

WEST MICHIGAN AVIATION ACADEMY FOUNDATION

Winter 2025
Alumni Update



Alumni attendees at the 2024 Gala

Reconnect with Classmates at the 14th Annual *Leaders of Tomorrow Gala!*

This is our signature annual fundraiser in support of WMAA programs and students. We've arranged special pricing and extra events for our alumni so that you can celebrate all the great things happening at your alma mater!

Leaders of Tomorrow Gala: Thursday, May 15, 2025

WMAA graduates can purchase up to two (2) tickets at the special alumni price of \$100 per ticket. You can mingle with friends during the alumni reception and enjoy the program from your alumni seating area. Seating is limited, so register soon. **Registration deadline is April 1, 2025.**



Register online using the QR code or
visit wmaafoundation.org/alumni.

Fun Facts



1,347 students have graduated from WMAA since we opened.



More than **170 students** have earned a private pilot license.



More than **80 WMAA graduates** have gone on to military service.



324 families have enrolled multiple students at WMAA.



40 alumni attended the 2024 Gala...we hope you will join us this year!

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Attend the annual *Leaders of Tomorrow Gala*

Family & Alumni Engagement Committee

Jeff England, WMAA Parent
Larry Fisher, retired Dean of Students,
WMAA Foundation Board Vice President
Meggan George, Director of Development & Marketing
Taylor Hall, Class of 2020
Ryan Minnick, Class of 2022
Dawn Norman, WMAA Parent
Terry Russell, WMAA Alumni Parent,
WMAA Foundation Board President
Winston Weibel, Class of 2018

"I am starting a business as a personal chef. WMAA gave me the professionalism to enter a new industry at a young age and speak to people in a mature way."

Kayla Barnes, Class of 2023

"The flight program at LeTourneau was harder than WMAA...and I thought that was hard! WMAA prepared me to succeed."

Garret Willsea, Class of 2021

15 Years And Soaring

WMAA opened its doors in September 2010, and reached its maximum capacity of 620 students in the 2016/17 school year. This school has tapped a responsive chord with students and parents alike. They are seeking exactly what WMAA offers: a rigorous yet supportive environment in which all students can fully achieve their dreams.

Following are just a few of the many highlights from the last 15 years. We sincerely thank the donors, families, students and staff who have made this amazing school what it is today!

"I wouldn't be living my dream of serving my country if it wasn't for WMAA. I am grateful for the mentorship, the life skills, and the excellent flight education that gave me an edge in the highly competitive military program."

Winston Richards, Class of 2015

"Finding your calling early on is awesome. I want every single student to have that same thrill of finding their passion and really digging into it."

Joshua Nienhaus, Class of 2014

