



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

With deep sorrow, we regret to report the tragic loss of an Eagle and injuries to another.

Our student Nandish Patel died on May 23 in a private aircraft accident at the Spruce Creek fly-in community in Port Orange, Florida. The accident also seriously injured one of our flight instructors, Embry-Riddle alumnus Chase Zinn, who is receiving care at Halifax Health Medical Center.

Nandish, 22, was a senior aeronautical science major and a member of the Airline Pilots Association Aviation Collegiate Education (ALPA ACE) club, the Business Aviation Student Association and the Cricket Club. A permanent resident of the United States, he was originally from India and had transferred to Embry-Riddle from Eastern Florida State College.

Chase, 23, graduated from Embry-Riddle in May 2017. An Instructor Pilot 2, he is a member of Alpha Omicron Alpha and the BlueWings network of aviation professionals. He also has participated in the Business Aviation Student Association as well as two different sports car groups affiliated with Embry-Riddle.

The families of Nandish and Chase are close in our thoughts and hearts. A vigil was held on the Daytona Beach Campus to remember Nandish and support Chase and both their families.