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Russ Rhinehart receives OSU Presidents Leadership Award as 2012 OSU Student Organization Advisor of the Year

(STILLWATER, Okla. May 24, 2012) - R. Russell Rhinehart, Faculty Advisor for the OSU Automation Society, received the OSU Student Organization Advisor of the year by the President Burn Hargis and Office of Campus Life.

The OSU Automation Society was started in October 2010 by a group of students from four engineering disciplines: chemical, mechanical and aerospace, industrial and electrical and computer engineering. Rhinehart has served as advisor since the birth of the organization.

“Our growth would have been impossible without the input and immense support of Dr. R. Russell Rhinehart,” said Anand Govindarajan, Ph.D. student in chemical engineering and current organization president.

The primary objective of the organization is to spread the knowledge and awareness of automation as a career choice, provide professional understanding to coursework and to enhance learning that will facilitate easier transition of students from academia to industry. The OSU Automation Society is comprised of over a 50 student members of whom 10 hold officer positions. The activities of the organization range from field trips to industries, lab tours, speaker meetings and the biggest event of the year the OSU Automation Day.

“The amount of time that Dr. Rhinehart has put into the society is tremendous, probably immeasurable,” said Govindarajan.

The organization states Rhinehart’s dedication is outstanding; his industry contacts are instrumental in obtaining speakers, organizing field trips and programming support for the automation contest of the OSU Automation day. He assists finding student’s employment upon graduation in the automation industry and is more than just an advisor; he is a friend, philosopher and guide to the organization.

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