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AMFA 2020 Scholarship Winners

Each year, AMFA National awards two scholarships to Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) students whose grades and essay stand out over other applicants. This year's winners are Harry Dugan and Christian Wood. Each applicant had to be currently enrolled in school for their A&P license, had to be a U.S. Citizen, and were required to submit an application including a 500-word essay about "the importance of the FAA Hotline, ASAP, NASA ASRS, and safety reporting system as they relate to the aviation industry."

The National Executive Council chose Dugan from the Aviation Institute of Maintenance in Norfolk and Wood from Embry-Riddle in Daytona Beach.

Normally, National Officers would present Dugan and Wood with their \$2500 scholarship in person, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the plaques and checks were sent to their homes and their respective school was notified of their accomplishments. Campus visits will be set at a future date. Additionally, AMFA would announce the winners during the Aerospace Maintenance Competition in Dallas, but unfortunately the AMC was canceled this year. See notice from the MRO Aerospace Maintenance Competition Chairman on page 3.

Harry Dugan is set to graduate in 2021, has a 4.0 grade point average

and perfect attendance. He believes, "Safety is essential to the job. As an A&P Mechanic it will be my responsibility to make sure I operate in adherence with all safety standards. It is also important that I have a clear understanding of the following: the FAA Hotline, ASAP, NASA, ASRS, as these are safety reporting systems in aviation. ...As I continue my education, I will keep learning more about my role in reporting safety concerns. It is exciting to see projected growth in the aviation field, and it is because of systems like these that that growth can occur!"

Christian Wood is set to graduate 2021. He has a 3.73 grade point average, was on the College of Aviation Dean's list in 2019, received the Honors Program Outstanding Service Award in 2018, and has been an Honors Program Peer Mentor since 2018. He was an Embry-Riddle Campus Safety and Security Crime Prevention Practitioner from 2017-2019 and a 2020 team competitor on the Emb-



Harry Dugan



Christian Wood

ry-Riddle Society of Aerospace Technicians Team for the MRO Aerospace Maintenance Competition. Wood noted that "In order to cultivate a self-reporting culture, it is important that the reporting process be non-punitive. This encourages individuals to self-report on mistakes and errors without fear of punishment. Otherwise individuals would be reluctant to report their mistakes and the free flow of information would halt, preventing the industry as a whole from learning from its mistakes."

Congratulations to this year's recipients, and thank you to all who submitted applications. It is inspiring to see the passion and quality of the next generation of Aircraft Maintenance Technicians.



Your Voice, Your Vote

Union Election
Notice Enclosed

See page 2 for candidate list

AMFA National Officer Election Notice

AMFA National is conducting an election in accordance with Article VII of the AMFA Constitution to fill the following positions: National Director, Assistant National Director, National Secretary/Treasurer, National Safety and Standards Director, Region I Director, and Region II Director. The term of office for these positions will commence on October 5, 2020, and the duties for these positions may be found in Article VI of the AMFA Constitution.

Votes for this election will be cast using the ElectionBuddy system. All active members in good standing are eligible to vote in this election.

Note: Any member whose membership dues, fees, and/or assessment obligations have not been reconciled is a member in bad standing, and therefore, is ineligible to vote.

The Election Notice and Instructions will be emailed to eligible voters who have a personal email address on file with AMFA National by June 30, 2020. Election Notice and Instructions POSTCARDS will also be sent to the address on file with AMFA National. Any eligible member who has not received voting instructions via one of these means by July 13, 2020, or anyone having questions about the voting process, should contact the Administration Director at 720-744-6629.

Members may vote in this election from June 30, 2020, to 10:00am et on August 10, 2020, the date of the vote tally. The results will be released by August 11, 2020.

In an effort to provide AMFA members with basic information about candidates for union office, AMFA National has offered all candidates in this election an opportunity to submit a candidate profile along with their picture. Candidate Profiles may be viewed on the Election and Referenda page of the AMFA National Web site at: www.amfanational.org

NATIONAL OFFICER ELECTION NOMINEES

National Director

Bret Oestreich, Local 11

Assistant National Director

Pat Amore, Local 18

Louie Key, Local 14

Cameron Lampley, Local 18

Gene Painter, Local 11

National Secretary/Treasurer

Jay Johnson, Local 11

*Cameron Lampley, Local 18**

Rui Leonardo, Local 32

Safety & Standards Director

Scott King, Local 11

Region I Director

Earl Clark, Local 32

Region II Director

Wilber "Will" Abbott, Local 11

Rob Cush, Local 11

**Indicates that the nominee declined the nomination for this position.*

2020 AMC Competition Canceled

By Ken MacTiernan, Chairman, Aerospace Maintenance Competition

It is with heavy regret that I write to you today. The consequences of Covid-19 have reverberated through the aviation community and created obstacles that demand rigid responses. The Aerospace Maintenance Competition (AMC) is not immune to the impacts. With the best interest of the competition and participants in mind, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 event despite our original intention to reschedule for September.

We understand the disappointment this cancellation will cause. Competitors in-

vested time and resources into training and studying in order to compete, and our incredible sponsors were prepared to put on the best event yet. It is unfortunate and unpleasant that we will not be able to provide a world stage for students and professionals to compete against each other.

All team, event, and sponsor registrations will carry forward to the 2021 competition. (Let us know if you need to make a change to your participation.) And we will still recognize recipients of the 2020 Phoebe Omlie Award,

so stay tuned for information on the virtual awards ceremony.

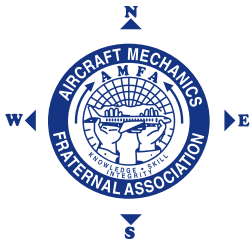
We look forward to seeing you next year at the AMC in Orlando on April 27-29.

The cancellation of this year's event does not diminish the fact that you are the best of the best. You remain the true faces behind safety in aviation.

Note: While the AMC has been cancelled, Aviation Week Network's MRO Americas will take place as scheduled, in Dallas on Sept. 1-3, 2020.



The 2020 National Convention has been rescheduled and will be held at the New York New York Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas commencing on September 14, 2020



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In addition to being a great tool to get Association news, the AMFA app is a quick and easy way for members to access their AMFA Number. The AMFA app is only available for download from the AMFA National Website; it is not found on iTunes.

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If you encounter problems registering with the site or downloading the app, contact the AMFA National Office for assistance.

