

News: *6-30-03 Mercer STC Chapter Honored*

STC Chapter Receives National Awards

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MACON-- Mercer University's Society for Technical Communication (STC) Chapter in the School of Engineering recently was honored with two awards at the STC international conference in Dallas.

The 23-member student chapter received the Student Chapter of Distinction Award, the highest honor given to a student chapter in this professional society. The award is only given to one student chapter in each of the STC's two chapter size categories.

The Mercer STC chapter also was honored with the Chapter of Excellence Award for the second straight year. In order to achieve this honor, the students had to complete and document a series of activities and projects.



Denise Cook, who graduated from Mercer's School of Engineering with a bachelor of science in technical communication degree in May, served as president of the STC chapter during the 2002-2003 academic year. She said the awards were the culmination of many months of hard work.

Members of Mercer's STC chapter initiated a new technical document competition for senior engineering students at Mercer, published articles in both of the STC's official publications, participated in several community service projects, published a monthly newsletter, co-sponsored a workshop with Mercer's Technical Communication Department, held a welcome breakfast for new Technical Communication Department staff members and spearheaded several other activities throughout the year.

"Despite the stress and busy schedules that most students find themselves in during the semester, many of our student officers kept their commitment to the chapter and fulfilled their duties so that the chapter could continue to grow and improve," Cook said. "This award reflects the hard work put into the chapter by our members as well as our goals to excel in our career field."

Marj Davis, chair of Mercer's Technical Communication Department and adviser to the student chapter,

said winning this award is a major achievement for these Mercer students as they advance in the field of technical communication. "Technical communication is a professional degree, so participating in this society and being recognized by this group is a real step forward for these students," she said.

The Society for Technical Communication is a 25,000-member organization dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of technical communication.

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