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 Recognizes 18 Outstanding Chapter Award Winners for Exceptional Contributions to Universities and Communities

CHICAGO – January 15, 2009 – Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), the electrical and computer engineering honor society, announced today that 18 university chapters have been named Outstanding Chapter Award winners for the 2007-2008 academic year for their contributions to their electrical and computer engineering (ECE) departments, universities, surrounding communities, and to the HKN organization.

"When judging the annual chapter reports submitted by the chapters, it's rewarding to see chapters who unselfishly gave a lot of their precious free time to help their fellow students, their ECE department, their school, and their surrounding community," remarked Outstanding Chapter Award Committee Chair Alan Lefkow. "These members worked in concert as a college chapter and accomplished great things. It's a pleasure to recognize 18 out of the 175 active chapters with the coveted Outstanding Chapter Award."

Plaques will be presented to the department heads of the winning universities on behalf of their chapters at the 25th Annual Meeting of ECEDHA, the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Heads Association.

Executive Director Roger Plummer commented, "HKN is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these dedicated students. They truly define the meaning of HKN membership—outstanding character, high academic standards, and leadership abilities. The impact their chapters' activities have had on the ECE and university communities is impressive."

Nearly 200 guests will attend the awards banquet on March 20, 2009 at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana including ECE department heads, the HKN Board of Governors and special guests. A private reception will precede to recognize all 18 Outstanding Chapter Award winners as well as the 2008 Outstanding Electrical and Computer Engineering Student Award winner: Charles Gammal, 2008 graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

The 2007-2008 Outstanding Chapter Award winners include:

Alpha	University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign
Beta	Purdue University
Beta Epsilon	University of Michigan
Beta Mu	Georgia Institute of Technology
Delta Omega	University of Hawaii – Manoa
Epsilon Beta	Arizona State University
Gamma Chi	New Mexico State University
Gamma Rho	South Dakota State University
Gamma Theta	Missouri University of Science & Technology
Iota Gamma	University of California – Los Angeles
Kappa	Cornell University
Mu	University of California – Berkeley
Omicron	University of Minnesota
Phi	Union College

ETA KAPPA NU
Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society

Rho	University of Colorado – Boulder
Tau	University of Cincinnati
Theta Mu	Stony Brook University
Theta Nu	North Carolina A&T State University

Winners were chosen based on a calculation of person-hours of service, recruitment rates, retention of inductees, and faculty involvement. All HKN chapters are expected to perform service activities at the department, university, and community levels. They are often seen guiding department tours, tutoring underclassmen, running a student lounge, organizing career fairs, fundraising for a community project, or mentoring elementary students.

Each chapter is required to submit an Annual Chapter Report at the end of the academic year providing the appropriate statistics to the headquarters office and the Outstanding Chapter Award committee.

For questions or additional information, visit **www.hkn.org** or contact Melissa Swartz at +1-800-406-2590 or *melissa@hkn.org*.

# # #

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
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 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**.