



2023 - Sarah Crosby

Receiving the NJ99s Chapter Scholarship for 2023 will allow me to finish up my private rating and begin my instrument rating without needing to take a break. As a middle school teacher, I am so excited to continue to share the joys and challenges of aviation with my own students. I look forward to continuing my path to become a CFI to combine my passions of teaching and aviation. I am so grateful to everyone I have met at the 99s for all of the opportunities to learn, to meet fellow student pilots, and to accelerate my training with this scholarship.



2021 - Michael Peschetti

Receiving the 2021 Dodie Riach Scholarship has allowed me to reach heights I never dreamed possible. I am currently working to become a Certified Flight Instructor, starting the journey with my Private Pilot's license. I am eternally thankful for the opportunity the New Jersey 99s has given me, and wish to continue on this journey passing on the knowledge and friendship my instructors have granted me. See you all at the Poker Runs and fly-ins, in a Piper Cub of course!



2020 - Allison Mack

I received the 2020 Dodie Riach Memorial Scholarship and applied it towards my Private Pilot training. I am now working on my Instrument Rating, and looking forward to attending future Poker Runs! I am grateful for the support and community from the New Jersey 99s, and I hope to pay it forward by flying Pilots N Paws and other charity flights in the future.



2019 - Annareka Akovity

Receiving the 2019 Dodie Riach Memorial Scholarship allowed me to add an instrument rating to my private pilot certificate. My pilot journey has taken me west, from New Jersey to Arizona, with a stop in Ohio on the way, where I got my start as a flight instructor. Currently, I am instructing at a Part 141 school in the valley, and spending any free moments preparing for my regional class date early next year. Thank you to the Ninety-Nines for your support! (Updated 10/2022)



2018 - Rachel Conklin

I received the Dodie Raich Memorial Scholarship in 2018 which enabled me to complete my Commercial Certificate in Morristown, NJ. Having decided to pursue an airline career at the end of 2017, this scholarship was instrumental in helping me surge forward in ratings in order to enter the professional aviation sector. After using the funds to achieve my Commercial certificate in March 2018, I continued in May with acquiring my CFI and moved to Vero Beach, Florida in order to instruct. Once there, I went on to achieve my CFI-I, Commercial Multi-Engine, and finally my MEI in March 2021. After receiving a conditional job offer with Endeavor in March 2020, I continued to instruct while waiting for Endeavor to begin classes in 2021. I'm now an ATP, type rated in the CRJ, and fly the CRJ-700/900 for Endeavor as a First Officer, having logged 700 hours. I can't thank the NJ99s enough for their support, and especially to the Dodie Raich Memorial Scholarship Committee for believing in me and allowing me to continue my ratings with very little break in between.

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2017 - Emily Mailhot

Winning the Dodie Riach Scholarship truly changed my life. From that scholarship forward, I was fortunate enough to win multiple scholarships to continue flight training. While it was a long, 5 year road to get here, I'm currently working for Skywest Airlines as An ERJ 175 FO based in Seattle. Without those scholarships I never would have been able to get to where I am today, thank you so much to the 99's! Ladies, take advantage of these scholarships and work hard to achieve your goals! (10/2022)

9/2023 Emily updated us with the news that she passed her 747 PIC Type Rating to become Atlas Air's youngest female 747 First Officer.