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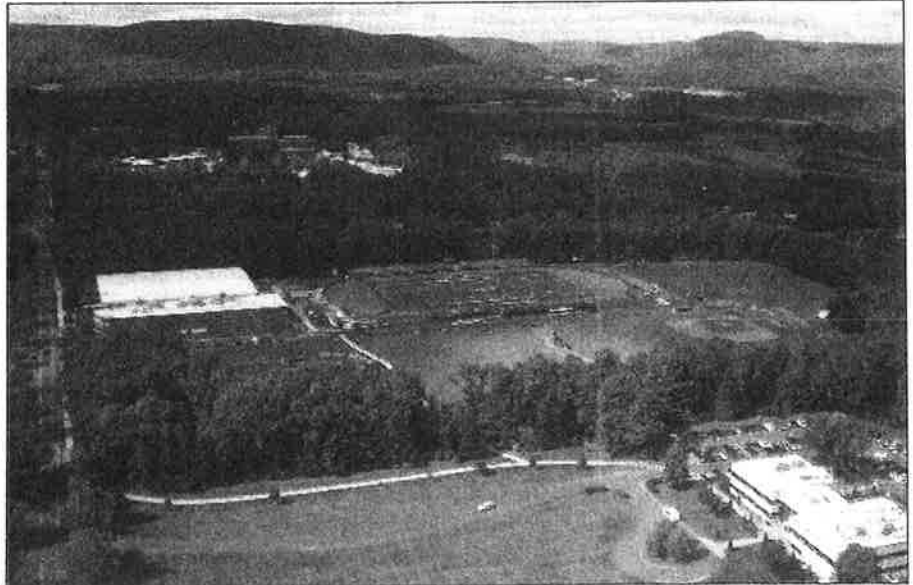
Westfield State College is a four year, coeducational, comprehensive public college located in Westfield, Massachusetts. It is the most residential of the nine Massachusetts state colleges and is set in a warm, comfortable atmosphere in a wonderful community. One of the unique programs offered at WSC is a concentration in Aviation Management leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science.

Most of the students in the aviation program aspire to be professional pilots. Flight Training is done at Five Star Flight Academy located at Barnes-Westfield Airport only five miles from the campus. Five Star Flight Academy is an FAA approved Part 141 flight school with courses for Private, Instrument and Commercial Certificates, as well as Multi Eng, Flight Instructor and Airline Transport training.

The flight school is owned and operated by Steve Hayden and Mike Foy. Steve Hayden presently works for DHL, an international courier express freight company. Steve flies the Airbus A300 which is a wide body heavy jet. He previously worked for Business Express and is type rated in the Beech 1900, Saab 340 and Shorts 360. Steve is the Chief flight Instructor at Five Star and holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate and has over 16,000 hours of flight time.

Mike Foy is a prominent attorney in Springfield, Massachusetts. Mike is also an adjunct professor at the college and teaches many aviation classes such as Aviation Law, Aviation History and Aviation Marketing and Management. Mike is the Assistant Chief Flight Instructor and holds a Commercial-Instrument Pilot Certificate with a multi engine rating. Mike started flying 30 years ago and beside flight instructing has worked as a charter pilot and jump pilot for skydivers.

Five Star Flight Academy maintains unparalleled standards of quality, professionalism and safety. Whether you want to be a military pilot, corporate pilot, an airline pilot or airport manager; your future in aviation never looked better. Students of the aviation program at Westfield State College enjoy an experienced staff of flight instructors, tower con-



trolled airport, various types of aircraft including single engine and multi engine, instrument approaches, neighboring Class C airspace at Bradley International Airport and flying in the beautiful Pioneer Valley.

Part of Five Star Flight Academy's training program is structured specifically for students who want a career in the airlines. To meet those challenges and goals, Five Star has flight instructors who are current airline pilots and also retired airline pilots. Students' initial training encompasses airline procedures, cockpit resource management and instruction on how to obtain a job with an airline. They learn first hand from experience!

For decades the aviation industry has predicted a future pilot shortage. A recent *USA Today* article stated that the worldwide pilot shortage is here right now. Students enrolled in the aviation program can earn their Certified Flight Instructor certificate by their senior year, are guaranteed an interview for a CFI position at Five Star and could be logging flight instruction hours before they graduate!

To learn more about making your dream a reality, call Gary Merlo, Westfield State College Aviation Coordinator at 413-572-5694 or E-mail him at gmerlo@wsc.ma.edu. Find additional information on the Aviation Management Program at Westfield's aviation website, www.wsc.ma.edu/aviation.



#1 – Westfield State College Campus located in Beautiful Westfield, MA

#2 – Mike Foy, Aviation Law Professor and CFI instructor with enrolled student

Steve and Mike welcome potential students to stop in and visit their facility, meet the staff of flight instructors and certified mechanics and enjoy the airport environment. There is a new restaurant located at the airport called The Runway Restaurant.

Check out Five Star Flight Academy's website at www.fivestarflight.com. You can also contact either Steve or Mike directly. Steve can be reached at 413-222-3766 (dhlpi-lot@hotmail.com) or Mike at 413-237-0200 (pilotmlf@yahoo.com). You can also contact Five Star at 413-568-5800 or by email at info@fivestarflight.com

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