

## 2016 PWC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**Brooke Farrar** receives a Jacque Smith Burdette Scholarship for a Career in Aviation, co-sponsored by GEHA for \$2000. She's attending Mt. San Antonio College in southern California. All her classes are steps towards fulfilling her goal of working with Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) as a pilot and mechanic. She is currently training for her Instrument Flight Rating and in her last semester of the Aircraft Maintenance Technician program. She has been in varsity basketball and volleyball since 2008, and volunteers at a Child Care Assistant camp. She joined Civil Air Patrol last summer, and plans to become a mission pilot for CAP. Brooke's flight instructor describes her excellent work and passion for aviation. The department chair for her powerplant course says, "I have been extremely pleased with her knowledge, motivation, maturity, and leadership within the program. Brooke earned a 3.9 GPA and has taken the initiative to mentor novice students beginning the program." Our scholarship committee loved Brooke's clear, specific goals and her well-roundedness outside of academics.



**Amina Issoufou Anaroua** receives a Jacque Smith Burdette Scholarship for a Career in Aviation for \$2000. Amina is an air traffic controller at Diori Hamani International Airport in Niamey, Niger. She loves her job, but her real goal is to complete her Bachelor's degree in order to contribute to the development of aviation in her country. To become a controller, Amina needed to complete a 27-month training course (similar to an Associate's Degree here). She not only needed to become proficient in English, but she took so many different courses. Here are just a few: Human Factors, Physics, Statistics, Air Law (and three other aspects of law), Air Transportation Economics, Accident Investigations, Aerodrome Management, Airport Security, and Budgetary Management. The scholarship committee members were all very impressed by the scope of her training - all before becoming a controller! Amina's GPA was 3.8. She did research and found Embry-Riddle in the U.S. to continue her education. She graduates this Spring! Amina writes: "My co-workers and teachers encouraged me to continue my studies due to the freshness of my young and open mind, my high motivation, my quick-wittedness, my dynamism, and my ambition for education." The committee all agreed that Amina has undertaken great things - moving to another continent to continue her education, learning English, staying focused on her goal of returning to improve her country. She is an inspiration to all of us! She can't attend our conference this year due to taking her finals - but vows to come and meet us soon!

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**Jackson Allen** receives a Mary McBurney Memorial PWC Member Scholarship for \$1000. Jack is currently Air Traffic Procedures Group Manager of EnRoute Standards and Procedures Group at FAA Headquarters. He began working on his Master's Degree in Public Administration in January 2014, and carries a 4.0 GPA. He has done extensive community service, from charity benefits to Cycle for Life, serving as the CFC Coordinating Director for the Atlanta area, and coaching youth football. He has been very involved with the FAA Manager's Association (FAAMA) for 15 years, and served as National Director of Administration 2010-13. Jack is interested in self-improvement; before the FAA, he was a soldier and a police officer, leading from the perspective of command and control. He says his BA degree taught him to be more engaging, appreciate a diverse workforce, and lead collaboratively. His letters of recommendation describe him as a wonderful team player, a great motivator and mentor, a natural leader.



**Teresa Powell** receives a PWC Recruitment/Family Member Scholarship for \$1500, co-sponsored by SkyOne, the Federal Credit Union. Teresa's in her first year at Kent State University in Ohio. Her mom Deanna brought Teresa to tour Cleveland Center, and that experience lit a spark in her that has only intensified! She says, "I was amazed how efficiently everyone there was able to accomplish such a complicated job." Teresa made sure her high school years really counted; she participated in the Post-Secondary program at Lorain County Community College, attending college classes after school, accumulating 28 college credits. At the same time, she took AP classes at high school which added another 14 college credits. Well, in her spare time, Teresa worked building sets for drama club, volunteered in the Animal Protective League, and taught Sunday school. Teresa's goal is a leadership position within the air traffic community. Now at Kent State she is in her first year, but has junior standing, maintaining a 3.9 GPA overall, with a 4.0 GPA in her Air Traffic Control major. One of her letters of recommendation states, "Miss Powell's namesake, Mother Teresa, modestly said, 'In this Life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.' Mother Teresa never met Teresa Powell. I believe Teresa will do great things with very great Love." The scholarship committee members all loved Teresa's drive and passion, and wonder when she finds time to sleep! We can't wait until she joins the ATC workforce!

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**Bria Goode** receives a PWC Family Member Scholarship for \$1500. She's a freshman at University of Maryland, planning to become a veterinarian. One of her short-term goals is to get an internship at the National Institute of Health nearby. She has served as an intern with the Chairman of the Prince George County Council. Among her many high school honors: MVP and Captain in Cheerleading, VP of the National Honor Society, and Peer Minister, while maintaining a 4.1 GPA. She volunteered at Clinton Rehab and Nursing Center for four years, and So Others Might Eat (SOME). In her Honors English class, her semester-long project was LGBT Rights in Uganda, a challenging and understudied topic. Her letters of recommendation describe Bria as having excellent leadership, enthusiastic, resourceful, self-disciplined, a caring mentor to others, and thoughtful, happy, and motivating. One letter said, "Bria's thoughtfulness never ceases to amaze and impress me; however, it never surprises me. She is the real deal!" Our scholarship committee also rated Bria highly on her well-written essay.

A cool fact: Bria's mom, Norma Ely, is herself a PWC scholarship winner - she was the first recipient of the Jacque Smith Burdette Scholarship for a Career in Aviation in 2007. Way to pass on the gift of education, ladies!