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**ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AEROSPACE PROFESSIONALS RECEIVES  
\$30,000 GRANT FROM THE UPS FOUNDATION**

**Chicago, IL (April 12, 2016)** – Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals received a \$30,000 grant from The UPS Foundation, which drives global corporate citizenship and philanthropic programs for UPS (NYSE:UPS).

The grant will be allocated to award five scholarships to offset costs for college tuition within an aviation-related program or to further training for aspiring aviation professionals. To date, OBAP has awarded \$4.8 million in scholarships to more than 470 diverse recipients through strengthened partnerships. Applications for the United Parcel Service scholarships targeting Aerospace Management, Aerospace Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM), Flight Dispatcher, Maintenance & Engineering and Pilot, are available on the organization's website with submissions closing June 3, 2016.

A portion of the grant will be used toward the organization's Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy, providing middle school-aged youth with exposure to opportunities in aerospace and aviation through weeklong summer sessions. The program engages more than 1,100 youth annually. Registration, available for youth ages 14 – 18, is now open in 26 cities including Puerto Rico and St. Croix.

“Since our organization's founding 40 years ago, OBAP has continued its commitment to ensuring that aspiring aviation professionals have the exposure, mentoring, and highest quality training needed to excel in an aviation career,” said Captain Karl Minter, OBAP chairman. “The support of the UPS Foundation is a testament to our organization's impact on diversity and inclusion, and an investment in the future of our industry through partnership.”

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, Ga., The UPS Foundation identifies specific areas where its backing clearly impacts social issues. In support of this strategic approach, The UPS Foundation has identified the following focus areas for giving: volunteerism, diversity, community safety and the environment.



In 2015, UPS and its employees, active and retired, invested more than \$110 million in charitable giving around the world. The UPS Foundation can be found on the web at [UPS.com/foundation](http://UPS.com/foundation). To get UPS news direct, visit [pressroom.ups.com/RSS](http://pressroom.ups.com/RSS).

“The UPS Foundation is honored to support OBAP’s efforts to enhance, advance and promote educational opportunities in aerospace and to develop and sustain a process for mentoring youth from cradle to career,” said Eduardo Martinez, president of The UPS Foundation and chief diversity and inclusion officer at UPS. “Our goal is to fund powerful programs that make a lasting difference to the global community.”

**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 Project Aerospace. For more information visit [www.obap.org](http://www.obap.org).

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