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## HELP <u>SAVE</u> HARTFORD-BRAINARD AIRPORT

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HBAA Supports Women in Aviation

And

#### Aerospace Careers

New England Air Museum Program

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#### Amelia Earhart flew from Brainard Airport in the last 1930s.

Hartford Brainard Airport Association (HBAA) is an organization of general aviation, private and commercial pilots, business leaders, and aircraft and business owners who are dedicated to preserving the airport as a valuable community asset and vital economic resource that supports Connecticut's economy and provides significant benefits to the capital city and the region.

## Hartford-Brainard Airport Provides Jobs and Careers to the Region and Connecticut

#### **Businesses on Brainard Property:**

#### VIP Avionics

FAA Certified, leading New England sales and service center for avionics, auto-pilot systems, and aircraft instrumentation.

#### Total Aircraft

Offering annual aircraft inspections, major and minor airframe and engine repairs and local parts distribution center for all major brands of piston engine aircraft.

- **CT Aviation Medical Examiner Dr. Robert Dodenhoff** On-site medical practice offering hundreds of FAA mandated exams annually to airline, commercial and private pilots.
- Pegasus Air Charter Service
  Offering Private Jet Charters

#### Flight Training on Brainard Property:

#### • Learn 2 Fly CT, LLC

9 certified flight instructors based in Hartford and Windham with exciting focus on "Green Aviation Technology".

• ATP Flight School

Pilot Certification through Commercial and Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI - Multi, Single, Instrument).

• Premier Flight Center, LLC.

Operating for decades, offering quality flight training for every pilot – private or professional. 9 full or part-time instructors.

#### **School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians:**

#### CT Aero Tech School

Established for 10 years as part of the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System. Offering exceptional training (2-year programs) for adult learners in the Aviation Maintenance Technology Fields.

Open Invitation for All-Legislative Tours of Brainard Airport

Friday March 18th and 25th at 3:00 pm

at Hartford Jet Center Lindbergh Rd. Htfd

## Hartford Resident Pursues a Career in Aviation

J'Vaughn Joseph has been a Hartford resident since 2001, when he moved here from Trinidad at age 6. Now 27 years old, he completed his private and instrument flight training at Learn2FlyCT headquarters at Brainard Airport and is presently engaged in commercial flight training on his way to qualify for a career with a major airline. He is currently employed as a Flight Attendant for Republic Airlines.

J'Vaughn's parents claim that he was always interested in airplanes and flying. His father is a military veteran and worked at Pratt and Whitney as a materials inspector. At age nine, J'Vaughn's parents gave him a birthday gift of an introductory flight at Hartford Brainard Airport and from that day, he was hooked.

J'Vaughn participated in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet Program based at Brainard from age 13 to 18. He had the rare opportunity to travel to Air Venture Oshkosh in 2012. J'Vaughn is a graduate of Letourneau University in Texas, achieving a bachelor's degree in Aviation Management/Air Traffic Management. Still living in Hartford, he commutes to LaGuardia for trips which allows him to spend four concentrated off days flying and continuing his flight training.

Brainard Airport is where J'Vaughn's career in aviation began and he would like to instruct there until he is hired by an Air Carrier. Considering the severe national pilot shortage and his perseverance, J'Vaughn's future is assured. He is the poster child for how to pursue a career in aviation.

J'Vaughn Joseph of Hartford proudly displays his Private Pilot Certificate earned at Hartford Brainard Airport.

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### CT Aero Tech School

- Serving Greater Hartford region for over 10 years.
- Supplying critical shortage of aviation mechanics. Usually >20 graduates annually.
- Immediate job opportunities in CT after graduation. Starting salary ~\$28.00/hr.
- Airport based facility requiring constant flow of all general aviation aircraft for training.



## **Public Safety Consideration**

## at Brainard Airport

"Consider the need for rapid response in the event of a crisis, whether it is a major weather event, health crisis or an unforeseen threat to public safety. Should a disaster strike the capital city, its populace and neighboring towns would heavily depend on Brainard airport to stage a response, including staging areas for first responders, aircraft and vehicles, headquartered in close proximity to major treatment facilities".

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