Aerospace Career Education (ACE) Academy
June 1-6, 2026

Dear Students and Parents:

The 2026 Aerospace Career Education (ACE) Academy, sponsored by Tuskegee Airmen Inc., will begin at 7:00 AM on Monday, June 1, 2026.

Our program is designed to introduce you to aviation, STEM, civilian and military career opportunities, and the history of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Most of all, we want you to learn about aerospace careers and to have the opportunity to meet inspiring members and make connections. Our staff consists of current and retired airline/military personnel, as well as former ACE academy grads.

ACE Academy Grads. We are very fortunate to have on staff ACE graduates
United Airlines Captain Aaron Grissum and former Navy E-5 Cameron Smith.
Joining us from the active-duty Air Force, Staff Sergeant Anastacia Rodriguez.

Location:

Papago National Guard Training Site, 5636 East McDowell Rd, Phoenix.

Access the base through the gate, show your driver's license, and ask for directions to
The RTI training building where the ACE Academy will be held.

Lunch will be provided each day.

Parents/chaperones are expected to drop off and pick up students each day.

Dress code: Dress for indoor and outdoor activities. It will be hot - so
shorts/athletic wear are fine. Closed-toe shoes only.

Tour transportation will be provided from Papago. Depending on remainig seats
available, parents may accompany their student on tours. Please let the Director know if you would like to join for any of the activities.

Graduation:
Friday, June 5 at 1:30 PM.

Schedule:

MON-FRI 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Papago Training Site)
SAT 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Glendale Airport)

Monday (6/1)

- In processing briefings, expectations, overview
- Staff and student intro
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University briefing
- Tuskegee Airmen history
- Federal Gov DEA
- Honeywell
- Aviation Ground school
- Flight Simulators 1,2
- Aerodynamics
- Quiz

Tuesday (6/2)

- -Tour AirCARE1 at Deer Valley Airport
- Flight Simulators 3,4
- Quiz

Wednesday (6/3)

- Tour Southwest Airlines
- Legacy Labs(Papago)
- Sim 5 (remote control flying)
- Sim 6 competition
- Final quiz

Thursday (6/4)

- Remote Control airplane flying – East Valley Location
- Tour CAE or PHX PD airplane/helicopters * (TBD)

Friday (6/5)

- Tour United Aviate Tour half day
- Return to Papago
- Graduation luncheon 1:30 PM (parents invited)
- Tuskegee Airmen scholarship awards

Saturday (6/6) (7:00 AM to 2:00 PM)

- Young Eagles flying at Glendale Regional Airport.

Location: 6801 N Glen Harbor Blvd, Glendale, AZ 85307. Parents/Guardians are ***required*** to accompany their students to watch them fly with highly experienced EAA pilots.
If you have any questions, please contact ACE Academy Director DJ Green at **602-350-9988.**