



Naples Airport Authority educates local high school students during inaugural student government day

NAPLES, Fla. (May 31, 2017) – Naples Airport Authority hosted more than 20 Lorenzo Walker Technical High School students during a half-day mock-government exercise. Freshman, sophomore and junior class students learned firsthand about government processes, in addition to airport operations and management.

“Our goal was to educate students about the role of government and the variety of career opportunities involved with operating an airport,” said Naples Airport Authority Executive Director Chris Rozansky. “We were thoroughly impressed with how engaged the students were throughout the exercise and the caliber of questions they asked.”

Students were paired with Naples Airport Authority management staff and commissioners and several airport tenants, including Collier Mosquito Control District, Naples Air Center, and Europe-American Aviation, for a morning of job shadowing in the areas of administration, operations, development and facilities, legal counsel, finance and human resources. Afterward, students prepared a mock agenda and conducted their own board meeting, with each student adopting the role of who they had shadowed.

“The student government day provided Lorenzo Walker students with a fantastic opportunity to learn outside the classroom,” said Lorenzo Walker Technical High School Principal Jeff Rexford. “Students finished the day with some great takeaways and a deeper appreciation of all that goes into running an airport.”

Naples Municipal Airport is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies, and corporate aviation and nonaviation businesses, as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff’s Aviation Unit and other community services. During the 2015-16 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 95,050 takeoffs and landings.

All funds used for the airport’s operation, maintenance and improvements are generated from activities at the airport or federal and state grants from aviation-related user fees; the airport receives no property tax dollars. The Florida Department of Transportation values the airport’s annual economic impact to the community at \$283.5 million.

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