



### **Tess Robertson – Longwood University**

Tess Robertson is a driven student leader and aviation advocate from Toano, Virginia, pursuing dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Political Science (Pre-Law) and Business Administration with a concentration in Aviation Management at Longwood University. A full scholarship recipient and member of the Cormier Honors College, Tess maintains a 3.98 GPA with consistent recognition on the President's and Dean's Lists.

On campus, Tess serves as a Resident Assistant and holds leadership positions including Honor and Conduct Board Member and President of the Cook-Cole Student Advisory Board. She has been instrumental in promoting the establishment of Longwood University's inaugural aviation program—supporting the development of the first public business aviation education curriculum in Virginia addressing critical industry needs and workforce gaps. Tess also represents Longwood at Virginia Aviation Caucus meetings, collaborating with state officials and industry leadership.

An FAA instrument-rated private pilot, Tess has received numerous aviation scholarships and brings a strong commitment to public service, serving on the Board of Directors for Colonial CASA and supporting youth mentorship, court advocacy, and community outreach. Her aviation leadership likewise extends to board roles with the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society and the Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program, where she leads fundraising campaigns and mentors aspiring pilots.

A graduate of the University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership, Tess has contributed over 500 hours of community service and served as a Governor's Fellow for the Secretariat of Transportation, reinforcing her dedication to both aviation and public policy.

Tess currently leads the Virginia Aviation Business Association's Student Advisory Council as the inaugural Student Board Member, working to inspire the next generation of aviation professionals across the Commonwealth.