Professional Standards Committee Training Bolsters NATCA’s Commitment to Excellence

From May 7-9, 2024, NATCA’s Professional Standards Committee (PS) hosted an intensive three-day training for its new members at Salt Lake Center (ZLC). The training welcomed new volunteers, equipping them with essential tools to address workplace issues and enhance professional standards within the FAA. Participants left the session ready to foster a culture of excellence and solidarity at their respective facilities.

“After completing the Professional Standards class, I am thrilled to be part of such a vital program in NATCA,” Kiovanni Maysonet (Fort Worth Center, ZFW), who attended the training, said. “The class has filled me with excitement and purpose. Being empowered by all the tools acquired in the class, I am eager to assist in resolving issues at the lowest level and continue to foster a culture of excellence and solidarity that strengthens our union at my facility.”
The training session not only served as a foundational course for new members but also as a reminder of the critical role that professional standards play in ensuring safety and efficiency in air traffic control operations.

Instructors for the session included Lydia Baune (Spokane ATCT, GEG), Patrick Carter (Dallas/Fort Worth TRACON, D10), and Chris Keyes (Washington Center, ZDC), who guided the participants through various scenarios and problem-solving exercises.

Participants in the training session included: Phil Bangerter (Atlanta Center, ZTL), Hailey Beal (Augusta ATCT, AGS), Joshua Butler (Anchorage TRACON, A11), William Cali (Fort Worth Center, ZFW), Katie Hobbs (Orlando Executive ATCT, ORL), Maalik Hyatt (Patrick Henry ATCT, PHF), Jonathan Jones (Seattle Center, ZSE), Michelle Mann (Fort Worth Center, ZFW), Kiovanni Maysonet (Fort Worth Center, ZFW), Paul Moon (Alliance ATCT, AFW), Andrew Parker (Miami Center, ZMA), Francesco Pastino (Fort Lauderdale Executive ATCT, FXE), Staci Rohan (Sonoma ATCT, STS), Erin Taylor (Manchester ATCT, MHT), and Patrick Trexler (Kansas City Downtown ATCT, MKC).

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Congratulations to NATCA’s 2024 – 2025 Scholarship Winners

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
This year’s prompt asked candidates to examine the effect of artificial intelligence on workers and labor unions.

Pictured (clockwise, starting in the top left): Bella Wright, Alexandria Sanders, Kyle Buchan, Ashley Trudeau, Daniel DiMartino, Amara Moorhead, Isabella Calabro, Brooke Harris, Riley Lancaster, Clourid Johnson Jr., Ty Phipps

NATCA selected 20 winners, listed below:

Rebecca Bratcher, child of John Bratcher (Fort Smith ATCT, FSM)
Kyle Buchan, child of Deborah Buchan (Grand Rapids ATCT, GRR)
Isabella Calabro, child of Keith Calabro (New York Center, ZNY)
Daniel DiMartino, child of Jill DiMartino (Chicago Center, ZAU)
Mackenzie Dybvik, child of Garth Koleszar (Los Angeles Center, ZLA)
Timberly Gardner, child of Brian Gardner (Allegheny ATCT, AGC)
Brooke Harris, child of James Harris (Dallas-Fort Worth ATCT, DFW)
Clourid Johnson, Jr., child of Melvin Kizzee (Houston Center, ZHU)
Riley Lancaster, child of Alaskan Region Vice President Clint Lancaster (Anchorage Center, ZAN)
Amara Moorhead, child of Matthew Moorhead (Minneapolis Center, ZMP)
Jackson Nutter, child of Benjamin Nutter (Hanscom ATCT, BED)
NATCA Honored with Political Activism Award for Boots On The Ground Program

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