

JUNE, 2001

2000-2001 Chapter A Tremendous Year of Success

As the year ends at Ferris State University, so ends an impressively successful fourth year of the Greater Michigan MSCA Student Chapter at FSU. We ended the year with 29 members, and an Annual Report full of the numerous activities for the past year. As we reported in the past, the Chapter was presented with the first MCAA National Student Chapter of the Year Award. This is quite a statement on the success of the program, and the work the Chapter officers have donated these past four years.



Back Row - Scott Leach, Chapter Advisor, Mike Sweeney, Nick Keeler, Neil Parsons, Jim Mallory, Eric Fradette, John Lindman, Andrew Lememczyk, Jan Anderson, HVACR Dept. Secretary, Mike Feutz, Chapter Advisor, Russ Borst, Hurst Mechanical Contractors, Advisor

Front Row - Megan Ruehmeier, Secretary, Joe Parker, Chapter President, Rodney Cook, Vice President, Scott Breuker, Treasurer

Retreat Brings Aggressive Schedule for 2001-2002 Programs

As the school term ended we held our Annual Retreat. We also took stock of what we accomplished and what programs we need to consider for the upcoming year. After receiving the Student Chapter of the Year Award from MCAA, there is a strong desire to have an even better upcoming year. The current officers of the Chapter, along with the newly elected officers met with other members and the Chapter Advisors to put together an outline of the upcoming year.





***FSU
Student
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Receives
MCAA's
First
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Award***

In late March, John Gentile, Executive Vice President and CEO of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America, Mechanical Service Contractors of America's Marketing Committee and staff traveled to the campus of Ferris State University to present MCAA's first Student Chapter of the Year Award. The Greater Michigan MSCA's Ferris State University Student Chapter received this tremendous award for their activities as representatives of MSCA and MCAA.



L. to R. - MCAA Executive Vice President and CEO John Gentile, Chapter President Joe Parker, and MSCA Executive Director Barbara Dolim

MCAA's Career Development Committee (CDC) selected the Greater Michigan



MSCA Student Chapter, at Ferris State University, as the very first MCAA "Student Chapter of the Year". CDC Chairman Bill Bianco noted that the chapter has a "high degree of organization, a superb relationship with the local service contractor community, the local MCA and . . . its communications media, outreach and its can-do spirit, can truly

serve as models for our other existing and future student chapters."

Chapter Leadership - Ed Belanger, II, President 1997-99, Kevin Dettling, President, 1999-2000, Joe Parker, 2000-01, Megan Ruehmeier, President-Elect

Presented by John Gentile, the students showed great pride at their accomplishments as he listed the other MCAA Chapters they beat out like, Texas A&M, Purdue, Iowa State, Nebraska, etc. Needless to say, that comment was the icing on the cake for the Chapter.

MSCA Executive Director Barbara Dolim read from a letter from MSCA Board of Managers President Don Batz congratulating the students and stating the organization's pride in their accomplishments.

When the decision was made to outreach to the Ferris State University (FSU) Students, we could not have imagined the extraordinary project it would become. At last year's graduation, approximately 70% of the graduating class went to a MSCA or MCAA Contractor, statewide or nationally.

The Greater Michigan MSCA is tremendously pleased with the students' efforts in this

chapter and share in their pride of this award.

"We are now in the fourth full year of the Chapter, stated GM MSCA President Sandra Miller, who also serves as Chapter Advisor. Each year the Chapter has increased the number of activities and the projects of the organization. "It has been a successful and worthwhile program, both professionally, and personally for our organization. "



Members and Advisors at the evening's festivities -
 Back Row - Kevin Dettling, Barbara Dolim, Scott Leach, Chapter Advisor, Andrew Lememczyk, Nick Keeler, John Lindman, Trevor Fink, Eric Fradette, Mike Feutz, Chapter Advisor, Mike Sweeney, Scott House, Don House, UA International Representative for Service
 Front Row - Scott Breuker, Treasurer, Megan Ruehmeier, Secretary, Rodney Cook, Vice President, Joe Parker, President

Left - George Waldheim, Dean of Construction Technology Right - Scott and Don House, Scott helped establish the chapter before graduating in 1996



Pictured left - Incoming President Megan Ruehmeier presenting Outgoing President's Plaque to Joe Parker
 Right - President Joe Parker honoring Immediate Past President Kevin Dettling, now with Limbach, Inc.

FEBRUARY, 2001

Chapter Board and Membership Meet to Formalize Plans For Spring Term

The Ferris State University Student Chapter of the Greater Michigan MSCA has begun planning for the upcoming Spring Term. The Officers, FSU Chapter Advisors Scott Leach and Mike Feutz, and Chapter Sponsor and Advisor Sandra Miller met in January to develop a proposed calendar for the approval of the membership.

Approved at the membership meeting were the following special projects:

Contractor / Student Summit for March 21st Gearing to the Freshmen and Sophomores Looking for Summer Employment

Project Tours In Cooperation With The National MSCA Marketing Meeting Scheduled for Michigan In March

In addition, the Chapter will be scheduling new First Aid Classes for students who haven't received their training. It will be opened up to the FSU Campus as a fundraising project. A Refresher Course will be held for students who have received their card through the Chapter. Also, special speakers for upcoming membership meetings along with fundraising activities are in the planning process.

MSCA's Educational Conference - Record-breaking Attendance

The Mechanical Service Contractors of America's (MSCA) 17th Annual Educational Conference broke past attendance records. The Greater Michigan MSCA sponsored 10 students from the Ferris State University Chapter for attendance at the Conference. The



students met with the MSCA Board of Managers before the official start of the conference to give their Annual Report of Chapter activities to Board. The conference drew its largest



attendance ever to one of the conference's most beautiful and unique locations, the Hyatt Lake Las Vegas Resort in Lake Las Vegas, NV. The Opening Session featured remarks by MCAA President Bob FitzGerald, MSCA Board of Managers Chairman Don Batz and internationally prominent Oliver North. North fascinated participants with his perspective on current world events drawn from his 20-year military and intelligence career.

Afterburner Day gave participants a



unique, memorable experience in learning how America's fighter pilots prepare for their missions and how to use those leadership, teamwork and planning lessons in solving their own business challenges. Richard Bensinger, former Organizing Director with the AFL-CIO and founder of its Organizing Institute, spoke about the union's role in today's economy and the need for new organizing approaches. The educational sessions were well-attended and covered such timely topics as recruitment and retention, managing the customer service process, conflict resolution, service training and certification, and the peer group. Next year, the conference takes place in Amelia Island, FL. October 18-22.



NOVEMBER, 2000

Ferris State HEAT'S ON Project- A Statewide Project

Greater Michigan MSCA's Ferris State University Student Chapter held their HEAT'S ON Project. The Chapter has participated in the program for the Greater Michigan MSCA and UA Local 190 for the past three years. They enjoyed their participation, but felt they wanted to do more for the Mecosta County where Ferris State University is located.

The Chapter took on the monumental task of scheduling a project for their hometown, working with Mecosta County Family Independence Agency. Then, we put out the call to have trucks from the MSCA contractors throughout the state to participate.

Below- New Chapter Member Neil Parsons, and George Sincheff, Goyette Mechanical Company.



Above - Ready to start out the new day.

Trucks were scheduled from Ann Arbor, Boone & Darr, Inc., Grand Rapids, Holwerda-Huizinga, Inc., Rite-Way Mechanical, Inc., Lansing, T.H. Eifert, Inc. and Flint, Goyette Mechanical Company. Chapter Advisors Sandra Miller, Mike Feutz, and Scott Leach were also in attendance. Everyone, service tech's and



students alike enjoyed the opportunity to help those in need. It was a terrific project, a beautiful day, and great stories when everyone came back to the hotel for the luncheon. We are already in the process of initial planning next year.



left- Matt Pedler, Holwerda-Huizinga cleans the blower outside. Above-right- Megan Ruehmier working on the furnace

OCTOBER , 2000

2nd Annual Freshman Welcome Party

The Chapter held its first annual "Freshman Welcome" on September 20th in the President's Room at the Rankin Center on the FSU Campus. The welcome gave the Chapter the opportunity to tell the new students about the advantages of joining the Chapter. Displays were set up around the room for potential members to have the opportunity to view, first hand, the numerous activities of the chapter. Information shown through out the room included pictures on community service projects such as: HEAT'S ON, and the Magic Ride to help prevent child abuse, along with contractor tours, jobsite tours, special membership speakers, and membership events, such as attendance at the National Convention.

Chapter members and Chapter Advisors were in attendance, including Sandra Miller and Diane Calmeyn from the Greater Michigan MSCA, along with a number of new students who were either Freshmen or transfers from different colleges, but new to the Ferris State University Campus.