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## **NCTA Charlotte WISE Chapter Announces 2009 Recipient of Kasie Capling Memorial Scholarship**

**Charlotte, N.C., June 24, 2009** – The [North Carolina Technology Association](http://www.ncta.org) (NCTA) Charlotte WISE Chapter announced today that Syrena Huynh is the 2009 recipient of the Kasie Capling Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established in memory of Kasie Capling, NCTA Charlotte WISE Steering Committee Member, who unexpectedly passed away in August 2005. The purpose of the scholarship is to continue Capling’s legacy of helping foster careers of individuals in the fields of Information Technology and Engineering.

“Syrena Huynh exemplifies the standards on which the Kasie Capling Memorial Scholarship is based,” said Scotty Jackson, Outreach Chair of NCTA Charlotte WISE. “We are pleased to award Syrena with this honor to help provide a foundation for her education as she pursues her degree and career in engineering.”

Huynh, a 2009 graduate of North Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, plans to attend North Carolina State University in the fall, where she will pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering. In addition to excelling academically, Huynh has also held a part-time job throughout high school, and has been involved with many volunteer organizations at school and in the community. She was a member of the National Honors Society, participated as a Junior Marshall at North Mecklenburg High School, served as president of the Key Club International, and was a member of Student Council and the Art Club. Huynh also served as captain for a Relay for Life team, and worked with Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, Huynh is a talented soccer player, playing for the American Youth Soccer Organization’s All Stars team; was first runner-up for Miss North Meck, a pageant for outstanding high school females; and is a talented artist.

Huynh was presented the Kasie Capling Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000 and also received a laptop, donated by Lenovo. The presentation was made at the Charlotte WISE luncheon held in Charlotte on June 19<sup>th</sup> which was part of the NCTA Annual Conference “Leaders Driving Change Through Technology: What’s Next.”

The Charlotte chapter of NCTA’s WISE (Women In Information Technology, Science And Engineering) Council provides opportunities for women in all aspects of the knowledge workforce to pursue career and personal goals in the field of technology. This chapter consists of a steering committee representing leaders in the Charlotte technology community. The Kasie Capling Memorial Scholarship is presented by the Charlotte WISE Chapter to one female senior from Mecklenburg County who excels in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), and will be attending college to continue her education.

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