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## **PSC grad named Navy Civilian of the Year**

### ***COY accolades run in the family***

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Julian Huff, a 2008 graduate of Pensacola State College was selected as 2011 Civilian of the Year for the Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC) at Saufley Field. The announcement was made on Dec. 7.

Huff is a Visual Information (VI) specialist who provides media materials and illustrations to customers in the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) enterprise in support of the Navy's training mission. NETC is responsible for training Sailors from Boot Camp to initial professional training, also known as 'A' School.

"The COY selection is an honor and of course I'm grateful to be selected, but there are many hard-working, talented and deserving people at NETPDTC," said Huff. "I've learned a tremendous amount since I've been here and am proud to have a direct impact on training young Sailors."

A 10-year government service veteran, Huff started at NETPDTC as a cooperative education student while simultaneously attending Pensacola Junior College (now PSC). His latest project included 3D-rotatable

graphic design and presentation of equipment for Navy Dive School in Panama City. His work also includes layout, print animation, interactive media and Web programming, along with photo, audio and video support and editing.

“The Associate of Science Degree in Multi-Media Technology I received at PJC directly applied to what I’m doing today for the Navy,” said Huff. “In fact as a co-op student, what I was doing in the Visual Arts Department and what I was doing at work overlapped and reinforced each other really well.”

Selection as COY has now become a family tradition for Huff. His mother, Christina Wagner, a management analyst in the Navy Advancement Center, was NETPDTC’s civilian of the year in 1997.

“I am so proud of Julian,” said Wagner. “He’s always been a hard worker giving his absolute best and it is so awesome to see him recognized in a big way for his efforts.”

Huff’s supervisor, NETPDTC VI Program Manager Wade Buffington, has relied on Julian as the team’s ‘point man’ for several years.

“Julian’s deep understanding of Web and graphic-design software has allowed him to produce training materials that are not only new to the Navy, but unavailable from any contractor,” said Buffington. He has brought NETPDTC VI’s training products into the future.”

Capt. Ann Burkhardt, NETPDTC commanding officer also noted that Huff is using creative ideas and new media to help train and prepare today's Sailors.

"Julian was able to produce innovative media training for a younger, video-game-oriented generation of students and hold their attention," said Burkhardt. "Doing that is no small feat. The Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center and the Naval School of Explosive Ordnance Disposal commented that his work on their products was 'awe inspiring.' His dedication, commitment and leadership was truly deserving of Civilian of the Year."

Additional information on the Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center can be found on the NETPDTC website: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/netc/Commands/NETPDTC.aspx>

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Photo Cutline: PENSACOLA, Fla. (Dec. 7, 2011) -- Pensacola State College graduate Julian Huff works rendering a 3D graphic of a SH-60 helicopter for the Naval Education and Training Professional Development Technology Center. Huff was selected as the command's Civilian of the Year for 2011. (U.S. Navy Photo by Gerry Watson/Released)