

Amanda Wright Lane

Great Grand Niece of Orville and Wilbur Wright works to preserve the story of her famous family's contribution to aviation history.

Mrs. Lane is a trustee for the Wright Brothers Family Foundation of the Dayton Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 charitable fund. It supports the preservation of aviation history related to the lives of the Wright Brothers by funding projects that include research and publication of early aviation history, scholarships for studies in the fields of aviation and aeronautics, educational programming, the restoration and display of aviation artifacts, and the development of landmarks and memorials related to the Wrights' story. Since its inception in 1990, the Wright Family Foundation has donated approximately \$2.0 million to aviation related organizations in the US and abroad.

She was awarded the title of one of Dayton Ohio's Top Ten Women in the year 2005 and the Ivonette Wright Miller Award for volunteerism in the field of aviation/aerospace from the National Aviation Heritage Alliance in August 2008. In 2017, Amanda was recognized by the greater Dayton YWCA as a "Woman of Influence" for her work as an international aviation and aerospace ambassador.

Today, she serves on the boards of the National Aviation Heritage Alliance, Wright Image Group, Wright B Flyer, Inc., and the First Flight Foundation in North Carolina. Most recently, Amanda was appointed by President Obama to serve on the advisory council of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

Amanda serves on the Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Council, helping to plan for the state's role in expanding aviation/aerospace activity within Ohio.

As a Wright family spokesperson, Amanda Wright Lane consults with researchers and academics who are working to preserve the legacy of the Wright Brothers, gives lectures on her family's history, and works with community leaders in both North Carolina and Ohio, to raise awareness for the two National Parks in the United States dedicated to telling the story of the Wright Brothers. She most recently worked with author David McCullough as he researched his best-selling book, "The Wright Brothers".

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics has recognized Amanda Wright Lane with their Public Service Award for "outstanding contributions to the aeronautics industry on national and international levels, and for dedicated efforts to preserve aviation history through education and outreach." She received Aviation Trail's Trailblazer award for promoting and preserving the Dayton region's aviation heritage. She joined other aviation supporters such as John Travolta, Herb Kelleher, and Morgan Freeman when she was named a Living Legend in a ceremony held in Beverly Hills California. Amanda was awarded the Air Force Ambassador Award from the Kittyhawk Chapter of the Air Force Association.

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She graduated with a Bachelors from Miami University, and as a volunteer, founded three children's educational and social programs for her community's schools. She currently resides in Columbus, Ohio, with her husband, Don. She has two children, son Brenden, a graduate of Stanford University, who lives with his wife Erin in San Francisco, and daughter Meredith, graduate of Indiana University and Doctoral graduate from The Ohio State University, who resides with her spouse, Pablo, and their two children Rehn and Grey, in Columbus, Ohio.