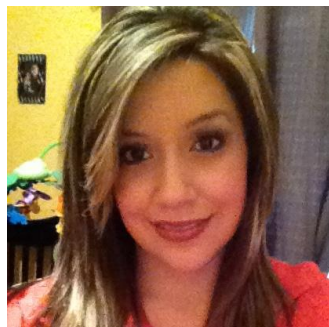


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Each will receive \$1,000.00 from PWC.



Victoria Martinez is in her second year at Sacramento City College's CTI (the FAA's College Training Initiative) program. She has been accepted into a career development program which provides opportunities to students with academic potential who otherwise may not have attended college. Her letters of recommendation reflect a woman with a strong work ethic, motivation, and respect for her peers and teachers. Her volunteer work includes working with ChiPs for Kids, toy drives, and helping to feed the homeless. Her high school background in Drama introduced her to creating live productions, running the box office and concessions, and organizing props, costumes, and set construction. Quite a list of skills! Victoria was exposed to ATC by working in her family's business - cleaning the windows at control towers! When she met the controllers, her world was opened to possibilities, and now she is earning a 4.0 GPA on the way to becoming a controller herself. Victoria balances school with work and family - her 3-yr-old son is an inspiration for her to provide a better life for him. We think she has what it takes to succeed.



Ana Mendivil wins the *Jacque Smith Burdette Scholarship for a Career in Aviation*. PWC's co-founder Jacque created this scholarship to honor those who plan a career and life in aviation, like she and her late husband Ken Burdette enjoyed. Ana has a BS in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University, has completed two Associates degrees from Mt. San Antonio College CTI program in California (Aviation Science and Commercial Flight) and is currently working full-time as a flight instructor and dispatcher for DuBois Aviation at Chino airport (CNO) in California. She has her Instrument and Commercial pilot ratings and is now working on her CFII - Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument rating. Ana has earned many other scholarships and honors along the way. She plans to flight instruct and work in the field until the FAA chooses her for ATC. Her first flight long ago was in a Pitts Special - a two-seat aerobatic biplane - wow! She writes, "I felt I had the choice to become anything I wanted, but when aviation got my attention, 'choice' was over!" *That* makes Ana the kind of person Jacque's scholarship was created for!



Erica Lohlein is the daughter of PWC member Maria Hofbauer. Maria has a law degree, and now Erica is pursuing hers. Erica's goal is to become a state judge. She is banking many achievements towards that goal: she is currently a judicial intern, has been a research assistant, worked for the Public Defender's office, volunteered for a free legal service clinic, and been involved with Project Stable, which helps special needs kids using therapeutic horseback riding. Along the way she has received numerous honors and scholarships, and won several Moot Court competitions. When Erica graduated college, two job offers from former employers in advertising made her look at her life choices: she chose to keep on learning and risk debt in order to gain her long-term goal and become a stronger force for change in her community. She will complete her Juris Doctorate in May 2015.

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Jessica Tavernini earned her BA in Psychology in only three years, graduating Summa Cum Laude. During that time she contributed to multiple research studies, one of which was published in her name in a social psychology journal. Many years for publication, and it can take forever, but Jessica has already accomplished this! She currently works full time at Swiss Int'l Airlines as a training supervisor, and is taking a full load at Daniel Webster CTI school in hopes of becoming an Air Traffic Controller. Her volunteer background is extensive: she has created fundraisers and played clarinet for her community band, she tutored kids with learning disabilities, and after her BA she traveled to Ecuador to teach children English. Her experiences in Ecuador put her psychology degree to good use - when she observed kids showing signs of abuse at home, she got involved and tried to do what she could to help. Her goal is to work in a tower; she asked the Manager of Boston Tower for an internship and got it - gaining valuable experience. She is looking toward a career in aviation one way or the other - and PWC is honored to help!



Jennifer Dickinson wins the *Margaret Hoffman PWC Scholarship*, created by PWC co-founder Sue Townsend to honor one of the first female Air Traffic Controllers, Margaret Hoffman (b.1918 - d.2006). Sue wanted this scholarship to reward a PWC member who is 'working the boards' and going to college at the same time. Jennifer is the perfect candidate - she worked ATC in the US Air Force for four years, then worked in private contract control towers for four years while waiting for the FAA to hire her. She is now working at Boston Tower and raising a family of three boys with her husband, while attending college. Jennifer's letters of recommendation from her First Line Manager and Tower Manager reflect a woman who contributes greatly to a healthy workplace environment and participates as a team player in many projects. Letters from school faculty reflect that she is capable, committed, and passionate about her goals. They all agree that Jennifer is balancing her roles exceptionally. While serving with the USAF in Bosnia, Jennifer spent time with women at a refugee shelter who had lost husbands and fathers in the war. She says her perspective on life changed then, and she realized that, in addition to a planned career in ATC, she wanted to invest herself in areas where she could best help others. She is pursuing a degree in Holistic Wellness with a current 3.82 GPA. She also plans to obtain certifications in Life Coaching, Stress and Pain Management, and Yoga. Jennifer teaches her boys that life is about embracing challenges and investing yourself in things that truly matter. If Margaret were still with us, I know she'd love to meet Jennifer.