



Leading from the Front

James Hagedorn ('79, DB) pledges largest alumni gift in Embry-Riddle History

Jim Hagedorn ('79, DB) thrives on competition. From his years as an Air Force captain and F-16 fighter pilot, to his current role as Chairman and CEO of the world-leading Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, Hagedorn is driven to win in everything he does.

So when he decides to make a gift to his alma mater, it is no surprise that the gift raises the bar for philanthropy at Embry-Riddle.

In June 2006, Hagedorn, a Board of Trustees member since 2005, announced his pledge of \$2.5 million to

help fund construction of the Aviation Center II on the Daytona Beach Campus.

The donation represents the largest gift from an alumnus in the history of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

"Jim Hagedorn's generous commitment is yet another example of his dedication to the continuing growth of his alma mater," said President John P. Johnson.

The next phase of the aviation complex will add two new

→ **James Hagedorn:
Leading By Example
(’79, DB)**

- Chairman and CEO of the world’s leading lawn and garden company, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company.
- Served in the United States Air Force for seven years as a captain and an F-16 fighter pilot.
- Embry-Riddle Board of Trustees member, Investment Committee Chair and member of the Academic and Development committees.
- In addition to the new Aviation Complex, he is also funding three endowed student scholarships.
- Sponsored 20-city Presidential Welcome Tour.
- Served as the spokesman for the 2006 “Raise the Rate, Just Participate,” Campaign, an alumni giving initiative that raised alumni participation rates to an all-time high.



James C. Hagedorn Aviation Complex

- ① Comprised of two conjoined hangars totaling 35,000 square feet, the hangar complex will house maintenance operations for the flight training fleet, laboratories, instructional offices, and maintenance training equipment for Aviation Maintenance Science students.
- ② At 60,000 square feet, this building will house flight dispatch and flight planning areas that look and operate like actual Fixed Base Operations (FBOs). It will also contain classrooms, Instructor Pilot (IP) bays and offices for faculty and staff.

structures totaling 95,000 square feet to the campus’ College of Aviation Building. The first building will house flight planning and dispatch areas that operate like actual airport fixed-base operations, as well as classrooms, bays for instructor pilots, and offices for faculty and staff. In the second building, a hangar will house maintenance operations for the flight training fleet, and a conjoined hangar will hold labs, offices, and equipment for the aviation maintenance science degree program.

“These new buildings will allow us to expand in a significant way and further our vision for the College of Aviation,” said Tim Brady, dean of the college.

“The addition of a second aviation building and new flight line will showcase to the world our continuing leadership position in aviation and aerospace education.”

For Hagedorn, the gift to help fund the new buildings represents an investment in the university’s greatest asset: its students.

“It’s about the students, education and developing the next generation of aviation,” says Hagedorn. “My father taught me about the importance of giving back and investing in the future. This donation to Embry-Riddle will help tomorrow’s pilots realize their dreams.”