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## California Capital Airshow Inspires Hundreds of Sacramento Students with Hands-On Aviation and STEM Experiences

SACRAMENTO, CA – May 10, 2018 - On the morning of May 6, hundreds of students from all over the Sacramento region gathered to experience, Positive Altitude, a day that shared exciting opportunities in the fields of aviation and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Held at Mather Airport and presented by the California Capital Airshow (CCA), Positive Altitude featured aviation professionals from all walks of flight sharing colorful airplanes, helicopters, first responder vehicles, military assets and more as they offered students interactive experiences that opened their eyes to potential careers.

After winning an essay contest in which they described a time that they overcame a hardship, ten students were awarded an introductory flight lesson with a certified flight instructor. For many students this was their first opportunity to fly in an airplane, and certainly their first time as a co-pilot! Positive Altitude aims to expand students' imaginations and broaden their outlook on life, as well as their view of the world, and last Sunday, it did just that.

Positive Altitude is sponsored in part by Sacramento Jet Center, along with Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova, Elliott Homes, Mach 5 Aviation, Dr. Pepper Snapple and Jelly Belly. Each of these organizations plays a key role in supporting the CCA's year-round educational programming.

### **About California Capital Airshow**

Established in 2004, the California Capital Airshow 501(c)3 plans and operates the exciting, family-friendly annual event designed to honor the Sacramento region's rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people. CCA gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and exciting educational youth programming throughout the year. For more information about the airshow, performers, and discount tickets, please visit [www.californiacapitalairshow.com](http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com).

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