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BOB HOOVER ACADEMY ENHANCES FLIGHT PROGRAM WITH SIMULATION

Aviation-themed, youth outreach initiative enhances program with Redbird FMX simulator.

Austin, TX (January 8, 2018) – Supporting the growth of its innovative, aviation-based, youth outreach program, the Bob Hoover Academy (BHA) and Redbird Flight Simulations have partnered to integrate flight simulation into its curriculum.

Based in Salinas, California, which retains one of the state's highest, youth homicide rates, BHA utilizes flight training to engage local, at-risk teens in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. Since 2017, and for several years prior under the moniker, Every Kid Can Fly, the academy has executed a full ground training curriculum and flight training program with a single instructor and airplane. With a full-motion, Redbird FMX simulator in its facility, BHA now enables students to hone their skills even when they are apart from their aircraft and instructor.

“Our partnership with Redbird is multiplying the scope and impact of the academy,” stated BHA Chairman and Co-founder, Sean D. Tucker. “As with any program, time in our aircraft and with our instructor is limited by a number of factors. Simulation helps our students make the most of that time.”

This academic year, BHA is integrating simulation at several levels of its existing program. To increase student engagement, the academy will use the simulator to introduce students to visual and instrument flight. Students also will debrief flights in the simulator and recreate their flight paths to reconcile mistakes.

“Sean and his team have created an incredible program worth replicating throughout the country,” said Redbird COO and President, Charlie Gregoire. “We’re proud to support their mission to transform lives through aviation, and we believe that our partnership will make growing that mission a reality.”

On January 10, 2018, the Bob Hoover Academy and Redbird Flight Simulations will kick off their partnership with an event at the Salinas Municipal Airport. Taking place from 8:30am to 10:30am, the event will allow attendees both to pilot the flight simulator and to view demonstrations by the academy's students.

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About Sean D. Tucker, Chairman & Co-Founder, Bob Hoover Academy

The Bob Hoover Academy is the brainchild of aviation legend and virtuoso air show performer, Sean D. Tucker, who is best known for his airshow performances in the Oracle Challenger. Whether he's climbing Mt. Aconcagua, heli-skiing, or flying his aerobatic dream machine, Sean D. Tucker is an aviation leader with a full-throttle attitude who inspires others to pursue their passions. For more information on the Bob Hoover Academy, please visit www.bobhooveracademy.org.

About Redbird Flight Simulations, Inc.

Redbird Flight Simulations of Austin, TX was established in 2006 with the specific purpose of making aviation more accessible by using modern technology and careful engineering. Since its inception, Redbird has delivered innovative, reliable, and high-quality training devices to flight schools, colleges, universities, and individual pilots around the world. With more than 1,800 devices in service worldwide, Redbird has quickly become the fastest growing and most innovative simulator provider in the industry. For more information, please visit www.redbirdflight.com.