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Shrimp Boll - April 16th

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May Dinner Meeting - May 11th

Beach Clean Up - TBD



A Message from the President



2026-2027 FWC President Raaj Murugesan, PE

As we continue into the new ASHRAE year, the Florida West Coast Chapter is focused on creating opportunities for our members to learn, connect, and grow together.

This month, we welcomed technical speaker Sean Gulla at our September 22 Dinner Meeting for "From Pneumatics to AI: The Evolution of Building Automation Systems." The timely topic sparked great conversation among our members and set the tone for an exciting year ahead.

Next, we're looking forward to the FWC Clay Shoot on October 10 and several new chapter initiatives taking shape. Faces of ASHRAE, our new podcast in development, will highlight the people, experiences, and stories that make our industry unique. If you'd like to support or contribute to the podcast, please reach out to Charlotte Yang.

Our DEI Chair, Victor Lopez, is also developing a chapter book club to explore diversity, culture, and the perspectives they bring to our workplaces and industry.

These efforts reflect this year's Society theme, "Changing the Game: Retrofitting for Resilience." Resilience isn't only about the buildings we improve. It's also about strengthening our professional community, exchanging ideas, and creating more opportunities for people to connect and contribute.

There's a lot happening at FWC, and we're just getting started. Thank you to everyone who continues to participate, volunteer, and support our chapter. If you'd like to get more involved, reach out to any member of our chapter leadership team. We'd love to have you be part of what we're building.

Raajesh Kumar Murugesan
President, Florida West Coast Chapter ASHRAE

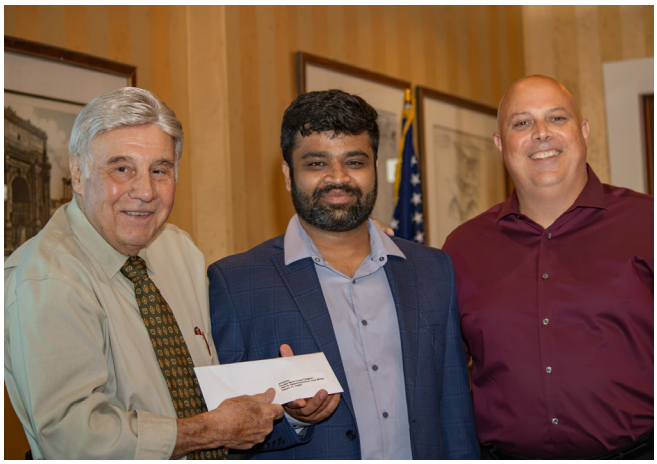
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September CTTC Dinner Meeting

Our first dinner meeting of the year was a great way to kick off the FWC program season! Sean Gulla presented "From Pneumatics to AI: The Evolution of Building Automation Systems," exploring how building controls have evolved and where the industry is headed. The topic sparked great discussion among our members and brought together industry professionals, engineers, and students for an evening of learning and connection.

We also extend a special thank you to Brian and Chuck Kaupp with SITA (Southern Independent Testing Agency) for presenting the Kaupp Family Annuity to the chapter. Their support helps FWC continue investing in student engagement and the next generation of HVAC&R professionals.



Chuck and Brian Kaupp present Kaupp Family Annuity to FWC President Raaj Murugesan, PE

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make our first dinner meeting of the year a success!



Sean Gulla P;resenting "From Pneumatics to AI: The Evolution of Building Automation Systems,"



USF Students attend September Dinner Meeting

SEPTEMBER DINNER PHOTOS

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October 9, 2026

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ASHRAE FWC – OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

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Erick Spencer, Regional Sales Manager
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Applying Decentralized Systems to Meet Ventilation and IAQ Requirements

Presented by: Erick Spencer

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Erick Spencer is a Regional Sales Manager with more than 32 years of HVAC industry experience, with a focus on ventilation, heating, and cooling applications for K–12 and higher education facilities.

His experience spans the full lifecycle of HVAC equipment, including installation, maintenance, service, commissioning, warranty administration, application support, and sales. In 2001, he joined Superior Sales and Service, where he specialized in servicing, commissioning, and maintaining classroom air-handling systems. Following the company's integration with Changeair Products and Services in 2008, he served as U.S. Service Manager and Warranty Administrator before transitioning into account and application support roles.

Since 2016, he has served as a Regional Sales Manager, working with engineers, manufacturer's representatives, contractors, and school systems on classroom HVAC applications throughout the United States. Today, he supports a territory encompassing 25 states and Washington, D.C., working with 27 manufacturer's representative firms.

He attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks and brings a field-based perspective to classroom HVAC design, combining decades of experience with the practical considerations of equipment application, commissioning, serviceability, ventilation, and long-term operation.

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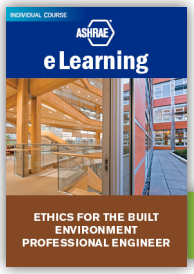
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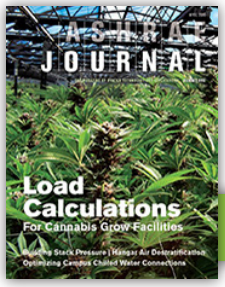
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- The BEAP certification is integral to ASHRAE's Building Energy Quotient (BuildingEQ) program by helping to ensure that only qualified practitioners can submit In Operation Workbooks to receive building ratings from ASHRAE.

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- The BEMP certification validates competency to evaluate, select, implement, calibrate and interpret the results of energy modeling software when applied to new and existing building and systems energy performance.
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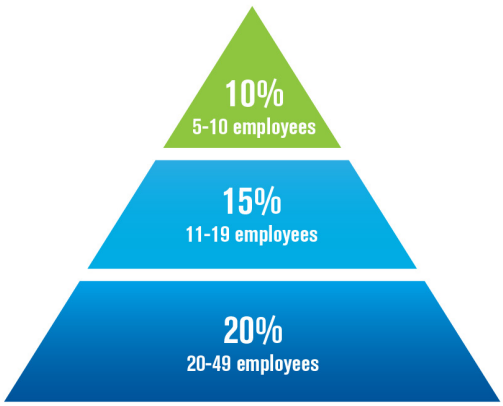
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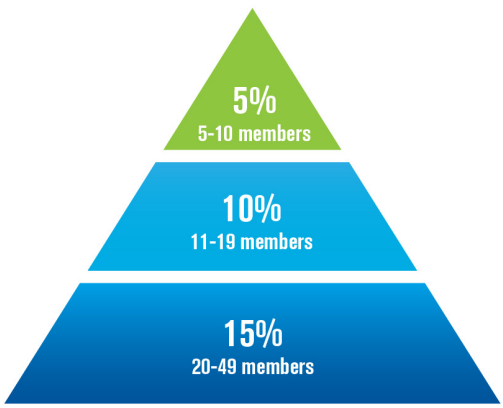
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What is ASHRAE?

ASHRAE is a global technical society that provides essential resources for sustainable design, construction and operation of buildings and their systems. ASHRAE is unique because its membership is drawn from a wide range of disciplines relating to the HVAC&R field. Over 57,000 individuals from more than 130 nations belong to the Society. Among them are students, consulting engineers, mechanical contractors, building owners, and employees of manufacturing companies, educational institutions, research organizations, government or any organization concerned with environmental control.

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ASHRAE Student Membership



Why get involved?

ASHRAE members brought the HVAC&R industry into the exciting arena of sustainable design, net-zero-energy buildings and the ever-evolving standards that shape the future. Help take the HVAC&R industry to the next level, by joining more than 57,000 members worldwide who have been where you are right now, and know how to help you get where you want to be in your career.



What does ASHRAE do?

Our members share ideas, support research, and write the industry's standards related to energy efficiency, air quality and refrigeration. These efforts keep indoor environments safe, comfortable, and productive while ensuring a sustainable world.

What are the benefits?

- Scholarships – engineering and engineering technology students are eligible for both Society and chapter-level scholarships.
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- 250 active student branches at universities around the world.
- Reduced registration to ASHRAE Annual and Winter Conferences.
- Chapter programs hosted by industry leaders
- The annual Student Design Project Competition offers an opportunity to apply your classroom knowledge of practical design to a real project.
- Undergraduate Program Equipment Grants fund colleges and universities worldwide to promote the study and teaching of HVAC&R, encouraging undergraduate students to pursue related careers.
- Grants-in-Aid allow for graduate students to continue their education in the HVAC&R industry.

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

WHAT IS ASHRAE?

ASHRAE is a global technical society that provides essential resources for sustainable design, construction and operation of buildings and their systems. Our technical foundation is built by our 56,000+ volunteer members in over 130 countries who dedicate their time and knowledge to moving the industry forward. The Society's members influence the direction of HVAC&R technology by creating industry standards, recommending procedures and guidelines, and developing research.

WHAT IS YEA?

To ensure a bright future for ASHRAE and the industry, the Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) Committee was developed to create programs and develop a path for our young professional members. Any current ASHRAE Affiliate, Associate or Member who is 35 years of age or younger is considered a YEA member, and automatically has a wide variety of programs, events, and opportunities at their fingertips!

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Getting involved with **ASHRAE Technical Committees (TCs)** provides you the opportunity to help guide the future of our industry. Find a TC that focuses on your area of interest, get involved, and help to make a difference! You can find a list of all TCs and a sign-up form at ashare.org/TCs.

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