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**OU Aviation Department Signs Direct Hire Agreement With American Eagle Airlines
Increasing Employment Opportunities for Graduates**

NORMAN, OK – The University of Oklahoma's Department of Aviation and American Eagle Airlines have signed an agreement to provide employment opportunities for OU graduates with a Bachelor of Science in aviation and with specific pilot qualifications to become new hire pilots with the airline. Under the agreement, selected students will be given consideration for employment with American Eagle Airlines following graduation. The agreement will be effective immediately.

"We are pleased and excited to enter into this agreement with Pinnacle Airlines. This program allows our student graduates to move directly from the campus education and training environment to the flight deck as they start their professional pilot careers," said the Associate Vice President of the College of Continuing Education, Dr. Richard W. Little.

"Through OU's curriculum we produce outstanding FAA commercial certificated, turbine-rated pilots, some of the best qualified pilots in the nation. This new agreement gives them a better opportunity to succeed after graduation," said Ken Carson, director of the Department of Aviation.

American Eagle Airlines is headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas and employs over 12,000 personnel. The airline flies more than 1,500 daily flights to over 160 destinations to include 38 United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, plus twenty other foreign countries.

The University of Oklahoma Department of Aviation offers four undergraduate Bachelor of Science degrees in the College of Continuing Education including a Professional Pilot track along with an Air Traffic Management track (for future FAA air traffic controllers). Additional information on OU aviation can be found on at www.aviation.ou.edu or by calling (405) 325-7231. Additional information about American Eagle Airlines is available at www.aa.com.

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