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It is my pleasure to announce the recipient of the 2016 Herman Schneider Medal award is Mr. Cameron Crippa from the Department of Aerospace Engineering. As in previous years competition for the 2016 Herman Schneider Medal was again very close requiring Mr. Crippa to compete with eight other exceptional nominees from other engineering departments within the College of Engineering & Applied Science (CEAS).

The Herman Schneider Medal is awarded to a CEAS senior engineer "For distinction as an exemplary co-op student - one who has taken fullest advantage of the unique opportunities of a cooperative engineering education." Although strong academic performance is not required, typically students who have excelled on the job have also shown that same drive in the classroom. To that end Mr. Crippa ranks second in his Aerospace class of 60 students with cumulative GPA over a 3.9.

During Mr. Crippa's Co-op experience he has worked with three different employers which included the UC Acoustic Linear Laboratory, UC-Chongqing University, and GoHypersonics and received an "Excellent" overall evaluation from all. As if that wasn't enough, Cameron has recently secured an additional two semester Co-op assignment with the Naval Research Laboratory for this coming summer and fall prior to attending graduate school.

However, what's particularly impressive with Cameron is his work ethic, as demonstrated by his ability to excel and put 150% into his work. This was evidenced by completing on the job training, on his own time and stepping up and interacting with clients when his supervisor was unavailable due to an illness. Instead of playing safe Cameron sized the opportunity to go beyond the conventional boundaries and accept a teaching assistantship for courses taught in China as part of the UC-Chongqing University. Finally, while at GoHypersonics, Cameron was given the opportunity to begin an open ended project to begin to computerize the operation and data acquisition of the companies supersonic wind tunnel. Cameron supervisor stated "... the project was completed in one semester. The expectations were such that it would take a minimum of two semesters of supervised work."

Given the above history it was easy for me as the Aerospace Engineering representative to enthusiastically support Cameron's nomination and final CEAS selection for the 2016 Herman Schneider Medal.

Congratulations!

Dr. Disimile