

May, 2003

## ***Ferris State University MSCA Student Chapter is Forming a New HVACR/MSCA Alumni Organization***

Greater Michigan Mechanical Service Contractors Association (MSCA) in conjunction with the Ferris State University (FSU) MSCA Student Chapter, has launched a new Alumni organization.

Their initial event, the First Annual FSU MSCA Chapter and MSCA Alumni Reception, was held on March 18, 2003, at the Rankin Center, on the FSU Campus. The reception was enjoyed by all. The FSU MSCA Student Chapter was the sponsor of the event.

The event was well attended by several HVACR & MSCA student members and Alumni. Attendees of the reception networked and reminisced while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The reception was the first in a series of planned events for the new FSU MSCA Alumni organization.



***Right to Left - Scott Klapper, and Kevin Birk, Boone & Darr, speaking with FSU Dean of Construction Technologies, Weilin Chang***



***Left- Student Chapter Members network with Russ Borst, Hurst Mechanical***

***Below-left - 2003 MCAA Convention Attendees***

***Below-right - Megan Ruehmeier, Outgoing Chapter President, and Sandra Miller, President, Greater Michigan Mechanical Service Contractors Association***



***Left to Right, Chad Vaughn, FSU Graduating Senior and UA 190's Training Coordinator, Scott Klapper***

***Left to Right, Nick Keeler, Chapter Secretary; Mike Sweeney, Chapter Treasurer, and Kevin Dettling, former Chapter President***

The Alumni organization is being formed as a part of the Chapter's Career Development initiative. They are establishing the Alumni organization along with a HVACR University wide alumni organization.

The FSU MSCA Student Chapter was founded six years ago by the Greater Michigan MSCA. The Chapter has received national MCAA recognition with awards for Student Chapter of the Year in 2000 and 2003. The Chapter was also a finalist in the 2003 National Student Chapter Design Competition. Each year, the Student Chapter continues to grow and add new activities and programs.

The FSU Student Chapter is extremely excited about the new Alumni organization and plans to expand the organization in the future. If you are interested in participating in the FSU Alumni organization, contact MSCA President, Sandra Miller, at 734-665-5972.



***Newly Elected Officers, Left to Right, Tia Manyen, Secretary; John Lindman, Treasurer; Jamie Dorland, Vice President; Andrew Lemanczyk, President, and Megan Riehmeier, Outgoing Chapter President***



*Pete Angel, W.J. O'Neil, Inc. and Russ Borst, Hurst Industries enjoy the event*



*2003 MCAA Student Design Competition Award*

## ***2003 Ferris State University Student Chapter Retreat Develops Aggressive Schedule for the Coming 2003-2004 School Year***

The Ferris State University (FSU) Student Chapter of the Mechanical Contractors Association (MSCA), held its Annual Chapter Retreat on May 3rd at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The retreat helped to provide the Student Chapter with goals and objectives for the coming 2003-2004 school year.

Retreat participants included current Chapter Officers, newly elected Chapter Officers, and the FSU Student Chapter Advisors. During the retreat, attendees took time to reflect on the chapter's 2002-2003 academic year activities.



*Chad Vaughn, FSU Senior, gives an overview and critique of the Chapter's annual activities*



**Participants Brainstorm at Annual Retreat**

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**Mike Sweeney discusses the Chapters' future activities**

improvement for the coming year.

The FSU Student Chapter discussed in detail the the new Alumni organization There was great discussion about the "next steps" for the Alumni organization.

Brainstorming during the retreat helped attendees to develop a road map for future programming and activities. The Chapter will continue with an aggressive schedule for the coming school year by kicking off its 2003-2004 activities with a Fall Freshman Welcome event.

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Retreat attendees discussed ways to enhance current programs and improve processes for the 2003-2004 academic year. Plans for the upcoming 2003 MSCA Fall Conference began. The group was able to define specific areas of

**March, 2003**

**Greater Michigan MSCA's Ferris State University  
Named MCAA Student Chapter  
of the Year**



We are enormously proud to report that the Greater Michigan MSCA Student Chapter at Ferris State University was named the MCAA "Student Chapter of the Year". MCAA's Career Development Committee (CDC) made the determination with the presentation occurring at the Award Presentation at the MCAA convention in California.

At the presentation it was noted that the chapter has a "high degree of organization, a superb relationship with the local service contractor community and the local MCA and . . . its communications media and



outreach, its can-do spirit, can truly serve as models for our other existing and future student chapters."

Chapter President Megan Ruehmeier received the award from MCAA President Bob FitzGerald, and CDC Committee Member Bob Armistead.

When the decision was made six years ago to begin outreach to the Ferris State University (FSU) Students, we could not have imagined the extraordinary project it would become. Before we began, the vast majority of the students graduating from FSU were going into the non-union sector. At last year's graduation, approximately 70% of the graduating class went to a MSCA Contractor, statewide or nationally. Amazingly, this is the third time the Award has been given nationally, and the second time our Student Chapter has received it.

We are now completing the sixth full year of the Chapter. Each year we have increased the number of activities and the projects of the organization. It has been asuccessful and worthwhile program, both professionally, and personally for our organization.



**Congratulations to the Officers and members of the Chapter as they are honored for their exceptional work for the University and our Association.**

## ***Chapter Takes Third Place in MCAA Student Chapter Competition***

The Greater Michigan Mechanical Service Contractor Association's Ferris State University Student Chapter was one of four finalists chosen for MCAA Student Competition. The teams competed in the Final Four Student Chapter Competition at MCAA 2003 in Palm Springs, CA. Also competing were the University of Nebraska -Lincoln; Purdue University; Cal Poly Pomona.



***Team Captain for the Ferris Team was Jason Dempsey, whose team included: Jamie Dorland, Chad Vaughn, Shane Vander Veen, Adam Kulhawik, and Jason McDonald***

We were enormously proud of the team which was the first joint program between the Ferris HVACR Program and

students in the Construction Management Program.

A panel of three judges chose the finalists based on their evaluation and scoring of submissions from seven chapters. They considered the proposals' overall quality, their approach to managing and organizing the project, the feasibility of the schedule, the project design, and the accuracy and feasibility of the project costs. Similar criteria was used by the judges in Palm Springs as they evaluated the oral presentations.

The oral competition took place on March 4th. A panel of three judges drawn from the membership of the Career Development Committee evaluated the presentations and chose the first and second place winners.

Each team had a total of 20 minutes to present their proposals, 15 minutes for their formal presentation and five minutes of questions from the judges. MCAA members had been welcomed and encouraged to attend the competition, and the event was standing room only. The results of the judging were announced at the Awards of Excellence Ceremony on Wednesday, March 5th.

***Congratulations to Jason, Chad, Jamie, Jason, Adam and Shane for making the national finals and placing Third. By doing so they assisted with the Chapter receiving the Chapter of the Year Award.***



**January, 2003**

## ***Greater Michigan Student Chapter Makes Final Cut for MCAA National Student Competition***

We are proud to announce that our Ferris State University Student Chapter, the country's only MSCA Student Chapter, has made the final cut for the MCAA Student Competition. Four teams from the 30 student chapters for MCAA will make presentations to a group of professionals at the MCAA Convention in March. The contractors on the panel will make the final decision on the winner.

***Congratulations to all those who participated in the competition, it is a great honor to have made it this far. Good luck - you've made our Association and the whole State of Michigan proud by being one of the final participants.***