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**OBAP holds 5th annual workshop to prepare young men
for careers in aviation in Memphis, Tenn.**

Chicago (March 1, 2016) – The Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) held its annual Boys to Men Workshop at Wooddale High School in Memphis, Tenn., on Saturday, February 27th. Eighty-nine young men, grades 8th – 12th, experienced flight simulation, leadership training and a career fair under the guidance of more than 40 volunteers including 28 aerospace professionals. Two-time hall of fame recipient Wayne Booker spoke to the youth about overcoming obstacles to excel in life.

Organized by Project Aerospace, the organization’s youth-focused initiative, the Boys to Men Workshop provides exposure, mentoring and guidance to youth as part of the “cradle to career” engagement approach. This long-term commitment to youth, spanning 22 years, includes initial exposure to aerospace through Aerospace Professionals in Schools (APIS) and the Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy held in nearly 30 cities each summer.

“We are acting on our responsibility to prepare a diverse group of young adults to meet projected employment needs, OBAP board of advisors member, Captain Albert Glenn. “In partnership with community partners including PSA Airlines, Tuskegee Airmen Inc. Memphis Chapter, Civil Air Patrol, Memphis BlackHawks Aviation Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority’s EMBODI program, OBAP is setting the groundwork to ensure that students throughout Memphis will be prepared to lead the impending positions in both government and commercial sectors,” continued Captain Glenn.

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About The Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP)

Founded in 1976, OBAP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the encouragement and advancement of minorities in all aviation and aerospace careers. The robust, and diverse, membership is also committed to supporting aspiring aviation professionals through



scholarships, mentoring and training as part of Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academies being held in 25 cities nationwide. For more information, please visit our new website www.obap.org.