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## OCEAN AVIATION FLIGHT ACADEMY IN BERLIN, MD

## RECOGNIZED AS A TOP HAWK CESSNA PILOT CENTER IN THE COUNTRY

BERLIN, MD– March 2022– Ocean Aviation Flight Academy, a world-class flight training institution on Maryland's Eastern Shore, today announced it has been chosen by Textron Aviation Cessna Aircraft as the "Top Hawk" Cessna Pilot Center for 2022.

"To be chosen as a Top Hawk for 2022 is beyond our wildest dreams," said Michael Freed, Ocean Aviation founder and president. "Over the years, many students have praised our staff, our programs and the overall experience we provide but to have our team recognized by Cessna Aircraft is certainly a career defining experience."

As part of the Top Hawk recognition, a ceremony will be held on March 22, 2022, at the Textron Cessna headquarters in Wichita, Kansas where Ocean Aviation will be presented with a brandnew Cessna Skyhawk. The aircraft will be registered as N795TH and painted in Ocean Aviation's company colors with the Ocean Aviation logo proudly displayed on the tail and "Top Hawk" painted on the wingtips. After the ceremony, several Ocean Aviation team members will leave Wichita to fly the aircraft home to Berlin, Maryland.

An open house is planned at the Ocean City Airport on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> to welcome our new aircraft. In addition to flight training, Ocean Aviation will use the custom branded Cessna Skyhawk to promote aviation at air shows and recruiting events. Top Hawk is a partnership between Textron Aviation and the top Cessna Pilot Centers to provide students with access to the world's most popular trainer, the Cessna Skyhawk.

"This aircraft will lead the way for aviation programs like ours to continue training the next generation of pilots," added Freed.

Ocean Aviation Flight Academy is in its 15<sup>th</sup> year of operation at the Ocean City Municipal Airport. With nine training aircraft in their fleet as well as a Redbird AATD full motion flight simulator, nine flight instructors, and fourteen on staff, they are well positioned to meet the needs

of more than seventy enrolled students. For more information about Ocean Aviation, visit flyoceanaviation.com or call 410.213.8400.