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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
County of Cook and State of Illinois

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE WRIGHT BROTHERS' FIRST FLIGHT  
Wilbur Wright College

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS: that on December 17, 2003, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first sustained and powered flight of Wilbur and Orville Wright was marked by a commemorative anniversary event held at Wilbur Wright College.

Event sponsors were the Chicago Centennial of Flight Commission, City of Chicago's Department of Aviation, the Federal Aviation Administration of the Great Lakes Region, Eli's Cheesecake Company, and Wilbur Wright College. Approximately 1,100 elementary, middle, and high school students attended the celebration; Jim Tilmon, Weather Anchor & Aviation Reporter of WBBM TV Channel 2, served as Master of Ceremonies; Mark Miller, Co-President of the Wright Redux Association, was the guest speaker and talked about the making of the *Wright Flyer* replica of the first powered plane which is now hung at the Museum of Science and Industry. Presentations of awards were given to students and their team members that participated in the Model Airplane Flying Contest; Commissioner Thomas Walker of the City of Chicago's Department of Aviation presented the City of Chicago's Proclamation proclaiming December 17, 2003 as the Centennial of Flight Day in the City of Chicago.

Regional Administrator Cecelia Hunziker of the Federal Aviation Administration of the Great Lakes Region, City Colleges of Chicago's Chancellor Wayne Watson, and Wright College's President Chuck Guengerich gave remarks; Marc Schulman, President of Eli's Cheesecake Company, presented a ceremonial cake commemorating the occasion.

Visitors toured more than 35 booths gathering information on the aviation industry; a Reading Corner designed to inspire and inform children about flight/aviation was presented by Wright College Professor Norma Lugo-Gulyas in cooperation with the Austin-Irving Branch of the Chicago Public Library; a NASA exhibit on the history of aviation was set up in the Arts Building. In the evening, Face to Face Productions gave two performances of the *Wright Stuff* in the College's theater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor