ECU students learn how to make homes more energy efficient

GREENVILLE – (2/10/2009) – Several East Carolina University students have taken a strong step forward in their quest to become more energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

The students recently completed Rebuilding Together’s Online Energy Efficiency Workshop, which is a volunteer certification program that provides easy and cost-effective strategies to make a home more energy efficient.

The workshop was completed through Sustainable Design, an undergraduate course administered by ECU’s Department of Technology Systems. It introduced students to the basics of energy efficiency and provided participants with strategies to make homes more comfortable and cost effective.

“Sustainable design and energy efficiency are examples of the necessary training graduates must have when they enter the workforce,” said Robert Chin, a professor in ECU’s Department of Technology Systems. “As we grow green and as we become more energy conscious on a global scale, our students are able to remain ahead of the curve so that they are not only prepared to succeed, but make immediate impacts.”

Students who completed the program were Moria Little, Anthony Pleasant, Meredith Harris, Travis Roundtree, Daniel Stiles, Jordan Jones, Ahmed Kar, Timothy Strickland, Tyler Priest, Dani Berrone, Chris Bray, Phillip Lewis, Stephanie Askey, Edward Tramble, Rochelle Williams, Lindsey Austin, Tanya Froeba, Edgar Santos and Clay Sugg.

Rebuilding Together is a national nonprofit organization that brings volunteers and communities together to rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners. The workshop resulted from a partnership between Rebuilding Together and one of its affiliates, Rebuilding Together Hartford (Conn.).

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