SUPPORTING NEXT-GENERATION AVIATORS - DIAMOND AIRCRAFT & LIFT ACADEMY CELEBRATE CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH SIGNIFICANT FLEET EXPANSION

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Diamond Aircraft and Leadership in Flight Training Academy announced an expansion of LIFT Academy training fleet, underscoring a steadfast partnership that began in 2018. This collaboration supports LIFT Academy's cutting-edge program, which is meticulously designed to prepare aviators for successful careers, specifically at Republic Airways, one of the largest regional airlines in the United States.

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Ed Bagden, Director, Flight Operations and Academic Programs, LIFT Academy commented: “We are enthusiastic about expanding our fleet with additional DA40 NG and DA42-VI aircraft from Diamond Aircraft, reflecting our successful ongoing partnership. These aircraft are chosen for their advanced technology and fuel efficiency, which not only align with our sustainability efforts but also closely mirror the aircraft our pilots will operate at Republic Airways. This strategic expansion ensures that LIFT Academy continues to offer industry-leading training, preparing our students with a seamless transition to their careers as airline pilots.”

Trevor Mustard, Head of Aircraft Sales and Marketing, Diamond Aircraft Canada, said: “We are honored to further strengthen our longstanding relationship with LIFT Academy and are looking forward to continuing our collaborative efforts for many years to come.”

The addition of 50 DA40s and 6 DA42s to the fleet is a testament to LIFT Academy rapid growth and its unwavering commitment to providing aviators with the skills needed for success. Founded by Republic Airways Holdings, LIFT Academy offers a defined pathway to a career at Republic Airways, highlighting a unique industry model where training is directly aligned with future employment opportunities. The newest additions to the fleet will help bolster the training programs at the new campuses in Galveston, TX, and Myrtle Beach, SC, as well as the newest campus at Tuskegee University in Alabama.

Republic Airways, known best for its people, products, and performance, is the only regional airline to have established its own pilot training academy. This unique aspect ensures that students are trained from day one for a career with Republic, aligning with the airline's mission to offer a safe and reliable flying experience. Republic's partnership with major airlines, including American, Delta, and United, further amplifies the opportunities for LIFT graduates.

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