

# ***THE LEROY W. HOMER JR. FOUNDATION***



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## **Congratulations Tyniyah Harris, 2016 Scholarship Recipient!**



On behalf of the LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation we would like to announce the selection of Niyah Harris as the 2016 Scholarship Recipient! Niyah is a high school student in the Atlanta area active in athletics, community service and a variety of aviation organizations including WAI, OBAP, EAA, AMA and AOPA. She has created an aviation blog where her mission is to be an advocate for aviation, empower people through technology, and help improve the lives of others through community service. Her blog mentors and encourages young people to explore STEM subjects and provide resources on how to achieve those aspirations. She also serves as the social media chair for her WAI Chapter. Niyah loves flying and will be working this summer break earning her Private Pilot Certificate. Congratulations Niyah!

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## **Have you checked out our all new website?**



It went under a complete renovation and its fresh new look is easy to use and navigate. If you haven't already done so, fly over to [leroyhomer.org](http://leroyhomer.org) and check us out!

**[www.leroyhomer.org](http://www.leroyhomer.org)**



## Foundation Launches

# KICKSTARTER

This summer the LeRoy Homer Foundation will be filming a series of public service announcements (PSAs). In order to fund this project, we have started a Kickstarter campaign.

The average cost of producing one 30 second PSA is approximately \$8300.00. Our campaign goal is 7500.00. It's a tight budget, but a workable one. We will have two shoots - one in Chicago and one in Denver, which will accommodate most of our past scholarship recipients "the talent".

### **The purpose of each PSA will be to reach a different audience with these goals in mind:**

- 1. Sharing our story - we started out as a small nonprofit with a specific mission; our mission has not only been met, but we have surpassed our own expectations. We plan to show what we've accomplished so that our donor base will increase, which will allow us to award more flight scholarships*
- 2. The latest stats show that 97% of professional pilots are men. Out of the flight scholarships we've awarded, 39% of recipients have been female. We support diversity in gender and ethnicity, and want to continue to encourage it.*
- 3. Corporations get a lot of grant proposals. They don't always have the time to go through every proposal they receive. A 30 second PSA spot is enough to provide enough information to grab someone's attention.*
- 4. So many of the pilots I've met have known what they've wanted to be since they were young. Having the dream is easy; getting there has its challenges. We want to celebrate the dream by making a PSA with children, for children!*

Please consider joining this Kickstarter campaign. I've backed ten Kickstarter campaigns since 2012, however this will be the first time I've launched one. If you're not familiar with Kickstarter, check out [www.kickstarter.com](http://www.kickstarter.com), and search for - Focusing on Future Horizons.—Melodie Homer



Did you know every time you shop at amazon, you can have a portion of your purchase go to benefit the LeRoy Homer Foundation? Just go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and log into your amazon account. You can then designate which charity you would like to receive a portion of your purchases. It's a great way to help without having to give or do anything extra. We appreciate the support!

*The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established to provide financial support and encouragement to young people, with an interest in aviation, to pursue professional flight instruction leading to certification as a private pilot.*



## **Special Feature: Scholarship Recipients Updates!**



Michael Hull, our 2010 recipient, has accomplished much in his short career. After graduating from Bowling Green State University and Middle Georgia State College, Michael was honored by receiving a highly competitive pilot's slot with the United States Air Force Reserve. He was chosen for a C-17 Pilot slot with the 317th Airlift Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base. Michael completed Officers' Training School and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He was recently awarded "Top Gun" for his skill in flying the T-6 high performance aircraft. Michael trained on the T-1 jet and received his Air Force Wings in January 2016. He then moved on to Altus in Oklahoma where he specialized in the C-17- transport that is used for various missions including troop airdrop and transport, and humanitarian aid. After completing his training at Altus AFB, he just returned to his home base at Charleston AFB where he will continue to fly missions in support of our country. We are so proud of you Michael!



Thank you to all the employees of United Airlines who participate in the monthly donation program. For a full list of donors, please visit [www.leroyhomer.org](http://www.leroyhomer.org) and click the donate tab.

### **Platinum Wings**

Jason Dahl Scholarship Fund  
Clay and Kas Dyson  
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Catherine Slavin  
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*Special thanks to the United Pilots Master Executive Council and the Captain Jason Dahl Scholarship Fund for their generous support this year! You have earned your platinum wings!*

## **Donor Acknowledgments Earning Their Wings**

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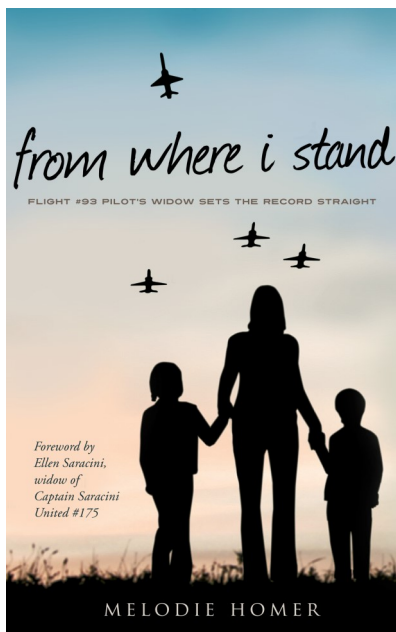
### **Bronze Wings**

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## Check out what's for sale at the leroyhomer.org store!



**From Where I Stand: Flight #93's Pilot's Widow Sets the Record Straight**, the memoir written by Foundation president Melodie Homer. For information on how to order "From Where I Stand", see the back page of this newsletter or visit us at [www.leroyhomer.org](http://www.leroyhomer.org). Proceeds from the sale of this book benefit the foundation's scholarship program. \$14.95 + Shipping

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