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Eta Kappa Nu Recognizes Outstanding Electrical and Computer Engineering Student Achievements of 2008

CHICAGO – October 7, 2008 – Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), the electrical and computer engineering honor society, today announced the 2008 Outstanding Electrical and Computer Engineering Student (OECES) – Charles A. Gammal, III – a 2008 graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, MA.

“The OECES Award is presented annually to a graduating college senior who can be described as ‘outstanding by virtue of scholastic excellence and high moral character, coupled with demonstrated exemplary contribution to classmates, school, and community,’” commented HKN Executive Director Roger Plummer. “We’re pleased to acknowledge Charles Gammal and the outstanding talents of our student members. We also appreciate the commitment of the Los Angeles Alumni chapter, which manages this award, and others that promote the value of this kind of student recognition.”

Thomas Rothwell, OECES Award chair and LA Alumni president emeritus, explained the judges’ choice, “It was certainly a combination of his perfect scholastic record, his other honors and awards, and his incredible extracurricular technical, college, and community activities and contributions. This is the first time in the past 12 years of our Excel-based analysis spreadsheets that the winner was selected as #1 by every one of the judges.”

Charles “Chuck” Gammal’s impressive resume includes a multitude of awards for community service and academic achievements as well as peer recognition as an outstanding leader. During his time at WPI, Gammal was elected president of the Student Government Association (2007) and was a founding member of Phi Kappa Theta, a WPI fraternity inviting upperclassmen to join who have demonstrated high academic and leadership abilities within the WPI community.

He received numerous accolades, including the WPI Undergraduate Research Fellowship; the prestigious Two Towers Prize for academic excellence and campus leadership as a junior; Outstanding Member of the Class of 2008; and the Crimson and Gray Award for significant contributions to improve the quality of student life at WPI. He also led the way for Phi Kappa Theta to receive numerous community and campus service honors. In 2008 Gammal was recognized by *USA Today* as a member of the All-USA College Academic Team.

In addition to these commitments, he maintained a 4.0 grade-point average with a double major in electrical and computer engineering and mechanical engineering.

Gammal is a member of Eta Kappa Nu (Gamma Delta chapter), Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Kappa Theta. He also participated in numerous faculty and institute committees on campus.

The OECES Award Committee is also pleased to announce the following awardees:

Honorable Mention:

Nithin Michael, Drexel University (Beta Alpha chapter)



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Finalists:

Frank Kuo, University of California, Los Angeles (Iota Gamma chapter)

Adam J. Flynn, Missouri University of Science and Technology (Gamma Theta chapter)

Heather M. Owen, University of Kansas (Gamma Iota chapter)

All awardees will be recognized at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Heads Association (ECEDHA) March 23, 2009, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The HKN Board of Governors will present Gammal with a plaque, certificate, and financial grant. The grant and his lodging will be supported through the Alton B. Zerby and Carl T. Koerner Memorial Funds.

The Outstanding Electrical and Computer Engineering Student Award is managed by HKN's Los Angeles Alumni chapter. A volunteer jury of the award reviews the dossiers of the outstanding nominated students and scores the academic achievements; leadership positions; and services to the department, university and community, and considers the high standards of character for which Eta Kappa Nu members are known.

All undergraduate HKN chapters are encouraged to submit nominations by June 30, 2009. Nomination forms and requirements are available on-line at www.hkn.org.

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About Eta Kappa Nu (HKN)

Eta Kappa Nu is a 104-year-old honor society for electrical and computer engineering students and professionals. With more than 250,000 members and approximately 175 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

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