

Introducing the five 2013 PWC Scholarship Winners

Each of the following will receive a \$1,000 Scholarship from Professional Women Controllers, Inc.

Jessica Updegrove: Jessica is a CTI student at the Honors College of Embry Riddle in Daytona Beach, FL. To help pay for school, she is a teacher's assistant, tutors other students, and is a private violin teacher. She is proud of her public speaking skills, learned in high school and developed over several years of competitions and events. She plays violin in the Daytona State Symphonic Orchestra. Just one of the clubs she's involved in is the Riddle Riders motorcycle club!

Brandy Paradis: Brandy is graduating this month from Advanced ATC in Valdosta, GA. – a one-year program in Air Traffic Control that provides students with real tower experience and a CTO (control tower operator) certificate. She had to leave her home, living apart from her husband, to complete this program, but feels it is worth it to become a controller. She has been a volunteer EMT and CPR instructor before this, as well as a 911 dispatcher. She is highly recommended to be an ATCS – her instructors are very impressed with her. She has what it takes - she brings many skills with her.

Michael DePeder: Michael wins PWC's *Jacque Smith Burdette Scholarship for a Career in Aviation*. He will enter the CTI program at Embry Riddle in Daytona Beach, FL in August. He is an Eagle Scout with many skills: persistence, positivity, dedication, leadership skills, community service, musicianship (violin and piano), and public speaking. And - a 4.1 GPA. We'll watch for him when he graduates in 2017!

Alexis Raiford: Many PWC members know Lexy; she is the energetic, talented, and accomplished daughter of longtime member Carol Raiford. Lexy will attend the University of Florida in August, studying Psychology and Theatre Arts. She has been inspired by the speakers at our conferences since she was in 2nd grade! That year she remembers meeting the first woman who won the Iditarod, in Anchorage, AK. She is in numerous groups and clubs at school, plays the alto saxophone and clarinet in the band, does lots of community service; she will graduate as part of the National Science Academy, in the top 10% of her class; her GPA is 3.8. Her summers have been filled with numerous science and arts camps. Also, Lexy has been featured in many films and stage productions – she is ready for the world!

Jed Atkinson: Jed attends University of Alaska, Anchorage, working on a double Bachelors in Aviation Technology/Aviation Management and ATC, with a minor in business and math. There, he works as a pseudo-pilot in the simulator as a junior instructor. Jed is an Eagle Scout with many skills and experiences; a highlight was his participation in the Governor's Honor Academy at Southern Utah University, which

required a 3.75 GPA and provided many leadership opportunities for him. Jed volunteers with the Riverton Arts Council and involved with the National Society of Leadership and Success. He works to pay for his education at UPS, where he is a flight operations supervisor. Jed's an achiever: he scored 100 on the AT-SAT! Let's hire him quick!

This year our Scholarship Fund received a most generous \$1,000.00 donation from Kim's Place in Oklahoma City (<http://kimsplaceokc.com/>). We have heard so many great things about this enterprise: they not only provide short-term and temporary housing for the FAA, near the Academy in OKC, they create a family atmosphere and lots of support to the ATCS students.