



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



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CDA Web Alert

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CDA participates in Lewis University Spring Conference highlighting Women and Minorities in Aviation

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) participated in the "Women and Minorities in Aviation," conference on Saturday, April 10, 2010, at the Harold E. White Aviation Center at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL.

The conference offered more than 400 high school and college students a unique opportunity to learn from real world aviation professionals.

University President Brother James Gaffney FSC welcomed and introduced CDA speakers, Duane Hayden, Assistant Commissioner of Airside Operations; Tiffany Green, Deputy Commissioner of Finance; and Gerardo Alvarez, Principal Programmer/Analyst. They each shared their work experiences at one of the world's largest and busiest airports, and answered questions on their respective aviation-related careers.

In addition, the Tuskegee Airmen Young Eagles Volunteer Team provided students from the conference and the Chicago Police Department CAPS program with the opportunity to participate in the Young Eagles flight at Lewis University Airport. The CDA's Duane Hayden and Managing Deputy Commissioner Cortez A. Carter were among the pilots who organized the flight.

The Young Eagle flights are also part of the CDA's Tuskegee Airmen Aviation Program which will be offered through CAPS again this summer.

The conference was hosted by Lewis University, the Chicago Department of Aviation, Federal Express Airlines, Boeing, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, United Airlines, American Eagle Airlines, Southwest Airlines, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the Chicago Air Traffic Control.

The CDA also staffed a booth with information on the CDA and the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP).

For more information on Lewis University please visit www.lewisu.edu

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportsgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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