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ECU Student Receives Prestigious International Trade Scholarship

First-Ever African-American student in the College of Technology and Computer Science to receive award

GREENVILLE, N.C. (June 30, 2010)—When LaDarius McEachin sets his site on an achievement, he sets it high. McEachin is the first African-American student in the College of Technology and Computer Science to receive the Material Handling Education Foundation honor scholarship.

McEachin, a rising senior who is studying Industrial Distribution and Logistics in the department of Technology Systems, will receive the scholarship in the amount of \$3,000, to be used towards continuing his academic endeavors.

McEachin credits his mother who started but was not able to finish college, and his grandmother for instilling a strong sense of education and high achievement. He also has a sister who is attending classes at a local community college. His hope is to complete what his mother started, finish college and to be an inspiration to other young African-Americans.

“I really like my program in Industrial Distribution and Logistics, my teachers and advisors really want to see the students succeed” McEachin said. “My mother and grandmother are the reasons I value a good education, and I thank them too.”

Dr. Leslie Pagliari, associate dean and professor, concurs. “LaDarius is a great student and we want to see him use his skills to obtain a position within the supply chain and logistics market.”

Since its origin in 1976, the Materials Handling Education Foundation has awarded more than 700 scholarships to students of all ethnic groups, nationalities, gender, and age. The Material Handling Industry of America, whose members provide financial support to the Foundation, is an international trade association of manufacturers, systems integrators, consultants, publishers, and software developers of goods and services that make the supply chain work.

“We honor LaDarius and all students like him who want to make a difference. Our college will continue our commitment to diversity and providing our students what they need to succeed; a supportive environment and committed faculty,” Dr. David White, dean of the College of Technology and Computer Science, said.

McEachin is currently doing an internship with the Sensus Meter Corporation, in Raleigh, NC, a company that develops electrical meters. He’s responsible for helping to upload component engineering technical documentation into the company’s database to be used corporate wide. He’s enjoying his internship and is hoping to find a position in logistics or the supply chain after graduation.



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