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JSfirm.com Presents Student and Educator of the Year

Roanoke, Texas (March 20, 2024) - JSfirm.com has partnered with the Aviation Technician Education Council (ATEC) to award this year's James Rardon Student of the Year and Ivan D. Livi Aviation Maintenance Educator of the Year.

Mark Thom of Purdue University was named this year's Ivan D. Livi Aviation Maintenance Educator of the Year for 2024. Thom has tested and passed over 200 A&P applicants as an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner. He teaches undergraduate aviation mechanic courses over 80% of his time and incorporates student-led learning in classes, labs, and online. Furthermore, Thom designs his courses so that students reengage and revisit materials to strengthen knowledge and its application. Mark Thom is an esteemed professor and holds a Master's Degree in Industrial psychology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Forrest Zischkau, valedictorian of the Aviation Electronic Technology Program at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics (PIA) has been named 2024's James Rardon Aviation Maintenance Technician Student of the Year. Zischkau has showcased his dedication and commitment to his studies by achieving a perfect attendance record. Forrest is also a student ambassador who promotes aviation maintenance as a career, serves as a resource for current and prospective students, and embodies the standards of pride, purpose, and prestige at PIA.

"Mark and Forrest have both exemplified themselves to be clear selections for the awards this year", Abbey Hutter, Executive Director of JSfirm.com said. "We consider it a privilege and an honor to have the opportunity to recognize these outstanding individuals. Year after year, JSfirm is excited to recognize those who have demonstrated great accomplishments in their professional and academic careers."

Read more about the award recipients here: <https://www.atec-amt.org/news>

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