2015 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award Recipients Announced

BIG RAPIDS, MI - The NOCTI Board of Trustees recently named two 2015 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award recipients. Steven Bross, Commercial Art Instructor at Central Montco Technical High School in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, received the CTE Teacher Award. Mindi Tobias, Dental Assistant Instructor at Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology, in Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania, was awarded the CTE Teacher Candidate Award.

The Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award was established in 2013 to honor Dr. Carl J. Schaefer. As a lifelong champion in career and technical education (CTE), Dr. Schaefer gained national recognition as a CTE educator and author. He was also one of NOCTI's founding fathers. This award is a tribute to Dr. Schaefer's memory and recognizes an outstanding CTE teacher and a CTE teacher candidate continuing their educational journey.

Steven Bross: Mr. Bross has served as a Commercial Art Instructor at Central Montco Technical High School for the past twelve years. When he started in the Graphic Arts program there were only 18 students enrolled in the program and none of those students were interested in moving into the graphics field at the post-secondary level. With his leadership and motivating teaching techniques, his Graphic Arts program now averages 58 students. Angel Kern, Assistant Director at Central Montco Technical High School congratulates Steve and said, "Steve is a veteran CTE teacher that has demonstrated many leadership qualities."

Mindi Tobias: Ms. Tobias has served as the Dental Assisting Instructor at Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology for the past seven years. Mindi's Dental Assisting program won the Pennsylvania's Association of Career Technical Education: Career Technical Education Exemplary Program of the Year in 2013. Mindi believes in giving back to her students and has made it her personal goal to provide the best training possible so that her students are able to excel both professionally and personally. MaryAnn Volders, Vice President of Secondary Education at Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology said, "Mrs. Tobias is an outstanding career and technical educator, and an excellent role model for her students, as well as an educational leader to her colleagues."

NOCTI congratulates Steve and Mindi on receiving this national honor and applauds their commitment and dedication to CTE!

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