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Giving Students a Flying Start!

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Eli Segal
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Office of National Service
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Segal:

I want to tell you about a drop-out prevention and career development program we started in one Maryland school three years ago, which has expanded on its merit to ten schools in four states, and will soon be operating in at least fifteen schools in seven states. This industry-specific program focuses chiefly on preparing minority, disadvantaged and disabled youngsters by providing exciting year round hands-on activities which include their teachers and family members.

Hundreds of minority, disadvantaged and disabled kids are being served; thousands might be served across our nation, given adequate public and private resources. We have put together a strong and caring board of directors, an active advisory committee, and entered formal partnerships with major aviation, minority, and job training organizations. Although only three years old, we can tell you that many of our first year students are now in college and two-year technical schools, military services, and the workplace. We measure success not on the number of kids who enter aviation, but the number who stay in school, develop an interest in learning, and focus on a career of their choice. The first task is to build student confidence and self-esteem. Our job is to motivate kids who have historically been left out, and to sustain their interest in year round activities with the help of student mentors and teacher partners.

I would appreciate fifteen minutes of your time to tell you what we believe we are accomplishing and what we might accomplish, given a strong public-private partnership. I shall call in the hope of scheduling an early meeting.

Sincerely,

Carlton E. Spitzer, President

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THE CHALLENGE

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OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE. ✚



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HOW IT WORKS

THE FUTURE

Opportunity Skyway introduces young people — especially disadvantaged and minority youth — to careers and opportunities in aviation, and makes the classroom more enjoyable, exciting and relevant. The program stimulates ideas and hope, and provides practical guidance as students lead



themselves toward a brighter future. ✕ Founded and managed by the Prince George's (Maryland) Private Industry Council in partnership with public schools, private industry, government agencies and professional associations, Opportunity Skyway is a public/private program that has demonstrated its effectiveness in Maryland and Georgia. A key goal is to expand the program across the nation. ✕

Opportunity Skyway brings aviation to the classroom, and students to aviation. Working through the school system, it arranges role-modeling sessions with professionals in every aspect of aviation and conducts tours so students can interact with people on the job. It also takes students on orientation flights. ✕ Opportunity Skyway holds career nights in the school to describe the hundreds of rewarding jobs in aviation, and emphasizes school-to-work transitions (such as technical training in



maintenance, electronics and ground services), internships and apprenticeships. Most important,

Opportunity Skyway links curriculum with reality and provides a path from secondary school to airway science and other aviation/aerospace programs at the college level. + A private pilot ground school course is provided within the Opportunity Skyway framework, including start-up flight instruction for students who pass the Federal Aviation Administration examination. Equal emphasis is placed

on the many hundreds of nonflying, aviation-related jobs in electronics, air traffic control, maintenance, computer systems, airport design, management, construction, and a host of ground services, including reservations and baggage

handling. In aviation, Opportunity Skyway believes there is a job for everyone. ✕

Opportunity Skyway has signed partnership agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Aircraft



Owners and Pilots Association and has earned the support of aviation organizations, corporations, school administrators,

parents, volunteers, veteran aviators and, above all, young people. With the leadership of private industry councils, Opportunity Skyway hopes to develop affiliate programs in cities across the nation and welcomes support from education, business, government and foundations. + To make the future happen, Opportunity Skyway needs you — your time, leadership and resources to support existing programs or bring an affiliate to your city or town. ✕ Opportunity Skyway is your opportunity to put young lives on track by giving students a flying start. +

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OPPORTUNITY SKYWAY students in Maryland's Worcester County enjoyed Flight Camp last summer at Dover Air Force Base, and at Bay Land Aviation at Salisbury/Wicomico Regional Airport. They also visited Henson Airlines, the University of Maryland's Airway Science facilities, and the State Police Medivac helicopter. □ Photo: Flight Camp

New Affiliate Takes Off At Woodside, Delaware

Lt. Col. **Harry Batty, Jr.** retired from the Air Force in August and took up his new responsibilities one week later as head of the Aviation Program at Kent Polytech in Woodside, Delaware near Dover Air Force Base.

The students at Polytech will benefit from the enormous experience he acquired in more than 20 years of military flying. He has flown the C-5, the largest aircraft in the world, more than 7,000 hours alone, and helped design much of the modern navigation equipment now standard on the huge four-engine transport. Certified as a math and English teacher many years ago, Batty brings a keen understanding of student problems and aviation careers to the classroom.

OPPORTUNITY SKYWAY at Kent Polytech was inaugurated August 18 at a formal meeting of the school's distinguished Aviation Committee. The Affiliation Agreement was signed by **Jeff Adams**, superintendent of the Kent County Technical/Vocational School District. **Robert Lykens**, Kent VoTech Assistant Superintendent, was instrumental in bringing OPPORTUNITY SKYWAY to the attention of his colleagues and organizing efforts to form the affiliate.

More than 30 students are enrolled in the start-up aviation course. They will receive ground and flight training, and move toward certification as airframe and powerplant mechanics. Flight training will be conducted at Sussex County Airport at Georgetown, Delaware. □



Superintendent Jeff Adams signs Affiliation Agreement for Kent County Vocational Technical School District. Looking on, L-R: Bob Lykens, Kent VoTech Assistant Superintendent; Margaret McGarth, PIC; Harry Batty, POLYTECH Aviation Instructor; and Carlton Spitzer, OPPORTUNITY SKYWAY. □ Photo: Kent Poly/Tech

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Cathy Lewis, curator at the National Air and Space Museum, and Mike Luter, a member of OPPORTUNITY SKYWAY Club at Du Val Aerospace High School in Lanham, Maryland. Mike was a summer research intern. More photos on pages 6 and 7. □