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Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Announces 2013 Scholarship Recipients

Three to be recognized at October banquet

OSHKOSH, WI. June 2, 2013 - Alex Adduci has been selected as the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame's 2013 Carl Guell Memorial scholarship recipient. Alex, from Eagle, Wisconsin, is an aeronautical engineering major at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Before attending college, Alex learned to fly, soloing at 16 and earning his private pilot certificate and instrument at 17, and became a commercial pilot at 18, about the time he was finishing high school. Alex has participated in a number of extracurricular activities and community service projects. He is serving an internship with Gulfstream in Savannah, Georgia.

"I would not be the person I am today without the wonderful support of those vested in the history and the adventure of general aviation in Wisconsin," said Alex, upon receiving word of his selection. "This scholarship that the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame has so generously offered comes as a wonderful surprise, but also makes me so very glad that we have such a dedicated group of people supporting and keeping general aviation at its finest. Thank you WAHF," Alex added. "You have deepest gratitude."

The Carl Guell Memorial scholarship is a \$1000 award that goes to a Wisconsin student majoring in an aviation or aerospace program at any U.S. college or university.

"Alex is an exceptional aviation student based on his desire to learn the fundamentals of propulsion based in thermodynamics and energy sciences, achieving an above average grade in the class while juggling his aviation pilot activities," says Jay Gore, a thermodynamics instructor at Purdue.

Rich Conrad, of Kiel, Wisconsin, will receive the \$500 Thiessen Field scholarship. Rich has been a private pilot for 5 years. After being laid off from a yacht manufacturer 2 years ago, he decided to pursue a career as an airframe and powerplant mechanic. He is an Aircraft Airframe and Powerplant/Avionics student at Fox Valley Technical College in Oshkosh.

"I have recently completed my two-year Airframe and Powerplant training course at FVTC and earned my FAA Airframe and Powerplant Airman rating," said Rich. "This scholarship is a great help and wonderful gift to continuing my education in the aviation field. I hope to continue on in aviation to help others realize how exciting and enjoyable this field is; the variety, age, and technology of aircraft is endless. Thank you for your support of aviation right here in Wisconsin!"

Rich plans to continue his education, pursuing an associate degree in avionics. In addition to becoming a commercial pilot, Rich's goal is to manage a repair hangar and potentially become a flight instructor.

"Rich is one of the finest students we have had in the A&P program at FVTC," said Jeffrey Anderson, one of Rich's instructors. "He consistently demonstrates an exceptional level of focus on his studies. "I am glad that Rich decided to pursue his A&P training certification. I would trust him without hesitation to maintain and inspect aircraft."

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Heather Behrent, Appleton, is the recipient of the \$500 Jerome Ripp Memorial scholarship. Heather is also an Aviation Electronics/Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics student at Fox Valley Technical College in Oshkosh. "I believe I will enjoy being in an environment where detail and quality are of utmost importance," Heather explained about why she chose this field.

"I express my sincere gratitude to all of the individuals involved in selecting me for this scholarship. Without foundations such as the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, I would not be able to fulfill my dream of finishing the Airframe and Powerplant program at Fox Valley Technical College. This scholarship has given me the wonderful opportunity of being able to be a successful leader in my field of study."

Steven Sato, Aeronautics instructor at FVTC, says of Heather, "She is an outstanding leader and student. I intentionally provide vague instructions on some class assignments to evaluate student assertiveness, interpretation of written instructions, and understanding of technical manuals. Heather has exceeded my expectations."

The students will be recognized at WAHF's annual induction ceremony, to be held October 26 at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh.

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