

# What's up with WASP?

## Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program



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### WASP Golf Tournament

The upcoming 2nd annual WASP golf tournament at Kingsmill Resort will be held June 30th, 2018

Clear your calendar for June 30th, tune up your clubs, and shake the sand out of your golf shoes. Our 2nd annual WASP golf tournament will be bigger and better than last year's. It will be held on the fun and challenging River Course at Kingsmill Resort! Last year's winners, David Otey, Jr.'s team, is

### PLEASE KEEP THE DONATIONS COMING

You know we hate asking, but WASP is a nonprofit whose ability to support these kids' flight instruction is entirely dependent on donations. Without your generosity, this program IS NOT POSSIBLE! Once again, we sincerely ask you to open your hearts and wallets by visiting [waspscholarship.org](http://waspscholarship.org) and selecting the "donate" tab.

From all of us at WASP, we offer our sincerest thanks!



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ready to defend their title, so sign up for the chance to knock them off the mountain (and keep their egos in check). And, ladies, get your foursomes together because this is the same course used for the LPGA. See how you compare to the pros! We have room for 18 foursomes and the list is filling fast.

Another new addition to this year's tournament is a "Hole in One" contest. POMOCO Chrysler-Jeep of Newport News is sponsoring this contest and the prize for the first "Hole in One" on the 17th hole will be a 2018 Jeep!



For more information or to register to play, contact Tuck McAtee at [tmcatee@cox.net](mailto:tmcatee@cox.net) or call 817-706-5914.

## UPCOMING HAIL & FAREWELL PARTY

WASP & WFC (Williamsburg Flight Center) are hosting a hangar event, and we invite all to attend!

We will be welcoming our new student class and sending off our graduates at a hangar cookout & party later this summer.

Date TBD, but we know the food will be great, as usual! A congenial crowd of aviation enthusiasts will be present, and there may be some flying games and entertainment. Cost is \$15.00 per person.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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### CLARE PROVONCHA

My name is Clare Provoncha; I am 18 years old; and I am a senior at Walsingham Academy. I have played 3 years of varsity volleyball and soccer, have been in lead roles in musicals, and I am the drum section leader of the Colonial Williamsburg Senior Fifes and Drums Corps. I am a member of both the National Honor Society and International Thespian Society.

My journey actually starts with my great-grandfathers, for they both served in World War I. Decades later, my grandfathers served in the Air Force during the Korean War. My father, André Provoncha, served in the Air Force for 22 years as a B-52 navigator. Then there is me. I have always loved aviation and have always wanted to be a pilot.

Without WASP I could not have made this dream come true. My first flight was in January of 2017, and, from that moment, I knew that was my purpose in life. I have about 30 hours towards my private license, and I could not be more grateful to WASP, my flight instructor David Otey III, Shawn Stewart, Tim McSwain, and Jay Pearsal. I will major in National Security and Foreign Affairs at Virginia Tech while being an Air Force ROTC cadet in their Corps of Cadets. After those four years, I will commission into the Air Force and I will serve by flying anything from the F-22 to the B-52.



**“Thank you to all WASP donors who have made this dream possible!”**

**-Clare**

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### JACK WEIDMAN

WASP is an excellent program that has provided me with the opportunity of a lifetime. It has been a great experience that I have thoroughly enjoyed. While many of my school classmates are unsure of what career they would like to pursue, I have had the unique blessing of knowing that an aviation career was meant for me. I am thankful WASP has given me the opportunity to express my passion and work towards my career at such a young age. Being able to say I soloed an airplane only a month after getting my driver's license is an amazing feat that I owe entirely to WASP. I could have not had a

better environment to learn in (Williamsburg Flight Center) and my instructor, Shaun Stewart, is a fantastic aviator and has a special ability and patience for teaching. I attribute my success in this program to the standard that WASP and my instructor holds me to. WASP is not only a charitable organization that helps young aviators like myself achieve their dreams but it is also an investment in the future of aviation in America. A looming pilot shortage has threatened the military and the airlines alike, and WASP is helping fund the training of future aviators to serve the aviation industry. Overall, WASP has been an effective organization that has not only helped me achieve my aviation goals, but has also fueled my passion for flying further by surrounding me with supportive and passionate aviators.



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**-Jack**

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## **ISAAC RUTAN**

First, I want to thank all of the donors and members of WASP for their support of this program. Without it, I would not have been able to reach the dream of flight so soon and begin a career in aviation. I am honored to be the first member of the WASP class of 2018 to complete the program and earn my Private Pilots License.

On the personal side, I am a Senior at Gloucester High School, a Cadet Captain in the Newport News Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, an officer in the Gloucester High School NJROTC, and I work part time at Charly’s Airport Restaurant. I will join the U S Army Reserve this fall, with the goal of attending Old Dominion University next fall. I plan on earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I intend to pursue a career in some aspect of aviation, but I am keeping all doors open until such time I can make a final decision.



Recently, Charley Rogers asked me to speak before the the Five Forks Ruritan Club (my public speaking debut!). Charley reported that the talk was interesting and informative and that the members were totally interested and involved. Thank you, Charley, for the invitation and good words about my presentation.

Giving friends airplane rides and introducing them to aviation and the freedom of the skies has been one of the best parts of earning my pilots license. Thank you again, WASP.

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**-Isaac**

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## **The 2017/2018 Class**

The 2017-2018 WASP class is our largest class to date and the most dedicated to flying. In addition to the spotlight students above, please read the short bios of our other current class members!

**Devon Bailey** - Age 17. Devon is a senior at Poquoson High School. With a long term interest in flight, he is applying to colleges in Florida and hopes to make a career in commercial or military aviation. Besides flying, Devon is involved in Poquoson High School’s sailing team (he is the team Captain) and club basketball. Devon’s mentor is Jay Pearsall, and his instructor is Tim McSwain. Devon currently has over 30 hours in the left seat and has soloed.

**William Fronkier**- Age 17. William lives in Newport News and is a home schooled senior. He is looking into colleges this fall and is considering Liberty and its aviation program, among others. “Will” is also an officer in the local Newport News Composite CAP Chapter. Will’s mentor is Gerald Runyan, and his instructor is Tru Whiting. Will has soloed and has approximately 35 hours logged.

**Ian Ogle** - Age 18. Ian attends Jamestown High School and will attend James Madison University in the fall. Ian is a member of the Newport News CAP Squadron where he is a Cadet Captain, and his personal career goal is to be an Air Force pilot. His instructor is David Otey, III. Ian has over 30 hours flying time and has soloed.

**Liam Sullivan** - Age 16. Liam is a junior at Lafayette High School and lives near the colonial area. He got the flying “bug” about 5 years ago, and WASP has given him the

opportunity to earn his PPL. He wishes to especially thank Mark Rutan, his mentor, who has assisted him with extra flying time. His instructor is Tim McSwain. Liam has over 39 hours and will soon be taking his check ride.

Congratulations to these WASP students on their flying progress, and we wish them well as they move toward their PPLs and careers in aviation.

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