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Avelo Airlines Partners with Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and New Hanover County on Aviation Career Exploration

*Avelo flies its 3rd annual career exploration flights at ILM
25 local middle-school students visit Baltimore for the day*

WILMINGTON, N.C.; August 14, 2026 — For the third year in a row, Avelo Airlines partnered with the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and New Hanover County's Career and Leadership Development Academy (CLDA) flying 25 middle-school students to Baltimore, Maryland to learn about careers in aviation at the airline and airport level.

Yesterday, students from seven New Hanover County middle schools joined Avelo on nonstop flights from Wilmington International Airport (ILM) to Baltimore / Washington International Airport (BWI) and back. Students learned about various career opportunities in aviation from pilots to flight attendants to airport operations, even behind the scenes jobs, like marketing, communications and airline scheduling.

While in-flight, students spoke with flight attendants about their training, day-to-day schedules and experience with Avelo. In Baltimore, BWI airport representatives spoke to students about airport operations surrounding the Nation's Capital region and how they attract airlines, handle air traffic control flows and common issues they face as an international airport.

Upon returning to ILM, students visited Avelo's flight deck with First Officer Mikka Yamane learning about her flight training, reviewing operational checklists and operational tools on the Boeing 737 aircraft.

Avelo started service at ILM in June 2022 and has flown more than 670,000 Customers on over 5,500 flights. Avelo serves six nonstop destinations from ILM, including:

- Nashville, Tenn. (BNA)
- New Haven, Conn. (HVN)
- Philadelphia / Wilmington, Del. (ILG)
- Rochester, N.Y. (ROC)
- Tampa, Fla. (TPA)
- Washington D.C. / Baltimore, Md. (BWI)

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Since taking flight on April 28, 2021, as America's first new commercial scheduled airline in almost 15 years, Avelo has flown more than 10 million Customers on almost 80,000 flights.

Avelo presently serves 37 destinations spanning 15 states and two Puerto Rican destinations: Aguadilla and San Juan.

Avelo has successfully ushered in a new era of convenience, choice and competition by using smaller, less crowded airports in large metro areas, offering travelers a closer airport to start their trip, as well as savings in parking and other costs, in addition to Avelo's everyday low fares on nonstop flights.

On Avelo, Customers can choose to pay for what they value. Avelo offers a variety of seating options including our Stretch+ seats with extra legroom (34 inches +) and a blocked middle seat. Families can travel more with less cost and anxiety knowing children 14 and under will be automatically seated with an accompanying adult for no additional cost.

Customers can also choose to enroll in Avelo PLUS, a wildly popular membership program which offers exclusive benefits including immediate discounted fares, free priority boarding, and access to private fare sales. These benefits can be enjoyed by up to nine others traveling on a member's itinerary – making it ideal for families or groups of friends traveling together.

Avelo recently launched the Avelo Airlines World Elite Mastercard, that gives cardholders Avelo Cash back on purchases, and when used to purchase travel on Avelo, gives the cardholder instant perks including a free carry-on bag, priority boarding, and the ability to secure a Standard seat for no added cost. As with Avelo PLUS, these perks are enjoyed by everyone on the cardholder's reservation.

About Avelo Airlines

Avelo Airlines' purpose is to *Inspire Travel* by saving travelers time and money. The airline offers Customers service from small convenient airports and everyday low fares. Avelo stands out as one of the leading U.S. airlines in on-time performance and reliability, reported by Anuvu a third-party data platform. The airline has a growing fleet of 16 Boeing Next Generation 737 aircraft. In 2028, Avelo will be the first US airline to fly the Embraer 195-E2 aircraft, a new, mainline jet aircraft with 140 seats in a 2 x 2 configuration where no one ever has a middle seat. Avelo placed an order for up to 100 Embraer E195-E2s in September 2025. Avelo serves 37 popular destinations across the United States, including its bases at Southern Connecticut's Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN), the Philadelphia / Delaware Valley's Wilmington Airport (ILG), Central Florida's Lakeland International Airport (LAL), Charlotte's Concord-Padgett Regional Airport (USA) and, in November 2026, Collin County's McKinney National Airport (DTX). For more information visit AveloAir.com.

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