**Media Release**

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**Vancouver, WA - The Historic Trust will host a Special Saturday panel presentation featuring Awesome Women in Aviation, on Saturday, March 20, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m**. Experts will speak virtually about their experiences in STEM careers in the aviation world. The program will be broadcast live at Pearson Field Education Center (PFEC). Attendees may register to be present or participate virtually at: <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/special-saturday-awesome-women-in-aviation-career-panel/>. PFEC is located at 201 A East Reserve St., Vancouver, WA.

“Presenters include a NASA technician who worked on the Mars Rover, a museum curator who preserves some of the world’s rarest planes, and a meteorologist specializing in aviation,” according to Michelle Marra, Trust Director of Education.

**Panelists are:**

* Lieutenant Colonel USAFR (Ret) Michelle Wagner, Admissions Liaison Officer at the United States Air Force Academy;
* Jordan Ruemenapp, Certified Flight Instructor, Gorge Winds Aviation;
* Jenna Cadwallader, Aerospace Flight Technician at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Lab;
* Emily Smithberger, Curator at Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum; and
* Rebecca Muessle, Meteorologist at NOAA.

Attendees will gain a broader view of the variety of STEM/aviation careers available. Special Saturday education programs are free to attend courtesy of presenting sponsor Columbia Credit Union. For information on upcoming programs, go to https://www.thehistorictrust.org/special-saturdays/.

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**PFEC is again welcoming youth and families back to Open Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** State health and safety guidelines are being followed, including mandatory masks for all guests, volunteers and staff, enhanced cleaning protocols, prepackaged activity kits, and limited occupancy. Guests may explore the science and history of flight with hands-on STEM activities, get in an historic airplane cockpit, and operate a flight simulator. Through PFEC’s extended closure, staff developed new activities and five new laptops were donated by Comcast that allow guests to explore coding, engineering, and design through computer games and simulations. The cost is $7 for guests ages 6 and up. Thanks to presenting sponsor Comcast, all guests receiving SNAP benefits may attend at no cost. Reservations are encouraged and can be made on our website: [www.pearsonfieldeducation.org](http://www.pearsonfieldeducation.org).