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2019 C. Thomas Olivo Outstanding Service Award Recipient Announced



BIG RAPIDS, MI - The NOCTI Board of Trustees recently named Mr. Adam Canter the winner of the 2019 C. Thomas Olivo Outstanding Service award.

The C. Thomas Olivo Outstanding Service Award, established in 1980, is NOCTI's highest honor and is reserved for those individuals who have demonstrated leadership in the areas of career and technical education (CTE) and occupational competency assessment. Criteria for the award include credibility, expertise, dedication, leadership qualities, knowledge of NOCTI programs and services, and participation and contributions to professional associations. This year's winner received a personalized award, a \$500 cash honorarium, and a \$250 gift certificate for NOCTI products/services.

Mr. Canter serves as assistant director for the Office of Governor's Economic Initiatives at the West Virginia Department of Education, in Charleston, West Virginia. Through hard-work and dedication, Adam developed a fully customized statewide CTE ecosystem which is implemented in every state-approved CTE program of study in West Virginia. Working collaboratively with the West Virginia Department of Education offices of assessment, federal programs and special education, Adam was able to incorporate NOCTI as the threshold for entering West Virginia's workforce after graduation. Mr. Canter's involvement in advisory councils, business affiliations, steering committees, ACTE, and the NOCTI Consortium of States has benefited the students of West Virginia by generating potential work leads and aligning industry expectations with academia expectations.

"Mr. Canter has single handedly changed the CTE culture around data collection across West Virginia through systematically developing resources to assist instructors in actively utilizing NOCTI. By word, action, and practice, Adam illustrates a vested interest in all involved parties and habitually demonstrates his profound devotion to quality education. Mr. Canter's fundamental educational philosophy encourages each of us, myself included, to live to learn and learn to live," said Dr. Kathy D'Antoni, associate state superintendent at West Virginia Department of Education.

NOCTI congratulates Mr. Canter on receiving this national honor. Adam is a leader and advocate for CTE making him a well-deserving candidate of the C. Thomas Olivo Outstanding Service Award.

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.