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BRANDON MIGUEZ EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 4/12/2023 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Brandon Miguez has earned his first NAFI Master Flight Instructor accreditation.

Miguez was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Graduating from Louisiana State University in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in political science, Miguez's original plan was to pursue a career in aviation law. He clerked for a law firm in Baton Rouge for a short period of time and decided he was putting off his true passion; the love for aviation was always lurking in the back of his mind. He quit his job at the law firm, moved to Tampa, and completed the rest of his flight training.



Miguez is currently the assistant chief flight instructor at FlightGest Academy in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is a CFI, CFII, MEI, AGI, IGI, FAA Gold Seal Flight Instructor, and FAASTeam Representative for the Greensboro, North Carolina FSDO. Miguez is also pursuing his Master of Science degree in aviation safety at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. His passion is multiengine instruction, and he specifically works to transition commercial rotorcraft pilots from North Carolina's National Guard who wish to fly for the airlines. Miguez says he is thrilled to be doing exactly what he always dreamed of doing, exactly where he is supposed to be doing it: in a professional environment full of supportive individuals and stellar pilots.

*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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