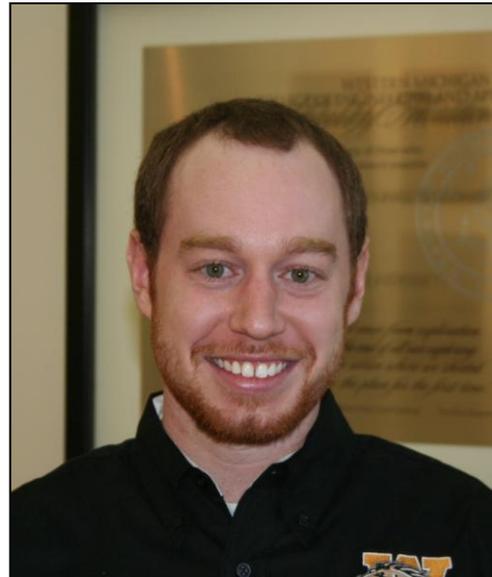**For more information contact:**
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KYLE JEHNZEN EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 05/06/2017 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Kyle Jehnzen has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor.

Jehnzen grew up near Mecosta, Michigan, and says he had an admiration for aviation at a very young age. He chose to attend Western Michigan University to turn admiration for aviation into a career, and began flying in 2007, and earned a private pilot's license in the spring of 2008. Jehnzen then went on to graduate with cum laude honors in the winter of 2011 with a Bachelor's of Science, majoring in aviation flight science and minoring in geography.

After graduation Jehnzen was hired on as a part-time CFI at WMU and was quickly afforded the opportunity to obtain both a CFII and MEI. After obtaining full-time status in 2014 he was given the option of tuition reimbursement to pursue an MBA with aviation concentration, which he took full advantage of and completed in December of 2016.

Jehnzen now holds a faculty specialist position at WMU and instructs in its fleet of Cirrus and Piper aircraft, providing a wide array of flight training from initial training to end of course commercial pilot 141-stage checks. To date, he has nearly 1,500 hours of dual given in both aircraft and FTDs.

Along with flight instruction, Jehnzen teaches two sections of aviation meteorology for WMU's aviation flight science and aviation management majors, as well as one section of the senior capstone class for aviation management students. He also holds ATP privileges for AMEL, commercial privileges for ASEL, and an FAA gold seal instructor with CFII, MEI, and IGI certificates.

After having moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan in 2007 Jehnzen decided he really liked the area and has lived there ever since. He lives with his fiancé, Jaclyn, only a few miles from the NAFI office. He said Living in the area led him to the opportunity to work at the NAFI booth at both Sun-n-Fun in 2014 and

Oshkosh in 2015 and allowed him to meet many of the people that make this organization a great advocate for flight instruction.

*The **NAFI Master Flight Instructor program** is the longest running and most prestigious FAA accredited master flight instructor program in the industry. The NAFI Master 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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