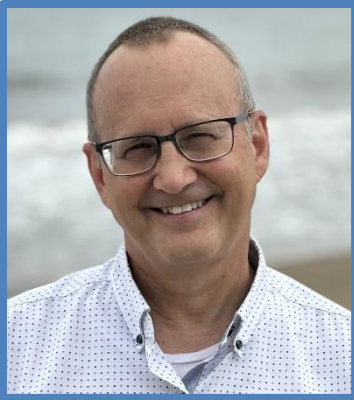


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2023 C. Thomas Olivo Outstanding Service Award Recipient Announced



BIG RAPIDS, MI - The NOCTI Board of Trustees recently named Randall McNamara of Vancouver, Washington the winner of the 2023 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.

Randall serves as Director of Special Projects at Rouxbe Global Food Group. His work as a thought leader in workforce credentialing underscores his commitment to establishing and maintaining high standards in the culinary field. Spearheading multiple projects related to industry standards, assessments, testing, and apprenticeships showcases Randall's dedication to enhancing the quality and professionalism of culinary education and practice. His extensive experience in teaching at culinary schools in the United States, Russia, and Singapore shows his broad understanding of culinary education on an international scale. To further solidify his role as a knowledgeable authority in the culinary domain, he has published several books and articles, and implemented the first Spanish-language culinary program in the United States.

Randall was nominated by Ken Rubin, Chief Culinary Officer, at Rouxbe Global Food Group. In his nomination, Ken mentioned that "Randall embodies all the characteristics of leadership, and he champions equity."

NOCTI congratulates Randall on receiving this national honor. He 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. 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.