



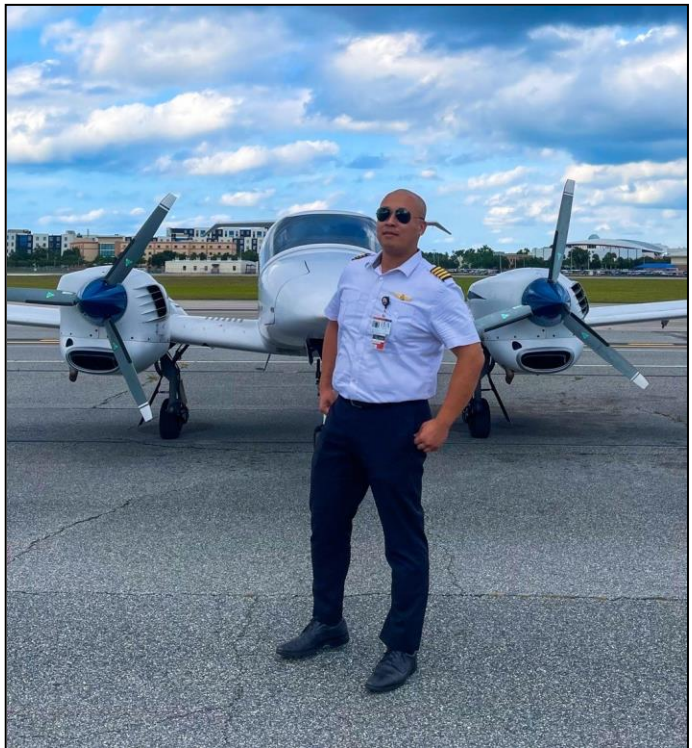
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## **CHENYU WANG EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION**

**KALAMAZOO, MI — 7/19/2023** The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Chenyu Wang has earned his first NAFI Master Flight Instructor accreditation.

Wang has been flying since 2016 and has been a flight instructor for three years. Flying has been passion since he was young and was always one of many things he wanted to do in his life. He obtained his FAA airline transport pilot license in 2022. He believes a diverse background would build him into a better pilot. In the past seven years, he has been striving to develop



a well-rounded and in-depth knowledge of the aviation industry. This was one of the reasons Wang decided to pursue a NAFI Master Flight Instructor accreditation.

Wang joined Phoenix East Aviation (PEA) in Daytona Beach, Florida as a flight instructor in 2020. Prior to PEA, he was focused on academic and professional development. He graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science degree in geoscience in 2017. Wang began his career development as professional pilot at PEA in 2019, and that year became a certificated flight instructor. He earned his Master of Science degree in aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 2019 and entered the aviation world to explore his passion for research and teaching.

In 2022, Wang was recognized by the FAA as a Gold Seal flight instructor for his commitment to safe and quality flight training. During his tenure at PEA, he has helped the company found and develop a

mentorship program that aims to assist students achieve higher learning goals and enhance the safety of operations during flight. Soon after, Wang was promoted to manager of flight training and endorsed role as Part 141 check airmen with authorization by the FAA.

*The **NAFI Master Flight Instructor Accreditation** is earned by aviation educators based upon a system of advanced professional standards and peer review. The accreditation identifies and publicly recognizes those teachers of flight who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community. The NAFI Master Instructor accreditation is for two years and may be used to renew an FAA flight instructor certificate. Applicants must have been a CFI for two years and have given 1,000 hours of flight instruction. In addition, candidates must meet and document activity in four NAFI Master Instructor categories (Instructor, Educator, Service to the Aviation Community, and Professional Activity).*

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