

Four Prominent Virginians to be inducted into the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame

Williamsburg, VA – Four prominent Virginians will be inducted on November 7th as members of the Class of 2026 of the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame. The induction dinner and ceremony will be hosted by the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society at the elite Ford's Colony Country Club in Williamsburg, Va.

The four inductees include, in alphabetical order, Robert Bowen (Virginia Beach),

Dr. Bruce Holmes (Williamsburg), Lucille Kent (Lynchburg), and Greg Principato (Staunton).

Vetting and selection of nominees is overseen by the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society (VAHS). Photos and summaries of the contributions of inductees are currently enshrined at airports and museums throughout Virginia and on the VAHS website (<https://www.vahsonline.com>).

Past VAHS Chairman and Hall of Fame alumni Brig. Gen. David Young (USAF, retired) stated that “the VAHS Board of Directors and our selection committee take great care to review each nomination and to ensure that the most deserving in Virginia’s rich aviation community are recognized by induction into the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame.”

Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame Chairman Tim McSwain further stated that “all four inductees represent the finest traditions of the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame and reflect great credit on the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society, the profession of aviation, and the community served so ably by our inductees for decades.”

A total of 18 individuals were nominated for consideration for the Hall of Fame, and four were selected through a rigorous vetting process.