



President's Perspective

We, at Spartan, are fortunate to work alongside many positive and supportive coworkers. It is always at the forefront of our team to show the students that we care by our actions and our attitudes towards helping them succeed. Whether it is the instructor in the classroom, the financial aid advisor, the admissions representative, a maintenance worker, a flight instructor, or management staff, WE CARE.



Jeremy D. Gibson
CEO/President
Spartan College

We have started 2010 with increased enrollment at 18% ahead of last year correspondingly we had 33 new job orders generated just last week in the career center. Very simply put we are helping students obtain the necessary job skills and delivering the graduates many diverse opportunities to work around the country. We are only as good as our students and staff and I am for one am very proud to be associated with such a professional group of people. This year at the annual employee banquet we recognized our high achievers for 09. Linda Wheeler in marketing and Connie Corbin in Personnel orchestrated a professional event for our staff members and as always the event went well. The following list includes each of our employees of the year by department.

Cheryl Musgrove-Accounting
Jason Bash- Facilities

Jaime Tucker-Flight Maintenance
Elizabeth Wagner-Flight Instructor
Nancy Page-Flight
Belinda Medina-Admissions
Jo Ella Reed-Student Records
Peggy Sturm-QC/NDT Instructor
Wayne Masterson-AMT Instructor
Chris Bycroft-AVT Instructor
Shirley Myers-General Education
Instructor
Kevin Dennis-Admissions
Representative

James Estes-Flight Line
Challamar Umholtz-Financial Aid
Linda Jared-Student Services

Our overall employee of the year was **Mary Beth Zwilling**, director of student records at main, by unanimous decision by the management staff. Our inaugural Skelly award recipient was **Melody Watts** in the main campus library. The Skelly award is granted to the employee that most demonstrates exceptional student service and care.

We are proud of our employees, students, alumni, and the industries we serve and offer our congratulations to 2009's award winners.

Back to the Future Team Spartan

By Tom Arko, Senior Vice President of Education

"Team Spartan"...I use that phrase a lot in my e-mails and I truly believe that we are a unique team. A team whose goal is education excellence by providing Spartan students with a well-rounded experience at Spartan and also after they join our proud alumni.

Over the Holiday season, I had the opportunity, and pleasure, in reading "Executive" newsletters from years past. In those issues were stories of Spartan students who helped out the citizens of Oklahoma City after a devastating tornado tore through the city. I also read an article recalling the visit to Spartan by Amelia Earhart as she stopped in to have her aircraft inspected and repaired by Spartan instructors...just 2 years before her fateful trek attempting to circumnavigate the globe. I also enjoyed reading about a robust intramural program that pitted teams from various Spartan programs against each other...all vying for the coveted Championship trophy. Finally, those articles from 'ye olde' Spartan regaled of students who later became Spartan instructors from the initial class of 1928, of numerous Student Council activities and projects throughout the year and finally, how career fairs and prospective employers clamored for soon-to-be Spartan graduates.

So what does this trip down memory lane have to do with you?

Well, if you are a student, it gives you an appreciation of the rich heritage that is Spartan. That you should give all you can while enrolled in whatever program you are seeking to master. Participate in the Student Council...give back to the community...do what you can to improve Spartan pride and appearance...even if it means cleaning up after someone else. I know that you all work long hours during and after school. I bet that you can find an hour or two here and there to pitch in.

If you are part of the faculty and staff...then the opportunity before you is even greater. We all have within our grasp, the ability to go beyond our job descriptions and truly help out every student attending Spartan. Whether it is making sure they are directed to the correct department to help solve the issue at hand, or spending extra hours making sure they have mastered a demanding curriculum, or simply taking the time to ask how their day is going...your interest in them as a person as well as a student will go a long way in establishing a memorable Spartan experience for each and every graduate.

I know that this sounds a bit trite...but you are Spartan and together we are the Team. One of our stretch goals for 2010 is 98% retention for the year. We did a good job in 2009 and I know that if we all took the time and read a few of those old Executive articles, we would feel empowered to do whatever we could to meet and beat that goal.

Here is to a great 2010 Team Spartan....**BACK TO THE FUTURE!**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

4TH QUARTER 2009

Wesley Welling, III - General Education

Jason Wassell - Avionics Technology

Timothy Schreiber - Powerplant

Spencer Newburn - Airframe

William Manley - NDT/Quality Control

Spartan Partners with Tulsa Air and Space Museum to Create Air Show

By Damon Bowling

The Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology has partnered with the Tulsa Air and Space Museum to bring an air show to Tulsa International Airport. Local and national air show talent as well as the Rocket Racing League® will be featured at the event on April 24, 2010.

Air show performers like Greg Shelton with his FM-2 Wildcat and Stearman Wing Walking performance, and the national champion aerobatic glider pilot, Paul Jennings, are local guys that have great reputations on the national air show circuit. The Tulsa Warbirds, with their collection of WWII trainers, fighters, and bombers will be in the air as well. Other notable performers are the Franklin Flying Circus and Younkin Aerobatics, both of which perform year after year at the largest air shows in the country.

As if this amount of talent wasn't already enough to make this one of the biggest events Tulsa has seen, it gets better! This event will feature one of the most exciting and innovative racing leagues in the world - The Rocket Racing League® (RRL). Imagine rocket powered aircraft racing in a 3-dimensional race track in the sky! Sounds a lot like science fiction, but this is exactly what will be taking place at the Air Show on April 24. As the next generation of racing, the RRL will tilt the racetrack vertically in the sky."

Rocket Racing was created from the X Prize Foundation, which offered a \$10million prize to the first team to put a manned spacecraft into orbit without any government funding. In continu-

ing their mission to advance space technology in the private sector the RRL was formed.

Using the same helmet mounted virtual displays that our military fighters use in combat, the RRL pilots are able to see a virtual track in the sky through which they must navigate. Pilot strategy will make the racing events extremely compelling. Each engine has just four minutes of burn time for the races that will last 12-15 minutes. The engines are either on full-burn or off, so the pilot who makes the best use of his fuel will have the best chance of winning. There will be a lot of exciting, come from behind finishes.

This demonstration performance will be a "look under the hood" at the future of racing. "These are some of the best pilots in the world and everyone in attendance will be treated to an experience unlike anything they have ever seen," says Jim Bridenstine, the Executive Director of the Tulsa Air and Space Museum. "For the RRL this will be the first time they have showcased the racing capabilities of these rockets and it will all happen right here in Tulsa!"

Stay tuned to the excitement by visiting www.spartan.edu, www.tulsaairandspacemuseum.com or rocketracingleague.com.



FLIGHT SCHOOL PRESIDENT LIST - 4th Quarter 2009

Bynum, Bradey
Dalton, Peter

Davis, Michael
Hetz, Tanner

Liyayi, Boniface
McGill, Michael

Thomas, Matthew
Young, Beau

CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSTANT

By Craig Lindholm

Aviation is one of the most demanding, complex and yet fascinating career fields any student could choose to pursue. Newly emerging and rapidly developing aviation technologies have brought an intensity of energy and excitement into this vast field of study, and amazing personal opportunities are now open that will challenge any so fortunate to enter. These new technologies are requiring those involved to master higher levels of technical skills and advanced levels of training in their safe and proficient use. Constant in all of this change is the personal investment each of us must make in continued training that is required of any and all choosing to enter or stay in this field of study. As adults we like to operate in the familiar and stay on ground we know, we are normally resistant to changes in the way we do things and in the way we perceive the world around us. Pure joy in the aviation experience is found at this division, the line between operating with new technologies and falling back on systems to

which we are most familiar and well known. This mandated change drives us to a constant place of relearning and developing new skills. Continued education is an absolute requirement if you plan to stay in the aviation field for any length of time. Over time you will find a sense of familiarity with the constant change and begin to look for new horizons to discover again and again. Aviation may be demanding but it is never boring or routine. Each problem you find to solve will rekindle your thirst to challenge yourself for new frontiers to master. Places like Spartan open the frontiers of aviation to challenge you to experience and encounter the satisfaction busting from a full immersion into this wild and foreign world, containing personal challenges and required continuous self redevelopment. I challenge you to put your full effort into continuously finding more about what you think you know so well. You may be surprised at how little you really know and how much more there is to discover.

FINANCIAL AID

By Christina Foster

It is now tax filing time. We want to remind all students that the 10/11 FAFSA will be due May 1st, 2010. You should file your 2009 Federal taxes as early as possible. If you are considered (by the Department of Education) a dependent student, your parents should do the same. You/parent should now have received all W-2 forms for 2009, unless there is a reason you can not file your taxes now, please do so immediately and complete your 10/11 FAFSA.

The 10/11 FAFSA is now available for completion on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov . If you require assistance, please stop by the Financial Aid office as soon as possible. Please keep in mind your FAFSA will be past due after May 1st, 2010. In order to avoid a delay in your Financial Aid processing be certain it is completed on time.

If there is any reason that you/Parent can not complete the 10/11 FAFSA by May 1st, 2010, please stop by the Financial Aid office and speak to you Financial Aid Representative immediately.

Technical Students

Last name beginning A-K
see Mary Salas - Main Campus

Last name beginning L-Z
see Ashley Fleming - Main Campus

Flight Students

See Mandy Cockerhan
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - Main Campus
Monday and Wednesday - Flight Campus

STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER

Spartan Blackcats

It's that time again for the Spartan Blackcat Softball team to work its magic. Members of the team have won the championship for the past three seasons. It's time to retool for the upcoming season. This is a recreational co-ed softball team and games are played at Haikey Creek Park in south Tulsa on Saturday and Sunday evenings. If you would like to participate, sign-up sheets will be posted on bulletin boards and also at the Student Services office at the North campus. Special thanks to Michael Johnson for keeping this team up and running for the last two seasons.

If you have any questions please contact Michael Johnson or Mr. Worthington in the Career Center.

Council Meeting Schedule

The Spartan Student Council meets every Tuesday at 2:45 at the main campus auditorium.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved with campus related activities. Become a part of a growing and active group of student leaders. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and from all the student council members we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

REMINDER

Aviation Maintenance Technology students
it is very important for you to
take the final step!

**GET YOUR AIRFRAME &
POWERPLANT CERTIFICATE**

STUDENT COUNCIL LEGACY PROJECTS

Special thanks to the Spartan Student Council for their 2009 Legacy Project. The council had special clocks made with the Spartan blackcat logo and presented them to Mr. Gibson, Mr. Arko, Dr. Pendergrass and Mr. Yost. These clocks will hang in the cafeteria on each campus.

The 2010 Legacy Project is the restoration of a Cessna 150 aircraft. Upon completion of this restoration the student council will present the aircraft to the college for static display on the front lawn of the main campus. If you are interested in participating in this project, please see the sign-up sheets located on the bulletin boards throughout all three campus'.

CREDENTIALS ARE IMPORTANT!

Upgrade Your Career – Get an FCC License

- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licenses are used as hiring and promotion standards in many industries.
- The General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL) with Radar Endorsement is a lifetime credential that is the most broadly accepted FCC Wireless License available.
- This license is required to adjust, maintain, troubleshoot or internally repair transmitters for aviation, maritime, microwave, railroad, telephone and international fixed public radio systems and services.
- This license is regarded as a certificate of knowledge and is required by many employers.

The NCATT test is available on line through laser grade at the Flight Campus and students may contact John Chaney directly to schedule the FCC exam after regular class hours.

DEAN'S LIST - 4th Quarter 2009

Akhidenor, Chris	Ellis, Jared	Juliao, Joshua	Reed, Cody
Alonzo, Anthony	Enterkin, Steven	King, Tracy	Richardson, Ben
Alvarez, Sebastian	Evans, Haley	Kurtz, Keith	Robertson, John
Arnold, Kevin	Farrow, III, Goldsborough	Liebherr, David	Robinson, Kevin
Arreola, Yuridia	Fatulov, Telman	Lopez, Christopher	Robinson, Phillip
Atherton, Elizabeth	Fischer, Andrew	Lucero, Michael	Ruiz, John
Barker, Joshua	Fischer, Kyle	McCauley, Craig J.	Sanchez, Luis
Benites, Jacob	Forrest, Nathan	McClain, Earl	Sanders, Gerad D.
Brooks, Joel	Garcia, Janine M.	McGuffin, Alex	Schneider, Ryan
Brown, Billy	Garcia, Jossie	McKinney, John	Schnieders, Marshall
Brown, Robert	Gleason, Charles N.	Medlock, Mark	Short, Anthony
Bruce, Kouakou	Golphin, Byron	Melton, Justin	Simmons, Tracy
Byrnes, John	Gordon-Smith, Nicholas	Mendez, Matthew	Smith, Jaspierre
Callaway, Coty J.	Green, Jonathan	Montanez, Viviana	Smith, Jeffrey
Cannedy, Jared	Greenough, Clinton J.	Moody, Eric M.	Stamps, Andrew
Carias, Luis	Greer, Richard A.	Morehouse, Christopher	Steinhagen, Michael
Cataldo, Shane	Gryder, Archie	Morris, Andrew	Stubblefield, Lane
Cates, Cody	Gutierrez, Andres E.	Nguyen, Hieu Nghia	Stuck, Frederick
Claudio Rosa, Luis	Guzman, Francisco	Noud, Michael	Stucky, James
Cole, Johnathon	Harvey, James	O'Neal, Steven	Testerman, Jordan
Coon, Kenneth	Haynes, Rowdy	Opere, Justin	Treas, Nicholas
Cooper, Donald	Henri, Abraham	Panayanthodika, Saftharali	Ursuy, Nicholas
Coulibaly, Adiaratou	Herrera, Juan	Paraiso, Valferdinand	Vail, Tyler
Davis, Dustin	Heuer Jr, Everett	Paul, Matthew W.	Van Vooren, Travis
De Leon, Jody	Hoang, Dung	Phung, Phuong	Vineles, Warren Jay
Dennison, Nathan	Hougland, Stephen	Pinal, Jesus	Wahid, Shayan
DeVaney, Ryan C.	Jackson, James	Politte, Micah	Webb, Alexander
Didway, James	Jerome-Brown, Erika	Quesenbury, Darryll	Wharton, Christopher
Dobkowski, Robert	Joanou, Giovanni	Rady, James	Ybarra, Jessica
	Johnson, Princeton		

FLIGHT SCHOOL DEAN'S LIST - 4th Quarter 2009

Bertram, Justin	Keener, Ryan	Newman, Matthew	Prewitt, Zachary
Borges, Matthew	Langdon, Ashley	Odegard, Chad	Udy, Joshua
Brown, Christopher	Martinez, Gerardo	Owen, Timothy	Watson, Philip
Harper, Sherman		Padelford, Timothy	

PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL - 4th Quarter 2009

Ajilore, Olaniyi	Figueroa, Frank	McMorrow, Robert	Smith, Christopher
Alvey, Wesley	Finau, Fredrick	Mild, Marc	Snyder, Patrick
Amer, Mohamed	Fontalvo, Oscar	Millard, Gregory	Spinks, Chris
Amon, Heath	Ginn, Keri	Mims, G. Logan	Stauffer, Chris
Aukes, Blake	Glover, Cody	Minotto II, Daniel	Stocking, Randolph
Ballard, Rick	Gomez, Manuel	Molgren, Nels	Stubbs, Devin
Barnes, Jeffrey	Goneau, John	Moore, Todd	Stump, Sharjenna
Bash, Josh	Gray, Kevin	Morgan, Aaron	Swatek, Leighton
Behlen, Michael	Guysinger, John	Morgan, Bryan	Szuch, Brandon
Bland, Daniel	Hagel, Joseph	Murphy, Jacob	Tanic, Ivan
Blanton, Shawn P.	Hawkins, James	Murray, Ryan	Tapia, Nelson
Blevins, Jordan	Hawkins, Kevin	Nerge, Kenneth	Taylor, Brian
Booher, Brandon	Hirning, Michael	Newburn, Spencer B.	Tenkerian, Vartan
Bowen, Kate	Hogg, Garrett	Nordman, Ethan	Thao, Philippe
Budinger, Clayton	Hood, Christopher	Ohnemus, Travis	Thiele, Aaron
Byler, Joshua	Hopkins III, Charles	Oleary, Peter	Tobey, Christopher
Carney, Chris	Houser, Randa	Olson, Kurt	Trafton, Damian
Cash, Seth	Hubbard, Curtis	Ortiz Jr, Hector Hugo	Tran, Trung
Castro, Francisco	Hurst, Matt	Owens, Jason	Trent, Michael
Cazzell, Matthew	Izzo, Jose Jaime	Pacicca, Eric	Trujillo, Jesus
Clearwater, Arron	Johnson, Felicia	Panta, Madan	Ukens, Shaun
Coburn, Brad	Johnston, Jay	Patel, Keyurkumar	Valente, Fernando
Cole, Greg	Jorgenson, Erik	Peters, Matthew	Van Da Griff, Carl
Coley, Jeremiah	Khytruk, Tatyana	Poskey, Seth	Walker, Francesca
Collier, Jr., Carlos	Kringle, Ryan	Quinn, Joseph	Wang, Jesse
Copeland, Joshua	Kudsk, Mark	Rawson, Stephanie	Wassell, Jason
Cottrell, Sterling	Kuntz, Roderick	Ray, Sean	Webb, Troy
Craig, Cody	Laisin, Leinyuy	Richards, Christen	Welling III, Wesley
Cruz, Eric	Lanclos, Joseph	Ridgway, Caleb	Wells, Paul
DeBord, Craig	Laroche, Nelida	Roberson, Travis	Westphal, Jason
Delcambre, Patrick	Laxton, Alvin	Robertson, Mickey	White, Andrew
Denny, Richard	Le, Minh	Rogers, Brandon	Whitman, Taylor
Dewar, William	Lenhardt, John	Rohloff, Richard	Whitt, Jason
Dorris, Blake	Lewellyn, Jr., Curtis	Salsman, Jeffrey	Widner, Brian
Dorsey, Christian	Logan, James	Scarborough, Michael	Williams, Brian
Durst, Richard	Lovell, Nathan	Schlereth, Hans	Wood, Daniel
Ellis, Robert	Majors, Chris	Schreiber, Timothy	Young, Sean
Erickson, Joel	Maldonado, Eriberto	Shaw, Joseph	Zapien, Cynthia
Espy, Paul	Manley, William	Sinyard, Jake	Zehner, Jonathan
Ewell, Garrett	McCarn, Billy	Sisk, Michael	Zook, Jeffrey
Fenstermacher, Charles	McIntyre, Stephen	Smith, Charles	

ALUMNI CORNER

GENE HEISE - CLASS OF 1947

Recently I had the pleasure of a phone conversation with a 1947 alumnus. Gene Heise graduated in January of 1947 and received his A&E license. After graduation Gene went to work at Smith and Jones Flying Service in Dewitt, AR. Smith and Jones was a flying school and a crop dusting operation.

On July the 9th, 1949 Gene embarked on an ambitious trip in his 1947 Ercoup. The airplane had a 75 HP engine with no radio and even no mixture control for the engine. This adventure took Gene from Cape Girardeau, MO to Los Angeles, CA. Can you imagine flying over the Rockies in 1949 with no radios or mixture control?!

This flight was 4,000 miles round trip with an average speed of 100 miles an hour. Gene admits it was quite an adventure with several forced landings and other near misses from things such as the weather. Gene recalls getting caught in a terrible downdraft while going through a 9,000 ft. pass. He said, "I barely made it through on the backside." Gene exclaimed that weather reporting was not a science in those days. Gene recalls a refueling stop in Tulsa where he visited Spartan. He then flew south through Oklahoma City and on to Lubbock, TX. He then continued south to the Mexican border and turned west, flying through El Paso then along the Mexican border, west to San Diego and then up to LA.

After 42 years of traveling around, Gene retired where he now lives in Cape Girardeau, MO. At the



*Gene and Dorothea Heise - 1949 Cape Girardeau, MO
Fairchild PT-23. Price \$210.00. Spartan logo hand-painted by Dorothea.*

present time, Gene owns a Breezy aircraft and flies whenever he can. The Breezy is an ultralight which is certified in the experimental category. This allows our 83 year young alumnist to fly and enjoy his love for aviation.

Gene developed his fondness for aviation at a very early age. In the 1930's he was fascinated by the Barn Stormers. His father was a P51 pilot during the second world war. It only seemed natural that he develop the same passion that his father had for aviation. Gene started flying when he was 17. He remembers taking his wife on her first airplane ride. He said, "we had been going steady since she was 15 and I was 16 and we got married when we were 18."

At 83 years young, Gene is a wonderful example of spirit, energy and enthusiasm. We are proud to call Gene a Spartan Alum and we wish him well in the future.