



Alumni Spotlight



Zane Rice **Private Pilot**

Zane Rice is flying high now that he has earned his private pilot's license. Zane, 19, completed ground school through San Bernardino Valley College's FAA-certified aeronautics program, signing up for the course in spring 2019 during his sophomore year in high school. The Loma Linda resident has several pilots in his family, and his father encouraged him to take ground school in person rather than online for a more enriching experience. "It was pretty clear I was the youngest person there, but they welcomed me," Zane said. "We were all into aviation; we all found it interesting, so

we all had that similarity. There was someone in their 50s taking the class too, so it wasn't just traditionally aged college students. It was a pretty diverse group of people, and everyone was nice and got along and talked about flying."

Zane would go to high school and participate in extracurricular activities during the day and then head to SBVC for his night course. His SBVC instructor, Larry Rice, knew how busy he was "and was super understanding and helpful," Zane said.

A student at Walla Walla University in Walla Walla, Washington, Zane completed his flight training over the summer and officially earned his private pilot's license last month. Going to SBVC for ground school prepared Zane to get his pilot's license and become a university student. He recommends that other young students interested in flying consider taking a similar path.