

Flight Academy

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## 2016 EPIC BILLFISH BASH & AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Epic Flight Academy Awards First \$20,000 Local Aviation Scholarship & Hosts New Smyrna Beach Fishing Tournament



Introducing the area's first high school student aviation scholarship in conjunction with CEO Danny Perna's favorite pastime, fishing, sparked the interest of many avid fisherman and aviation dreamers in Volusia County. A seemingly unlikely combination of hobbies, Epic Flight Academy managed to bridge the gap and provide the community with a benefit fishing tournament to help fund a local student's aviation career aspirations this past month.

Anglers prepared their boats for a weekend of fishing, while high school students worked hard to film videos that showcased their ambitions. The results were a phenomenal display of the power of dedication and passion for the aviation and fishing communities. The aviation scholarship winner, Victoria Taranowski, was awarded the scholarship by Jim Hathaway, New Smyrna Beach Mayor, and the fishing tournament awards were also presented at the celebratory community event concluding the weekend. The event featured a Waste Pro garbage truck pull contest, dozens of raffle items, a bounce house, catering by Dustin's BBQ, an appearance by nationally ranked aerobatic pilot, Patty Wagstaff, and more.

### CONGRATS TO THE WINNERS!

AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP: VICTORIA TARANOWSKI

- 1ST PLACE TEAM: LOR-A-DI
- 2ND PLACE TEAM: HEAVY HITTER
- 3RD PLACE TEAM: BONNA VEAR

- TOP OUTBOARD: LOR-A-DI
- TOP ANGLER: KYLE NELSON
- JUNIOR ANGLER: ERIK PERNA
- LADY ANGLER: ALLISON WIGLEY

- 1ST PLACE DOLPHIN: JASON PROSPECT
- 1ST PLACE TUNA: CHRIS TOMLINSON



Don't miss out on next year's event! Stay tuned to [EpicFlightAcademy.com](http://EpicFlightAcademy.com) for details on the 2017 Epic Billfish Bash & Aviation Scholarship.

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## 2016 EVENT SPONSORS

Thank you to all of our sponsors for their generous support of the inaugural Epic Billfish Bash & Aviation Scholarship!



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We are confident that our newsletter readers will enjoy and appreciate the hospitality exhibited by the 2016 Epic Billfish Bash & Aviation Scholarship sponsors.

## Epic Announces Aerobatic & Upset Training Scholarships

Epic students that possess a minimum of a Private Pilot Certificate will soon have the opportunity to win one of four scholarships that allow students to complete a Confidence Course with nationally ranked aerobatic pilot, Patty Wagstaff. The scholarship courses each include two hours of flight time in a 8KCAB Super Decathlon and two hours of ground instruction to prepare students for deep stalls, cross controlled stalls, spins and spin avoidance, unusual attitudes and recovery, and basic aerobatics, such as aileron rolls and loops.

Students will be able to apply for the Aerobatic & Upset Training Scholarships from November 10, 2016 through December 10, 2016, and the four winners will be announced December 20, 2016.

**PATTY WAGSTAFF**

**AVIATION SERVICES**

For more information about the scholarship:

[epicflightacademy.com/patty-wagstaff-aerobatic-training-epic-students/](http://epicflightacademy.com/patty-wagstaff-aerobatic-training-epic-students/)



## Epic Welcomes Another Aircraft

A brand new Cessna C-172 was picked up from the Cessna factory this past month by Epic staff. Custom painted with the Epic Flight Academy logo and color scheme, the plane is equipped with a Garmin G1000 and state-of-the-art safety technology.

The plane, named N816EP for its August 2016 purchase date, is one of the three new C-172's Epic ordered this year. In order to uphold the promise of providing students with the best resources for flight training and preparation for an airline career, the flight academy continues to add the latest and greatest to the fleet.

## New Educational Initiative to be Introduced Early 2017

In an effort to offer students the most efficient, effective, and thorough pilot training, Epic is developing a custom platform through Schoology, a learning management system. With the goal of providing tailored, top-notch instruction using the Schoology system, Epic is currently developing courses, populating rosters, and preparing to assist students and faculty during implementation, which is expected in the next few months.

## 2016 Epic Aviation Scholarship Winner:

*Victoria Taranowski*

A sophomore at DeLand High School, Victoria was presented Epic's first \$20,000 aviation scholarship designed to provide a Volusia County high school student with the means to achieve their aviation dreams.

Victoria, is a Florida native and an avid member of the Aviation Explorers, a local high school club for aspiring aviation professionals. Introduced to airplanes by her grandfather as a young girl, Victoria's interest in aviation has grown over the years from an interest to a lifelong dream.

We are thrilled to welcome Victoria to Epic Flight Academy and help her reach her aviation goals.



**Congratulations to all of our Epic students that have passed their checkrides on the 1st attempt!**

### Private Pilot

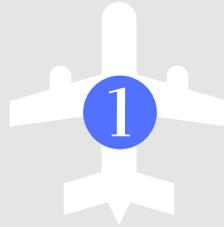
Samuel Restrepo Trujillo (10/5/2016)  
Derek Wayne Matthews (10/21/2016)  
Luis Felipe Vinueza Morales (10/31/2016)

### Instrument Rating

Aysegul Ozdamar (10/11/2016)  
Frederic Andritina Rabekoto (10/20/2016)  
Santiago Mantilla Villegas (10/28/2016)

### Certificated Flight Instructor

Jarin Mark Leake (10/18/2016)  
Luke Ray Watkins (10/20/2016)  
Matthew Asahel-Daniel Russell (10/25/2016)  
Cheyenne Haley Boyd (10/27/2016)



### Commercial Single-Engine

Uchenna Simeon Abali (10/5/2016)

### Commercial Multi-Engine

Juan Pablo Mendoza Zamudio (10/3/2016)  
Joaquin Guerra Tafur (10/3/2016)  
Mauricio Jaramillo Castano (10/4/2016)  
Christian Alexander Jordan Buitrago (10/5/2016)  
Gareth James Barton (10/21/2016)  
Tan Hoang Vu (10/31/2016)

## Epic Participates in Second Pilots N Paws Rescue Mission

Several Epic instructors and students flew in three of the flight academy's Cessnas this past month up to Kennesaw, Georgia for Epic's second rescue mission for non-profit organization, Pilots N Paws. Satisfying their cross country flight training requirements with the trip, the crew stayed overnight in Georgia and attended the banquet for all of the rescue volunteers.

As the sun rose the following morning, all of the volunteers filled their airplanes with dogs of all ages and breeds, and they transported the pups to their designated rescue locations. The Epic crew was assigned to fly their furry friends to St. Augustine, FL where they were met by a team that then re-homed the canines.

Pilots N Paws strives to "provide an environment in which volunteers can come together and arrange or schedule rescue flights, overnight foster care or shelter, and all other related activities," according to their website: [www.pilotsnpaws.org](http://www.pilotsnpaws.org)

Only the second of Epic's rescue missions, there are already plans for future trips to continue joining the volunteers from around the world in showing their support for saving the lives of innocent animals and their passion for aviation.

