Ferris State University
Good News Items
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Academic Affairs

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

- Three History students – Travis Shears, Sean Lausin, and Jason Mickevich – presented at the Phi Alpha Theta Biennial History Conference in San Antonio in early January. They were accompanied and mentored by professor Tracy Busch.
- Christian Peterson organized and participated in two panels discussions as part of the Passion for the Past Discussion Series at Ferris State University. The panels were “Impeachment,” on 19 November 2019 and “An International History of the Berlin Wall’s Collapse: Reflections after Thirty Years,” on 12 November 2019.
- Christina Eanes and 11 students from PLSC 251 worked together in the last few weeks of fall semester to collect nearly 200 toiletry, food and school supply items to donate to Wesleyan church for distribution to fellow students in need.
- Christian Peterson delivered interactive presentation “What, then is the American? The History and Future of Immigration in the United States, Part II,” Passion for the Past Discussion Series, Ferris State University, 24 October 2019.
- During the first week of January 2020, Connie Meinholdt presented a poster entitled ‘Multi-Teaching with One Task’ at the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- The Professional Golf Management Program was honored with the Award of Merit from the Michigan Golf Course Association on December 3rd, 2019. The Award of Merit from the Michigan Golf Course Association has only been given six times in the Association’s 43-year history. The PGA Golf Management program at Ferris in an icon in our state, having been founded in 1975 as the first of its kind sanctioned by the PGA of America. Because of the program’s significant outreach in our industry, its contribution to the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame and its reputation as a national leader training and educating future golf professionals, the Michigan Golf Course Association has selected our program and University for this great honor.
- Graphic Design Students Attend Midwest UX Conference in Grand Rapids. This year’s theme was Reframing Reality, where designers should be challenged to look at problems and society from a different perspective. Focused around User Experience Design, students were able to speak and meet with professionals currently working in the field. Speakers also talked about the future of design, and how the profession will be shaped by a changing society.
College of Health Professions

- College of Health Professions Respiratory alumni, Todd Weber, was awarded the PHIL award at Spectrum Health. He was chosen from a pool of 350 respiratory therapists and 17 nominees.
- Public Health faculty Anuli Njoku was a selected applicant for the Fulbright Specialist Roster for a tenure of three years beginning August 2019.
- Public Health faculty Anuli Njoku published “Teaching about cultural competence and health disparities in an online graduate public health course” in the Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice. The article can be found here: https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/jhdrp/vol12/iss2/2/
- Dr. Sharon Colley was awarded the Sigma Theta Tau International-Kappa Epsilon 2019 Excellence in Nursing Research Award on November 18, 2019.
- Dr. Susan Owens was awarded the Sigma Theta Tau International-Kappa Epsilon 2019 Excellence in Nursing Practice Award 11/8/19.
- Public Health faculty Anuli Njoku published “Learner-centered teaching to educate college students about rural health disparities” in the Journal of University Teaching & Learning Practice. The article can be found here: https://ro.uow.edu.au/jutlp/vol16/iss5/6/
- Gail Bullard was interviewed by Channel 9&10 news along with Andrea Leslie, President of Spectrum Health Hospitals in Big Rapids and Reed City, to discuss the future of Rural Health on November 21, 2019. The interview discussed some challenges of providing health services at small hospitals.

College of Pharmacy

- Dr. Namita Giri, along with colleagues from outside the University published “Identification of novel selective Mt-DHFR inhibitors as antitubercular agents through structure-based computational techniques” in Arch Pharm (Weinheim) (Dec 2019).
- Drs. Minji Sohn and Greg Wellman, along with a colleague from outside the University, published “Co-prescription of opioid and naloxone in office-based practice and emergency department settings in the United States” in Public Health (Dec 2019).
- Dr. Deeb Eid, along with Mr. Joe Osborne and Mr. Brian Borowicz (both of whom are 2020 Pharm.D. Candidates) published “Moving the Needle: A 50-State and District of Columbia Landscape Review of Laws Regarding Pharmacy Technician Vaccine Administration” for Pharmacy (Basel) (Dec 2019).

Presentations:

- Dr. Eric Nybo presented “BIOPOLYMER: BIObricks® POLYketide Metabolic EngineeRing Platform” at the Michigan State University Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology Seminar (January 2020).
- Drs. Shelby Kelsh, Michelle Sahr and Minji Sohn, along with Ms. Paige Weaver and Mr. Noah Blower (both of whom are 2020 Pharm.D. Candidates) presented “Deep Dive into Vaping Habits of Young Adults” at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting (December 2019).
- Dr. Dane Shiltz and Mr. Ruben Ramdeo (2020 Pharm.D. Candidate) presented “Development of an Inpatient Enoxaparin Dosing Protocol in Special Populations” at the
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting (December 2019).

EIO

- In January, the Doctorate in Community College Leadership Program started their second cohort in Houston, Texas. The students come from more than 10 colleges across the state of Texas, as well as Missouri and Delaware. They follow the original Texas cohort that started their journey in January of 2018 and will be graduating in December of this year.

RETENTION & STUDENT SUCCESS

- David McCall attended the National Career Development Summit in Washington, D.C., January 8, 2020. Conference focused on promoting and increasing career development throughout all forms of education.
- Kristin Conley had an article published in the Journal of Innovative Higher Education, entitled “C4 Scholar Program: Promoting Success through Accountability for At-risk Students.”

Administration and Finance

Athletics

- Five Ferris State University student-athletes from four different sports have been chosen as Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Commissioner's Award recipients for the fall season. The Bulldogs’ five honorees were the most of any school in the conference as only 12 student-athletes, six male and six female, were chosen for the 2019 fall campaign. The Bulldogs' honorees included Travis Russell (football), Sam Heyboer (football), Allyson Cappel (volleyball), Katie Etelamaki (cross country) and Bri Rogers (soccer).

- A total of 84 Ferris State University student-athletes have achieved Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) All-Academic & All-Academic Excellence Team honors for the recently-completed 2019 fall athletics campaign as announced by the league office and presented by Meijer. The 84 Bulldog student-athletes represent six varsity programs, including football, volleyball, women's soccer, women's tennis, women's cross country and men's cross country. Ferris State had 32 student-athletes tabbed to the GLIAC All-Academic Team and another 52 who received GLIAC All-Academic Excellence Team recognition.

- Both the Ferris State University men's and women's basketball squads are currently in first place in the GLIAC North Division standings heading into the month of February. The Bulldog men's squad has been ranked among the nation’s top 15 teams this year while the women's team's current seven-game win streak is the program's longest since 2011-12.

- The Bulldog men's basketball squad became the nation's first Division II team to reach 20 wins this year, marking the sixth consecutive year in which the Bulldogs have won 20 games or more. FSU is presently the only team with 20 wins each year over that span with only eight other schools or more than 300 in the nation still with a chance to accomplish the feat this season.

- Five members of the Ferris State University football squad, including a nation-leading four first-team honorees, have been chosen to the 2019 Don Hansen's Football Gazette
All-America Team. The Bulldogs had four players receive All-America First Team accolades in senior offensive guard Tyler Allison (Clinton Township) in addition to senior defensive end Austin Edwards (Lansing), senior linebacker Avonte Bell (Lansing) and senior cornerback James Ceasar (Detroit) from one of the nation's top defensive units. Meanwhile, junior offensive tackle Dylan Pasquali (Trenton) garnered All-America Third Team recognition. Edwards was also chosen as the 2019 Don Hansen's Division II Football National Defensive Player of the Year.

- Ferris State University senior defensive end Austin Edwards (Lansing/Waverly) recently competed in one of the nation's most prestigious all-star events as he took part in the East-West Shrine Bowl held at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. As the recipient of the 2019 Gene Upshaw Division II Lineman of the Year Award presented by the Manheim Touchdown Club, Edwards received an automatic invitation to participate in the 95th annual event, which is the nation's longest-running college football all-star game.

IT

- The PC Replacement Project will begin in February. We are excited to get started with replacements and hope to see changes in the PC Replacement Project increase the average life of computers used in the intended service.
- After the first few days of classes, IT’s Spring Semester readiness quality check came in at an impressive 98.4% representing those classrooms without an issue.
- Cybersecurity is excited to announce the hire of Tri Bui as the new cybersecurity analyst. Tri is a talented cybersecurity professional that recently graduated from The University of South Dakota. He is an international student that comes from Vietnam and we are happy with the value he brings to the team.
- IT is glad to report that various faculty and staff members have volunteered to be enrolled in our Multi-Factor authentication solution, to help keep Ferris accounts safe even if your password is compromised. Those who volunteered have increased our Microsoft secure score bringing us closer to compliance. Email enrollmfa@ferris.edu if you are interested in participating.

HR

- The University has implemented a new applicant tracking system. PageUp is on target to go live on February 3. This will offer enhanced services to our current and prospective employees.

Kendall College of Art & Design

- SiteStudio, an initiative led by KCAD Painting Professor Margaret Vega that fosters creative collaboration between KCAD students, area K-12 students, and the surrounding community, recently concluded the first half of its latest Children Designing for Children program. Guided by KCAD Industrial Design students and adjunct instructor Brent Kincaid, 8th graders from Southwest Community Campus engaged in site-specific research at the Children’s Healing Center before envisioning original designs for play structures that could meet the unique needs of children who come to the center. The winning design, chosen by a panel of jurors from KCAD, Steelcase, and Herman Miller, will be brought to life this semester during the next phase of the project.
- Selling Sexism—an exhibition in The Fed Galleries @ KCAD that displayed objects on loan from Ferris State University's Museum of Sexist Objects alongside works by contemporary artists/designers to encourage discussion, debate, and dialogue concerning everyday objects that promote sexist attitudes, discriminatory practices, and
gendered violence—was named a “can’t miss” event for January 2019 by Grand Rapids Magazine. The exhibition concluded on January 25.

- KCAD Digital Art and Design students recently enlisted the help of students from the Grand Rapids Public Museum School to test out Old Streets Adventure, a combination roleplaying, puzzle, and scavenger hunt game they're developing in collaboration with the Grand Rapids Public Museum. The KCAD students are using augmented reality technology to bring the museum's Old Streets of Grand Rapids exhibit to life and engage visitors in an interactive learning experience that also meets educational standards.

- KCAD Sculpture and Functional Art students were profiled by Maranda and WOTV 4 Women for a project in which they’re transforming discarded furniture into amazing animal sculptures. KCAD Assistant Professor Natalie Wetzel conceived of the project to challenge these students to consider how deconstruction and reconstruction can redefine an object's function.

- KCAD Medical Illustration students Katlyn Claerhout and Kristina Smith and KCAD Sculpture and Functional Art student Zak Doezema are featured in FRESH LOOKS 2020, an exhibition at Eastern Michigan University showcasing the diverse talents of a select group of the Michigan/Ohio region's most dynamic emerging undergraduate artists.

- KCAD Dual Enrollment student Katie Goldberg of Forest Hills Northern High School is one of just 12 emerging artists from around the world to be named a Quarterly Winner in the 36th Annual Writers and Illustrators of the Future Contest. This prestigious competition has launched the careers of hundreds of artists working across the spectrum of illustration—from comics, books, and album covers to TV and film. Goldberg will compete for the contest's $5K Grand Prize in March while continuing to grow her creative potential here at KCAD.

- KCAD Interior Design student Sean Guirey has been named one of 5 semifinalists in the 2019 Steelcase NEXT Student Design Competition, which received over 1,000 student entries from around the country. Entrants were challenged to design a 10,600 sq. ft. learning space to support the changing behaviors and expectations of today's, and tomorrow's, college students, who come to campus tech-savvy, connected, and aware of the global economy.

- KCAD Fashion Studies student Demi McNeal and KCAD Illustration student Brenna Vachon recently visited with students at their alma mater, Grand Blanc High School, to talk about how they're using their creative education to open up a world of professional opportunity. McNeal is currently taking advantage of the Fashion Studies program’s option to spend senior year studying at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City—and designing for Marchesa while she's at it—while Vachon recently had the opportunity to display some of her work at the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

- KCAD Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies student Marcello Pope presented his research paper “Branding Racial Identity: Gucci Embodies the Other with Blackface” at the 117th Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association Conference in San Diego. Pope’s research takes a deeply critical look into the recent rash of blackface incidents in the world of fashion. As influential designers like Gucci and Prada continue to toe the line of racism and cultural appropriation, he examines what the commodification of blackface—and the varying public responses to it—says about our willingness to recognize and reckon with the continuing exploitation of black culture and black bodies.

- KCAD Graphic Design student Alison Young designed and published a 25-page catalog for Translating Valence, an exhibition currently on display at KCAD’s Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA) that propagates ideas regarding black masculinity that lie in
conjunction with, and opposition to, widely held historical and stereotypical beliefs. The catalog is available for sale in The Shop at UICA.

- KCAD alumna Hannah Berry (‘16, BFA Art Education) has been named one of the 50 Most Influential Women in West Michigan by the Grand Rapids Business Journal. As the Owner and Creative Director of multifaceted creative space Lions & Rabbits, Berry is giving local artists a powerful platform to engage with the Grand Rapids community at-large, all while inviting that same community to explore their own creativity in ways that build shared value and understanding.

- KCAD alumna Kathy Buist (‘81, BFA Illustration) was awarded the Allendale Public High School 2019 Cultural and Performing Arts Award in honor of the prolific artistic career she’s forged since graduating from the high school in 1978. Named to Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine’s list of “Today’s Masters,” she is currently represented by Gallerie d’Orsay in Boston among other galleries throughout the country.

- KCAD alumnus Rob Jackson (‘89, BFA Illustration), principal of local ad agency Extra Credit Projects, has expanded his firm’s distinctly human-centered brand of design to Detroit, where he and his colleagues hope to tap into the city’s thriving spirit of innovation while making a difference in the local community.

- KCAD alumnus Patrick Mohundro (‘07, BFA Digital Media) has graduated from the MFA program at Hunter College in New York City. Mohundro and the other members of Hunter’s 2019 MFA graduating cohort held a thesis exhibition, laissez faire et laissez passer in Manhattan that was featured in Hyperallergic.

- KCAD alumna Gillian Moore (‘18, MFA) recently opened a solo exhibition of her work titled Tangled Words at Adrian College’s Valade Gallery. The work on display depicts the physical and emotional difficulties individuals with communication disorders often face.

- KCAD alumnus Mitch Mulder (‘05, BFA Industrial Design) and his colleagues at SoulArc Boards have released a new and improved version of the company’s flagship product—a wheeled longboard that uses an innovative performance spring to mimic the feel of snowboarding and surfing—along with an electric version capable of hitting 25 mph, running a 15-mile radius, and climbing inclines of up to 20 degrees.

- KCAD alumni Matthew Provoast (‘16, BFA Photography) and Erika Townsley (‘16, BFA Photography) have opened a new business, Speckl Goods, on the Avenue for the Arts in downtown Grand Rapids. The storefront showcases the pair’s unique creations using a modernized version of terrazzo, a technique that involves mixing a base material like concrete with aggregate and sanding it down to a smooth finish.

- KCAD alumnus Adam Salois (‘15, BFA Graphic Design) has been hired as a Senior Visual Designer with Portland, Ore.-based ConnectiveDX, where he’ll execue concepts into prototypes and visual assets, as well as define design principles and themes into functional design language for digital spaces.

- KCAD alumna Noel Skiba (‘85, BFA Illustration) was profiled by the Aplena News in an article exploring her award-winning painting work and her most recent exhibition, a solo show at the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan titled Eclectic Retrospective.

- KCAD alumna Chelsea Skowronsiki (‘17, BFA Fashion Studies) was profiled by MyNorth as the creative force behind Poppy Things, a Northern Michigan-based boutique that features handmade goods from artists across the nation as well as Skowronsiki’s own original clothing collections, which are all manufactured in America using sustainable materials, processes, and packaging.

- KCAD alumnus Joshua Solas (‘18, BFA Illustration) has a large-scale mural he created featured in Translating Valence, an exhibition on display now at Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA) that features the work of black male artists who use figurative
abstraction to not only manipulate visual aspects of black masculinity, but also question and deconstruct ideas and ideologies around the subject.

- KCAD alumnus Keith Winn ('72, Interior Design), president of local sustainability-focused building design firm Catalyst Partners, and his colleagues have moved their operations to a new headquarters in Grand Rapids that has received LEED EBOM certification at the Platinum level. According to Catalyst Partners, the renovation resulted in the building reusing 98% of the existing structure; consuming 55% less energy than a typical office building; using 40% less water than the national baseline; zero stormwater discharge; and many other LEED Platinum standards.

**UICA**

- Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA) has been approved for a $40,000 Art Works grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support the exhibition *A Beautiful Struggle: Black Feminist Futurism* and associated programming. *A Beautiful Struggle* is an original, interdisciplinary exhibition that explores the integration of Black Feminist and Afrofuturist ideas. Over 30 works from 15 black female contemporary artists will be on display in The Galleries at UICA from February 21 to June 14, 2020, and the exhibition will include three free family days throughout its run. Overall, the NEA has approved 1,187 grants totaling $27.3 million in the first round of fiscal year 2020 funding to support arts projects in every state in the nation, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

- UICA also received $20,000 matched support for *A Beautiful Struggle* from the Wege Foundation, $15,000 from the Frey Foundation, and $15,000 from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Project Grant.

- UICA opened the exhibition *Translating Valence* on Friday, January 17. *Translating Valence* propagates ideas regarding black masculinity that lie in conjunction with, and opposition to, widely held historical and stereotypical beliefs.

**Student Affairs**

- The FS/CREW Program (Collegiate Recovery, Education, and Wellness) has awarded scholarships to three students in recovery for the Spring semester through their One Day for Dawgs fundraising.
- The Title IX Coordinator and Director of Equal Opportunity presented 28 sessions of Responsible Employee Training in 2019.
- 400 people and 80 RSOs attended the RSO Fair on 1/16/2020 in the Student Recreation Center (SRC), with over 1,300 students visiting the SRC this day.
- 105 children are signed up for the first session of swim lessons at the SRC.
- The Anti-Violence Alliance has hired an additional 10 new Peer Educators who will create and implement awareness, education, and prevention programming.

**University Advancement and Marketing**

- Work continues on advancing Ferris’ Now & Always comprehensive campaign toward its goal of $115 million, with a total of $94.2 million raised to date. There is still time for faculty and staff to participate in the Ferris Futures Scholarship Challenge matching gift program which has been extended through 2023. Since its inception in 2016, the University has received more than $9.5 million ($19 million with the match) in gifts and pledges to new and existing scholarship endowments.
- John and Jane Pole have created the Pole Family Scholarship Endowment to support students in the Michigan College of Optometry. John is an emeriti from the Michigan College of Optometry. Jane is an emeriti from Development Services in the former
University College and also is a 2002 graduate with a Master of Science in Career and Technical Education.

- Greg and Kristi Armock of Armock Mechanical Contractors have created the Armock Mechanical Contractors Scholarship Endowment to support students in the HVACR program in the College of Engineering Technology. Greg is a 1993 graduate with a Bachelor of Science in HVACR and is president of Armock Mechanical Contractors.
- Pinnacle Construction made a gift to create the Pinnacle Construction Scholarship Endowment and support the Construction Management Experiential and Technical Learning Endowment. A classroom in the Granger Center for Construction and HVACR will be named in recognition of their gift. Michael Garrett, the president of Pinnacle Construction, has a long history of employing/hiring the program’s graduates.
- In loving memory of her brother, Dr. Kim A. Brackett, Alane Brackett made a gift in their father’s name to create the Joseph Edgar Brackett Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment. Their father was a 1949 College of Pharmacy graduate.
- Planning is underway for the April 22 One Day for Dawgs – a day of giving celebrating philanthropy, collaboration, community and Bulldog pride. Last year, in just 24 hours, alumni, students, faculty, staff, friends and family made a powerful, collaborative impact on the University, raising more than $94,000 for 71 different causes.
- Alumni Arlen-Dean Gaddy, Emily (Cramer) Hancock, and Alton Smith have been elected to serve on The Ferris Foundation Board of Directors.
  - Arlen-Dean Gaddy, a Chicago native, came to Grand Rapids as a child and attended Grand Rapids Public Schools. He attended Ferris and later graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Operations and Production Management. He serves as director of market strategy for Erhardt Construction, a $75 million Michigan-based company. Gaddy is an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and is a contributor on several community organizations, including serving as committee chair for Make-A-Wish Michigan; board vice-chair for Inner City Christian Federation; member of the Grand Rapids Rotary; chair of Hope College Parent Council; and board member of South Christian High School. He has been married to his wife, Sandra, for 28 years. They are the parents of three adult children, Marissa, Garrison and Angelique.
  - Emily Hancock is a 1976 Ferris graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. She earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, in 1992. Currently, she serves as an academy member of the National Academy of State Health Policy’s Prescription Drug Cost Workgroup. Among her awards and honors, Hancock was named Indiana Hospital Pharmacist of the Year, in 1995, and in 2007 received a Ferris Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2006, Hancock and her late husband, Bruce, established the Cramer Family Endowment at Ferris. The endowment has grown to include the Alfred S. Cramer Scholarship, for accountancy students in the College of Business; the W.D. Cramer Scholarship, for College of Pharmacy students; the W.D. Cramer Scholarship, for science educators in the College of Arts and Sciences; and an unrestricted fund to support faculty development in the College of Pharmacy and the Michigan College of Optometry.
  - Alton Smith graduated in 1995 with honors from Ferris, where he earned his undergraduate degree in Nuclear Medicine with a minor in Pre-Medicine. He
earned his medical degree from Wayne State University’s School of Medicine in 2000. Smith was born in Jamaica, as the second of three siblings, and was raised in Detroit. He attended Detroit’s Edwin Denby High School and then joined the U.S. Army Medical Corps where he served as a combat medic during the Middle East Gulf War conflict. He is a board-certified radiologist at William Beaumont Hospital in Grosse Pointe and a clinical professor at Oakland University’s School of Medicine. Smith and his wife of 19 years, Dr. Wontika Smith, have a son and daughter, Alton II and Saniyah.

- Two Ferris alumni have been elected to leadership roles on The Ferris Foundation Board of Directors. Kurt Hofman, of Grand Rapids, will serve as The Ferris Foundation board chair, replacing Gary Granger. He earned an Associate of Applied Science in Welding Engineering Technology, in 1983, from Ferris’ College of Engineering Technology. Hofman was appointed to The Ferris Foundation Board in 2014. He also began a term on the university’s Board of Trustees, in 2019, in an appointment to replace Granger, which continues through Dec. 31, 2026.

The vice chair of The Ferris Foundation Board is Tim Murphy, a 1983 graduate of Ferris’ College of Education and Human Services. He is the president of Thomson Reuters Special Services LLC, in Fredericksburg, Va. Murphy also was a deputy director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under Robert Mueller. Murphy’s appointment to The Ferris Foundation Board of Directors came in 2015, and he will follow Hofman in the role of chair.

- The Alumni Association proudly highlights a 2013 Political Science graduate, Danielle Voorhies. Voorhies currently assists with Ferris’ international recruitment efforts while running her own social enterprise in Shanghai, China, whose mission is to help build libraries to support childhood education initiatives in China.

During her time at Ferris, Voorhies helped reinstate the Circle of Tribal Nations Registered Student Organization, as well as founding Future Scholars Ubuntu.

- Alumni Association representatives traveled to Florida in January to host two separate events, including the Professional Management Alumni Reception in Orlando at the Orange County Convention Center and the Sarasota Alumni and Emeriti Luncheon at TPC Prestancia. More than 150 attendees were greeted by University staff at these two events, where they received campus updates and had the opportunity to network with other Ferris Bulldogs.

- Alumni Ambassador Casey Paine (T’08) hosted his first alumni event at The Allen Center in Allen, Texas on Saturday, Jan. 11. Alumni and their friends and family gathered for a pre-game reception before cheering on the Allen Americans, then meeting former Bulldog Hockey alumnus and current Allen American Jared VanWormer (B’17).

- The Alumni Association hosted a pre-game reception on Monday, Dec. 30, at Hockeytown Café in Detroit. More than 70 alumni and friends gathered for a quick meal and Bulldog companionship, before heading over to Little Caesars Arena to watch the FSU Bulldogs take the ice against The University of Michigan in the Great Lakes Invitational.
The Week in Pictures, a prominent feature of the ferris.edu homepage, has entered its 17th year of showcasing a diverse array of events across the campus of Ferris State University. Ted Halm, Web Content manager, and Bill Bitzinger, manager of Photo Services, have worked together to produce the weekly slideshow for the entire span of the feature’s existence.

The Week in Pictures can be browsed by users as an automatic slideshow, or, each picture can be individually selected and viewed. Each picture includes a caption to comply with Ferris’ Web Accessibility Policy.

Groups or individuals who are interested in having their events highlighted in a future edition of Week in Pictures may contact Halm or Bitzinger at their respective email addresses (theodorehalm@ferris.edu, billbitzinger@ferris.edu).

The News Services and Social Media Team, in collaboration with the University’s Pride Committee, launched the inaugural Ferris Pride Home for the Holidays Photo Contest in December 2019. The contest’s goal was to encourage students to showcase Ferris pride during the winter break, which included Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Sixteen official entries were submitted for consideration. Of the sixteen, five winners were selected to receive Ferris-branded prizes. The submissions included photos from Christmas, the celebration of the New Year, individuals following the Bulldog ice hockey team to Little Caesars Arena in Detroit for the Great Lakes Invitational and students who traveled around the U.S., including to warmer climates.

On Instagram, posted contest entries received 4,000-plus likes while the posts reached more than 119,000 users on Facebook.

The preview video for the contest was viewed more than 11,700 times across multiple Ferris social media accounts.