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### **Ferris Engineering Technology students honored**

BIG RAPIDS – Four College of Technology students at Ferris State University have been chosen by faculty advisers of the Michigan Epsilon Chapter of Tau Alpha Pi for induction into the national honor society for engineering technology students.

The new inductees are John Colasanti of Three Rivers and Mark Finnigan of Saginaw, seniors in mechanical engineering technology, Jason Easlick of Hemlock, sophomore in mechanical engineering technology, and Adam Wagie of West Bend, WI, senior in electrical and electronics 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, associate professor of manufacturing engineering technology.

"In addition to being academically eligible, candidates must be recommended by their faculty group," added Rumpf. "So these inductees were not only academically outstanding, but also have displayed excellent character during their careers at Ferris." Earlier in the semester the candidates completed their community service requirement for induction by assisting at the annual Woodbridge Ferris MathCounts competition.

Rumpf and faculty advisers Chuck Drake, Ken Kuk, Ron McKean and Gary Ovans processed the nominations during this semester. Inductees received their certificates, keys and diploma seals at a recent presentation ceremony conducted by Michael Harris, vice president for academic affairs. The students will have their names added to the Tau Alpha Pi plaque on permanent display in the lobby of the College of Technology dean's office.

Tau Alpha Pi is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. 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 the society can be found at the organization's Web site: [www.taualphapi.org](http://www.taualphapi.org).

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**FERRIS STUDENTS HONORED** – Ferris State University College of Technology students (from left) Jason Easlick of Hemlock, John Colasanti of Three Rivers and Mark Finnigan of Saginaw were recently inducted into the Michigan Epsilon Chapter of Tau Alpha Pi, national honor society for engineering technology students. Missing from the photo is fellow inductee Adam Wagie of West Bend, WI. The four were recommended for induction by their faculty advisers.



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