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Christopher Scott Among Black Engineer of the Year Honorees

DETROIT ARSENAL, WARREN, MI — For Christopher Scott success has never been an option. It has always been a choice and that drive for excellence has been recognized.

Scott, a Detroit native, has been selected for a 2009 Black Engineer of the Year Award (BEYA) in the Modern-Day Technology Leaders category and will attend the BEYA Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Global Competitiveness Conference Feb. 18-22, 2009, in Baltimore, MD.

He is part of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's (RDECOM's) Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) in Warren, MI. He was one of only two members from RDECOM to receive the honor.

"This is a fantastic award and accomplishment for Mr. Scott," remarked Dr. Paul Rogers, Executive Director of Research at TARDEC. "We are very proud and honored to him on the TARDEC team. His strong work ethic and his willingness to accept challenges make him a tremendous addition to the TARDEC community. Congratulations to him. This is a true testament to his hard work and effort. It is truly well deserved."

Presently Scott works on the High Performance Computing Team within RDECOM-TARDEC. The team is responsible for providing engineering tools for in-depth modeling and simulation analysis for the Army in regards to military vehicles and humans inside of those vehicles.

"I was very anxious to find out if I won. I put a lot of work into my application and I really wanted to see it pay off," Scott remarked. "I knew it was very competitive, but I knew I had a great chance. When I found out that I was selected I was very much honored."

Black Engineer of the Year Awards, hosted by Lockheed Martin Corporation, The Council of the Engineering Deans of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and U.S. Black Engineer & Information Technology magazine, recognize individuals who have achieved exceptional career gains in government and industry, in lifetime achievement and in pioneering feats.



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The category of Modern-Day Technology Leaders honors men and women of color who are demonstrating outstanding performance and will shape the future course of engineering, science and technology.

Scott attended Cass Technical High School in Detroit and earned his B.S in electrical engineering from the University of Detroit Mercy. He is currently working on his master's degree at Lawrence Technological University.

“Coming up through the Detroit Public Schools systems and making it to this point, I just want to show kids that applying yourself to education can lead to great things,” Scott pointed out. “I want to be an example for these kids to look up to and winning an award like this really adds power to the words I tell them.”

Just to be nominated was a terrific thrill for the 26-year-old, but actually winning an award is something that Scott says will stay with him for the rest of his life.

“This is something that is really going to stick with me. I am very excited to go to the conference and be among all the great people in the engineering field. It is a great honor to be recognized beside these people,” remarked Scott. “This is truly something that I will remember for the rest of my life.”

In addition to his work with TARDEC, Scott also donates much of his free time serving his community. He participates in anti-crime and educational projects within Detroit.

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Scott has been selected as one of the winners of the BEYA in the Modern-Day Technology Leaders category. Scott, a Detroit native, is an electrical engineer for RDECOM at TARDEC in Warren, MI. He will attend the BEYA Conference Feb. 18-22, 2009 in Baltimore, MD. (U.S. Army TARDEC photo by Bill Dowell)



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Scott graduated from Cass Technical High School in Detroit and earned his B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Detroit Mercy. He is currently working on his master's degree at Lawrence Technological University. (U.S. Army TARDEC photo by Bill Dowell)

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Scott was selected in the Modern-Day Technology Leaders category. The category of Modern-Day Technology Leaders honors men and women of color who are demonstrating outstanding performance and will shape the future course of engineering, science and technology. (U.S. Army TARDEC photo)

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