




Rachel Cruz won the ***Sue Townsend Scholarship*** for \$1,500. This scholarship named for our co-founder honors women in the FAA who are active ATCS or Operational Supervisors to advance their career in aviation. Rachel works at Allegheny County airport (AGC), and thought she'd always remain at the controller level, but after becoming a member of PWC it opened her up to many other opportunities available to her. Her goal is management, and finally within the Air Traffic Organization (ATO) level at FAA HQ. She is enrolled in a Masters of Science in Aeronautics program at Embry-Riddle Worldwide. Rachel has used Socrates' quote, "An unexamined life is not worth living," as inspiration since high school. She realizes the importance of self-reflection and education in her life. Her undergrad degree is International Relations, and she is pursuing becoming a Foreign Affairs specialist for the FAA, where she would work with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). As a single mom of three young children, Rachel is looking out for their futures as well as her own. Being a mom is her most successful accomplishment: she's learned how to handle stress, remain calm under pressure, and how to be patient, kind, and compassionate under duress, qualities that make for a good manager in our workforce. Rachel is invested in networking, as a member of the Nat'l Hispanic Coalition of FAA Employees (NHCFAE), where she is Sergeant at Arms, and the Nat'l Black Coalition of FAA Employees (NBCFAE). Along with PWC, these organizations have helped her learn about lines of business in the ATO, build confidence, and develop herself. Her letters of recommendation describe Rachel as positive, professional, take-charge, energetic, enthusiastic, and committed. Her GPA is 3.8 - very impressive for someone who is juggling so much. I hope whoever reads this will keep Rachel in mind as someone who will represent the FAA well in all settings, including working with our international partners.



Shanna Crawford won the ***Jacque Smith Burdette Career in Aviation Scholarship*** for \$1,500. Shanna has a Bachelor's degree from California State University Long Beach and is working on an additional degree in Commercial Flight at Mt. SAC. In August 2017, the event that changed the course of her life was Hurricane Harvey that hit Houston, TX. At the time she was a flight attendant for United Airlines, flying in and out of that hub, and many of her coworkers living there were impacted. She saw the true power of how the aviation community works together. The experience catalyzed her to officially begin working on her dream to become a pilot, and plans to continue giving back to her community like the dedicated pilots working during Harvey. Shanna continues to work as a flight attendant during flight training, is involved with WAI, and

	<p>wants to volunteer with relief organization Pilots N Paws someday. Her background of volunteerism is extensive, beginning with 4H, raising and showing animals; she has competed and coached soccer, golf, and water polo. Her letters of recommendation describe her as honest, committed, top of her class, and goal-oriented with a great work ethic. A UA pilot tried to scare her away with stories of hard trips, holidays worked, and tough check rides. It didn't work! Shanna knows what to expect and is ready for the challenge. She asked him to become her mentor! Now that's someone who is determined for a career in aviation - right after our co-founder Jacque's heart.</p>
	<p>Kasey Stevenson won the <i>Herm Lyons Jr. Memorial Scholarship</i> for \$1,500. PWC doesn't award this scholarship often, because it's not often a candidate stands out for service to their community, excellence in academics, and dedication to the advancement of aviation education or design. We think Herm would love Kasey, whose accomplishments embody all that he stood for in the FAA. When Kasey joined the Civil Air Patrol at age 14, it opened her up to aviation, and on a path she never envisioned. At Arizona State University, she earned a BS in Air Transportation Management and a certificate in Homeland Security with Cum Laude honors. She's now in a Master's program at ASU in Aviation Management and Human Factors (Crew Resource Management and Research). Kasey is now a member of Women in Aviation, Int'l and the Arizona Business Aviation Association, where she helps raise funds for a scholarship for individuals working on a career in business aviation! Even though she is not pursuing ATC, her research will most certainly involve and possibly impact controllers in the future. Kasey volunteers with middle/high school students as a mentor and Teaching Assistant; she has completed a flight simulator technician internship; she has received staff awards and is currently nominated for Outstanding Student Leader. Kasey's interest in education led to her career goal to work in aviation training and instructional technology development. Her thesis focus is high altitude chamber training and bringing awareness of hypoxia to pilots, flight attendants, and air traffic controllers. She is currently working as a Training Administrator developing computer-based training for various aviation companies. After her MS, Kasey plans to continue on in a Human Systems Engineering PhD program, studying aviation-specific training methods and future technology. Long term she sees herself working in aviation instructional design research. Her letters of recommendation describe her problem-solving skills, integrity, outstanding academics, and leadership. She's a team player, and her active participation in class benefits all</p>

students. It's amazing to find someone who embodies all that the Herm Lyons, Jr. scholarship imagines for one of our future leaders!



Jacquelyn Atlagovich, daughter of member Connie Atlagovich, won a PWC Family Member Scholarship for \$1,000. After four years on the honor roll in high school, Jacquelyn is ready to begin her college career in September at Bowling Green State University in OH, where she'll study Visual Communication Technology. She has volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other church programs; she has worked steadily at part-time jobs; she's an athlete in varsity soccer and cross-country; Jacque says she's developed a balance of social/school/work activities. Her letters of recommendation describe her as a supportive, helpful, disciplined, committed, and successful leader; a diligent, determined and compassionate role model; and a thoughtful, focused, imaginative and creative student. Jacque has learned to love PWC as her mom Connie does; she gets the message of support and camaraderie, and recognizes the value of having a career doing something she loves. When she graduates as a Visual Design Artist, it'd be sweet if some of her projects included improving displays for air traffic controllers!




Mary Winzer, daughter of member Christina Calvert, won a PWC Family Member Scholarship for \$1,000. Mary is completing her second year studying Architecture at Kansas State University. Three more years and she'll graduate with her Masters in Interior Architecture and Product Design. Her passion is sustainability in design, and she wants to work on green residential projects. Mary has witnessed her mother thrive in her career and hopes to exemplify the positive qualities Christina has demonstrated throughout the years. Mary says her mom's discipline, empathy, and courage are a continuous source of motivation for her. Mary has earned a 4.0 and been on the Dean's list each semester so far. She sees this as an indicator that she's chosen the right course of study. She is a Peer Educator, a Student Ambassador, a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, and an academic mentor. Her letters of recommendation describe Mary as well-rounded and a high achiever in academics, leadership, and community service. Here's a description from a woman who's known Mary most of her life: "Mary plays piano, creates art, writes short stories, and can count on her to deliver every promise - exceeding expectations. After any encounter I have with "Maryness," I am joyful as she is wise and talented beyond her years, and though quiet and unassuming, speaks volumes through her many gifts and talents."



Jevon McQuiller won a PWC Recruitment Scholarship for \$1,000. Jevon is an Aviation Science major at Mt. San Antonio College in Southern CA (Mt. SAC), where she is in the Student ATC Association as well as the Women in Aviation, Int'l (WAI) chapter. When she took her first flight as a member of the Young Eagles, she was hooked on aviation. After that Jevon took every opportunity to experience different aspects of aviation, and fell in love with Air Traffic Control. In 2016, Jevon participated in the Tuskegee Airmen ACE Academy and won a scholarship to attend a nine-day camp at the Oshkosh airshow. In 2017 she was in the Southwest Airlines 'Continuing the Legacy' program and attend the Aviation Hall of Fame dinner. When she graduated from high school in 2018 and took the leap to move from AZ to CA, she became an independent young woman. Her letters of recommendation describe her as positive, versatile, dedicated to her church programs, passionate, professional, articulate, determined, motivated, and mature. This combination of qualities will make her an excellent air traffic controller!



Brianne Forman won a PWC Recruitment Scholarship for \$1,000. Brianne was home-schooled for high school with excellent grades. From learning quilting from her grandmother, then working in a quilt shop, Brianne researched how she could start her own quilting business. She bought a long arm machine and quickly attracted a following with a backlog of several months work. It was hard, she says, but "I did what I set my mind to." She began a local charity making quilted bags for foster children, who often left homes with their belongings in garbage bags. Then she started to teach others - from age 8 to 80 - to sew and quilt. This effort was near to her heart, because without her grandmother, she may have ended up in the foster system herself. Then! A year ago, a friend took her flying in a small Cessna. The friend saw her fascination with the radio chatter, and told her, "Well, you could be a controller." Brianne enrolled in flight school right then, and began the journey in aviation. She joined the 99's, and wants to be part of Pilots for Christ. She thought long and hard about leaving her business, but after meeting the right person who arranged a shadow at Minneapolis Tower, she knew what she wanted. She picked a 2-year program at Texas State Technical College, and will begin this August. Brianne is on course to earn her Private Pilot's License this March, and then will begin instrument training. Brianne's letters of recommendation confirm that she has what it takes: honor student, devoted, passionate, professional, knowledgeable, and hard-working, Brianne is someone who is contacted often by others for advice and help. When she graduates she'll also have a dispatcher

	certificate so she'll have a place in aviation while she waits for the FAA's call. Remember her name when it comes to hire!
	<p>Brooke Oligny won a PWC Recruitment Scholarship for \$1,000. Brooke has an Associate's Degree and will graduate the 1-year Air Traffic course at Advanced ATC in GA this November with a Control Tower Operator certificate (CTO). Having a CTO will put her ahead of most applicants. Brooke was introduced to ATC by friends, and found a job as a Remote Pilot Operator for the simulators at Southern CA TRACON. She then realized she was in the right career. She was hired by the FAA, went to the Academy, but did not pass. Brooke did not let this dissuade her - sadly, an average of 40% of new hires don't pass the course. She was disappointed, but not ready to give up - she learned about Advanced ATC and was accepted. Her plan after school is to work for a contract tower for a year, then re-apply to the FAA on a bid for experienced controllers. Our committee was impressed by Brooke's determination and grit! One letter of recommendation described an honest, responsible, trustworthy, capable, and committed young woman; the writer worked with her at a busy restaurant where Brooke became one of the youngest managers in the corporation. She saw that Brooke maintained her calm spirit and professional demeanor even in a fast-paced stressful environment. (Sound familiar?) Another co-worker wrote that Brooke was great in the high-pressure restaurant business, and handled crisis situations with quick decisions and skill. She describes her as loyal, a trait valued at work and personally; self-motivated; disciplined and efficient; and a true asset. High praise for a high-achiever! The FAA needs to give her another chance - they missed out on Brooke once - she will be a real asset to our workforce!</p>