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For Immediate Release:

Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am-12:00 pm, “On Laughter Silvered Wings” (OLSW), a Diversity youth mentoring organization with aviation emphasis, will recognize inner-city students who raised their grades, in ceremonies conducted at Front Range Airport, Watkins, Colo. A highlight of the event will be to reward 40 students nominated by their faculty with Cessna and Piper airplane rides provided by volunteers of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter 301, Young Eagles program.

Participating B.U.G. (Bring Up Your Grades) program schools are the Park Hill Watchcare Academy, and Montebello’s Northeast Academy and Rachel B. Noel Middle Schools.

The U.S. Navy is flying in a high performance trainer, “T-34C Turbo-Mentor”, and Diversity aircrew to allow the 200+ persons in attendance to sit the cockpit of an actual military aircraft and ask questions of the pilots. Locally assigned Navy Sailors will also be in attendance to hand out promotional items and discuss actual Fleet experiences beyond that of their local neighborhood.

Conducted as part of Black History Month, members of the Denver Chapter Tuskegee Airmen will join OLSW President and founder, Gilbert F. Wheeler Jr., in presenting certificates to the young aviators following the flights starting at 10:00 am in the OLSW hangar, located on the Airport property at 37750 Astra Way, Unit 6 W.

“On Laughter Silvered Wings” is a phrase from a famous poem “High Flight”. The OLSW organization was founded six years ago by Gilbert Wheeler, a private pilot, and an achievement in which he nearly abandoned as a child. His goal is to provide role model mentoring to expand youth horizons and to encourage students not to give up on their dreams.

Honored as a 2008 Channel 7 “Everyday Hero”, Wheeler’s organization, OLSW, uses aviation activities to highlight and present fundamental Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) principles tailored to the interests, age and skill of the children. These aviation activities teach the value of achieving goals, staying in school and avoiding drugs, alcohol and gangs.

See [www.OLSW.org](http://www.OLSW.org) for the hangar location map or contact Mr. Wheeler at [olsw@msn.com](mailto:olsw@msn.com), Cell: 720.324.0204 for more information.

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