

Lute Atieh

Entrepreneur · Aviation Executive · Educator
St. Joseph, Missouri



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Lute Atieh is an entrepreneur, aviation executive, and educator based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is the CEO & Managing Partner of ATD Flight Systems, Founder of Annovox, and Founder of FlyTech Pilot Academy. A private pilot and aircraft owner, his career spans workforce development, training development, higher education, and go-to-market execution, united by a consistent focus on building practical systems that translate complex knowledge into repeatable results.

STANDARD BIOGRAPHY

Lute Atieh is an entrepreneur, aviation executive, and educator based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He currently serves as CEO & Managing Partner of ATD Flight Systems, directing operations and strategy for an aviation enterprise with more than 50 employees. He is also the Founder of Annovox, a technology venture launched in March 2026, and the Founder of FlyTech Pilot Academy, founded in 2024. A private pilot and aircraft owner, Lute brings direct operational experience to his aviation leadership roles.

Before his current ventures, Lute founded Valor Manufacturing Training in 2016, building structured workforce training infrastructure for the manufacturing sector. Valor was acquired by BERKS Group in 2019; under BERKS, Valor acquired 180 Skills in 2021, and the two were combined to form WorkForge in 2022. Lute served as CEO of Valor through that formation and continued with WorkForge as a founder until exiting in July 2024. Earlier in his career, he spent eight years at American Business and Technology University (ABTU), advancing from Admissions to Director of Operations and ultimately Vice President before exiting in 2016. He holds an MBA in International Business from Bryan University (2017–2018).

CURRENT VENTURES

ATD Flight Systems

CEO & Managing Partner · Since June 2026 · atdflightsystems.com
Aviation enterprise with 50+ employees. Lute directs business operations, strategy, and organizational development.

Annovox

Founder · Founded March 2026 · annovox.com
Technology venture helping manufacturers capture frontline expertise, turning smartphone footage into professional, multilingual video SOPs.

Parkway Distillery

Co-founder & Principal · Since 2024
St. Joseph, Missouri distillery. Principal ownership stake; day-to-day focus remains on aviation and technology ventures.

FlyATD Air Charter

CEO & Managing Partner · Since June 2026 · flyatd.com
On-demand charter arm of ATD Flight Systems, providing flexible private air travel with the same safety and compliance standards that define ATD's training programs.

FlyTech Pilot Academy

Founder · Founded 2024 · flystj.com
Aviation training institution focused on developing the next generation of aviators through structured instructional frameworks.

SPEAKING TOPICS

- Aviation business leadership and operations
- Workforce development and training technology
- Building repeatable systems from expert knowledge
- Entrepreneurship and startup ecosystem building
- Go-to-market execution for technical industries

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