

BIG RAPIDS, MI - The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) has announced a 3rd 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 2019/2020 building project was located in Budapest, Hungary and was a 4 story acute care hospital. The students had to submit a 30 page report and a 15 min presentation covering the complete design of an HVAC system for the project building. All the student ASHRAE branches that compete must win at the local level and then win at the regional level to move on and complete at the international level.

The following student “dream team” will receive an the HVAC System Selection award at The 2020 ASHRAE Winter meeting in Orlando, FL: Seth DeGraaf (Grand Rapids, Mi), Annie Vanderstelt (Big Rapids, Mi.), Michael Cain, (Niles, MI.), Konner Wolter, (Lawrence, MI.), Anirudh Baliga (Mumbai, IN).

Comments, Associate Professor and ASHRAE Advisor Mike Korcal, "In my opinion, this has been one of the more challenging projects the Ferris HVACR students have had to work on since first competing in the ASHRAE design and equipment selection competition. The students did an amazing job on a very difficult building and should be commended", adding, " They graduated at the top of their class last spring and are gainfully employed."

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.