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Veterans High Students Awarded AFJROTC Flight Academy Scholarships



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Two members of the Veterans High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) have been selected to receive a Flight Academy Scholarship from Headquarters AFJROTC. Jade Voigt and Joshua Smith are two of 230 AFJROTC cadets chosen for this scholarship to attend an accredited private pilot license training program this summer.

More than 1,340 cadets from units around the world applied for this scholarship valued at approximately \$22,500. It covers transportation, room and board, academics and flight hours required to potentially earn a private pilot license.

The Flight Academy Scholarship Program is an Air Force-level initiative in collaboration with the commercial aviation industry to address the national civilian and military pilot shortage. The Flight Academy allows aspiring young aviators to get their Private Pilot's Certification, at no cost, during an eight-week summer course at partner universities.

Voigt (pictured left), a senior, is the freshmen class Cadre at the current rank of Cadet Captain. She will graduate this May as a fourth-year cadet, as well as an intern at a satellite location with the University of Dayton Research Institute. This will be her second year as a select of the Air Force Chief of Staff Flight Academy program. Voigt is determined to have a successful future in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. She plans to attend either the U.S. Air Force Academy or Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Smith, a junior, was recently promoted to the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. He serves the Veterans High AFJROTC as the Training Squadron Commander. He is a third-year cadet and is currently working toward the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Smith aspires to attend the Naval Academy after high school. Becoming a pilot has been his lifelong dream.

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Lt. Col. (ret.) Jessica R. Chapman leads the Veterans High AFJROTC program as the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor. Lt. Col. Chapman feels extremely blessed to continue to build the strong legacy and character development of our future leaders. In celebrating this achievement, she highlights a quote from Gen. Colin Powell: "All work is honorable. Always do your best because someone is watching."

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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