





# Meet Our Newest CFIs Erica Carter and Ramon Rodriguez

### **Erica Carter**

I am so excited to join Fly Legacy Aviation as a certified flight instructor! I've always had a love of flying since I was a child and growing up my family moved around the country frequently. I came to feel so comfortable and safe on planes as if they were a second home. I always admired pilots for their skill and calm and they seemed to me larger-than-life characters. As I went through life it was always in the back of my mind as something I'd love to do, but to be honest I'd never seen a female pilot and so I assumed it was an avenue not for women. In 2020 I went to visit my mom in Kansas City and we took a trip to Amelia Earhart's childhood home in Atchison, Kansas. It inspired me to come back to Philadelphia and get started on this dream of mine. I was determined to become a pilot! I'm so glad that I chose Fly Legacy Aviation for my flight instruction. Everyone from the front desk to the maintenance crew to my instructors nurtured, encouraged and supported me every step of the way. I struggled and had setbacks and failures and many times I wanted to give up or thought, "Maybe I'm just not cut out for this." If it weren't for everyone at Fly Legacy, including my fellow flight students, I doubt I'd have made it to this point. I'm looking forward to taking everything I've learned and sharing it with my future students. I want to encourage and support them, the way I was and instill in them the love and fun of aviation. I'm so thankful to my instructors Declan, Luca and Jim. Alex and Sebastian for their continued support. Kristina and Jen for their unending encouragement and help along the way. Becoming a safe and proficient pilot isn't easy and it has been one of the most challenging goals I've tackled thus far, but the rewards are indescribable. I can't wait to start teaching and continue to learn and become a better pilot every day.

### Ramon Rodriguez

I'm excited to embark on this new Journey as a flight instructor, this journey is not easy, but certainly not impossible. Choosing the right school and the right flight instructor is the key to success. Fly Legacy is very welcoming, once you get to know everybody you'll feel as if you were home. Throughout my training, I faced many obstacles but my will to become successful was greater. Looking back, this was once a dream that I turned into reality. No matter how complicated something is, keep going and if you fail, learn from it and get back up stronger. There is no such thing as a "stupid question" there's a reason why it came up. As a CFI I will make sure my students are on the right path to success and pass down everything that was passed down to me. I can't thank Fly Legacy enough for the opportunity of working with them. I will help those walking in my footsteps achieve their goals and beyond.

"To most people, the sky is the limit.
To those who love aviation, the sky is home".

Jerry Crawford

## Flight School Graduates



Kiran Shazadi Instrument Rating May 7, 2023 **Instructor:** Jerin Thomas



**Anil Srivastava** Instrument Rating May 7, 2023 **Instructor:** Sufi Annoor



**Nazariy Danylyshyn** Instrument Rating May 13, 2023 **Instructor:** Sufi Annoor



**Chris McNeal** Private Pilot License May 13, 2023 **Instructor:** Sahal Mullan



**Darsh Gandhi** Private Pilot License May 20, 2023 **Instructor:** Sahal Mullan



**Petro Pitula** CFI May 20, 2023 **Instructor:** Jim Zararis



**Benny Panakkal** Instrument Rating May 23, 2023 **Instructor:** Jerin Thomas and Cheryl Benish



**Daniel Silvia** Commercial Pilot License May 23, 2023 **Instructor:** Jerin Thomas



**Christopher Roberts** Private Pilot License May 29, 2023 Instructor: Dalip Haxhiu

## Flight School Graduates



Rebecca Bornstein

Instrument Rating June 4, 2023

**Instructor:** Jim Zararis



**Alex Faiman** 

CFII

June 5, 2023

**Instructor:** Sufi Annoor



**Zachary Kane** 

Private Pilot License June 5, 2023

**Instructor:** Kristina Siry



**John Aytch** 

Commercial Pilot License June 10, 2023

**Instructor:** Sufi Annoor



**Eric Gergich** 

Private Pilot License June 20, 2023

**Instructor:** Kristina Siry



Michael DeCosta

Private Pilot License June 26, 2023

**Instructor:** Max Malloy

#### Vince Innamarato

CFI

May 22, 2023

**Instructor:** Jim Zararis

#### **Connor Hasson**

Private Pilot License

**Instructor:** Sufi Annoor

#### John Ritter

Instrument Rating June 26, 2023

**Instructor:** Sahal Mullan

and Jerin Thomas

#### **JackRyan Smith**

Private Pilot License June 26, 2023

**Instructor:** Ryan LeGrand

#### **Wael Abdo**

CFII

June 29, 2023

**Instructor:** Jim Zararis

#### **Max Strout**

CFI

June 30, 2023

**Instructor:** Jim Zararis

### **First Solo**



**John Donohoe**May 7, 2023 **Instructor:** Jerin Thomas



Ellen Yang May 2023 Instructor: Alex Faiman



**Brandon Primavera** May 2023 **Instructor:** Alex Faiman



**Jake Newton-Tanzer** May 20, 2023 **Instructor:** Alex Faiman



Jake Kinney
May 2023
Instructor:
Domenick Montanaro



Nick Jasionis
June 10, 2023
Instructor:
Jennifer Sremanak



Lou Meshon
June 20, 2023
Instructor:
Domenick Montanaro



#### **ADDITION TO THE FLEET**

### Diamond DA-42

Fly Legacy Aviation is proud to introduce the newest member of the fleet: our Diamond DA-42. We are excited to offer this beautiful aircraft to our students for multi-engine training!





#### **Alex Faiman**

New Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument

Congratulations to our instructor, Alex Faiman, on passing his CFII Certification!

## Off to the Airlines!

Jerin Thomas: PSA Airlines **Sufi Annoor:** PSA Airlines **Adam Gabriel**: PSA Airlines Luca Salussolia: Envoy Air **Dionis Deleon**: Castle Aviation Congratulations to all of our CFIs who are taking the next step in their careers as they transition to the airlines. We are so grateful for your hard work and dedication to Fly Legacy and we look forward to your continued success as you pursue your aviation dreams!

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