DSU Aviation's Marc Anderson Wins Regional Top Pilot

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Delaware State University aviation student Marc C. Anderson recently made his mark by winning the “Top Pilot” honors recently at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region VII Flight Competition held at the Brookhaven Airport, N.Y.

Mr. Anderson, a senior aviation professional pilot major from Felton, Del., amassed the highest total score after competing in eight flying and ground categories that measured the contestants’ performance in flying, landing, navigation, preflight exercises, as well as other areas.

As the Top Scoring Contestant and Top Pilot, Mr. Anderson will represent Region VII at the National Flying Competition at Ohio State University in the spring.

Currently working towards his Certified Flight Instructor’s Rating, Mr. Anderson has accumulated more than 300 flight hours. He is a member of the Air Force Reserves, for which he serves as a C-17 loadmaster.

“I want to be commissioned to be a C-17 pilot (in the Reserves) here in Dover,” Mr. Anderson said of his future goals. He added that he is currently hoping to get an internship with Continental Airlines in the spring, and later hopes to fly for that major airline.

Also competing in the regional for the DSU “Flying Hornets” were Robert Saunders, Will Jester, Bryan Shultz and Andrew Meiers. They were coached by Courtney Walters, a DSU honor graduate and flight instructor.

The DSU aviation team competed in the regional against schools such as Dowling College, the U.S. Military Academy, Rensselear Polytechnic Institute, Bridgewater State University and other colleges and universities.

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