

Women in Aviation, International

Mission Statement

Women in Aviation, International is a professional organization which encourages women to seek opportunities in aviation. The mission includes providing resources year-round to assist women in aviation and encouraging students to consider aviation as a career. The organization sponsors scholarships and promotes public understanding of women's roles in aviation. The UNO Chapter will further these causes on campus and in the local community. We are open to everyone regardless of age, race, sex, disability, or religion.



Members of the Maverick Chapter at Priester Aviation for the Regional Conference in Chicago.

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The international organization started in 1990 and was an official nonprofit organization by 1994. There are currently over 7,000 members internationally and counting.

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**UNO Women in Aviation
"Maverick Chapter"**

Who We Are and What We Do

The UNO Women in Aviation "Maverick" Chapter is open to both current male and female UNO students who are either majoring or minoring in aviation. The purpose of this organization is to increase the amount of female participation in the aviation industry, while focusing on community service. Women in Aviation volunteers their time with organizations such as:

- Boys and Girls Scouts
- Explorers
- Offutt Air Force Base Air Show
- Science Fun Nights at elementary schools
- Special Olympics

Goals and Objectives:

- Sponsor and participate in professional development activities regarding women in aviation
- Host professional development seminars to discuss issues facing women in the industry
- Tour facilities and network with professionals in the industry
- Recognize outstanding contributions to the advancement of women in the industry



Members of the Maverick Chapter with famed aviator Captain Wally Funk.

Opportunities for Members

Being a part of Women in Aviation is more than volunteering our time, it also provides current members with numerous opportunities.



Members of the UNO and CMSU Chapter attended the WAI Regional meeting in Chicago, IL.

Conferences

There are many opportunities to network and to obtain knowledge of the aviation industry by attending the various conferences that the international organization hosts each year.

In the past the chapter has attended conferences in places such as Reno, Chicago, and Cincinnati. There are exhibits, lectures, and many distinguished guest speakers who attend the conferences, making them well worth going.

Networking

There are numerous opportunities for members to begin networking and meeting others in the aviation industry, which include tours with the Explorers program, guest speakers, meeting other Women in Aviation chapters, attending conferences and meetings, and more.

Scholarships

There are many scholarships available to members of Women in Aviation, both locally and internationally.

The Lois Durham Women in Aviation Scholarship is available to current UNO Women in Aviation members enrolled at the Aviation Institute. This award recognizes the outstanding achievements accomplished by one deserving student.

Joining the Chapter

Women in Aviation International also offers a variety of scholarships available to members. They range from earning a pilot's license to offsetting the cost of attending the conference held each year. The local chapter sponsors a "Scholarship Night" each year where members can meet and proofread others essays and applications.

Becoming a Member

To become a member of the Women in Aviation chapter you must currently be enrolled or an alumni of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and be in good academic standing.

There are also annual dues, which is to be determined by the current chapter. The dues are used to help with outreach events and social gatherings costs.

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a member, please contact our faculty advisor Michaela Schaaf at mschaaf@mail.unomaha.edu



Members of Women in Aviation visit the Home of the Air Races in Reno, NV. Stopping to pose for a picture of Precious Metal, the P-51 that won the 2003 Air Races.