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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AWARDED LEED SILVER CERTIFICATION

The U.S. Green Building Council (U.S.G.B.C.) has officially awarded the Airport Administration Building with a LEED Silver Certification.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, certification is granted to corporate and residential buildings that are constructed to meet or exceed the most stringent sustainability standards. These standards impact each aspect of the building, from construction and sourcing to indoor environmental quality and energy efficiency.

Situated on 1.79 acres east of the runway, the 9,270 sq. ft. building scored

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Boca Raton Airport Authority administration building.



BASA Students on their Airport tour.

BOYNTON AEROSPACE SCIENCE ACADEMY (BASA) STUDENTS EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN AVIATION PROFESSIONAL

Whether one dreams of flying above the clouds or repairing aircrafts on the ground, aviation is an alluring industry for the students of Boynton Beach Community High School's Boynton Aerospace Science Academy (BASA).

While the students have spent countless hours in the classroom learning about aviation, aeronautical science and aviation maintenance, they took a fieldtrip to the Boca Raton Airport to get a closer look at the inner workings of a general aviation facility.

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BOYNTON AEROSPACE SCIENCE ACADEMY (BASA) STUDENTS EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN AVIATION PROFESSIONAL

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BASA Students arrived at the Airport at 7:00AM, where they were given a safety briefing before being split into two groups.

One group spent the morning with Atlantic Aviation and Reliable Jet Maintenance, while the other group visited Signature Flight Support and Boca Aircraft Maintenance. After lunch, the groups switched places, giving each student a feel for what it's like at the Airport's different FBOs and maintenance companies.

Students interacted with professionals in a number of roles at each company, including customer service and line service personnel. By spending time in each department, students got a glimpse of what it takes to get an aircraft safely into the air, while learning about the many aviation careers available on the ground.

Representatives from local aviation education programs were on hand, including Florida Atlantic University, Broward College and Lynn University. They spoke with BASA students about the opportunities available in the ever-growing aviation industry. Employment opportunities in aviation are increasing so rapidly that, according to Gilberto Alvarado of Broward College, "We (Broward College) cannot graduate students fast enough in order to meet the demand."

The Boca Raton Airport Authority thanks all of the students who participated in the daylong tour and looks forward to them joining the ranks of South Florida aviation professionals.



Boca Raton historian, Bonnie Dearborn

LUNCHEON CELEBRATES TENANTS AND HONORS VETERANS

On Thursday, November 10th, Boca Raton Airport Authority staff and tenants came together in the Signature Flight Support hangar for a luncheon and canned food drive.

The event raised over 300 pounds of food for the Palm Beach County Food Bank, which will help feed hungry families during the holiday season.

Executive Director Clara Bennett led the proceedings, introducing Boca Raton historian Bonnie Dearborn. She spoke on the rich past of the Airport, highlighting the significant role it has played in South Florida's general aviation community.

Lucky attendees received raffle prizes, including goodie bags from the BRAA and Signature Flight Support, as well as Sally J. Ling's book, *A History of Boca Raton*.

Held the day before Veterans Day, the tenant luncheon also honored the brave men and women who've served this country. Since the days of the Boca Raton Army Air Field, service members have been a vital part of the Airport. The BRAA thanks veterans for their contributions.

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exceptionally high marks for the Material & Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation categories, which recognize, among other things, the amount of recycled, regional and low-emitting materials used, as well as the use of natural light, thermal comfort design, and innovation in architecture.

By constructing the Airport Administration Building to these exacting requirements, the Airport is able to reduce its water and energy use, therefore decreasing its environmental impact and daily operating costs.

From the start of the construction process, it was determined that the building would be constructed to Silver Certification standards, giving the facility the greatest balance of environmental and fiscal responsibility.

The Airport thanks the architects, builders, engineers and consultants at SchenkelShultz Architecture, MBR Construction, and Ricondo & Associates for the exceptional work that went into the Airport Administration Building.

Boca Raton Airport Authority Staff with guests at the administration building grand opening.



Tom Thayer, Board Member

BOARD MEMBER NEWS

The Boca Raton Airport Authority welcomes Tom Thayer to the Board. Thayer is a retired Navy pilot and Delta Airlines Captain with a long history in, and a deep knowledge of, the aviation industry. A longtime observer of Boca Raton government, Thayer has been a regular at meetings for the BRAA and the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District. He is also a Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations executive committee member.

Congratulations to Cheryl Budd for being named Vice-Chair of the Board. Budd is an indispensable part of the local aviation community, having served virtuously on the Board for many years.



Cheryl Budd, Vice-Chair of the Board





FUTURE MEETINGS

BOCA RATON AIRPORT AUTHORITY

- December 21, 2016
- February, 15 2017
- January 18, 2017
- March 15, 2017

FLYBY UPDATES

- All updates on the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower have been completed, including improvements to the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.
- Construction on the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facility has remained on track since the groundbreaking in July.
- The BRAA thanks Berger Singerman LLP for their 11 years of exceptional service.
- The Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour will be returning to the Airport in 2017, from January 26th to the 29th.



The Boca Raton Airport is getting social! Be sure to visit, like, and follow the official pages of the Boca Raton Airport. There the airport will post pertinent and relevant information regarding warnings, updates, and also some fun facts about the airport and its tenants.



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