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2024 Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award Recipient Announced



BIG RAPIDS, MI - The NOCTI Board of Trustees named Mr. Todd Kessler of Pennsylvania the winner of the 2024 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. Todd received a personalized award and \$500 for tuition, room and board, books, or any other educational-related expense.

With 19 years of experience in Career and Technical Education (CTE) specializing in automotive technology, Todd Kessler is an invaluable resource for his students and the broader community. As an Automotive Technology Instructor at York County School of Technology in York, Pennsylvania, he leverages his extensive expertise to provide students with both practical skills and in-depth industry knowledge. Beyond the classroom, Todd leads Pennsylvania's largest Hot Rodders of Tomorrow team, consistently ranking among the top five in the nation. In his role as the Technical Leader of the Manufacturing and Transportation Academy, he oversees and supports 11 instructors who educate over 550 students across seven CTE programs. Additionally, Mr. Kessler collaborates with school administrators to secure equipment grants, ensuring that his program remains equipped with the latest tools and technology for hands-on student training.

Scott Rogers, Administrative Director at York County School of Technology, nominated Todd for the award, praising him as a passionate and dedicated educator.

NOCTI congratulates Todd 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. 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.