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2018 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award Recipient Announced

BIG RAPIDS, MI - The NOCTI Board of Trustees recently named Ms. Jane Mitchell of Pennsylvania the winner of the 2018 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial 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), 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. Jenifer received a personalized award and $500 to be used toward tuition, room and board, books, or any other educational-related expense.

Ms. Mitchell first served as a Culinary Arts instructional assistant for six years at North Montco Technical Career Center in Lansdale, Pennsylvania before being promoted in 2011 to a Culinary Arts/Hospitality instructor where she started a front-of-the-house/hospitality program from the ground up, overseeing the activities of the school’s student-run restaurant for the past seven years. Jane has received several certifications and is working on a degree in Industrial Education from Temple University. In 2015, Jane received the PA/CTECH Conference, New Teacher of the Year Award and in 2016, received an award of merit for outstanding service to the North Penn School District. In 2016 and 2017 two of Jane’s students won gold medals in Restaurant Service at the SkillsUSA National Competition granting them both full scholarships to the prestigious Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. Jane is also a member of several professional organizations including the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Education (PA ACTE), Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association (PRLA), Pennsylvania Association of CTE Special Populations (PACTE), National Restaurant Association (NRA), and the Philadelphia Chapter of Les Dame d’Escoffier International- “Women of Achievement in the Culinary, Fine Beverage and Hospitality Professions”.

Mr. Robert Lacivita, assistant director at North Montco Technical Career Center, said “Jane has an excellent understanding of how to effectively use NOCTI data, not only identifying areas needing improvement, but also in identifying areas of strength and then applies instructional strategies to help increase student achievement.”

NOCTI congratulates Jane 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.