

# NATCA Representatives Attend Media Training in Washington, D.C.

Eight members traveled from across the country to Washington, D.C. for two days of media training from Oct. 5-6. NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge welcomed the members of the class on the first day of their training, encouraging them to take what they learned during the training and use it to represent the Union at their facilities.





NATCA Members Complete Media Training Washington, D.C. | Oct. 2023

**PHOTO:** (back row, L-R) Rodal, Hudak, Elliott, Lluch, Felser, Metzger. (front row, L-R) LeBovidge, Wysong, Winder, Sanders, Munroe

Held at a professional television studio, the members received both classroom and practical instruction on best practices and strategies for interviews with the media. After completing the training, which was run by NATCA Public Affairs Director Thom Metzger and Dep. Director Galen Munroe, the members are now equipped to handle interviews on behalf of the Union.

The eight graduates of the October 2023 media training were Matt Elliott (St. Louis TRACON, T75), Jason Felser (New York ARTCC, ZNY), Ben Hudak (Columbus ATCT, CMH), Miguel Lluch (San Francisco ATCT, SFO), Kenneth Rodal (Austin ATCT, AUS), Jamie Sanders (Denver/Centennial ATCT, APA), Stephanie Winder (Salt Lake City ARTCC, ZLC), Nicole Wysong (Engineer, Northwest Mountain Region, ENM).

### **Professional Standards Breakout at CFS 2023**

The NATCA Professional Standards committee held a committee member-only breakout during CFS. This was not only an opportunity to continue to build relationships and sharpen skills within the committee, but also within the Professional Standards community. Representatives from the American Airlines Professional Standards team, Canadian Air Traffic Control Association, and Civil Air Australia were also in attendance.



"Maintaining strong relationships with other Professional Standards teams within the industry not only helps strengthen our individual programs as we learn and grow together, but strengthens the aviation community as a whole," PS Committee member Lydia Baune (Spokane, ATCT, GEG) said. "Working

with other countries as they continue to work towards developing a program similar to ours has been humbling, inspiring, and has left me with a deep gratitude for the work that NATCA did for so many years prior to starting our program in 2011, laying the groundwork for where our program is today."

Learn more about the PS Committeehere.

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