

Hello! My name is Hannah Stauffer, and I am a Commercial Aviation major at the University of North Dakota! I am from Conifer, Colorado, a little town in the Rocky Mountain front range. When I was four years old, my father, a former skydiving instructor, brought me to a pancake breakfast at the local airport and I immediately fell in love with aviation. My path since then hasn't been straight; in kindergarten, sharing my aspiration of flight was met with comments about how girls don't make good pilots and that I should find a job that allows me to maintain a home. Luckily, I was reintroduced to aviation right before high school and have met some amazing mentors who have encouraged me through every step of my journey so far.

Currently, I am enjoying my time at the University of North Dakota with all of the opportunities it has to offer! After graduation, I'm hoping to work on aerial firefighting to help protect communities like my own hometown and would also love to fly for the airlines at some point later down the road. I'm super grateful for the Si Robin Foundation and their support of me and the University of North Dakota that has helped make my little four-year old self's dreams a reality.