



Dear Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum Supporter,

**Welcome** to the Tuskegee Airmen National Museum email newsletter! We know your time is valuable, so we developed this as a quick 3-5 minute read to give you a snapshot of some of the great things happening at the museum.



**In January**, we kicked off 2023 strong with good attendance at our Thursday night Ground School Pilot training program. Steve Tupper captured this great photo of some of our students. They were excited to begin learning the basics and looking forward to achieving their goals of becoming pilots.





## Detroit Tuskegee Airmen Museum receives a hefty grant to teach kids to fly

The grant will give 30 Detroit students the opportunity to receive training at the Detroit City Airport starting May 18.

[www.freep.com](http://www.freep.com)

We also launched an outreach program to get people interested in becoming air traffic controllers. We had a great response from the public and we are now working with several dozen people between the ages of 18-30 to help prepare them for the FAA's air traffic controller school later this year. Testing and selection opens up in June. Between now and then, we are helping prepare candidates for testing, assisting with their resumes, and keeping high hopes that they will be selected by the federal government for this amazing opportunity.

Check out the Detroit News story here:

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2023/03/30/tuskegee-airmen-museum-hopes-to-route-interest-in-air-traffic-control-into-careers/70057163007/>

**There were special awards in April.** Museum Director Dr. Brian Smith and Shamalia Willis, Outreach & Engagement Coordinator, both received a Spirit of Detroit Award. Dr. Smith was also inducted into the Wayne State University College of Engineering. See photos below:





**Spirit of Detroit Award Ceremony**



**Wayne State University College of Engineering Hall of Fame Ceremony**

The FAA came to visit the Coleman A. Young International Airport after awarding the museum with a half-million dollar grant to continue the work of introducing and preparing youth for careers in aviation.

Our special guests were FAA's Assistant Administrator for Policy, International Affairs, and Environment; Laurence Wildgoose. Dr. William S. McClinton Ed.D. MBA Director, Human Resources Great Lakes Region, and Mr. Sean Doyle Deputy Regional Administrator, FAA Great Lakes Region

**Recent Stories from wxyz.com:**

Students like Lauren Billingsley talked about taking steps to train in the field.

“I want to be a commercial pilot for Delta. It’s my main goal, being up in the air. Feeling free is really exciting,” she told 7 Action News.

“It allows someone like me who came from humble beginnings to have a dream to focus on, to stay focused and stay committed with community support around me, to encourage me along the way,” said Laurence Wildgoose, an assistant administrator with the FAA.

<https://www.wxyz.com/news/positively-detroit/tuskegee-airmen-museum-grant-preparing-detroit-students-for-aviation-careers>

We are pleased to note our 2023 summer camps are starting soon. See below for details.



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AVIATION CAREER EDUCATION

SELECT ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

ACE 1	ACE 2	ACE 3	ACE 4	ACE 5
HALF DAYS - VIRTUAL <b>JUNE 20 - 23</b> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	IN-PERSON <b>JUNE 26 - 30</b> 8:00 am - 4:00 pm BRADLEY UNIVERSITY PEORIA, IL	IN-PERSON <b>JULY 10 - 14</b> 8:00 am - 4:00 pm WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DETROIT, MI	IN-PERSON <b>AUG 14 - AUG 18</b> 8:00 am - 4:00 pm MIAT COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY CANTON, MI	IN-PERSON <b>SEPT 10</b> 8:00 am - 4:00 pm MUSKEGON AIRPORT MUSKEGON, MI

**ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Learn about careers in aviation
- Flight simulator experience
- Drone and Rocket Demonstrations
- Each student will receive a drone, model rocket and model plane

**VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS**

- Selfridge Air National Guard Base
- Tuskegee Airman National Museum
- Detroit City & Metro Airports

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- Serving students entering grades 9th - 12th in Fall 2023
- Must have an inquisitive mind and open to new experiences



**TO REGISTER SCAN CODE:** 

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
May 10, 2023

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**Museum visitors learning about how to become air traffic controllers.**

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