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ChemE Student Wins National Society of Black Engineers Award

The National Society of Black Engineers has recognized Tennessee Tech University graduate student Chinyere Mbachu as the 2013 Graduate Student of the Year. Mbachu will accept the award at a ceremony in Indianapolis March 30. NSBE's Golden Torch Awards are the organization's highest honors, meted out for outstanding professional achievement and community service.

Mbachu has a 4.0 grade point average in Tennessee Tech's chemical engineering doctoral program. Her goal is to work with technology and engineering tools to help devise self-sustaining communities. Her doctoral project explores the modeling of fiber-packed reactors for producing chemicals, including nanoparticles and biodiesel fuels. Mbachu has written and presented more than 10 papers at conferences for the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Society of Engineering Education, NSBE and others.

Mbachu earned her bachelor's degree at Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Nigeria; she joined NSBE while working on her master's degree in chemical engineering at TTU.



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