TREE OF LIFE NOMINATION LETTER

I think it is about time Christopher Tully is recognized for what he is doing at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT). Before I came to MBIT, I was a slacker. I never did my homework, I saw no point in going to college, and dropping out of high school was always on my mind. Now that I've been exposed to Mr. Tully's challenged-based style of learning for ten weeks, I've become a completely different person. I do my work on time, I've researched a handful of colleges I want to attend, and I'm preparing myself to work in the field.

Mr. Tully takes a very modern approach to teaching. He prepares us for life outside of high school. We learn how to budget for a household, we learn the soft skills that will make us more competent in the field, and we learn how to learn independently. Our learning is also very individualized. We learn at our own pace and are to work hard to meet deadlines. Mr. Tully also provides us opportunities like producing television broadcasts of school board meetings. I trust Mr. Tully, a man I just met, with my education. He definitely deserves the Tree of Life Award.

But here's something you might not know:
I was told not to come to MBIT. I was told I was too smart, I was "college bound." Everything I wanted to learn was right there, but because "right there" was a Career and Technical School, it was immediately looked down upon. Since I was told not to attend MBIT, I applied in the middle of the year after talking to my parents about going. At that time I didn't know that the class was already full. Before school started, a student in the class decided not to go. If that student had not relinguished his position in class, I would not have nominated Mr. Tully for this award, let alone even met him. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to attend MBIT and be exposed to Career and Technical Education.

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