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Veterans High Students Awarded AFJROTC Flight Academy Scholarships



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Two more Veterans High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) cadets have been selected for a Flight Academy Scholarship by Headquarters AFJROTC. A third student was selected as an alternate.

Six students from the unit applied for Flight Academy scholarships for the summer 2021 program, and five were selected. Previously two additional Veterans students were announced as Air Force JROTC Flight Academy, Chief of Staff Private Pilot Scholarship winners.

Angelina Elliott (pictured left) received a scholarship valued at approximately \$22,000 to the AFJROTC Flight Academy, Chief of Staff Private Pilot Scholarship program. This summer aviation-training program lasts approximately eight weeks and is conducted at partnering universities nationwide. Upon successful completion of the program, students earn college credit and FAA private pilot certificate for free. The Flight Academy inspires and encourages high school youth toward careers in aviation. Additionally, the experience of learning to fly will positively improve student's lives and help shape their personal development, academic endeavors, and career aspirations.

Elliott, a junior, is the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the VHS AFJROTC unit at the current rank of Cadet Chief Master Sergeant. She has completed three years in the program and has committed to finish her senior year with the Veterans AFJROTC. After high school, Cadet Elliott plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy and major in Aeronautical Engineering. Her favorite leadership quote is from John F. Kennedy: "We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes."

Daniel Loudin (pictured right) received a scholarship to the Air Force Recruiting Service's AIM HIGH Flight Academy (AHFA). This three-week summer program includes a solo flight. At completion, students have earned a certificate of completion for a beginner pilot level. A science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)-based, aviation-focused, motivation and mentorship program, it is

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designed to increase numbers in the aviation career field. While flight experiences are a primary activity, AHFA focuses on promoting and developing future leaders beyond aviation knowledge and skills. The program's success centers on robust interaction with Total Force role models and mentors.

Loudin, a senior, is the Vice Commander for the VHS AFJROTC unit at the current rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. He will graduate this May as a fourth-year cadet, as well as a star athlete on the school's cross-country team. Loudin is determined to have a successful future in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. He plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy as his first choice, though he has many other service academies targeting his talent.

Noah Botkin (pictured right) was selected as an alternate for the Air Force Recruiting Service's AIM HIGH Flight Academy scholarship. Botkin, a junior, is the Golf Flight Physical Training leader at Veterans, at the current rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant. He has completed three years in the program and has committed to finish his senior year with AFJROTC. Botkin is interested in all things that move fast - dirt bikes, motorcycles, sports cars, planes and jets.



Lt. Col. (ret.) Jessica R. Chapman leads the Veterans High AFJROTC program as the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor. She commented, "We are simply over-the-moon about this opportunity for our students. Our department is also very pleased with our applicants' success this year. It is an unprecedented success rate for our program."

More than 120,000 high school students are enrolled in AFJROTC at 875 high schools in the U.S. and overseas. AFJROTC headquarters is located at Maxwell Air Force Base, in Montgomery, Ala.

Veterans High is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen. Dr. Amy Barbour serves as principal. She may be reached at 478-218-7537 or Amy.Barbour@hcbe.net. For more information about the Flight Academy Scholarship, [click here](#).

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