



ASPEN FLIGHT ACADEMY WELCOMES TWO NEW DA40 NG

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Aspen Flight Academy, a 501c3 Not-For-Profit flight school based at KASE, recently took delivery of two brand new Austro Engine jet-fuel powered DA40 NG aircraft. Aspen Flight Academy and Diamond Aircraft Industries have launched a joint effort to provide Aspen High School students access to the latest state-of-the-art flight training technology as part of the Every Student Flies (ESF) program.

Addressing the aviation industry's need to attract and retain certified pilots, Aspen's ESF High School program creates a direct pathway from initial training to a full-time flying career. Delivery of the first two Diamond DA40 NG is the first step in ensuring hundreds of young students will graduate with their private pilot's license. Ranked top in the state of Colorado as well as in the nation in academics, technology and outdoor education, Aspen High School was the perfect fit for the launch of the ESF program.

"While our industry has seen various learn-to-fly programs, they haven't always brought guaranteed success," said Aspen Flight Academy Board Chair Michael Pearce who brings his years of general aviation flying aircraft and as a senior 777 Captain for American Airlines. "Every Student Flies is succeeding because of the partnerships that tie directly into the flying experience. Each step brings together the important elements of flight with the right technology and support needed to enhance the flight experience."

“Diamond is proud to be a part of the solution to move the aviation industry forward and provide a sustainable solution to the pilot shortage,” said Diamond Aircraft Industries Inc CEO Scott McFadzean. “We are committed to delivering the modern technology that will create the most efficient and safest training environment for Aspen Academy pilots.”

The Diamond and Aspen Flight Academy partnership will include two new airplanes every year for the next ten years. The 2020/2021 school year program has already experienced a surge in participants and will be sponsored by a grant from American Airlines.

The Every Student Flies program is intended to be the catalyst of training programs and is designed to be replicated as the top-notch educational template for growth in the aviation industry. For more information to support the program visit www.everystudentflies.com.

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