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Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Names 2017 Scholarship Recipients

OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN, September 7, 2017 - The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame will award three aviation scholarships to students this year. WAHF's scholarship selection committee recently met at the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in Wausau, where the scholarship funds are administered, to review the applications and make selections. The committee selected the following students, and their selection was overwhelmingly approved by the WAHF board of directors. The recipients and award they are receiving are:

Emily Bennett, of Cedar Grove, Wisconsin, is receiving WAHF's \$500 Thiessen Field Scholarship and the \$500 Jeff Baum Aviation/Aerospace Scholarship. She is a freshman student at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, majoring in Aviation Flight Management. Upon graduation, she hopes to become a first officer for a small regional airline to accumulate hours before moving up to an airline. To help fund her college education, Emily has been working since her freshman year, at one point working two jobs during her sophomore year, to save for her college expenses. Emily says, "These flight costs will add up to nearly \$90,000 over the course of four years. I am solely responsible for paying for my education because of family circumstances."

Emily graduated with honors from Cedar Grove-Belgium High School. She has been awarded several Academic Excellence awards and been involved in school sports and 4-H. She volunteered at a food pantry and made cards for veterans. Emily has also participated in an EAA Youth Aviation Adventure Day.

Matthew Reuter, of Medford, is the recipient of WAHF's \$1000 Carl Guell Memorial Scholarship. Matthew's goal is to become a certificated flight instructor and corporate pilot. He's a freshman student at University of Dubuque majoring in Flight Operations.

Matthew graduated from Medford High School with high honors and participated in band and several sports. He was involved in many community service projects, including trail building with the Ice Age Trail Alliance and a food pantry with Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. He's an Eagle Scout who was honored by local and state representatives for his service project.

Matthew has taken flight training with Wausau Flying Service at the Wausau Downtown Airport (KAUW). One of Matthew's flight instructors, Gil Buettner, says, "I mistakenly assumed Matthew was several years older than he is because his confidence and use of standardized procedures was very professional. This is a very thoughtful, dedicated aviation enthusiast, and I expect great success in his development as a professional pilot," said Buettner.

For more information about WAHF's scholarship program, visit www.CFONCW.org or at the WAHF website at www.WisconsinAviationHallofFame.org.

The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame has inducted more than 120 men and women since 1985. Its mission is to collect and preserve the history of aviation in Wisconsin, recognize those who made that history, inform others of it, and promote aviation education for future generations. Additional event information will be announced soon. Visit www.WisconsinAviationHallofFame.org or call John Dorcey at 608-513-9840 or Tom Thomas at 608-221-1994 for more information.

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