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Scholarship Winners Announced for Rally's EAA Air Academy Program

HAYWARD, CA, March 26, 2014 -- The Hayward Air Rally, the longest continually-held proficiency flying event in North America, has selected seven teenagers to receive fully-paid scholarships including tuition and roundtrip airfare to the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Advanced Air Academy summer 2014 program.

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

Aidan Cameron-Smith of Livermore CA, a freshman at Kolbe Academy High School;
Richard Frewert, Jr. of Carson City NV, a junior at Nevada Connections Academy;
Enrique Trujillo of Wendover UT, a sophomore at Wendover High School;
Nathan Womack of Lander WY, a sophomore at Lander Valley High School;
Aspen Eatherton of Rapid City SD, a junior at Stevens High School;
Joshua Hoernemann of Granite Falls MN, a sophomore at Yellow Medicine East High School; and
Eric Sabol of Sussex WI, a senior at Hamilton High School.

"With the generous support of the City of Hayward, our industry partners and sponsors, and participating Rally pilots and crew, we are pleased to expand our scholarship program this year and offer this opportunity to these outstanding youth at each of the seven airports to be visited on the Rally", said Chris Verbil, Chair of the Hayward Air Rally Committee. "As part of our non-profit mission, it is important to help seed the next generation of aerospace industry professionals, aircraft pilots, and aviation enthusiasts."

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

"We appreciate the Hayward Air Rally's ongoing support for the EAA Air Academy scholarship program, because it gives young people the opportunity to pursue and discover their own aviation dreams," said Bob Campbell, EAA's Director of Museum Education. "Having the rally finish in Oshkosh in 2014 is a notable way to 'complete the circle,' so to speak, as rally participants can personally see the transformational experience they help bring to these young men and women."

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 and fuel management techniques. The 50th annual Air Rally will be conducted on July 24-27, 2014, originating at the Hayward Executive Airport and continuing over a challenging and competitive route through seven states with an ultimate destination of EAA's AirVenture at Oshkosh Wittman Field. For information about the Air Rally, visit the event web site www.hwdairrally.org

About EAA: EAA embodies the spirit of aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 180,000 members and 1,000 local chapters enjoy the fun and camaraderie of sharing their passion for flying, building and restoring recreational aircraft. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322) or go to www.eaa.org. For continual news updates, connect with www.twitter.com/EAAupdate.