



Prof. Jack Proctor receives the David Charles Abramson Memorial Flight Instructor Safety Award from Jane Abramson, co-founder of the award, at the Air Transport Association of Canada's annual conference on Nov.19. (Photo: Mike Doiron)

Seneca aviation professor receives prestigious award

Jack Proctor recognized for dedication to flight safety

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Prof. Jack Proctor of the School of Aviation (</school/aviation.html>) has received the prestigious 2019 David Charles Abramson Memorial (DCAM) Flight Instructor Safety Award for his unsurpassed dedication to flight safety.

"It is an exceptional honour in my life and my career," said Mr. Proctor of the award that was founded by Jane and Rikki Abramson in memory of their son, David Charles, a flight instructor who died in 1998.

The goal of the award is to recognize the important role that flight instructors play in making flying safer. David lost his life at 24 years of age during a routine training flight. Because of his heroic efforts, his student survived.

Mr. Proctor has 36 years of commercial flying experience and is the author of *Canadian Flight Notes* — formerly known as *The Proctor Notes* — which is a publication for flight instructors. He graduated from Seneca's Aviation & Flight Technology program in 1983 and was a full-time faculty member from 1984 to 1988. He has been teaching part time since 2006 in the Honours Bachelor of Aviation Technology degree program (</programs/fulltime/FPR.html>).

"I'm very proud to be on the faculty at Seneca as it is in the forefront of the aviation industry," said Mr. Proctor, whose daughter Victoria is also a proud Seneca aviation graduate and now an Air Canada pilot.

Mr. Proctor received the award at the Air Transport Association of Canada's annual conference on Nov. 19. His name has been engraved on the DCAM trophy and entered in the official DCAM logbook, both permanently displayed at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa.