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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. Kathleen Overholt, Instructor, Elkhart Area Career Center, in Elkhart, Indiana, received the CTE Teacher 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.

Ms. Kathleen Overholt has served as an instructor at Elkhart Area Career Center for the past five years and teaches a variety of health-related courses including Introduction to Health Careers, Basic First Aid, and Blood Borne Pathogens. Kathleen volunteers her time with student organizations serving on the regional, state, and national levels. She also serves as a CPR Instructor for the American Heart Association.

Kathleen is a firm believer in CTE and views it as a strong foundational piece in any student’s academic career. She places a strong emphasis on the importance of lifelong learning with her students and focuses on incorporating 21st century skills into her instruction to ensure her students can be successful in both college and their careers.

Currently pursuing a master’s degree in nursing education at Western Governor’s University, Kathleen is hopeful that she can be instrumental in implementing a pharmacy tech program at her career center. She believes this program will be a great opportunity for students to gain quality employment and help to reduce the cost of loans as students pursue postsecondary degrees.

MB Hall, CCNA, CAI, at Elkhart Area Career Center said, "Kathy interacts well with her students and always encourages them to strive for the best. She searches for interesting activities for her students to explore the human body and quickly embraces technology using augmented reality to teach anatomy."

NOCTI congratulates Kathleen on receiving this national honor and applauds her 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.