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## **BRANDON KELLER EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION**

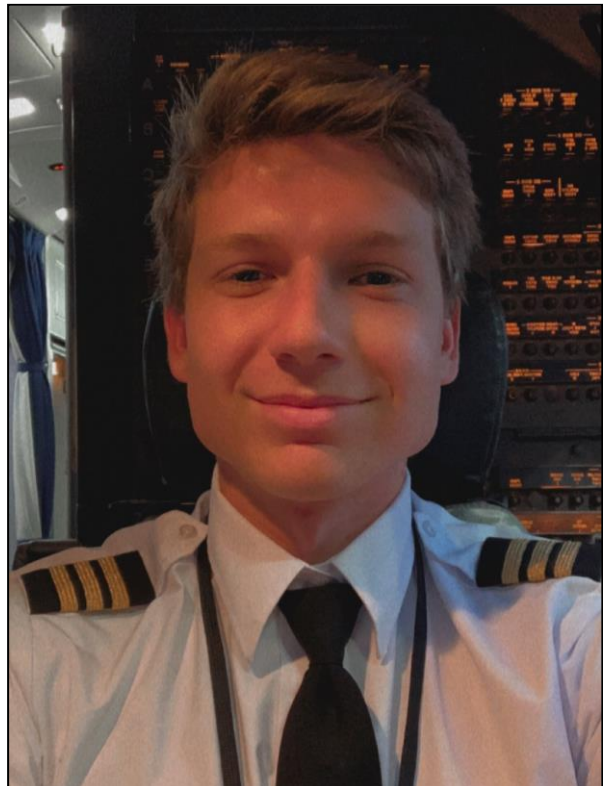
**KALAMAZOO, MI — 7/10/2023** The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Brandon Keller has earned his first NAFI Master Flight Instructor accreditation.

Keller said he grew up ignorant about the world of aviation. It wasn't until he was 18 when he first met an airline pilot that he was introduced to the industry. Later, Keller was encouraged to take a discovery flight at a local flight school in Rock Hill, South Carolina. This sparked his interest in pursuing flying airplanes as not just a hobby, but potentially as a career.

Soon after earning his private pilot certificate, he continued his flight training through the American Airlines Cadet Academy in San Marcos, Texas. Here he obtained ratings from instrument through CFII, as well as commercial multi-engine, AGI, IGI, and UAS remote pilot.

After finishing flight training, Keller began instructing independently in central Florida, where he had the opportunity to fly a variety of GA airplanes. Eventually, he was hired at a flight school in Ormond Beach, Florida where he earned his FAA Gold Seal flight instructor certificate.

Most recently, Keller was hired by a regional airline where he earned his ATP and CL-65 type rating as a first officer flying the CRJ 200/700/900. After going to the airlines, Keller wants to finish his degree. He has enrolled in Embry-Riddle Online with the expectation of completing in bachelor's degree in aeronautics.



*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).*

*Members of the **National Association of Flight Instructors** work as independent instructors, at flight schools, universities, FBOs, corporate flight departments and in the military. Since 1967, NAFI and its members, who teach in thirty countries, are dedicated to increasing and maintaining the professionalism of flight instruction. NAFI members influence active pilots daily: students working to become pilots, current pilots training to advance their skills with new ratings or certificates and pilots who seek to improve their skills with recurrent training. NAFI also serves as an advocate with industry and government as a voice for flight instruction. NAFI helps shape the current and future direction of flight training. For more information about NAFI or the NAFI Master Instructor program call **866-806-6156** or visit [www.NAFINet.org](http://www.NAFINet.org).*