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Subject: Local students earn first place and scholarship in surveying engineering contest
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The following is a press release about Nathan Plooster, a Ferris State University student and Grandville resident whose surveying engineering team earned first place at a recent competition. Also, an additional release features Brian Romsek of Belmont, who received a scholarship at the same event.

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Ferris Surveying Engineering students earn first place, scholarships

BIG RAPIDS – A team of Surveying Engineering students from Ferris State University took first place for surveying and mapping at the American Congress competition on Surveying and Mapping in St. Louis, Missouri. The five-member team included Nathan Plooster of Grandville, a Surveying Engineering major.

Plooster participated in the annual event with classmates Mike Tyler of Fremont, Nick Battjes of Stanwood, Nathaniel Ovans of Big Rapids and Krag Caverly of Caro. This is the second time Surveying Engineering students from Ferris have earned this honor, the first time was in 2006 at the same convention in Orlando, Fla.

Ferris College of Technology Surveying Engineering Department Chair Sayed Hashimi said the contest, which is hosted by the National Society of Professional Surveyors, is held annually to promote education and comradery between universities.

The competition included three tasks. The students had to write a scientific article about railroad surveying - including railroad geometry and spirals math - performing highway curve calculations and staking out a highway curve on the ground using field surveying techniques, Hashimi said.

At the awards ceremony, the team received a glass trophy with the university's name engraved on it. Additionally, four students received scholarships that totaled \$7,500.

In attendance at the event were surveying professionals representing the private sector, government agencies, students and faculty from other universities across the U.S. and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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Ferris Surveying Engineering student receives scholarship

BIG RAPIDS –Ferris State University student Brian Romsek of Belmont, a Surveying Engineering major, was presented a scholarship at the American Congress competition on Surveying and Mapping in St. Louis, Missouri.

At the awards ceremony, Romsek received the Schonstedt Scholarship of \$1,500. He was one of four Ferris students to receive a scholarship, totaling \$7,500.

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