The best just keeps getting better!

Louisville Technical Institute (LTI) is nationally accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools in Washington, D.C. Renewal of accreditation comprises a three-day visit and thorough review of curriculum, instructor and administrator credentials, student satisfaction, program completion/retention, placement results, operating procedures and numerous other components of the college. Earlier this year, LTJ hosted an eleven-member visiting team of educators. A college in good standing may have accreditation reaffirmed for periods of four, six or eight years. Most colleges receive four-year awards and must be visited again at the end of that period of time. Institutions with excellent programs, quality documentation and successful visits may receive a six-year accreditation award.

A few exceptional institutions in the United States have received the extension of accreditation for a period of eight years. LTJ is proud to announce that ACICS granted the college an eight-year reaffirmation of accreditation along with the right to grant certificates, diplomas, associate and bachelor’s degrees. Congratulations to Louisville Technical Institute, our outstanding students, faculty and staff, and The Sullivan University System personnel who contributed to the college’s success.

Students, instructors, and an Advisory Board member received national recognition

Tina Lair, who is pursuing her bachelor’s degree in Interior Design, and Ivica (John) Petri, who is pursuing his dual associate degree in Computer Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology, were among six finalists in the nation recognized as outstanding technical students by the American Technical Education Association (ATEA). Ms. Lair, who previously earned a bachelor’s of Family Studies, is active in community service and hopes to combine her two bachelor’s degrees into a non-profit Interior Design firm. Her company will handle the interior design work of apartments for families escaping domestic violence, as well as the design of bedrooms for terminally ill children. Her firm will be only the third such business operating in the country. Mr. Petri arrived in the United States as a refugee from Bosnia nine years ago and has worked extremely hard to complete his high school and college coursework in addition to learning the English language. He wants to be a part of the constantly changing world of computer and robotic technology and plans to further his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Two Louisville Technical Institute instructors honored

Craig Niemann, Chair of the Computer Graphic Design and Dynamic Web Development programs, and John Heuglin, Computer Network Administration, were among nine finalists for the prestigious ATEA Outstanding Technical Teacher Award. Both were featured in the Spring 2008 ATEA Journal. Heuglin was a finalist because of his technical knowledge, consistent and outstanding reviews from his students, current experience in the field, and his applications of technology to help students learn his content. Craig Niemann was honored for his success in building the Graphics program from only four students, when he first accepted the chairperson position, to its current enrollment of more than 120 students. Niemann works effectively with non-profit organizations in the city to provide his students with live work which expands their skills and benefits the community he loves. He combines hands-on step-by-step classroom learning with group and individual projects, and live work to make his instruction dynamic, engaging and effective.

Advisory Board member is finalist for national award

Northrop-Grumman, a business partner and frequent employer of Louisville Tech’s Graphics and Web Development graduates, was one of two finalists in the competition for the ATEA Star of Excellence Award. Northrop-Grumman designs and develops simulated graphic web and software applications used to train military personnel. The company provides externships for students in Graphics or Web Development; Louisville Tech students who successfully complete externships have opportunities to move into full-time employment. Northrop-Grumman employees also serve on the Computer Graphic Design Advisory Board, participate in Louisville Tech’s career fairs and serve as guest speakers and adjunct instructors.

Congratulations to Louisville Tech’s outstanding students, instructors and employer who were 2008 finalists in three of ATEA’s national award areas.

Louisville Tech is on national Honor Roll

Louisville Technical Institute became one of 528 post-secondary institutions named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in March of this year. Begun in 2006, the President’s Honor Roll recognizes institutions of higher education that support innovative, effective and exemplary community service programs. Honorees are selected based on the scope of service learning projects, the percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives offered to student participants, and the extent to which service learning is embedded across the college curriculum.

Students win gold medals at SkillsUSA competition

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. It requires a lot of work to establish and implement a SkillsUSA chapter. There is a recruitment of limited and trustworthy students, the planning and presentation of the professional development program, fundraising, development of service opportunities, and of course, competitions. During 2007-2008 school year, Louisville Tech organized its first SkillsUSA chapter and formed a competitive team.

First effort results in gold

Earlier this year, the college hosted more than 40 high school students for competitions in Robotics, Dynamic Web Development, Mechanical and Architectural CADD, Interior Design, Electronics, Computer Repair and Networking. Louisville Tech’s SkillsUSA team competed in similar events for post-secondary students. Louisville Tech students won their regional contests, and competed at the state level. Continued on page 6.

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