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Bradley International Airport Launches 2025 Chair Art Project

Showcases Talent of Local High School Students and Further “Sense of Place” Inside Terminal

Windsor Locks, CONN – August 19, 2025 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is excited to announce the rollout of Bradley International Airport’s (BDL) Chair Art Project for 2025, thanks to the creativity and talent of local high school students from Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

The CAA contacted a number of high schools to solicit their involvement with the project, and a total of nine schools agreed to take part. Each participating school was given an unfinished, wooden rocking chair in the spring as a canvas and had to develop a chair design that represented their town or state. In many of the designs, students captured local landmarks, picturesque scenes, historical references and their school pride.

The finished chairs were returned to BDL at the end of the school year and are now located post-security throughout the terminal for passengers to use. The schools that participated in BDL’s Chair Art Project include:

Connecticut

- Coventry High School
- Ellington High School
- Glastonbury High School
- Granby Memorial High School
- Somers High School
- Windsor High School
- Windsor Locks High School

Massachusetts

- Agawam High School
- Longmeadow High School

“The Chair Art Project is a unique way for Bradley International Airport to engage with the community and connect local students and teachers to their home airport,” said Michael W. Shea, Executive Director of the CAA. “The project also ties into our commitment to create a sense of place in the terminal that’s representative of our region. We extend our thanks to all the schools

for their participation and immense creativity – and for helping us make a lasting impression on our passengers.”

The Chair Art Project was first launched in 2018 and is part of BDL’s up and coming Art and Music Program, which showcases the work of local artists in a mix of permanent and rotating art exhibits, as well as musicians through live musical performances.

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About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is the largest airport in Connecticut and the second largest in New England, serving more than 6.7 million passengers in 2024. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, BDL currently offers nonstop flights to more than 45 destinations on 12 different airlines across the U.S., Caribbean, Bermuda, and Ireland. BDL also offers a range of services for the inclusiveness of all travelers and boasts award-winning concessions. BDL is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more information, visit www.bradleyairport.com.

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state’s five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut’s airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut’s overall economic development and growth strategy. For more info, visit www.ctairports.org



The image is a blue banner for the Connecticut Airport Authority. On the left is the CAA logo, which consists of the letters 'CAA' in a large, white, sans-serif font, with a stylized white airplane icon to the right. Below the logo, the text 'CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. To the right of the logo, a vertical white line separates the text from a list of airports. The list includes: BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, DANIELSON AIRPORT, GROTON-NEW LONDON AIRPORT, HARTFORD-BRAINARD AIRPORT, WATERBURY-OXFORD AIRPORT, and WINDHAM AIRPORT. At the bottom left of the banner, the contact information '(860) 292-2107 | MEDIA@CTAIRPORTS.ORG' is displayed. At the bottom right, the text 'VIEW CAA MEDIA GUIDE' is shown.