

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.



October, 2002

New Student Welcome



The FSU Student Chapter held its Annual Student Welcome in September. The Welcome was an overwhelming success with the membership increasing by 100%.

Above - Standing - Neil Parsons addressing guests discussing Community Service Programs - Right - Fundraising Chair Andy Lemanczyk and Chapter President Megan Ruehmeier -

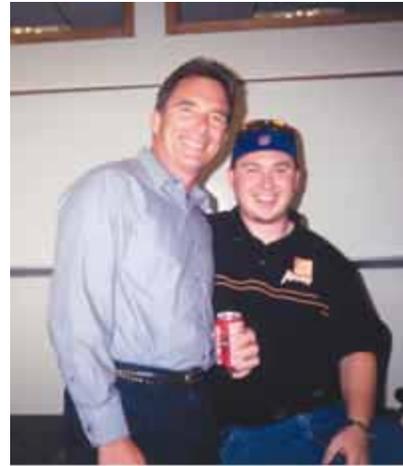


Below - Left - Students listening to presentations - Right - L. to R. - Members - Chad Vaughn, Secretary Nathon Klein, Advisor Scott Leach



Below Right - Mike Feutz, Chapter Advisor, Andy Lemanczyk

Below L. to R.- Megan Ruehmeier - Sandra Miller, Chapter Sponsor Greater Michigan MSCA- - Phil Zwier -



**Left
- Jason Dempsey, John Lindman,
Chad Vaugh, Mike Sweeney,
Chapter Vice President and Megan
Ruehmeier**

**Below - Students signing up for
membership**



September, 2002

Ferris Students Attend MCAA Second Student Chapter

Two members from the Ferris State Student Chapter, President Megan Ruehmeier and Committee Chairman Jason Dempsey, attended the MCAA's 2002 Student Chapter Summit. Also in attendance were Chapter Advisors, Mike Feutz, Program Director at Ferris and MSCA Chapter Sponsor, Sandra Miller, President Greater Michigan MSCA. Also in attendance from Michigan was Randy Davis from the Greater Michigan PMC's Student Chapter at Eastern Michigan University.

The Summit was an unqualified success. They had excellent attendance (about 85), lively and thoughtful discussions in all sessions, and students who seemed genuinely engaged and interested in the program and the industry. There was an excellent tour of Carrier's newest chiller plant in Charlotte and the company's Customer Solutions Center, a facility that monitors many of Carrier's commercial installations worldwide by computer. Terry Hampton from Carrier and his staff did a superb job of organizing the tours and managing the logistics. Carrier has also established a special toll-free hotline into the Center for the students to call (24/7) with their questions about equipment for the 2002 competition. With Carrier's assistance, they were able to bring the group into NASCAR race car driver Rick Hendrick's complex where his teams of race cars are designed and serviced. Hendrick treated everyone to a very nice presentation by Bob Heiss who gave us some history about the facility, the cars, and the Hendrick family. The museum included the car featured in the Tom Cruise movie, Days of Thunder. By the way, the tour included a look at Jeff Gordon's new shop, Terry LaBounty's shop, and a pit crew's training session. The day ended with a first-look at

Carrier's mobile exhibit and dinner at the Speedway Club at Lowe's Motor Speedway.



Sherelle Morgan, a human resources associate at Ferguson Enterprises. Her presentation really seemed to strike home for the students because they plied her with

The second day of the conference featured presentations by the University of Nebraska's president Donnie Arant, and an excellent presentation on job searching techniques by



questions and comments. MCAA also included a game in this program again. The



Ferris State University Breaks Ground on New Tech Center

With over 200 individuals in attendance, the future of the education of HVACR technicians took a giant leap forward on May 10, 2002, at the groundbreaking of the HVACR and Construction Technology Center at Ferris State University (FSU).

The state-of-the art facility groundbreaking saw members of the FSU "family" - faculty, administrators, students, trustees, politicians, and interested citizens, all in attendance for this historic event.

"This facility will set Ferris State University in the leadership role of hvacr and construction trades," said FSU president William A. Sederberg. **(Pictured right)**



Also speaking at the ceremony was Michigan State Senator Joanne Emmons (23rd District), who played a pivotal role in getting funding for the new building. Emmons serves as the Chairperson of the State Finance Committee and Vice Chairperson of the Education Committee. President Sederberg joked that Emmons was "instrumental in twisting arms to get the project approved."



Senator Emmons stated: "This is a premier project that students need and demand".

Chuck Matrosic, interim Dean of the FSU college of Technology, thanked the faculty for their input in the entire project - which, according to Matrosic, has been quite formidable. "In my 17 years of travel throughout this trade, I have never seen a facility like

this," he said.

Pictured above- MPMCA's Walt Maner, Senator Emmons and Dean Matrosic.

The \$18 million project will include a 45,000-sq-ft addition to the existing Construction Technology Center.

FSU is committed to funding \$4.5 million of the project. Donations of cash and equipment for the building's systems and teaching laboratories are being solicited from industry, alumni, and friends of the programs.

Greater Michigan MSCA Student Chapter Member Jason Dempsey, a student in the FSU HVACR Engineering Technology program was one of the featured speakers. **(Pictured right speaking)** President Sederberg credited Dempsey for "doing a great job of selling our [hvacr] to government representatives."



Dempsey, from San Diego, CA could have gone to any of several hvacr training programs after finishing two years at a Southern California junior college. Jason is currently serving his internship, that he secured through his involvement with our FSU Student Chapter, with MSCA National Chairman Don Batz's company - Comm Air Mechanical Services in California.



He chose FSU because of its reputation and because of the encouragement of HVACR Department chairman Mike Feutz **(pictured left speaking)**. "I wanted to be trained up to a level where I could immediately be hired by a leading industry company and earn a decent wage," Dempsey said. "Ferris State was exactly what I was looking for."

Jason spoke about the origins of FSU and how founder Woodridge Ferris would be proud of the university today. "This new facility fills a technical void in HVACR training in the U.S.," he said. He was also quick to add : "I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Governor John Engler and his staff for approving funding for the project."



The project is one that the HVACR Industry has been very involved in and we will continue to assist whenever and wherever possible.

The scheduled completion date is December 2003.

US Congressman Dave Camp Visits FSU Campus

US Congressman Dave Camp (***pictured right***) speaking to HVACR students during his visit to Ferris State University on May 5, 2002. Camp was instrumental in securing a \$500,000 earmark for the HVACR programs that will be used to develop and deliver the first ever HVACR bachelor degree via distance learning.



FSU President William A. Sederberg, Vice President of Governmental Relations Scott Hill-Kennedy and HVACR Department Head Mike Feutz are working with Camp on the next installment of the earmark, an amount of \$1,000,000 that will be used to develop regional sites for hands on competency assessment. FSU and the UA are discussing using UA regional and local training sites for this purpose.



MSCA Student Chapter member Jason Dempsey spoke at the program, (***Dave Camp and Jason Dempsey shaking hands pictured left***) Camp was so impressed with Jason's speech, that immediately after his own remarks, Jason was the first person that he sought out to talk.

Mike Feutz presenting Congressman David Camp with the first ever Ferris State University Certification for "Official Refrigerant User", printed on the EPA approved certificate. (***Pictured***



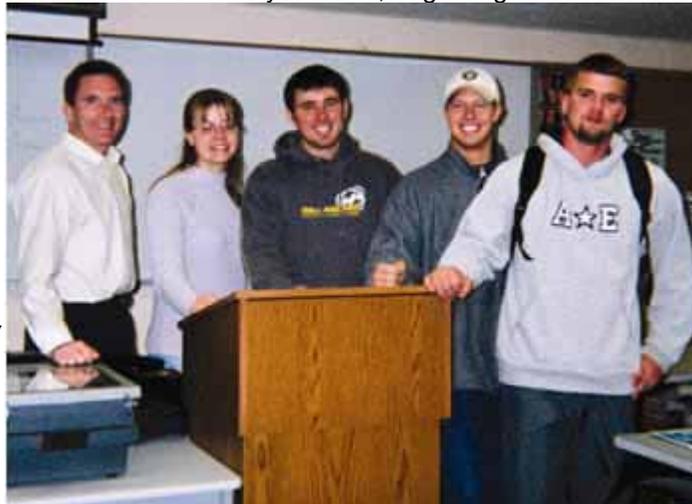
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During his tour the Congressman took time to review some of the accomplishments of students in the HVACR program. (***Pictured bottom-left***) Mike Feutz, Advisor for our MSCA Student Chapter discusses with the Congressman the National MCAA Student Chapter of the Year Award received by the Chapter, and the programs accomplished by the Chapter that lead to their receiving this very first award.

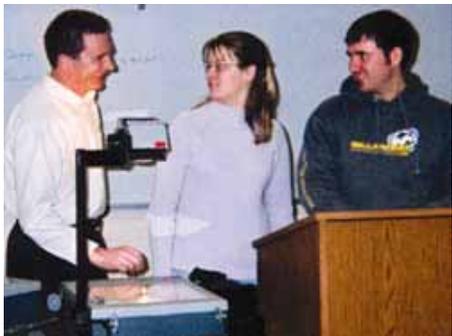


Membership Meeting and Election of 2002-2003 Officers

The Greater Michigan MSCA FSU Chapter held their annual elections for Chapter offices in April at the regular membership meeting. After a long fought battle, the current Officers were re-elected to a new one year term, beginning with the newschool year in the fall of 2002. Members also completed planning on the Fall MSCA Conference. Eleven students are currently scheduled to attend.

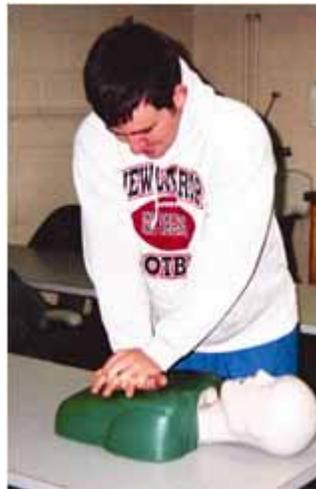


Pictured Right - L. to R. - Chapter Advisory Mike Feutz, Director HVACR Department, President Megan Ruehmeier, Vice President Nick Keeler, Treasurer Mike Sweeney, and Secretary Nathan Klein
Below, candid pictures from the meeting.



First Aid Refresher Course Held

The Greater Michigan MSCA's Student Chapter at Ferris State University recently held their annual Safety and First Aid Training. The Training gives the students the opportunity to add a First Aid/CPR Card to their resume.



April 2002

Membership Meeting



Russ Borst, Service Manager for Hurst Industries, and Chapter Advisor was the featured speaker at the recent Membership Meeting of the Ferris State Chapter. He discussed his career as an Alumni of the Ferris State University HVACR Program, and outlined the many opportunities awaiting the students as they graduate and become involved in this ever growing industry. He also discussed the various opportunities that are available through the intern program.

Chapter President Megan Ruehmeier gave a report on the recent Mechanical Contractors Association of America's Convention held in Boca Raton, and urged members to consider attending the upcoming MSCA Conference to be held in October of this year.

They also discussed the upcoming elections for officers to lead the chapter during the 2002-2003 School Year.

Ferris MPMCA Expo Participation

Chapter Member Phil Zwier and Tad Mellen, PR/Marketing Coordinator for Ferris State University represented FSU at the MPMCA Expo.

The Ferris booth gave those in attendance the opportunity to discuss the various programs and training available through the HVACR program at the University. This is the third year that the University and the students have participated in the Expo, informing



the public about the various programs at the college.



Ferris Jobs Fair

In an effort to sell the benefits of Ferris Students and the benefit to parents of considering Ferris for their college bound teens, the Chapter participated in Job Expos and Trade Expos throughout the State.

March 2001

Greater Michigan MSCA Ferris State Chapter at MCAA Convention

The Greater Michigan MSCA's Student Chapter was represented at the recent MCAA National Convention by Chapter President Megan Rueheimer, Chapter Advisor Mike Feutz, and Greater Michigan MSCA President and Chapter Advisor Sandra Miller.



Pictured right - Megan at Suppliers Showcase- Below - L. to R. - Jack Wilhelm, Chairman MCAA Career Development Committee, Megan Rueheimer, Mike Feutz, and Ann Mathieus, MCAA Advisor Career Development Committee

Development Committee

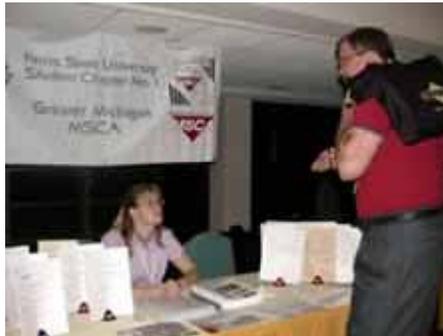


The Chapter participated in the Chapter meeting, the MCAA Student Chapter Competition, a table at the Manufacturers Showcase and participated in educational and special programs at the Convention.

Below - MCAA Executive Vice President and CEO John Gentile with Megan at Showcase



The Showcase gave the Chapter the opportunity to discuss our projects and programs from the past year, and to discuss the training they receive at Ferris State University. This also gave Megan the opportunity to have Chapter Member resume's 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.



February 2002

Chapter Members Compete in MCAA Contest

Members of the Chapter competed in the recent Mechanical Contractors of America's Student Chapter Contest. They put a huge effort into their entry.



Along with the students, Chapter Advisor Russ Borst, Hurst Industries assisted the students in their endeavor. Although they didn't make it to the final three in the contest, we know the experience will help them in their future endeavors.

Contractor / Student Summit

The Chapter held its third Contractor/Student Summit in October. Along with local contractors, contractor representatives from the Chicago MCA were in attendance.

The Summit gives the contractors the opportunity to begin a dialogue with the students, and offer summer work and internships.



