



President's Perspective

Your experience while at Spartan is important to all of us. I am proud to say that we have made major strides in the past few months to improve the educational experience of our students and make quantifiable progress towards remaining the nation's premiere aviation college. Let me begin by saying that being the best requires a full commitment from the student body to excel at academic performance, as well as a full commitment by all of the staff and faculty to teach to a high standard, and implement the advice of our advisory committees to the curriculum. The college has added a state of the art full motion simulator to the flight school, added branded new oscilloscopes to the Avionics program, added state of the art GE ultrasonic test equipment in NDT, have purchased tens of thousands of dollars of operating supplies for the our Aviation maintenance program, overhauled the darkroom in the non destructive testing lab, added new smart boards for the classrooms at the flight school and have plans to add them in the fundamentals classrooms throughout the college, invested \$50,000 dollars in overhauling the PT6 turbine engine in the Aviation Maintenance program, and adding new chairs, desks, shop stools over the course of the year. These are only a few of the recent invest-



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CEO/President
Spartan College

ments made in our college and there will be many more to come.

A college is only as good as the people that do their jobs everyday to support the efforts of our students. I would like to share with all of you a list of this year's award recipient for employee of the year. You'll find it at the center of the newsletter.

Please join me in congratulating these individuals for their unwavering commitment to making Spartan a better college and ultimately your experience the best it can be.

On a final note, It was certainly nice to have CNN select Spartan to showcase on their building America program. The primary reason they were attracted to Spartan for this feature was the fact that our graduates are finding good jobs upon completion of a program without spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a private traditional university. That said, I am excited about the recent up cycle in aviation. The industry is back to booming and now is the time to stay committed to your education and prepare to enter a now robust sector.

Kind Regards,

1930 Spartan C-3 Restoration

By Dennis Henson, Director of Maintenance Spartan Flight School

In 1997, Spartan College of Aeronautics, bought two antique airplanes, a 1930 Spartan C-3 biplane and a Spartan C-2. Both airplanes were put on display in the Tulsa Air and Space Museum. After I first saw the Spartan C-3, it was my goal to restore it. Ten years later, I finally received permission to remove the C-3 from the museum to start her restoration.

In September 2007, the C-3 was moved from the museum to the Spartan hanger at Tulsa International Airport. At this time, I inspected the plane and made it airworthy for the flight to Jones Riverside Airport. In November 2007, the plane was ferried to Spartan Flight School at Riverside. This was the beginning of a long, detailed and extensive restoration.

As I started the restoration, I had to inspect and analyze the C-3. There were many surprises with each step of the restoration. When the fuselage skin was removed, I discovered that the wood used was for building homes, not aircraft. The aircraft frame was stripped bare. The frame was sandblasted and painted. The longerons, bulkheads, floors were replaced. Most of the new parts had to be handmade. Basically, the only original parts on the fuselage are the pilot's stick and the pilot's wooden seat base.

Originally, I was only going to re-skin the fuselage, but, I needed to make sure that the wood in the wings was aircraft quality. So, off came the wing skin. Surprisingly, the wing wood was in excellent condition for being 80 years old. The wings and fuselage were recovered by using a poly-fiber process which required a FAA approval. The interior was replaced with new leather upholstery.



Swirled polished aluminum was installed on the floor at strategic locations to prevent worn areas on the wood flooring. Not only did I make the co-pilot's control stick, I carved the handle for it and the pilot stick. On both, I installed a push to talk and transmit switch.

Avionics installation included a Garmin radio, transponder, and a helicopter intercom. All antennas were installed inside of the fuselage to maintain a 1930's appearance. There wasn't an electric system, so I installed a wind generator. A new, 406 ELT was installed.

New fuel lines, screws, bolts, brake cables, and pulleys were replaced with modern hardware. The fuel tank was rusty with lots of holes. I encased the fuel tank with fiberglass.

Inspection of the struts revealed that they were filled with water and very rusty. One cylinder on the strut had to be cut off and a new one made. Copeland Machine Shop cut the fine thread on the cylinder at no cost to Spartan. Modern "O" rings

Spartan C-3 Restoration

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replaced the leather "O" rings of the 1930s. After 5 attempts, I made the missing rear navigation light from a mold. Amazingly, I found original instrument panel lights on a shelf in Spartan's hanger. The missing data plate was replaced with a reproduction. The infamous Spartan head and other decals were reproduced based on a picture of the C-3 in a 1930's advertisement.



The restoration of the C-3 was a challenge due to the lack of blueprints or documentation. The above items were only a few of the parts that were remade or replaced. The C-3 was indeed a complex and time consuming project. It took approximately 3,600 hours to complete. However, through hard work, dedication and prayer the Spartan C-3 took the skies on January 29, 2011.

World Champion on Spartan Campus

By Mark L. Pranger, Dean of College Programs

Former major league pitcher George Frazier spoke to Spartan's marketing class Thursday evening, February 10. Frazier pitched for ten years in the major leagues, ending his career with the 1987 World Champion Minnesota Twins. He twice pitched in the World Series, first with the New York Yankees in 1981, and then with the Twins.

Frazier was born in Oklahoma City and later moved with his family to Springfield, Mo. He was a three-sport star at Hillcrest High School but chose to return to Oklahoma, pitching for the University of Oklahoma, where he appeared in four consecutive College World Series. He is currently a television commentator for the Colorado Rockies organization and calls Tulsa his home.

After baseball Frazier started his career as a commentator by calling Big Eight men's and women's basketball games. He also called University of Tulsa football games during this time. His career includes commentary for ESPN, FOX family, FOX Sports Network, Home Sports Entertainment, the

Baseball Network, and the Minnesota Twins regional games telecasts. He is now in his thirteenth season as the FSN Rocky Mountain Colorado Rockies analyst.

Frazier spoke to the Dr. Gaddis' bachelor class for two hours about the concepts of marketing as they pertain to the baseball industry. He talked about how he spent time marketing himself as a relief pitcher to various teams throughout the Major Leagues. He also discussed the marketing concepts used by major league organizations to market the teams to the fans. The use of sponsorships by equipment manufacturers such as Pony and Nike to market their products to the fans were also covered. The class was given the opportunity to ask questions on various topics before the lecture related to the marketing concepts, and Frazier addressed these questions during his time with the class. His dynamic style of speaking kept the students focused and brought some of the concepts that they were studying to life by relating it to various student interest, not just baseball.

AMT Society Annual Aviation Expo - Las Vegas, NV

By Damon Bowling, Vice President Marketing

Last month Mr. Worthington, Vice President of Aviation Training and I had the opportunity to attend the annual AMT Society Aviation Expo. The Aviation Maintenance Society is a fantastic organization made up of aviation professional actively involved in promoting and improving the aviation maintenance profession. The AMT Society mission as stated on their website www.amtsociety.org, is "To actively promote and protect the professional aircraft maintenance technician's craft and profession, enhance the future of the profession and to provide resources to its members". The organization is a great organization and I recommend all aviation maintenance and avionics maintenance professionals to become members and get involved in the society.

This year's event was a great event held in none

other than the wonderful and exciting Las Vegas, Nevada. During the expo attendees have the opportunity to enjoy professional seminars on various topics including an FAA approved seminars for IA renewal. There were hundreds of exhibitors at the expo including anything from aviation training resources, tools and equipment and aircraft window wax. I'm always amazed at how creative companies can be in developing ideas and products to assist in some of the simplest tasks. There was plenty of time at the event to visit all the exhibitors and find out what some of the latest technologies, products and services are offered.

One of my favorite parts about attending the event and working at the Spartan College of

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FINANCIAL AID

By Christina Foster

It is now tax filing time. We want to remind all students that the 11/12 FAFSA will be due May 1st, 2011. You should file your 2010 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 2010, unless there is a reason you can not file your taxes now, please do so immediately and complete your 11/12 FAFSA.

The 11/12 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, 2011. 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 11/12 FAFSA by May 1st, 2011, 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 Melanie Salyer - Main Campus

Flight students:

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

2010 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

In appreciation for your outstanding performance and
contribution to our students success!

Support Department Awards

Ken Kliesen

Richard Dennis

Jim Davis

Vanessa Chairez

Kevin Dennis

Tiffany Schockemoehl

Oliver Cuestas

Educator of the Year 2010

Kevin Sidener

Sally Morgan

Richard Crawford

Kevin Case

Robert Wilkerson

Overall Employee of the Year 2010

Ashley Fleming

2010 Skelly Award

In recognition of outstanding student service.

Cheryl Musgrove

WELCOME ABOARD!

Ryan Goertzen - Vice President of Education

Mr. Ryan Goertzen, former Director of Training and ASAP Manager at AAR Corporation in Oklahoma City has joined the Spartan family as our new Vice President in charge of Education. In Ryan's former role he was responsible for the FAA approved training programs and maintaining training requirements for 700 maintenance personnel and running investigations associated with filed ASAP reports.

Prior to joining AAR, Ryan was the Maintenance Training Manager and ASAP Manager at Air Wisconsin Airlines Corporation located in Appleton, Wisconsin. Ryan started his career with Air Wisconsin as a pilot instructor teaching both initial and recurrent classes. Ryan was responsible for the development of Air Wisconsin's first learning management system and e-learning content used in recurrent pilot training. Ryan received

CL-65 type rating while at Air Wisconsin and holds a Commercial SEL/MEL, Instrument and CFI. Ryan holds a Bachelor of Science in Aviation and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Along with Ryan's credentials he has demonstrated a true commitment to education and training in the aviation industry by working directly with Spartan as an advisory board member and implementing our bridge program with AAR corporation. AAR has committed to hire a minimum of 10% of our Aviation Maintenance graduates through this unique program.

Ryan is married to the love of his life Jenny and has three sons Jacob, Joshua and Jack. Please join me in welcoming Ryan to the Spartan team.

Rod Zastrow - Vice President. Business Development

Spartan has appointed Mr. Rod Zastrow to the position of Vice President, Business Development. Rod has almost three decades of experience with the United States Air Force and retired in early 2010 as a Colonel. Rod will assist Spartan in developing more strategic partnerships with industry both Department of Defense and Commercial. Growth in aviation will take place in both the United States and many foreign countries. We are confident Rod will provide the Business development leadership necessary for us to engage these emerging opportunities. Please join me in welcoming Rod to the Spartan family.



EXCESS FUNDS. . . Where Do They Come From?

By Christina Foster

Where do "excess funds" come from?

Your eligibility for excess funds is calculated by determining the total amount of financial aid obtained less the amount of charges you will have for tuition, books, tools and fees in an academic year. If you have more financial aid than you need to cover your direct costs for tuition, books, tools and fees then you have excess funds. It is actually that simple!

Example: If the total for tuition, books, tools and fees for this academic year is estimated at \$16,000 and you have \$17,000 in financial aid, then your excess would be \$1000 for the academic year.

- For a technical student, an academic year is defined 30 total weeks (5 terms of 6 weeks each) and 24 credits. Your financial aid will come in 5 equal disbursements, one arriving during each of the 6 week terms. If you have a total of \$1000 excess funds divided by 5 disbursements, you would have \$200 every 6 weeks.

- For a flight student an academic year is defined as 32 weeks and 24 credits. Your financial aid will come in 2 equal disburse-

ments, one arriving during each of the 16 week payment periods. If you have a total of \$1000 excess funds divided by 2 disbursements, you would have \$500 every 16 weeks.

How do I request "excess funds"?

Request for excess funds forms are located at the South campus Cashier office and at the Flight campus Student Records office. Cash requests for \$500 or less will be available in 2 days after 2:30. Check requests for all amounts greater than \$500 will be available for pick up on Thursday after 2:30 PM at the South campus Cashier office if the request is received by Monday at 3:00 PM. Any requests received after 3:00 PM will be available the FOLLOWING week on Thursday.

Advances from excess funds are expected to assist with MONTHLY expenses. Requests should be made once per month. Up to two requests will be honored each month. Please budget your expenses according to this schedule.

If you have questions regarding your excess funds, or how the calculation is done, please see the Financial Aid Department.

Council Meeting Schedule

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

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.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

4TH QUARTER 2010

Francesca Walker - General Education
Zachary Callison - Avionics Technology
Randolph Stocking - Airframe
Lemeki Batisaresare - Powerplant
Jesse Nuttle - NDT/Quality Control

DEAN'S LIST - 4th Quarter 2010

Joshua K. Adams	Trevor Davidson	Christopher Hills	Willian Roberts
Robert Allcock	Nevin Davis Jr.	Tracy Hoover	Enrique Rodriguez Perez
Stephen Altstatt	James Carl Day III	Randy Howard	Edwin Ruelas
Sebastian Alvarez	Rowdy Day	Taylor Howell	John Ruiz
Heath Amon	Thomas Deaton	John Ingram	Richard Rutkowski
DeMarcus Anderson	Eduardo DeLeon Ortega	Bianca Jackson	Plern Sae Song
Anthony Atkinson	Robert DeWeese	Dalton Jackson	Jesus Saldivar
Michael Atwell	Blake Dorris	Erik Jorgenson	Mario Salinas Jr.
Jeffrey Barnes	Mouhamadou Drame	Nikolay Kifyak	Jacque Sandoval
Josimar Barradas	Khavannah Dunkley	Russ Killian	Dylan Savage
Steven Barton	Jessie Dunne	Matthew King	Jennie Shaw
Rodney Bastow	Steven Enterkin	Christopher Kotsoglou	Saxon Shepard
Lemeki Batisaresare	Haley Evans	Gregory D. Lankford	Vincent A. Sitterly
James Beaty	Brian Evaul	Lucero, Michael	Daniel South
Scott Beavers	Garrett Ewell	Evan Mathiesen	Shawn Stark
William Benfer	Frank Figueroa	John McAlpin	Donnie Starks
Jacob Benites	Andrew Fischer	Robert McMorro	Vince Stein
Jordan Blevins	Patrick Flaugher	George Merimon	Phillip Steiner
Charleton Bowman	Nathan Forrest	Brian Michulka	Bobby Taylor
Zachary Breyne	Daniel Fox	Christopher Morehouse	Vartan Tenkerian
Seth Brisbin	Rayne Gainous	Josue Mota	Nathan Tenney
Nathaniel Brumley	Honoree Christelle Gaisom Kamden	Cody Muckelrath	Hilario Torres
Emmanuel Carmona	Mark W. Gardner	Jacob Myklebust	Damian Trafton
Michael Carroll	John Girouard	Daryl Njogu	Kenneth L. Troyer
Bayron Castro	Byron Golphin	Heather O'Donnell	Jeremy Vallier
Brigido Castro	Clinton J. Greenough	Marius Osborne	Christopher Wainwright
Shane Cataldo	Jeremiah Hall	Keyurkumar Patel	Kevin Webb
Christopher Chandler	Seth Haltom	Matthew W. Paul	Joey West
Luis Claudio Rosa	Dustin Hammond	Wesley Peacock	Jason Westphal
Arron Clearwater	Chase Harmon	Leonardo Perez Jr.	Raphael Whyte
Tyson Cochran	Lina Harris	Aaron Pickell	Brandon Willis
Luke Compton	Kevin Hawkins	Jesus Pinal	Daniel Wood
Amariah Crawford	Johnathan Heathman	Roy Polite	Richard Woolstrum
Stephen Crawford	Kevin Henry	Christen Richards	Zach Wyant
Eric Cruz	Christopher Hillmon	Dan Ridderhoff	Dominic Ybarra

FLIGHT SCHOOL DEAN'S LIST 4th Quarter 2010

Christopher Brown
Joshua Eberly
Daniel Sage

FLIGHT SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S LIST 4th Quarter 2010

Carsten Bunker	Christi Ellis	Evan Price
Bradey Bynum	James Griswold, Jr.	Harold Slate
Vincent Cimato	Christopher Guidry	Matthew Thomas
	Joseph Hoofard	

PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL - 4th Quarter 2010

Abubakr Abdelkhalek	Scott Doyle	Mark Kudsk	Joseph Reynolds
Chris Akhidenor	Sean Dreyer	Leinyuy Laisin	Robert Riddle
Wesley Alvey	Barry G Edwards	Caleb Lambert	Caleb Ridgway
Ryan Anderson	Robert Ellis	Patrick Langieri	Alex Rivera
Ricardo Antron	Travis Erekon	Nicholas Lariviere	Travis Roberson
Christopher Autry	Olushola Fatola	Thomas Larson	Vincent Robinson
Daniel Avila	Charles Fenstermacher	Joshua J Laughlin	Steven Ruben
James Bacik	Michael Fink	John Lenhardt	Kevin Rushing
James Bagley	Kyle Fischer	Tyler Lewis	Brian Scanio
Larry J. Bates	Aaron Folks	Juan Lima	Michael Scarborough
Michael Beck	Janine M. Garcia	Clay Lockee	Hans Schlereth
Jonathan Bennett	Cory Gardner	Benjamin Ludwig	Carl Schulz
Jason Bills	Jeremy Gibson	James Luke	Jordan Schwartz
D'Juan Blackmon	Titus Gietzen	Joseph Mattingly III	Joseph Sheetz
Shawn P. Blanton	Anatole Goktas	Craig J McCauley	Anthony Short
Brian Blasch	Christopher Gonzalez	Simon McDonald	Daniel Skerker
Eric Boo	Nicholas Gordon-Smith	William McFadden	Jessica Smith
Jacob Bradford	Kevin Gray	Johnathan McFarland	Chris Spinks
William Bremmer	Demarque Grayson	Brandon McHaffie	Nickales Springwater
Daryl J. Bronson Jr.	Margaret Green	Dakota McHaffie	Chris Stauffer
Zachary Brown	Archie Gryder	Aaron McKean-Hogan	Michael Stedman
Kouakou Bruce	Renato Guitart	Joseph McKelvy	Robert D. Stevenson
Clayton Budinger	Murray Gunn	Justin McRea	Randolph Stocking
Shawn M. Bullinger	Andres E. Gutierrez	Justin Melton	Leighton Swatek
David Burkhart	Alexander Hall	Steadman Moore	Joshua Taylor
Zachary Callison	Lucas Hall	Justin Morrison	Jimmy Viet My Thai
Aaron Campbell	Larry Hallenbeck	Jonathan Myers	Philippe Tchuyeng V.Thao
Brian Caudill	Casey Hammond	Isaac Nakamura	DouglasTinnin
Jarrold Chandler	Shawn Harbison	Travis Neal	Larry Tucker
Jaron D. Christian	Joshua Hardy	Kenneth Nerge	Jeremy Tullos
Daryl Chronister, Jr.	Joshua Harris	Spencer B. Newburn	Jeremy Tuluk
Daniel Clark	Michael Hirning	William Nicholas	Caleb Turk
Stacey Coates	Devan Hoover	Jesse Nuttle	Zane M. Turk
Chase Collins	Joseph Howlett	Habib Osekre	Blane Turner
Rachel Conrades	David "Eric" Hoyt	Eric Pacicca	Nicholas Vinkler
Joseph Cooper	Curtis D. Hubbard	Donovan Padgett	Gary Walls
Joshua Copeland	David Hudson	Rory Parker	Daniel Walther
William Cox	Phillip Hudson	John Pence	Elliot Ward
Samantha Crayton	Derrick Huggins	Brittney Poorman	Michael D. Weiss
Brent Crozier	Andrew Hutton	Jeffrey Popejoy	James Wheeler
Cody Cupps	Kanin J. Jackson	Daniel Porter	Andrew White
Caleb Dance	Carlos Janeway	Daniel Potter	John W. Wilcox
Russell D'Antonio	Benjamin Jeffries	James Procius	Coltin Woodard
Luke Davidson	Jeremiah Jordan	Travis Prudhomme	Noah Wright
Cey Decker	Chad Judd	Zachary Rackers	Richard Xiong
Treva Derbaum	John Kenny	Jessy Ray	Cynthia Zapien
Alisha Dickerson	Jamie Killian	Hunter Rayner	Jeffrey Zook
Miles Dodge	Timothy Kimball	Lindsay Rector	Mark Zook
Seth Dohner	Ames Knappen	Brian Reed	Adrianus Zwijssen
Mikal Dollinger	Joshua Krouse	Michael Reichert	

Aeronautics and Technology booth is meeting all the Spartan graduates. As most readers already know Spartan has graduated over 90,000 aviation professionals. When you attend an aviation event like the AMT Society Expo, it doesn't take long to be reminded. I met graduates from as early as 1965 to as late as 2010 at this year's event. Many of the graduates make it a point just to stop by the Spartan booth and say hello and chat. Of course I'm always anxious to learn about how they are doing and their successes after attending Spartan. Based on my experience, the bottom line it is really up to you what you do with the training you've obtained at Spartan. I've met graduates that had been very happy and satisfied as an aviation maintenance technician for many years and many who have moved into supervisory and management positions and obtained advance degrees. One thing is common with all of them and that's their excitement, enthusiasm and passion for the aviation industry.

Another exciting event for the expo is an aviation maintenance skills competition. The competition provides an opportunity for aviation professionals from different airlines, military services and colleges to compete. The competition includes a variety of skill oriented tasks from assembly and

rigging to electrical troubleshooting. The events are team competitions and timed to make for even more excitement. Next year 2012, Spartan has committed to sending its first team to compete at the college level and I can't wait to see Spartan bring home the trophy.

Whether you are pursuing a career in aviation maintenance, avionics, nondestructive testing, quality control or professional pilot, take time to be involved with the organization affiliated and supporting your industry. Aviation maintenance and avionics technicians have the AMT Society (www.amsociety.org) the National Center for Aerospace and Transportation Technologies (www.ncatt.org), the Aircraft Electronics Association (www.aea.net), nondestructive testing the American Society of Nondestructive Testing (www.asnt.org) and Personnel for Quality and Nondestructive Testing (www.pqndt.com) and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association at (www.aopa.org) for the professional pilots. These are just a few related to our graduates industries. Either way take the initiative to be more involved in your profession and in some cases take advantage of the resources and support they offering and in others give of yourself to help others in your profession. You be glad you did.

A few of the Companies already committed. . . CAREER FAIR - MAY 4, 2011

AAR Aircraft Services
Air Wisconsin Airlines
American Airlines
Baker Testing Services, Inc.
Bell Helicopter
Boeing
Colgan Air
CRTS, Inc.
CSC-Vance AFB

Flight Star Corporation
GE
Great Lakes Airlines
Hawker Beechcraft Corp.
International Inspection
Kelley Services (Nordam)
Mesaba Airlines
Mistras Group

PCC Structurals
Petro Chem
Pinnacle Airlines
Primus International
ProEnergy Services
Rockwell Collins
Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.
TechCorr
Unicorp Systems, Inc.