

HONORS CONVOCATION
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VaughnCollege
of aeronautics and technology

CONVOCATION SPEAKER

JOHN T. BROGAN

John T. Brogan is president and chief executive officer of United States Aircraft Insurance Group (USAIG), a company he joined in 1997. Brogan began his career as a senior accountant, then in 2001 became a general aviation underwriter in the New York office.

He has held a series of management roles, from branch manager to senior vice president and regional supervisor, to executive vice president and manager of both general aviation and workers' compensation departments. In February 2016 Brogan became president and chief operating officer, overseeing all underwriting and claims departments. In 2017 he was named chief executive officer.

Brogan holds a bachelor of science degree from St. Joseph's College and an master of business administration in finance and risk management from St. John's University Peter J. Tobin College of Business; Greenberg School of Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science.

He is a certified aviation insurance professional and is active in a wide range of aviation and insurance organizations and associations. Brogan is a member of the Aviation Insurance Association's Eagle Society, serves on the Flight Safety Foundation's Business Advisory Committee, the Air Charter Safety Foundation's Executive Committee, The Wings Club Board of Governors and the General Aviation Study Group of the International Union of Aerospace Insurers.

AWARDS

BESSIE COLEMAN AWARD

This award is presented to an outstanding female graduate who has attained the highest cumulative grade point average while demonstrating the professional and civic values that exemplify the mission of Vaughn College. Minimum grade point average for this award is 3.50.

CASEY S. JONES AWARDS

These awards are presented to graduates from each baccalaureate degree program who have attained the highest cumulative grade point average in their programs while demonstrating the professional and civic values that exemplify the mission of Vaughn College. Minimum grade point average for this award is 3.50.

FOUNDERS AWARDS

These awards are presented to graduates from each associate degree program who have attained the highest cumulative grade point average in their programs while demonstrating the professional and civic values that exemplify the mission of Vaughn College. Minimum grade point average for this award is 3.50.

ENGINEERING INNOVATION AWARD

This award is presented to a graduate who was an active participant in professional development or competition while at Vaughn College and who published or presented a paper on a new and innovative idea at a technical conference. This award seeks to honor students who have investigated innovative research projects in engineering.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD

This award is presented to the baccalaureate graduate with the highest overall cumulative grade point average who also has demonstrated a high level of service to the Vaughn community. Minimum grade point average for this award is 3.50.

YEAGER AWARD

This award is presented to those students who have completed associate, bachelor's and master's degrees at Vaughn College. It is named in honor of General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager, who in 1947 became the first pilot to break the speed of sound.

AWARDS

PRESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award honors and recognizes students who have represented the College and enhanced external relationships with college partners while maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented to graduates, selected by the division of student affairs, for outstanding work in club activities and other special service to Vaughn College.

SENIOR ATHLETE AWARD

These awards are given to Vaughn College senior student-athletes who have either completed their competitive eligibility, or will be graduating in 2023, and have contributed significantly to the success of their teams.

SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

This award is presented to the senior athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average.

VETERAN RECOGNITION

Graduating service members and those with Veteran Status will receive red, white and blue tassels to honor their service.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS

Sponsored by United Airlines, this award is presented to graduates who have completed the National Society of Leadership and Success and have had the opportunity to supplement their curricular knowledge with experiential teamwork and leadership initiatives.

HONOR CORDS

Graduates who have completed their degrees with academic honors are attired with gold, silver or bronze cords.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Welcome

*Dr. Paul LaVergne
Vice President
Academic Affairs*

Greetings from the President

*Dr. Sharon B. DeVivo
President*

Convocation Address

*Mr. John T. Brogan
President and Chief
Executive Officer
USAIG*

Student Speaker

*Ms. Tatiana Jaimes
Bessie Coleman
Award Recipient*

MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

*Dr. Maxine Lubner
Chair*

Airport Management Program

Casey S. Jones Awards presented to Sean McCoy,
Emily Weeks and John Vintimilla

Airport/Airline Management Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Scarlet Zambrano

AVIATION DEPARTMENT

*Dr. George Tracy
Professor*

Aircraft Operations Program

Founders Award presented to Ahmed Hassan
Casey S. Jones Award presented to Sibin Samuel

Aeronautical Sciences Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Abdul Rehman Zubair

Aviation Maintenance Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Alexis Nuñez

Aviation Maintenance Management Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Tanjil Islam

AVIATION TRAINING INSTITUTE

*Mr. Domenic Proscia
Vice President of Training*

Associate in Occupational Studies Program

*Founders Awards presented to Kelly Castro
and Jennifer Patxot*

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

*Dr. Hossein Rahemi
Chair*

Electrical Engineering Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Matteo Salamone

Electronic Engineering Technology Avionics Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Jason Lin

Mechanical Engineering Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Joshua Harripaul

Mechanical Engineering Technology, Aeronautical Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Joshua Persaud

Mechanical Engineering Technology, Dual Aero/CAD Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Samuel Aremu

Mechatronic Engineering Program

*Casey S. Jones Award presented to Tatiana Jaimes and
Alina Santander Vinokurova*

Engineering Innovation Award

Presented to Tatiana Jaimes and Alina Santander Vinokurova

The Board of Trustees Award

Presented to Alina Santander Vinokurova

*Mr. Peter Vaughn
Board of Trustees Chair*

Yeager Award

Presented to Boyuan Chen

President DeVivo

Presidential Excellence Awards*President DeVivo*

Presented to Joshua Harripaul and Scarlet Zambrano

Service Awards

Presented to Melvin Abreu, Samuel Aremu, Kiran Boodhoo, Daniel Doscher, Joshua Harripaul, Tatiana Jaimes, Moises JnBaptiste, Nusrat Khan, Josiah Lovell, Eraldo Llukaj, Jo Morales, Alanke Crishane Perera, Katherin Sanchez, Rebecca Snyder, Kirill Sokolov, Cristian Sorto, Kevin Velasquez, Alina Santander Vinokurova and Scarlet Zambrano

*Ms. Elaine T. White
Assistant Vice President,
Student Affairs*

Senior Athlete Award

Presented to Caldane Moodie, Esa Weish, Fabrizio Dottin, Giancarlo Rodriguez, Jhon Gomez, John Vizhnay and Kate Savannah Ospina

Scholar Athlete Award

Presented to Fabrizio Dottin

Presentation of Veteran Tassels*Ms. White*

Presented to graduating service members and those with Veteran Status

Presentation of National Society of Leadership and Success Recognition

Presented to Adam DeLitta, Damani Edwards, Joshua Harripaul, Javed Hassan, Mohammed Khan, Teresa La Francesca, Isabella Morales, Alexis Nuñez, Ashley Nunez, Alanke Perera, Henry Rodriguez, Kelian Rodriguez, Alina Santander Vinokurova, Kirill Sokolov, John Sutera and Scarlet Zambrano

Presentation of Honor Cords*Dr. LaVergne*

Presented to Students Graduating with Academic Honors

Congratulations to all of our graduates.

Graduates, please join us in the Hangar
for commencement rehearsal after the ceremony.

