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### **The MCAA Student Chapter at Northeastern University Wins MCAA's 2008–2009 Student Chapter Competition**

ROCKVILLE, MD—The MCAA Student Chapter at Northeastern University took first prize in MCAA's 2008–2009 Student Chapter Competition. The competition results were revealed during the MCAA Awards of Excellence Breakfast at the association's annual convention in Scottsdale, AZ. The University of Washington Mechanical Contractors Student Chapter took second place.

During the competition, 28 student chapter teams prepared proposals for a build-and-spec project—a 73,000-square-foot, two-story hospital in northern California owned by the Howard family (owners of the world-famous racehorse Sea Biscuit)—a departure from the design-build projects of previous competitions.

The four finalists were selected in mid-January by a panel of judges based on their evaluation and scoring of the written submissions from participating chapters. The other finalists that presented proposals during the convention were from the MCA of Indiana Student Chapter at Purdue University and the Student Chapter for Mechanical/Electrical Specialty Contracting at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

The winner of the competition was determined after judging of the oral presentations by Kathleen McCauley of McCauley Mechanical Construction, Inc. (Bridgeview, IL), Ken Durr of

Durr Mechanical Construction, Inc. (New York, NY); and John Powell of Marelich Mechanical Company, Inc. (Hayward, CA).

Each of the four teams received a handsome trophy and a cash prize as follows: \$5,000 to the winning team, \$2,500 to the runner-up, and \$1,000 to each of the remaining finalists.

For more information about MCAA's Student Chapter Competition, please contact Ann Mattheis at [amattheis@mcaa.org](mailto:amattheis@mcaa.org).

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