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November 2022 Newsletter

A Month of Thankfulness, Turkey, and Testimonials



Hello Aviation Alumni and Friends,

As we cruise into the middle of the month of Thanks, we would be remiss if we didn't thank each and every one of you for being great alumni, stewards, and supporters of the Western Michigan University College of Aviation. The recognition of the program and its growth is a direct reflection on the work that each and every one of you do – day in, day out.

I'm often heard uttering the phrase, "talk is cheap." Therefore, to demonstrate our thanks, we want to offer all of you an alumni and friends discount on any purchases at [Captain Dave's Aviation Emporium](#). When checking out, use the promo code: "CoAThanks" and receive a 15% discount on your purchases. I'll keep this offer open until the end of the year! At the very least, email me and I'll send you some College of Aviation swag.

Make sure to scroll down to read about Steve Denomme. Graduating from the

College of Aviation in 2000, Denomme had his share of ups and downs during everyone's favorite decade in aviation. While the path had some turbulence, Denomme is now a Captain at Delta Air Lines. Don't forget, check the bottom of the email for additional stories on College of Aviation students, faculty and/or staff.

In case you missed them, we've also brought back our Hangar Talk video blog. (Back by popular demand??) For this last series, we focused on first generation faculty, staff and students. Keep your eyes open for future episodes and focused stories.

- [Dr. Ray Thompson, Dean](#)
- [Miranda Goodison, Student](#)
- [Becca Lowe, Aviation Student](#)
- [Jennifer Halseth, Aviation Business Manager](#)
- [Jason DeGeorge, Faculty Chair](#)
- [Matthew Sape, Aviation Student](#)
- [Sharon Van Dyken, Aviation Director of Academic Advising](#)
- [Kordell Irish, Aviation Student](#)

ATTENTION KEN MACIEJEWSKI! You are October's winner. Remember, in each newsletter, there is a way to register for a prize each month. Make sure you increase your chances by entering each and every month. Zachary Woock – the clock is ticking. Please contact tom.thinnes@wmich.edu and I'll get your gift shipped out to you ASAP. Like Mission Impossible, this offer will expire on November 20 at midnight!

News, Events and Save the Dates!

- **SAVE THE DATE – The 2023 WMU Aviation Golf Outing**
 - Monday, June 12, 2023
 - *Registration and Sponsorships will open soon*
- **SAVE THE DATE – Aviation Outlook Day**
 - Friday, April 7, 2023
 - *If you know of companies that may be interested in hiring Broncos, please connect them with tom.thinnes@wmich.edu*

- **SAVE THE DATE – WMU Aviation Fly-In: Hosted by Alpha Eta Rho**

- Saturday, April 8, 2023

Thanks for being great supporters! Please let us know how you are doing. Send updates to tom.thinnes@wmich.edu!

Go Broncos!

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Thanks for making it to the end! Now that you're here, enter this month's prize drawing. [Click Here!](#)

From Saabs to Delta – Steve Denomme Surfs the Turbulence to Success



Steve Denomme's movie script for his aviation career could be "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," with the first of the three adjectives being the star of the show most of the time.

Now a captain for Delta Air Lines, the 2000 graduate of the Western Michigan University College of Aviation has enjoyed the "Good" of an exciting career for two decades, endured the "Bad" his industry faced -- and is still facing -- because of the Covid pandemic, and like the rest of us -- was staggered under the ramifications of the "Ugly" -- the 9-11 hijackings that changed how life is lived on planet Earth.

Denomme was raised, the son of a police officer, in Oakland County's Waterford Township, a community of 70,000 northwest of Detroit. The 1996 alumnus of Waterford Kettering High School thought he would be following in his father's footsteps when it came to a career, even though early on he had initial leanings toward being a pilot.

That "leaning" was prompted by the fact his home was under one of the runway approaches for the Oakland County International Airport. "When the jets came over our house, we had to stop talking because they were so loud. My friends thought it was hilarious, but I never knew anything different. It was my introduction into what I would be doing with my life."

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