

### **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.