



Welcome to the multifaceted life of Michael Wildes: With expertise spanning aviation, media, academia, and philanthropy, he seamlessly merges diverse fields into a unique career narrative. Based in Washington, D.C., Michael embodies the spirit of dedication and versatility.

Michael's solid educational background is from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he earned degrees in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Aeronautical Science. But he's not just book smart. During his time there, he was promoted to important roles such as Flight Check Airman, Quality Assurance Mentor, and Assistant Training Manager while training with more than 300 pilots from more than 80 countries. He holds a variety of advanced pilot ratings and is always looking to add more. These experiences equipped him with invaluable skills and qualifications, forming the foundation of his current role as a corporate pilot.

When it comes to journalism, Michael has made an indelible mark. He has penned over 300 articles for Flying Magazine and is a regular contributor to several prestigious platforms, including the National Business Aviation Association's Business Aviation Insider. A serendipitous lunch meeting at Oshkosh sparked his foray into journalism, demonstrating that opportunity can knock on the door when least expected. Was he lucky? Some might say that. Michael prefers Roald Amundsen's version, with a twist: Victory—here's Michael's twist— or better yet, opportunity, awaits him who has everything in order, luck, people call it.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Michael is committed to giving back to the community. As the Chief Operating Officer of Dreams Soar, Inc., he and his team aim to create a centralized hub for the aviation industry to benefit educational outreach and grow the aviation workforce. This builds on Dreams Soar's already potent presence in the aviation and STEM sectors, inspiring more than 25,000 students worldwide through Shaesta Waiz's global solo flight and Dreams Soar's outreach, which in 2017 earned the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum Current Trophy Award. Fast forward, Michael's contribution to Dreams Soar, inspired by his Logistics degree, builds on Dreams Soar's history and has earned acknowledgment from authorities like the Federal Aviation Administration.

Separately, he co-founded the Women Soar Group with Shaesta Waiz. Women Soar Group is a platform dedicated to amplifying the voices and contributions of women in aviation, or simply, a platform for women to express themselves. Women Soar Group is the media company behind the successful 'Aviate with Shaesta' podcast and brand, which Michael produced and enjoys an audience in 90 countries. It later expanded into a strategic partnership with Literary Aviatrix by Liz Booker to build her platform.

In his latest venture, he founded Massif & Kroo, a media firm nestled under his broader Drive Phase Holdings Group, a testament to his expansive professional ventures.

A lover of travel and music, Michael enjoys a balanced life. Adding a unique touch to his diverse profile is his Jamaican heritage, born and raised—the plot thickens. He can be found on social media platforms for those interested in keeping up with his endeavors, mainly the one recently rebranded by Elon Musk, under the handle @Captainwildes.