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DENTON FINLEY EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Denton Finley has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Finley's second NAFI Master Instructor accreditation.

Finley says he has been interested in aviation for as long as he can remember, but his passion for aviation ignited when he took a discovery flight



at the age of 14. After high school, Finley enrolled in Texas State Technical College's aircraft pilot training program in Waco, Texas. He began working as a CFI for the college in 2005 while continuing his education at Utah Valley State College (now Utah Valley University) and raising a family with his wife Lee Ann. Finley graduated from UVSC in 2007 with a Bachelor Degree in Aviation. While at TSTC, he worked his way up through an assistant chief flight Instructor position and ultimately in 2012 accepted a position as the chief flight instructor. Later that year, Finley earned his ATP certificate and accepted a corporate job flying a Beechcraft Super King Air B200 for the Texas Farm Bureau. After five years of flying the King Air, Finley has accepted a pilot position with XOJet and is slated to begin training in November.

When Finley is not flying for work, he continues to give flight instruction as an independent CFI and volunteers as the Lead FAASTeam Representative for the Waco area under the North

Texas FSDO. In 2017, the General Aviation Awards committee selected him as the North Texas District and Southwest Region FAAS Team Representative of the year. He has served as a CFI for over 12 years, has given over 3,100 hours of dual instruction, and has logged over 4,300 hours of total flight time. Finley holds an ATP certificate, a Gold Seal Certified Flight Instructor Certificate with single engine, multiengine and instrument ratings, as well as an Advanced Ground Instructor certificate.

*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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