



**Amina Issoufou Anaroua, Jaqueline Smith Burdette  
Scholarship \$2000**

Amina has an associate's degree in Air Traffic Management and is a former Air Traffic Controller for ASECNA (Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar). She is currently a senior at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona finishing up her bachelor's degree in Aviation Business Administration with concentration in Air Transportation. She has already been accepted into a degree program also at ERAU for Master of Science in Aviation Finance.

Amina is a member of Embry Riddle's Ambassador Program where she represents and promotes the university's excellence in education and assists in the Women's Initiative to increase and retain female students. Amina is also a Career Service Ambassador, a member of the Student Advisory Board, and she is also the president of Delta Mu Delta, an International Honor Society in Business. She engages the many club members through outreach and networking events, social gatherings, and professional development activities that she organizes.

Her letters of recommendation describe her as motivated, determined to be successful, organized, having strong leadership skills, and "a standout student that will impress everyone". PWC is so proud to award Amina with this scholarship named for our co-founder Jacqueline Smith Burdette. She holds many similar characteristics and she is destined to be a trailblazer just like Jackie.



**Christine Culver, Herman J. Lyons, Jr Memorial Scholarship  
\$2000**

Christine is an Air Traffic Control Specialist at ZFW and is also immensely involved in Women in Aviation both locally and internationally. She is the president of her local Northern Texas (NTX) chapter of Women in Aviation. She enjoys the numerous outreach programs they host each year and they participate in multiple STEM events and career days as well. When Christine became president of her chapter, they had only 4 members and she was able to grow the program to more than 100 members in 2020. Additionally, in 2018 and 2019, the NTX chapter hosted the largest Girls in Aviation Day in the world with more 1500 attendees each year. Moreover, her chapter has also raised enough money to award 6

scholarships over two years valued at more than \$15,000 and they have plans to award another six scholarships valued at \$10,000 in 2020. On the international level of WAI, Christine is a Chapter Relations Specialist, she created tools and resources for other WAI chapters to use to grow their membership and streamline the administrative process. She says since she can't personally build WAI chapters and GIAD events, she can empower others to do so.

Throughout this WAI chapter building time frame, Christine was also going through the strenuous ATCS training at ZFW. When she completed that training, she found herself yearning to continue learning so she began researching master's degree programs in aviation. She is currently enrolled in the Master of Science degree in Aviation Safety at the University of Central Missouri. Her goal for the master's program is to gain further understanding of the aviation industry, the National Airspace System, and aviation safety. After more experience as a controller, Christine plans to pursue a safety-related position with the FAA and possibly even assist controllers in accident and incident investigations.

The Herman J. Lyons, Jr Memorial Scholarship is to be "awarded to a candidate that stands out above the rest for his/her service to community, excellence in academics, and dedication to the advancement of aviation education or design." Christine emulates exactly this and PWC is very proud to honor such a wonderful colleague.



**Samirah Zaina Abdelfattah, Mary McBurney Memorial Scholarship \$2000**

Samirah was raised in Phoenix, AZ by a single father who planted the aviation seed in her mind from a young age. It was not until she had a discovery flight that her fate to fly was sealed. Her path to becoming an aviator was not without challenges due to personal hardship, but she persevered paying for 100% of her flight training with student loans. While at Arizona State University (ASU), Samirah became involved in the local chapter of Women in Aviation (WAI). After attending her first WAI conference, she was inspired to volunteer and this began her legacy of volunteering in numerous aviation nonprofit organizations over the years. One of her most notable memories as an aviator was when she volunteered to speak to fifth graders during their Space Camp; Aviation course of study in Mesa, Arizona.

After she graduated with honors from ASU with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Air Transportation Management, Samirah moved to Los Angeles to build flight experience at Mt. San Antonio College as a certified flight instructor. Once she gained over one thousand hours of flight instruction given, she took a position as a single-pilot IFR captain with the largest Part 135 cargo airline in the country. She had many opportunities for advancement in management within the Flight Training Department. She also taught aircraft systems and standard operating procedures ground schools, conducted pre-interview simulator checks, reviewed technical manuals pending publication, and became a well renowned Part 135 check airman, administering flight examinations in multiple aircraft types.

Following these accomplishments, Samirah accepted a position with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as an air traffic controller. She certified at two ATCTs and one ARTCC all while continuing to fly, flight instruct, and volunteer with numerous organizations, including representing the Los Angeles Area Chapter of Women in Aviation as Vice President. During her time as an air traffic controller, Samirah enjoyed her role as an on-the-job training instructor (OJTI). She was also honored to work as a Training Program Instructor/Trainer to create a training program at Santa Monica Air Traffic Control Tower (SMO ATCT) that is still utilized today. At SMO ATCT, she served as a member of the Standard Operation Procedures Collaborative Work Group, an Integrated Safety Training Facilitator, and as the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) Local President.

In 2015, Samirah attended her first PWC Conference in Kansas City, MO and got increasingly more involved as the years passed. She is currently the Southwest Regional Director. After 8 years of public service in the FAA working as an air traffic controller in 2018, Samirah was promoted to a pilot position for the FAA's Washington Flight Program (WFP) in Washington, D.C. based at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (KDCA). She was the valedictorian of her class at Flight Safety. Samirah has accepted a furtherance within flying for the United States of America as a B737 pilot. Obtaining a Master of Public Administration from the University of New Mexico is a personal as well as a professional goal Samirah holds. Her goal with this degree program is to blend her aviation experience as an air traffic controller, a traffic management coordinator, and pilot to



better enhance aviation within the public sector and the NAS as a whole. Samirah has vast experience in the aviation industry and she hopes to utilize the combined experience to lead and build further cohesiveness. I believe her favorite role is as a mentor, inspiring the future generations, especially young girls and women who find themselves aspiring to commence on this wonderful journey of aviation.



**Hannah Eldridge, PWC Recruitment Scholarship \$2000**

Hannah is in her final semester at Mt San Antonio College’s Controller Training Initiative program where upon completion this spring she will earn associate’s degrees in both Commercial Flight and Aviation Science. She is very involved in all facets of the aeronautics program at Mt SAC. She is a member of the college’s Women in Aviation Chapter as well as the San Gabriel Valley 99s where she does outreach and volunteer work on behalf of both organizations. During her first semester at Mt SAC, she was selected as the aeronautics department chair’s student assistant, she is also an aeronautics department student ambassador, and later that year she became a dispatcher at the college’s flight school, College Aviation. In addition to her studies, flight training, and extra-curricular activities, Hannah was just recently hired to be a Remote Pilot Operator at the tower simulator at Ontario International Airport.

Hannah not only dedicates herself 100% to her studies and flight training, but she also immerses herself in the aviation culture as much as possible in order to improve her knowledge and to better prepare herself for her dream career as an air traffic controller. Her letters of recommendation described her as passionate, trustworthy, very motivated and determined. PWC is proud to award Hannah with a recruitment scholarship and we look forward to working with her in a tower cab or radar room someday.



**Megan Binette, Recruitment Scholarship \$1000**

Megan is a senior at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona in their Controller Training Initiative program, and she plans to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Air Traffic Management in December of 2020. She also has 4 minors: Aviation Safety, International Relations, Air Transportation, and Business Administration. Megan was selected to be a Teaching assistant as well as a tutor on campus.

One of her proudest professional accomplishments was when she was elected as President of IAT (Air Traffic Honor Society) and her favorite personal accomplishment was earning the Gold Award through the Girl Scouts. Megan is also a member of Theta Phi Alpha, a women's fraternity. Their activities involve volunteering and raising funds for the Halifax Humane Society, fundraising and donating clothes, gently used items, and other supplies to the local homeless shelter, women's abuse center as well as women's shelter.

Megan's letters of recommendation described her as committed, focused, passionate, and she will "standout and excel in every aspect of her future studies and career". PWC is proud to award Megan with a recruitment scholarship and we look forward to working with her in the future.



**Emmelinne Miller, PWC Recruitment Scholarship \$1000**

Emmelinne is in her second year in the Controller Training Initiative at University of North Dakota and she plans to graduate in 2022 with a bachelor's degree of Science in Aeronautics, with a double major in Air Traffic Management and Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Her proudest professional achievement occurred last semester during finals week in a class called Tower 2 on the dreaded final 20-minute scenario in the SIM that is worth 30% of your final grade. This exam is notoriously difficult and graded strictly with the best grades on this final exam only being around 85%; however, when it was her turn to take the test, she received 100%. A teaching assistant for the ATC program even told her that they had never heard of anyone getting a perfect score on the Tower 2 final in their 5 years at the university which further reassured Emmelinne that she was pursuing the right career path.

Last summer Emmelinne had the opportunity to work as a full-time operations intern at the Northern Plains UAS Test Site. This is an FAA-designated test site partnered with UND to test new unmanned aircraft technologies. She did so well that they invited her back to intern again this summer.

Emmelinne is also very involved in UND's Student Air Traffic Control Association (SATCA). She is currently the Secretary and she plans to run for President the end of this semester. She works for UND as a Teaching Assistant for the Introduction to Air Traffic Control as well as the Tower 1 courses. Additionally, last fall Emmelinne participated in

UND's Poolman Leadership Academy, a course designed to teach students effective leadership skills. Emmelinne's letters of recommendation describe her as dependable, responsible, very attentive to detail, motivated, a strong leader, and "a student that is driven to succeed". PWC is proud to award Emmelinne with a recruitment scholarship and we look forward to working side-by-side with her someday.



**Rebecca Dubois, PWC Recruitment Scholarship \$1000**

Rebecca transferred to Southern New Hampshire University's FAA Air Traffic Control Training Initiative program this past fall semester. She is planning to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Air Traffic Management in the spring of 2021. Ever since she was a child, she loved airplanes and dreamed of becoming a fighter pilot in the Air Force. To put herself on the right path for that career, she joined the Air Force JROTC in high school and during her junior year she became the Commander. She went on to North Shore Community College and during her time there she had to have four knee surgeries ending her dream of becoming a pilot in the Air Force. Rebecca's curiosity about how the different airports and centers worked together and to stay in the aviation field, she decided to enroll in SNHU's air traffic control program. Just recently Rebecca was put on SNHU's Presidents list for maintaining a high GPA.

In addition to working part-time and her studies, Rebecca also leads a team for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She created the team in honor of her father after losing him to suicide when she was just fourteen years old. This was a very difficult time in her life, but she wanted to turn a negative into a positive. Rebecca has planned fundraisers at restaurants last year raising \$2,698 for suicide prevention. This year she is planning to host a car show and hopes to raise more money than last year.

Rebecca's letters of recommendation describe her as a truly remarkable young woman, driven, strong, passionate, and a caring human being. All of these qualities make PWC so proud to award her with a Recruitment Scholarship and we look forward to working with Rebecca in a radar room or tower cab in the future.



**Alexis Collins, PWC Family Member Scholarship \$1000**

Alexis is the daughter of retired ATCS and PWC member Lori Collins who brought Alexis to her first of many PWC conferences at the early age of 8 months old. Alexis is a junior at her dream school, the University of South Carolina in Columbia, where she is studying Hospitality Management. She was chosen to be one of twenty Ambassadors of the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sports Management (HRSM) where she gets to represent her program and volunteer at alumni events, homecoming parties, and welcome new students into the college. In this position she has the opportunity to share her passion for hospitality with incoming students and alumni as well. One of Alexis' greatest accomplishments in college occurred last April when she also selected out of many applicants to represent the University of South Carolina to work at the Master's Golf Tournament in Augusta, GA. She worked 12-hour days for 9 days straight, but she says the experience was worth it and plans to return this year to experience it all again. During a career fair at her school, Alexis was able to network with companies wanting to hire summer interns. As a result, she was able to get an internship at Marriott Vacation Club in Hilton Head, SC last summer and used her experience to get another internship with Marriott Vacation Club this upcoming summer in Newport Beach, CA. Alexis' letters of recommendation described her as determined to succeed, a quick learner, knowledgeable, great aptitude for learning and as an "unforgettable student because of her integrity, character, and devotion to self-improvement." PWC is very proud to award this scholarship to one of our youngest conference attendees ever.