

Beth Cameron Commercial Airline Pilot



I am a 787 First Officer for United Airlines.

How long have you been a commercial airline pilot?

I was hired by Continental in 2007. I flew 737s for 10 years and then 777s for 5 years.

Where do you work?

United Airlines

How do you spend most of your time at work?

I mainly fly to Asia, South Africa, India, and Israel.



Beth, her copilot, and celebrity passenger Martha Stewart

Why did you choose this career?

My brother got me interested in it when I was in middle school. I loved the idea of being able to get paid to fly around the world.

What did you do to prepare for this career?

I did one year of flight school, getting all my certificates from a private multi-engine instructor. From there I was a flight instructor for a year and a half. After that I got hired by Horizon Airlines flying Dash 8-400s for one year, and then I went to Express Jet for four years until I was hired by Continental Airlines in 2007.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I truly enjoy everything about this career. I get to meet new people and travel to great places.

What do you find most challenging about your job?

Going through all the different time zones can be exhausting.

What was one of your first jobs and how did that experience influence your career path?

My first job was a paper route. I was in 5th grade. It taught me how to schedule my day, be on time, and interact with others. If there was any influence from this job, it was to get a better one.

What is one piece of advice you would give to a young person who is interested in your profession?

For anyone looking to get into aviation, I would tell them to not let the financial side get in the way of pursuing their dreams of flight.

