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Ferris student receives awards

BIG RAPIDS – Gary C. Schrader of Cameron, a heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) engineering technology/mechanical engineering technology major enrolled in the College of Technology at Ferris State University, has received the HVACR Technology Outstanding Student of the Year award, and a Rising Star award.

Schrader received one of four "outstanding student" awards given to students in the HVACR program at Ferris this semester. Two of the four awards are presented to students graduating with the HVACR associates' degree, and the remaining two are given to students graduating with the HVACR bachelor's degree. The award was decided upon by members of the HVACR faculty, and was presented by Mr. Mike Feutz, department chair for the program. The award includes a \$100 gift certificate to the J.L. Lundberg bookstore on-campus.

The Rising Star award, also given to Schrader, is presented to five emerging student leaders who have at least two years remaining in their careers at Ferris. This award is intended for students who have already accomplished a great deal through leadership and involvement, and whose potential to achieve even more is evident.

A 2002 Cameron High School graduate, Schrader is a member of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA), the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), the Mechanical Service Contractors of America (MSCA), the Newman Center for catholic students, is executive vice president of the Student Government and is a resident advisor.

Ferris State University is a four-year public university with campuses in Big Rapids, Grand Rapids and satellite campuses across the state. Ferris offers more than 170 educational programs, including doctorate, master's, bachelor's and associate degrees, through nine academic colleges: Allied Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Services, Pharmacy, Technology, the Michigan College of Optometry, Kendall College of Art and Design and the College of Professional and Technological Studies. Ferris also has a University College featuring an Honors Program and providing students with instruction in study skills, reading and career exploration. Founded in 1884 by educator, Michigan Governor and U.S. Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, the university's mission is to be a national leader in career-oriented, technological and professional education.