

# William Maher

## Class of 2012

*(In fondest memory of Mr. Maher, who passed away Aug. 5, 2011)*



- William Maher was an alumnus of Jackson Junior College's Civilian Pilots Training Program, 1941.
- He flew for the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC) in World War II, flying the "hump" through the Himalayas from India to China to supply equipment and fuel to the Flying Tigers, the 14th Air Force and the Chinese Army.
- Served as chair of the JCC Flight Center Advisory Board for more than 20 years.
- Served two terms on the JCC Foundation Board of Directors.
- Raised funds for an original sculpture to be placed in the Aviation Heritage Park at the Jackson County Airport -- Reynolds Field to commemorate Jackson Junior College's Civilian Pilot Training program and honor World War II pilots.
- Flew as corporate pilot and helped organize Zantop Flying Service, one of the largest freight carriers in the country.
- Became president of Air Package, Inc., a successful flying operation at Reynolds Field, from 1954-'59.
- Served as a flight instructor training other pilots.
- Was involved with Reynolds Field for 51 years as a student, instructor, owner and operator of aircraft and as owner and lessor of hangar facilities.
- Has accumulated flying time in excess of 10,000 hours in the air.

### William's Mantra

*"A commitment to education will better the College and benefit the community for years to come."*