



# Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame

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## Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame Announces The Youth Aviation Achievement Award

**NEWARK** – The Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame (DAHf) has selected Austin Jer-Don of Newark, Delaware as its 2017 Youth Aviation Achievement Award winner. Mr. Jer-Don is on the Dean’s List at Delaware State University’s Aviation Professional Pilot Program. He is also currently a C-130 Loadmaster for the Delaware National Guard. When he completes his studies at Delaware State University he hopes to become a pilot in the United States Air Force.

Founded in 2000 to commemorate outstanding service in military and civilian aviation, the Hall of Fame has now recognized, through 2016, a total of 104 current or former Delawareans who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of aviation/aerospace in Delaware, brought singular credit to the First State in their achievements elsewhere and/or have shown gallantry in aviation in service to the First State and/or the Nation.

Mr. Jer-Don’s selection will be celebrated at the Honors Banquet at U of D’s Clayton Hall on October 28<sup>th</sup>, alongside this year’s Aviation Hall of Fame inductees.

Candidacy for this award was open to anyone who met the criteria below and is actively pursuing an interest in aviation. Practically any aspect of aviation is acceptable—in the air or on the ground, civilian or military (e.g., pilot training, airframe & powerplant (A&P) certification, ROTC, ground service, operations management, aerospace engineering, etc.).

### Selection criteria

1. Age between 15 and 21
2. Native or current resident of Delaware (Non-residents may qualify if they are currently enrolled in a formal Delaware aviation training program or are receiving training from a certified flight instructor in Delaware.)
3. Upstanding character (e.g., demonstrated achievement in his/her area of aviation; strong leadership qualities; documented community service; creative demonstration of aviation interests; active membership in aviation organizations, etc.)
4. Goal to pursue an aviation-related career

For more information on the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame, go to our web site [www.dahf.org](http://www.dahf.org); by email directly to Bruce Lambrecht ([brucelam@udel.edu](mailto:brucelam@udel.edu)); or by regular mail to DAHF, P.O. Box 4303, Greenville, DE 19807-0303.

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