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ANNOUNCING DENBIGH HIGH SCHOOL AVIATION ACADEMY AS ACF'S NEWEST PARTNER PROGRAM

DENVER, CO – The [Aviation Community Foundation](#) (ACF) has formed a new partnership with the Denbigh High School Aviation Academy, located in Newport News, Virginia. The Aviation Academy will join a dozen of the nation's top aviation education programs that have partnered with the Aviation Community Foundation to form the "ACF Partner Programs Network". This elite group is committed to collaboration, best practice and resource sharing, and combatting the impending aviation workforce shortage challenges together.

The Denbigh High School Aviation Academy is a nationally recognized STEM site and has operated for 23 years out of the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport. The school's 300 aviation students concentrate on four key areas: aviation technology, flight operations, aerospace engineering, and aviation security and safety. Focusing on fostering a quality education, the Aviation Academy maximizes the potential of every student by providing them with the knowledge, skillsets, experiences and values needed in the 21st Century workplace.

"We are so excited to be a partner with ACF as it brings another organization to help our students become College, Career and Citizen Ready. This will be a huge benefit to our students as they will have more exposure to the Aviation industry." – *Dr. Aaron Smith, Program Director of Denbigh High School's Aviation Academy*

ACF partners with the top aviation STEM education programs across the country that benefit underserved kids and aviation educators. Aviation concepts are a proven way to inspire and bring STEM to life for students. ACF connects aviation educators, board members, social entrepreneurs and our aviation industry network to produce measurable results, share best practices, and scale-up successful programs.

"ACF is thrilled to expand our Partner Programs Network to include Denbigh High School's Aviation Academy. Dr. Smith, the entire staff, and student body are exceptional, and we are looking forward to collaborating with them to change lives!" – *Jamie Helander, Executive Director*

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About the Aviation Community Foundation

Founded in 2016, ACF seeks to Launch 1,000,000 Flight Plans for Life and promote diversity and inclusion in aviation.

This is accomplished by:

- Inspiring students from all backgrounds. ACF helps build life & career paths by opening doors through high-quality mentorship, scholarships, and internships within our aviation community pipelines.
- Identifying and connecting top aviation educators and supporting them in leadership, strategy, collaboration, professional development, grant funding, and mentorship.

Connect with ACF to collaborate and access our network of 100,000+ students and dozens of educators across the country.

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