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Calvert Career and Technology Academy teacher, Scott Owens, named as Teacher of the Year by the Maryland Career and Technical Administrators chapter of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE.)

Scott Owens is a 20-year veteran teacher at the Calvert Career and Technology Academy (CTA) where he teaches graphic communications. CTA Principal Carrie Akins shared in a nomination letter that Owens is a perpetual “team player,” and regularly volunteers to help support any event or activity that will benefit students.


“He is endlessly generous with his own personal time to support the projects and activities that take place here,” said Akins. She added that he was instrumental in the a fundraising event sponsored by the local Rotary Club intended to draw hundreds of motorcyclists, “jeepers,” and classic cart enthusiasts to a scenic ride that raises funds for student certification costs throughout the building. Mr. Owens worked with program organizers and incorporated into his classroom the creation of extensive materials, including t-shirts, posters, postcards, banners, and more. All of these efforts paid off in great success by providing thousands of dollars for students (this year, \$30,000 was ultimately raised).



In June 2022, Owens proudly celebrated one of his students, now senior AJ Halsey, winning Gold at SkillsUSA Nationals in the Graphic Dye Sublimation contest. In a nomination letter, Halsey shared that Owens is “...incredibly kind, funny, and encouraging to the entire class, and keeps everyone pushing through things even when motivation is running low. Even during senior year, he inspires our entire class to do our best on every project we’re given. It’s thanks to him that I even considered going to nationals in Atlanta in the first place- he pushed me through and gave me plenty of wise words where I needed it, and I don’t think I could have won anything let alone a gold medal without his guidance. Everything that he’s done has left an impact on me that I’ll carry with me for the rest of my life.”

Prior to become a teacher, Owens owned and operated a successful local printing business prior to teaching. Mr. Owens is a fervent support of SkillsUSA who supports students in competition and leadership activities annually. He resides in Calvert County with his wife, Jeanette, and is active in the community, providing instruction in hunting safety courses in addition to his teaching duties at CTA.

Owens will move on to compete in the Northeast, United States ACTE Region I competition during the spring of 2023.

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