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Mitsubishi Heavy Industry America Inc.'s Youth and Aviation Program Reaches Hundreds of Students Nationally

*Aviation hero Barrington Irving will inspire students from Miami, FL and Newark, NJ at NBAA
2009*

Orlando, FL, October 2009 — Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc. (MHIA), and the MU-2 program have sponsored several motivational events in 2009 to encourage students considering aviation as a career and also donated cash and aircraft parts as teaching tools. Aviation Hero Barrington Irving (the youngest pilot and first African American to fly solo around the world) has been the focal point for many of the educational initiatives.

Irving has spoken to nearly one thousand students this year at MHIA sponsored presentations in Orlando, Chicago, Tulsa, Washington, DC, Newark (twice).

“It’s been very exciting to be associated with MHIA and the MU-2, one of my favorite aircraft by the way, as we’ve crossed the country and gotten so many students at the junior high and high school levels excited about aviation,” beams the 25-year-old Irving who has a special talent for relating to the young people.

MHIA has additionally donated aircraft parts, models and significant amounts of money to The Smithsonian Institution’s Udvar Hazy Air & Space Museum and other aviation-focused museums in Denver and Tulsa.

MHIA’s General Manager of Aircraft Product Support Noel Takayama is proud that Mitsubishi can use its resources to be a good corporate citizen, “I know that Barrington had a mentor who got him excited about aviation as a career, as did I, and the smiles on the students’ faces at these events and the museums are worth all the time and effort to create presentations,” says Mr. Takayama who is happy to say MHIA will continue these sponsorships indefinitely.

Barrington Irving will be speaking to students from Miami and Newark, NJ on Tuesday October 20, 2009 at the NBAA Mitsubishi MU-2 booth 2932. Time 3:30 PM. The media is invited to attend. MHIA has also sponsored the students' trip to NBAA for two days this year.

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Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc. (MHIA's) Aircraft Product Support Division provides ongoing support including parts, publications, service engineering, etc. for nearly 400 MU-2 aircraft in service outside of Japan. More than 300 MU-2 aircraft are operating in North America.