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Updates from your Chancellor’s Office

From the Desk of:
Chancellor Karlsson

The spring of 2020 has brought so many challenges to us, but I am proud to see how the ERAU- Prescott campus has stepped up to ensure that our students continue to receive the first-class education we are known for and that our students deserve. Thank you, each and everyone of you, for all that you do!

I also want to share some really good news with you: Please join me in congratulating the following ERAU- Prescott faculty who were awarded tenure and/or promotion during this year's promotion and tenure cycle. Earning promotion and tenure at Embry-Riddle is a significant academic achievement and something to be very proud of. All recipients are very committed to the future of the Prescott Campus and the University.

Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure

Dr. Akahn Almagabetov  Dr. Mehran Andalibi
Dr. John Daniel  Dr. Hillary Eaton
Dr. Kaela Martin  Dr. Monty Moshier
Dr. Sarah Nilsson  Dr. Brook Shannon
Dr. Samuel Siewert  Dr. Brent Solic

Achieving Tenure

Dr. Thomas Drape  Dr. Krishna Sampigethaya

Promotion to Associate Professor

Dr. Dawn Groh

Promotion to Professor

Dr. Thomas Field  Dr. Wayhu Lestari

If you would like to contribute to “The Navigator,” please contact Dawn Marcuse @ marcused@erau.edu
UPDATE! INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20-21, 2020

Thank you, again, to all of our industry advisory board members who made the trip to the Prescott campus and made this the best meeting we’ve had thus far! The NARRATIVE with notes from our last meeting is now UP on the College of Aviation Website for your review. Please follow or cut and paste this link.

OUR CAMPUS LEADERSHIP IS THE BEST!
I’m Martin Kurkchubasche, a Senior studying Aeronautical Science with a minor in Aviation Business Administration. I am from San Jose, California and I came to Embry-Riddle Prescott having already earned my Private Pilot Certificate. I have since earned my Instrument rating and finished my Commercial Single-Engine training, and am now in Multi-Engine training. I hold a FAA Advanced Instrument Ground Instructor (IGI) rating and work as a Peer Counselor, tutoring students, endorsing written exams, and teaching labs. During admissions events, you’ll probably see me rocking out with our two awesome College of Aviation advisors Merrie and Stacey. I help create schedules for students…and I make sure you end up with my favorite professors!

For those of you reading this, we’re currently dealing with COVID-19. I’m very proud of the work all of my students have done, as well as your adaptability and ability to deal with anything the world throws at us! As the Lead Student Advisor for the Flight Department, I work with management and help take suggestions students have and implement them at the Flight Department. I also have a great team of flight students that help me out. I work on the Student Advisory Board to help plan student-led workshops on tough topics, and plan special events like socials and barbeques. You will also find me working behind the desk as a Flight Dispatcher and occasionally on a shuttle-run as a Shuttle Driver. I work on special projects; most recently helping to choose the new fleet for ERAU, migrating our Dispatch team from a paper schedule to fully online, and redesigning the shuttle route to make it easier for our students to make it from class to our Flight Line.

I am also doing some exciting research with the URI. This involves a brand-new virtual reality lab at our Flight Department’s Simulation Center. One of our CoA professors, Michelle P. Hight, started the project. I have been working with her from the beginning and have become an expert on flight simulation with VR. I have two awesome research assistants: They happen to be two of my friends- Jake Vlatkovich and Daniel Mills-Thysen. Our goal is to reduce the cost of flight training. I’ve presented at the Industry Advisory Board in front of many major companies. Spring was our first semester on this project, and the pandemic derailed the study, but we’ve adapted to overcome the obstacles! Right now, we are designing an experimental course, “AS 1XX” offered by the College of Aviation in the Fall! So, for all you incoming students, keep an eye out for the course offering and I might get to be your teacher!
COA FACULTY MOVE INTO THE VIRTUAL WORLD

Let it not be said that CoA faculty don’t know how to step up and continue being the amazing professors they are; finding clever ways of teaching, having some virtual classroom fun & shenanigans, and lots of collaboration.

“Switzerland UAS law for $100, Alex....er, um,” that is, “Professor Nilsson!”

Juan Merkt has been using recorded lectures (using Adobe Connect) and uses the following as one of the “analogies” used to understand energy management.
VIRTUAL TEACHING CONTINUED

How to do a virtual poster for Capstone...taught by Professor Michelle Hight via YouTube

Weather modeling and forecasting by Dr. James

Thunderstorm electrification
VIRTUAL MEETINGS

We’re still meeting a few times a week for CoA Leadership meeting, Department Meetings, and others.
And we ALL enjoy the occasional meeting crasher