AVIATION STUDENTS GAIN ACCESS TO BOEING 727

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PHOTO: Photo taken from RMC Flight Operations during ceremony transferring ownership from FedEx to the Billings Airport.

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BILLINGS -- Rocky Mountain College aviation students will be able to use a Boeing 727 aircraft for classes to help prepare them for their careers.

FedEx recently donated the Boeing 727 aircraft to the Billings Airport. The ceremony took place at RMC Flight Operations at the airport.

FedEx and the Billings Airport Management are both pleased the aircraft will be used for educational purposes by both the Airport for Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) training and by RMC students.

“We teach classes in heavy aircraft systems already. But getting to touch the equipment on a large aircraft like this adds so much to our classroom instruction,” said Dan Hargrove, RMC director of aviation.

The relationship between the Billings Airport and RMC is very strong. Students and their professors will have nearly unlimited access to the aircraft in relevant courses at no cost to either them or the college.

“At RMC, a student has all of the advantages of a small school while also having access to a great educational aid such as this that very few collegiate aviation programs have,” Hargrove said.

Many of the systems in the aircraft will remain operational enhancing instruction in aircraft systems, cockpit layout, and safety.

FedEx is retiring their fleet of older Boeing 727 aircraft and they are donating them for educational and training purposes across the country.

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