



Palm Beach State’s Aeronautical Science program to host free pilot safety seminar

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Nov. 23, 2010) Palm Beach State College’s Aeronautical Science program is hosting a free pilot safety seminar given by the highly-respected Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. The AOPA event--a “must-attend” seminar on making critical in-air decisions--will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the Duncan Theatre on the College’s Lake Worth campus and is open to the public.

The live seminar is a 2010 offering of the AOPA Foundation’s Air Safety Institute. A leader in aviation safety education and research for 60 years, the Institute’s seminars and online webinars have reached tens of thousands of pilots nationwide. AOPA and Palm Beach State College urge all serious pilots in South Florida to attend, as well as interested community members, including students who are studying aviation at the College. The free seminar, titled “Real World IFR: How to Overcome Your Worst Enemy,” goes beyond basic IFR (instrument flight rules) training to reveal proven tips from professional pilots on how to “stay alive in the clouds.”

“We are happy to host this important AOPA seminar as part of our mission to bring the best possible training to our students and the community,” says Judy Maxwell, department chair for Palm Beach State’s Aeronautical Science program. “South Florida has an active general aviation community, and I know area pilots, as well as our students, will benefit from this informative and potentially life-saving seminar.”

The College’s Aeronautical Science program prepares students to work in various aviation environments, as professional pilots or in operations management. Students

may earn Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degrees, or College Credit Certificates, all of which enable students to pursue licensure and/or continue their education. The College also offers noncredit continuing education classes for professional pilots wishing to brush up or prep using the College's advanced technology flight simulation systems. More information about Palm Beach State's Aeronautical Science program will be available at the seminar, or visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/aeroscience.xml.

Serving more than 52,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing the bachelor's degree, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida's first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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