

# NOCTI Press Release

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## Christopher Tully Named C. Thomas Olivo Award Recipient for 2011

**BIG RAPIDS, MI** - The NOCTI Board of Trustees proudly awards the 2011 C. Thomas Olivo Outstanding Service Award to Christopher Tully of Pennsylvania.

The Olivo 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.

For the past ten years, Chris has taught Multimedia Technology at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology in Jamison, Pennsylvania. During this time, he has taught over 400 students the skills needed to excel in the multimedia field. In addition to teaching at Middle Bucks, Chris is also an adjunct professor for Temple University and Moore College of Art. He provides professional development programs and presents at conferences on the effective use of technology and classroom management.



Chris Tully receiving his award from  
NOCTI President/CEO, John Foster

As an innovator, Chris developed unique instructional strategies that integrate 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills in order to prepare students for the workforce. He is passionate about changing the current public perception of CTE and highlighting the positive impact that CTE has on today's youth. This passion led to the development of a website ([www.cteduonline.com](http://www.cteduonline.com)) which was designed to assist his fellow educators in creating learning environments that promote CTE as well as academic excellence. Chris

Chris has served on several NOCTI assessment development teams and finds the experience to be rewarding.

Stephanie Gregory, Chris' colleague, commented, "I have witnessed first-hand the passion Chris has for CTE. He is an articulate and extroverted, yet humble, individual whose energy and enthusiasm for teaching is evident the second you step into his classroom."



and his students have also posted many videos to YouTube on their "Multimedia Channel" (<http://www.youtube.com/user/mmtmbit>).

Chris has received numerous awards over the past several years, but he refuses to accept sole responsibility for the recognition. Instead, he believes they are a representation of the hard work and success of his students. The awards Chris has received include Exemplary Program (Apple, Inc.), National Trade and Industrial Education Outstanding Teacher Award (ACTE), Tree of Life Award (Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce), Apple Distinguished Educator (Apple, Inc.), and Outstanding Career and Technical Education Program (Pennsylvania Department of Education).

Chris has been, and will continue to be a champion for CTE. On behalf of the NOCTI Board of Trustees and staff, congratulations to Chris on receiving this national honor!