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Ron Madler Awarded Welliver Faculty Fellowship

Ronald Madler, associate professor and chair of aerospace engineering at the Prescott, Ariz., campus, is one of only nine university professors nationwide selected for the Boeing Company's A.D. Welliver Faculty Summer Fellowship for 2004.

Boeing created the fellowship program to expose faculty to the realities of the industrial workplace and engineering practice by letting them "look over the shoulder" of working engineers and professionals at Boeing at several technical, business, and management levels. The company hopes to influence undergraduate education in ways that will better prepare graduates for the practice of engineering and other professional positions in global industrial companies.

Madler will complete his six-week fellowship at Boeing Satellite Systems in southern California. "Working with Boeing on these systems will give me the resources to improve the student experience," he said. "The Welliver Faculty Fellowship program will allow me to bring up-to-date industry information directly to the classroom." Madler teaches the Spacecraft Preliminary Design course at Embry-Riddle.

Alumnus Phillip Woodruff Receives Brewer Trophy

The National Aeronautic Association awarded the 2003 Frank G. Brewer Trophy for aerospace education to Embry-Riddle alumnus Phillip Woodruff. A senior manager with the FAA, Woodruff developed and implemented the aviation agency's education program, which includes many partnerships, resource centers, and academies around the country. He received a B.S. in aviation management in 1971 from the university.

Two other Embry-Riddle people also have received the Brewer Trophy: former president Kenneth Tallman, in 1991, and Thomas Connolly, professor of aeronautical science and associate dean of aviation, Daytona Beach campus, in 1995.



Student to Lead U.S. Balloon Team in Australia

At age 19, Nick Donner has already been the U.S. National Hot Air Balloon Champion twice – in 2001 and in 2003 – and is captain of the American team that will compete at the World Hot Air Balloon Championship June 26-July 3 in Mildura, Australia.

With those credentials, Donner is a natural fit at the world's premier university specializing in aviation and aerospace. "I've always wanted to be a pilot," he said, "so what better place to get my degree than Embry-Riddle?"

Donner is a freshman in the aeronautical science degree program at the university's Daytona Beach campus, where he's also a Navy ROTC midshipman. He hopes to become a Navy pilot or an airline pilot with UPS. His mother, Terri, is a Boeing 727 captain for UPS.

Aerobatic Flyers Are National Champs

Three students from the Daytona Beach campus's Sport Aviation Club walked away with first- and third-place finishes Sept. 26, 2003, at the U.S. National Aerobatics Championship in Sherman, Texas.

The club's participation in the aerobatic event was its first at the national level, and Embry-Riddle was the only university that entered in the national (noncollegiate) contest, according to the club's faculty advisor, Richard "Pat" Anderson, assistant professor of applied aviation sciences.

Nathan Hanford, a senior, is the new national champion in the primary category, and junior Gregory Bruyn is national champ in the sportsman category. Senior Devon Pym won third place in the primary category. Eight club members competed, performing aerial maneuvers in a Pitts Special 28.

Expenses for the competition were paid by Embry-Riddle's Annual Fund and fund raising by members.

Besides the Pitts Special, the 90-member club owns and flies a 1946 Piper Cub, painted in original Embry-Riddle flight line markings, and two gliders. For more information, go to www.erasportaviation.org.



The Sport Aviation Club's eight competitors give the thumbs-up in front of their Pitts Special after the aerobatic event. From left, front row, Bertrand Margras, Danny Harper, Greg Bruyn, and Devon Pym; back row, Nate Hanford, Peter Marsh, Brian Kaufman, and Mike Capiello.



Rosemary Carr Honored as First-Year Student Advocate

Rosemary King Carr, director of Student Success Programs at the Prescott, Ariz., campus, has been recognized nationally as an Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate. The award is given annually by the University of South Carolina's National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition and Houghton Mifflin Publishing Co.

Carr advises students on academics, teaches University 101: College Success, a transition course for first-year students, and organizes orientation programs for new students and their parents. She was also helped develop and implement the campus's New Student Convocation, the culminating event of New Student Orientation.

Carr has received the Embry-Riddle Presidential Award for Innovation four times and in 1998 she received an Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Award from the National Academic Advising Association.

Faith DesLauriers Tapped for National Veterans Committee



Faith DesLauriers, director of veterans affairs at the university, has been appointed to the Veterans Advisory Committee on Education by Anthony Principi, secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The two-year appointment lasts through 2006.

The committee advises the secretary on education and training programs for veterans, service people, and dependents of veterans. DesLauriers will help the committee evaluate and recommend programs and services and assist with long-range program development.

DesLauriers, who is also completing her second two-year term as president of the National Association of Veterans Program Administrators, has administered veterans' education benefits at Embry-Riddle since 1981.