

FIRST CLASS TICKET FOR COMPTON YOUTH TO LEARN ABOUT CAREERS IN AVIATION ALASKA AIRLINES EVENT AT COMPTON AIRPORT

COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, May 18, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Kollab Youth](#) and [Alaska Airlines](#) are partnering to introduce careers in the aviation industry to underrepresented youth with the goal of molding the next generation of pilots, flight attendants, and technicians. The event will take place on Monday, May 22nd, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Compton Airport located at 961 W Alondra Blvd, Compton, CA 90220.

This partnership focuses on the effort to bring more African American representation into the aviation industry. During Monday's event, youth will learn about the education, certification, and skillsets needed to work in the trade.

Kollab Youth and Alaska Airlines are committed to ensuring inclusion in the aviation industry; one way to reach that goal is to provide opportunities to youth who would otherwise not be able to explore careers above and below the wing, including speaking to a pilot.

"Diversifying our workforce are priorities for Alaska Airlines. For example, black female pilots make up only .5% of all pilots across the industry in 2022. We're working on changing that through opportunities like this partnership with Kollab Youth," said Ronald Limes, Alaska Airlines captain and chief pilot for Sea-Tac International Airport. "It's important for youth to see professionals who look like them in these roles so they know these careers are out there and they're attainable. Alaska is committed and excited to be a part of inspiring our next generation of aviation industry leaders."

Consulting firm Oliver Wyman estimates that airlines in North America will face a shortage of



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- Learn from Alaska Airlines pilots about careers in aviation
- Hear from the CEO of Fly Compton Aero Club
- Lunch provided!

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nearly 30,000 pilots by 2032 despite efforts to close the gap. The supply of new pilots will grow, but not enough to offset a continuing wave of retirements, the consultant firm says.

“It is critical more than ever that our educational opportunities extend beyond the classroom and into hands-on experiences that allow our young people to achieve. Compton Unified School District is committed to providing these opportunities through direct service and strategic partnerships. As the Legislative Representative of the Board of Education – I am thankful to Kollab Youth for providing such an amazing experience for our youth”, stated Denzell O. Jordan Perry, Legislative Representative, and Trustee, Compton’s Board of Education.

Today’s youth may be part of the solution to the pilot shortage in the future while creating stable careers for marginalized populations, which may be life-changing for themselves, their families, and their communities.

“We are so excited for this event to help our youth be exposed to such a fantastic industry to work in with so many benefits personally and professionally. Many young people will find their first jobs in travel, become active participants in the labor market, accelerate developmentally, and gain useful long terms skills, for a fabulous future,” stated Mary Hewitt, CEO of Kollab Youth.

About Kollab Youth

The Kollab Youth Workforce Development Program is an award-winning 501(c)3 public charity organization and CA DAS Registered Pre-Apprenticeship Program created for under-resourced middle and high school students. Kollab program helps them explore career opportunities in business, STEM, and other emerging 21st-century careers that are high growth and high-wage jobs. Kollab Youth receive mentorship from industry experts and earn resume-worthy work experience through paid apprenticeships and internships connecting them with the future workforce and preparing them to compete in tomorrow’s workplace. Website Kollabyouth.org.

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