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Joanne M. (Jo) Damato is a Certified Aviation Manager and the Senior Vice President, Education, Training & Workforce Development for the National Business Aviation Association where she has been employed since 2001. Jo works with both her coworkers and NBAA's volunteer members on continuously building on educational experiences, peer to peer engagement, and helping to further the diverse, inclusive, and innovative culture and processes at NBAA. Jo graduated from the Florida Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Aviation Management/Flight Option Specialization and obtained a Masters of Aeronautical Science Degree from Embry-Riddle. She also holds a Single and Multi-Engine Land Instrument Rating, Commercial Pilot Certificate, and is a Certified Flight Instructor. She is active with Women in Aviation, International and Women in Corporate Aviation. She has been featured on the cover of Aviation for Women and was also a longtime columnist for the publication. In 2012, Jo was named one of Airport Business Magazine's Top 40 Under Forty. In 2020, Jo was appointed to the DOT Youth Access to American Jobs in Aviation Task Force. Also in 2020, Damato was recognized by Florida Tech with the inaugural Alumna Legacy WISE Award recognizing women inspiring success and excellence. In 2022, she began serving as a board trustee with the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). She also participated in the FAA ACT ARC Pathways, Pipelines and Partnerships working group from 2022-2024.

She is currently working on her certification as a leadership coach specializing in helping emerging leaders in aviation navigate their career paths. Jo lives in South NJ with her airline pilot husband and their two teenage sons, one of whom is pursuing collegiate professional pilot training education and the other who is pursuing an aviation technician career path.