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KYLE JEHNZEN EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 11/08/2022 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Kyle Jehnzen has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Jehnzen's third NAFI Master Accreditation.

Jehnzen grew up near Mecosta, Michigan and had an admiration for aviation at a very young age. He chose to attend Western Michigan University (WMU) to turn his admiration for aviation into a career. He began flying in 2007 and earned a private pilot's license in the spring of 2008. Jehnzen graduated in the winter of 2011 with cum laude honors with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in aviation flight science and a minor in geography. After graduation, he was hired as a part-time CFI at WMU and was quickly afforded the opportunity to obtain both CFII and MEI ratings. After obtaining full-time status in 2014, Jehnzen was given the opportunity to pursue an MBA with aviation concentration, which he took advantage of and completed in December 2016.



Shortly afterwards, he began flying a CJ2 for a Part 91 operator and flew in that role on a full-time basis for about five years. Currently, he holds a faculty specialist position at WMU and instructs in WMU's fleet of Cirrus and Piper aircraft, providing a wide array of flight training including everything from initial training to end of course commercial pilot Part 141 stage checks, but has focused mainly on flight instructor training over the last two years. To date, he has nearly 3,000 hours of dual given in both aircraft and flight training devices.

Along with flight instruction, Jehnzen has taught classes at WMU including intro to aerodynamics, aviation meteorology, crew resource management, global navigation, corporate aviation management, aviation safety, advanced aerodynamics, and intro to UAS. He also holds ATP privileges with a CE525 type rating and is an FAA Gold Seal Instructor with CFII, MEI, and IGI certificates.

Jehnzen currently lives with his wife and two daughters only a few miles from the NAFI office. He says, “Living in the area presented me with the opportunity to actually work at the NAFI booth at both Sun ‘n Fun in 2014 and Oshkosh in 2015 and allowed me to meet many of the amazing people that make this wonderful organization a great advocate for flight instruction.”

*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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