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Dear Friend,

The Field of Firsts Foundation and College Park Aviation Museum request your help to complete the museum's upcoming permanent exhibition ***Columbia Air Center - Determined to Fly***. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$125,000 for the completion of the exhibition. The exhibition is scheduled to open Fall of 2025. To learn more, please visit <https://www.fieldoffirsts.com/cac>.

Columbia Air Center was the first licensed African American owned and operated airport in the United States. This airfield was located in Croom, Prince George's County, Maryland, 30 miles southeast of College Park, MD and operated from 1940-1962. During World War II, the airfield was occupied by the U.S. Navy, and the first African American Civil Air Patrol Squadron was formed here. Columbia Air Center was a shining example of Black excellence with historic connections to the Tuskegee Airmen, its members included famed saxophonist and big-band leader Jimmie Lunceford.

As friends to history and members of the community, we invite you to help preserve this significant and overlooked history. You can donate or become a sponsor using [this link](#).

Additional ways to provide support are found here <https://www.fieldoffirsts.com/cac-fundraising>.

[Click HERE to receive exhibition and fundraiser updates](#)

Respectfully,

The Field of Firsts Foundation
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You are invited
to help preserve the history of the nation's first licensed Black-owned airport
at the

COLUMBIA AIR CENTER - DETERMINED TO FLY **EXHIBITION PREVIEW FUNDRAISER**

The event will include a preview of the exhibition, remarks, and a virtual reality experience provided by the Sankofa Mobile Museum.
Light refreshments served.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

2 PM - 4 PM

TICKETS \$125

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

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Sponsorship Levels

<p><i>The groundbreaking exhibition "Columbia Air Center-Determined to Fly" is an opportunity to demonstrate your meaningful commitment to preserving history and fostering community.</i></p>	Legacy Sponsor \$25,000 and up	Riverside Sponsor \$10,000	Columbia Sponsor \$5,000	Cloud Club Sponsor \$1,000	Airfield Sponsor \$500
Recognition as a sponsor on the Field of Firsts Foundation website	X	X	X	X	X
Tickets to Exhibition Preview Fundraiser Saturday, May 3, 2025 (<i>must commit by Sunday April 27 to receive tickets</i>)	20 tickets	10 tickets	5 tickets	4 tickets	2 tickets
Complimentary tickets to museum	50 tickets	35 tickets	25 tickets	20 tickets	10 tickets
Invitation to the Exhibition Opening (date TBD)	X	X	X	X	X
Acknowledgement at Exhibition Preview	X	X	X	X	X
Recognition in exhibition press release	X	X	X	X	
Tabling opportunity at all museum annual events	For 4 years	For 2 years	For 1 year		
Museum gallery rental up to 150 guests (pending availability)*	2 rentals	1 rental			
Acknowledgement in exhibit-related articles, publications, and events	X	X	X		
Private Standard Tour (up to 50 people)**	X	X	X		
Logo placement on exhibition marketing materials and catalogs	X	X			
Plaque in the museum lobby	X	X			
Placement of organization brochures in Museum lobby brochure stand	X	X			
Opportunity to offer brief remarks at Exhibition Preview and Exhibition Opening (date TBD)	X				
Recognition of "Presented by..." on exterior museum banner and Campus Dr. electric sign	X				
Acknowledgement and logo placement on project video in exhibition and lobby screen	X				
Private College Park Airport Tarmac Tour** (up to 25 people)	X				

*The rental must comply with rental policies. Must be requested 4 months in advance, pending availability. The rental must take place before January 1, 2028.

** Tours are during regular museum hours, must be requested 2 months in advance, pending availability.

To become a sponsor, please click [here](https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/pg-county-parks-and-recreation-foundation/cpam2025) or use the link below.

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM

The College Park Aviation Museum is owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County and is a Smithsonian Affiliate. Opened in 1998, the museum is located on the grounds of the world's oldest continuously operating airport. Dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and promoting the rich aviation history of College Park Airport and Prince George's County, the museum fosters curiosity, learning, and community engagement.

ABOUT THE FIELD OF FIRSTS

The Field of Firsts Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise support for educational programming and exhibits at the College Park Aviation Museum and promote awareness about the historic significance of the College Park Airport, the world's oldest continuously operating airport.

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