



ETA KAPPA NU

Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Melissa Swartz

Phone: +1-800-406-2590

E-Mail: Melissa@hkn.org

Eta Kappa Nu Acknowledges Outstanding Achievements of Students, Faculty and Chapters

HKN presented numerous awards at the 2010 ECEDHA Annual Conference in Clearwater Beach, Florida

Chicago, Illinois— April 9, 2010 – On March 16, 2010 in a joint awards banquet for the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Heads Association (ECEDHA) and Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), the HKN Board of Governors and distinguished guests recognized the outstanding achievements of students, faculty, and chapters with three HKN awards presentations.

The Outstanding Chapter Award, the C. Holmes MacDonald Outstanding Teaching Award, and the Outstanding Electrical and Computer Engineering Student Awards were presented to the respective winners in front of nearly 200 department heads from across North America, the HKN Board of Governors, and distinguished guests. “To partner with ECEDHA and honor the department heads, faculty members, and students at the ECEDHA Annual Conference is a privilege for HKN. The continued support of the ECE department heads allows HKN to thrive and the individuals we rewarded this evening to strive for, and achieve, excellence,” remarked Roger Plummer, HKN Executive Director.



Bruce Eisenstein, HKN President, presented Matthew Young and Jill Desmond with the 2009 Outstanding Electrical and Computer Engineering Student (OECES) Award and Honorable Mention, respectively. “Matthew and Jill’s dedication to the field of ECE and their individual interests make them incredibly well-rounded young adults. We



are proud of the excellence of character, leadership skills and academic standards which they both exemplify,” stated Eisenstein. Matthew, a 2009 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, is continuing his education at Brown University’s Warren Alpert School of Medicine. Jill, a 2009 graduate of the University of Delaware, is currently studying signal processing at Duke University.



David Soldan, committee co-chair for the C. Holmes MacDonald Outstanding Teaching Award, then took the stage to recognize Dimitrios Peroulis, Associate Professor at Purdue University. Peroulis was chosen as the 2009 faculty award recipient for his dedication to training and motivating future electrical and computer engineers despite the pressure on young professors for research and publication performance. The award is intended to recognize the central and crucial role of college professors in training and motivating future electrical and computer engineers. “We are



ETA KAPPA NU

Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society

pleased to reactivate the C. Holmes MacDonald Outstanding Teaching Award with such a commendable individual as Dimitrios,” said Soldan. “We hope that other young professors are inspired by his efforts to motivate students.”

At a private awards reception prior to the ECEDHA-HKN Awards Banquet, Alan Lefkow, Outstanding Chapter Award Committee Chair, presented engraved plaques to 22 department



heads whose HKN chapters demonstrated excellence in service activities, recruiting, and leadership. “The 2008-209 Annual Chapter Reports were the best we have seen yet,” commented Lefkow. “The students have become more engaged in their universities and communities which is a key

component to HKN membership. The awards program continues to grow each year and we are pleased to present a record-number of Annual Chapter Awards this year.” The department heads will return to their universities to present the plaque to their student leaders.

The 2008-2009 Outstanding Chapter Award winners are:

Alpha	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Beta	Purdue University
Beta Epsilon	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Beta Mu	Georgia Institute of Technology
Delta Omega	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Epsilon Beta	Arizona State University
Epsilon Kappa	University of Miami
Epsilons Upsilon	Tuskegee University
Gamma Chi	New Mexico State University
Gamma Rho	South Dakota State University
Gamma Theta	Missouri University of Science and Technology
Gamma Xi	University of Maryland, College Park
Iota Gamma	University of California, Los Angeles
Kappa	Cornell University
Mu	University of California, Berkeley
Nu	Iowa State University
Omega	Oklahoma State University
Phi	Union College
Rho	University of Colorado, Boulder
Sigma	Carnegie Mellon University
Tau	University of Cincinnati
Zeta Sigma	Polytechnic Institute of New York University

For more information, visit www.hkn.org or contact Melissa Swartz at 1-800-406-2590 or info@hkn.org.

###



ETA KAPPA NU

Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society

About Eta Kappa Nu (HKN)

Eta Kappa Nu is a 105-year-old honor society for electrical and computer engineering students and professionals. With more than 250,000 members and approximately 175 active university chapters, HKN recognizes excellence in academic accomplishments, leadership, outstanding character, and service. The International Engineering Consortium manages the headquarters function of Eta Kappa Nu. For more information, please visit www.hkn.org.

About the IEC

The International Engineering Consortium (IEC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to catalyzing technology and business progress worldwide in a range of high-technology industries and their university communities. Since 1944, the IEC has provided high-quality educational opportunities for industry professionals, academics, and students.

In conjunction with industry-leading companies, the IEC has developed an extensive, free on-line educational program. The IEC conducts industry-university programs that have a substantial impact on curricula. It also conducts research and develops publications, conferences, and technological exhibits that address major opportunities and challenges of the information age.

More than 70 leading high-technology universities are IEC affiliates, and the IEC handles the affairs of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Heads Association and Eta Kappa Nu, the honor society for electrical and computer engineers. Visit www.iec.org.