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THE EDUCATORS

No one is born knowing how to hover or track and balance a rotor blade, so our educators are essential—and the need to maintain and improve skills never goes away.

Scott Burgess



Scott Burgess, PhD, is chief of operations at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University–Worldwide (ERAU-Worldwide) Department of Flight. Burgess has 40 years of aviation experience in the civil and military sectors, with expertise in rotorcraft safety and flight operations and uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS)

operations. He has served on HAI's UAS Working Group for nearly a decade and was UAS Special Advisor to HAI Board of Directors in 2020–21.

“The next generation will need to be flexible in a changing industry that will include more autonomy and complex systems with integrations between crewed and uncrewed operations in the same space.” – Scott Burgess, PhD

Michael Mower

Michael Mower, executive director and chief flight instructor for the aviation program at Southern Utah University (SUU), started that school's aviation program in



2013 with a small staff and 30 students. Under his leadership, the program has grown to 75 instructors, 25 aviation maintenance technicians, 30 administrators, and 1,000 students.

“As HAI celebrates its 75th anniversary, it is essential to note the organization's role in every sector of our industry—advocacy, safety, education and training, and industry outreach. These efforts help raise awareness about helicopters, their role in society, and the importance of aviation education.”

– Michael Mower

Terry Palmer



A senior consultant for aviation training, Terry Palmer most recently managed training programs for the Airborne Public Safety Association (APSA) and served as APSA representative on the FAA's UAS Detection and Mitigation Systems Aviation Rulemaking Committee. She chairs HAI's Training Working Group and is a member of the HAI Safety Working

Group, serves on the board of the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems, and speaks on training and safety at industry events.

“As HAI turns 75, safety and training for members of both crewed and uncrewed vertical flight operations should remain priorities.” – Terry Palmer

Wesley Van Dell

A full-time flight instructor since 2007, Wesley Van Dell has served as chief flight instructor–rotorcraft at University of North Dakota (UND) Aerospace since 2017. He is a member of the UND Aerospace Safety Council and safety management system implementation team.

“The next generation is far more creative and adaptable than what I've seen before. This is especially true when it comes to evolving technology. The students often teach me a thing or two about how to make our job easier as pilots!”
– Wesley Van Dell

