

Ammonia Refrigeration National Conference (IAR)

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In an economically challenging environment, Florida Institute of Technology students value even more the intangible advantages their school affords them. Recently, Mike McGinnis, Florida Tech Alumnus and Galaxy/Ad Astra Society Member, Class of 88, BS in Mechanical Engineering and owner of Innovative Refrigeration Systems in Lyndhurst, VA, escorted four members of the Florida Tech Student Chapter of ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers) at the International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration National Conference (IAR) in Orlando, Florida.

Nick Avery, inaugural winner of the Marvin Yarosh and Jack Wiles Endowed Scholarship (created jointly by Spacecoast ASHRAE and the Canaveral Section of ASME), Jim Susini, Matt Wills and Jennifer Stephens were honored and impressed with the IAR convention & expo and spoke appreciatively.

Nick said, "Mike McGinnis was very interested in our career paths. We talked to a lot of company reps, each who noted that the refrigeration industry is economically stable, and that they are always looking to hire. We had a good introduction to the advantages and dangers of ammonia systems too."

Mike McGinnis echoed that sentiment, "The students were very excited to be at the convention and I enjoyed meeting all of them. Meeting the gang from FIT brought back great memories of my personal experiences and the benefits of the amazing education that Florida Institute of Technology provided me in 88 and is obviously still providing today!"