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## **JANINE NUNES EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION**



**KALAMAZOO, MI 11/28/2014** The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Janine Nunes has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor.

Janine Nunes began her flight training just after her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. One year later she soloed with 99 hours. She continued with her flight training, becoming a multi-engine private pilot on her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. Having no idea what she wanted to do, but knowing that she *never* wanted to be a teacher, Janine went to Kansas State University to pursue her college degrees. After becoming a commercial pilot at 18, she took the next step to becoming a CFI, even though she felt no grand desire for it. Once she began instructing in 1999, that all changed and she has never stopped teaching. Even as her career progressed to corporate and then the airlines, Nunes kept returning to teach at K-State. As an assistant chief instructor for KSU, Nunes taught all levels of college courses and found her passion was teaching private pilots and CFI initial applicants.

In 2009, Nunes left the plains of Kansas for the mountains of Montana where she is the chief instructor for Summit Aviation in Bozeman and continues her love of teaching at Montana State University in its aviation degree program. She oversees 20 of her personally trained CFIs as they flight instruct over 150 students to completion each year. She has led the flight school to be named an AOPA Top 5 Flight

School with the Summit Aviation CFIs taking AOPA Outstanding Flight Instructor awards. For someone who *never* wanted to be a teacher, she sure seems to be enjoying it.

*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).*

*The **National Association of Flight Instructors' (NAFI)** purpose is to establish and promote a high level of professionalism among aviation educators and to provide recognition for their contributions to aviation safety, education and training. NAFI members teach in 17 countries in flight schools, universities, FBOs, corporate flight departments, the military and as independent flight instructors. Founded in 1967, NAFI works with industry and government to help shape the direction of flight training and to serve as a voice for flight instruction. For more information about NAFI or the NAFI Master Instructor program call **866-806-6156** or visit [www.NAFINet.org](http://www.NAFINet.org).*