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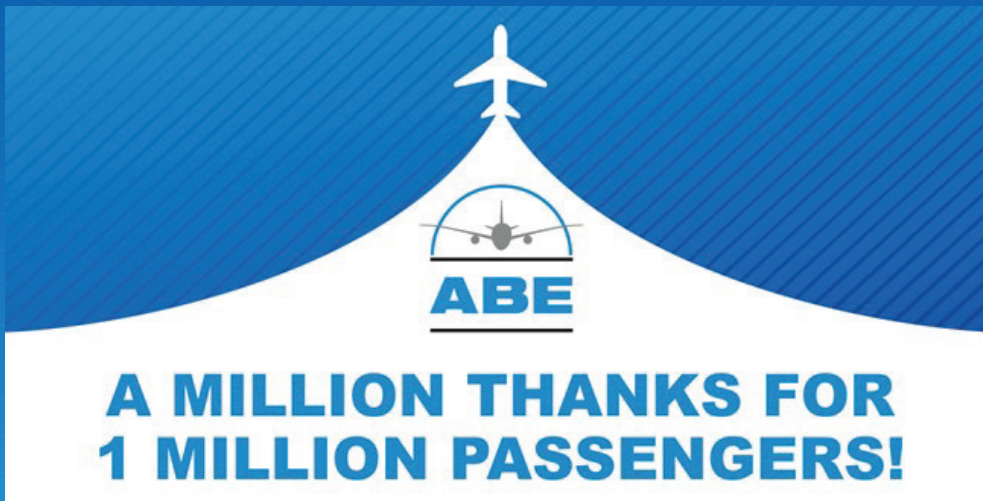


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Thanks a Million!

For the first time since 2004, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) eclipsed the one million passenger mark for a calendar year.

1,012,240 passengers traveled through ABE in 2024.

"Just before the pandemic, the Airport was inching closer to reaching this milestone with the arrival of new air service and the opening of the Allegiant Crew Base. And we're finally here," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

Recognized as one of the "Best Small Airports in the U.S." by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards, new nonstop flights to Orlando International Airport (MCO) aboard Allegiant Air, and the growth of service to Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) with American Airlines now operating five trips daily, has certainly added to ABE's passenger growth.

"On behalf of ABE, thank you to our loyal passengers and the entire region for choosing us when booking your air travel," said Stoudt.



Nonstop to:

- Denver (DEN)
- Fort Lauderdale (FLL)
- Melbourne (MLB)
- Myrtle Beach (MYR)
- Nashville (BNA)
- Orlando (MCO)
- Orlando Sanford (SFB)
- Punta Gorda (PGD)
- Sarasota (SRQ)
- St. Petersburg (PIE)



Nonstop to:

- Charlotte (CLT)
- Philadelphia (PHL)



Nonstop to:

- Atlanta (ATL)



Nonstop to:

- Chicago (ORD)
- Newark (EWR)





Welcome, Zekraft!

After nearly a year of construction, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) completed its major overhaul of food and beverage options in the Wilfred M. "Wiley" Post, Jr. Concourse.

Zekraft – Curators of Taste owner Zeke Zelker joined airport officials and representatives from Tailwind Hospitality, Inc. for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

A familiar brand in the region, Zekraft, offers hot and iced coffee, espressos, lattes, teas, smoothies, sandwiches, snacks, and pastries.

"Our slogan is, taste the difference. Everything is homemade and will have a different spin on ingredients of familiar dishes," said Zelker.

Hours of operation are seven days a week from 4:00 a.m. until after the last arriving flight each day.

The Airport previously celebrated the opening of The Drafthouse at ABE and Which Wich® in late 2024.



Save the Date!

ABE is hosting our next Fear of Flying Seminar on April 2nd!

Register today by visiting flyabe.com.

You will hear from a licensed therapist, a commercial airline pilot, and a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) representative.



Ready for REAL ID?

Starting May 7, 2025, all US travelers must be REAL ID compliant to board domestic flights.

Some typical examples include REAL ID compliant license / identification card, valid passport / passport card, and military ID's.

For a complete list of acceptable REAL ID documents, visit:

<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>.



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What's Poppin'?

Did you know that Americans consume thirteen (13) billion quarts of popcorn a year?

That's more than any other country in the world!

ABE celebrated National Popcorn Day in January.

One passenger said, "We could smell the popcorn all the way on the plane after they opened the doors. What a great way to arrive at an airport!"



Snow Team!

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) relies heavily on the Snow Operations Team every winter season.

With approximately 300 lane miles of airfield pavement and an additional 1.1 million square feet of parking areas to clear, this team is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond when snow and ice lands in the region.

Thank you to our Maintenance and Operations departments for helping to ensure the safety of ABE passengers, airlines, airport stakeholders, and the community.





Tradition of Trees!

This year, sixteen (16) local schools participated in the 27th Annual Holiday Festival of Trees at ABE.

- Catasauqua Middle School
- Governor Wolf Elementary School
- Hanover Elementary School
- Lehigh Parkway Elementary School
- Liberty Bell Elementary School
- Lower Macungie Middle School
- Miller Heights Elementary School
- Moore Elementary School
- Nitschmann Middle School
- Northern Lehigh High School
- Northwestern Lehigh Middle School
- Spring Garden Elementary School
- Steckel Elementary School
- Wescosville Elementary School
- Whitehall High School
- William Allen High School

Thank you to all our participating schools!



Favorite Assignment!

Wrapping up its eighth year, "Shop with an Airport Cop" delivers moments of joy and cheer during the holiday season.

"This is why we all became police officers, to help the community and support those who need it the most," said Lt. Timothy Wagner, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) Police Department.

(17) students from Catasauqua Area School District were selected to participate in the annual program which focuses on fostering a positive relationship between youth and law enforcement, while also providing an opportunity to help local families.

"It's heartbreaking because these families are struggling to afford immediate necessities like blankets, diapers, socks, pajamas, and food," said Rick Nauman, President/Founder, Lehigh Valley Community Benefit.

There was a pizza party and gift-wrapping session following the shopping spree at Target which also included a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

All participants received a full holiday meal (turkey, ham, and side dishes), gift cards to Weis Markets and Wegmans, pre-lit Christmas Trees / ornaments, and event attire from Phillipsburg / Easton Honda.

Thank you to our amazing sponsors including Lehigh Valley Community Benefit, Target, NAM Knights – Lehigh Valley Chapter, Bethlehem Volunteer Fireman's Home Association, Northend Wanderers Club, Pure Country Dancers, Isabella's Pizza, and Mission BBQ.

"The sponsors are the true heroes, not the cops. Without their support, we could never accomplish this special event. Words can't describe our appreciation for all their generosity," said Chief Steve Gensits, LNAA Police Department.



Santa's Waiting!

15 families from The Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley boarded a SkyWest Airlines flight, as Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus anxiously awaited their arrival.

"We're always excited to takeoff for the most popular destination from ABE," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

During ABE's annual North Pole Charity Flight, Christmas carols are sung throughout the cabin before landing at a special celebration of food and fun with Santa.

"When you are a caregiver to a person with a disability, the days can sometimes be long and challenging. This amazing event gives families a memorable morning of Christmas magic," said Anne Marie Surovy, Executive Director, The Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley.

Thank you to United, SkyWest Airlines, and all our sponsors / volunteers for your support in helping us make this day possible.

"Seeing everyone so invested and happy to be part of the festivities really warms my heart and is a reminder of what the holiday season is all about," said Surovy.





We give you PROPS!

2024 recipients of our employee recognition program – Positive Rewards for Outstanding Performance or Service (PROPS) were treated to a delicious luncheon hosted by the Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).

Thank you for delivering the highest level of service to our airport community!

Learn more about our PROPS program by visiting flyabe.com.



Donation Delivery!

247 pounds of pet food for the Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley were collected by the Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) and Queen City Airport (XLL).

Thank you to Airport Authority employee Kimi Eisenhart for making this special holiday delivery and always coordinating this annual event.



Employee Spotlight



**Simone Makhoul
(American Airlines)**

Originally hired by Varig Airlines in Brazil, Simone Makhoul has always had a passion for travel and the aviation industry. Since 2006, she has worked for several different airlines including Northwest, Delta, US Airways, and now American Airlines.

Extremely proud of her heritage, Simone is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who cherishes family and community.

“I’ve been living in the Lehigh Valley for over 20 years, and I’ve really enjoyed the vibrant local culture and connecting with people from all walks of life.”

In addition to Simone’s career in aviation, she is also a dedicated realtor who helps others find their perfect homes.

Volunteer Spotlight



**Emaan Warsi & Aiden Greenberg
(Navigator Volunteers)**

Emaan and Aiden have been volunteering together at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) for seven months.

Emaan supports Aiden through PA Inclusive in the work/volunteer setting.

Aiden has a strong interest in anything related to airplanes and airports. His other hobbies include golf, playing the guitar, and chorus.

Emaan loves going to the gym, baking, and shopping.



ABE’S TRAVEL TIPS

- ✈ Visit flyabe.com to check the estimated TSA Security Wait Times and the Parking Status of the Long-term and Short-term parking lots before heading to the Airport.