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Fly High with Aerospace Careers at WR-ALC



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Houston County Career Academy (HCCA), Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex (WR-ALC), Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC), and Houston County Development Authority have partnered to inform future workers about aerospace career opportunities at the WR-ALC. The overarching goal is to grow a local workforce to meet the needs of the ALC at Robins Air Force Base, the largest industrial complex in the state and largest employer in the county. An inaugural aerospace event was offered for students on Feb. 7, 2020, at the ALC.



Approximately 150 sophomores in Houston County attended “Fly High with Aerospace Careers.” The hope is to ignite an interest in a career in aerospace at the base, to include aircraft sheet welding, propeller mechanics, electronics, robotics, industrial systems, software engineering and computer programming.

Donna Frazier, Vice Director, WR-ALC, said, “We placed particular emphasis on giving these students a close-up look of the work we do at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex. We operate a massive industrial complex that utilizes a wide range of skills; more than most people are aware. As these young people decide on a direction for their lives, we wanted to demystify the breadth of opportunities available at Robins, in the Air Force and in the aerospace field. Having the students visit us is about the future - theirs and ours. We hope seeing the mission being performed here will inspire them to further their education. We also want talented, educated young people like them to consider a career at Robins.”

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The schedule for the event follows.

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- 8:30 a.m. ~ Welcome & Purpose, Museum of Aviation Theatre
 - Donna Frazier, Vice Director, WR-ALC
 - Dr. Ivan Allen, President, CGTC
 - Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent of Schools, Houston County School District

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ~ 30-minute tours of five ALC areas
 - Aircraft, Aviation, Flight, Sheet Metal and Welding
 - Commodities - Machinists and Propeller Mechanics
 - Electronics and Robotics
 - Industrial Systems - Plant Services, Building Maintenance and HVAC
 - Software Engineering - AP Computer Science and Information Technology

HCCA Principal and CEO, Sabrina Phelps, commented, “Although Robins Air Force Base is located in Houston County, many students only get inside the fence during the air show. This exposure created an awareness of the many aerospace career opportunities. Students heard from entry-level workers, as well as experienced industry leaders about career pathways, to include apprenticeships and post-secondary routes for both technical college and four-year universities.”

Tyberias Brown, a 10th grader from Northside High Schools, commented, “The tours were great! I was surprised to hear stories shared by the workers about how they started at entry level positions, but now are managers. We were told several times the importance of continuing our education at the technical college or at a four year university.”

Students were invited to this event based on their career areas of interest and counselor recommendations. For more information about “Fly **High** with Aerospace Careers,” please contact Phelps at 478-322-3280 or Sabrina.Phelps@hcbe.net.

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