

2006 Ferris State University HVACR program wins Award

This morning, ACCA announced that Ferris State University has won the 2006 Jeff Forker Award for Excellence in Training.

The school was nominated by the ACCA Student Chapter there. The students cited four areas in which Ferris State excels:

Professionalism: Professors work collaboratively to ensure that the curriculum is built on a solid foundation and supplemented in a cohesive manner. The result of this cohesiveness is students and alumni who are extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of HVACR.

Trade Involvement: Students and faculty regularly attend ACCA-sponsored events in order to increase their knowledge of cutting-edge technology in HVACR, and the College hosts orientation seminars for new products as well as existing products.

Community Service: Both faculty and students are involved in Heat's On, a volunteer program that ensures low-income housing has adequate HVACR inspections and that systems operate reliably. Load calculation course students conduct energy audits for local businesses and schools to educate the public about possible energy savings they can achieve.

Creativity: The state-of-the-art Granger Building houses classrooms as well as laboratories that are consistently updated with new technologies in order to give students a hands-on experience with products. The infrastructure and HVACR components of the building become part of the students' educational experience.

Other finalists for the award were Peaden Air Conditioning & Heating, Panama City, Florida, and ACCA Texas, the state ACCA chapter.

“We congratulate Ferris State University for its dedication and hard work on behalf of the industry,” said ACCA CEO Paul Stalknecht. “The College of HVACR deserves this recognition.”



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