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Avelo Airlines Takes Off to 4 New Destinations from Tweed: Houston, St. Louis, Orlando / Lakeland, Fla., and Traverse City, Mich.

Avelo now serves 26 cities in 12 states and Puerto Rico Avelo connects its Houston Support Center (headquarters) to its largest flight base Very low, one-way fares start at \$77

NEW HAVEN, Conn.; June 13, 2024 — Avelo Airlines this week takes off from Southern Connecticut's most convenient airport — Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN) — to four new nonstop destinations: Houston, Texas (HOU); St. Louis, Missouri (STL); Orlando / Lakeland, Florida (LAL); and Traverse City, Michigan (TVC).

Avelo is the only airline offering nonstop service from the state of Connecticut to these four destinations. Additionally, Avelo is the only airline in the state of Connecticut offering nonstop flights to the state of Missouri, and the only low-fare airline offering flights to the states of Texas and Michigan. All four routes will operate on Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft.

Very low, one-way fares start at \$77*. Travelers can make reservations at AveloAir.com.

Avelo Airlines Founder and CEO Andrew Levy said, "We are excited to offer Connecticut travelers even more travel options with the addition of these four new popular destinations. Whether visiting friends and family, enjoying a leisurely vacation or attending an important business meeting, Avelo offers time and money-saving convenience. With 26 nonstop destinations, flying from Tweed is easier and more affordable than ever. Additionally, when you consider our industry-leading reliability, it is clear why more than 2 million people have flown Avelo at Tweed since 2021."

The addition of Houston to our HVN route network also underscores the strategic significance of both Houston and New Haven within Avelo Airlines' extensive network. Houston serves as the location for the airline's Support Center (how the airline refers to its headquarters) where it employs more than 200 Crewmembers (how the airline refers to its employees) – including the company's senior leadership team, Operations Control Center, Customer Support Center and other critical support functions. New Haven is the airline's largest base – employing over 250 Crewmembers supporting eight aircraft which fly to 26 nonstop destinations. Since taking flight at HVN in November 2021, Avelo has flown more than 2 million Customers at Tweed.

Levy added, "The addition of H-Town to our HVN network is especially significant given the direct connection it represents between our systemwide Support Center (headquarters) and

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Avelo's largest base. Connecticut is a cornerstone of our growth, and we are excited about the positive impact this route will have in bridging these two communities that are so important to Avelo."

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont said, "Tweed-New Haven Airport is a key partner in our overall efforts to attract business and job growth in the New Haven region. More convenient flights and travel options helps ensure that the region has the reliable transportation opportunities needed for our economic growth."

New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker said, "These inaugural flights provide even more exciting and convenient options for New Haveners to travel to new destinations, including two of the largest cities in the country - Houston, Texas, and St. Louis, Missouri - and two celebrated leisure destinations - Orlando/Lakeland, Florida and Traverse City, Michigan."

Chairman of The New Haven Airport Authority Matt Hoey said, "The launch of these new inaugural flights is another monumental milestone for Tweed-HVN. These new routes strengthen the airport's existing vibrant network and offer our passengers a wealth of new travel choices. We are eager to see the positive impact this expansion can have on Southern Connecticut, and we're excited for a bright future at Tweed New Haven Airport."

CEO of The New HVN Michael Jones said, "We are ecstatic about the inauguration of our new routes from New Haven. Each of these destinations brings unique opportunities and unforgettable experiences to our passengers. This expansion underscores our unwavering commitment to enhancing regional connectivity, offering unparalleled convenience, and contributing to the vibrant growth of these incredible communities. We also look forward to welcoming visitors into Southern Connecticut to explore all the natural, cultural and experiential assets that the region has to offer. We are on track to host over 1 million passengers this year, a testament to our dedication and the trust our passengers place in us."

The original New Haven Frank Pepe Pizzeria (Pepe's) will present Avelo Customers on the inaugural HOU to HVN flight on Friday with a complimentary gift card to sample their world-famous pizzas. Last month, a delegation of over 100 Connecticut pizza makers, veterans, and community leaders traveled to Washington, D.C., on Avelo, as New Haven was honored as "The Pizza Capital of the United States" by U.S. Representative Rosa L. DeLauro at a special ceremony on the steps of the United States Capitol.

Four New Popular Nonstop Destinations

Between today and Saturday, Avelo will inaugurate service to these four new destinations:

Orlando / Lakeland, Fla. via Lakeland International Airport (LAL)

• Begins today, June 13, and operates twice weekly on Mondays and Fridays

Experience the Ease and Convenience of Central Florida's Lakeland Airport: Conveniently located between Tampa and Orlando, LAL offers travelers a refreshingly small, easy, and fast

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alternative hometown airport experience to the much larger and busier airports in the region. LAL's location along the I-4 corridor makes it the most travel-friendly gateway to and from Central Florida. Conveniently situated between Tampa and Orlando, Lakeland is only a short drive to two of Florida's most popular destinations and only an hour away from the Gulf Coast's white-sand beaches. Lakeland is home to a thriving culinary scene and multitude of family-friendly activities including the LEGOLAND Florida Resort and Detroit Tigers Spring Training.

St. Louis, Mo. via St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL)

• Begins today, June 13, and operates twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays

Explore the Gateway to the West: Home of the Gateway Arch and located on the Mighty Mississippi River, there's plenty to see and do in St. Louis. Explore iconic attractions, discover unique shops and experience luxurious spas. Take a tour of museums and historic sites, attend performances at state-of-the-art venues, cheer on St. Louis sports teams and delight your taste buds at award-winning restaurants, breweries and distilleries. Plus, fans of fresh air will be surprised and delighted by flourishing public parks, miles of trails and exhilarating waterways, and see that St. Louis is an undeniable epic travel experience.

Houston, Texas via William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)

• Begins tomorrow, June 14, and operates twice weekly on Mondays and Fridays

The New Capital of Southern Cool: America's fourth-largest city is a cosmopolitan destination, filled with world-class dining, arts, hotels, shopping and nightlife. Take a stroll through historic Heights, spend the day exploring the Museum District or head down to Space Center Houston. Later, grab a bite in one of the dozens of award-winning restaurants, or hang out with the cool kids on Washington Avenue. From ball games to horseracing, Houston is a sports-lover's mecca. There's always something to do in the southern hospitality meets urban chic city. With a single terminal, Houston's William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) is the most convenient airport in Houston. Located minutes from downtown, near all major sports venues and shopping districts, travelers fly with easy using Houston Hobby.

Traverse City, Mi. via Cherry Capital Airport (TVC)

• Begins Saturday, June 15, and operates on Saturdays

The Definition of Pure Michigan: Known as the "Cherry Capital of the World," and located on the coast of Lake Michigan, Traverse City is known for its picturesque outdoor offerings. Traverse City is also known for its four amazing seasons, rich with outdoor activities including skiing, kayaking and biking. It's easy to roll from one thing to the next as smoothly and fluidly as the waves of Grand Traverse Bay wash ashore. Tour the wineries, scale a dune at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, push off the Lake Michigan shoreline and become immersed in this charming lakeside town.

Southern Connecticut's Most Convenient and Affordable Airline

Avelo will now serve 26 nonstop destinations from Tweed Airport spanning 12 states and Puerto Rico. That's more nonstop routes from Connecticut than any other airline in the state:

- Atlanta, Ga. (ATL)
- Charleston, S.C. (CHS)
- Charlotte / Concord, N.C. (USA)
- Chicago, Ill. (via MDW)
- Daytona Beach, Fla. (DAB)
- Destin / Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (VPS)
- Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (FLL)
- Fort Myers, Fla. (RSW)
- Greenville / Spartanburg, S.C. (GSP)
- Houston, Texas / Hobby (HOU)
- Knoxville, Tenn. (TYS)
- Myrtle Beach, S.C. (MYR)
- Nashville, Tenn. (BNA)

- Orlando, Fla. (MCO)
- Orlando / Lakeland, Fla. (LAL)
- Raleigh / Durham, N.C. (RDU)
- San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU)
- Sarasota / Bradenton, Fla. (SRQ)
- Savannah, Ga. / Hilton Head, S.C. (SAV)
- St. Louis, Mo. (STL)
- Tampa, Fla. (TPA)
- Traverse City, Mich. (TVC)
- Washington, D.C. / Dulles (IAD)
- Washington, D.C. / Baltimore, Md. (BWI)
- West Palm Beach, Fla. (PBI)
- Wilmington, N.C (ILM)

America's Most Convenient Airline

Since taking flight on April 28, 2021, Avelo has flown more than 4.7 million Customers on over 37,000 flights. Today Avelo serves 53 destinations spanning 24 states and Puerto Rico. In 2024, Avelo has initiated 16 new routes and 11 new destinations.

Avelo has unlocked a new era of convenience, choice, and competition by flying unserved routes to primarily underserved communities across the country. Every route has at least one small, easy to use airport. This makes every Avelo journey a smooth, easy, and more enjoyable experience than contending with the crowds, congestion and long walks at larger airports.

Avelo is distinguished by its industry-leading reliability. In May, the airline ranked #1 in on-time performance and delivered the lowest flight cancellation rate in the industry – the second straight month Avelo led the industry in both metrics. Additionally, for the first five months of 2024, Avelo climbed to #1 in on-time performance and maintained the second-lowest flight cancellation rate among all U.S. carriers. These results are reported by Anuvu, a leading aviation data services company also utilized by *The Wall Street Journal* for the publication's annual airline ranking.

Avelo Customers can always change or cancel their itineraries with no extra fees. Additionally, families can travel with ease knowing every child 13 and under will be automatically seated with an accompanying adult at no additional cost.

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Avelo offers advanced seat assignments for sale. One third of its seats are extra leg room seats, ranging from 32 inches to more than 36 inches, offering a more comfortable experience for Customers who value more space. In addition to advance seat assignments, Avelo offers several unbundled travel-enhancing options that give Customers the flexibility to pay only for what they value, including priority boarding, checked bags, carry-on overhead bags, and bringing a pet in the cabin.

About Avelo Airlines

Avelo Airlines' purpose is to *Inspire Travel* by saving people time and money. The airline offers travelers time and money-saving convenience, everyday low fares, and a refreshingly smooth, caring and reliable travel experience. Operating a fleet of 16 Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft, Avelo serves 53 popular destinations across the United States, including its six bases at Los Angeles' Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR), Southern Connecticut's Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN), Orlando International Airport (MCO), the Philadelphia and Delaware Valley region's Wilmington Airport (ILG), Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) and the Bay Area's Sonoma County Airport (STS). For more information visit <u>AveloAir.com</u> or the Avelo Newsroom at <u>AveloAir.com/Newsroom</u>.

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*Very low, one-way fares include government taxes and fees. Fares start at \$77 between HVN and STL for travel between June 27 and July 25, 2024. Fares must be booked by June 20, 2024. Fares are available on a limited number of flights and seats. Additional fees for carry-on and checked bags, assigned seats and other optional services may apply. A \$25 charge per seated traveler applies to all bookings or changes made through Avelo's Customer Support Center. For full terms and conditions, please see Avelo's <u>Contract of Carriage</u>.