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## **Adam Magee Earns Elite Balloon Instructor Accreditation!**

**4/17/2020** The Elite Balloon Instructor Committee is proud to announce Mr. Adam Magee as an Elite Balloon Instructor!



Magee, from Swisher, IA, was a co-founder and currently serves as President of The Balloon Training Academy a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to hot air balloon education and training. Through The Balloon Training Academy Magee's pro-bono contributions have helped over 125 new pilots earn their private hot air balloon certificate over the last three years.

As an instructor, Magee is regarded as theoretical instructor with a keen ability to make complex topics relatable and understandable to all.

As an educator, Magee has developed private and commercial ground school courses, private and commercial training syllabus, practical exam preparation courses, and numerous continuing education courses.

Magee has provided great service to the aviation community and has kept his own professional education up to date. Magee was appointed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a Designated Pilot Examiner for hot air balloons. He was the first balloonist to be named the 2019 FAA District and Central Region Flight Instructor of the Year. Magee is highly regarded as a national speaker and author on balloon safety. He was the first balloonist to publish in the FAA Safety Briefing Magazine and his hot air balloon training articles can be read in every issue of the Balloon Federation of America's BALLOONING Journal. Magee also voluntarily serves the FAA as an FAA Safety Team Representative, WINGSPro, and DronePro. Magee has created courses for the FAA Safety Team WINGS program specifically for hot air balloons. He was a reviewer/contributor of the new LTA Balloon Airman Certification Standards (ACS) which will replace the LTA Balloon Practical Test Standards (PTS).

**Elite Balloon Instructor**

*The Elite Balloon Instructor Program fueled by the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) was created to differentiate between commercial balloon pilots. In the ballooning community, all commercial pilots are considered flight instructors. The Elite Balloon Instructor Program will separate those who provide flight instruction and are raising and maintaining the professional standing of the flight instructor in the ballooning community.*

*To learn more about the program visit: <https://www.theballoontrainingacademy.com/ebi/> or email [theballoontrainingacademy@gmail.com](mailto:theballoontrainingacademy@gmail.com)*

### **The Balloon Training Academy**

*The Balloon Training Academy is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to bring the launch field to students across the USA. Through online ground schools, flight instructor refresher courses, continuing education courses, and flight training syllabus we make quality hot air balloon education readily available. To learn more visit: [www.theballoontrainingacademy.com](http://www.theballoontrainingacademy.com)*

### **National Association of Flight instructors**

*Since 1967, NAFI dedicates its efforts exclusively to “raising and maintaining the professional standing of the flight instructor in the aviation community.” NAFI’s renowned Master Flight Instructor program is recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration and showcases CFIs who are raising the bar on flight instruction. NAFI is proud to fuel the Elite Balloon Instructor program! To learn more about NAFI visit [www.nafinet.org](http://www.nafinet.org)*