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Congratulations To Our 2023 Scholarship Recipients

We are so excited to announce our 2023 scholarship recipients. We can't wait to see how these 2 amazing young ladies are going to impact the aviation world!



Kani Gutter is a high school student in Maine. Her enthusiasm for STEM and travel translated perfectly into a devotion to all things aviation. In addition to Kani's love for flying, she is interested in sustainability and developing technologies that will improve the transportation industry. Outside of aviation, she enjoys nature, volleyball, is the president of her school's Diverse Student Union, and student equity council, and is involved in environmental education. She would love to give back and be a part of the organizations that support kids like her to pursue their dreams in aviation. Her long-term goal is to be an airline pilot who is continually learning and taking on leadership roles, as well as being an active part of the development of the industry.

Jayden Walker will graduate from Manvel High School in Texas - Class of 2023. Throughout high school Jayden challenged herself to try an abundance of new things and be involved in her school and community. She is active in cross country, track, volleyball, and her church. Jayden experienced aviation both through an OBAP ACE Academy in Houston and the Air Force AIM High Flight Academy in Pensacola. Jayden was also an intern with Southwest Airlines where she experienced how commercial operations run. This all fueled her desire to pursue a career in aviation to one day become a commercial airline pilot. Jayden will attend Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, Class of 2027, to pursue a degree in Aviation Science. She is very eager to start training and is excited to use her knowledge in aviation, and the opportunity to complete her private pilot's license to inspire young girls to dream big and fly.





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Celebrating 20 Years of the LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation





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Saturday, September 16, 2023 NAS Wildwood Aviation Museum Cape May, NJ

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6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | Keynote Speaker: Capt. Nick Mongillo, Real Life Navy Top Gun Pilot | Silent Auction | Food | Drinks

On Saturday, September 16, 2023, we will be hosting an event to commemorate 20 years of the foundation's work awarding aviation scholarships. Our first scholarship was awarded in 2003 and since then we have given out 31, totaling over \$250,000 in flight training. None of this would be possible without the support of our donors over the years. Our event will be held at the Naval Air Station Aviation Museum in Cape May, NJ from 6-10 PM. Tickets are now available and can be purchased through the above right QR code. Our guest speaker will be Capt. Nick "Mongo" Mongillo, USN and real life Top Gun pilot. He will be sharing his experiences from his 28 year Navy career span. Enjoy an evening of meeting past scholarship recipients, food, cocktails, and silent auction while touring the NAS Aviation Museum. Join us as we celebrate the foundation's 20 years of launching aviators in the sky. If you have any questions about the event, please contact joswari@leroyhomer.org. Hope to see you there!

Endowment Campaign Update

Following the 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001, an endowment fund was established. The purpose of the endowment fund is to ensure that the LeRoy Homer Foundation will continue to award scholarships in the future, while we continue to meet and fund our current scholarship program. We have raised almost \$250,000 and would like to challenge our donors to consider supporting the endowment. We are accepting donations in increments of \$2500.00, given as a one-time gift or pledged over the next three years. For more information, visit our website.





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Thank you for your ongoing support. Without you, it would not be possible for us to continue awarding flight scholarships. In addition, thank you to all the employees of United Airlines who participate in the monthly donation program. Due to space, we cannot acknowledge everyone here.

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