



2021 WAS A YEAR OF SIGNIFICANT RECOVERY FOR ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT

MORE GROWTH ON THE HORIZON

The numbers are in, and Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) served 1.42 million annual passengers in 2021, which is 88% of 2019 (the airport’s record year), and 25% ahead of 2018 (the first year the airport served more than 1 million annual passengers). Specifically, 1,428,266 passengers utilized a commercial flight at AVL last year, on one of these five airlines: Allegiant, American, Delta, Sun Country and United.

2021 was a year of recovery from the devastating impact of COVID-19, not only on the airport and airlines that serve our region, but on airports and airlines worldwide. Rebounded passenger numbers began in May 2021, and the airport experienced a record summer and achieved a new record month of passenger utilization in July 2021.

“The first thing I want to do is thank our local travelers for choosing to fly from AVL as they headed back to the skies,” said Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E., Executive Director. “And second, I want to thank our airline partners who have continued serving our region in significant ways, even during the major downturn in 2020. The airlines are truly vested in our region, and we are continually grateful for the incredible air service we have and the airlines who provide it.”

And there’s more growth on the horizon.

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FLY TO BOSTON FOR YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

NONSTOP FROM AVL ON ALLEGIANT, AMERICAN OR JETBLUE!

Talk about options to get your cream pie fix ... Cheers! AVL is very well connected to Boston, Massachusetts, and that’s great news for travelers. Check out your options:



Nonstop, Saturdays this summer



2-4 times weekly



AVL's NEWEST AIRLINE, starting June 16 – Daily this summer

BOOK A FLIGHT TO BOSTON

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



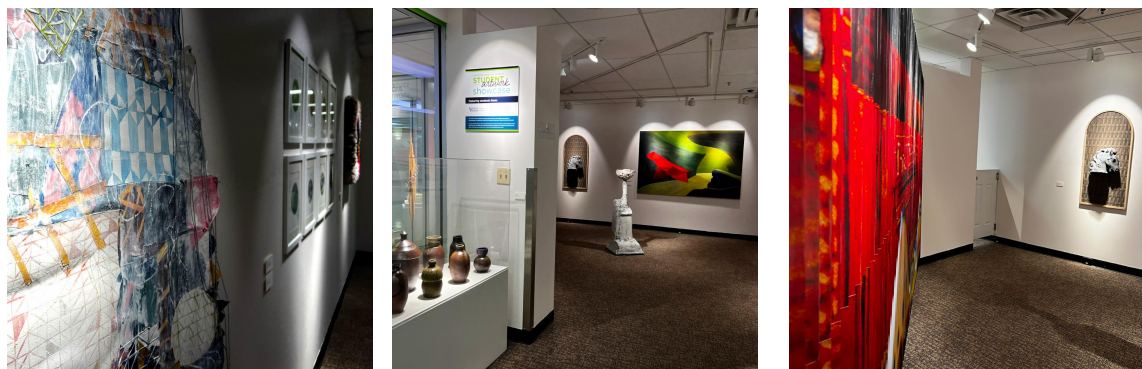
AVL RUNWAY 5K

FUNDS RAISED FOR LOCAL AVIATION EDUCATION

AVL has been a huge part of the fabric of our region for 61 years, and we are committed to giving back. We dedicated our 2021 Runway 5K to raising funds for local aviation education, which aligns with our organization's mission and values. We were pleased to recently present the proceeds of the event to two local scholarship funds: the **A-B Tech Aviation Fund**, managed by the A-B Tech Foundation, and the **Western North Carolina Pilots Association Educational Foundation**. Both scholarship funds support the education of local students who are pursuing careers as pilots, or in aviation management or aircraft maintenance.

A-B Tech
Aviation

WNCPA Educational Foundation



WCU STUDENT ART

NOW ON DISPLAY AT AIRPORT GALLERY

The annual Student Artwork Showcase is now open in the Art Gallery at the airport. This year, art created by Master of Fine Art students from Western Carolina University is on display. Local ABC Affiliate, WLOS TV-13 highlighted the new exhibit and the airport's commitment to showcasing student artwork once each year. Learn more about the show and the art program at AVL. [LEARN MORE >](#)

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LOOKING FOR A GREAT LOCAL RUNNING EVENT?

CHECK OUT THE APPALACHIAN TRILOGY

Looking for a running goal to keep you motivated all year long? Check out these challenging races - the APPALACHIAN TRILOGY. Complete three half marathons in 2022 – choose from four scenic, amazing and unique half marathon experiences in Asheville and in nearby Hendersonville, and you'll even earn a great medal. (Limited to 200 spots.)

1. **March 19th - Asheville Marathon and Half** (the full marathon also qualifies) in Downtown Asheville, NC.
2. **May 14th - Jump off Rock Half Marathon** p/b Hunter Subaru and Pardee (downhill half from Jump off Rock to downtown Hendersonville).
3. **June 12th - Inaugural RAD Half Marathon**, Asheville, North Carolina (fast, point to point, downhill half marathon!!)
4. **October 9th - Black Bear Half**



APPALACHIAN TRILOGY —
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Marathon, Hendersonville, North Carolina (flat, scenic, fall, beautiful)



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