The Rex015 and Rex016 cadets get their wings

ON WEDNESDAY 10 December, 2014 Rex subsidiary the Australian Airline Pilot Academy (AAPA) celebrated the graduation of the Rex015 and Rex016 cadets. After eight months of hard work, the 19 cadet pilots received their wings and graduation certificates, becoming part of the 162 cadets who have successfully completed training under the Rex Cadet Pilot Program.

Present to witness this momentous occasion were the cadets' family and friends, as well as members of the Wagga Wagga business community and representatives from industry. Senator the Hon. David Johnston, former Defence Minister was the guest of honour and members of the Australian Army Band Kapooka also attended to give a thoroughly enjoyable performance.

A special congratulations goes to the special award-winners in each class. The Jeppesen Award for Most Improved Performance as voted by the instructors went to two cadets in Rex015 – Alice Rocuet and Daniel Turnock. The Jeppesen Award was given to Ella Hodgins in Rex016.

The Highest Achievement Award for best academic performance in both theory exams and flight training assessment was awarded to Simon King of Rex015 and Philip Matejko in Rex016.

Simon King also took out the Chairman's Award for Rex015. Brenton Nixon received this award for

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Rex016. This award is based on best academic performance and peer appraisal and includes a scholarship worth $25,000.

After inviting their families to officially pin their wings and attach their epaulettes, the cadets and their families enjoyed a lovely lunch reception kindly provided by the AAPA kitchen.

Congratulations to all cadets who graduated – you have all shown such strong dedication to a career as a professional airline pilot. Thank you to all the staff and cadets at AAPA for all your hard work in making the graduation day possible. [0]