YINGLING AVIATION LAUNCHES APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF AVIATION

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Yingling Aviation launched its Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic Apprenticeship Program, marking a significant investment in workforce development and the long-term growth of the aviation industry. The program officially debuted in Wichita with a full house that included the inaugural class of apprentices, Yingling team members, aviation influencers, and government officials. Designed to address the increasing demand for skilled technicians, the apprenticeship provides hands-on training and mentorship, preparing participants for rewarding careers as FAA-certified A&P mechanics.

Rodger Renaud, COO of Yingling Aviation commented: “Our industry thrives on talent, and this program is about building a strong pipeline of aviation professionals who will keep Wichita at the forefront as the Air Capital of the World. We are proud to offer a program that not only supports our company’s growth but also invests in the future of our community. In many ways, we are developing our own to meet the industry’s growing demand for strong MROs with experienced talent. Without our people, we are just a bunch of hangars."

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The program was spearheaded by Amy Preskitt, Yingling's Training Manager and an Air Force veteran, whose passion for people and training excellence set the tone for the launch event. Preskitt's remarks highlighted the importance of investing in both technical skills and personal development to create well-rounded aviation professionals.

At Yingling Aviation, employees are the foundation of success. The Apprenticeship Program reinforces that philosophy by prioritizing the growth, education, and success of the next generation of mechanics. Yingling Aviation celebrates the first wave of apprentices entering the program and looks forward to expanding opportunities for future participants.

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