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ECU Technology Systems Assistant Professor Wins National Award as Chapter Advisor of the Year

NASHVILLE, TN (8/13/08) – The Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity recognized an East Carolina University faculty member for his dedication and extra efforts to cultivate student leaders. Dr. David Batts, an assistant professor from the Department of Technology Systems, was named Outstanding Chapter Advisor of the Year for at the national conference held in Nashville, TN on August 7-10, 2008.

Batts, who serves as an advisor for ECU's Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, was joined by four students, one ECU alum and former faculty advisor Dr. Jack Thornton at the conference. This marks the first time Batts has won this prestigious award. However, he won the Faculty Advisor Award of Excellence by the Professional Fraternity Association in 2007 as well as Advisor of the Year from East Carolina University in 2006.

“I am truly honored to be recognized for efforts to help build student leaders at ECU,” said Batts. “Service and service to our students is a major component here at East Carolina and I believe that being student centered is what every person in higher education should strive to achieve.”

Batts added the Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity continues to demonstrate the great things happening at ECU. Among the other universities with Phi Sigma Pi chapters include Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill and the University of Pennsylvania.

“This shows how much we care about our students at ECU and that they are worth going the extra mile to develop student leaders,” Batts said.

For more information about this award or to speak to Dr. David Batts, please contact Chris Stansbury, Communications Coordinator for the College of Technology and Computer Science at (252) 328-9611.