



# Aeronautics Careers Academy

Career-Technical Education Program News from the Six District Educational Compact



ACA students on the ramp at BGSU

## Students visit BGSU Aviation program & meet up with completers

Level I and Level II ACA students had the opportunity to visit Bowling Green State University in November 2021 and were given a tour of both the general campus and the Aviation program. BGSU is one of the few universities in the country that has an airport on campus. BGSU offers students a Bachelor of Science in Aviation degree with specializations in Flight Technology and Operations or Aviation Management and Operations. Since 1978, BGSU Aviation has been training students to work as airline pilots, corporate pilots, airport managers, airfield specialists, aviation consultants, and so much more. BGSU Aviation utilizes state of the art technology, highly skilled instructors and a modern fleet of aircraft.

In addition to the campus visit, ACA students met up with 2021 ACA completers **Connor Kirkner** and **Leah Bennington**, who now attend BGSU's Aviation program. Connor is a Stow-Munroe Falls High School graduate and is currently working toward his private pilot certificate. He is preparing for his first solo flight. This step is a big deal in the aviation world as he will be the only one in the aircraft, flying completely on his own! Leah Bennington, also a Stow-Munroe Falls graduate, earned her Private Pilot Flight Certificate through Aero Trek Flight Academy located at Wadsworth airport while she was in the ACA program. This crucial stepping stone put Leah ahead of the curve in working toward her corporate pilot license. The ACA program afforded Connor and Leah each 9 college credits at BGSU!

BGSU instructor shows students a Piper Warrior



## Success Story



Patrick touring the Columbus International Airport



Patrick with Carole Hopson, Boeing 737 First Officer for United Airlines and author of *A Pair of Wings*, after a book talk

**Patrick Gallagher**, 2021 graduate of Theodore Roosevelt High School and ACA completer, is currently pursuing Aviation Management at the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University. After obtaining his degree from OSU, Patrick intends to pursue United's Aviate program which is an industry-leading pilot career development program offering aspiring and established pilots the most direct path to a United flight deck. Patrick has joined the student organization, Aviation Management Organization (AMO), which provides students with a bridge between OSU and the aviation industry. Patrick highly recommends membership to AMO and has already networked with various industry leaders and hopes to land an internship by the end of the year. Patrick is excited for his future and credits the ACA program at Stow-Munroe Falls for fully preparing him for this post-secondary path and for fueling his passion for aviation!



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**Todd, after his first solo ride, in front of the Cessna 172**



## *Meet the instructor!*

**Todd Remenaric** is in his fourth year as the ACA instructor. Todd graduated with his degree in Integrated Science Education from Kent State University and taught physics and chemistry at Stow-Munroe Falls High School before being approached to replace the retiring ACA instructor, **Ed Borsuk**. Todd was extremely excited and motivated for this opportunity and started taking both aviation and Career-Technical Education coursework at KSU. With the help of a \$10,000 grant that Todd earned from the Aircraft Owners and Pilot Associations (AOPA), Todd now has earned his AGI certificate (advanced ground instructor), remote pilot certificate, and private pilot certificate. Todd loves to inspire and open doors for his students and also enjoys using his private pilot certificate to fly friends and family around Northeast Ohio to sightsee, island hop and explore! Todd's first passenger as a private pilot was his wife **Bri** (pictured).



**Andrew Barr in the pilot seat of a Cessna 152 at 3G3 Wadsworth Municipal Airport**

## **Current student working toward private pilot license**

**Andrew Barr** is a senior, Level II ACA student from Stow-Munroe Falls High School who is one step away from earning his private pilot certificate. A private pilot certificate allows an individual to fly solo, but the pilot cannot earn money for flying. This accomplishment requires an enormous amount of time and effort as the student must earn 40-plus hours in the air, but each hour in the air requires around four to five hours of preparation and debriefing. Instructor **Todd Remenaric** states, "Andrew is a very motivated student who quickly masters content and will often help others to do the same." Andrew's last step is his "check ride" with a designated pilot evaluator. Upon graduation in the spring, Andrew plans to attend either Bowling Green State University, Kent State University or the Cadet Academy to become a pilot.

## **Students tour MAPS museum in Canton**

ACA students visited the Military Aviation Preservation Society (MAPS) museum in Canton in September 2021. They were taken on a tour to see hundreds of historical aircrafts and artifacts. Volunteers, who are often veterans and/or children of veterans, provide the tours. These volunteers hold a vast amount of knowledge and passion for the field and history of aviation. Volunteers also work to restore wartime aircraft to their former beauty and were able to share some of their work with the students. Although the ACA students were initially a bit turned off when they heard their field trip was to a "museum," they were all blown away by this special place that offers not only a history of planes but the living history that the volunteers are able to share.

**Level I student, Chase Migrants (Stow-Munroe Falls), in the seat of an anti-aircraft gun**

