

CAPE AIR WELCOMES FIRST GATEWAY CAPTAIN

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For Immediate Release- Hyannis, MA - June 22, 2009 – The first graduate of the innovative cooperative pilot training initiative known as the JetBlue University Gateway Program is now Cape Air’s newest Captain. Terra‘Shanti’ Merriman from St. Augustine, Florida, the first of the 45 University Gateway Program pilots, earned his airline transport pilot certificate, (ATP) becoming the first Gateway Program Captain at Cape Air. Captain Merriman will join 140 other pilots flying the line this summer at Cape Air, one of the largest independent regional airlines in the United States.

Cape Air’s Chief Operating Officer (COO) Dave Bushy says the Gateway Program’s required steps provide a level of pilot training and experience that is singular in the industry. “From the education and flight training in an AABI-accredited program, to an internship at Cape Air, to their time as flight instructors at their universities, and then on to Cape Air’s rigorous training regimen and outstanding flying and customer-service experience, these men and women are bringing a perspective that will be unmatched to a JetBlue cockpit,” says Captain Bushy, who as a former pilot and vice president of Flight Operations with both Delta Air Lines and JetBlue Airways also flies the Cessna 402 for Cape Air.

Captain Merriman joined Cape Air after completing his bachelor’s degree at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, one of the leading university aviation programs in the world, which is also accredited by the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). Captain Merriman also served as a Flight Instructor at Embry Riddle before joining Cape Air - a required step in the program. For the next three years, Captain Merriman will gain invaluable experience as a Cape Air Captain before the last step in the Gateway program, a final interview at JetBlue Airways.

About Cape Air: As one of the largest independent regional airlines in the United States Cape Air annually flies over 680,000 passengers with over 125,000 flights to destinations around the world including New England, New York, the Caribbean, Florida, the Mid-Atlantic and Micronesia. With a fleet of fifty-six Cessna 402s and two ATR-42s, the employee-owned company operates up to 525 flights a day. Based in Hyannis,

Massachusetts, Cape Air also operates flights under the Nantucket Airlines brand. Cape Air is a code share partner With Continental Airlines in the Caribbean and JetBlue Airways in New England. In addition, Cape Air has ticket and baggage agreements with most major airlines. Cape Air's unique brand of customer service, MOCHA HAGoTDI*, has won the airline accolades as 'Best Airline' on Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and in the US Virgin Islands. The airline has been recognized for outstanding philanthropy in the communities it serves and Cape Air President Dan Wolf was recently awarded the prestigious Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Cape Air tickets are available at a number of online outlets including Travelocity and Expedia and can also be purchased at **capeair.com**. Cape Air reservation agents are also available to book your flights for no additional charge at **800-352- 0714**.

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