



# TRANSPORTATION SPOTLIGHT

**PROFESSIONAL: PETE REDDAN**

**NAME:** Pete Reddan

**COMPANY:** CTI Professional Flight Training

**TITLE:** Assistant Chief Instructor Pilot

**COLLEGE:** Embry-Riddle  
Aeronautical University

**DEGREE:** Aeronautical Science

**Q: How did you select your certification program?**

**A:** I have wanted to fly ever since I was three years old, and I pursued that dream to the best university for flight training before going on to the Air Force.

**Q: What was the biggest influence in your selection of major/career pathway?**

**A:** My Uncle Joe was the biggest influence. He was enlisted in the Air Force and always supported my dream through my entire life. Mr. Carl Peterson, my high school aviation teacher, introduced me to flying and helped me find colleges that provided degree programs for flight training.

**Q: What attracted you to the transportation industry?**

**A:** Responsibility and travel opportunities attracted me as not every industry allows you to take on the challenge to be responsible for the safe passage of people and equipment across the globe.

**Q: What is your favorite aspect of your job?**

**A:** My favorite aspect of my job is exemplifying leadership through teaching or successfully passing on the knowledge that I have gained over the last 28 years of my flying career to someone else.

**Q: How do you/your company make a positive impact on society/our community?**

**A:** CTI Professional Flight Training is constantly seeking ways to connect the members of our community with flight training opportunities, no matter their socioeconomic background. There are future pilots in every neighborhood in every city, and we are committed to finding them and providing the opportunities to embark on that career path.

**Q: What's the most interesting thing you have been able to do in your professional career?**

**A:** That would have to be flying a C-17A Globemaster III into Afghanistan.





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**Q: What makes you get up each morning excited about your profession?**

**A:** CTI Professional Flight Training provides me the opportunity to shape the future of aviation one student at a time. That investment of time and effort will pay dividends for many generations.

**Q: If you could go back to high school and select any elective course to take that would have better prepared you for college, what would it be?**

**A:** I would take every shop class that was offered in high school. Understanding how to use your own hands to fix things saves a significant amount of money when running a business and owning a home. Plus, it provides an invaluable skillset that can be used your entire life.

**Q: What advice would you share with K-12 students that are considering your profession?**

**A:** Be ready to commit yourself 100% to your dream. It is the only way obstacles to success will fall.

