

# From Drone Club To Drone Career



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The REC Drone Competition has gotten me ready to pursue drones as a career in life. This competition has introduced me to what drones can do and the enjoyment behind flying them. Before discovering the Aerial Drone Competition I always thought that drones were hard to fly and that it was something that I would never want to pursue, but now I have discovered that with experience drones are not that hard and they can open up an endless amount of career options.

With my experience and enjoyment of flying drones, I have recently started studying for my FAA Part 107 license. I currently fly a DJI Mini for our school publications staff, and also hope to obtain my license and start my own drone videography business.

The opportunity to fly for my school's publications staff came from being on the drone team. From me being an experienced pilot it drew attention to teachers around school which is why they chose me to fly and take pictures and videos of events around campus. Below are some pictures I took around the campus of Avoyelles Public Charter School.



After obtaining my Part 107 Drone License, I plan to make my own drone videography business. I have recently purchased a DJI Mini 3 and plan to use that as my primary video drone. I plan to get business from local workers that need aerial pictures of their work such as Contractors, Real Estate Agents, Insurance companies, and so on. In the future I plan on purchasing a bigger drone such as a Mavic 3 to take more sophisticated pictures and videos that best captivate what the customer wants. Flying drones is something that I love to do and to make a job out of it is a major dream of mine.

One of the things I have also endeavored in is graphic designing. I have done various graphic design projects for different things, so I also made my own logo for my future business. I also picked my own name so the name and logo are all original. Below is the logo I have made.



Around where I live, there are many different people that fly drones for photography and videography. I plan to talk to some of those people to give me tips on starting my business. Whether in a business or in our drone team, the strategy is always to solve problems. With anything done in life there are problems that have to be solved, and same is with flying drones. Throughout the three seasons I have been on the drone team, there have been countless problems I have had to solve either by myself or with a team. In the business world, there are also many problems that will have to be solved in order to keep your business alive.

The Aerial Drone Competition has given me the experience and knowledge about drones that I need to help pursue a career in unmanned aircraft. I hope that other kids around the United States can get the same influence from the drone competition that I did, and that they can pursue their own drone career with confidence and knowledge just as I have.