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## **SkyWest Airlines Partners with Southwest Airlines' Destination 225° Program**

**ST. GEORGE, UTAH**, March 17, 2022 – SkyWest Airlines, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW), is pleased to announce a new partnership with Southwest Airlines as part of the carrier's Destination 225° Program. The groundbreaking partnership is just one more way SkyWest provides aspiring aviators unmatched career opportunity in every step of their career path, enabling them to Take Control of their Careers. Through this partnership, those interested in becoming first officers at Southwest will be able to work at SkyWest as they build their professional flying experience.

"We are excited to partner with Southwest to support this unique program designed to help pilots continue building exceptional careers every step of the way," said Tracy Gallo, SkyWest SVP of Flight Operations. "SkyWest is known for our outstanding team of professional pilots, and we look forward to this new partnership."

The Destination 225° Program provides motivated and capable candidates with a career path from initial training through gaining flight experience at a program partner such as SkyWest, and, ultimately, to becoming a first officer for Southwest after meeting the necessary requirements. Along the way, candidates receive mentorship from Southwest Pilots to support an individual's future success at the airline.

"We are thrilled to help attract professional aviators to SkyWest while partnering to develop candidates for future first officer opportunities at Southwest Airlines," said Alan Kasher, Southwest's Senior Vice President of Air Operations. "We expect to hire thousands of first officers over the coming years, and we look forward to offering this new path for skilled SkyWest Pilots to pursue a career with the Southwest Team."

Named for the Southwest heading on a compass rose, Destination 225° represents a career lifecycle solution for pilots, facilitating entry into the aviation industry and providing opportunities for pilots to elevate and extend their careers. The program also includes pathways from collegiate aviation institutions and for former military service members, all supported by airline and training program partners to reach aspiring professional aviators in all areas of the industry.

Learn more about the Destination 225° Program and how to get started on becoming a professional pilot at: <https://careers.southwestair.com/D225> and [skywest.com/pilot](https://skywest.com/pilot).

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**About SkyWest Airlines**

SkyWest Airlines, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc., operates through partnerships with United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, American Airlines and Alaska Airlines carrying more than 36 million passengers in 2021. Headquartered in St. George, Utah, our fleet of over 500 aircraft connects passengers to over 230 destinations throughout North America. Learn about joining our team of professional pilots at [skywest.com/pilot](https://www.skywest.com/pilot).