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## 2008 President's Awards for Diversity Presented

Baltimore, MD — L.S. "Skip" Fletcher, the 2007-2008 President of ABET, Inc., the recognized accrediting body for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology, conferred four President's Awards for Diversity at the ABET Commission Summit, held in conjunction with *Charting Tomorrow*, the 2008 ABET Annual Meeting, in Louisville, Kentucky, October 30-31.

The ABET President's Award for Diversity is presented to recognize U.S.-based educational units, individuals, associations, and firms for extraordinary success in achieving diversity and inclusiveness or for facilitating diversity and inclusiveness in the technological segments of our society. This year's recipients are the following:

- A joint award for **the College of Engineering and the Office of Diversity Initiatives at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach** "for the successful, broad, and ongoing spectrum of initiatives, including K-12 Outreach, Bridge Programs, Curriculum Enhancement, Faculty Development, and Work-Life Balance, to attract women to science, math, and engineering, to retain them through graduation, and to support them as they embark on their professional careers."
- **The School of Engineering and Applied Science at The George Washington University** "for its commitment and achievement in hiring female faculty and in recruiting, retaining, and graduating a significant number of women in undergraduate and graduate engineering programs while providing the graduates with leadership skills and opportunities as they enter engineering practice."
- **The CyberCity Technology Summer Program at James Madison University** "for the development and operation of a successful hands-on, project-based university campus summer program for underrepresented high school students and their teachers that increases awareness of information technology skills and careers and enhances the students' aspirations for a college education."
- A joint award for **the Multicultural Engineering Program at Northern Arizona University and Its Director Fonda Swimmer** "for their long-term and collaborative efforts to aid African-American, Hispanic, Native American, female, disabled, and first generation students in engineering, computer science, and construction management in enhancing their academic performance and reaching their full potential."

To learn more about the honorees and their outstanding efforts, visit [www.abet.org/diversity.shtml](http://www.abet.org/diversity.shtml).

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