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2016 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award Recipient Announced

BIG RAPIDS, MI - The NOCTI Board of Trustees recently named its 2016 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award recipients. Justin Kuban, HVAC-R Instructor, at Steel Center for Career and Technical Education, in Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania, received 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.

Mr. Justin Kuban has served as an HVAC-R instructor at Steel Center for Career and Technical Education for the past three years and is pursuing a vocational education certificate from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Justin not only teaches technical content in his HVAC-R classes, but he also teaches his students the importance of a good work ethic—something that he learned from his more than thirteen years in the HVAC-R service industry. Justin takes pride in his teaching position and also enjoys being involved in the student leadership organizations by serving as a club advisor. He has spent time organizing community service events for Blessings in a Backpack, The Ronald McDonald House, and ALS.

Ms. Sheila Parker, Literacy Coach, at Steel Center for Career and Technical Education said, "Mr. Kuban is a beloved teacher who cares about both the measurable success of his students in achieving industry certifications and standards, as well as their personal success in developing as responsible caring adults."

NOCTI congratulates Justin on receiving this national honor and applauds his commitment and dedication to CTE!

About NOCTI

NOCTI is the nation’s largest provider of industry partner certifications and industry-based credentials for career and technical education programs. Through the use of various assessments, NOCTI provides credible solutions for assessing both student and teacher competence, for data-driven instructional improvement and for regulatory requirements. Nocti Business Solutions tailors performance assessments for each client’s needs, helping them meet their goals through pre-employment testing, performance assessment, prior learning assessment and customized job skills assessment.