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October 2026

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Shrimp Boll - April 16th

Fishing Derby - May 1st

May Dinner Meeting - May 11th

Beach Clean Up - TBD



A Message from the President



2026-2027 FWC President Raaj Murugesan, PE

October was another great month for the Florida West Coast Chapter, with plenty of opportunities to learn, connect, and spend time together as a chapter.

We kicked off the month with our FWC Clay Shoot, followed by our October Dinner Meeting featuring Erick Spencer of Systemair. Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, speakers, and members who continue to show up and make these programs possible.

As we move through the year, we remain focused on creating meaningful opportunities for our members while supporting ASHRAE's Society theme, "Changing the Game: Retrofitting for Resilience." Building resilience is not only about our buildings. It's also about strengthening the relationships, knowledge, and community that move our industry forward.

There's still plenty ahead! Save the date for:

November 18 | YEA Par Bar
December 15 | Holiday Party

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. We're excited to keep building a great year together and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming FWC event!

Raajesh Kumar Murugesan
President, Florida West Coast Chapter ASHRAE

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FWC 17th Annual
Clay Shoot

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's FWC Clay Shoot! We hope everyone had a great time connecting with fellow industry professionals and enjoying some friendly competition.

We're incredibly grateful to our sponsors and volunteers for helping make the event possible, and a special thank you to Bud Goerke and Victor Lopez for their leadership in bringing the Clay Shoot together.

CLAY SHOOT PHOTOS

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October CTTC Dinner Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our October Dinner Meeting! Erick Spencer of Systemair led a great discussion on ventilation, indoor air quality, and HVAC solutions for educational spaces, with plenty of conversation and questions from our members.

We appreciate everyone who came out and helped make it another great FWC evening!



Raaj Murugesan, PE, Erick Spencer of Systemair, and Will Seiberling at the October Dinner Meeting.



Matt Walters wins Best Question of the Night and takes home a prize!



Erick Spencer presenting on ventilation, indoor air quality, and HVAC solutions for educational spaces.

OCTOBER DINNER PHOTOS

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ASHRAE FWC – NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2026, 5:00 – 8:00 PM AT BRIO ITALIAN GRILLE

HAPPY HOUR FROM 5-6 PM
PRESENTATION BEGINS 7 PM



Bobby Baird, AVP of Facility Operations
UF Health

PRICE:
$45 for Early Registration
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It's Built, Now Can I Run It?

Presented by: Bobby Baird

The presenter will take you through a facility engineer's perspective on the design, construction, opening, and operationalization of a hospital, sharing what happens when design intent meets the realities of facility operations.

Takeaways include lessons learned and best practices from real-world healthcare projects, along with examples of well-intended code requirements and design decisions and their actual impact on facility operations.

Bobby Baird, FASHE, CHFM, CHSP, CHC, is AVP of Facility Operations at UF Health, where he helps lead facilities operations and biomedical services across approximately 11 million square feet of healthcare facilities and a staff of more than 500.

With more than 32 years of healthcare facilities experience, Bobby has held leadership roles spanning facility operations, energy management, environmental services, biomedical services, safety, security, construction, grounds, and property management. He earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of South Carolina.

Bobby was designated a Fellow of the American Society for Health Care Engineering (FASHE) in 2023 and holds certifications as a Certified Healthcare Facility Manager, Certified Healthcare Safety Professional, and Certified Healthcare Constructor. He has served as President of both the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association and the South Carolina Hospital Engineers Association and currently serves as Treasurer of FHEA.

A frequent industry speaker and contributor, Bobby brings an owner-operator perspective shaped by more than three decades of maintaining, operating, and improving complex healthcare facilities. His presentation will draw on lessons learned from real-world projects, including how design decisions affect reliability, maintainability, operations, and the people ultimately responsible for keeping buildings running.

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JOIN US !

Join YEA, DEI, Student Activities and Membership Promotions at a FREE Happy Hour hosted at Par Bar! Food, Drinks, Putt-putt included.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

PAR BAR
2253 1ST AVE S, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33712

Space is limited. Please RSVP via the link provided by November 16th to secure your spot!

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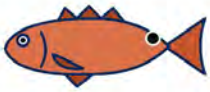
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7TH ANNUAL

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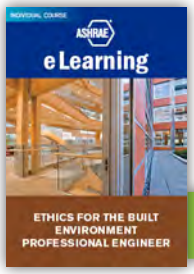
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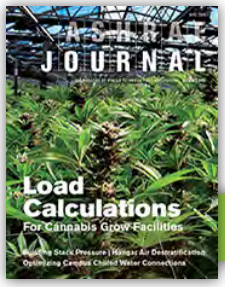
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- The BEAP certification validates competency to assess commercial building systems and site conditions, analyze and evaluate equipment and energy usage, and recommend strategies to optimize building resource utilization.
- The BEAP certification is 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.

Building Energy Modeling Professional (BEMP)

- 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.
- The BEMP certification complements ASHRAE's Building Energy Quotient (BuildingEQ) program by helping to ensure that only qualified practitioners can submit As Designed Workbooks to receive building ratings from ASHRAE.

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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.
- Discounts on publications for your coursework and throughout your professional life.
- 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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What can YEA do for me? We're glad you asked!

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH & EXPERIENCE

In addition to your technical expertise, we want to be sure you have the tools you need to succeed. The **YEA Leadership Weekend** and **YEA Leadership International** events focus on personal development and allow you to interact with YEA members from around the world. If you want to find out how an association like ASHRAE operates, the **Leadership U** program gives you the chance to shadow an ASHRAE Vice President at one of our conferences.

TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTION

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.

EDUCATION & RECOGNITION

To make sure you've got the latest and greatest education, YEA offers 10 scholarships to the **ASHRAE HVAC Design Essentials Training**. And since you've put in the hard work, why not be recognized for it and apply for the **YEA Award of Individual Excellence** or the **Developing Leader Award**.

NETWORKING

It's all about who you know, right?! Join us at our **YEA Hospitality Suite** at the ASHRAE Annual and Winter Conferences to meet fellow YEA members, as well as many ASHRAE leaders who stop by. And to keep you up to speed on all things YEA, we publish a quarterly **YEA Connections** e-newsletter that goes straight to your inbox.

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