

## ASCEND 2026 - Using NASA Reports to Improve Flight Instruction

JJ Madison blends personal anecdotes, humor, and professional insights to promote aviation safety and diversity. This presentation demonstrates the value of easily found and searchable NASA reports as a valuable tool for improved training and accident prevention. Using real-life pilot incidents from NASA's Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS), participants learn that even smart pilots make mistakes and that resilience is built by learning from them. JJ emphasizes the dangers of distraction, overthinking, and hesitation, and promotes a "presence of mind" approach to flying. Mentorship is also highlighted as a personal contribution to a more inclusive and resilient aviation community. This safety-focused, human-centered talk blends storytelling, technical insight, and advocacy to inspire better decision-making and inclusivity in aviation.

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