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HVACR Teams accept awards at the 2008 Energy Conference hosted by Ferris State University's College of Technology.

BIG RAPIDS-Two teams of Ferris students representing the Heating Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) program were awarded honors in a poster competition at the Energy Conference held April 11 - 12, 2008.

The students who came out on top with a first place win in the Alternative Energy Student Poster Board group competition consisted of; Justin Agombar, Ryan Armstrong, Vikram Dhaliwal, and David Majda, of Ontario, Canada, who designed a poster that highlighted multiple alternative energy forms such as biomass, solar energy, hydroelectric, wind power, tidal and geothermal.

The Fourth place winning team in the Alternative Energy Student Poster Board group competition included Craig and Kyle Morrison, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, who assembled a poster board illustrating how hydroelectric power works addressing the advantages and disadvantages of the energy alternative.

More than 200 leaders from industry, research, government and education gathered in Big Rapids April 11 and 12 to share information and ideas on energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainability as part of the Michigan Energy Conference. The collaborative event also provided valuable insight to current students, who actively participated in the two-day series of sessions.

"The Michigan Energy Conference provided a broad forum for discussion of important energy issues," said Ron McKean, associate dean of Ferris' College of Technology. "The student poster board competition was set up to encourage students to investigate energy issues in Michigan" adding, "We were pleased with the outcome and look to continue our efforts in bringing all segments such as students, industry, government and educational leaders together to dialogue Michigan's energy challenges and foster ideas that will result in opportunities."