

BIG RAPIDS, MI - The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) has announced a 2nd place win to Ferris State University Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR) program students and Advisor/Associate Professor Michael Korcal in the International HVAC System Selection Competition.

The purpose of the competition is to recognize outstanding student design projects, to encourage undergraduate students to become involved in the profession, to apply their knowledge of practical design and to promote teamwork. The 2017/2018 building project was located in Istanbul, Turkey and was a four story multipurpose building with attached restaurant, including office, retail, and condominium space.

The following student “dream team” will receive an the HVAC System Selection award at The 2019 ASHRAE Winter meeting in Atlanta, Ga: Ben Zimlich (Grand Rapids, Mi), Jamison Sholander (Grand Rapids, Mi.), Osa Izirein, (Brampton, Ca.), Justine Labrador (Toronto, Ca.), Vitaliy Yashchuck (Ferndale, Wa.), and Yuriy Trubnikov (Ferndale, Wa.)

Comments, Associate Professor and ASHRAE Advisor Mike Korcal, "In my opinion, this has been one of the most complicated projects the Ferris HVACR students have had to work on since first competing in the ASHRAE design and equipment selection competition. The students spent a considerable number of hours on their own time working on this building project and I am very proud with the work they did and how they represented Ferris State University on the international stage."

ASHRAE, founded in 1894, is an international organization of 55,000 persons. Its sole objective is to advance through research, standards writing, publishing and continuing education the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration to serve the evolving needs of the public.