



DALLAS FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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DFW International Airport Hosts Over 4,000 Students At Fifth Annual Aviation & Transportation Career Expo

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (December 5, 2008) – More than 4,000 North Texas students will arrive at DFW International Airport in an effort to gain career knowledge at the Airport's fifth annual Aviation & Transportation Career Expo – one of the largest educational events of the year in North Texas. The Expo gives students from Dallas, Fort Worth and the neighboring community an opportunity to learn about careers in a variety of aviation and transportation fields – from aviation to ground transportation to emergency response.

We are honored to announce that Jamail Larkins has agreed to be the Grand Marshal for this year's expo. Jamail is an excellent role model and inspiration for youth around the world. At the age of 14, he became one of the youngest American pilots to solo a powered aircraft in Canada. With over 1,200 hours of flight time in 36 different types of aircraft, Jamail now makes appearances at air shows, hosts radio shows, writes columns for aviation publications and much, much more. Those of you in the aviation industry are quite familiar with this phenomenal young man's accomplishments. Please visit the 2008 Career Expo website www.DFWexpo2008.com to read more about Jamail.

Representatives from industry, government and academia have joined forces to introduce our community youth and educators to a multitude of career paths offered by the aviation and transportation industry. Numerous static aircraft, vehicles displays and information booths representing various aspects of the aviation and transportation community will provide the backdrop for this dynamic educational experience.

Students will see the latest technology from many types of transportation fields, as well as demonstrations from over forty exhibitors including the FAA, the Civil Air Patrol, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and more. Students can also take part in interactive games using a flight simulator, participate in a trivia treasure hunt, *Journey Through Time: The Fantastic Voyage of Aviation & Transportation*, and make flying paper airplanes.



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The Expo is a terrific platform for students to see and touch new technology and information that are now apart of aviation and transportation-related careers, and DFW is proud to provide the environment for these students to see how its Airport works and how many modes of transportation are interconnected to each other and connect our world.

The Expo will once again be staged in one of American Airlines' massive maintenance hangars at DFW. The main attractions will include static displays of vintage aircraft, vehicle displays, and hands-on demonstrations and exhibits. The Aviation & Transportation Career Expo also features representatives from industry, government and academic institutions, all available to answer questions and talk directly to students and teachers.

Participating companies and organizations at the Expo* include: AeroVents.com, Allied Aviations, American Airlines, American Eagle, Bell Helicopter Training Academy, Bronze Eagles Flying Club of Texas - Dallas Chapter, Century® 21, Mike Bowman, Inc., Civil Air Patrol, CRP Future Pilots Flight School, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), Dallas Love Field, DFW International Airport - Planning Department, DFW Chapter of PAMA, DFW Collaboration/Phil Waigand, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, FlightSafety International, Fort Worth Chapter of the 99s - International Women Pilots Organization, Golden Heart Foundation, National Center for Aircraft Technician Training (NCATT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Region 6 and TxDOT Fort Worth District, Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE), North Texas Association of Aviation Museums (NOTAAM), Mountain View College, PAMA – Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, Soaring Dreams, Spartan College of Aeronautics Technology, Tarrant County College, Tarrant County College – Enrollment Services, Tarrant County College – Aviation Technology, Tarrant County College – Automotive Department, Texas Air National Guard, Texas Motor Speedway, Texas National Guard Counter Drug , Texas State Technical College (Waco), Texas State Technical College, Texas State Technical College Welding Programs, Tuskegee Airmen, University of Texas at Arlington, URS Corporation, U.S. Air Force Academy & Air Force ROTC, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Navy, Vintage Flying Museum, World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth and many more.

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DFW International Airport's Public Affairs Department organizes and coordinates the annual Expo as part of the Department's overall community affair's program to promote aviation and education in North Texas. "This is one of the most important community outreach programs of our Airport and we are proud of the support of the Fort Worth and Dallas school districts as well as all the school districts that participate in the Expo," said Ken Capps, vice president of public affairs for DFW. "Our Airport and our sponsors are very committed to the youth of North Texas and the students we see at the Expo are the future leaders of our community and our industry."

About DFW International Airport

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, offering nearly 1,900 flights per day and serving 60 million passengers a year. Ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction for Large Airports" in North America by J.D. Power and Associates, and named as 2006's "Best Airport for Customer Service in the Americas" by an Airports Council International survey of passengers, DFW International Airport provides non-stop service to 135 domestic and 38 international destinations worldwide. DFW International Airport contributes 305,000 jobs, \$7.6 billion in payroll and \$16.6 billion in economic activity every year for North Texas, according to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2005 aviation economic impact study. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport, log on to dfwairport.com.

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