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**Luke Danjanic Named as the 2026 Recipient of the Dr. John C. Foster
Excellence National Award**

BIG RAPIDS, MI — NOCTI is proud to announce Luke A. Danjanic as the 2026 recipient of the Dr. John C. Foster Excellence National Award.

Launched in 2025, this national award recognizes exceptional achievement in Career and Technical Education (CTE), honoring students who demonstrate innovation, leadership, technical excellence, and community impact—reflecting Dr. Foster’s legacy and the transformative power of CTE.

With 60 years of experience advancing CTE, NOCTI remains committed to preparing a skilled, adaptable workforce. Dr. Kathleen McNally, CEO of NOCTI/Nocti Business Solutions (NBS), shared: “Luke embodies everything CTE stands for—leadership, service, technical excellence, and a commitment to using skills to improve lives. His achievements reflect the profound impact CTE can have on students and communities.”

Luke Danjanic is a senior at DoDEA E. J. King Middle High School in Sasebo, Japan, enrolled in the Computer Science & Business Management CTE program. He has distinguished himself through academic achievement, leadership, service, and innovation—applying his technical skills to benefit both his school and the U.S. military community abroad.

As Treasurer of the National Honor Society and the founding and current President of the National Technical Honor Society, Luke has helped expand awareness of CTE pathways. Under his leadership, the chapter earned the Silver Star of Excellence in its first year. He also organized the school’s first CTE Fair, connecting students with 38 industry professionals across 26 career fields, broadening student career awareness and strengthening partnerships between education, industry, and community organizations.

Luke’s commitment to service is evident in his work with the American Red Cross, where he educated more than 1,000 community members on emergency preparedness, co-taught CPR and First Aid classes, supported blood drives, and contributed to disaster relief readiness efforts. A certified American Red Cross instructor, he was named the 2024 Asia Pacific Youth/Young Adult Volunteer of the Year.

He has also demonstrated strong intercultural leadership by through his work with the Sasebo Board of Education and participation in Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs



(MOFA)/DoDEA exchange programs. His contributions were recognized in the Japan MOFA Diplomatic Bluebook for promoting cross-cultural understanding.

Luke's accomplishments exemplify the impact of CTE and the value of applying skills to serve others.

About NOCTI and Nocti Business Solutions (NBS)

NOCTI and Nocti Business Solutions (NBS) deliver industry-driven credentials and data that verify real-world skills and support workforce readiness. Through rigorous, standards-based assessments aligned to ISO/IEC 17024, NOCTI/NBS provides trusted, third-party verification of technical and employability competencies across career pathways. Our data helps educators, employers, and state leaders measure outcomes, close skill gaps, and strengthen talent pipelines.

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