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2021 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award Recipient Announced



BIG RAPIDS, MI - The NOCTI Board of Trustees named Ms. Nicole Shearer of Pennsylvania the winner of the 2021 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. Charles received a personalized award and \$500 to be used toward tuition, room and board, books, or any other educational-related expense.

For the past nine years, Nicole has served as a cosmetology instructor at Greene County Career and Technology Center, located in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. Currently, she is working toward a certificate in vocational teaching. She works with each student to make sure they receive the support needed to be successful. The onset of COVID made it difficult, but Nicole worked tirelessly to ensure each student received the help they needed by varying her instructional strategies to include teaching some students fully online, some hybrid, and others fully in-person depending on their individual needs. In addition, she assists her students in classes outside the cosmetology classroom.

Ms. Stacey Wheaton, health assistant instructor, at Greene County Career and Technology Center, said "Mrs. Shearer has the heart of an angel. She demonstrates professionalism and leads by example while doing so."

NOCTI congratulates Nicole 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. NOCTI provides credible solutions for assessing both student and teacher competence and provides detailed information that can be used for data-driven instructional improvement as well as to meet 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.