USF Students, Alumni and Faculty Honored at E-Week Banquet

Local Banquet Theme: Seven Billion People, Seven Billion Dreams;
Engineers Turn Dreams into Reality

TAMPA, Fla (February 27, 2013) – National Engineers Week was celebrated by local engineering firms and engineering groups in February 22 in Tampa. This year’s national theme was “Celebrate Awesome,” in recognition of the amazing things engineers do every day to make the world a better place.

University of South Florida College of Engineering Dean, John Wiencek, was the program’s keynote speaker. He spoke about Florida’s efforts in tackling some of the National Academy of Engineering’s Grand Challenges for the 21st Century.

Every February, the National Engineers Week Foundation celebrates the positive contributions engineers make to society and is a catalyst for outreach across the country to kids and adults alike. Engineers Week is part of many corporate and government cultures and is celebrated on every U.S. engineering college campus, such as USF’s Engineering EXPO, which is celebrated annually at the College of Engineering.

Mechanical Engineering Assistant Professor Rasim Guldiken received the 2012 Engineer of the Year Award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In addition, these College of Engineering alumni also received Engineer of the Year awards:

- **Joseph Grimal**, ’84, founder of Grimal Crawford, Inc., from Florida Engineering Society, Tampa Chapter
- **Ralph D. Painter**, ’74, ’77 ME, Engineering Fellow and Tampa Electric, from Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

These College of Engineering students received 2012 Student Engineer of the Year Awards.

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- **Justin Stottlemyer**, senior in chemical engineering,
- **Giovanni Quiel**, senior in chemical engineering

American Society of Civil Engineers
- **Stephen Kovach, Jr.**, senior in civil engineering

American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- **Mason Chilmonczyk**, junior in mechanical engineering
Florida Engineering Society, Tampa Chapter
- Bradley Updyke, senior in electrical engineering

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- David Touvell, senior in electrical engineering

Society of Women Engineers
- Feleshia McCutchin, senior in industrial engineering

These College of Engineering Alumni received 2012 Young Professional of the Year Awards.

American Society of Civil Engineers
- Anthony Veiera, PE, ‘04, ’07 MCE, engineer with Schneider Engineering & Consulting

American Society of Highway Engineers
- Whitney Allen, PE, ‘04, ’05 MCE, assistant branch manager for Ardaman & Associates

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