

Aerospace Education Council Update

Summer is upon us but we are not taking a break as we continue on our fast pace with a number of upcoming opportunities for chapters to stay involved or to become involved. Please consider some of these opportunities as you plan your Aerospace Education activities for the upcoming year.

Air-minded Strategies Education Initiative is a proposal to educate Airmen, the American public, and senior US decision-makers about the unique, multifaceted value of the Air Force to US national security, and to improve the appreciation of the Air Force as a critical tool of national security. Be prepared for an Arnold Air Society/Silver Wings inquiry into whether you will host a speaker or encourage your chapter members to attend an event where a speaker presents a talk on some historic or current aspect of airpower and its importance to our national defense.

Speaking of **Arnold Air and Silver Wings**, the **Area Conclaves** are being planned; we encourage you to send a representative to the events in your area. The list of ARCONs is below.

The **Scholarship Program** has concluded for 2017 and the results will soon be announced. Please encourage your community to apply for available scholarships in the future.

The AFA National **Teacher of the Year (TOY)** competition is concluded and the committee is considering the applicants in order to make a selection. The announcement should be made by the end of July. Thanks to those chapters that participated in the TOY program this year. Seventy-four AFA Chapters awarded Chapter Teachers of the Year; of these, 20 Chapters awarded and self-funded an additional Teacher of the Year. Twenty-eight States (including 2 overseas areas) awarded State Teachers of the Year.

Upcoming events/dates of interest:

CyberPatriot X registration is underway and closes on 4 October. Submit your coach and mentor of the year nominations now til 15 June. There will be 161 CyberCamps this summer with the first session starting on 5 June, and the 7th session running from 31 July-4 Aug. Please visit one of these camps in your area and show the AFA's support and enthusiasm. Go to www.uscyberpatriot.org.

StellarXplorers IV registration is open and due by 15 October. There is a checklist of items available for teams to get ready for the competition at www.stellarxplorers.org/Competition.

ARCON I Syracuse University Zachary Harter zjharter@syr.edu (315) 360-5874 LOCATION: Syracuse, NY DATE: 22-23 SEP	ARCON II University of Maryland Noah Jarrah noahjarraj@gmail.com (301) 335-8990 LOCATION: College Park, MD DATE: 20-21 OCT
ARCON III Clemson Scot MacKenzie smacken@clemson.edu (757) 813-6719 LOCATION: Pending DATE: Pending	ARCON IV University of Florida Keelan Moniz keelanmoniz8012@gmail.com arcon.04.cc@arnold-air.org 352-460-7513 LOCATION: GAINSVILLE DATE: 3-5 NOV
ARCON V Samford University Sarah Duke	ARCON VI Michigan Tech University Amanda Marciniak/Noah Hart

duke.det12@gmail.com (623) 687-8864 LOCATION: Birmingham, AL DATE: 13-15 OCT	aemarcin@mtu.edu/nlhart@mtu.edu (414) 943-1322/(906) 630-5582 LOCATION: Mackinac Island, MI DATE: 6-7 OCT
ARCON VII University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Alex Salazar/Tanner Massey massey62897@gmail.com (815) 440-9710 LOCATION: Champaign, IL	ARCON VIII University of Nebraska Zach Evans zevans@unomaha.edu (402) 705-1700 LOCATION: Omaha, NE DATE: 20-22 OCT
ARCON IX Texas A&M Carswell Squadron Mikhail Llauder mikeell1@tamu.edu (469) 952-1928 LOCATION: College Station, TX	ARCON X Gen Wilbur Creech Squadron Jarrett Greig greig@unlv.nevada.edu LOCATION: Las Vegas, NV DATE: 10-11 NOV
ARCON XI University of Portland Mira Gill/Madison Kelly kellyma18@up.edu (707) 685-4259 LOCATION: Portland, OR DATE: 20-21 OCT	

Enjoy the summer; but please recognize the work of the AFA doesn't take a vacation!

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