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YU TAKAHASHI EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 1/8/2024 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Yu Takahashi has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor.

Takahashi holds FAA Gold Seal CFI, CFII, and MEI certificates. He provides quality instructions at a local flight school in the Willamette Valley area in Oregon. He has been teaching aviation since 2018, accumulating nearly 5,000 hours of instruction time in general aviation aircraft.

His passion for aviation has grown since high school, and he initially aimed to become an



airline pilot. However, his focus shifted toward the general and corporate aviation realms as he progressed in his aviation career. His future aspiration is to establish a flight school specializing in multi-engine and advanced aircraft training for both domestic and international airline candidates, as well as GA enthusiasts, while spreading the excitement of general aviation.

*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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