

Aviation Students Learn From an Expert



Students from the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Suffolk Aviation Academy had the opportunity to do a worksite tour with Edward Libassi, Owner of **A&P Aircraft Maintenance Inc.**, in Ronkonkoma. Students learned about aircraft inspection, repair and restorations for single and twin engine aircraft charter planes. They observed airframe and engine work and sheet metal repairs and other facets of the maintenance field in the aviation industry. Students from the Brentwood, Central Islip, Comsewogue, Connetquot, Eastport South Manor, Hampton Bays, Mattituck, Middle Country, Longwood, Patchogue-Medford, Rocky Point, Sachem, Sayville, Shoreham Wading River, and Westhampton Beach school districts participated in the worksite tour.

Richard Leverock, Rocky Point UFSD student said, "As an aviation student it is important to learn about all the different careers in the industry. This was a great introduction to one of them!"

Through the efforts of Work Experience Coordinator Rosaria Broesler, the aviation students were afforded this opportunity. She said, "For 37 years Mr. Libassi has supported the airlines, the flying community of Long Island, and Islip airport. He is often quoted as a local aviation supporter and expert and contributes greatly to education in aviation."

Principal Janet Kiley said, "Getting our students out of the classroom and making solo flights, giving them the opportunity to participate in worksite tours, and receiving information first-hand from experts in the field is what makes the ESBOCES aviation program extraordinary."