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Scholarship Winners Announced for Rally's EAA Air Academy Program

HAYWARD, CA, April 16, 2019 -- The Hayward Air Rally, the longest continually-held proficiency flying event in North America, has selected two teenagers to receive fully-paid scholarships including tuition and roundtrip airfare to the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Advanced Air Academy summer 2019 program.

In partnership with local chapters of the EAA, the Hayward Air Rally is pleased to announce the winners of the scholarships as

Evan Colenbrander of Novato CA, and Zhidao Leeroybruce of Talmage CA.

"With the support of the City of Hayward, our industry partners and sponsors, and participating Rally pilots and crew, we are pleased to continue our scholarship program this year and offer this unique summer camp opportunity to outstanding youth representing any of the three airports to be visited on the Rally" said Chris Verbil, of the Board of Directors for the Hayward Air Rally, Inc. "As part of our non-profit mission, it is important for us to assist in development of the next generation of pilots, professional flight crew, aerospace engineers, and other industry professionals who will work to build and improve on our nation's transportation lifeline."

The Air Academy is located in Oshkosh, WI and is an in-residence summer camp for students to develop and explore their interests in aviation. The Academy camps provide the foundation for a life-long love of aviation as well as the opportunity to create friendships with fellow aviation enthusiasts.

About the Hayward Air Rally: The annual Air Rally is staged by the Hayward Air Rally, Inc., a not-for-profit California public benefit corporation and charitable organization with IRS 501(c3) status. Originally conceived by the City of Hayward's mayor in 1964, the Air Rally's primary charter is to enhance general aviation safety by encouraging aircraft pilots to stay proficient in basic flight navigation and fuel management techniques. The 55th annual Air Rally will be conducted May 16-18, 2019, originating at the Hayward Executive Airport and continuing over a challenging and competitive route through Bakersfield, CA with a final destination of Bullhead City, AZ. For more information about the Air Rally, visit the event web site www.hwdairrally.org

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