

Dr. Stephen Hoag Named C. Thomas Olivo Award Recipient for 2008

The NOCTI Board of Trustees proudly awards the 2008 C. Thomas Olivo Outstanding Service Award to Dr. Stephen Hoag of Connecticut.

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 seven years, Dr. Hoag has provided oversight for Connecticut's statewide testing program which now encompasses 10,000+ CTE concentrators. Management of this program includes ensuring that Connecticut's competencies are taught and sequences of courses are provided in creating areas of concentration.

As a CTE student, Steve was heavily involved with the DECA career student technical organization (CTSO) where he ended up serving as national president. His experience with a CTSO provided invaluable guidance in starting the Connecticut SkillsUSA program (formerly known as VICA). Dr. Hoag served as the SkillsUSA state director for 19 years. One of Dr. Hoag's most recent endeavors was the establishment of the "Developing Tomorrow's Professionals (DTP)" Program which teaches leadership to students who, against the odds, show promise to become successful leaders in the future. Dr. Hoag has been, and will continue to be, a strong advocate for CTE.

On behalf of the NOCTI Board of Trustees and staff, congratulations on receiving this national honor!