



MSCA Board of Managers Report

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San Antonio, Texas



Students from Ferris State University (pictured below) participated in the Greater MSCA Heat's On. Through the combined efforts of both MSCA and UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians, the project completed it's 18th year.

These homes, thanks to the efforts of MSCA and UA 190, will be safe and warm this winter. We do a number of return calls. When the service personnel walk in usually the recipients have snacks ready for the workers. It's a great relationship to build with the community.



The Ferris Chapter adds to the event, and gives the local contractors the opportunity to get to know them. Both the MSCA and Local 190 participate in numerous activities during the year; without a doubt this is the favorite of all.



FSU / Greater MI MSCA—6th HEAT'S ON Project



Greater Michigan MSCA's Ferris State University Student Chapter proudly held their sixth annual HEAT'S ON Project, on October 4th.



The Chapter has participated in the program with Greater Michigan MSCA and UA Local 190 for the past six years. The Chapter 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 the Mecosta County Family Independence Agency. Calls were made to have volunteers participate from MSCA contractors and chapters throughout the state. Trucks came from Ann Arbor, Boone & Darr and Hutzel Plumbing & Heating, Flint, Goyette Mechanical Company, and Lansing, T. H. Eifert, Inc. Chapter Advisors Sandra Miller and Diane Calmeyn and their Assistant Lily Calmeyn, from Greater Michigan MSCA, and Chapter Advisor Mike Feutz, FSU were also in attendance. Each truck took carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors for each home, along with batteries to update and replace those in homes that had them already installed.



After a quick breakfast, students were partnered with the service tech's who had donated their time and were off for the days work. A number of volunteers stayed behind to serve as "runners" to take parts out to the various service calls when necessary. Everyone, service techs and students alike enjoyed the opportunity to help those in need.

Pictured left at this year's program is a family who we replaced their furnace the previous year

Chapter and Greater MI MSCA Install New Furnace

One of the outcomes of the HEAT'S ON Project is the necessity to replace furnaces. Unfortunately, the majority of the time there are limited resources available. The Greater MI MSCA is committed to doing everything necessary to get the recipients furnace up and running. During last year's program we began working on a furnace that needed to be replaced. Although initially we thought the Family Independence Agency was going to be able to provide resources from either their Agency or the winterization project, neither was available.



That being the case, the Association and Chapter took it upon themselves to install a new furnace as part of this year's HEAT'S ON Project. So early in the morning Ken Clelland, Service Tech from Boone & Darr, Inc. and three students made their way out to the home of a family in dire need of assistance.



Students provided the muscle to take out the old furnace from the basement and bring in the donated furnace from MSCA. It was a long day, but the furnace was running when they left (late in the evening.) Mike Feutz, Chapter Advisor, (and former sheet metal worker) provided the sheet metal work. The furnace needed some additional

work which was completed by the end of the week, and the homeowners were delighted.

It was a win, win, win, situation. The students learned a great deal working on the project, the homeowner is warm with safe heating, and Mike realized if he ever gets bored with teaching, he can go back to the trade.

Membership Meeting

Aaron VanderBerg, Vice President of Advantage Mechanical-Refrigeration and Aire Serv West Michigan, spoke with the Ferris Students. Aaron related his story on the industry. He stressed the 3 C's Competence, Confidence and Control regarding what makes a good service technician.

Student Welcome

The Chapter held its annual "Freshman Welcome" on the FSU Campus at the HVACR Building. The welcome gave the Chapter the opportunity to tell the new students about the advantages of joining the Chapter. Chapter Advisors Sandra Miller and Diane Calmeyn from Greater Michigan MSCA, and Chapter Advisor Mike Feutz, FSU were also in attendance. Photos were set up for potential members to have the opportunity to view, first hand, the numerous activities of the chapter, including its community service projects such as HEAT'S ON.



MSCA 2007 Fall Conference Colorado Springs, Colorado



Nine members of the Ferris Student Chapter along with Chapter Advisor Mike Feutz, and Chapter Sponsor Sandra Miller, Greater Michigan MSCA were in attendance at the MSCA'S 22nd Annual Educational Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Board of Manager's Meeting



Members met with the MSCA Board of Managers on Sunday to review the Chapter's Annual Report, and answer questions for the Board Members.



It is also the time that the Students are paired with a Board Member to act as their mentor during the course of the Conference.

The Chapter was very proud when the MSCA Board of Managers visited the Campus in April.

Tom Friedman Presentation

With their association with the Greater MI PMC, chapter members are given opportunities in a number of different areas. One of those came early this year when the Chapter Members available were invited to be the PMC's guests at the Washtenaw County Economic Club for a presentation by Tom Friedman, author of *Hot, Flat and Crowded Why We Need A Green Revolution—And How It Can Renew America*.

FSU attendees flanked by L. Dave Jones of the John E. Green Company and R. Jeff Darr, Boone & Darr, Inc.



Friedman joined [The New York Times](http://www.nytimes.com) in 1981 as a financial reporter specializing in OPEC- and oil-related news and later served as the chief diplomatic, chief White House, and international economics correspondent. A three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, he has traveled hundreds of thousands of miles reporting the Middle East conflict, the end of the cold war, U.S. domestic politics and foreign policy, international economics, and the worldwide impact of the terrorist threat. His foreign affairs column, which appears twice a week in the *Times*, is syndicated to seven hundred other newspapers worldwide.

2008 Annual Convention Palm Desert, California



The Chapter was well represented with six students attending the MCAA National Convention, the largest number ever from our Chapter. Also in attendance was Chapter Advisor Mike Feutz and Greater Michigan MSCA President and Chapter Advisor Sandra Miller.

The students participated in the Chapter meeting, had an information table at the Manufacturers Showcase, and participated in educational and special programs at the Convention.



The Showcase gave the Chapter the opportunity to discuss their projects and programs from the past year, discuss the training they received at Ferris State University.



This also gave

the Chapter members the opportunity to have their resumes available for contractors to review, and take a copy along if they were interested in contacting the student for employment and/or possibly an internship.

Greater Michigan Night - Chapter members assisted with the Greater MI PMC's Annual Michigan Night at the Convention. They assisted with directing the guests, serving as 'valets', and answering questions. Most important for the students, they had the opportunity to network with MCAA members from throughout the state. (No, Chapter President Andy wasn't really directing the jet in the picture below, but it made him feel good that it looked like he was.)



2008 Student Summit

The Chapter attended the recent (they flew from Omaha to San Antonio, so really recent) MCAA Student Chapter Summit. The annual event brings together members, faculty advisors and sponsors of MCAA's growing network of student chapters for two days of learning, exploring, networking, and fun. It took place in America's heartland—Omaha Downtown/Old Market with the MCA of Omaha as the host.



This year's program captured the trends that are moving the mechanical contracting industry forward at



lightning speed – green and sustainable building and labor estimating using a new Internet-based system, MCAA's WebLEM. Interactive sessions showed you the basis for these trends, how they work, and how they are transforming our industry. The **2008-2009 student chapter competition** was announced at the summit. A general construction project is modeled after **FRANK R. HOWARD MEMORIAL Hospital in WILLITS, CA. and is being built to the California green building standards.**

New requirements for LEED certification, becoming effective January 1, 2009 were reviewed. It was a good incentive for testing before the end of the year! Ferris Chapter President Andrew DeLonge presented a power point presentation outlining the Chapter projects during the Looking Back...And Ahead, segment of the program. At the Summit the students participated in the Mini-Competition modeled after Midwestern State Sports Facility in Omaha. The original concept for the building was very basic. Mechanical Contractors took the lead on the project, the students were to turn the 20,400 sq. ft. facility into a High Performance, LEED – NC Gold, Green Building.

Tour of UA 174



The Students toured the UA 174 Training facilities earlier this year. Mark Mangione, UA 174's Assistant Business Manager and Jeff Wilkerson, UA 174 Marketing Representative conducted a tour of their training facilities. They discussed unionized labor and the UA Apprenticeship program.



Scholarships

This year, as in the past, a number of scholarships were presented from Greater MSCA affiliated organizations, including the national MSCA. There were 8 scholarships handed out for a total of \$16,000.00.



Bell Ringing for Salvation Army – Blood Donations for the Red Cross

Members of the Chapter volunteered to help the Salvation Army with their Annual Christmas Fundraising Drive by bell-ringing at the local stores. This is the fifth year that the Chapter has participated with the bell-ringing and collections for the Salvation Army.



Members also participated in a number of local blood drives. There is no greater time of need for blood than during the holiday seasons.

The Chapter continues to assist with homecoming and will do so again this year. Members help set up, cook hot dogs and host the HVAC tent. We also provide people to help out the night before homecoming to get everything organized. Trip points are given to all that help. This is one of the many ways that members of the Chapter earn credit with involvement to help them be able to attend national functions such as the MSCA Conference, MCAA Student Summit, and the MCAA Convention.



Other Chapter Activities

Membership in the Chapter isn't all work and no play. This school year the members took a ski trip to the Caberfae Ski Lodge, went Ice Fishing as a group, and participated in the ever enjoyable (?) paintball competitions.

