

KENDRA KINCADE

**Moderator**

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Kendra Kincade is an Air Traffic Controller and has been with NAV Canada for more than 20 years. She is also Founder and CEO of Elevate Aviation where, among other things, she spends her time public speaking and working to promote the world of aviation to women.

Kendra began her philanthropic journey by climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro to fundraise for the Lois Hole Hospital. Realizing that giving to others was where her happiness lay, she then founded her first organization, Changing Stories, undertaking projects such as building schools, playgrounds and homes in El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Upon recognizing the negligible female presence in the aviation industry, in 2015, she founded Elevate Aviation, a non-profit devoted to helping women realize their potential through aviation. Kendra's work has led to projects such as; a three-year national project to dismantle barriers that females encounter in aviation in which the Status of Women awarded nearly half a million dollars, opening of The Elevate Aviation Learning Centre at the Edmonton International Airport with a second location opening at the Calgary International Airport, and a national wide mentorship program to empower women.

Kendra has received many awards and recognition including: Global Woman of Vision; NAV Canada Chairman's Award; 2019 SHEInnovator with the Global Innovation Coalition for Change; a partner with United Nations Women; Woman of Inspiration from The Universal Women's Network; and the prestigious Trailblazer award from the Northern Lights Aero Foundation.

This mother of four and grandmother of three is a professional speaker and is a regular columnist for Wings Magazine and Helicopter Magazine. Kendra was appointed in 2018 as an Honorary Colonel of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) 417 Helicopter Squadron.