

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Good News Items

August 5, 2009

Academic Affairs

College of Engineering Technology

- HVACR student design team of Samuel Marotta, Donyale Griffin, Travis Larson, Travis Smith, Dan Mather and Gustavo Chavez competed in the ASHRAE HVAC System Selection competition taking second place. The team determined the building's cooling and heating loads and conducted a life cycle cost and environmental sustainability analysis.
- Hobart Service (Troy, Ohio) has initiated a training program to service commercial foodservice refrigeration equipment in all of their offices throughout the U.S. within the next several years. Hobart and Ferris established a balanced combination of classroom and "hands-on" training in the development of this customized school. The three year partnership includes five educational sessions during the summer months.

College of Education and Human Services

- Recreation, Leisure Services, and Wellness alumna Monique Dykstra wrote, "My Recreation Management Bachelor degree from Ferris State has opened so many doors for me...I've had the chance to work for the YMCA, an international communications company, and now the Department of Family Moral, Welfare, and Recreation with the U S Army...At Ferris, the professors took a personal interest in me and my family. The use of advanced technology in the classroom and during our assignments, gave me the knowledge I needed to not only survive but to prosper in the modern-day work environment. I have been able to use the skills I acquired in finance, marketing, programming, and tourism to shine and to gain the opportunity to be promoted. Honestly, when discussing the Recreation professors at Ferris State, I can't say enough about the level of professionalism and caring. Not only did they push me to succeed, they believed in me, providing just the right start to a brand new life!"
- The School of Criminal Justice is pleased to announce that Maria Putt will coordinate the Criminal Justice Off-campus Programs in southeastern Michigan.
- The School of Education will be participating in a Michigan Department of Education pilot program through which student teachers, supervising teachers, and principals are surveyed about the quality of Michigan teacher preparation programs.
- Television & Digital Media Production (TDMP) alumni and interns have had a busy summer at the Traverse City Film Festival, completing internships on *Dirty Jobs* in Hollywood, for *Riot Atlanta* in Atlanta, *ESPN* in Connecticut, and *Wife Swap* in New York, etc.

Administration and Finance

- Two PTM students are finalizing their internship as assistant editors for workingintennis.com where they have created a blog about Ferris' tennis program.
- Several tennis alumni work at Midland Community Tennis Center where Midland has been named a top three finalist for Best Tennis Town USA.
- Coach Mike Mignano and the PGM program were featured in a recent issue of Student Golfer Magazine.
- A report developed by IT aided departments in efficiencies for year-end close.
- IT has completed several projects, including software upgrades and system migrations and installations; several projects are in progress with completions expected by the end of August.

CPTS

- As a partner with WOTV, Ferris has a booth at Maranda's Park Parties. We have participated in live interviews and our name was listed as a sponsor in print and television.
- Mark Kistler, from Mark Kistler's Imagination Station, offered his camp at CPTS-GR to Grand Rapids area children. Approximately 91 families participated in this event.
- Digital Animation Game Design students filmed and then participated in editing, close-caption work and animations for 26 episodes of Mark Kistler's Imagination Station. We will be listed across the United States as an underwriter of the program.

Student Affairs

- Career Services has moved and is operational in Rankin Room 135.
- Bulldog Careerlink, new recruiting software, is available for employers to post job openings, search student resumes, complete online requests for campus interviews and information sessions and online registration and payment for the job fair. The student portion will be live August 10th.
- The Fall 2009 Job Fair registration is now open and fully online at the Career Services homepage.
- Approximately 130 area youth participated in the Michigan Works! Youth Empowerment Day hosted by Ferris State University.
- The [HEA Technical Corrections Bill](#) (H.R.1777) was signed into law. One of the major provisions is that the [list of programs included in the definition of VA education benefits is updated](#), and the exclusion of all of those VA education benefits from estimated financial assistance is moved up to July 1, 2009 from July 1, 2010; meaning that our veteran students should have access to additional financial aid for the 2009-2010 academic year.
- Nine out of 11 State of Michigan financial aid programs have been balanced for 2008-2009. Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) and Michigan Work Study are balanced at the end of summer semester.
- The verification process continues to run efficiently and ahead of many other institutions.
- Financial Aid employees working orientation received many positive comments regarding the customer service provided, preparation, process, and information available to parents and students.
- University Recreation now accepts Intramural registrations and Ropes Course reservations on-line.
- The U-Rec Intramural program held our first Ultimate Frisbee tournament (Bulldog Throw down).
- The Michigan Works Summer Youth program team helped spread wood chips and provide trail maintenance along the FSU ropes course trail. This collaborative community work effort helps to prevent erosion and preserve the trail system.

University Advancement and Marketing

- "Faces of Ferris" has been added on the homepage, featuring faculty, staff and student who exemplify Ferris' core values.
- New Services collaborated with the Pioneer for the annual Bulldog Survival Guide, highlighting the 125th anniversary celebration.
- Ferris Leach has increased his funding for the Ferris Leach Annual Scholarship to support a need-based student for four year.
- The Making the Connection to Opportunity Reception is scheduled for September 18.
- The Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame is scheduled for October 30.
- The FSU Alumni Association has awarded 15 Legacy Scholarships.
- Bob and Marilyn Andrews have accepted the invitation to be the 2009 Homecoming Grand Marshals.