

Winter 2013 Student Alumni Ambassador



Name: Leroy Peprah, Silver Spring, MD

Major: Commercial Aviation

Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2014

Why UND? I knew when I graduated from Springbrook High School I wanted to study aviation. While researching colleges I came across the University of North Dakota. I was vastly interested in UND after researching it for its prominent aviation program. After comparing my top schools, I realized that UND would be the best fit for my financial and educational needs.

Aspirations: My dream is to fly for a major airline in the U.S. or overseas.

How is UND helping you realize that dream? UND has helped me gain the education I need to become successful after I graduate, which will help me once I start my career in the real world. The John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences has provided me with immaculate flight training experiences. The flight training here at UND has given me a wide variety of knowledge and skills that will help me build a successful career as a pilot. My advanced aviation classes have given me the ability to make logical aeronautical decisions and have reinforced my analytical abilities as well as my communication skills. UND has also offered me the opportunity to network with alumni within the aviation industry by inviting successful UND alumni to speak, teach, and advise aspiring pilots like myself. Due to my interactions with these alumni, I have been able to gain skills that will help me in all components of my life. UND has helped my dream of becoming a pilot turn into a reality. The University of North Dakota has allowed me to grow, learn, and experience more than I could have ever imagined.

In Leroy's words: I am currently enjoying my aviation classes as I finish my CFII flight course, along with my other core classes required for my major. I plan to flight instruct in the spring semester while I finish my undergrad career. I will be graduating in May with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics with a degree in Commercial Aviation.

Throughout my undergrad career I have committed a large amount of time and effort into my schoolwork to obtain a wide variety of knowledge. While at UND, I have shown my dedication to my academic endeavors. My Era Bell Thompson Scholarship illustrates my hard work and dedication to my studies.

Not only have I been very diligent in my education, but also in my extracurricular activities on and off campus. I am a passionate member of ALPA ACE where I currently hold the position as the treasurer. I also serve as the Recruitment Chairman on the Inter-fraternity Council. Furthermore, I enjoy spending my time as a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Student Ambassadors, and Student Relations Committee. I currently work part time as a disc jockey for a local Grand Forks entertainment company.

As the fall semester is coming to an end I am looking forward to take a trip back home to visit with my family and friends. I can't wait to return to see what my last semester at UND has to offer me!