Service, has assisted hundreds of applicants prepare for their dream pilot job. Gordon will help make the first impression count by providing a variety of tools and go over the “soft skills” to insure candidates stand out. The resume is just the beginning.

