



The Campaign is Complete!

DESTINATION



\$6.4 MILLION
Total Budget

FUEL NEEDED



**GOAL
ACHIEVED**



“I worked for three years on my dream of becoming a pilot. To be able to finish my high school career in a building where I was surrounded by aviation was unbelievable. This facility brought my dream to life.”

Cooper Marcukaitis, Flight Program Graduate

“Thank you for the hard work and perseverance that went into the Flight Training Center. For us as students, it’s more than a building. It’s everything we dream about and are working toward. It follows our pillars...it’s safe, it’s professional, and it’s excellent. I am so grateful to have this resource as a high school student!”



Devon Christner, Flight Program Graduate

The *Flight Plan* Campaign is Complete

In 2018, the WMAA Board voted to initiate the *Flight Plan* campaign in support of our students and our mission.

We are thrilled to report that thanks to you, we have completed our campaign and exceeded our fundraising goal. The entire project has been fully funded. In addition, we received a very generous gift from the Secchia Family that will support aviation and scholarships for the next 20 years.

Thank you to our board, campaign cabinet and donors for helping us reach our goals and bring this campaign to a successful conclusion.



What Did This Campaign Do For WMAA?

This campaign was designed to accomplish three important objectives for our school.

Expand our flight training capacity with our own hangar, a third plane, and classroom/lab space for aviation.

- The Flight Training Center opened in September 2021. It includes hangar space to support flight operations, classroom space, simulation labs, and an open construction bay for projects and courses such as Build-a-Plane.
- We purchased and took delivery of our third airplane, which resources our aviation program at the recommended 7:1 student to plane ratio.
- We purchased a glider to support student interest and enhance aviation operations.

Reconfigure our existing building to make room for our popular and growing engineering course offerings.

- Dedicated space for the robotics program.
- More classroom space and technology for engineering.
- Space for new biomedical engineering classes.
- Larger computer lab and 3D printing lab.

Thank you again for your support!





Provide supportive resources related to aviation scholarships, teacher retention and student services, and sustain them for at least 10 years.

- Aviation scholarships that make aviation more accessible to students with financial needs.
- Teacher recruitment/retention resources that help us find and keep the best teachers.
- Enriching our aviation and STEM programs by adding field trips, additional training, and competitions.
- Student services that focus on needs such as funding for advanced coursework and mental health.

Stay Engaged!

The campaign is finished but the work of educating students is ongoing. We provide educational opportunities above and beyond what can be found in other high schools. Those opportunities require an investment of approximately \$1,300 per student, per year. Gifts from generous donors who believe in our mission allow us to elevate student experiences in powerful ways.

We invite you to stay engaged with us and learn about the amazing achievements of WMAA students.

-  Follow us on Facebook (WestMIAviationAcademy).
-  Join our mailing list at www.wmaafoundation.org.
-  Attend our annual *Leaders of Tomorrow Gala* in May.
-  Sponsor one of our events.

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