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Teamster Airline Mechanics Shine at the 2018 Aerospace Maintenance Competition

The TAMC and the Teamsters Airline Division are proud to be Gold Sponsors of 2018 Aerospace Maintenance Skills Competition (AMC), which was held at the Orlando convention center on April 9, 10 and 11. This year's competition was the largest to date. 66 teams from around the world and every sector of the industry competed in 28 events to win the ultimate prize, the William F. O'Brien Award for Excellence in Aircraft Maintenance.

Teamster-represented mechanics comprised six teams: UPS, Horizon Air, United Airlines (UAL) IAH Base, UAL Orlando, UAL Cleveland and UAL Chix-Fix. UAL Chix-Fix is the first all-female team, it included women from all across the UAL System.

The TAMC had a chance to speak with two Chix-Fix team members—Joann Mulherin, a USMC Veteran and Avionics Technician with 31 years of service, and Coach Dana Eads, a Maintenance Supervisor out of Denver International Airport (DEN). We wanted to know what has changed in the workplace since they started their careers. Both agreed that dignity and respect in the workplace are no longer empty words, and that the company takes women's issues seriously. Mulherin pointed out that no matter whether you are a woman or a man in this profession, one thing has remained constant: your co-workers don't judge you on gender, but on your ability to do your job.

We also asked "What would your ad-

vice be to young women who are considering a career in aviation maintenance?" Eads said that she always had an interest in mechanics, and at some point in high school she had a conversation with her mother about her future.

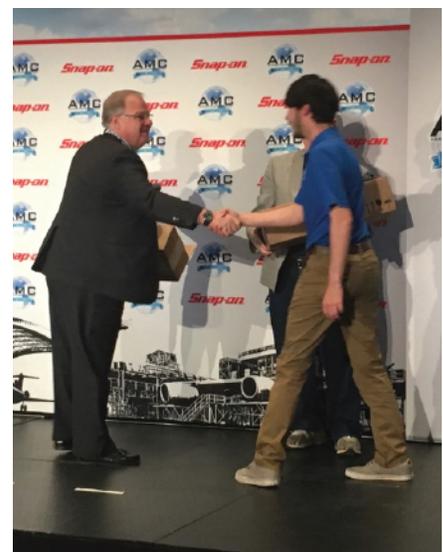
"My mom told me that I could be anything that I wanted to be," Eads said.

Eads has been an A&P Mechanic ever since. She also had this straight-forward piece of advice: follow your dreams and your passion. Mulherin seconded her counsel.

"This is a challenging, rewarding, satisfying career; the jobs are out there," Mulherin said.

The TAMC and the Teamsters Airline Division congratulate Team Chix-Fix on their success in this year's competition, and we'd like to thank Joann Mulherin and Dana Eads for taking the time to speak with us. We look forward to seeing them at the AMC again next year.

The Chix-Fix team is composed of: DEN Line Technician Janelle Bendt, O'Hare International Airport (ORD) Aircraft Inspector Polly Delaney, DEN





Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor and Team Coach Dana Eads, Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Avionics Line Technician Joann Mulherin, San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Base Technician Katrina Oyer, Orlando International Airport (MCO) Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor and Team Coach Laura Spolar, SFO Aircraft Interior Repair Technician Natalie Vo and LAX Line Technician Zoe Wainwright.

The TAMC and the Teamsters Airline Division send a huge congratulations to UAL Team Cleveland for winning the overall competition. Their names will be engraved on the Bill F. O'Brien Excellence in Aviation Maintenance Trophy for the second year in a row. Great Going Guys!

As part of our growing presence at AMC, the TAMC raffled off a plier set, screw driver set and safety wire pliers. These were won by Tyler Lossi, a student

on the Middle Tennessee State University

line Division and Snap On Tools' Scott Steward for making the raffle possible.



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