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### 1999-00: FIRST-EVER BERTH FERRIS GARNERS INITIAL NCAA APPEARANCE

The Ferris State women's basketball team made its first-ever NCAA Division II Tournament appearance during the 1999-2000 campaign. The Bulldogs lost in the opening round of the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament versus Missouri-St. Louis on March 9, 2000, by a score of 90-77. The tournament took place at Northern Kentucky in Highland Heights, Ky.

Junior center Tianna Kirkland led Ferris State with 18 points and 12 rebounds in the contest while senior guard Carrie Roys added 13 rebounds for FSU. Senior Amy Pickard chipped in 12 points, sophomore Debbie Killips added 11 points and senior Amy Popielarz also tallied 11 points for the Bulldogs. Missouri-St. Louis jumped out to a 50-38 halftime advantage by shooting 58-percent from the floor in the first half.

The regional tournament field also included Northern Michigan, Gannon and Michigan Tech. NKU won the regional championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight with a 77-70 win over Northern Michigan in the regional championship game.

### 2003-04: BACK TO THE TOURNEY FSU TAKES PART FOR THE SECOND TIME

The Ferris State women's basketball team returned to the NCAA-II Tournament for only the second time in school history in 2003-04. The Bulldogs fell to Ashland 82-69 in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament (March 12) at Pepsi Arena in Quincy, Ill.

Senior guard Lucy DeMartin tallied a game-high 21 points for the Bulldogs while senior forward/center Molly Potvin added 12 points and junior forward Sarah Duesing chipped in 11 points. The Bulldogs led 39-31 at halftime, but gave up 51 second-half points to the Eagles.

The contest represented the third meeting between the Bulldogs and Eagles during the 2003-04 campaign. Ferris registered an 85-81 regular-season road win at Ashland (12/6/03) and beat the Eagles 86-80 in overtime (3/5/04) in the GLIAC Tournament semifinals at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The regional tournament field also included Lake Superior State, Northern Kentucky, Southern Indiana, Bellarmine (Ky.), Indianapolis and host Quincy. QU won the regional championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight with a 66-49 win over LSSU in the regional championship game.



Senior forward/center Molly Potvin (2000-04) helped guide the Bulldogs back to the NCAA-II Tournament for the second time in 2003-04.



Tianna Kirkland



Lucy DeMartin

### BULLDOG ALL-AMERICA PERFORMERS

Senior guard Lucy DeMartin (Mason) of the 2003-04 Ferris State University women's basketball team attained *Division II Women's Basketball Bulletin* Honorable Mention All-America accolades, joining former Bulldog player Tianna Kirkland (1997-01) as the only FSU players to achieve All-America recognition.

DeMartin, who also attained both first-team 2003-04 Daktronics All-Great Lakes Region and All-GLIAC North Division honors, concluded her career as the school's all-time scoring leader with 1,721 career points. In addition, she posted a school single-season record 567 points last season and received first-team 2003-04 Verizon Academic All-America College Division kudos. DeMartin was also a Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) All-Great Lakes Region First Team selection and among 40 national finalists for the NCAA Division II Kodak/WBCA All-America Team.

DeMartin, who ranked as FSU's leading scorer (18.3 ppg) in 2003-04, finished her career as the school's leader with 402 made free throws and is listed among Ferris' all-time top 10 performers in field goals (605), steals (198), assists (356), rebounds (415), blocked shots (35), three-point field goals (109), three-point field goal percentage (.344) and free throw percentage (.778).

Kirkland became the first Ferris State women's basketball player to earn All-American honors as she was named a third-team 2000-01 NCAA Division II *Women's Basketball Bulletin* All-America pick. Kirkland was also the 2000-01 GLIAC Player of the Year and the first All-Great Lakes Region selection in FSU history after leading FSU to a 16-11 overall record as a senior.

