

San José State University Editing Team

David Benkoski, Adan Rodriguez, Daniel Sims, and Peyton Yniguez are graduating seniors at San Jose State University. As part of their last semester, they have been given the opportunity to make a change in real time by assisting in the redrafting of the Student Pilots Model Code of Conduct. Through their academic careers, they have gained experience as student pilots in both their classes and flight training. They hope that each of their unique experiences will refresh and update the Code of Conduct. Their goal is to create a standard that any student pilot would be proud to uphold.

David Benkoski

Born in France, David moved to the bay area where he spent much of his childhood. Through his teens and into his 20's, David was a competitive cyclist, racing across much of North America and Europe, representing the US National Team. It is his love of aviation that made him retire from racing in pursuit of a pilot career. David currently holds a private pilot license with instrument rating, with commercial and CFI checkrides already on the horizon. David is also in his last semester at SJSU, with a projected graduation in May 2019. Corporate aviation is of particular interest to David as he hopes to one day travel across the country flying mid-size business jets.

Adan Rodriguez

Adan was born in Oaxaca, Mexico and raised in the Monterey Bay. His love for aviation emerged at an early age as he watched general aviation aircraft fly in and out of his hometown airport in Salinas, Ca. A first generation pilot, he originally attended San Jose State from Fall 2006 through Fall 2008 before embarking on a nine year active duty career with the U.S. Navy where he worked as a Powerplants and Fuel Systems mechanic. After being honorably discharged from active duty in 2017, he returned to San Jose State State as a full-time student and is in his last semester at the university. He is currently in the U.S Navy Reserves, holds a Private Pilot Certificate and is actively seeking an Instrument Rating and Commercial Pilot Certificate.

Daniel Sims

Originally from England, Daniel is passionate about the Aviation industry. He holds a private pilot certificate along with his instrument rating and has flown as PIC across most of the contiguous US. Currently serving as Treasurer of the Precision Flight Team at SJSU, he strives to promote a safe and learning filled culture in the aviation environment. He is a graduating senior at SJSU and plans to enter the aviation industry initially as a CFI.

Peyton Yniguez

Peyton is the first of her family to attend University and is currently planning a move to Oregon with her Fiance after she graduates. During her time at San Jose State she has consistently held positions in student leadership in SJSU's Women in Aviation Club, Alpha Eta Rho-Eta Chapter, and the Precision Flight Team. Looking towards the future, she is excited to complete her Private Pilot Training and pursue her Instrument and Commercial Ratings in Oregon. One day Peyton hopes to have the skill and training to achieve her dreams of working as a Smoke-Jumper Pilot.



From Left to Right:
Daniel Sims, Adan Rodriguez, David Benkoski, Peyton Yniguez