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PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

Michelle Heethawakage recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Florida International University in December of 2007. After graduating, Ms. Heethawakage joined a division of The Bosch Group called Florida Heat Pump Manufacturing (FHP) as a Project Engineer.

During Ms. Heethawakage's time at Florida International University, she became involved with several professional and honors societies to which she dedicated much of her time, and held several leadership positions. While serving two full years as president of Tau Beta Pi, the second oldest honors society in the country, and a term as vice-president of The American Society for Heating, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Engineers, Ms Heethawakage also held several supporting executive board positions such as treasurer of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society as well as a position on the Materials & Mechanical Engineering Student Curriculum Committee. While serving these organizations, she became involved with many community service projects, as president, she started a toy distribution program through Tau Beta Pi and Miami Children's Hospital.

On a personal level, Ms. Heethawakage enjoys Fine Arts. She is passionate about international art, dance, music and theatre. She has lived in Canada, England and the United States, with a Sri Lankan ethnic background, she has studied Sri Lankan, Middle Eastern and Latin dance. She is also currently a student of Na Ohana O'Kealoha Hawaiian Hula Halau in Fort Lauderdale and has also learned the flute and the piano. Although Ms. Heethawakage has a predominantly technical background, she believes that developing an appreciation for these fine arts enriches one's life.