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ECU Student Receives National Award from Prestigious Engineering Organization

GREENVILLE, NC, March 10, 2010— An East Carolina University student has received an elite national award by the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). Scott Reed a mechanical engineering student in the Department of Engineering in the College of Technology and Computer Science was honored with the 2010-2011 Frank M. Coda Scholarship at their monthly meeting in Raleigh on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Reed was awarded the prestigious national award in the amount of \$5000 for his outstanding scholastic, leadership abilities, character, and potential service to the Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigerating (HVAC&R) profession. Reed will have the opportunity to use the one-year scholarship to help further his education goals as a mechanical engineer. The scholarship was created in memory of Frank Coda, ASHRAE's former executive vice president who died in 2004. The first award was given in 2006. ASHRAE's scholarship program was launched in 1989 under Coda's leadership. Since that time, ASHRAE has awarded 136 scholarships. The ASHRAE Scholarship program encourages and assists HVAC&R education through scholarships and fellowships.

"The ASHRAE award was a wonderful surprise and gift that would allow me to continue my education in my chosen field," says Reed. "I want to thank the organization for this wonderful honor."

Reed is the only student this year in our region and nationally, to receive the Coda award. ASHRAE's giving the endowed Coda scholarship to a deserving young student to continue their education is a part of their long-term commitment to engineering and the sciences.

Dr. Tarek Abdel-Salam, associate professor of engineering and faculty advisor for the student chapter of ASHRAE added, "We are very pleased with the grant received in 2007 for \$3,000 and now the 2009/10 scholarship for \$5,000 from ASHRAE. "The support the Raleigh Triangle chapter provides really allows the opportunity for our students to network and interact with various industry professionals."

Founded in 1894, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) is a nonprofit technical organization whose 51,000 members influence the direction of heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC&R) technology by creating industry standards and recommended procedures and guidelines, developing research and writing technical information.

The School of Technology and Computer Science is an integral part of East Carolina University and is committed to purposeful education, research and service. The BS in Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET Inc. and is the only ABET accredited program at ECU. ECU's student chapter of ASHRAE started in 2008. For more information contact you can the faculty advisor Dr. Tarek Abdel-Salam, (abdel-salamt@ecu.edu) or the president of the chapter, Jamelle Simmons (SIMMONSJ06@students.ecu.edu). For more information about this release, please contact Dana Newell, director of Marketing and Communications for the College of Technology and Computer Science at 252-328-9606.

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