



Scott McComb

2025 Pathfinder Award Recipient in the Education Category

The Museum of Flight's Annual Pathfinder Awards honor individuals with ties to the Pacific Northwest who have made significant contributions to the development of the aerospace industry. Pathfinder Award recipients are selected by The Museum of Flight, the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and representatives of other aviation and aerospace organizations and companies throughout the Northwest.



Scott McComb's work highlights the intersection of aviation, aerospace and education, along with his deep commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. McComb inspires others and emphasizes the value of engaging students in immersive learning that goes beyond the classroom.

For nearly two decades, McComb has been a driving force behind the rise of Raisbeck Aviation High School (RAHS) to a nationally-recognized STEM institution. Since joining the school in 2005, McComb has pioneered aerospace-focused science education that blends rigorous academics with real-world industry experience. As a National Board Certified Teacher, he developed the Physics of Flight curriculum that has influenced the work of over 2,000 students at RAHS. Students have called his classes life-changing, and the evidence of its impact can be seen in the number of his graduates who now hold positions as engineers, pilots and flight test professionals. Students at RAHS don't just sit in class; they take on

industry-grade, hands-on projects with real-world applications.

Outside of the classroom, McComb is a supporter, an advocate, and a bridge between students and the aviation/aerospace industry. Former students credit his mentorship, and many return to speak in his classes. His dedication led to the creation of the Pathfinder Awards student internship. Its purpose: to connect students with trailblazing innovators and build their research and speaking skills. (Pathfinder interns write these biographies every year.) Known for his humility, diligence and creativity, students describe McComb as a transformative mentor, while his colleagues admire his dedication. Scott McComb isn't just a teacher; he's a Pathfinder in every aspect.