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GTCC'S TIM BRADLEY RECEIVES TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SCHOLARSHIP

GREENSBORO – Tim Bradley, a student in the aviation program at Guilford Technical Community College, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Heart of the Carolina Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen.

The scholarship was presented Feb. 19 during a ceremony at the Radisson Hotel in Research Triangle Park. Dr. Stewart B. Fulbright of Durham, a B-25 pilot with the famous Tuskegee Airmen in World War II, made the presentation.

This was the first scholarship awarded by the chapter, but the national Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation has awarded many scholarships since 1979. By the end of 2007 the foundation had a fund balance of \$2 million.

Bradley, 33, a first-year student whose goal is to work in aviation management, is a fulltime employee of Ryerson Inc., a steel company in Greensboro where he has lived for the past 12 years.

"I'm looking forward to doing something involving flight safety," he said. "I've have had an interest in aviation for many years and finally decided to learn more about it," Bradley said.

Starting as a part-time student at GTCC's Thomas H. Davis Aviation Center in Greensboro, Bradley said he became a fulltime student this semester, carrying 12 academic hours. "It's stressful but I look at the eventual benefits with a career in aviation," he said. He had a 3.35 grade point average for the first semester.

Joe Badick, aviation career pilot and management professor at GTCC, accompanied Bradley at the awards ceremony. "Tim is a soft spoken student that has strong career goals toward aviation," Badick said.

Bradley, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Bradley of Holly Hill, SC, was in the top 10 percent of his graduating class at Holly Hill-Roberts High School. He was included into Who's Who Among American High School Students; and participated in the concert and marching bands and the gospel choir. Bradley also was a distance runner on the track team.

"I came to Greensboro to go to school, and went one year at (NC) A&T but didn't like what I was studying and dropped out," Bradley said.

Tuskegee Airmen, America's first black military airmen, gained their name from Tuskegee Army Airfield in Tuskegee, AL, where 994 black pilots were trained. Although not allowed to work with white military groups, 455 of the Tuskegee group served overseas, and established outstanding records, according to Tuskegee Airmen archives.

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