

# AMERICAN AIRLINES AND FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY PARTNER TO EXPAND ACCESS TO AVIATION CAREERS

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**American Airlines announced its donation of a \$150,000 grant to Florida Memorial University (FMU) in support of the school's Wayman Aviation Academy, which provides access to careers in aviation for underrepresented students and develops top aviation talent. The contribution furthers American's mission to create awareness and access to opportunities in aviation.**

Christina Flores, Managing Director of Global Talent Acquisition at American commented: "We are thrilled to partner with Florida Memorial University and support the Wayman Aviation Academy. Through this grant and our continued engagement, we are committed to ensuring the next generation of aviation professionals reflects our customers and the communities we serve."

Interim FMU President William McCormick said: "Florida Memorial University is committed to preparing our aviation students with the training needed to compete in all aspects within the aviation industry. We are invigorated by the generosity of American Airlines and their commitment to FMU, which will assist our university in amplifying our students' essential skills in addition to creating career opportunities and access to industry professionals."

The partnership builds on American's existing engagement with FMU students. The American

campus team and Miami International Airport (MIA) Flight Chief office have developed strong relationships with FMU, providing mentorship, campus visits and base tours to enhance student experiences.

This partnership aligns with key goals for American and FMU, including:

- Supporting the Wayman Aviation Academy: The \$150,000 grant will help fund new initiatives, equipment and training opportunities, ensuring students receive cutting-edge education and resources.
- Increased access to top talent: FMU will offer American increased engagement with its aviation program and affiliate university programs, creating a direct channel for top talent in aviation.
- Building brand preference: American aims to establish itself as a preferred employer among FMU students and alums by offering career development opportunities and access to industry professionals.
- Future career opportunities: The partnership will provide American a pipeline for interns and early-career professionals, focusing on pilots and management roles.

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