

MIAT College of Technology's Aviation Maintenance Students Earn Top 5 Placement at Their First Aerospace Maintenance Competition in Dallas, Texas

First Place Professionalism Award; Fourth Place Overall (Schools)

16th Place Overall out of 73 Total Teams

HOUSTON, June 16, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- [MIAT College of Technology's](#) (MIAT) Aviation Maintenance Program students, the MIAT Mustangs, participated in its first Aerospace Maintenance Competition (AMC) in Dallas, Texas in late April. The team of five students and one alternate, all currently enrolled in the school's Part 147 FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) certification programs, came away with \$6,000 in cash awards, tools valued at \$1,800 and their arms full of awards: first place United Airlines Competing with Professionalism Award, fourth place overall against 29 other aviation maintenance school teams, 16th place overall out of 73 total teams (combined schools and professional aviation-related companies), and first place in five different events (schools). MIAT is part of [Universal Technical Institute, Inc.'s](#) family of brands.

The AMC, held in conjunction with Aviation Week Network's MRO Americas, offers an opportunity for professionals and students in the aerospace maintenance sector to compete in a series of timed events highlighting various tasks found in the field.

"The MIAT Mustangs made a great showing for their first time at AMC. They have been working incredibly hard, practicing and training just like any athlete would for an important competition," commented Michael Riccardelli, Houston campus aviation A&P instructor and MIAT Mustangs coach. "I'm incredibly proud of the team. They came to compete, and their efforts were rewarded."

The student team included Aiden Shih-Garcia, Erik Hersche, Diana Garcia, Garrett Nasrallah, Brian Veiga and Ryan Pernarelli. "The MIAT Mustangs were extremely honored to be selected as one of three aviation maintenance schools sponsored by United, Houston's hometown airline," stated Titus Hubbard, MIAT campus director. "These competitions allow our students an opportunity to test their skills on the competition floor while also being exposed to the future of aviation. I look forward to watching the team continue to excel at other competitions, throughout the rest of their time at MIAT, and in their future careers in the aviation industry."

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Presentation video: <https://www.aerospacecompetition.com/previous-competitions.html>

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