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## AVIATION HERO INSPIRES MEMPHIS STUDENTS

*Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc./Barrington Irving's 'Dream & Soar: Youth in Aviation' program motivates students to consider an aviation career*

**Augusta, GA** — Barrington Irving, the youngest person and the first African American pilot to fly solo around the world, will present his inspirational message to students and VIP guests from Memphis on March 27th. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc. (MHIA) is sponsoring Barrington Irving in the nationwide 'Dream & Soar' program, through which Barrington has presented his inspirational message to more than 10,000 students across the nation over the last five years.

"I believe that this event will allow me to get my educational and motivational message out to Memphis students and to introduce them to careers in aviation. I want to show them that pursuing a career in this exciting industry can enable them to realize their dreams – just as I did," says Mr. Irving.

Mr. Irving's presentation will be part of a yearlong emphasis between Wooddale High School and the University of Memphis that highlights the many transportation career opportunities for the students. Dan Pallme, Director of the Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute at the University of Memphis said, "After months of field trips, presentations and hands on projects, I believe Mr. Irving is going to be able to personalize everything we have been doing this year."

Barrington Irving will speak at Wooddale High School, with students from the University of Memphis also being in attendance. Students will have an opportunity to hear and speak with Barrington, who will serve as keynote speaker for the session. He comes to Memphis to share his

passion of inspiring young people to identify and pursue their dreams through aviation. The details for the event are below.

**Details on Barrington Irving Event:**

**When:** March 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Wooddale High School  
5151 Scottsdale Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38118

**Media interested in attending this event should contact Kate Connors at 202-449-9804.**

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