

Good Afternoon Captain Daniels,

"Mark Reese is currently a First Officer at United Airlines flying the Boeing 777.

Mark was first introduced to Shades of Blue at the age of 8 when he met Captain Willie Daniels at a Tuskegee Airmen Gala. Mark's love for aviation was sparked when Captain Daniels took him up in his small airplane in 2003. He was quickly enrolled in the Shades of Blue program and completed many camps and seminars as he waited to begin flying at 16 years old. Shades of Blue opened many doors for Mark including scholarships, a job at the Wings Over the Rockies museum and invaluable connections in the aviation world. Without a doubt, the Shades of Blue program impacted Mark's life for the better and he would not be flying the Boeing 777 for United Airlines today without Shades of Blue!

Prior to United Airlines, Mark flew for Endeavor Air, PlaneSense and was a flight instructor at Ohio State University. Mark graduated from Ohio State with an aviation degree in 2017. While at Ohio State, Mark was active in college, serving in leadership roles in student organizations and earning his pilot licenses and ratings throughout his time in school. Mark continues to give back to his school through the creation of a scholarship for aviation students in the amount of $1000/year. "

Enjoy your weekend,

Mark