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20 years and still expanding!

On December 16, 2005, Allegiant launched flights to Sanford, Florida from Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).

Two decades later, this partnership is stronger than ever and provides service to (11) nonstop destinations – the latest being Fort Myers, Florida (RSW).

"We're excited to launch service to Fort Myers, giving ABE direct access to another vibrant Florida destination," said Drew Wells, Allegiant's Chief Commercial Officer.

"By adding RSW, we're increasing service to multiple beach cities, providing travelers nonstop access to sunny destinations, meaning they spend less time at the airport and more time on vacation."

Approximately 130 passengers boarded the inaugural flight to RSW following a celebration that included cupcakes, 20th Anniversary merchandise, and a ribbon cutting ceremony.

"Over the years, Southwest Florida has been on our radar with passengers requesting access to Gulf Coast beaches and many other family-friendly attractions. We're grateful to Allegiant for delivering another fantastic option for the Lehigh Valley to Fly Local and Fly ABE," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, LNAA.

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



Nonstop to:

- Denver (DEN)
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- Punta Gorda (PGD)
- Sarasota (SRQ)
- St. Petersburg (PIE)



Nonstop to:

- Charlotte (CLT)
- Philadelphia (PHL)



Nonstop to:

- Atlanta (ATL)



Nonstop to:

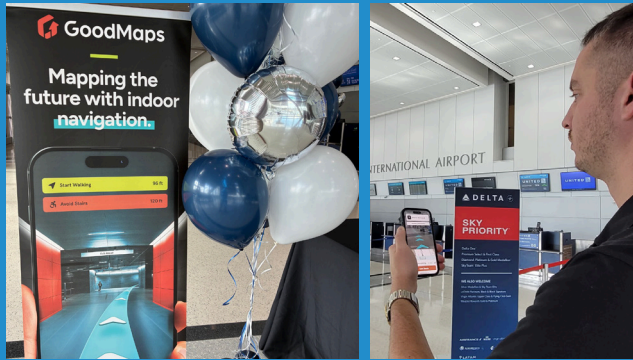
- Chicago (ORD)



FLYER FEEDBACK - I JUST FLEW OUT OF ABE AND HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. WE DRIVE AN HOUR TO FLY OUT OF THIS AIRPORT... ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE. - KIM



GoodMaps Improves Accessibility!



ABE became the first airport in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to deploy GoodMaps – a revolutionary indoor navigation platform.

“As a customer-centric organization, ABE is committed to building a safe and superior travel experience with outstanding resources like GoodMaps,” said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director at ABE.

Through LiDAR technology, the GoodMaps platform delivers comprehensive accessibility features including audio guidance for blind and low-vision travelers, visual directions for deaf and hard-of-hearing passengers, automatic step-free routing for wheelchair users, and multilingual support in 18+ languages.

“While navigating through larger hub airports can feel complex and overwhelming, ABE is focused on what matters most – ensuring all passengers can navigate our terminal with minimal stress and total independence,” said Stoudt.

GoodMaps Community Engagement Representative, Kevin Kline, traveled from Lexington, Kentucky to provide live navigation demonstrations showcasing the technology’s transformative impact on accessible travel.

“The goal is to assist travelers in any space,” said Kline.

“It helps people who may be blind, like me, deaf or wheelchair users. GoodMaps provides people with navigation and freedom who may need it most.”

You can download the GoodMaps indoor navigation app for your device:

Google Play

Apple



Record-breaking Season!

Summer is always the busiest time of the year at ABE, and 2025 produced a record-breaking travel season (June-August) – 299,779 passengers.

June – 99,966

July - 102,634

August – 97,179

September – 77,155

October – 93,240

We appreciate that people across our region are choosing to Fly Local!

Thank YOU!

Lehigh Valley International Airport recognized the loyalty and support of all air travelers during Customer Appreciation Week.

“We always look forward to this special event, which is centered around two words, thank you! It’s a week full of energy, excitement, and enthusiasm with free food, drinks, live music, and prize giveaways,” said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

We appreciate the support of all participating Airport advertisers, organizations, and businesses:

- Agentis Plumbing
- Franklin Hill Winery
- The Keystone 99’s
- Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley
- The Chopper Foundation
- Easton Area Public Library
- Good Shepherd Rehabilitation
- First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union
- J & J Limo
- Homewood Suites
- Tolino Winery
- Pocono Raceway
- Lehigh Valley IronPigs
- Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley
- Moravian University
- Davinci Science Center



Flying to Chicago?

United Airlines has added a third daily flight to Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD).

Departure times to ORD are scheduled for 6:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:20 p.m.

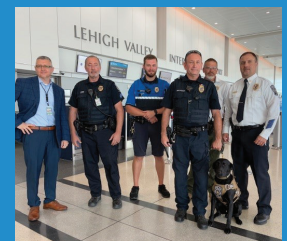
Book your next trip by visiting flyabe.com.



Welcome, Argon!

A new K-9 officer is on patrol at Lehigh Valley International Airport.

Argon - a two-year-old Labrador Retriever – and his partner, Officer William Bryfogle received certification from the National Police Canine Association in August.



“Airport operations occur 24/7, so Officer Argon becomes an instant asset for our department to supplement the current security and screening procedures. He has the perfect temperament to balance work responsibilities with positive passenger interactions,” said Chief Steve Gensits, LNAA Police Department.



Fill the Bus!

Donations from across the Lehigh Valley supported the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. These federal workers kept us flying through the government shutdown.

On behalf of all the federal workers at ABE, Thank You!



Show of Strength!

Sixteen teams participated in the 3rd Annual Lehigh Valley Plane Pull at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE), eclipsing the \$58,000 fundraising mark in support of Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA).

Attached to a 182,000-pound FedEx 767 aircraft, every group raced against the clock to successfully move the aircraft twelve feet.

ABE is proud to host this exciting event and congratulates all of the 400 participants!



Welcome back!

The Lehigh Valley Travel Association (LVTA) selected ABE to host their inaugural meeting on Tuesday, September 16. Interested members received a guided tour of the airport as well as a presentation from Royal Caribbean.





Employee Spotlight



**Rhonda Ward
(Operations)**

After retiring from a 23-year career as a 9-1-1 dispatcher, Rhonda joined the LNAA Team in April 2019.

She is currently the supervisor of the Operations Center at ABE, and believes the comradery contributes to her love of working with her team.

Outside of work, Rhonda enjoys sewing, painting, hiking, and backpacking.

"I love planning for new adventures and traveling with my husband. So, I guess it's very fitting that I work at an airport," said Ward.

Volunteer Spotlight



**Mercy School
(Mike, Natasha, & Carlos)**

Mike Hosfeld is a Job Coach at Mercy School for Special Learning in Allentown, PA, and Director of Mercy's Job Works Program.

Students in the program, under the supervision of a Job Coach, complete various tasks for 2-3 hours per visit at businesses and organizations throughout Bethlehem and Allentown.

"ABE is a great place for students to hone their customer service and relationship-building skills. The airport staff, and other volunteers, are incredibly supportive of Mercy's students. Frequently, passengers comment that the friendliness of Navigators and Junior Navigators, like Natasha and Carlos, are a prime reason why they love to fly in and out of ABE."

When not at Mercy, Mike enjoys running and volunteering at Manito Equestrian and Life Centers, where he helps care for a stable of horses.

Natasha Sierra & Carlos Morales (Students):

Natasha and Carlos are students at Mercy School for Special Learning.

Natasha loves to dance and is currently writing a book. She loves to help and talk to passengers at ABE.

Carlos loves to play video games, card games, and enjoys being outside. He is excited to work at the airport to socialize with customers.

They would like to give a special shout-out to Airport Ambassador, John Fina, for always helping them out and being so friendly and nice.