

Silver Wings Chapter wins prestigious Morley Award

Embry-Riddle Prescott's Steven M. Scherp Silver Wings Chapter received the 2007 Lt. Col. Bill Morley Award, presented annually to the chapter that best accomplishes the Silver Wings mission through service.

Affiliated with the Arnold Air Society, an honorary organization of Air Force ROTC cadets, Silver Wings is a national, coed, professional organization open to Air Force ROTC cadets and non-AFROTC students.

Among the Scherp Chapter's accomplishments: a car wash that raised more than \$400 to buy supplies for U.S. troops overseas, donations of supplies to AnySoldier.com, coordination with a local elementary school to send 60 thank-you cards to the troops, and decorating a Veterans Affairs hospital.



Embry-Riddle launches Aviation Safety and Security Archives online

In its long-standing mission to make the skies safer for all, Embry-Riddle Prescott has launched the Aviation Safety and Security Archives, an online portal and repository that houses a vast array of materials related to aviation safety and security.

"We intend to serve as a research center for the study of aviation safety and security for the university and the scholarly community at large," says Suzanne DeLong, associate director for Library Collections.

The online Digital Library includes digital versions of accident reports, photos, correspondence and other relevant documents from aviation safety professionals, organizations and accident investigators.

Users worldwide can access and obtain files online from the Digital Library at no charge. Go to archives.pr.erau.edu or click on "Archives" at the Prescott Campus Library website.

For research assistance and access to the documents held on the Prescott Campus, contact Arel Lucas, Special Collections librarian/archivist, at prasasa@erau.edu or call (928) 777-3907.



New facilities enhance student life

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More news and events at Embry-Riddle this quarter:

- Embry-Riddle received a four-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education totaling \$879,596 to launch the McNair Scholars program at its Daytona Beach Campus. The program has been active at Embry-Riddle Prescott since 1999.

- Embry-Riddle Prescott received a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant of almost \$600,000 to support students in its undergraduate Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering degree programs.

The "suite life" has arrived for students at Embry-Riddle's Daytona Beach Campus, thanks to the recent opening of Apollo Residence Hall and the new Fitness Center.

The 61,000-square-foot Apollo Residence Hall features suite-style rooms to accommodate 256 students, with group study areas on all floors. The building's state-of-the-art technology includes wireless connection



Apollo Hall



Fitness Center

in study and lounge areas, data jacks in individual rooms, keyless entry and building security.

The 12,500-square-foot fitness center, located next to the campus pool near the Student Center, boasts its own state-of-the-art fitness equipment, including free weights, selectorized equipment and cardio machines.

According to Sonja Taylor, dean of students, providing great facilities that encourage students to live on campus translates into higher student success rates. "In every category, the students who live on campus have higher retention rates, higher GPAs and higher graduation rates than those who live off campus," she says.

No roads needed

“We don’t need roads where we’re going,” was the motto of Heather Cupitt ('06, DB) and Ashley Szasz Turk ('06, DB), as they competed in the Air Race Classic—an all-women transcontinental race involving light, general aviation airplanes.

These Riddle Racers took off from Oklahoma City (PWA) in a Cessna 172 and traveled more than 4,500 nautical miles to the finish line in St. John, Newfoundland (CYSJ).

“Embry-Riddle supported us more than we could have imagined,” Cupitt says. “From the Flight Department, which donated the plane and fuel, to the Meteorology Department, which provided us with our own weather team, we felt the whole university was behind us.”

More than 50 teams competed, attempting to fly the fastest time for their airplane type.

“Our Cessna 172 had 180 horsepower, so our handicap was 112 knots,” Turk explains. “We controlled our ground speed by doing things like finding the best altitude for a tailwind.”

After flying more than 50 hours, landing in 19 states and two countries, and combating fog, thunderstorms, rain, wind and fatigue, they finished in third place in the Collegiate category.

“This was an aviation experience of a lifetime,” Turk says. “Heather and I are grateful we went to such an amazing university that provided this opportunity.”



Heather Cupitt (left) and Ashley Szasz Turk flew more than 4,500 nautical miles in the 2007 Air Race Classic.

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- **The Embry-Riddle men’s soccer team posted the highest team GPA of any men’s soccer program at any level in the country, including NCAA I, NCAA II, NCAA III and the NAIA.**

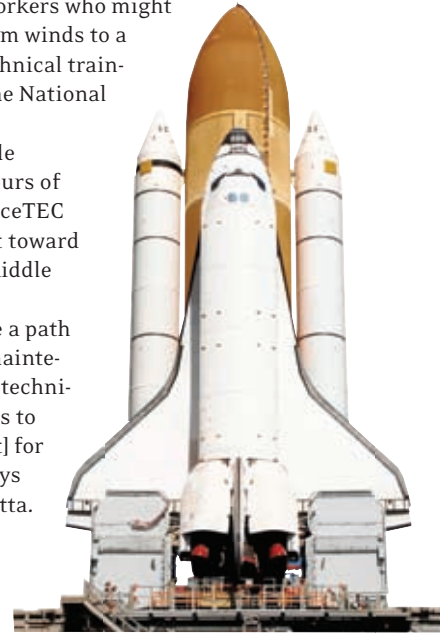
- **Maria Lopez, head coach of Embry-Riddle’s men’s and women’s golf teams, was named 2007 Coach of the Year by the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Teaching and Club Professional (T&CP). This is the first time an NAIA coach has been given the award.**

Embry-Riddle agreement with SpaceTEC supports space workforce transition

Embry-Riddle has partnered with SpaceTEC to help create education and training opportunities for workers who might be displaced when the Space Shuttle program winds to a close in 2010. SpaceTEC is an aerospace technical training and certification center sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Under the new agreement, Embry-Riddle Worldwide Campus will provide up to 24 hours of college credit for workers who obtain a SpaceTEC core certification, giving them a head start toward an undergraduate degree or other Embry-Riddle aviation/aerospace training.

“With Embry-Riddle, we now can provide a path toward undergraduate degrees in aircraft maintenance, aviation maintenance management, technical management or professional aeronautics to better prepare [technicians at the spaceport] for different jobs in the aerospace industry,” says SpaceTEC Executive Director Frank Margiotta.



Embry-Riddle adds key leadership at its two residential campuses

Embry-Riddle has added two new leaders to its senior administration—Dr. Richard H. Heist and Dr. Norval F. Pohl.

Dr. Heist was selected as provost and senior vice president at the Daytona Beach Campus. He will oversee all academic matters and work with other senior leadership to provide strategic direction for the university.

At Embry-Riddle Prescott, Dr. Pohl was selected as the new chancellor, the campus’s chief administrative officer, responsible for leading a campus of more than 1,650 students and nearly 400 employees.

“Both Drs. Heist and Pohl bring a wealth of experience as academic and university administrators,” President John P. Johnson says. “I know that they will contribute greatly to leading Embry-Riddle.”

For complete bios, go to the President’s website at www.erau.edu/er/president/index.html and click on “Organizational Chart.”



Dr. Richard H. Heist



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