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## **Spartan College Partners with SkyWest Airlines to Launch New Aviation Maintenance Technician Pathway**

*SkyWest offers up to \$4,500 in education assistance and more to participating Spartan students.*

**TULSA, Okla. (Dec. 7, 2021)** — Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology (Spartan) and SkyWest Airlines (SkyWest) today announced the launch of the SkyWest Aviation Maintenance Technician Pathway (Pathway). This leading partnership provides a groundbreaking new Pathway for aspiring technicians to jump-start their training as commercial aviation Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) maintenance technicians.

With this partnership, Spartan students participating in the Pathway, qualify for elite access to SkyWest benefits, such as mentoring by experienced mechanics, enhanced company seniority, up to \$4,500 in education assistance earned at credit hour benchmarks, and a final job interview after graduation.

“The Aviation Maintenance Technician Career Pathway provides practical training and a career pathway to help students prepare for their goal of careers in aviation,” said Rob Polston, Chief Executive Officer of Spartan College. “We’re tremendously excited to help these students train for a premier airline in the regional industry.”

“Spartan is well-known for producing skilled aviation professionals and we are excited to partner with them to provide this groundbreaking new Pathway for aspiring SkyWest technicians,” said Bill Dykes, SkyWest SVP of Maintenance. “Together with Spartan, we are providing a structured Pathway, as well as financial assistance, and many SkyWest benefits as students complete their education.”

Spartan’s Aviation Maintenance Technology programs offer practical training for those who want to work with their hands as well as their minds. Students learn skills essential to keeping aircraft in safe flying condition by servicing, repairing and overhauling aircraft components

following stringent regulations set forth by the FAA. Polston adds, “Spartan’s program emphasizes technology and safety for an industry that demands high standards from its professionals.”

This collaborative relationship between Spartan and SkyWest engages the student much earlier than traditional partnerships. It allows students to focus on their education and gain hands-on experience at Spartan while enjoying mentorship and other benefits from SkyWest.

This is the second Pathway launched between Spartan College and SkyWest Airlines this year, joining the SkyWest Pilot Career Pathway with elite offerings for aspiring pilots.

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### **About Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology**

Established in 1928, Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology has trained over 100,000 pilots and technicians. We have campuses located in the following areas: Tulsa, OK; Los Angeles, CA; Inland Empire, CA; and Denver, CO. Spartan students have come from across the United States and over 40 countries. Spartan offers programs in the areas of Aviation Flight, Aviation Maintenance Technology (Airframe & Powerplant), Aviation Electronics Technology, Nondestructive Testing Technology, and Quality Control Management, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Technology Management. (Programs vary by location). Tulsa and Broomfield locations are separately accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). Both California locations are accredited by the Council on Occupational Education (COE). Riverside is a branch of the Inglewood Campus. Spartan Education Group, LLC, is the parent company of Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology.

### **About SkyWest Airlines**

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