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## **SkyWest Airlines Celebrates 20 Years of Dedicated Service in “The Heart of the Golden State”**

### **For Immediate Release**

**BAKERSFIELD, Calif**, August 18, 2003 – SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW), is pleased to be celebrating 20 successful years of air service in Bakersfield.

Bakersfield has played a significant role in SkyWest’s history. The community has seen SkyWest evolve from flying under their own banner to flying as Delta Connection and the present United Express. SkyWest currently has 13 local employees at the Meadows Field Airport.

“It’s hard to believe that SkyWest has been serving Bakersfield for 20 years,” said SkyWest Bakersfield Station Manager Janine Kotek. “Although times have changed and we have grown, there is still one thing that you can count on, the quality service that people have come to expect when they travel with SkyWest. We thank the Meadows Field administration and the community for making this possible.”

SkyWest reminds you to *Fly Bakersfield First* as they offer passengers two of the largest airports on the West Coast; Los Angeles International (LAX) and San Francisco International (SFO). As a United Express carrier, SkyWest operates five daily roundtrip flights between Bakersfield and Los Angeles and two daily roundtrip flights to San Francisco. Travelers to either of these hubs have the convenient choice of more than 500 United and United Express flights a day on United’s route network that spans the globe.

Passengers to Los Angeles and San Francisco will earn frequent flyer miles for United’s Mileage Plus program. Additionally, Bakersfield passengers enjoy convenient parking and short lines for check-in and security. To book reservations, passengers can call their local travel agent, United Reservations at 800.864.8331, or book online at [www.united.com](http://www.united.com).

SkyWest Airlines is the nation's largest independently operated regional carrier and carried 8.23 million passengers last year. The US Department of Transportation has recognized SkyWest as the number one on-time airline in the United States three out of the last four months. SkyWest operates as Continental Connection, Delta Connection and United Express carriers under marketing agreements with Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and United Airlines respectively. SkyWest serves a total of 100 cities in 27 states and two Canadian provinces and has more than 1,100 daily departures.

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