

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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## Letter from the Chairman, J.C .Buehler

2024 was a year of achievement and growth for the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame. From inducting the Class of 2024 to the Grand Opening of the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame “*Hoosier in Aviation*” exhibit at Indianapolis International Airport, we worked to give meaning to our motto, “*Where History and Flight Meet...*” Our year featured:

- Inducting Honorees who made enduring and significant contributions to Indiana aviation and aerospace history: astronaut-scientist, **Dr. Joe Allen**; 50-year Purdue aviation teacher and pilot examiner, **Professor Larry Gross**; aviation safety system pioneer, veteran, public servant, and airline pilot, **Ed Soliday**; Air Force officer, command pilot and physician, **Major General Worthe Holt**; aviation entrepreneur and decorated veteran pilot, **Wil Davis**; and, Vietnam combat pilot and military commander, **Major General John Riddle**.
- Expanding our fundraising and revenue growth by retaining a public relations firm, and with the INAHOF Golf Outing at Indianapolis’ Hillcrest Country Club, which attracted golfers and supporters from all over Indiana
- With the generous support and vision of the Indianapolis Airport Authority, the Grand Opening of a permanent “*Hoosiers in Aviation*” exhibit at the Indianapolis International Airport.
- A banquet befitting the remarkable accomplishments of the Class of 2024.
- Launching the Ambassador program where aviators and aviation enthusiasts join us as Hall representatives to expand our footprint and reach.

And we are just getting started. 2025 will be another year of growth. We will expand awareness of the Hall’s mission through promoting the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame exhibit at the Indianapolis airport. We will add Ambassadors to further our presence and outreach around the state, and continue to promote our mission at functions including the Purdue University Aviation Day, the Fort Wayne Air Show, the Vincennes University Aviation Day, and various fly-ins. Finally, we will continue reaching out to the future generation of Hoosier aviators, engineers, and innovators through presentations, development of the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame Scholarship fund and support of the Tuskegee Airman and the Indianapolis Aero Club programs.

Our corporate and individual sponsors, contributors and volunteers are key to carrying out our mission. Please join us to recognize and honor those individuals and companies that are the bedrock of Indiana aviation and aerospace history.



### Our Mission Statement

The Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame, Inc. recognizes and honors those special individuals who have made an enduring, significant contribution to aviation or aerospace in Indiana, the nation, or the world through achievement, leadership, exceptional service, innovation, or entrepreneurial spirit.





# BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024 Honors Banquet was an event to remember, befitting the distinguished class of Honorees.





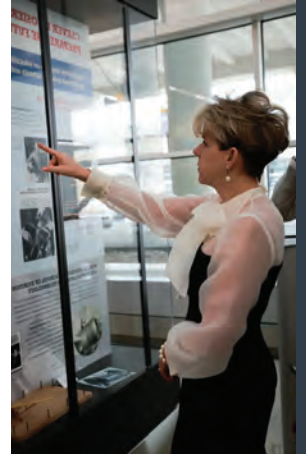
# 2024: A YEAR OF PROGRESS

Our Board members, volunteers, and Ambassadors attended various events throughout the state with the exhibit tent, banners, and Member plaques to promote the Hall and to seek supporters and nominations. Our Inaugural Golf Outing at the Hillcrest Country Club in August was a success, attracting new supporters and sponsors and some skilled golfers. The Second Hall of Fame Golf Outing will be held at Hillcrest on August 11, 2025.



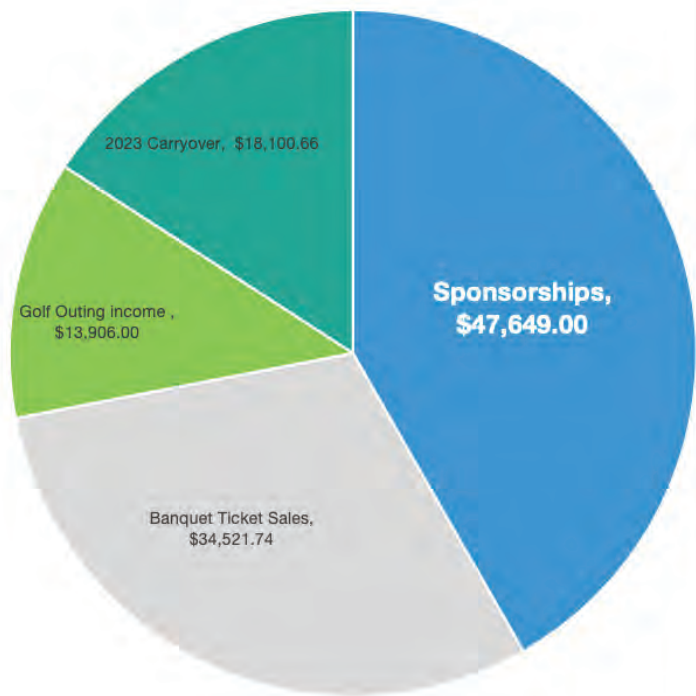
## Permanent INAHOF Exhibit.

Celebrating the Grand Opening of the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame “Hoosiers in Aviation” exhibit at the Indianapolis International Airport was a seminal event for the Hall of Fame with television and print media coverage.



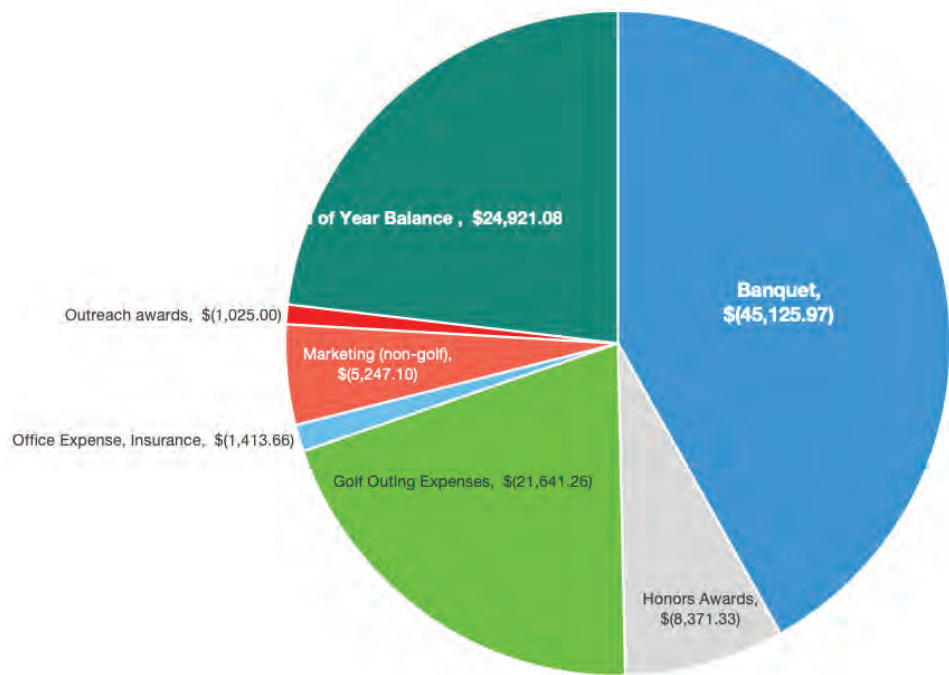
# FINANCIALS

INAHOF 2024 Income



The Hall of Fame improved its year-end financial position without a significant increase in expenses and closed 2024 in an improved year-over-year cash position.

INAHOF 2024 Expenses



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(L to R) Bart Giesler, Christopher Gray, Sean White, Ryan Lynch, JC Buehler, Thomas Carney, Jenny Mullett, Robert Duncan, Bruce Montigney, Dave Newill, Richard Norris, Ryan Goodwin

# GOING FORWARD

In 2025, the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame will fulfill the motto, *"Where History and Flight Meet..."* We will increase the statewide awareness and footprint of the Hall of Fame and its mission through the new Hoosiers in Aviation exhibit at the Indianapolis International Airport which opened through the vision and generosity of the Indianapolis Airport Authority.

We will fully implement our program to enlist aviation-minded individuals who will commit to the growth and mission of the Hall as Ambassadors.

## GOLF OUTING

The Second Annual Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame Golf Outing will tee off on **August, 11 2025** at Hillcrest Country Club in Indianapolis to raise funds and awareness of the Hall and its mission.



## YOUTH OUTREACH AND SCHOLARSHIP

We will continue developing the INAHOF Aviation Scholarship with stable funding to aid the education of future aviators and double our commitment to promoting aviation and aerospace to the youth of Indiana.







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