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AARON DABNEY EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 1/19/2022 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Aaron Dabney has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Dabney's fifth consecutive NAFI Master accreditation and distinguishes him as a Bronze Master Legacy Instructor.

An active flight instructor since 2009 and a Master Flight Instructor since 2013, Dabney was born and raised in Victoria, Texas. As a youngster his weekends were spent at the feet of the World War Two veterans and plant workers who populated the coffee circle of the local grass strip, Ball Airport. Before leaving for college Dabney soloed in his family's 1946 Piper Cub, and he is now proud to be the caretaker of that same airplane.



Since 2013, Dabney and his wife Alisa have owned Waco Flight Training in Waco, Texas. He prides himself on training staff instructors to marry "old school" stick-and-rudder flying to modern pedagogy, and considers building the General Aviation community in his area to be an essential part of his mission.

Dabney earned both his bachelor of arts and master of science degree in education at Baylor University. Since 2010 he has served as adjunct faculty in that institution's Aviation Science program, teaching both freshman and upper-level courses and serving as assistant chief ground instructor.

Dabney is an active volunteer in multiple capacities with NAFI, and is a proud Lifetime Member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. When he's not flying or teaching, he and his wife of 17 years love to travel and share their passion for small business ownership with others.

*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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