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"Education and work are the lever to uplift a people" - W.E.B Du Bois

Men of Color in Aviation

Flying has become a part of our lives and livelihood for some whose natural habitat seems to be the openness of the skies. However, a report suggests that commercial flying, though a male-dominated profession, only employs 11% of pilots who are men of color. Main causes of this disparity are the lack of exposure to aviation as a career and the shortage of affordable airline training. Organizations like the Black Pilots of America, founded in 1997, have made efforts to provide opportunities for people of color for them to learn and hone the art of flying.



It is time for a change in the aviation and aerospace industries where men like Joseph Acaba, Bernard A. Harris, Edward T. Lu, and countless others have impacted and broken stereotypes in the world of aviation. Although, the United States is progressing, it will take a while for diversity and inclusivity to supplant the years of isolation and the foundations of aviation in the country. We must see this as an opportunity for men of color to sit in a cockpit and write a new legacy of this diversity and unity high up in the skies.



Spotlight on Achievement: Raul Miramontes

Men of Color Initiative to spotlight those members who are successful both inside and outside the classroom. We are proud to spotlight Raul Miramontes, given his effort and dedication in working towards diversity and inclusion at New Mexico State University.



Raul is a student in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Originally from Chihuahua, Mexico, he serves as the Vice President of the MOCI and plays a leading role in organizing events and inviting guest speakers to build an all-inclusive community for our students.

Apart from work and study, Raul is an avid gamer and likes hitting the gym to keep himself fit. He loves to dance and meet people. He says to have learned a lot from the awesome people in the MOCI program and would like to encourage you all to join us.



