Three engineering students awarded at the Chancellor’s Honors Convocation

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Three engineering students – Anshul Tandon, Chinyere Nwabugwu and Ryan Fontenot – were selected as the College of Engineering’s Outstanding Sophomore, Junior and Senior, respectively, and honored at the Chancellor’s Honors Convocation Friday, April 28, 2006.

Tandon is a sophomore double-majoring in computer engineering and computer science with a perfect 4.0 GPA. He attended the International School in Bangalore, India and St. Mary’s International School in Tokyo, Japan. He has received the UCFY Outstanding Freshman Award, the ChevronTexaco Scholarship, the Golden Oaks Award, and the International Leaders of Tomorrow award. He is currently the president of Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering Honor Society, and Eta Kappa Nu, the Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society. He has published four articles in the online Journal of Young Investigators and is fluent in English, Hindi, and Japanese.

Nwabugwu, an Electrical and Computer Engineering junior, attended high school at Federal Government College Warri in Delta State, Nigeria. She is a senator for Engineering Council, vice president of the Society of Women Engineers, undergraduate representative on the Faculty Senate Course and Curricula Committee, along with being a member of several student organizations and a volunteer with numerous service programs. She has received the Top Ten Freshmen Scholarship and is a Tau Beta Pi National Scholar. She plans to pursue her doctoral degree in the area of digital signal processing and wireless communication. She researched at California Institute for Technology and will be interning with Chevron in New Orleans this summer. After graduation, she intends to join the Teach for America Corps and wishes to help increase the number of women in technical fields.

Fontenot, last year’s College of Engineering Outstanding Junior, is a chemical engineering senior and graduate of Nederland High School in Nederland, Texas. He has received honors including Chancellor’s Alumni Scholar, Dow Outstanding Junior, Sophomore Honors Distinction, Chancellor’s Research Aide and Mortar Board Top 10 Freshmen. He is a member of several organizations such as Tau Beta Pi, Gamma Beta Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Union Programming Council and LSU Honors College Advocates. Ryan has interned with Dow Chemical and Marathon Petroleum and will be graduating this May.
The Chancellor’s Honors Convocation began in the 1980’s to honor outstanding undergraduate students for their demonstration of excellence in scholarship, leadership, service to the University. The students are selected by the University College and Honors College and are honored by the academic deans and faculty members in full academic regalia in the LSU Quadrangle, the heart of the campus. Recipients are presented with a plaque by the Chancellor and Provost. For more information, visit: