Tampa, Fla. (May 10, 2010) – The outstanding graduating seniors in the College of Engineering were announced during their Induction into the Profession, a pre-commencement ceremony, Saturday, May 8. For the first time in the history of the College identical twin brothers, with nearly identical GPA’s, were selected as the outstanding seniors in the Computer Science and Engineering department. The following students were selected by the faculty of their respective departments for exceptional performance based on academics and involvement in the professional activities of the College and department.

Chemical & Biomedical Engineering: **BRADLEY JAMES RIDDER**
Civil & Environmental Engineering: **HONG TING CHIU**
Computer Science & Engineering: **FRANCESCO DI NATALE** and **GIUSEPPE DI NATALE**
Electrical Engineering: **NATHAN DIEGO QUECAN**
Industrial & Management Systems Engineering: **REZIN CLARK HOWELL**
Mechanical Engineering: **SAMUEL MCAMIS**

A tradition at each fall and spring commencement, induction into the Order of the Engineer signifies the pride of being an engineer and dedication to the ethics of the profession. The Order has its roots in the Egyptian pyramids, Roman aqueducts as well as today’s medical diagnostic equipment and space exploration, representing the contributions to humankind by engineers. Induction into the Order is symbolized by the graduates’ acceptance of the “Obligation” and the wearing of a stainless steel ring on the little finger of the working hand.

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