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Dear Students,

Congratulations on your continued success in the Bachelor Degree Program here at UVSC! We here at the school are continuing to see large numbers of enrollments as we work to make distance learning a high quality and easily accessible experience to those seeking higher education. We are aggressively hiring additional staff for our call center, financial aid office, and student advisement center so that we can better assist you, the student in a more timely and effective manner. This growth is exciting to me as current and future pilots become better informed of the benefits of a college education.

It may interest some to know that nearly one quarter of our students currently enrolled are already working for an airline, a fractional ownership company, or a corporation flying jet aircraft. These students have worked hard to gain a position in their chosen career; however, upon enrollment at UVSC, they often share with me their desire to **complete** their education through a Bachelors degree. Some of the more common reasons expressed are:

√ I want something to fall back on and know that an advanced degree in any field helps.

√ I want the challenge, to finish what I started, and achieve my goal of the degree.

√ I want to move on to another company and know that I will be more competitive with the degree.

There are many additional reasons why pilots are furthering their education. For this article though, I want to focus on a statement recently made to me by an enrolling freshmen. This gentleman is a pilot at the regional level and has been for eight years. He is the Captain on a Canadair Regional Jet and has logged over 10,000 hours of experience. In an effort to apply at FedEx, a company that requires a four year degree to be interviewed, this pilot is seeking his Bachelors Degree. When I met him he stated to me, "I have not done any schooling yet; I wish I had much earlier. I have decided to go back, to get into school, and finish my degree". I quickly corrected him; "Your enrolling at this institution is not a step back. Quite the opposite is true. Your enrollment at UVSC represents an exciting jump

ahead in your career, and I am confident you will find opportunities you would not have had otherwise". We are pleased to have this pilot as one of our future graduates.

The idea that I would like to stress to all of you is this: the schooling you receive at this college will only help you, and the time, effort, and money you put into it will be an accomplishment you will always be glad you can claim. Remember also, that a Baccalaureate degree from UVSC is regionally accredited. This means that you can take this diploma to any university should you decide to pursue a masters or doctorate. How about a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School or an MBA from the Wharton School of Business? These institutions recognize your UVSC degree.

The airline industry is a competitive industry, and we encourage you to study accordingly. Learn for the sake of learning. Do not settle for average achievement. Be tenacious in advancing your knowledge. You can do it, and we are here to help! As always, I wish you great success in your pursuit of an aviation career.

How will you spend your summer?

INDUSTRY NEWS

Ireland based Ryanair announced a \$4 billion order from Boeing for 70 737-800 aircraft. Delivery of the aircraft is expected between 2008-2012. The deal includes options for an additional 70.

jetBlue Airways recently said it will begin service between New York's JFK airport and Burbank CA. This will be the third LA area destination for the airline adding to Ontario and Long Beach.

A federal bankruptcy court has approved an Air Wisconsin proposal to invest \$125 million into US Airways. As part of the proposal, Air Wisconsin could provide regional jet service for US Airways. This would not affect the operations Air Wisconsin is currently flying for United.



"...what should I do with myself during the summer break"?

Many college students will soon be asking themselves, "what should I do with myself during the summer break"? Some will take initiative to begin looking for a job early while the majority will wait until a few weeks prior to the end of the semester. Why so much procrastination on the part of students? Why is job hunting such a chore? Perhaps the answers to these questions can be found in the fact that temporary jobs are often undesirable and uninteresting. The employment is usually a means to simply earn money so that a person can study what really captures their interest and graduate in a field they want to pursue. So, have you thought about a summer job or **Internship** in aviation? If not, read carefully. Most U.S. carriers from majors to regionals participate with college and university students in internship programs. These opportunities give the students a chance to learn more about their chosen career field, develop additional skills and knowledge in the industry, and create a relationship with the airline that one day will assist them in getting hired.

The requirements and expectations from various internships will differ greatly from airline to airline. Some companies,

such as jetBlue, offer paid internships while others, like SkyWest, will be unpaid. When considering an internship, do not just focus on the pay. Some companies will offer benefits that may meet your more immediate goals. For example, one benefit to SkyWest's experience will be a guaranteed interview with a carrier whose required minimums you are likely approaching or have. Remember that while an airline may offer the guaranteed interview, you usually still have to have the published hour minimums. Few, if any of the companies, waive hour or experience requirements. Make sure to consider the benefits in relation to your goals.

When considering an internship, please keep in mind other specifics that you will want to discuss with the interviewer. You will want to determine the length of the commitment, exactly what responsibilities you will be required to perform, and find out all the opportunities that will be available to you. For instance, if you were to ask and demonstrate an interest in a ground class, perhaps the company would let you sit in on a current class or simulator session. These can be tremendous benefits as they will help to take the unknown once it becomes your turn for class.



Benefits from an internship will not end upon completion of your duties with the company. Consider the assistance this experience will give you in completing Co-op credits and other university classes as well.

If you are interested in participating in an airline internship, begin now contacting those companies that most interest you. Monitor their web sites as many will announce these openings a few months in advance. If there is a specific airline that you would like to intern with and they do not have a program in place, feel free to contact us at avationcareers@uvsc.edu. We can sometime help employers to establish a program that may not have had one before. You must be persistent in your efforts, but it has been our experience that students often find these internships well worth the time and work put into them.

Top Paying Jobs

A recent article published on msnrcareers.com ranked some of the top paying jobs in the United States. These jobs were ranked according to the level of education required to qualify in the various industries. The following is an excerpt from some of those lists.

<u>Four Year Degree</u>		<u>Two Year Degree</u>	
Physicians and Surgeons	\$147,000	Healthcare practitioners	\$66,000
Aircraft Pilots	\$133,500	Business Analysts	\$58,000
Chief Executives	\$116,000	Electrical engineers	\$57,000
Electrical engineers	\$112,000	Mechanical engineers	\$56,800
<u>High School Graduate</u>		<u>No High School Diploma</u>	
Software engineers	\$58,900	Industrial manager	\$36,000
Information systems manager	\$56,400	Correctional officer/bailiffs	\$35,400
Computer programmer	\$55,000	Paralegal/legal assistant	\$35,400
Data analyst	\$49,000	Drafter	\$36,000

The source cited for the study was the Employment Policy Foundation. The statistics reflect the mean annual income as reported for 2003.

It is unclear whether the Aircraft Pilot report includes regional pilots, but it does demonstrate the earning potential in the industry. You may be confused by the report linking the career to a four year degree.

While it is true that a four year degree is not required at all airlines, it is true that a diploma from an institution of higher learning is strongly recommended and helps in advancement from one company to another.

Quoting from the article “A look at expected earnings over a lifetime shows the



economic benefit of higher education attainment,” says Tony Carnevale, who chaired President Clinton’s National Commission for Employment Policy and authored several books (including *America and the new economy: How competitive Standards are Radically Changing American Workplaces*).

A person with a doctoral or professional degree, for example, is expected to earn about \$3 million over the course of his or her working life while a person without a high school diploma is expected to earn less than \$1 million. “Despite an increasing

supply of well-educated workers, the college wage premium has nearly doubled since 1980, largely because of the added value of a college education in the new knowledge economy,” adds Carnevale.

The Employment Policy Forum concurs but stresses that these numbers are only averages.”

UVSC is proud of the accomplishments of our graduates. They can be found at every major and regional carrier in the U.S. and at 12 other airlines worldwide.

In addition, you may find graduates at fractional ownership companies, numerous cargo outfits, and corporate companies nationwide. The future of

hiring in this industry is strong, and we look forward to assisting you to your job of choice in aviation.



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