



Santa Discusses Policy Priorities with Rep. Hakeem Jeffries



Recently, President Rich Santa had a phone call with Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., the Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus and a key member of the House leadership. Santa thanked Rep. Jeffries for his longstanding relationship with our Union and his interest in our legislative priorities, and the two discussed key challenges facing the National Airspace System (NAS) and the controller workforce. Other topics of conversation included

the need for stable and predictable FAA funding, the importance of involving the frontline workforce in agency planning and decision-making, and the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that included \$5 billion in new funding for upgrades to air traffic control facilities and equipment.

Announcing the 2022 NATCA Scholarship Recipients

NATCA is pleased to announce the 2022 winners of our Union's scholarships. Every year, NATCA offers a scholarship program for spouses, children, stepchildren, and legally adopted children of active, retired, and deceased members in good standing for at least two consecutive years. This scholarship is for full-time attendance at accredited colleges and universities within the United States and its territories for an undergraduate degree program.

This year, there were 21 scholarship winners. Lauren Rawski (pictured),

daughter of Ryan Rawski (Retired member, Central Florida TRACON, F11), was given the President's Award, a \$2,000 scholarship.



Congratulations to all the recipients of this year's NATCA scholarships!

President's Award winner:
Lauren Rawski (pictured left),
daughter of Ryan Rawski
(Retired member, Central
Florida TRACON, F11)



The other winners, listed below, received a \$1,000 scholarship.
Congratulations to all the recipients of this year's scholarship!

- Melanie Barber, Wayne Barber, NSW, Houston Center (ZHU)
- Diana Boland, Tucker Boland, NCE, Kansas City Center (ZKC)
- Jessica Brandes, Michael Brandes (Retired member), NGL, Chicago Center (ZAU)
- Camryn Cadenhead, Clarence Cadenhead, NCE, Kansas City ATCT (MCI)
- Madison Chouinard, Erich Chouinard, NM Seattle Center (ZSE)
- Karissa Davila, David Davila, NSW Houston Center (ZHU)
- Lu Demers, Brent Demers, NGL Detroit ATCT (DTW)
- McKenzie Farrell, Donald Farrell, NGL Chicago Center (ZAU)
- Zoe Frank, Kevin Frank, NGL, Minneapolis Center (ZMP)
- Kaitlynn Gradt, Jason Gradt, NSW Dallas-Fort Worth ATCT (DFW)
- Jillian Luna, Richard Luna, NSW Fort Worth Center (ZFW)
- Evan McKee, Dale McKee, NWP Southern California TRACON (SCT)
- Samuel Muedeking, Benjamin Muedeking, NGL Minneapolis Center (ZMP)
- Brooke Noble, David Noble, NSW Houston Center (ZHU)
- Cadence Riegel, Adam Riegel (Retired member) NSW San Antonio ATCT (SAT)
- Christopher Schenck, Lee Schenck, NWP Sacramento ATCT (SMF)
- Benjamin Valentine, Sharon Valentine, NEA New York Center (ZNY)
- William Visconti, Jr., William Visconti, NEA Philadelphia ATCT (PHL)

- Isabella Williams, Ronnie Williams, NWP Oakland Center (ZOA)
- Bree Witt, Daniel Witt, NCE Omaha TRACON (R90)

Read more [here](#).

Congratulations to Our Newest FacReps

The NATCA Onboarding Committee welcomes and thanks all new NATCA leaders who have recently taken office for their terms as FacReps at their local facilities:

Eastern Region

Huntington ATCT (HTS),
Quintarius Searcy

Northwest Mountain Region

Pasco ATCT (PSC), Jacob
Vieman

Southern Region

Lexington ATCT (LEX), Jacob Elmer

Southwest Region

Beaumont ATCT (BPT), Christian Lotz
Galveston, Texas, FCT (GLS), Steven Gatewood
Rogers, Ark., FCT (ROG), Benjamin Fox

Western Pacific Region

Chino ATCT (CNO), Richard Marrs



2021 Archie League Medal of Safety Award Spotlight: Jason Dunaway, Joe Mash, and Chris Rhodes, Potomac TRACON (PCT)

By Sept. 15, 2020, six months into the COVID-19 pandemic, air carrier traffic volume was greatly reduced, presenting opportunities for many general aviation pilots – and students, with their instructors – to do takeoffs and landings at major airports. One such flight, a Mooney M20 piloted by a student with an instructor, departed runway 1 right at Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD).

Just a short time later, as the Mooney was at 4,600 feet, the aircraft suffered a total engine failure. The choice to be near IAD turned out to be a most advantageous decision.

“I think because of that lack of full airline schedules, I think this was a nationwide thing; I think people were taking their GA airplanes to places

they dreamed of going and this was a good example,” said Potomac TRACON (PCT) member Joe Mash, who talked with the pilot and worked with fellow PCT members Jason Dunaway and Chris Rhodes to help the flight return safely to IAD. “(The emergency) could not have happened at a better time or place, that is for sure. Lucky for them.”

Mash, Dunaway, and Rhodes will be honored with the 2021 Eastern Region Archie League Medal of Safety Award on June 17 in New Orleans in a ceremony that will be live streamed on natca.org.

Read more [here](#). | Listen to an episode of The NATCA Podcast [here](#), featuring a discussion with Mash and Dunaway.



Photo: (left to right) Joe Mash, Chris Rhodes, and Jason Dunaway

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