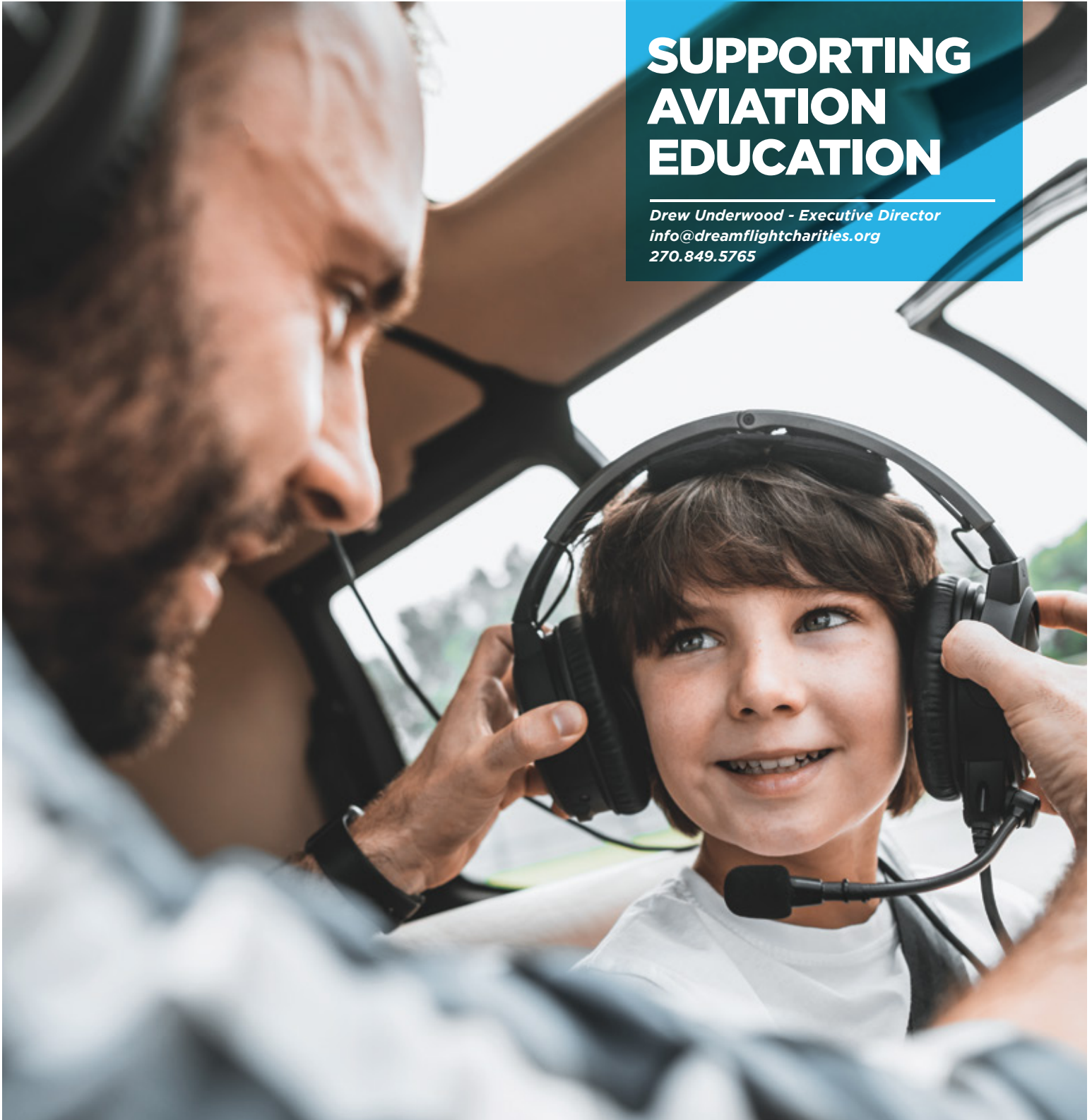




*Transforming student lives both  
within and outside the cockpit.*

## **SUPPORTING AVIATION EDUCATION**

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# ABOUT US

Join us as we utilize the exciting world of aviation as a transformative tool for inspiring and encouraging students throughout Kentucky.



## INTRODUCING DREAMFLIGHT CHARITIES HELPING STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS

From hosting major air freight operations to developing lunar modules and satellites, our state serves as a key player in the nation's aviation and aerospace industries, all while pushing the very limits of human innovation.

DreamFlight Charities actively seeks to inspire and encourage the next generation of aviators, mechanics, and other industry workers who will perpetuate this legacy as we continue to look to the skies above. As we remove various barriers to the industry, our organization looks to directly impact the lives of Kentucky's youth, from both within and outside of the cockpit.

The pages to follow contain but a sampling of the programs and services we have designed to help us in accomplishing our mission while contributing to a thriving and more vibrant aviation community.

Along the way, we hope that you will take note of the unique ways in which we hope to further inspire students within your own community to dream big and to realize their greatest potential.

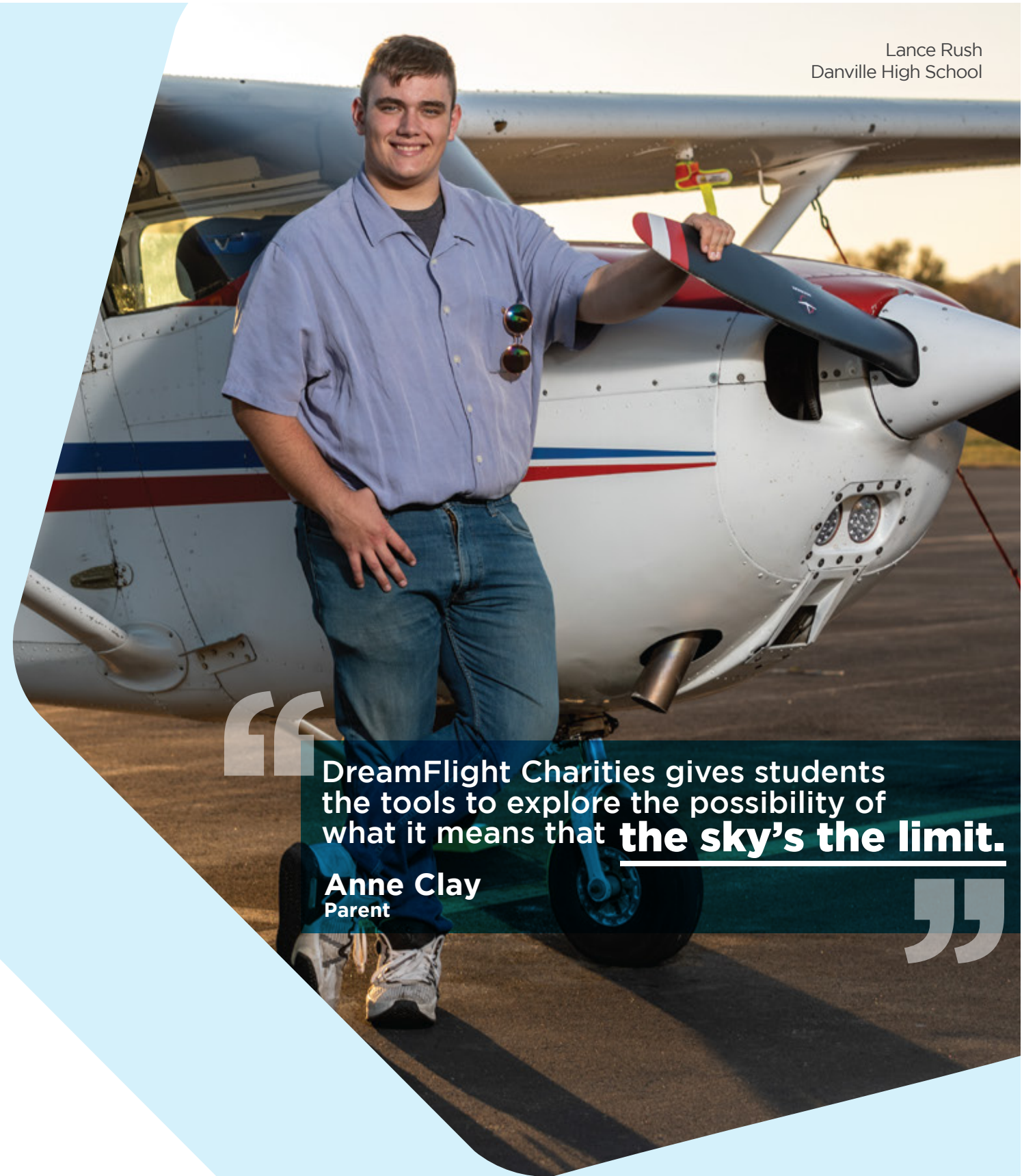
There is plenty to be excited about when it comes to aviation in the Commonwealth, and we look forward to sharing the skies with you.

Drew Underwood  
Executive Director

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JOBS SUPPORTED

*From the production of aircraft braking systems to massive freight and transport operations, Kentucky boasts a thriving aviation industry full of opportunity!*

Lance Rush  
Danville High School



“DreamFlight Charities gives students the tools to explore the possibility of what it means that **the sky's the limit.**”

Anne Clay  
Parent



# WHAT WE DO



## Inspire

Our aim is to ignite a passion for aviation at an early age while educating students about the endless possibilities presented by Kentucky's growing aviation industry.



## Enable

We strive to enable students by removing barriers to aviation, whether financial or circumstantial, so that they can more fully realize their dreams of flight.



## Encourage

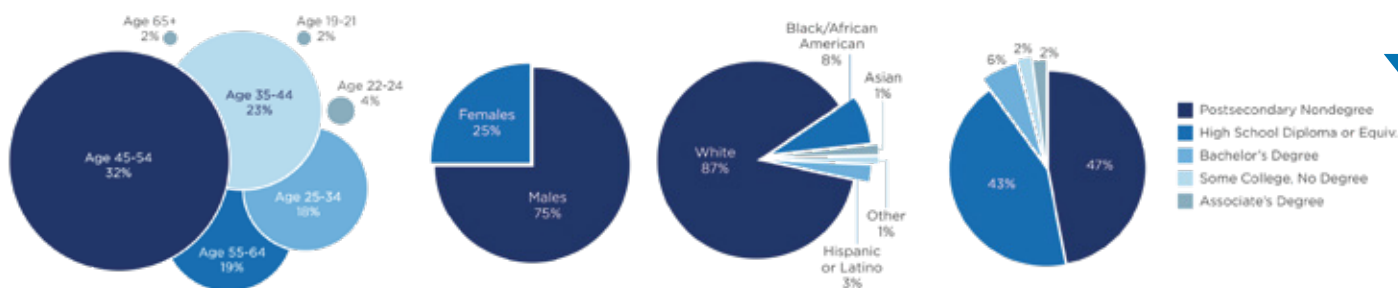
Aviation has become a platform that enables us to shape a student's outlook on life both inside and outside of the cockpit for years to come.



## Advocate

From promoting aviation education to helping airports better connect with their immediate community, we want to do our part in promoting a stronger aviation industry.

### Kentucky Aerospace & Aviation Employment Demographics



Information from the 2017 Kentucky Aerospace & Aviation Industry Study

# OUR TEAM



**Drew Underwood**  
Executive Director

With nearly two decades experience working with non-profits, Drew helps oversee day-to-day operations and fundraising initiatives while also serving as manager for Capital City Airport in Frankfort, Kentucky.



**Adrian Reynolds**  
Board President

Serving as CEO of Wings Flight Enterprises, Adrian helps contribute to DreamFlight's discovery events and in facilitating the organization's many flight training scholarship opportunities.



**Mark Treesh**  
Board Treasurer

Overseeing the financial state of our organization, Mark is also a former state representative, helping DreamFlight better advocate for aviation within the state of Kentucky.



**Shelby Peel**  
Board Secretary

Shelby helps us to keep a pulse on our state's growing aviation industry in addition to her duties as Assistant to the Commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Aviation.



**Bob Rowland**  
Board Member

A former superintendent for the Danville community, Bob helps us to better engage with various school districts in promoting aviation education and career readiness.



**Cary King**  
Board Member

From his involvement with the Cattleman's Association to running a local golf resort, Cary's passion for aviation and entrepreneurial spirit has been a valuable asset to DreamFlight.



**Andres Martinez**  
Board Member

Andres has overseen financial operations for numerous businesses over the years, now serving alongside Adrian at Wings Flight Enterprises while helping DreamFlight with development and logistics.



**Jason Cullen**  
Board Member

An entrepreneur, public servant, and commercial pilot, Jason provides valuable input in engaging with potential supporters throughout Kentucky's aviation industry.

## CHANGING THE FACE OF AVIATION & AEROSPACE IN KENTUCKY

From removing financial and circumstantial barriers to promoting career readiness across the many professions and opportunities presented by our state's growing aviation and aerospace industry, DreamFlight Charities hopes to bring significant changes and advancements to the developing workforce.



# CASE STUDIES



Jackson Erwin  
Danville High School

## REMOVING BARRIERS

Home to a booming aviation and aerospace industry; opportunities are plentiful for aspiring aviators and industry workers across the state. Even still, barriers exist, keeping students from realizing their greatest potential and calling.

A primary focus of DreamFlight Charities involves removing such barriers, allowing students to experience the exciting world of aviation with out reservation. From flight training scholarships to mobile aviation camp experiences that cater to even the most remote parts of our state, our aim is to present the wealth of opportunity that our industry has to offer.

"I will never forget the day that I first took the controls and got to fly the airplane. I was hooked. This has allowed me to get to my solo and discover my passion in life," says Jackson Erwin, recipient of one of DreamFlight's many flight training scholarships.

The financial cost of pursuing a career in aviation can be daunting. Thanks to our partners and their generosity, our organization has been able to aid students in taking their first steps to realizing their ambitious future as they take to the skies.

*Since beginning his flight training, Jackson has gone on to receive his Private Pilot Certificate and is currently studying at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida.*

*Jackson Erwin and fellow scholarship recipients review aircraft engine components with Wings Flight Training CFII Ron Royer.*

I am so grateful that my son had the opportunity to be a part of DreamFlight's scholarship program. His time with the instructor and in the air awakened a passion for aerospace engineering and a love for flight he would not have known without such an opportunity.

**Liz Erwin**  
Parent



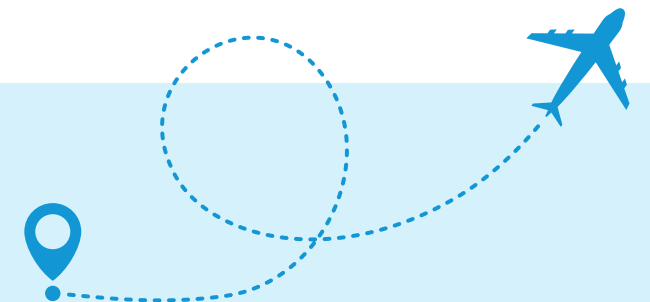
## PROMOTING DIVERSITY

While the Commonwealth hosts a robust aviation industry, a quick glance reveals not only an aging workforce, but one that lacks diversity and inclusivity. While reasons for this may vary, DreamFlight Charities has also focused on introducing the wonders of flight to student populations lacking representation in our local aviation community.

"I am a step closer to my future, to my dream," shares Evie Sapp, another of our scholarship recipients. "I have been involved with aviation not only with my training but in joining additional clubs. I have had the honor of meeting other women in aviation, seeing all of the accomplishments that women have been able to achieve over the years, encouraging my mentality of what women in aviation can do."

As we look toward the future, our hope is to further shape Kentucky's aviation community and industry, having it reflect the many unique and wonderful personalities that make up our state's population.

*Through an extended scholarship from DreamFlight and additional funding from the Kentucky Bluegrass 99's (a female pilot organization), Evie has since received her Private Pilot Certificate and now studies airport management at Eastern Kentucky University.*



Evie's story is just an example of ways we hope to work alongside like-minded organizations, pooling resources and creativity to help the next generation realize their greatest potential.



# OUR APPROACH



## Discovery Events

DFC Discovery Events provide participants with a unique perspective of the world, all while gauging a student's comfort level, teachability, and margins of success for those interested in applying for one of our flight training scholarships.



## Training Scholarships

Our flight training scholarships award up to \$6,000 in flight training, taking a student from zero hours and experience to nearly the time requirement to complete their solo flight in an aircraft.



## Aviation Camps

DreamFlight's AVCamp program utilizes mobile flight simulators to bring scalable aviation camp experiences to even the most remote parts of the state while also highlighting your local general aviation airport.



## STEM Support

We aim to provide a unique system of support for aviation education throughout or state, from the development of classroom resources to raising support and funding for the development of both new and existing programs.

## GUMPS CHECK

GUMPS (gas, undercarriage, mixture, propeller, switches, and seatbelts), is an acronym used as a memory aid to promote safety before landing an aircraft.

In a similar way, DreamFlight incorporates various opportunities for students to hone essential life-skills while encouraging character development, ensuring they can rise to the occasion regardless of their circumstances.



**CUSTOMIZED  
CAMP EXPERIENCES  
AVAILABLE!**

## AVCAMP WEEK EXPERIENCE

20+ Hour Event

Up to 14 Students

10 Hours Ground  
School Instruction  
(\$500 Value!)

### INCLUDES:

Intro to Aviation

Airplane Systems &  
Aeromedical Factors

Navigation & Flight Planning

Discovery Flight &  
Scholarship Application

**\$300** per  
student

DreamFlight Charities can now bring the exciting world of aviation right to your doorstep!

Utilizing our portable flight simulators, we can craft a unique and engaging event for your students that will teach them the basics of flight while instilling a passion for aviation at an early age.

But that's not all! Our events also enable students to receive actual ground school instruction that can be logged towards continued flight training, giving students an extra jump start towards pursuing their dreams of flight.

*Want to take things to the next level? Our discovery flight options provide students with a unique opportunity to utilize their newly honed skills in an actual aircraft with a certified flight instructor.*



AVCamp requires internet connection and around 250 square feet of space for seven simulators.



# DREAMFLIGHT CHARITIES PRESENTS OPENSKIES FLIGHT CLUB

Join us in creating a thriving aviation community to shape student lives for years to come.



## COMMUNITY

Our aim is to unite students and volunteers of various backgrounds around the world of flight.



## CHARACTER

From life skills to leadership opportunities, our purpose is to prepare students for life in and outside of the cockpit.



## CAREER

Our goal is to introduce students to the endless possibilities that are available in our state's aviation and aerospace industry.

# CLUBMEETINGS

Our monthly club meetings are designed to help aspiring aviators hone their skills while being engaged in various STEM activities.

### 11:00 AM Ground School

Our team of Certificated Flight and Ground Instructors (CFIs/AGIs) will lead students through an hour of ground school instruction, teaching the basics of flight and covering concepts that will appear on the Private Pilot Written Exam.

### 12:00 PM Lunch

We aim to provide an extensive and engaging experience for our participants, providing a hearty meal on-location to help students push forward through the many activities ahead!

### 12:30 AM Club Meeting

Students will be engaged through a variety of meeting components, including our GUMPS Check (promoting valuable life-skills) and presentations from engaging professionals within Kentucky's aviation industry and community.

### 1:30 PM STEM Rotations

Open Skies Flight Club caps off the days' activities with a variety of STEM activities, from flight simulation and discovery flights to drone operations and rocketry.

## Additional Activities

### Student Leadership Meetings

The student leadership team for Open Skies Flight Club meets monthly to plan future club activities while also looking to further membership, development, and community engagement.

### Flight Sim Saturdays

We're not restricting the experience to a single event each month! Our flight simulators will be available for reservation on select weekends, providing additional opportunities for students to practice their skills in a safe environment while also learning to navigate a variety of landing challenges!

### Annual Discovery Flight

Club membership dues include an annual discovery flight experience with one of our Certified Flight Instructors (CFIs). Students will be engaged on a multiple-destination flight, with their own time at the controls for a brief flight lesson. Discovery flights also serve as a prerequisite in applying for one of DreamFlight's Training Scholarships that award up to \$6,000 in flight training, an amount that will take a student from zero/no experience to nearly their hours required for solo flight in an aircraft!

### Club Excursions

Open Skies Flight Club also looks to facilitate a variety of excursions to other facilities, from the Aviation Museum of Kentucky to the control tower of Blue Grass Airport. Regardless of the destination, students will have the opportunity to see the very best of our aviation community firsthand.

## GUEST SPEAKERS



**Emily Herron**  
Airport Manager &  
Social Media Personality



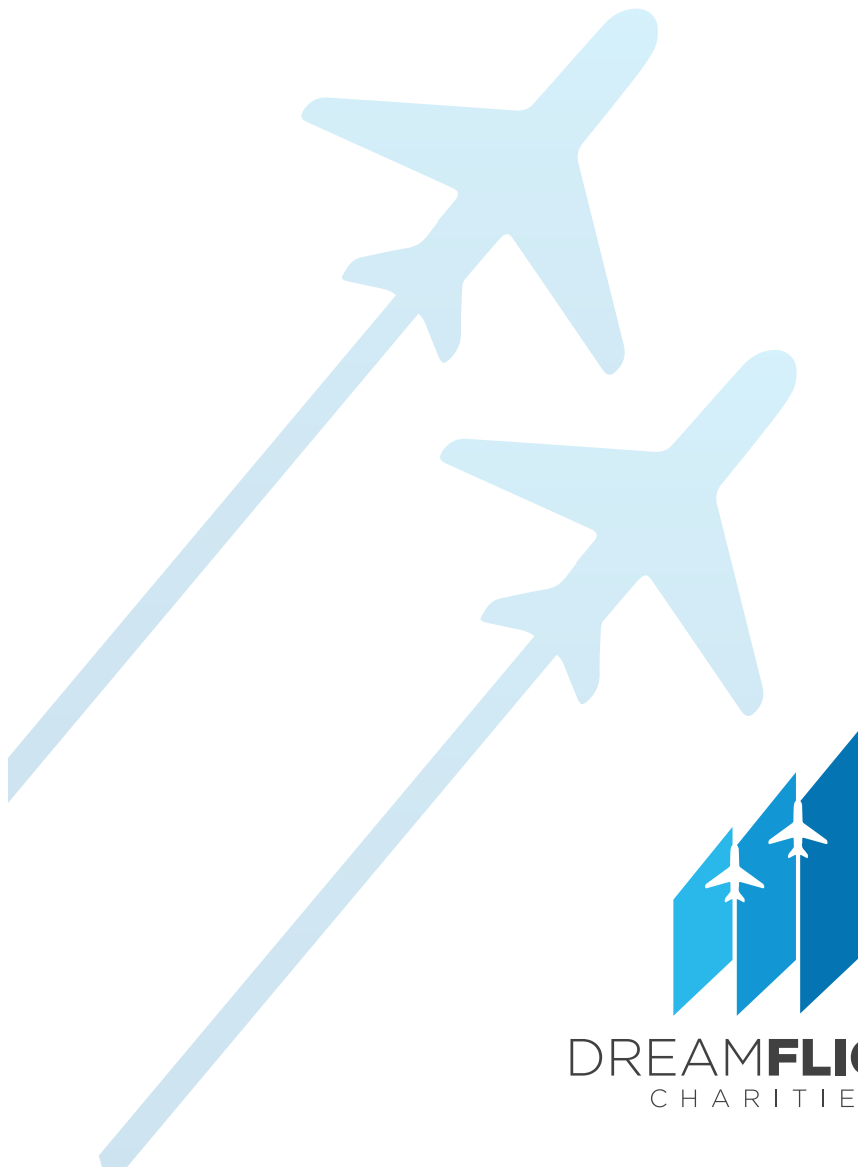
**Frank Cannon Jr.**  
Veteran UH-1 Huey &  
CH-54 "Sky Crane" Pilot



**Nikki French**  
Flight Nurse for  
Air Evac Lifeteam 43



**Jake Bell**  
DVK Airport Board Member  
& Delta Air Lines Pilot



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