

The Daily

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The 30th Annual
International
Women in Aviation
Conference

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EXHIBITOR UPDATE

These exhibitors have been added since the conference program listing was printed in *Aviation for Women* magazine.

- 815 Compass Airlines
- 817 FAA Office of Civil Rights
- 805 Flight School Association of North America
- 809 Mamava Inc.
- 242 Textron Aviation
- 639 U.S. Marine Corps



Join the Conversation

Help share the excitement of attending the 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference by using the hashtags

#WAI19

#IamWAI

#WomeninAviation

on social media. Thank you to our nearly 14,000 Twitter followers. We are so happy to have you on board!

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Cheers to 30 Years!

You're here. You made it to Long Beach and do we have a busy time planned for you. This is the 30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, and our schedule of events befits this special anniversary year. We have inspirational and informative speakers, dozens of education sessions where you pick the ones of most interest to you, and social events where you can let down your hair, visit with old friends, and make new ones.



To get the most out of your conference experience, spend some time creating your own agenda and your own to-do list. Our official conference app is a great tool to help you get organized. Which exhibitors do you want to visit? Which education sessions do you want to attend? What time do you have to arrive for the general sessions so you don't miss a moment of it?

Friday and Saturday each begin with a general session and an all-star lineup of speakers. These speakers will definitely Connect, Engage, Inspire. On Friday, there is the luncheon (ticket a must) featuring speaker Gwynne Shotwell, who runs the day-to-day operations of SpaceX, and then education sessions run all afternoon. Saturday begins with another general session—more amazing speakers, and you are on your own for lunch. Saturday afternoon includes more education sessions followed by our fun, closing event. We'll be awarding scholarships all during the conference and also inducting fabulous women into our WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame.

Share the fun you're having by using #WAI19 on your social media. Not everyone is lucky enough to attend this conference so post your experiences with them. Most of all, enjoy the show!





Strike up the Band! WAI's Jazz with Wings Band is back

If you've never been to a hangar dance, now's the time. WAI's Jazz with Wings Band will be providing music for this free event, open to all registered conference attendees. The hangar dance starts at 8 p.m. (Thursday) and will run until 10 p.m. The hangar dance is sponsored by Wings Financial. WAI's Jazz Band will perform at the opening of the exhibit hall today and play the Star Spangled Banner during tomorrow's general session.

The WAI Jazz with Wings Band represents musical skills of all levels. You don't have to be a professional musician or a virtuoso performer to join the group. Enthusiasm counts so if you want to take part next year, contact Barb Lauer (barblauer51@gmail.com) who organizes the Jazz Band.



Donations Wanted

Help students at Long Beach area schools by donating school supplies or gift cards at locations set up in the lobby area of the Long Beach Convention Center during WAI2019. Join us as we give back to the Long Beach community with WAI Tools for Schools.



Girls in Aviation Day Helped Motivate This Teen



My grandfather, Alden Herbert Kane passed three years before I was born. Having flown a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress in World War II, he instilled a lust for the skies upon the Kane family. This affinity for the air took no stronger hold than in my aunt and Alden's daughter, Adele Kane, WAI 5527.

My Aunt Adele, a corporate pilot, is a major inspiration and motivating factor in my quest to become a pilot. Much like my aunt, I look to flying as not only a thrilling profession, but also as a platform to advocate for more women in aviation.

As a female airline pilot, one day, I hope to enjoy every moment in the air, safely transport passengers, and inspire other young girls to consider careers in aviation.

My first exposure to WAI was at the 2018 Girls in Aviation Day at the MASCO hangar at Detroit Metro Airport. It was such an eye-opening day for me to be around so many female aviators and girls my age interested in aviation careers. I heard several inspiring stories of women in the aviation industry that I will carry with me as I continue my journey as a pilot.

My favorite part of the day was touring the Dassault Falcon and Embraer Phenom. Prior to this, I had only ever been in a Piper when I trained for my private pilot certificate. All future aviators will not want to miss the fifth international Girls in Aviation Day on October 5, 2019!

As I am currently a senior in high school, I intend to enroll in a college aviation program in the fall of 2019. Although I will have passed the age limit to attend GIAD, I hope to be facilitating this event alongside other young women from the WAI chapter at the college I decide to attend. Since I became a WAI member over a year ago, it has been a dream of mine to attend the WAI conference. While I cannot go this year, I look forward to attending throughout college and beyond.

—WAI adds that there is no age limit to Girls in Aviation Day and so Grace Kane, WAI 78108, is encouraged to attend this year's event—either as a participant or as a volunteer.