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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Announces Winners Of The Frank Der Yuen Aviation Scholarship; Museum Now Accepting Applications For 2016

Honolulu, HI— Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor has announced the following winners of The Frank Der Yuen Aviation Scholarship for fall 2015:

- Ryan Nagai of Kapolei, HI, is a senior at Moanalua High School and started flying lessons at age 16. He completed his first solo flight in 2013, cross county solo flight in 2014, and will soon earn his private pilot's license. Nagai's goal is to be a Hawaiian Airlines pilot.
(Photo of Ryan receiving scholarship from Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Executive Director Ken DeHoff:
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- Daniel Yoshiki of Kailua, HI is a graduate of St. Louis School and currently attends the University of Nebraska at Kearney. His major is Professional Flight, and his goal is to be a commercial airline pilot. While in high school, Yoshiki participated in the Island Air Explorers program, and has earned flight hours in Hawaii and at the University of Nebraska.

- Ariana Bean of Laie, HI is a graduate of Kahuku High School, where she was a leader in the school's JROTC program. Bean is an active member of the Civil Air Patrol and currently attends Windward Community College in Kaneohe, HI, where she is pursuing a degree in aeronautical engineering. Bean's goal is to be a C-17 pilot with the Hawaii Air National Guard.

(Photo of Ariana receiving scholarship from Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Executive Director Ken DeHoff:

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The Frank Der Yuen Aviation Scholarship offers financial grants to Hawaii residents who have been accepted or are enrolled in an aviation-related program at an accredited trade school, college or university. Since its inception in 2013, the scholarship fund has awarded \$19,800 to 14 students.

"This scholarship encourages personal growth and academic achievement for individuals pursuing goals in aviation," said Museum Director of Education Shauna Tonkin.

The scholarship was named after Frank Der Yuen for his contributions to aviation and the State of Hawaii. Der Yuen, an aeronautical engineer and airline consultant, was an influential advisor in the construction of the original Honolulu International Airport building. He also founded the Pacific Aerospace Museum, which was located at the Honolulu airport until its closure in 2001. Der Yuen is also recognized as the inventor of the passenger boarding bridge.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is now accepting applications for the Fall 2015 round of grant awards. Forms and eligibility requirements can be found at the Museum's website, PacificAviationMuseum.org. Submission deadline is September 30, 2015. Grant recipients will be notified in writing no later than November 1, 2015.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is among the few organizations in Hawaii offering aviation scholarships. According to the Scripps Howard News Service, Boeing Aircraft predicts the Asia/Pacific region will need in excess of 180,000 pilots during the next two decades. Interested donors for the scholarship program

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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is located on Historic Ford Island. Remnants from the December 7, 1941 attack, which surround the Museum have been left intact, from the 158-foot tall Ford Island Field Control Tower where the first radio alert of the attack was broadcast, to the bullet-riddled holes in Hangar 79 and along the runway. Through its preservation and restoration of World War II fighter planes and accompanying artifacts in the Museum's historic Hangars 37 and 79, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor shares the often untold story of the vital role aviation played in America's winning of World War II, and its continued role in maintaining America's freedom.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which depends on membership and donations for support. A Smithsonian Affiliate, it is rated one of the top 10 aviation attractions nationally by TripAdvisor®. It is located at 319 Lexington Boulevard, Historic Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818. Hours of operation are 9am to 5pm daily, with access by free shuttles from the USS *Arizona* Memorial Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at Pearl Harbor. www.PacificAviationMuseum.org, 808-441-1000.

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