Mason attended the NACTEC Aviation session in the Fall of 2009. Every student enrolled in this course receives technical preparation and critical thinking skills to gain the confidence needed to fly the friendly skies, and not-so-friendly skies of Northwestern Alaska. Aviation students gain two hours of flight time with a Certified Flight Instructor and an additional 30 hours of classroom instruction exploring aviation industry careers such as Air Traffic Controllers, Dispatchers, Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics, and Cargo Handlers.

Mason Evans demonstrated mastery of both the academic and technical preparation to succeed with a career in aviation. Using NACTEC as a stepping stone for post-secondary success, Mason has confidently made the transition to higher education as he pursues an Aviation Degree at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.