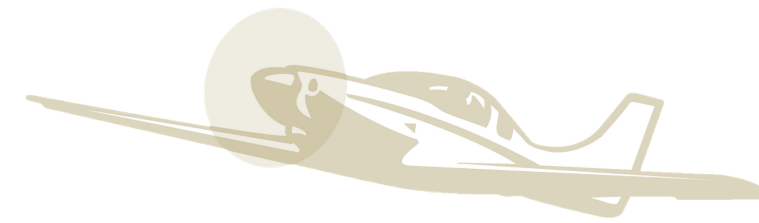


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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Upwind is celebrating our seventh year and through our combined efforts we have touched the lives of 20 outstanding young adults. As the chair of this organization for the 2017/2018 year, I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved. What makes me beam even more with pride is the fact that we see continued involvement in aviation from all the previous scholarship recipients. Not only have we created new aviators, but we have forged lasting friendships between members of Upwind classes.

2017/2018 had some notable accomplishments. Our selection committee continued the tradition of including a broad section of interviewers which included board members, donors, and parents of previous Upwind scholarship recipients. This broad representation provides great insight into selecting the candidates who will be able to meet the demands of the program and also be great Upwind role models.

The Fund Raising event this year was by far the biggest and best. Not only did we have a large turnout, but we had a wider and more interesting set of auction items that were available for bidders. We are grateful to the donors of these auction items. The auction raised \$6,760 which was an increase of 81% from previous years.

Some of the unique challenges the program faced this year were poor visibility and limited availability of examiners during the last weeks of the program. Smoke from the fires, along with extremely limited availability of examiners, made scheduling checkrides nearly impossible. We are thankful that we have a great relationship with Vince Nastro, DPE who was able to adapt his schedule to these changing conditions.

Even though we had a number of women apply for the scholarship, we did not have a woman selected to this year's class. The Board is ramping up our outreach to high school women to increase the odds of selecting a class that more fully represents women in aviation.

Looking forward to 2018/2019 and beyond we are getting closer and closer to the time when we can report that one of the past Upwind Scholarship recipients is now a flight instructor who will train a future Upwind class.

Upwind Foundation, Chair

Herb Patten







## ORIGIN STORY

The idea for Upwind came from Michael Vowles, a Canadian, who often traveled between the San Francisco Bay Area and British Columbia. He did his flight training at San Carlos, CA and Vancouver, BC, with instructors at each airport. In late 2012, he brought the idea of a summer scholarship for young people to Dan Dyer, owner of San Carlos Flight Center.

San Carlos Flight Center had opened its doors earlier that year and had begun bringing together pilots, instructors, and aviation enthusiasts from all over the San Francisco Bay Area. The staff and pilots at the Flight Center had an energy and an enthusiasm for trying new things, creating new types of pilot events, setting high standards for equipment and instruction, and actively seeking out ways to share flying with the people of the Peninsula.

Vowles and Dyer quickly brought in pilots Herb Patten and Terry Fiala to form the core team overseeing the creation of the first Upwind Summer Scholarships in 2013. Under the training of Nariman Farsaie, the first two Upwind Scholarship winners earned their private pilot certificates in August of 2013. Upwind has continued to award summer aviation scholarships to high school students every summer since 2013.

The name Upwind was chosen to reflect new pilots rising into the air. Early on the summer program narrowed its focus to high school students who could complete their private pilot training in the summer between their junior and senior year. The program has always been supported entirely by donations from local pilots and businesses on the field at San Carlos Airport. Although the Upwind program has been closely connected with San Carlos Flight Center from the beginning, it remains a separate entity with the hope that someday Upwind can inspire similar efforts at other schools and other airports around the country.

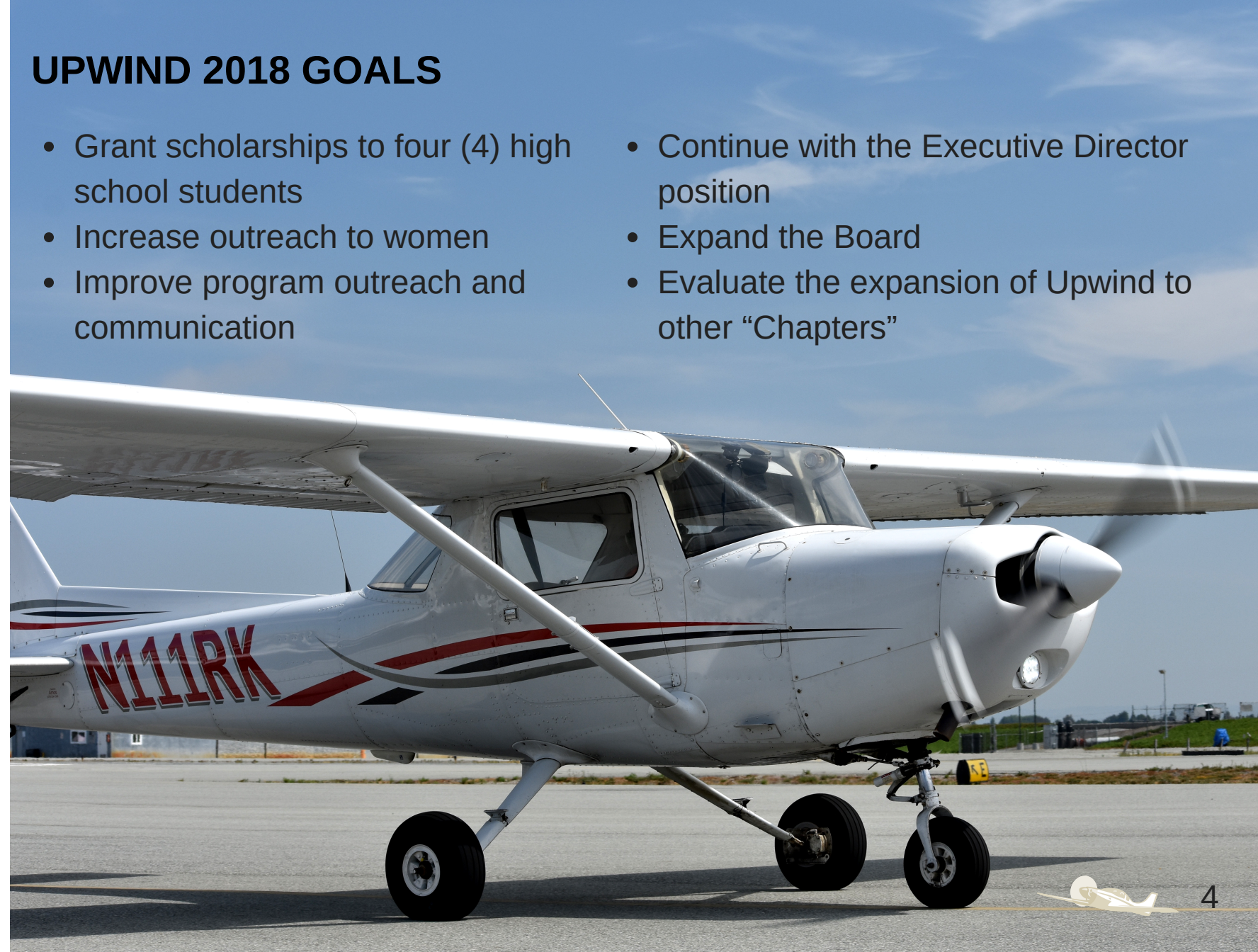
In 2015, Upwind attained full nonprofit 501(c)(3) status, and is now formally known as Upwind Foundation, Inc.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To educate and increase awareness regarding the existence, opportunities, benefits, and responsibilities of general aviation, including flight related education and training

## UPWIND 2018 GOALS

- Grant scholarships to four (4) high school students
- Increase outreach to women
- Improve program outreach and communication
- Continue with the Executive Director position
- Expand the Board
- Evaluate the expansion of Upwind to other “Chapters”





2017 -2018 UPWIND CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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October Goals and Planning

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April - May Ground School  
April Complete third class medical  
April Apply for FAA Student Pilot Certificate

MAY

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May Complete Discovery Flight

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Flight training, 5 day per week,  
Monday - Friday, 9-5 pm

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February Fundraising  
February 23rd Applications are due

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March 16th Wine and Cheese Fundraiser  
March 19th Winners announced

JULY

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Mid-June - August  
Flight training, 5 day per week,  
Monday - Friday, 9-5 pm  
July 27th Night Flight to Stockton

AUGUST

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August Checkrides  
August 31st Celebration!

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## ALESSANDRO FRANCO

### 2018 UPWIND WINNER

<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	Burlingame High
<b>PRIMARY CFI</b>	Drew Shevelow, CFI
<b>HOBBIES</b>	Soccer, Flying, Technology
<b>FAVORITE PLANE</b>	N236SP
<b>FAVORITE AIRPORT</b>	Monterey, KMRY
<b>COLLEGE MAJOR</b>	Undecided
<b>BEST FLIGHT</b>	The flight back from my checkride when I could do whatever I wanted
<b>BEST PART OF UPWIND</b>	The friendships I formed with the other guys, and the fact that everyone was so supportive
<b>WHY I FLY</b>	For the incredible view and the feeling of responsibility

### MY UPWIND STORY

This program is an incredible opportunity for high school students to become pilots. I learned more in one summer than I could have ever imagined. Every day, we always had something to do; whether it be a morning briefing, flight lesson, self-study session, or a ground school lesson. I am amazed at the quality of instruction, thoroughness, and attention to detail.

Leading up to my first solo flight, I felt extremely anxious and excited. Once the day came, I was happy to see my family, friends, and the instructors at the gazebo watching. The feeling of being alone, completely in control, Pilot-In-Command, for the first time, was incredible. I was the one who was 100% responsible for the flight. That feeling was emphasized during my first solo cross-country flights. One incredible memory was the FlyOutGroup dinner in Stockton for our night cross-country flights. Night flying is amazing, and to be surrounded by the community of pilots who are nearly as excited as you for this moment is unreal. In addition to these amazing moments, I gained two good friends over the summer. Thank you for giving me this opportunity and making this amazing program possible.

Sincerely,  
**Alessandro Franco**



"Upwind not only improves the lives of everyone involved, but strengthens all of general aviation through training safe, skilled pilots. The future aviation community is in good hands."

- Joey Moser, SCFC Fleet Manager



"Upwind transforms a teen's life and helps mold them into a young adult capable of handling the responsibility of being a pilot-in-command."

- Drew Shevelow, CFI





## DANIEL LEVIN

### 2018 UPWIND WINNER

<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	Carlmont High
<b>PRIMARY CFI</b>	Kyle Smathers, CFI
<b>HOBBIES</b>	Dancing, Scuba Diving, Violin, Karate
<b>FAVORITE PLANE</b>	N111RK
<b>FAVORITE AIRPORT</b>	Watsonville, KWVI
<b>COLLEGE MAJOR</b>	Mathematics/ Engineering/ Physics
<b>BEST FLIGHT</b>	My Long Solo Cross Country
<b>BEST PART OF UPWIND</b>	Growing as a pilot while being with fellow aviation enthusiasts
<b>WHY I FLY</b>	Because it gives me a sense of freedom and a very scenic view

### MY UPWIND STORY

Flight means a variety of things depending on who you ask. To some, it merely represents a method of travelling. While others see it as an active economical driver in the world. To me, I personally see the world of aviation as a place that brings the community together with unlimited opportunities with every day in it bringing something new and exciting. That is the driving force that got me into aviation and what got me into applying for the Upwind Summer Scholarship.

Before I even heard of the Upwind Program my hope of ever getting my pilots license

was at an all time low. I assumed that such an expensive training would have to come after college. I am so grateful to the Upwind Scholarship Foundation to give me back that hope and proving that it is in fact possible to get a pilot's license at such a young age.

The scholarship was physically and mentally challenging. It required us to be able to digest a year's worth of knowledge in only two months. It gave me a small taste of what I might face in college and an idea of how much I could take, and it was well worth the effort.

Thank you Upwind for such an amazing opportunity. It was the best summer I could have ever wanted. I gained so much and learned so much. I can't wait for what comes next in the beautiful world of aviation!



**Sincerely,  
Daniel Levin**

"Upwind is the most challenging and fulfilling program for recipients. It combines making dreams obtainable and unparalleled growth over a single summer."

- Kyle Smathers, CFI







## ADITYA MUNSHI

### 2018 UPWIND WINNER

**HIGH SCHOOL** Saratoga

**PRIMARY CFI** Eric Blatner, CFI

**HOBBIES** Model airplanes, camping, backpacking, hiking

**FAVORITE PLANE** N111RK

**FAVORITE AIRPORT** Half Moon Bay, KHAJ

**COLLEGE MAJOR** Aerospace Engineering

**BEST FLIGHT** Night pattern work at San Jose International

**BEST PART OF UPWIND** Meeting many pilots and learning about aviation

**WHY I FLY** It is thrilling!

## MY UPWIND STORY

I have always dreamed of learning to fly, but I knew that it was a dream that would have to wait. The Upwind Program completely changed that. Earning a private pilot certificate while still in high school was unbelievable, and the effect that this experience will have on the rest of my life is unimaginable. I learned so much in the nine weeks of the Upwind Program. Every day, I came in excited and ready to learn, and every day, I was pushed to my limit. There was much to learn quickly, but the rigor made the experience all the more memorable.

Having never been in a small plane before, I was starting with no experience. I remember my first flight. Everything was new to me, and as my flight instructor

let me take the controls, I started to bring both my hands to the yoke when he told me that I had to fly with one hand. Over time, I not only learned to fly with one hand but also learned the necessary ground knowledge. By the end of the program, I was ready for my checkride.

The checkride was nerve-racking, but after it, I was amazed by what I had done. It was an incredible feeling knowing that I was a pilot, but I also realized how a pilot's license truly is a license to learn. I learned so much about aviation with the Upwind Program, but I know there is so much more to learn.

Thank you for this great experience.

**Sincerely,**  
**Aditya Munshi**



"The Upwind Program gave Aditya a lucky break to realize his initially unrealistic dream of getting a pilot license at the young age of seventeen! Aditya has been in awe of planes and space since kindergarten, and we can't thank Upwind enough for their top quality scholarship program which gave him an opportunity to get so closely involved with his love for aviation. Thanks also to all the instructors for their dedication and professionalism along with immense patience shown to enable their students toward successful completion of their goal. Aditya plans to pursue higher studies in aeronautical engineering, and Upwind gave him a step up. Thanks Upwind!"

- Archana and Drumil Munshi



"The Upwind program not only teaches these teenagers to become pilots, but it also teaches important life lessons about personal responsibility and maturity."  
- Eric Blatner, CFI





# PAST WINNERS

## Class of 2013

Eric Dasmalchi  
Matt Moropoulos



## Class of 2016

Travis Bender  
Kyle Caverly  
Leon Lam  
Michael Salazar  
Patrick Shea



## Class of 2014

Julie Korsmeyer  
Stephen Schick



## Class of 2015

Anthony Bellanti  
Michelle Karpishin  
Evan Isenstein-Brand  
Kevin Gray



## Class of 2017

Giles Beebe  
Peter Habelt  
Dante Pacini  
Alex Strehlow



# STOCKTON FLYOUT

The Upwind Summer Scholarship students need night flight experience. This night flight has been combined with the FlyOutGroup (FOG) Full Moon Flyers for the past 4 years as a way for Upwind students to be welcomed into the aviation community. FOG pilots will even offer extra seats to the parents of the Upwind pilots, so that they can share in this special dinner. It's such a big event that past Upwind students continue to participate in this tradition.

This summer we had 7 Upwind Summer Scholarship Alumni join in on the fun and share their experiences with the class of 2018!



Anthony Bellanti '15, Aditya Munshi '18, Alessandro Franco '18, Daniel Levin '18, Travis Bender '16, Kyle Caverly '16  
Alex Strehlow '17, Evan Isenstein-Brand '15, Michael Salazar '16, Michelle Karpishin '15





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CLASS OF 2017

## GILES BEEBE

Since Upwind, I've been keeping my feet off the ground as much as possible. Exposing myself to new aviation challenges intrigues me and allows me to become a better airman. This summer, I flew as much as I could. This included bay tours, impromptu sunset flights, flying to friends at college, group night flights, and trips to central California to fly gliders. I was selected to the Air Force Academy and attend basic cadet training. I am trying out for the Air Force Academy Powered Flight Team. If I am selected to be on the team, I'll fly an average of 1.5 hours every day and compete against other aviation colleges like UND (bring it on Dante!!). I'm so lucky to be a part of such an amazing program!



## PETER HABELT

This last year, I have flown to many new places and been able to share the experience of flying light aircraft with friends and family. I have pilot friends that want to fly with me every time they come to San Carlos and I have friends asking me for their first ride in a small plane. My favorite trip is traveling to Monterey because of the unique experience of parking among private jets and hanging out in Cannery Row for an afternoon. I often take friends who have never flown on a Bay Tour to see the Golden Gate Bridge from the sky. Next year, I will be studying Mechanical Engineering at Santa Clara University. I hope to get my Tailwheel and Aerobatic checkout and also maintain flight currency while in school.



## DANTE PACINI

I am currently in Grand Forks, North Dakota where I am attending the University of North Dakota. I am studying commercial aviation and will start flying in the spring semester 2019. I am currently taking aviation classes like Meteorology and Introduction to Air Traffic Control. This past year I worked for Stanford as an inspector, and because it was a full time job I was not able to get much flying in this summer. I am currently hovering around 100 hours and I am excited to break that milestone soon.



## ALEX STREHLOW

This past year, I have been finishing up my high school career and preparing to leave for college. I have been fortunate to fly multiple times with friends and family and try new airport restaurants (a new personal favorite is The Runway by Patrick in Napa)! This summer, I began building a teaching tool that will help students understand the complexities of the ignition system. I also had the special treat of flying in a T-33 based out of Palo Alto and was able to do some aerobatics! I am beginning my freshman year at the University of Michigan studying aerospace engineering. I am planning to join the Michigan Aviators club which will allow me to continue my flying in Michigan.





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CLASS OF 2016

## TRAVIS BENDER

I am attending the University of Puget Sound as a sophomore, and double-majoring in business leadership and economics. Last summer, I had the pleasure of working as the Conference Coordinator at San Carlos Flight Center, where I was able to develop crucial workplace skills while planning major aviation events. I also completed a long cross-country flight from San Carlos to Seattle, where I was able to earn a high-performance endorsement and log actual instrument time. Seeing Mt. Shasta, Crater Lake, and downtown Seattle from the air was incredible.

This year, I plan to work as a tour guide for the University, and I'll continue to swim for the school's varsity team. When I'm not in the classroom, I look forward to flying to new places around Washington, as well as getting checked out in the Diamond DA40 airplane.



## PATRICK SHEA

Last year, I continued to work towards my goal of landing VFR at every Bravo airport in the country as well as lots of other fun flying trips. I am continuing my flight training in the nation's top aviation collegiate program at Purdue University majoring in Professional Flight Technology. This semester I will have completed my instrument rating and commercial for both single and multi engine.

Next semester I will get to fly the jets that Purdue has in their fleet, as well as earn my CFI, CFI-I, and MEI while continuing to build flight hours. I enjoy immersing myself in the college experience that I get in this huge liberal arts school with a great atmosphere in the middle of nowhere.





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CLASS OF 2015

## EVAN ISENSTEIN-BRAND

As I reach the halfway point in college, I realize how much aviation means to me. I'm pursuing a bachelor's degree in cultural anthropology with a minor in sociocultural linguistics at UC Santa Barbara. Since receiving the Upwind Scholarship and my private pilot certificate I've added a high performance endorsement, mountain flying endorsement, G1000 glass cockpit checkout, and low-wing piper checkout. This summer, I helped Jason Miller's "The Finer Points" crew with logistic on their multi-day flying trips. So far I've attended the mountain flying weekend in Columbia, CA, and the San Juan Islands trip. I also worked part time at the San Carlos Flight Center, where I fly often on my own or with friends. I'm planning on flying regularly out of Santa Barbara Airport once school starts.



## KEVIN GRAY

I am now a junior studying Aerospace Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. My involvement on the AZLoop Hyperloop Team earned me a place on the elite team sent to SpaceX headquarters in Hawthorne, California. There we presented and tested the teams' designs for a chance to run our scale pod in SpaceX's mile long vacuum tube. Our team was one of the nineteen teams that was selected from over one thousand teams that applied for this international competition. Additionally, I spent the summer working at a root cause failure and foreign object debris analysis company in Prescott, Arizona. The primary clients are military air bases and civil aviation companies like General Electric and Delta Airlines.

My flying is limited, however, I made enough time this summer to return home and remain current. This summer, I joined my fellow pilots of the 2015 Upwind class for a flight to San Jose International to annoy the big kids down the block. Additionally, I flew my mom up to Gness Field to eat breakfast with her and my godchildren's family.

## MICHELLE KARPISHIN

I'm currently a junior at the University of Southern California, studying Aerospace Engineering. I studied abroad in Italy over the past summer, and was able to greatly expand my cultural experience. At school, I'm captain of the AeroDesign Team, and conduct research in the on-campus wind tunnel. When at home, I typically fly once or twice a week, and have been able to keep current while continuing my aviation learning. After returning from Italy, I flew multiple times with my fellow Upwind graduates (Kevin, Evan, and Anthony). We all keep in touch and are still very close friends!

## ANTHONY BELLANTI

This fall I will be returning to Cal Poly as a Junior majoring in Construction Management. This summer I worked as a project engineer intern for a general contractor in San Francisco. I have done quite a bit of flying this summer. I have made flights to Monterey, Castle, and Stockton for an Upwind reunion. Kevin, Michelle, Evan, and I made flights down to San Jose together and had a good time being amongst all the airliners. I still plan to continue flying this fall at school and hope to make more flights around the San Luis Obispo area to Paso Robles and Santa Maria.





## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CLASS OF 2014

### STEPHEN SCHICK

Over this past year I've had the opportunity to study abroad in London, taking courses at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, and was able travel around Europe. In London I was able to engage with some professors who deal specifically with the areas I'm interested in writing my undergraduate thesis on, and now that I'm back at Reed College I'll be applying these lessons as I begin my research. I'm planning on studying the impact of political and economic restrictions on general aviation in China, and how certain local government officials and entrepreneurs have pushed back to establish places where people can fly, train, and work.

While working on my degree has occupied most of my time over the past few years, I've been able to find time to keep my flying current. I enrolled in instrument ground school and have been working to save up the necessary funds to start flight training. I hope to begin instruction later on in the year in Oregon - since the weather will be perfect for instrument conditions - or when I return to the Bay Area over winter break.



### JULIE KORSMEYER

This past spring I studied abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark through DIS Study Abroad in Scandinavia. I had an amazing time living in the city, meeting people from other schools, learning Danish and traveling around Europe. I had the chance to work in a masters research group at København Universitet which was a lot of fun. I published a paper in the Journal of Physical Chemistry in the spring, and this summer I continued my astrochemistry research at NASA Ames. I will be starting my senior year at Scripps College in September as a chemistry major and will be applying to graduate schools and fellowships this fall. I look forward to some free time where I can enjoy flying.





## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CLASS OF 2013

### MATT MOROPOULOS

This last year, on top of other life adventures, I flew a true cross-country for the first time in April (San Carlos - Houston and back, 26 hours logged).

In April of this year, I flew cross country in a DA-40 for the first time. We departed San Carlos for Houston, via the southern route just miles from the Mexican border. In Houston, I was lucky enough to be invited to NASA's Johnson Space Center and see part of the ISS and orbital robotics programs up close. On the return trip, I was able to log a landing in Sedona and fly through the Grand Canyon VFR corridor on the way to Las Vegas, which easily ranks as the most impressive experience I have ever had in an airplane.

I recently left my job at NASA Ames Research Center on the systems engineering team for the Astrobee free-flyer robotics project. I am now working on pursuing a master's degree at Purdue University, focusing in control theory and robotics. I have started self studying for an instrument rating and hope to complete it flying out of Purdue. As a ground instructor, I have also begun to teach ground school classes to new aviation students at the university's flying club. My experience in Upwind continues to inspire me to pursue new adventures in aviation and to share that experience with the next generation of pilots!



### ERIC DASMALCHI

Last summer I got current again, completing my flight review at San Carlos Flight Center with Brian Eliot! I resumed my aviation journey with fly-in camping at Columbia and a flight with my family to Thanksgiving in Southern California. Though academics pulled me away from flying yet again this spring, it was great to rejoin the Flight Center community and meet the most recent Upwind classes. This May I graduated with honors from UC Berkeley with dual degrees in Urban Studies and Japanese Language. After graduation I toured rural Japan for a month where I practiced my language skills, met interesting people, and battled extreme weather. I've recently moved to El Segundo, CA— where I can see the planes taking off from LAX. I'm currently searching for a job in the transportation planning field. As soon as I get that figured out, I can't wait to find a place to fly here in LA!



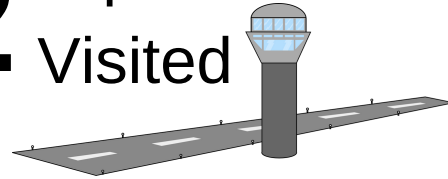


# 2017 - 2018 in Figures



**3**  
Recipients

**22** Airports  
Visited



**9**



Weeks of Training



**215.3** Flight Hours

**107** Hours of Ground  
Instruction

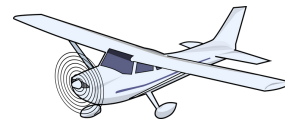
**916** Landings



**11** Instructors

**8**

Planes



Class Delta  
30%

Class Alpha  
36%

**47**  
Donors

Class Charlie  
23%

Class Bravo  
11%

During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, Upwind Foundation raised \$33,399.54 and paid \$29,105.00 in expenses. The \$3,336.30 surplus will be used to partially fund next year's scholarship. Upwind Foundation ended the fiscal year with a total of \$16,535.54 in cash reserves. The majority of the expenses, 96.8%, directly fund the cost of the scholarship (e.g., flight training, testing fees). Administrative expenses accounted for less than 1.7% of total expenses, continuing a Board policy to ensure that administrative expenses represent a modest fraction of the overall expenses.

## Income

Donations for Individuals	\$23,859.00
Income from Silent Auction	\$6,760.00
Income from Company Matching Programs	\$1,907.20
Donations from Donation Boxes	\$776.35
Other Income	\$96.99
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$33,399.54</b>

## Expenses

Flight & Ground Training	\$26,700.00
Examination Fees	\$1,800.00
Knowledge Test Fees	\$440.00
Medical Examination Fees	\$165.00
Administrative	\$522.03
Paypal Fees	\$436.21
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$30,063.24</b>

"Donating to the Upwind Program is my way to pay forward all the wisdom, friendship, and generosity that I received from the pilots who came before me."

- Dan Dyer, CFI







# DONORS

From October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018

The 2018 Upwind Scholarship program would not be possible without these generous donors. Thank you!

## CLASS ALPHA (\$1000+)

Audrey Allexandre	Nello Franco	Babak Rasolzadeh
Barbara Beebe	Alyce Gershenson &	Lee Ritchey
Lester Boeh	Michael Lloyd	Kirk Syme
Brian Branscomb	Kyle Harmon	Bob Van Zant
Oliver Coolidge	Georgene Patten	John Zasio
Dan Dyer	Herb Patten	Anonymous (1)

## CLASS BRAVO (\$500+)

Amanda Chan	Nina Shulman &
Dan DeMeo	William Levin
Daniel Roman	Philip Walch
Andrew Seligson	Zanette Aviation

## CLASS CHARLIE (\$250+)

Evan Isenstein-Brand	Stan Seal
Gisele Lennox &	Christopher Tocher
Tim Karpishin	Michel Vidal-Naquet
Anita Kriek	Gregory Wrenn &
Bob Leuten	Robert Pyburn

## CLASS DELTA

Michael Bray	Steve Henry
Michael Chang	Dave Kramer
Beth Kirkpatrick	Patrick Lei
Wyatt Cote	Jeff Pacini
Matt Debski	Jim & Lyn Sinko
Konrad & Christina	
Habelt	

## INSTRUCTORS WHO DONATED THEIR TIME TO THE SILENT AUCTION

Patti Andrews	Stephen Heesacker
Sid Basu	Dave Kramer
Dan Dyer	Herb Patten
Brian Eliot	Kevin Petrie

## DONATIONS, ITEMS OR SERVICES

Christopher Allen, Flight in a Stearman	Gretchen Kelly & Stacey J. Maye, Tower and Airport Tour, Aviation Items
Oliver Coolidge, 2 Flights in a Cessna 195	Karen Morss, Custom Stained Glass of an Airplane
Dan Dyer, SCFC Unique privileges	Hans Plesman & Herb Patten, Flight Training Materials
Alyce Gershenson, GoPro camera	Spinnaker Sailing School and Seaport, Evening Sail
Kyle Harmon, Gift certificate to the Magic Castle	Susan Strehlow, 3 Bottles of Wine
Patti Andrews, Life Coaching, Composting 101	John Zasio, 3 Bottles of Cabernet

"San Carlos Tower was thrilled to support the Upwind Scholarship. We enjoyed watching the 3 new pilots train and earn their wings. It was a privilege to have been a part of such a valuable program that promotes the future generation of our aviation community!"

- Stacey J. Maye, Tower Manager San Carlos



## BOARD PROFILES

### HERB PATTEN

#### Chairman & Executive Director, 2018

Herb Patten is a commercial pilot and flight instructor who joined the Upwind program shortly after its inception. He served as Chair and Operations Director for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 Summer Scholarship programs, and was selected to be the Upwind Executive Director in 2017. Patten is recognized by the National Association of Flight Instructors as a Master Ground Instructor, and for four years has taught ground school to the Upwind students. Patten is very active in the local pilot community. He is a regular seminar presenter at the San Carlos Flight Center and has been in leadership roles in three different pilot groups. He founded and manages the monthly Student and New Pilot Support Group where new pilots can meet other like-minded pilots to ask questions, share tips and socialize.

### OLIVER COOLIDGE

#### Board Member, 2018

Oliver Coolidge is a retired "freight dog", having spent 31 years as a pilot flying cargo for FedEx. He started his flying career while a student at Claremont Men's College, soloing in 1969 in a Cessna 150. He continued flying at Orange County Airport (KSNA, now John Wayne Airport) as a flight instructor, charter and corporate pilot until he was hired by Continental Airlines in 1977.

Coolidge has always had an active interest in teaching people how to fly, whether their aircraft is a Cessna 150 or a McDonnell Douglas MD-11. He holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate with seven type ratings, has commercial privileges in gliders and floatplanes, and is a CFI ASMEI and Instrument. Coolidge is president of the local EAA Chapter (#20) and is active in and around San Carlos Airport.

### DAN DYER

#### Board Member, 2018

Dan Dyer is a commercial pilot and flight instructor. He is passionate about flying and about teaching, and has been a part of many efforts to bring new life to general aviation. He founded the Bay Area FlyOutGroup, a social flying group that meets up for lunches, dinners, weekend trips, flying contests, and longer training trips out of state. He serves as an FAA Safety Team representative and has published flight training workbooks and other training aids.

Dyer owns and operates San Carlos Flight Center and enjoys hosting training and social events tied to aviation. The Flight Center is known for its activities, its commitment to quality, and the strong sense of community among pilots. In 2013, San Carlos Flight Center was awarded Best Flight School in the country by Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association (AOPA).

### KEVIN GRAY

#### Secretary, 2018

Kevin Gray was awarded the Upwind Scholarship in 2015 and joined the board in 2017 as secretary in order to give back to the program. Gray is currently a junior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University studying Aerospace Engineering with a concentration in Astronautics. Gray plans to use his Private Pilot Certificate, Aerobatic Endorsement, and engineering degree to pursue a career as a naval aviator and astronaut.

### GRETCHEN KELLY

#### Board Member, 2018

Gretchen Kelly is the Airport Manager for the San Carlos and Half Moon Bay Airports. Upwind contributes greatly to Kelly's goal of connecting the Airports with communities. Prior to her current position, Kelly worked for the FAA as an airport safety inspector and grants program manager. Kelly has also worked in airside and landside airport operations and corporate flight planning. Kelly holds a BS in Aviation from San Jose State and MPA from the University of Southern California. A private pilot since 1991, Kelly especially enjoys whale watching from the air with her teenage daughter.







# BOARD PROFILES

## KIRK SYME

### Treasurer, 2018

Kirk Syme is an instrument rated commercial pilot. He learned to fly at San Carlos Airport twelve years ago and was an early member of San Carlos Flight Center, where he enjoys the strong sense of camaraderie and the focus on safety and proficiency. Syme joined the Upwind Foundation Board as Treasurer as a way to combine his passion for flying with service to the local community.

Syme holds a BS in Business Administration from Georgetown University and an MBA from Haas School of Business at the University of California. A Bay Area native, he now works in finance in San Francisco where he lives with his wife Ashley and their four young children

## JOHN ZASIO

### Board Member, 2018

John Zasio is an electrical engineer who has a 50 year career in Silicon Valley designing computers, integrated circuit technology, software and networking products. He started his career at IBM and then became involved in several startups including Amdahl, Storage Technology, Aida, Hal Computer Systems and Caspian Networks.

Currently, Zasio is semiretired and working as high speed systems design consultant. He is co-author of "Right the First Time, A Practical Handbook on High Speed PCB and System Design," and is an industry-recognized expert in high-speed design and serves as a Technical Advisor to Speeding Edge. He holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and pursued graduate studies at Syracuse University.

Zasio has been a private pilot since 1966 and still enjoys flying very much.

# 2019 & Beyond

For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, Oliver Coolidge, Dan Dyer, Kevin Gray, Gretchen Kelly, Herb Patten, Kirk Syme, and John Zasio have agreed to stay on as Board Members. The Board appointed Susan Strehlow to the Board. She is the parent of a past Upwind recipient and will bring her experience from her involvement in other boards.

## Continuing the Airplane Scholarship

For 2019, the Board will continue offering the Upwind Summer Scholarship Program to up to four high school students interested in flying airplanes. The number of scholarships awarded will be based on the quality of applications received.

## Outreach to Women

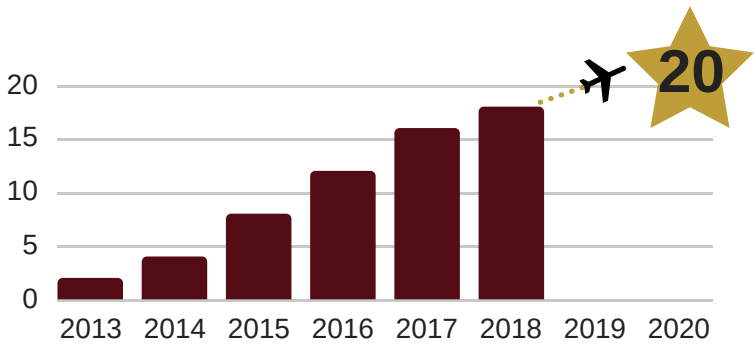
In the history of the Upwind program, the scholarship has been awarded to three outstanding women. This represents 15% of the total scholarships granted. While this percentage is higher than the FAA ratio of women pilots (7%) and higher than the ratio of women student pilots (13%), the Upwind Board has set a goal to dramatically increase our outreach to high school women to make sure they are fully represented in the Upwind class of 2019.

## Executive Director

In 2016, the Board of Directors designated Herb Patten as Executive Director of the Summer Scholarship Program, with full responsibility for the execution of the annual scholarship. This allowed the Board to focus on strategic planning and vision. The Board has re-opinionated Herb Patten as Executive Director for 2018-2019.

## 20 by 2020

Begun in 2013, the hope for the Upwind Summer Scholarship Program was to expand general aviation by adding safe, competent pilots to the world. “20 by 2020” is the goal that the program will expand such that by the year 2020 the Upwind Foundation would have been responsible for introducing 20 new pilots to general aviation. With eighteen new pilots created by the end of the 2017-2018 program year, we think this goal is very reachable.







# GIVE TO UPWIND 2019



Yes, I would like to support the Upwind Foundation and all of their scholarships!

## ☐ CLASS ALPHA (\$1,000)

- Your name and/or company logo displayed at Upwind events, if desired
- Invitation to attend the final-round applicant interviews in early March
- Two tickets to the Upwind Foundation Wine and Cheese Party
- Upwind polo shirt
- Acknowledgement on donor page of the Upwind Scholarship website

## ☐ CLASS BRAVO (\$500)

- Two tickets to the Upwind Foundation Wine and Cheese Party
- Upwind polo shirt
- Acknowledgement on donor page of the Upwind Scholarship website

## ☐ CLASS CHARLIE (\$250)

- Two tickets to the Upwind Foundation Wine and Cheese Party

## ☐ CLASS DELTA

- ☐ \$100    ☐ \$75  
☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_other amount

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