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BIG RAPIDS - A leading manufacturing design software company, Dassault Systèmes, has asked 2009 Manufacturing Technology graduate Ben Hovorka (Plymouth) to present on their behalf at the American Society for Engineering Education annual conference in Austin, Texas, June 15-17.

Dave Livingstone of engineering.com recommended Hovorka after he won first place for his poster presentation at the COE 2009 Annual PLM Conference & Technifair in Seattle (formerly the CATIA Operators Exchange). He was one of 10 students nationally to present at the conference on a current CATIA Modeling project that they had developed.

“Participation at COE and other conferences, like the ASEE, helps expose industry to the quality of the Manufacturing Program at Ferris,” said David Borck, assistant professor of Manufacturing Tooling Technology at Ferris State University. “I feel Ben’s success has a lot to do with the way he approaches his projects and the input he has had from all his instructors which reflects the quality of our program.”

Hovorka said many of his competitors had submissions that were more of a product design or analysis where his was the process to produce the product. “The judges were impressed with the documentation involved and to the degree that we take it in our process.”

Since graduating in May, Hovorka has been busy updating his presentation to include what

was learned by the process designed and interviewing for employment. Attending and presenting at these conferences is a showcase for him and the strength of the manufacturing programs at Ferris to a variety of industries.

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