



## CAE presents its first CAE Women in Flight ambassadors

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PARIS, LE BOURGET, France, June 18, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- (NYSE: CAE; TSX: CAE) – CAE announced today at the International Paris Air Show the names of the first three winners of its 2019 *CAE Women in Flight* scholarship program. CAE's new *Women in Flight* ambassadors will help drive awareness and promote the pilot profession among women, as well as diversity in aviation.

"We look forward to accompanying our new ambassadors, from their early days in training to the beginning of their journey as professional pilots with our airline partners," said Nick Leontidis, CAE's Group President, Civil Aviation Training Solutions. "This ground-breaking scholarship program is a catalyst for more diversity in the cockpit, and we congratulate the winners as they pave the way for a new generation of pilots. We thank all applicants of this first edition and wish them much success in reaching their dreams of becoming pilots."

Over the next decade, CAE expects the civil aviation industry to need over 300,000 new pilots. With women currently representing less than 5% of pilots, CAE is taking a proactive approach to promote a better gender balance and tap into a wider pool of talent. One of the objectives of the *CAE Women in Flight* program is for its ambassadors to inspire a new generation of professional pilots.

CAE welcomed its first three *CAE Women in Flight* ambassadors:

- Georgina Thomas-Watson, winner of the **Generation easyJet Cadet Program**
- Daniella Saucedo Orozco, winner of the **Aeromexico Cadet Program**
- Bisma Petafi, winner of the **CityJet Climb High Mentored Cadet Program**

"I want to be a fantastic role model for my kids, particularly my daughter, I convinced her to call me 'super mommy' because I'm learning how to fly," said Georgina, aged 28, from London, United Kingdom. "Too many women give up on their dreams and careers as soon as they become mothers."

"I have never had a passion until I discovered my love for aviation," said Daniella, aged 20, from Mexico City, Mexico. "We should remember that gender is no limit, our limit is the sky."

"I am 100% sure that no other profession can compare to the pilot profession," said Bisma, aged 30, from High Wycombe, United Kingdom. "The satisfaction that you get from flying is different from any career that I can possibly pursue."

CAE is awarding five scholarships for this first edition of the program. The *CAE Women in Flight* scholarship recipients for the **Air Asia Cadet Pilot Program** and the **American Airline Cadet Academy Program** will be announced later this year.

More details about the program are available at [cae.com/womeninflight](https://cae.com/womeninflight). The CAE Women in Flight ambassadors will begin sharing their journey on social media in the coming weeks. Follow @CAEpilot on Instagram for the latest updates.

#### **About CAE Women in Flight**

CAE's *Women in Flight* scholarship program is a competitive program for female ambassadors who demonstrate leadership skills, perseverance and who are passionate about aviation. The *CAE Women in Flight* scholarship recipients will receive a full tuition scholarship that will cover the entire cost of training at CAE, including accommodation and travel. CAE partnered with five global airlines for this first edition. Eligible female candidates who meet the requirements of the American Airlines Cadet Academy Program can still submit their *CAE Women in Flight* scholarship application via CAE's website at [cae.com/womeninflight](https://cae.com/womeninflight).

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