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Included below is a press release highlighting a group of Ferris State University College of Engineering Technology students who were inducted into the Michigan Epsilon chapter of Tau Alpha Pi. Membership is restricted to the top four percent of all full-time students who have completed at least three-fourths of their studies in an eligible engineering technology program. Any media requests regarding this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

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Ferris College of Engineering Technology Students Honored by National Honor Society

BIG RAPIDS – The faculty advisers of Ferris State University's Michigan Epsilon chapter of Tau Alpha Pi, the national honor society for engineering technology students, recently announced their 2014 inductees.

The inductees are Suman Bhat and Amitav Singha, seniors in Automotive Engineering Technology; Jared Hine, of Jackson, and Noah Reyburn, Weidman, seniors in Electrical/Electronics Engineering Technology; Joshua Kyburz, of Belding; Jordan Gerth, of Cedar Springs; and Jenifer Shelley, of Grand Rapids, seniors in Mechanical Engineering Technology; Daniel Mingle, of Battle Creek, a sophomore in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

"Eligibility for membership is limited to the top four percent of all full-time students who have completed at

least three-fourths of their studies in an eligible engineering technology program," said chapter advisor Jim Rumpf. "Besides being academically eligible, candidates also must be recommended by their faculty group. So, these inductees were not only academically outstanding, but also have displayed excellent character during their careers at Ferris."

Rumpf and faculty advisers Chuck Drake, Ken Kuk, Ron Mehringer, Ben Upham and Rich Goosen processed the nominations earlier in the Spring 2014 semester. Inductees will receive their certificates, pins and diploma seals at a presentation ceremony later this semester, and will have their names added to the Tau Alpha Pi plaque on permanent display in the lobby of the College of Engineering Technology dean's office.

The Michigan Epsilon chapter of Tau Alpha Pi was established at Ferris in 2000. Tau Alpha Pi is the national honor society for engineering technology, as Phi Beta Kappa is for liberal arts and Tau Beta Pi is for engineering. Founded in 1953, membership is open to both associate-degree and baccalaureate candidates. The society's purpose is twofold:

- to recognize high standards of scholarship among students in engineering technology programs, and
- to promote and encourage scholastic achievement by offering outstanding engineering technology students membership in the society. Tau Alpha Pi rewards selected scholars for past achievements and accomplishments, while encouraging a lifetime of commitment to learning and scholarship.

More information on Tau Alpha Pi can be found at the organization's website: <u>www.taualphapi.org</u>.

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