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## **Premier Aviation University to Hold Open House at Chino Airport Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Plans Outreach Effort**

Aviation professionals interested in advancing their educations will have an opportunity to meet with representatives of one of the nation's premier aviation universities during an Open House at Chino Airport on Wednesday and Thursday, April 7 and 8.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, which offers both a bachelor's and a master's degree in the aviation and aerospace disciplines, will hold the event from noon to 8 p.m. each day at the airport's Administration Building, 7000 Merrill Avenue, Building A-550, in Chino.

The free event is designed to help Embry-Riddle determine demand for classes it plans to begin offering next month, said Rosemarie Adragna-Elliott of the Los Angeles Metro Campus. Two classes will be offered at Chino – one undergraduate class and one graduate level class – and they will be tailored to meet the demand expressed at the open house and through other marketing efforts, she said.

"We think that there is a need and a desire for the people who work in the aviation industry to further their education," Adragna-Elliott said. "The one thing that makes you recession-proof is an education."

Embry-Riddle offers a variety of degree programs, including a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management, which often appeals to people working on the mechanical side of the aviation world who want to pursue a management career, Adragna-Elliott said. The Master of Aeronautical Science degree often is pursued by pilots and others in aviation who see obtaining an advanced degree as part of their career path.

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Students who attend the classes likely will include people already working at Chino Airport or other nearby facilities, Adragna-Elliott said.

‘Providing educational opportunities for the citizens of San Bernardino County and the community surrounding Chino Airport is an area of focus for the Fourth District. Having an educational institution the likes of Embry-Riddle represents a major step forward for Chino Airport, said Fourth District Supervisor and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Gary C Ovitt.

“The educational opportunities offered by Embry-Riddle represents an enhancement to the resources available at the Chino Airport and will be a true resource for anyone interested in furthering their education,” said Mike N. Williams, A.A.E., Director for the Department of Airports for the County of San Bernardino.

Embry-Riddle’s flagship campus is in Daytona Beach, Florida, and the university has another residential campus in Prescott, Arizona. Its largest Southern California presence is at the Los Angeles Metro Campus in Long Beach.

**About Chino Airport:**

Located minutes from Los Angeles County and Orange County, the County of San Bernardino’s Chino Airport is a preferred and growing destination for general aviation and corporate aviation in Southern California. The historic airport, which once trained World War II pilots as Cal Aero Field, is home to unique aviation museums, an acclaimed air show and excellent facilities for private and business aviation. To learn more, visit [www.ChinoAirport.org](http://www.ChinoAirport.org) or [www.SBCountyWings.com](http://www.SBCountyWings.com)