



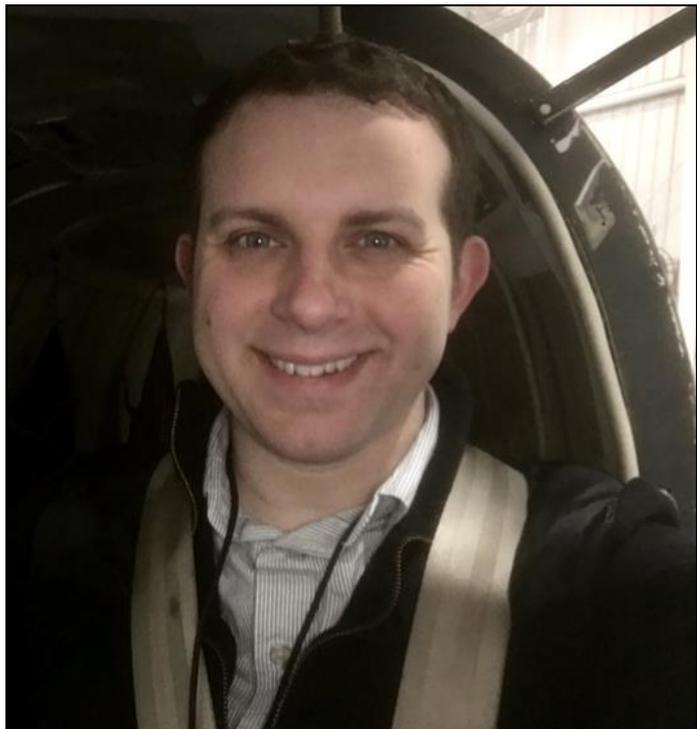
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DOMENIC LAFAUCI EARNS NAFI MASTER GROUND INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 6/7/2022 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Domenic LaFauci has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Ground Instructor. LaFauci has previously been accredited as both an Associate Master and a Master Flight Instructor.

LaFauci is the assistant dean of aviation at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU), where he oversees the Aviation Operations and Management program, as well as the Unmanned Aerial Systems certificate program. In addition to his



assistant dean role, he teaches academic courses, including aerodynamics, aircraft operations, and aircraft systems, and is working with the university's product team to operationalize innovative hybrid-academic models. Previous to his employment with SNHU, he flew with Wiggins Airways as PIC on the Beechcraft BE-99, was a staff member at Bridgewater State University, and was a flight instructor for East Coast Aero Club.

LaFauci is currently pursuing his doctoral degree in Applied Educational Studies with a focus in Aviation and Space Education at Oklahoma State University, and is scheduled to graduate in the fall of 2023. He recently graduated from the Department of Transportation's Basic Accident Investigator certificate program via the Transportation Safety Institute, as well as SNHU's Unmanned Aerial Systems certificate

program. An active FAA Team Representative for the Portland and Boston FSDO region, he continues to educate others through his website www.TheCFGuy.com, and will soon be making his return to flight instructing at CHI Aerospace. He says he hopes to someday teach in turbine aerobatic aircraft while continuing his career in higher education.

*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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