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### **GTCC TAKES SEVERAL AWARDS IN NATIONAL FLYING COMPETITION**

DANVILLE, VA -- Audrey Floyd, an aviation instructor at Guilford Technical Community College in Greensboro, was named the Region X coach of the year during flying competition conducted last week by the National Intercollegiate Flying Association hosted by Averett University at Danville Regional Airport.

Several GTCC students, participating in their first competitive event, were among the award winners in the four-day event.

Floyd, chair of the Aviation Management/ Career Pilot Department at GTCC, was proud of the showing of her students. "Every one of our team members scored points in at least one event. All of our team members were first-time competitors, competing with some schools that had four-year competitors," she said.

An Air Force AWACS pilot for nine years, Floyd's experience as an instructor paid off for her rookie team, which had only five weeks to prepare for the contest. The former instructor pilot for the Air Force has been flying for 25 years.

Participants besides GTCC were Averett University, Hampton University, Liberty University, Elizabeth City State University, Caldwell Community College, and Lenoir Community College.

Winners from GTCC were:

- Region X Flight Team Ranking: Fourth.
- Outstanding Team Member Award: Michael Berghorn of Winston-Salem.
- Power of Landings: Zach Waddell of Salisbury, sixth place; Kyle Eggers of Hickory, seventh place. Other top 20 finishers were Anthony Todino of Greensboro, Matt Callaway of Madison and Chris Boylan of High Point.
- Short Field Approach and Landings: Zach Waddell, eighth; Chris Boylan, 10<sup>th</sup>. Other top 20 finishers were Anthony Todino, Matt Callaway and Chris Boylan.
- Flight Computer Accuracy: Martha Murray of Charlotte, ninth place. Other top 20 finisher: Michael Berghorn.
- Aircraft Recognition: Zach Waddell, sixth place. Other top 20 finisher: Michael Berghorn.
- Aircraft Ground Trainer: Scott Saine of Hickory, a top 20 finisher.
- Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation: Matt Callaway, seventh place. Top 20 finisher: Kyle Eggers.
- Aircraft Preflight Inspection: Blake Beason, a top 20 finisher.

Floyd said the team also was responsible for staging aircraft 30 times for launch and recovery. "From the time the team was formed, we had only five weeks to prepare for the competition. This included determining who would compete, learning the rules for the events, developing a safety program, organizing flight and ground practices and taking care of all the administrative tasks associated with forming the team and getting to the competition.

“We learned a great deal about the nature of the competition and are really excited about preparing for next year’s competition.” she said.

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