

Spring 2025 FPAW Meeting Welcome and Things to Consider



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WELCOME

Welcome and Factoids

Meeting Location

- Welcome to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 - *We think this is our first ever FPAW meeting on a college/university campus, and it's taking place during very interesting times*
 - *Let's make it an UNFORGETTABLE one!*

Registration Numbers and Names

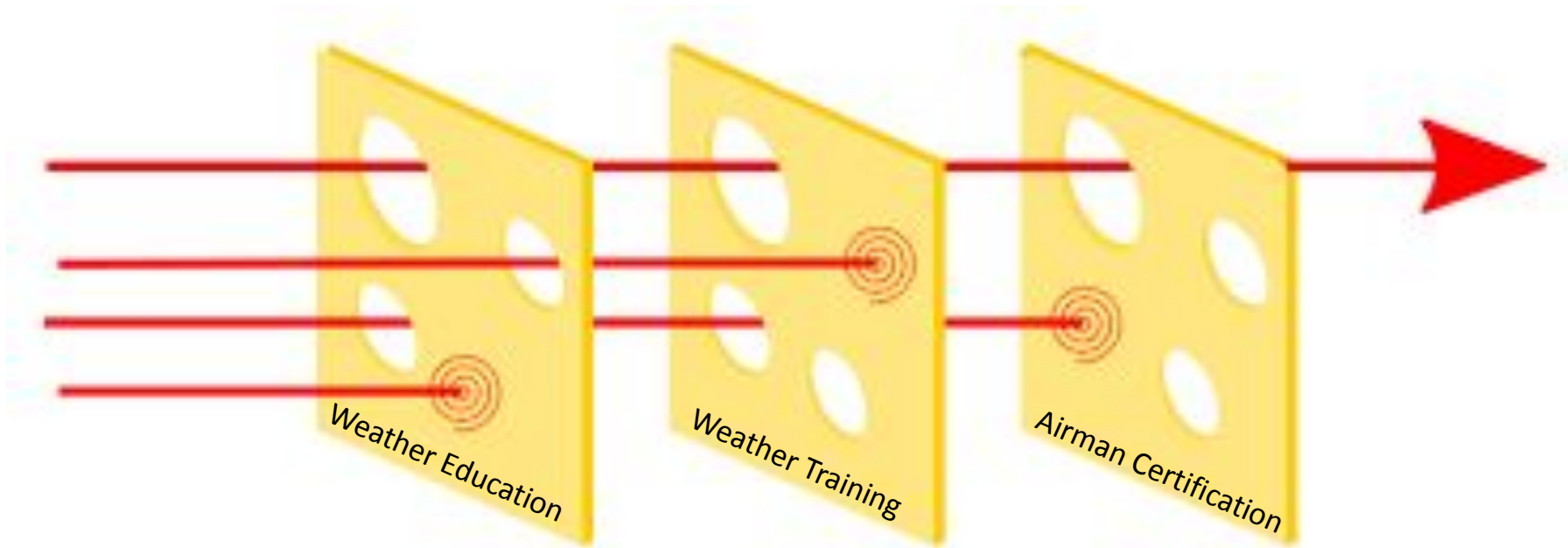
- Total registrants: 170
- In-Person registrants: 54 (includes 30 ERAU participants, 0 Federal participants)
- Virtual registrants: 116 (includes 31 Federal participants)
- Most common surname: Bell, Johnson, Kim (2 each)
- Most common first name: Mike/Michael (7), Matt/Matthew/Matthias (6)

Name Tag Decoder

- FPAW Steering Committee
- Session Co-Lead or Host
- Presenter/Panelist
- Student

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER

Why Are We Here?



Why We Are Here – The Connected Names and Faces



Pilot of downed plane remembered for his 'passion for flying'



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Captain Jonathan Campos had a lifelong dream of becoming a pilot — from an early age, he was drawn to speed, adventure and the skies.

At just nine years old, Jonathan lost his father, a New York City police officer, a loss that deeply shaped his sense of service. He carried his father's badge with him and even had it tattooed on his right shoulder as a lasting tribute.

He enrolled at [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](#) and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 2015, along with commercial pilot and flight instructor certificates. In 2018, Jonathan achieved his goal of flying commercially when he earned a position as a pilot with PSA Airlines. In 2022, he proudly became a Captain. He approached his work with unmatched dedication, finding joy in every flight and every interaction with passengers and crew.

Tragically, on January 29, 2025, Jonathan and 66 others lost their lives when a military helicopter collided midair over the Potomac River with the American Eagle flight he was piloting.

Amazingly, divers recovered his father's badge from the wreckage in the Potomac River. He was laid to rest next to his father at St John's Cemetery in Middle Village, Queens.

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I know a great deal about the workings of the air traffic control system in the U.S., the safest and most efficient one on planet Earth. I also have a graduate degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, arguably the finest aviation school in the United States, with specialties in Operations and System Safety. As part of that latter specialty, I took an Accident Investigation course. All of that is to say that I have some educated insight into the mid-air collision of the PSA CRJ-700 regional jet and the USA UH-60 helicopter on WED night. And what that insight tells me is that I'm going to wait for the NTSB to complete its investigation, issue its PRELIMINARY report in 30 days, and then issue a FINAL report some time in the future, before opining about things.

Period.

In the meantime, I'm going to grieve for a MITRE colleague that I didn't know and never met who, along with her husband and figure skating son, perished in the accident.

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An FPAW Passing of Note

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It's Happy Hour Time



At least for me - !!

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November 2, 2016



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And Now for Something New and Completely Different (and a Bit More Cheerful)

- I can attest to FPAW Member and Spring 2025 FPAW Meeting Host Kevin Adkins' meeting organization skills
- If this meeting goes as well as I expect it will, much of the credit goes to Kevin (and Helen LeDonne, because we all know there's got to be a talented admin involved)
- Lo and behold, it would seem that Kevin was recently honored by his students for his professorial talents, too
- Way to go, Kevin!



Kevin A. Adkins, Ph.D., FRAeS · 1st
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Recognition is always nice from a colleague, supervisor or organization but the most meaningful is from one's students. So, a sincere thank you to the Alpha Omicron Alpha (AOA) Honor Society for the '24-'25 'Professor of the Year' award.



🌐 You and 137 others

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