Professional Standards Training Class in Louisville

NATCA’s Professional Standards (PS) Committee held a training May 16-18, in Louisville, Ky., for 15 new PS Committee members. The training at the Louisville Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) welcomed new members to the team, and the PS Committee thanked them for volunteering to serve NATCA in such an important way.

"Even though as a District Chair I have been through the Professional Standards training before, I was still able to learn quite a few things and better understand how to address newer contract issues that are commonly brought to the program," Miami District PS Chair Ben Causey (Miami Center, ZMA) said. "It was also really great for me to see how the new members are receiving training and remember their perspective just starting out and working cases at their local facilities."

"The Professional Standards class has taught me so much," PS class attendee David Fuentes (San Juan ATCT, SJU) said. "A lot of info that I never knew, especially being new to the agency. I look forward to my role at my facility so that I can educate my peers and management. The class facilitators are extremely educated, have a strong will to help, and are entertaining."
Learn more about PS and upcoming trainings [here](#).

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**Congratulations to the Winners of the 2023 NATCA Scholarships**

NATCA is pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 NATCA 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.

Out of the 20 scholarship winners, Rebeca Bratcher, daughter of John Bratcher (Fort Smith ATCT, FSM), was given the President’s Award, a $2,000 scholarship. The other winners, listed below, received a $1,000 scholarship.
Congratulations to all the recipients of this year’s scholarship!

Skylar Albright, Thomas and Kimberly Albright, retired from Miami Center (ZMA) and Asheville ATCT (AVL)

Kyle Buchan, Deborah Buchan, retired Grand Rapids ATCT (GRR)

Audra Daniel, Chad Daniel, Atlanta Center (ZTL)

Ashley Densmore, Bob Densmore, Houston Hobby ATCT (HOU)

Kyra Goodwin, Anthony Goodwin, retired Northwest Mountain Region Engineer (ENM)

Charley Gunn, Bryan Gunn, Brackett ATCT (POC)

Lauren Gutshall, David Gutshall, Atlanta Center (ZTL)

Blake Jackson, Rexford Jackson, retired from Washington Center (ZDC)

Amara Moorhead, Matthew Moorhead, Minneapolis Center (ZMP)

Phoenix Pair, Nate Pair, Los Angeles Center (ZLA)

Hadley Phipps, Scott Phipps, Denver ATCT (DEN)

Isis Richardson, Zachary Richardson, Fort Worth Center (ZFW)
Happy 10-Year Anniversary to NATCA’s Director of Labor Relations Nicole Vitale

We have an amazing National Office staff that our membership can be very proud of. NATCA Director of Labor Relations Nicole Vitale celebrated her 10-year anniversary as a member of NATCA’s staff.

“The most rewarding part of working at NATCA is knowing that the work we do directly affects the lives of our members and their families,” Nicole said.

Thank you for all you do for NATCA and our members, Nicole!

Read more about Nicole here.