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Gen 4 Jets Announces Strategic Partnership with University of Central Arkansas Aviation Academy and Central Flying Academy to Launch Pilot Pipeline Program

Newport, Arkansas –March 10, 2026 – Gen 4 Jets, a leading Arkansas-based private jet charter company dedicated to providing unparalleled luxury travel experiences, is proud to announce a groundbreaking partnership with the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) Aviation Academy and Central Flying Academy. This collaboration establishes a dedicated pilot pipeline program designed to cultivate and connect highly trained, vetted aviation professionals with opportunities in the private charter sector—all right here in the great state of Arkansas.

The new program creates a clear, structured pathway for aspiring pilots trained through UCA Aviation Academy and Central Flying Academy. Graduates who meet the program's rigorous standards will receive a guaranteed interview with Gen 4 Jets, addressing the growing demand for qualified pilots while supporting local talent development. This initiative delivers substantial value to all involved:

- For **Gen 4 Jets**, it ensures a reliable source of well-trained, Arkansas-educated pilots who are already familiar with the region's aviation landscape and committed to excellence in service.
- For **UCA Aviation Academy** and **Central Flying Academy**, it strengthens recruitment efforts by offering students a tangible career outcome—a direct route to professional opportunities in private aviation upon successful completion of their training.
- For the **state of Arkansas**, it boosts economic growth in aviation, retains homegrown talent, and reinforces the state's role as a hub for high-quality pilot training and operations.

As a family-owned company deeply rooted in Arkansas, Gen 4 Jets takes immense pride in our home state and is especially honored to partner with fellow Arkansas-based institutions like UCA and Central Flying Academy. This collaboration not only addresses a critical need for skilled pilots in our region of the country but also creates meaningful opportunities for the next generation of aviation professionals.

"We are excited and honored to join forces with the University of Central Arkansas Aviation Academy and Central Flying Academy," said Garrett Lassiter, President and Director of Operations for Gen 4 Jets. "This partnership brings tremendous value to everyone involved. By providing well-trained, vetted pilots who are trained right here in our home state of Arkansas, we secure top talent for Gen 4 Jets while helping these outstanding programs attract more students with a clear path to a guaranteed interview and a rewarding career. It's a win-win for our companies, our aspiring pilots, and the entire state of Arkansas."

For more information about Gen 4 Jets, visit www.gen4jets.com. To learn about the UCA Aviation Academy, visit uca.edu/aviation. Details on Central Flying Academy are available at centralflyingacademy.aero.

About Gen 4 Jets Headquartered in Newport, Arkansas, Gen 4 Jets is a family-owned private jet charter company offering elite, unforgettable travel experiences with a diverse fleet and a commitment to exceptional safety, comfort, and customer service.

About University of Central Arkansas Aviation Academy The UCA Aviation Academy, in partnership with Central Flying Academy, provides a highly certified pilot training program that equips students with the knowledge, skills, and aeronautical experience required for FAA pilot certification.

About Central Flying Academy Central Flying Academy, based in Little Rock, Arkansas, is a premier flight training provider offering comprehensive programs from private pilot certification through ATP, with a focus on student success and professional development.

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