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OUR VISION

Inspire Airpower's Future: The Gathering of Eagles (GOE) Foundation is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) committed to preserving the United States Air Force's heritage and cultivating future leaders. The Foundation sustains Air Command and Staff College's annual Gathering of Eagles program—an enduring tradition where distinguished air, space, and cyberspace pioneers share their experiences to educate and inspire. For more than 40 years, this event has celebrated the achievements of our Eagles while enriching both the military and the local community. Beyond this cornerstone program, the GOE Foundation strengthens youth development in Alabama's River Region by collaborating with community leaders, supporting Civil Air Patrol and Starbase initiatives, and awarding annual scholarships to ROTC cadets and students pursuing aviation and STEM education.

WELCOME MESSAGE

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the new Board of Directors for the Gathering of Eagles Foundation. For more than four decades, GOE has preserved the rich heritage of air, space, and cyberspace power while inspiring future generations to dream boldly and serve with purpose.

This year marks an exciting chapter as we continue to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our Eagles—men and women whose courage, innovation, and sacrifice have shaped history. With the support of Air University, community partners, and friends, we are building on this legacy by expanding scholarships, strengthening youth programs, and curating another unforgettable Gathering of Eagles experience.

On behalf of the Foundation, We would like to invite you to join us in honoring the past, serving the present, and inspiring the future. Together, we will ensure that the stories of our Eagles—and the lessons they offer—continue to uplift and guide the leaders of tomorrow.

With gratitude and excitement,
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GATHERING OF EAGLES CLASS OF 2026

The GOEF Board is preparing an exciting new class of Eagle candidates—spanning decades, disciplines, and services, including industry leaders. This year's lineup promises to be truly remarkable, with announcements coming soon.

For the Air Command and Staff College Academic Year 2026, 19 Majors from the Air Force and Army were selected to usher in the newest class of Eagles. The new Eagle class will encompass impactful stories of Aviation, Astronautics, Innovation, Valor, Lifetime contributions, and Aviation Achievements. Now, in its 45th year, GOE has officially named 502 eagles from 30 countries, will be adding nine new Eagles during CAPSTONE week 4-8, May 2026.

HONOR

To honor is to remember the sacrifices and achievements of those who came before us. It means preserving their stories, celebrating their courage, and carrying forward their legacy so future generations know the price and value of freedom.

SERVE

To serve is to place mission and others above self. It means dedicating time, skill, and passion to something greater, with humility and commitment. Service is the foundation of trust, teamwork, and lasting impact.

INSPIRE

To inspire is to spark belief in what is possible. It means sharing experiences, vision, and hope in ways that ignite courage and imagination in others—empowering them to dream bigger, aim higher, and achieve more



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WHY YOU SUPPORT OUR CAUSE



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 102

The Gathering of Eagles Foundation and AFA Chapter 102 share a deep commitment to honoring air and space pioneers while inspiring future generations. Together, they connect heritage with opportunity—celebrating the past while empowering youth through mentorship, education, and STEAM outreach.



YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHT PROGRAM

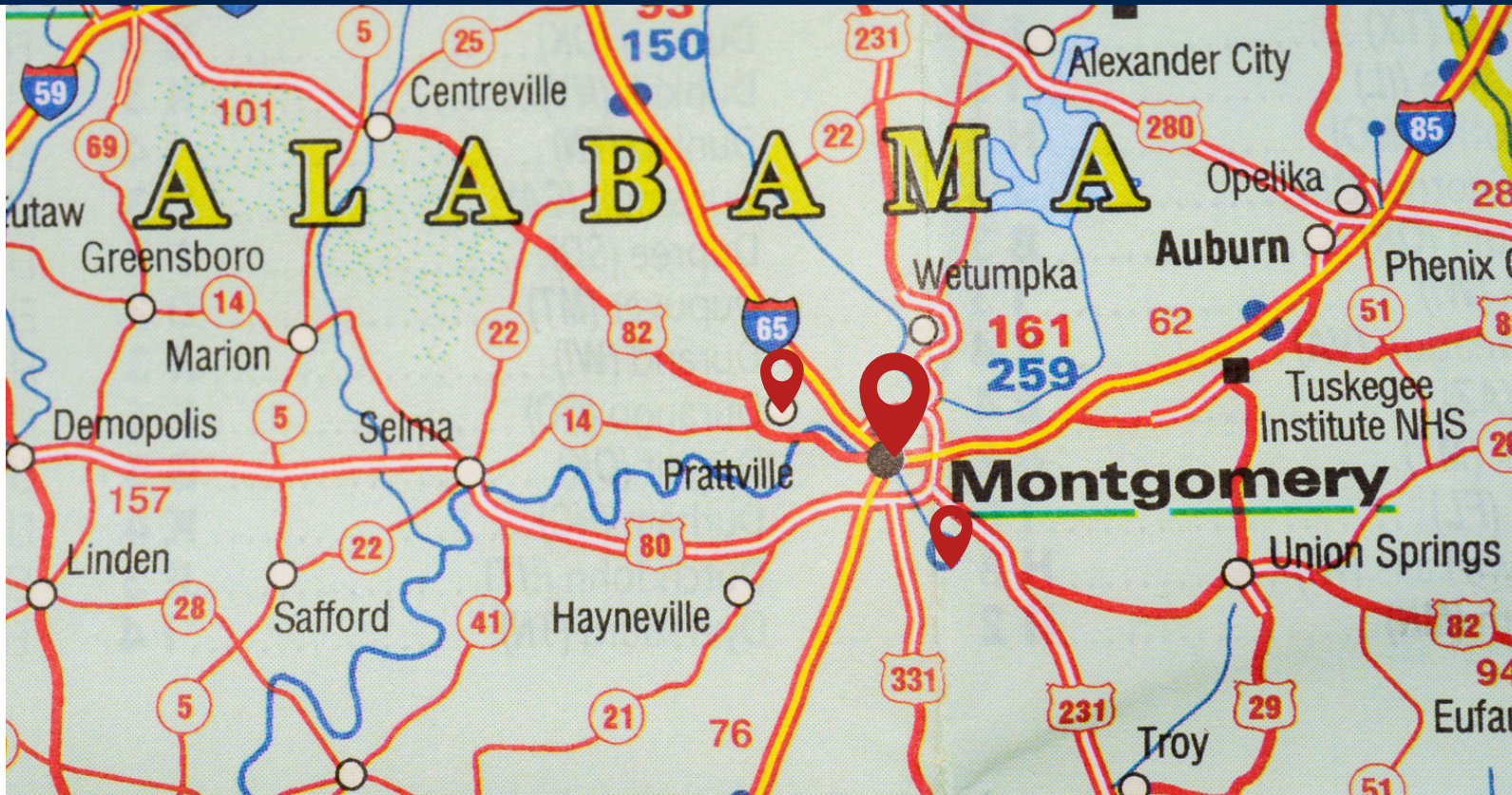
The Young Eagles Program introduces youth to the world of aviation through hands-on learning and real flying experiences. By teaching the fundamentals of flight, inspiring curiosity, and sparking a lifelong passion for aviation, the program provides young people with a unique opportunity to view their future from a higher altitude.

INSPIRING THE FUTURE THROUGH STEAM

At Maxwell STARBASE, students are introduced to the exciting world of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics through immersive, hands-on learning. In partnership with the Gathering of Eagles Foundation, this initiative brings the legacy of aviation and space pioneers directly to the classroom, connecting students with real-world innovators and role models. Together, STARBASE and GOEF spark curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds to dream beyond boundaries—building the next generation of problem solvers, leaders, and explorers.



OUR OUTREACH COMMUNITIES



MONTGOMERY

Montgomery's youth account for over 30,000 K-12 students which attend public schools. In the region nearly 70% represent diverse backgrounds, GOEF partners with local programs to expand STEAM opportunities

PRATTVILLE

Prattville's growing community of nearly 9,000 K-12 students. With a strong mix of military families, young professionals, and diverse backgrounds, Prattville offers fertile ground for STEAM inspiration.

MAXWELL AFB

Maxwell DODEA, has ~1,000 students PreK-8th—many from military families—learn in a unique environment shaped by service and sacrifice. By connecting students with role models in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math, GOEF helps inspire resilience, creativity, and a passion for innovation that reflects the spirit of the Air Force community they call home.

PIKE ROAD

Pike Road's rapidly growing school system of more than 6,000 students, many from military and diverse family backgrounds. GOEF connects Pike Road classrooms with the heritage of airpower and the promise of innovation through STEAM-focused outreach



IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO GROW THE FUTURE



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MOVED TO ACTION

GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

➡ THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPOSURE

Exposing children to opportunities in STEAM opens doors to creativity, problem-solving, and future careers they may have never imagined. For low-income families, these experiences not only change individual lives but also strengthen entire communities by cultivating talent, breaking cycles of poverty, and inspiring the next generation of innovators. Through your donations toward scholarships, we can grow the next generation of leaders who will shape a brighter future for us all.

RED TAIL FLIGHT ACADEMY

Students travel to Tuskegee, Alabama, which provides discovery flights and flight training with certified instructors.



NATIONAL FLIGHT ACADEMY

In Pensacola, Florida, students can participate in three-day cruises or six-day deployments focused on aviation and STEM training.



US SPACE & AVIATION CAMP

In Huntsville, Alabama, student can attend a variety of programs including Space Camp, Aviation Challenge (Mach I-III), and Cyber Academy for students ages 9-18;



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LIVE THE CHANGE

SCHOLARSHIPS THAT INSPIRE YOUTH



THE SPARK BEHIND EVERY SCHOLARSHIP

The GOE Scholarship Program offers a range of opportunities for students to explore aviation, space, and leadership development. Scholarships are awarded for camps at the National Flight Academy in Pensacola, Florida; the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama; and the Red Tail Flight Academy in Tuskegee, Alabama. Collectively, these scholarships cover camp registration, lodging, and meals, providing students with full access to immersive aviation and aerospace experiences throughout Florida and Alabama.

These scholarships build on school-year interactions through the Maxwell AFB STARBASE program, with which GOEF partners, to inspire children from within the community in daily classroom settings. The GOEF board has established the AY26 goal to raise \$25,000 to be awarded for Spring scholarships. Early success was evident from the first fundraiser, where students attending Air Command and Staff College contributed \$1,459. There is still much work to be done in reaching targeted scholarships. We invite you to join us in sparking interest in STEAM-related careers through sponsorship, donations, and advocacy.



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