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OBAP to Advance 37 Aviation Careers with Scholarships

United Airlines, American Airlines and Delta Air Lines amongst growing list of partners to offer financial support for budding aviation professionals.

Chicago (April 13, 2017) – The Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) is proud to announce that 37 scholarships, totaling \$202,500, are available to offset costs for college tuition or STEM-related training for aspiring aviators and professionals.

The scholarships, made available through partnerships with key carriers, companies and philanthropic OBAP members allow award recipients to use funds to pursue diverse aerospace careers including commercial pilots, aircraft maintenance and flight dispatchers. Currently, \$89,000 in scholarships is available for students entering into flight programs at accredited aviation-related institutions. The deadline for all scholarships is Friday, June 2, 2017.

“I was a recipient of the 2013 OBAP Delta Air Lines Boeing 737 Type Rating Scholarship. After being heavily involved with Delta for several years through volunteering at OBAP's Atlanta ACE Academy, excelling during my Type Rating Scholarship training allowed me to demonstrate to Delta that my leadership, flying skills, and overall ability as a pilot were just as strong as my passion to give back to the community. My performance earned me an interview at my dream airline and my experience helped mold me into what I am today, a Captain at Delta Air Lines,” said Captain Marcus Neyor, an OBAP member since 2007.

Contributing companies for scholarships offered in 2017 include Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Horizon Air, Jeppesen, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, Virgin America and Wings Financial. Additionally, industry professionals and OBAP members have graciously established scholarships, totaling more than \$67,000, to invest in the future of the aerospace industry.



For 41 years, OBAP has been committed to increasing the number of minority professionals in aviation and to ready all aspiring aviation professionals to fulfill the 500,000 positions projected to be needed in commercial aviation over the next 10 years. To date, OBAP has awarded \$4.85 million in scholarships to more than 515 diverse recipients nationwide.

More information regarding each of the current scholarships is available on the organization's website, www.obap.org/scholarships.

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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, organization is on a mission to inspire excellence, Support, Transform, Educate and Mentor members and youth with opportunities in the aerospace industry from cradle to career. For more information visit www.obap.org.