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2017 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award Recipient Announced

BIG RAPIDS, MI - The NOCTI Board of Trustees recently named Mr. Joseph Luther of Pennsylvania the winner of the 2017 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial 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), he gained national recognition as a CTE educator and author. He was also one of NOCTI's founding fathers. This memorial award is a tribute to Dr. Schaefer’s memory and recognizes an outstanding CTE teacher or CTE teacher candidate. Criteria for the award include an application describing personal goals, work experience, awards/honors received, professional memberships, and leadership and community service activities. Joseph received a personalized award and $500 to be used toward tuition, room and board, books, or any other educational-related expense.

For the past eight years, Mr. Luther has served as a horticulture and landscaping instructor at Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology (CPI), in Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania. He is currently pursuing a master of science with director certification with an impending graduation date of December 2018. His love for landscaping started at age seventeen, when he started a landscaping business. He pursued associate’s degree in horticulture and landscape technology and a bachelor’s degree in workforce education from Penn State University. In addition to his dedication to his program and his students, his Horticulture and Landscaping program has been nationally recognized. In June, Joseph’s Nursery/Landscape team was named the 2017 Pennsylvania FFA champion and received individual first, second and third place awards in Nursery/Landscape. The class also participates in several community events, including the Foster J. Sayers Memorial Project, which provided a new Memorial to honor local military veterans.

Ms. Mindi Tobias, dental assisting instructor at Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology said, “He continually creates a motivational atmosphere of learning at CPI. As a result, his students have come to admire him for his enthusiasm and because he is a fun, caring, and passionate person.”

NOCTI congratulates Joseph 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.