

# AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL NOTICE TO AIRMEN (NOTAM) 100509 October 5, 2009

## What's happening this week?

<b>Monday</b>	Etiquette Training 3:45 – 5:30 p.m. in the gym.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Robotics Team meeting 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 7.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Washington Aerospace Summit in Spokane WA; Life After High School Fair 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Tyee HS;
<b>Thursday</b>	Picture retakes 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. in the gym; Clubs; Culture Club at 3:45–4:45 p.m. in Room 24; Helping Your Student Succeed 5:05 – 5:55 at AHS; Evening of Learning 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at AHS; Robotics Team meeting at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Room 7.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Professional Development Day for Teachers – No School today!</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Pathfinder Gala 5:30 at The Museum of Flight</b>

→ **Message from the Principal:** This week is a busy one at Aviation High School! If you were selected for **Pathfinder**, please be sure to attend **Etiquette Training (ET) this afternoon**. Location is the **Gymnasium**, and we'll start at **3:45 p.m. and end at approximately 5:30 p.m.** Further information about Pathfinder and your "homework" assignments will also be shared this afternoon during ET. Again, my congratulations to everyone who has been selected to attend this year's prestigious Gala!

On Wednesday, I'll be traveling to Spokane with six students—**Austin McHenry, Sam Swan, Michael Marinkovich, Libanos Redda, Lydia Johnston, and Emily Kelley**—to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Governor's Aerospace Summit. In addition to participating in conference sessions to learn about current issues in aviation and aerospace, our student ambassadors will be introduced on stage during the conference and asked to share information about themselves as well as Aviation High School. This opportunity is an example of what makes Aviation High School so unique. Partnerships with aviation and aerospace-related businesses and organizations (and the people within them!) are key to making your learning relevant and exciting. We are grateful to our friend, **Linda Lanham, CEO of Aerospace Futures Alliance**, for including us in this event.

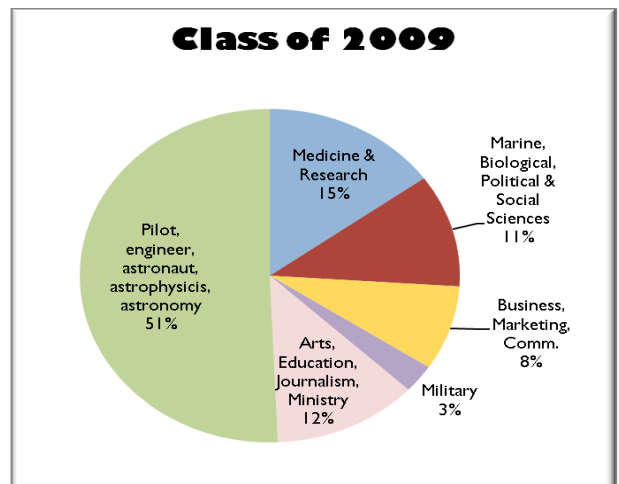
Wednesday evening is also the **Life After High School** fair, which I am again encouraging you and your parents to attend. Flyers were mailed to your homes. The event is being held on the Tyee campus within Highline School District.

On **Thursday evening**, we are expecting to see your parents at our **Evening of Learning/Open House**. Invitations were mailed home a couple of weeks ago. Please remind your parents to attend, *and* please remember to give them your class schedule so that they can attend your classes! A schedule form was included within the invitation. As a reminder, our program starts at **6:00 p.m.** in the Gym. And, a gentle reminder: Unless a teacher has asked you to assist in his/her classroom, you should not attend the Open House—not because we don't love you, but because your parents will be sitting in your seats in classrooms—and as you know, seats are limited!

Special note for parents who want some additional guidance about how to help support their children at AHS: We are hosting a workshop from 5:00 – 5:55 p.m. to provide parents with specific strategies and guidance to help their student(s) at AHS. We will discuss common academic pitfalls and how adults can help their child(ren) avoid them, and we will outline the support systems available at AHS and in Highline School District to access additional help. RSVP to Mr. McComb: 206.716.0006 x3300 or [mccombsw@hds401.org](mailto:mccombsw@hds401.org)

In my NOTAM message last week, I asked, “What is STEM?” One student responded, “It’s a stalk that supports a beautiful flower.” And, indeed, this student is correct that “stem”, if written in lower case letters could, indeed, be just this! ☺ I was pleased to know that many of you responded that when written in capital letters, STEM most often means Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Our school is one of only a handful of schools in the State and country that are emerging as STEM models of teaching and learning. Our goal is to ensure that you are STEM literate when you graduate high school, along with being grounded in the Humanities. Dr. Bonnie Dunbar, CEO/President of the Museum of Flight, in the September/October issue of *Aloft* magazine, wrote, “The Museum of Flight, in addition to preserving aerospace history, is part of a national effort to inspire and to excite our youth about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers. Scientists and engineers have made a ‘world of difference’ in aerospace and will continue to shape the future in aviation and space technology. As school starts, I am hopeful that we can encourage more of our children to study STEM subjects—*our nation’s future may depend upon it.*”

I am pleased to report that a survey of students in the Class of 2009 revealed that the majority of our graduates are planning to pursue STEM-related college degrees and careers. There is no doubt whatsoever that our region, State, and nation is counting on *your* generation to engineer the success of our country within a global economy. The workforce needs your intellectual and technical genius to fulfill the critical gaps in STEM-related fields. Engineering is an example. Last year, our nation’s colleges and universities turned out only about 80,000 engineering grads, but the need for engineers exceeds 1,000,000!



The sky is NOT the limit at Aviation High School...and STEM counts! Please make the word STEM part of your regular vocabulary. You will hear it often. Make the most of your week of learning. Every minute matters! Honored to be your principal... ~ Reba

- **Scholarship Opportunity:** The NBAA - National Business Schedulers & Dispatchers Committee is dedicated to promoting education and training as a means for individuals to increase the professionalism of their positions. To further this objective, NBAA offers a number of educational scholarship and training award opportunities annually. **Over \$40,000 for scholarships and numerous training opportunities are available.**

Applications and additional information are available at:

<http://web.nbaa.org/public/education/scholarships/> Applications must be received by NBAA on or before **October 30, 2009**. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the NBAA Conference, Jan 27 - 29, 2010.

- **Culture Club:** Making friends at AHS has never been easier. Come to Culture Clubs first official dinner on Thursday, October 15th from 3:45 - 5:30 in room 24. "Friends Request Accepted" is a great way to have a fun afternoon. There'll be plenty of food to enjoy and plenty of new friends to be made. Have fun meeting new people and playing interactive games that are sure to please. We can't wait to see you there!
- **Seattle Knights:** presents it's own faire - unlike any other! This is our kick off year. There will be jousting, sword fighting knights, pirates, magicians, faeries, Robin Hood, Sheriff of Nottingham, Sinbad, Peter Pan and Wendy, Tinkerbell (played by one of your own), games, corn maze, pirate ship, old west town, and MORE! THIS weekend! Oct 10-11! [www.penumbrafaire.com](http://www.penumbrafaire.com)
- **Ballroom Dancers to learn the Thriller Dance - Take Two -** Yes, I had to stall the first class because of a car accident, however, I am good enough to at least walk the steps and with the help of TA's can teach you the Thriller Dance! Please show up Monday Oct 12 in the AHS Gym at 3:40!
- **Save The Date!** Come support our fabulous **Skunkworks Robotics Team** on **Friday, October 30th** (dinner 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Dessert Auction 7:30 - 8:30) at the **3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction** at our own AHS Cafeteria. Tickets will be available this week from any robotics student or please contact Kathy Swan [bswan55234@comcast.net](mailto:bswan55234@comcast.net) for ticket information. If you would like to help, or have a dessert or item to donate, please email Dayna Miller, [DaynaMiller1277@msn.com](mailto:DaynaMiller1277@msn.com) (253) 797-3077.
- **World Space Week:** World Space Week will be celebrated October 4-10 in 60 nations around the world. The international event commemorates the beginning of the Space Age with the launch of Sputnik I on October 4, 1957. This year the theme is "Space for Education." To encourage teachers and students to participate in World Space Week, \$500 teacher grants will be awarded for the most creative use of space in the classroom during World Space Week 2009. The entry deadline is January 31, 2010. For more information, go to <http://www.worldspaceweek.org>
- **Clubs:** If you are interested in changing clubs after your first week experience, please see Mrs. Hiranaka in the office before clubs on Thursday. You will need to have a form signed by your present club advisor and the club advisor you are trying to change to. It is important to make these changes BEFORE Thursday.
- **NOTE:** If you wish to have an item in the NOTAM please email it to Lenore Stark at [starkml@hsd401.org](mailto:starkml@hsd401.org) by Thursday noon of each week. Thank you!

**Except for the Quote of the Week, the following announcements have been posted in previous editions of the NOTAM. They are still important and posted for your information and action, as appropriate:**

- **PSAT:** All juniors will be taking the PSAT on **Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Attention Aviation High School Students!** Grab your **art supplies, camera, instrument, computer, pen, or video camera** and **create** something to submit for the 2009-2010 40<sup>th</sup> annual PTA Reflections Contest. The theme is **"Beauty is..."** Reflections is an opportunity to pursue your artistic expression. Entries will be judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme in the Senior Division (grades 9-12) in the following categories: **Literature—Music Composition—Photography—Visual Arts—Film/Video—Choreography/Dance**. All AHS participants will receive recognition, certificate, prize & special catered lunch. Finalist entries (up to 4 per category) will

go on to the Highline Council level of the competition. **Submissions will be collected** in the main office the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> with **Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** being the last day to turn in your entry. Go to [www.aviationptsa.org](http://www.aviationptsa.org) and click on the Reflections link for rules and entry forms. Additional forms are also available in the main office. For more information contact Liz Campisteguy at [campisteguy@gmail.com](mailto:campisteguy@gmail.com).

→ **Upcoming events and programs at The Museum of Flight:**

**2009 – 2010 Education Programs and Events Guide**

The Museum's new Education Programs and Events Guide is now accessible online at <http://www.museumofflight.org/education>. Hard copies are available.

**Future Events and Programs**

October 24 – *In Search of Amelia Earhart* exhibit opens

October 10, 17, and 31 - *Galileo: What I Saw Through My Telescope*

October 30 – *Museum of Fright and Spook-Tacular Sleepover*

November 7 - International Year of Astronomy Lecture: *Astrobiology - Is There Life Out There?*

→ **Quote of the Week:** ***“It costs nothing to dream...and everything not to!”***