

# 2025 AOPA Flight Training Experience Award Winners

## NATIONAL FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

(To be announced in early March.)

## NATIONAL FLIGHT SCHOOL

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## BEST FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR BY REGION

### Central Southern

**John Schaffer**  
Willis, TX

### Eastern

**Madison Nugent**  
Vienna, VA

### Great Lakes

**Peg Ballou**  
Bucyrus, OH

### Pacific

**Mike Smith**  
Napa, CA

### Southern

**Tiziano Bernard**  
Pooler, GA

**Jacob Peery**  
Gilbert, AZ

## BEST FLIGHT SCHOOL BY REGION

### Central Southern

**In the Pattern**  
Denton, TX

### Eastern

**Air Ventures Flying School**  
Smithfield, RI

### Great Lakes

**Ballou Skies Aviation**  
Bucyrus, OH

### Pacific

**Flex Air**  
San Diego, CA

### Southern

**Sun City Aviation Academy**  
Pembroke Pines, FL

### Western

**Chennault Flying Service**  
North Las Vegas, NV

## DISTINGUISHED FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS BY REGION

### Central Southern

**James Lewis**  
Roanoke, TX

**Ty Ashe**  
Notasugla, AL

**Corey McLean**  
Houston, TX

**Connor Caskey**  
Fort Worth, TX

## Eastern

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**Bill English**

Fairfax, VA

**Mike Berlin**

Hartford, CT

**Doug Auclair**

Smithfield, RI

**Ryan Dlugash**

Washington, D.C.

**George Charles Allen**

Millbury, MA

**Wayne Green**

Stafford, VA

**Alexey Ozerov**

Fairfield, NJ

**Caoilainn Mallon**

Tuxedo, NY

**Logan Campbell**

Bunker Hill, WV

**Kathleen Spillane**

Frederick, MD

**Hoa Dao**

Frederick, MD

**Bob Hepp**

Fairfax Station, VA

**William Dubois**

Newtown, PA

**Alastair Bastian**

Dover, MA

**Sam Carey**

Chantilly, VA

**Roger Coffman**

Fredericksburg, VA

**Kathryn Jones**

Tolland, CT

**Malinda Caywood**

Frederick, MD

**Christopher Miller**

Centreville, VA

**John Knapp**

Stafford, VA

**Elayne Humphrey**

Fayetteville, NC

**Shelby Clark**

Herndon, VA

**Declan Hickton**

Washington, D.C.

**Kim Webster**

Fredericksburg, VA

**Addison Schroeder**

Woodbridge, VA

**Probir Goyal**

Ashburn, VA

**Jay Nabors**

Cary, NC

**Brandon Gill**

Falls Church, VA

**Mark Witte**

Woodbridge, VA

**Scott Kelly**

Arlington, VA

**Brenda Garcia**

Inwood, WV

**Kenneth Solosky**

Mineola, NY

**Charles Garity**

Leesburg, VA

**Anna Herrington**

Lorton, VA

**Alex Tudor**

Raleigh, NC

## Great Lakes

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**Ethan Meisenburg**

Orion, Illinois

**Brooke Monroe**

Prairie Grove, Illinois

**Ernest Boys**

Libertyville, Illinois

**Anthony Greco**

Bartlett, Illinois

**Richard Blamer**

Chagrin Falls, Ohio

## Pacific

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**Rachael Webster**

San Mateo, CA

**Margaret Watt**

Hollister, CA

**Philip Mandel**

Beaverton, OR

**Campbell Potter**

Santa Rosa, CA

**Herb Patten**

San Carlos, CA

**Samuel Tarrel**

Hillsboro, OR

## Southern

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**Jean-Luc Pous**

Santa Fe, NM

**Kurt Belsten**

Melbourne Beach, FL

**David McCormack**

Pensacola, FL

**Thomas Plambeck**

Naples, FL

**Collin McDonald**

Carthage, TN

**Cara Ming**

Miramar, FL

## Western

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**Don Hendrickson**

Helena, MT

**Thomas Sando**

Williston, ND

**Jakeb Strong**

Butte, MT

**Mark Boguski**

Olathe, KS

**Jordan Thomas**

Vancouver, WA

## DISTINGUISHED FLIGHT SCHOOLS BY REGION

### Central Southern

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**Code 1 Flight Training**

Wills Point, TX

**Future Flyers of Iowa**

Winterset, IA

**Tulsa Aviation Group, LLC (TAG)**

Claremore, OK

**Pilot Rise, LLC**

Fort Worth, TX

## Central Southern, continued

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### United Flight Systems

Spring, TX

### Chickasha Wings, Inc

Chickasha, OK

### Nationwide Aviation

Roanoke, TX

### Black Hound Aviation

San Marcos, TX

## Eastern

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### Air Fleet Training Systems

Fairfield, NJ

### Aviation Adventures (KHEF)

Manassas, VA

### Aviation Adventures (KHWY)

Warrenton, VA

### Aviation Adventures (KJYO)

Leesburg, VA

### Aviation Adventures (KOKV)

Winchester, VA

### Aviation Adventures (KRMN)

Fredericksburg, VA

### Avier Flight School

Beverly, MA

### Bravo Flight Training

Frederick, MD

### Cape Fear Aviation Flight Training

Fayetteville, NC

### Chesapeake Sport Pilot

Stevensville, MD

### FlightGest Academy

Morrisville, NC

### Fredrickson Aviation

Timberlake, NC

### Great Lakes Flight Center

Jamestown, NY

### Mil2ATP, Inc.

Pikeville, NC

### Norby Aviation, LLC

Southbridge, MA

### NoVA Pilots

Leesburg, VA

### Premier Flight Center, LLC

Hartford, CT

### Race City Flight Operations

Mooresville, NC

### Take Flight Aviation LLC

Montgomery, NY

## Great Lakes

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### Lunken Flight Training Center

Cincinnati, OH

### Blue Skies Flying Services, LLC

Lake in the Hills, IL

### Fundamentals Flight Training LLC.

Erie, PA

### Pilotsmith

Green Bay, WI

### Avit Flight Academy

Wadsworth, OH

### Turn 2 Aviation LLC

Bloomsburg, PA

### Moore Aviation, Inc.

Beaver Falls, PA

## **Pacific**

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### **Sparrowhawk Aviation**

Hollister, CA

### **Mike Smith Aviation Napa**

Napa, CA

### **Northwest Flight Service**

Spokane, WA

### **NextGen Flight Academy**

Riverside, CA

### **Hillsboro Heli Academy**

Troutdale, OR

### **Hillsboro Aero Academy**

Hillsboro, OR

### **Pacific States Aviation**

Concord, CA

### **SoCal Aviation, Inc**

Chino, CA

## **Southern**

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### **Pensacola Air Flight School**

Pensacola, FL

### **Greenville Aviation**

Greenville, SC

### **Jumpers Away**

Greenville, SC

### **Flywell Aviation**

Bowling Green, KY

### **D&J Aviation**

Sanford, FL

### **Orlando Flight School**

Orlando, FL

### **USAeroFlight**

Greenville, SC

### **Kingsky Flight Academy, LLC**

Lakeland, FL

### **Melbourne Flight Training**

Melbourne, FL

### **Aviator Zone Academy**

Miami, FL

### **First Landings Aviation**

Apopka, FL

### **Tennessee Flight Training**

Nashville, TN

## **Western**

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### **Bush Air**

Cal Nev Ari, NV

### **AV8 Flight School**

Eden Prairie, MN

### **Barnstormers Aviation**

Bemidji, MN

### **Rocky Mountain USSF Flight Training Center/ Peterson Aero Club**

Colorado Springs, CO

### **Ridgeline Aviation**

Belgrade, MT

### **Sierra Charlie Aviation**

Scottsdale, AZ

### **Sling Pilot Academy**

Torrance, CA

### **Air Trek North**

Crosslake, MN