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Dear Editor:

Included below is a hometown news release regarding Lee Schwass of Scottville, who recently was inducted into the national honor society for engineering technology students. Schwass is a student in Ferris State University's Mechanical Engineering Technology program.

Thank you for your consideration. Kate Zimmerman, News Services Student Employee.

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Engineering technology students inducted into national honor society

BIG RAPIDS – Lee Schwass of Scottville, a senior in Ferris State University's Mechanical Engineering Technology program, was recently inducted into the national honor society for engineering technology students. Other students also inducted into the Michigan Epsilon chapter of Tau Alpha Pi include Benjamin Becker, a senior in the Electrical/Electronics Engineering Technology program, and Justin Schweigert and Scott Tompsett, seniors in the Mechanical Engineering Technology program.

Only the top 4 percent of all full-time students who have completed at least three-fourths of their studies in a qualified field are eligible for membership. A faculty recommendation is required to ensure that candidates are not only academically outstanding but also of good character.

Chapter adviser Jim Rumpf, along with faculty advisers Gary Ovans, Ken Kuk, Chuck Drake and Murry Stocking, processed the nominations earlier this semester. Inductees will be formally initiated later this semester at a ceremony with Ferris Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Harris. Additionally, their names will be added to the Tau Alpha Pi plaque on permanent display in the College of Technology dean's office.

Ferris established the local chapter of Tau Alpha Pi in 2000. The society, founded in 1953, is open to associate and baccalaureate degree candidates in an engineering technology program. The society maintains a dual purpose: to recognize outstanding students in engineering technology programs and to encourage academic achievement by offering membership into the society. Chapters are expected to participate in activities that further the advancement of engineering technology and promote scholastic excellence in the field.

Both the Electrical/Electronics Engineering Technology program and the Mechanical Engineering Technology program at Ferris offer students the opportunity to learn a broad range of skills that can lead to many different applications in the field. Students who graduate from these programs have the ability to aid in the design and development of products, machines and processes, as well as work in manufacturing, testing and troubleshooting.

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 doctorates, master's, bachelor's and associate degrees, through nine academic colleges: Allied Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Services, the Michigan College of Optometry, Pharmacy, Technology, Kendall College of Art and Design and the College of Professional and Technological Studies. Ferris also has a University College that provides students with instruction in study skills, reading, career exploration and features an Honors Program. Founded in 1884 by educator, Michigan Governor and United States Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, the university's mission is to be a national leader in career-oriented, technological and professional education.