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2022 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award Recipient Announced



BIG RAPIDS, MI - The NOCTI Board of Trustees named Ms. Sarah Skinner of Maryland the winner of the 2022 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. Charles received a personalized award and \$500 for tuition, room and board, books, or any other educational-related expense.

Sarah is an Environmental Resource Management teacher at the Center of Applied Technology North in Severn, Maryland. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in CTE at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Sarah grew up in a small farm town where she started raising animals at five years old and eventually started working with her father as part of the USDA. Her involvement in 4H and working on the farm was the beginning of her love of agriculture; so much so that she decided to pursue a degree in agriculture education. She is the first CAT-North FFA advisor in over five years, the director at-large for Ann Arundel County Farm Bureau, and a SkillsUSA section advisor.

Sheila Coffman, Assistant Principal at CAT-North nominated Sarah for the award and describes her as "A CTE professional with a deep passion for CTE which is evident through her tireless efforts to not only promote her own program, but to also actively participate in all things CTE related to the career center." Sarah played a significant role in the school's "Green Committee" which helped the center achieve MAEOE recognition as a Green School in 2022. Sarah is student-focused in every sense of the word and encourages her students to seek out leadership and growth opportunities.

NOCTI congratulates Sarah 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.