

AVIATION NEWS

May 2019



From the Director

Hello Team,

Summer 2019 is officially underway. I'm happy to announce that this is the largest group we have ever had for a summer start. SUU Aviation has been steadily growing because of the hard work and dedication that every member of the team demonstrates daily. The industry is taking notice!

As the days get longer, please be aware that our airport presents some unique weather challenges. Daily temperatures can vary by more than 30°F (degrees fahrenheit)! Please don't forget how our summer temperature extremes impact air density and turbulence in our mountainous backyard. The 10,000' DAs and bumpy flights are looming on the horizon. These atmospheric challenges certainly add to the unique training environment, but significantly increase the complexity of flight. Remember that SUU Aviation is the highest altitude university program in the world. That fact, along with our WX, is why we produce the best pilots in the world.

Always put safety first. Remember, taking off is optional... but you don't get a choice on the landings.

-Mike Mower, Executive Director

Maintenance Team

Thank you all so much for choosing SUU Aviation for your flight training. We work hard to maintain a great fleet of aircraft for you and your instructors to fly. Please learn all you can from our wonderful instructors, and always pay attention to things that move, or get moved by the wind, to help us prevent unnecessary damage (keep a hand on doors when open, tie down aircraft and blades when windy).

Veterans Affairs

Good Summer to all Military-Connected Students! A few things to note:
 - Zero-cost certification for summer session is well underway. We will cost certify for each summer session the day after the add-drop for that session.
 - Look forward to the Veteran of the Month. This honor will also come with a gift of \$10 to the bookstore.
 - If you are a new student in the summer, be on the lookout for your Summer Veteran Orientation. You will only have a few weeks to complete this or you will be required to come to the in-person orientation in the Fall.
 - We are HIRING!! Looking for VA Work Study students. Must have at least a 2.5 GPA. We are willing to work around your schedule. Pay is tax free! Please come to the office to fill out an application.

Student Services

Missing a scheduled flight block:
 -If you absolutely have to miss a scheduled flight block, make sure you have a valid reason and you communicate it to your flight instructor as soon as possible.
 -We understand that something may happen that is out of your control. Maybe Mother Nature decides to throw a spring blizzard your way. Or maybe the student before you has a rough landing and the aircraft you're supposed to be in is now in maintenance.
 -That's why it's so important for you to check the schedule, talk to your instructor, and keep yourself fit to fly.
 -Please don't miss a scheduled flight block unless unavoidable, and then, let your flight instructor know as soon as possible.

Flight Ops

Just a couple thoughts to help make it through flight training.
 -Study
 -Check flight train every night to see if you have a flight/ground for the next day
 -Don't drink and drive
 -Get a good night's sleep each night
 -Tell your instructor or the appropriate person about problems that might affect your flight training
 -Have fun
 -Study



Academic Advising

Make sure you register for Fall Semester Degree Works training- look for dates to come mid-summer

Safety

SUU Aviation is working towards an FAA accepted Safety Management System. This credential is currently required for airlines and many part 135 operators, but is voluntary for flight schools. Currently only one other university has achieved FAA approval and SUU expects the process to take about 3 years.
 Special training- with the temporary closure of the St. George Airport from May 29 - September 26, Cedar City will see additional SkyWest flights and will have an additional 20-30 aircraft based on the field. A special training will be conducted to help pilots become aware of the additional traffic and focus on standardized calls. Please check the safety bulletin board in the lobby for updates.

Marketing Calendar

PAST EVENTS
 - Heli-Expo - March 4-6
 - Golden Spike 150 - May 9-11
 UPCOMING EVENTS
 - SkyPark - June 7-8
 HOLIDAYS
 - Memorial Day - May 27th (Hangar Closed)
 - Fathers Day - June 16th
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Maintenance Technician Degree Update

SUU Aviation's Maintenance Training Program will be submitting its operations manual and curriculum to the FAA for review and approval this Wednesday. Equipment has started to arrive, and last week SUU invested in an additional hangar to house the Powerplant AMT courses and labs. The AMT program is currently still on schedule for a Spring 2020 launch.

Newest Team Members

Noah Stewart is an Army Veteran from Texas. He enjoys hiking on the weekend. (Rotor Wing Instructor)
Brady Bledsoe is from Stickleyville, Virginia. He enjoys hiking and drove 18 Wheel Trucks before becoming a pilot. (Rotor Wing Instructor)
Danny Rice is from Lake Tahoe, California. He was in the Marines and likes motorcycle racing. (Rotor Wing Instructor)
Greg Pope is from Joshua Tree, California. He was in the Marines from 2010 to 2015 as a 6074 Cryogenic Technician. He enjoys working on sport bikes and watching glamping sport bike races. He also enjoys glamping (glamorous camping) on the weekends. (Rotor Wing Instructor)
Nathan Lage is an Air Force Veteran from Austin, Texas. He is married and has a 13 year old kid and one on the way. He worked as a Railroad Conductor/Engineer before becoming a pilot. (Rotor Wing Instructor)
Tom Hennington is from Springfield, Missouri. He was in the Army Infantry and likes long range shooting. (Rotor Wing Instructor)
Justin Miller is from Mesa, Arizona. He is married and has two kids, ages 2 and 8 months. Before coming to SUU, he served in the US Air Force and did aircraft maintenance on B52 Bombers. (Maintenance Technician)
Jordan Bankhead moved to Cedar City from Ogden, Utah. He is married and has a one year old son and a son on the way. Before coming to SUU, he did air medical at Guardian Flight. (Maintenance Technician)
Dan Haynie is from Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He graduated high school in Cedar City, UT and got his A&P from Dixie. He has 30 years experience in maintenance operations/engineering experience from all over the country. (Maintenance Technician)
Andrew Saullo is from Detroit, Michigan. He enjoys hiking, canyoneering, backpacking and camping. (Marketing)

We'll Miss You

Don York - Maintenance Technician
 Chris Timpano - RW instructor
 Casey Fitz - RW instructor
 Josh Caskey - RW instructor

Co-Pilots

Welcome to the Summer Semester 2019, from the C.O. Pilots! You may be asking what a C.O. Pilot is. C.O. Pilot stands for Connections and Orientation Pilot. We are your personal student mentors, here to help YOU navigate your education and flight training! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us through text, call, or email!

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