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President Jeremy Gibson  
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Dear President Gibson,

These are truly transformational times in which we live today. The aviation industry has changed over the past decade with the rapid pace of technology being introduced in all facets of the sector. These times remind me of the last great era in aerospace when we sent a man to the moon, and rapidly became (as Americans) the voice of authority in space exploration.

Today, more than ever, the aviation industry needs to recruit and retain the young men and women that will lead the industry to the level the world demands. As you know, Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology has been for many decades the foundation for thousands of people pursuing a path to a career in aviation. I am glad to see that Spartan is exposing young aviators to state of industry techniques, technology and training aids that will enhance the profound impact to the sector that I love; the industry at large expects it.

As you are aware, my stepson graduated from Spartan in the late 90's. Spartan taught him much more than just the science and technology of aviation. It taught him the value of professionalism. Today, he is successful and prospering in the industry.

In closing, I would encourage anyone to pursue a truly amazing career by enrolling at Spartan. The college has a past filled with historic significance, a present that mirrors the quality expected by the industry, and a future that has no limits.

Sincerely,



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