Connecting Lee County Youth



- Ahmaud's father Daniel Smith

Introduction to Aviation

CCSI Flight Introduction educational experience for youth who rarely have the opportunity for an up-close aviation experience at RSW or Paige Field airports, including facility tours (Terminal, Air Traffic Control, Emergency Management, General Aviation) and presentations covering STEM topics. Youth are exposed to many aviation career fields and those working in them.

CCSI Youth Aviation Club

The CCSI Youth Aviation Club is our "next step" initiative where many CCSI attendees are invited to continue pursuing their interests by attending events with varied themes such as; including tours of local aviation companies like FL Med Flight, museum visits, and career panels with local aviation professionals. We also encourage youth club members to volunteer at local aviation events.



"I enjoyed the experience, especially talking to the Traffic Controllers. They offered amazing advice and great ideas I have explored since camp."

Wings to Fly

A new program called "the Flight Academy" will become part of the CCSI Summer Flight 2025.

This program has introduced aviation to up to 20 young persons over the past two years, giving them hands-on aviation experience at a minimal cost. We will be offering several daylong events throughout the flying season, working with community partners to identify interested youth who might benefit from this opportunity. This program aligns well with our mission to identify and encourage youth from underrepresented communities to explore new STEM possibilities.



"CCSI has helped me a lot by giving me hands-on experience flying, meeting new people in the world of aviation, and the ability to learn about so many career opportunities in the field."

- Lamara

The Situation:

The United States lags behind other firstworld nations concerning graduates focused on potential STEM careers. The United States numbers fall behind China and India. Adjusting for populations, the United States continues to lag behind China and India in the overall percentage of STEM graduates versus population, with 0.173 percent for the United States versus 0.339 percent for China and 0.20 percent for India.

Our Mission:

The Community Connection Services Flight Academy is a Florida-based nonprofit (501c3) educational organization that uses aviation as a learning discipline to develop confidence, career, and character in youth from underrepresented communities.

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