

Ferris State University

Good News Items

September 2018

Academic Affairs

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

- Dale Skornia (CAS/Humanities Dept./Music) guest conducted the University City Summer Concert Band in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Christian Peterson (CAS/Humanities Dept./History) co-edited the newly published textbook "The Routledge History of World Peace since 1750," and co-authored the chapter entitled "Peace in an age of Modernity, 1865–1914."

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- The College of Business recently recognized 20 outstanding upperclassmen by presenting them with Student Excellence Awards. <http://ferris.edu/business/student-excellence-2018/>
- Ferris MBA Ranked among State's Best as Department Collaborates on Program Innovation <http://ferris.edu/business/ferris-mba-ranked-among-states-best-as-department-collaborates-on-program-innovation/>

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

School of Criminal Justice (SCJ)

- Nancy Hogan and Steve Hundersmarck published a textbook entitled "Current Topics in Criminal Justice" to be used in CRIM 385 courses beginning Spring 2019. All proceeds from the book will go to a scholarship fund for a Ferris Criminal Justice student. The book was published by Kendall Hunt.
- The School of Criminal Justice had the largest academy class this summer with 48 students and 367 students on internships across the state.

School of Education (SOE)

- On August 26, 2018, the School of Education held the LEAD 4S Grant orientation. A total of 27 students, 3 SOE faculty and the advisor were in attendance. The goal of the LEAD program is to increase student retention among School of Education students.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

- Gregory Zimmerman has been appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists. He is the Department Head for Clinical Laboratory Science, Respiratory Care, and Health Care System Administration. Read more at Ferris News: <https://ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2018/august/zimmerman.htm>
- Jacqueline Peacock, Assistant Professor in Molecular Diagnostics in the College of Health Professions, and co-authors, published "Genomic Status of MET Potentiates Sensitivity to MET and MEK Inhibition in NF1-Related Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors" in the July 1 issue of *Cancer Research*. This study examined genetic changes during disease progression and treatment in a rare and challenging tumor type and was a collaborative effort with scientists and physicians from Van Andel Institute, Spectrum Health, and Duke University.
- Public Health faculty members Drs. Anuli Njoku and Fathima Wakeel published "Infusing Health Disparities Awareness into Public Health Curricula at a Rural Midwestern University" in the July 2018 Online First issue of *Pedagogy in Health Promotion*. The article can be found here: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2373379918786746>

- Public Health faculty Dr. Anuli Njoku published ““Teaching Health Disparities Awareness in Undergraduate Public Health Courses”” in the July 2018 issue of the *International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*. The article can be found here: <https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/ij-sotl/vol12/iss2/15/>
- Gail L. Bullard, Health Care Systems Administration faculty member, presented at the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) Annual meeting in Philadelphia June 2018. Her presentation, “Getting Our Ducks in a Row”, was on the use of virtual classroom sessions for the Ferris Master of Healthcare Administration program.
- Kathleen Harlan and Denise Byrnes, Dental Hygiene faculty members, and eight Dental Hygiene students participated in the Michigan Special Olympics Summer Games in Mt. Pleasant this summer. They conducted oral screenings of athletes, and provided dental education with the Ferris students serving as ‘tooth fairies’ at the event.
- The Bachelor of Science Respiratory Therapy program has earned accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care reported Margaret Waters, Assistant Professor in Respiratory Care.
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences was awarded an ASCP Foundation Laboratory Science Program Director Educational Grant of \$2500.00. The grant will be used to purchase three licenses for laboratory information systems for equipment, happily reported Dan deRegnier, program coordinator.

CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFICE (CSO)

- On June 18, 2018, Ferris State University Charter Schools Office was awarded accreditation by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI).
As an accredited institution, FSU CSO is now a part of the AdvancED global network of schools and systems committed to continuous improvement through accreditation.

EIO

- On August 24th the Grand Rapids Digital Animation & Game Design student group, MEGA, hosted the first Discover DAGD event welcoming new students. A big thanks to their advisor Nick Pattison for his work on this event.
- Last month, Ferris Grand Rapids partnered with GRCC to hold our first ever dual New Student Orientation, allowing students to complete both schools orientation requirements in one afternoon. A big thank you to Ashlee Mishler for her role in this new partnership with GRCC.
- On August 1, EIO, in partnership with main campus admissions, hosted an enrollment event at the Grand Rapids campus. Seventeen students were admitted and completed orientation at the event. Admissions, financial aid and student service staff were in attendance to help students get admitted and ready to start yet this fall.

FLITE

- Leah Monger was elected to membership on the Board of Directors of the Michigan ACE Women’s Network.

MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

- Madeleine Hacker, OD, of Brown Deer, Wisconsin has been named the top GPA earner from the Michigan College of Optometry, Ferris State University, as published by *Women in Optometry* reporting on the top GPA earners from each school. She will start an anterior segment disease and contact lenses residency program at Davis Duehr Dean in Madison, Wisconsin.

Administration and Finance

Public Safety

- DPS has created an internship, partnering with the college of business/public relations program. This intern will maintain the DPS social network platform and make recommendations on how to better communicate with our students and staff.

Human Resources

- A web-based introduction to Banner 9 training module was developed by Jody Gardei, Manager of the Staff Center for Training & Development. This new module is a resource that supervisors may use for introducing new users to the Banner 9 system and policies associated with data management.
- Jody Gardei, Angela Buys, and Leah Melichar successfully completed the Thinking Collaborative Adaptive Schools Advanced Seminar in August 2018. Jody, the manager of the Staff Center for Training & Development, is scheduling monthly Adaptive Schools Learning Community sessions for Ferris State University employees to practice effective communication and collaboration skills.

Athletics

- The Ferris State University football team's homecoming showdown against Ashland on Saturday, Sept. 29, has been chosen for live national television on ESPN3 as part of the NCAA's Division II Showcase Game of the Week package. Kickoff will be at 3:05 p.m. (ET) with the game available live across the country on WatchESPN and the ESPN app.
- The Ferris State Volleyball, football and women's soccer teams have all been chosen among the preseason favorites in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) entering the fall season. FSU Volleyball was picked to win the GLIAC for the fifth consecutive year while the football squad was second and the soccer team third in voting by the league's member head coaches.
- National Champion Ferris State men's basketball will have a special opportunity to play in one of college basketball's most iconic venues as the Bulldogs take on Duke University Saturday, Oct. 27, at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C. FSU is offering "Game Experience Packages" which give fans an opportunity to attend the game and more.
- Ferris State Football will play its first two games of the 2018 season at home as FSU opens the year against East Stroudsburg on Thursday, Aug. 30, as part of Founder's Day. The Bulldogs then host Findlay on Saturday, Sept. 8, in a clash of nationally-ranked teams.
- FSU football, which is the nation's #3 preseason team in at least one gridiron poll, will take on the Michigan Tech Huskies this fall in the "Battle At The Ballpark". The special showdown will take place on the home field of Minor League Baseball's West Michigan Whitecaps at Fifth Third Ballpark in Comstock Park. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. (ET).
- Reigning NCAA Division II National Champion Ferris State Men's Basketball will tipoff the 2018-19 college basketball campaign against some of the nation's top competition as the Bulldogs have been invited to play in the Small College Basketball (SCB) Hall of Fame Classic for the second consecutive year. FSU will take part the season-opening event on Nov. 3-4 at the St. Joseph Civic Arena in St. Joseph, Mo. The event will be hosted by SCB in conjunction with Missouri Western State University and the St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau.

- Former Ferris State University women's basketball standout Rachel McInerney (Saginaw/Nouvel), who concluded her Bulldog Basketball career as an Academic All-American this past season, has been named as a nominee for the 2018 NCAA Woman of the Year Award. The NCAA Woman of the Year award, established in 1991, honors graduating female college athletes who have exhausted their eligibility and distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, service and leadership throughout their collegiate careers.

Information Technology

- The Technology Assistance Center (TAC) and Student Technology Services (STS) have been consolidated into one new department called the TAC IT Solution Center. This new area provides the same services that TAC and STS have done in the past along with cellular mobile device support, cable television support, and account management. Also, we would like to welcome Residential Life Customers to our list of newly supported areas. For the first time in the history of Ferris State University, all students, faculty, staff, and administration are provided computer support from one single area.
- iConnect was in full operation Saturday, August 25th through Friday, August 31st. Efforts have been made to minimize lines and wait time and to have a “can do” reception for any permitted device such as computers, connected televisions, and game consoles.
- TAC has been relocated from several different locations into the UCB 106 & 108 Suites. Inventory Operations have been moved to the UCB Lower Level. Also, the service pods have been consolidated from four to three and are strategically located in central areas of the campus that are Business, FLITE, and VFS. An open house for the new operations in the UCB is scheduled for late Fall Semester after paint touchups, new signage, and adjustments to furniture have been completed.
- IT Services completed the Active Directory (AD) simplification project that combined student and alumni accounts into the same domain as faculty and staff accounts. The reduced complexity allows students to login into systems without having to add student.local to their username, enable greater flexibility with application authentication and provide greater efficiency for backend IT processes.
- The upgrade to Banner 9 administrative pages this summer eliminated the Banner INB page errors associated with JAVA.
- Wireless network upgrades were completed in the following residence halls: Bond (North and South), Clark, Hallisy, Pickell, and Ward.
- Ralph Williams, Director of Enterprise, Application, and Infrastructure Services participated in a panel discussion on Cybersecurity: Lesson’s from Losses at the M.U.S.I.C 2018 Symposium: Cybersecurity.

Diversity and Inclusion

- The Promesa Summer Success program for students in Ottawa, Kent, and Oceana wrapped up August 10. Five students from that cohort will attend Ferris this fall! Additionally, Promesa students from Holland will have their stories and testimonies featured in the Holland Public Museum.
- The Spring 2018 *Ferris Magazine* featured a story about the Ferris-Hampton connection. Read more at <http://www.ferrismagazine.com/hidden-stories>.
- Thank you to Auxiliary Services for the new Honors commuter lounge in Pickell Hall.
- The Michigan Museums Association hosted a Meet and Eat event at the Jim Crow Museum on August 8, 2018. A big thanks to the FLITE staff for helping to facilitate this event. You can view a photo album of the event on [Facebook](#).

- A shout out to Maggie Walcott who is organizing “Chalk the Walk for Inclusion” on August 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Quad. The goal is to welcome back students with messages of kindness and inclusion. Maggie will supply the sidewalk chalk—you will need to bring your own kneepads.
- The Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) and the Center for Latin@ Studies will sponsor *Transitions to Success: Multicultural Student Orientation* on August 24, 2018, from 5 to 7 p.m. in IRC 120. The event helps new students make connections with current student leaders and supportive faculty and staff.
- OMSS will also host an *Open House* on August 29, 2018, from 12 to 3 p.m. in FLITE 159. Students will be introduced to OMSS staff and resources. There will be light refreshments.
- The Center for Latin@ Studies will host an open house, “Tacos, Talk, and Thrive,” on September 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in IRC 131. All are welcome. The catering will be provided by El Granjero Mexican Grill in Grand Rapids.
- This has been a good year for the Jim Crow Museum. There are several videos about the museum on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) produced by Vice News (HBO) that have more than 10 million views. The museum also received a collection of photographs produced by David Levinthal. The final assessed value was more than \$2.2 million.
- The Jim Crow Museum and Museum of Sexist Objects displayed three replicas of the Levinthal collection at the Traverse City Film Festival Bijou by the Bay event on Saturday, July 28. You can view a photo album of the event on [Facebook](#).
- Philip Merrill, historian, writer, appraiser and collector, will be the Jim Crow Museum’s featured speaker at 6:30 p.m. on October 3, 2018, in UC 202B. He is best known for his appearances on the Public Broadcasting Service’s television show *Antiques Roadshow* where he appraised black memorabilia from 1996 to 2001. He is the author of *The Art of Collecting Black Memorabilia* (1998), *The Black America Series: Baltimore* (1999), *The World War II Black Regiment that Built the Alaska Military Highway: A Photographic History* (2002), and a book for children, *How Princess Wee Wee Got Her Name* (2013). Merrill was named Baltimore City Paper’s Best Historian in 2001. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Eastern Theological Seminary in 2007.
- Change happens. Each year new people become a part of the Ferris community and some of our friends leave. This year three diversity champions left Ferris—Kevin Carmody, Title IX Coordinator; Kendree Berg, LGBTQ+ Coordinator; and William Sartore, Education Abroad Coordinator. While we are sad to see them leave, we are thankful for our time together and comforted by the knowledge that they will do good work in their new homes.

Governmental Relations

- Governmental Relations and General Counsel was pleased to be a sponsor of the Whitecaps Community Foundation’s fourth annual golf outing on July 23, 2018. Ferris received positive recognition from this sponsorship throughout West Michigan. The Whitecaps Community Foundation is “dedicated to enriching the lives of children, and by extension their families, by providing them with access to social, educational, and recreational programs that will have a positive impact on their futures.”

- Staff Attorney Brett Schuelke presented on “Free Speech in the Current Campus Climate” at the Student Affairs Retreat on July 20, 2018 and to a group from the CLACS office on August 10, 2018.
- On August 25, 2018, Director of Labor Relations Steve Stratton presented in Grand Rapids to the doctoral students of the DCCL program regarding labor relations in higher education.

Kendall College of Art & Design

- KCAD’s Wege Center for Sustainable Design announced the winners of Wege Prize 2018, the fifth iteration of the annual design competition challenging teams of undergraduate and graduate students from around the world to collaborate across institutional, disciplinary, and cultural boundaries to redesign the way economies work:
 - 1st Place (\$15,000) – Circular Tourism Mexico
Circular Tourism Mexico proposed Rutopia, an online platform that facilitates the transition to a fair, sustainable, and circular tourism system for indigenous communities in Mexico. The platform connects indigenous-run community tourism initiatives directly to their target audiences and offers them the tools they need to overcome obstacles that prevent them from competing in the ecotourism marketplace.
 - 2nd Place (\$10,000) – Sabon Sake
Sabon Sake proposed the use of biotechnology and web-based technology to transform bagasse, the main waste byproduct of sugarcane farming, into bio-compost fertilizer, increasing accessibility to the larger sugarcane market for rural farmers in Ghana’s Volta Region and helping them achieve greater yields, reduce crop losses and ultimately, overcome poverty.
 - 3rd Place (\$5,000) – Booming Babies
Booming Babies proposed an online secondhand children’s clothing subscription service that builds a community of dedicated users while scaling adoption with mobile technology and RFID tagging. The team also proposed to upcycle clothing that has reached the end of its life cycle through aggregation and remanufacturing by partnering with fabric dissolving/melting firms to create new fabric.
- On August 15, Grand Rapids Public Museum School opened the doors to its new High School campus inside the old Public Museum building at 54 Jefferson. KCAD is proud to stand alongside Grand Rapids Public Schools, the Grand Rapids Public Museum, The City of Grand Rapids, Grand Valley State University, and others as part of the collaborative effort to develop this unique and transformative educational opportunity for young people in our city. KCAD Professors Gayle DeBruyn and Cindy Todd have been instrumental contributors to this project in bringing design thinking methodologies to the Museum School’s place-based curriculum.
- KCAD Communications has earned two Awards of Excellence in the annual UCDA (University and College Designer’s Association) Design Competition: one for the college’s 2018 Commencement: Influence materials, and another for the Fall 2017 issue of Portfolio. 215 awards were granted (5 gold, 12 silver, 198 Excellence) from 1,060

entries. The pieces will be on display at the organization's annual conference, taking place this year in Grand Rapids from Sept. 29–Oct. 2.

- President Leslie Bellavance served on the judging panel for the 2018 Legacy Trust Award Collection, a competition showcasing the work of disabled artists in Michigan. She and several other community leaders selected the pieces that were displayed in an exhibition at Grand Rapids Art Museum and selected one of the competition's four winners.
- The following KCAD Community members were featured in the *2018 Festival of the Arts Regional Exhibition*, held inside The Fed Galleries @ KCAD. Additionally, Printmaking Assistant Professor Olivia Timmons served as a juror:
 - Diane Carol Burdick, Continuing Studies instructor
 - Molly Alicki Corriveau, Illustration Professor
 - Damian Goidich, adjunct instructor and alumnus ('13, MFA)
 - Tatsuki Hakoyama, adjunct instructor and alumnus ('14, MFA)
 - Sandra Hansen, alumna ('13, BFA Painting; '16, MFA)
 - Justin Kellner, alumnus ('10, MFA)
 - Jovannah Nicholson, ceramics technician and alumna ('09, BFA Sculpture and Functional Art)
 - Emily Renkert-Mohill, Assistant to the Director of Student Engagement
 - Dustin Rogers, alumnus ('15, MFA)
- Graphic Design Professor Angela Dow and General Education Professor Dr. Susanna Kelly Engbers published an article they co-authored, "Narrative Theory: A Bridge Between Two Departmental Islands," in the most recent issue of *The CEA Forum*, a publication of the College English Association (CEA). Dow and Dr. Engbers were invited to submit the article—born out of the pair's awareness that story and narrative were important elements of their respective pedagogies—for publication after it was awarded Best in Section at the CEA Annual Conference.
- General Education Professor Dr. Susanna Kelly Engbers presented her paper "The Role of Quilts and Quilt-making in Refashioning the Meeting Spaces of the Women's Christian Temperance Movement" at the Rhetoric Society of America Conference in Minneapolis. The paper provides insights into the strategic ways through which members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union used architecture and material objects to re-inscribe the public platform to make it more hospitable to the voices of the historically disenfranchised.
- Professor and Metals and Jewelry Design Program Chair Phil Renato was invited to teach a class on combs and brushes this summer at the Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. Metals and Jewelry Design alumna Casey Newberg ('18) served as Renato's studio assistant.
- Art History Assistant Professor Stefanie Snider was a contributing author to the exhibition catalog "Laura Aguilar: Show and Tell," which won the Gold Prize for Best West-Pacific Regional Non-Fiction Book in the Independent Publisher Book Awards.
- Fashion Studies seniors presented *Common Ground*, the program's 2018 Fashion Show, showcasing their capstone design collections. Held at DeVos Place Convention Center, the event was profiled by *Grand Rapids Magazine* and FOX17.
- Following a successful collaboration last year, students in Graphic Design instructor John Koziatek's *Branding II: Integrated Branding* class were tapped again this spring by the JW Marriott Grand Rapids to design new uniforms for staff at the hotel's outdoor patio restaurant, jdek.

- Interior Design student Katelyn Boverhof has been awarded the 2018 George and Lucile Heeringa Kendall Design Scholarship through the Trendway Corporation.
- Interior Design student Lauren Copping won 1st Place in the 2018 International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Michigan chapter's Dr. Virginia North Student Competition, an essay competition that focuses on the wellness strategies employed in a commercial design project. Copping's essay proposed a design of a foster care facility in Peru that would address the issues of theft, natural disasters, and unsanitary conditions that such facilities in the country currently face, as well as create a supportive, nurturing living environment for the foster children and their caretakers.
- Graphic Design students Samantha Cornwell, Courtney Lauer, Gabrielle Podkul, and Zach Ruegar were among the student winners at the District Level of the 2018 American Advertising Awards.
- Furniture Design student Annina Fremgen has been awarded the Touching Lives by Design scholarship from the American Society of Furniture Designers (ASFD) for the second year in a row.
- Furniture Design students Annina Fremgen and Kate Hyman were awarded the prestigious Celia Moh Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year. Considered one of the pre-eminent academic scholarship programs for students seeking a career path in the home furnishings industry, the Celia Moh Scholarship covers recipients' full tuition and fees, as well as costs for room, board, and books.
- Furniture Design students Annina Fremgen and Keying Chen were awarded scholarships from the American Home Furnishings Alliance Furniture Foundation to attend the annual conference held by WithIt, a women's leadership development network.
- Photography student Matthew Johnson had his pieces "Function" and "Ability" selected for inclusion in the 2018 Arts in the Legislature initiative, which curates artwork for display in various buildings throughout Michigan's capitol.
- Fashion Studies student Dominique McNeal undertook a two-month internship this summer with American fashion brand Marchesa at the company's headquarters in New York City, where she developed original artwork, print layouts, and embroidery designs.
- Metals and Jewelry Design student Sidnee Tyree was awarded a Designer/Creator Scholarship from the Women's Jewelry Association.
- Kevin Buist ('18, Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies) has been named the new Artistic Director of ArtPrize. The promotion comes after Buist, a member of the ArtPrize team since the competition launched in 2009, served for nine years as ArtPrize's Director of Exhibitions. Buist was also invited to present his paper "The Missing Meteorite: The Irreconcilable Subjectivities of People and Rocks" at the Latin American Art History Symposium in New York City.
- Robert Andy Coombs ('13, BFA Photography) was accepted into the MFA Photography program at Yale University.
- Kirbi Fagan ('13, BFA Illustration) took some time out of her busy life as a professional illustrator this spring to speak to students at Rossford Junior High School in Rossford, Ohio about the importance of work ethic to a successful artistic practice.
- Ben Georgoff ('16, BFA Collaborative Design) and Paige Precour ('18, BFA Illustration) worked for Legacy Effects and Marvel Studios on the Hollywood blockbuster film "Avengers: Infinity War." Georgoff worked with the visual FX department, providing digital reference for CGI effects, while Precour worked in the costuming department, dressing principle actors including Robert Downey Jr., Don Cheadle, Anthony Mackie, and Sebastian Stan.

- Ricardo Gonzalez ('16, MFA) was featured by the Chicago Tribune and Telemundo in pieces profiling La Chamba, a comic book Gonzalez created that positions everyday street vendors as heroes in a story of cultural celebration and pride.
- Amber Heaton (15, BFA Illustration) released a new children's book, "Pearls for Pearl," through Crimson Dragon Publishing. The book combines colorful, whimsical illustrations with a simple, yet powerful message about the importance of setting goals and working with others.
- Brian Hedrick ('14, BFA Graphic Design) has been hired by Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) as the Graphic Designer on the museum's Communications team. Hedrick joins GRAM from his previous position with Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc.\
- Maggie Henderson ('18, BFA Collaborative Design) was one of 12 area students selected to participate in the inaugural ArtPrize Internship Program for 2018. Created in collaboration with KCAD, the program gives students the opportunity to learn important leadership skills and gain professional experience within creative industries.
- Erica Lang ('14, BFA Printmaking), owner and operator of Grand Rapids boutique Woosah Outfitters, is building on her entrepreneurial success with Outside Coffee, an outdoor coffee shop Lang hopes will foster community and conversation.
- Emily Mayo ('18, MFA) won the 2018 MFA Graduate Purchase Award from Ferris State University. Mayo's piece "Remington Avenue" has been accessioned in to the Ferris permanent collections and installed in the Kendall MFA Graduate Award Gallery in the University Center in Big Rapids. She has also been given the opportunity to hold a solo exhibition in the Ferris State University Fine Art Gallery in the coming months.
- Michael Nashef ('06, BFA Metals and Jewelry Design) won the Block-Heskett Ethnic Arts Award from Bowling Green State University, where he earned his MFA this past spring. Nashef was also hired by Towson University to be the Area Head Coordinator of the university's Metals and Jewelry program.
- BFA Photography alumni Matthew Provoast ('16) and Erika Townsley ('16) were profiled by The Grand Rapids Business Journal and Grand Rapids Magazine in articles exploring their first year running Light Gallery + Studio, a fluid live/work space on the Avenue for the Arts focused on affordability for artists and accessibility for audiences.
- Michigan State Capitol Master Decorative Painter Joshua Riser ('14, MFA) and his apprentice, Anthony Cairo (15, BFA Drawing), were featured by the Lansing State Journal in an article exploring how the pair are reaching back to the 19th century for artistic techniques to help the Michigan State Capitol Building in Lansing preserve its status as a National Historic Landmark.
- 60 Second Docs produced a video featuring Nicolas V. Sanchez ('09, BFA Painting) and his amazingly intricate ballpoint pen work, which is inspired by his Mexican heritage, his Midwest upbringing, and his constant observation of the wide world around him. Sanchez was also featured in an article on the website of FOX47 in Lansing, Mich. for establishing a scholarship/mentorship program at Lansing Community College, where he studied before enrolling in the KCAD Painting program.
- Kelsey Silver ('10, BFA Interior Design) has transformed an old woodshop in Lake Ann, Mich. into the Little Red Homestead, a two-suite bed-and-breakfast oozing with rustic charm. Silver and her new business were featured by the Traverse City Record-Eagle newspaper.
- Ebony Stith ('99, BFA Visual Communications) was featured by the website FlintSide in an article exploring how she's driving efforts to ensure victims of the Flint water crisis receive the service and support they need as Communications Manager for the Flint Registry.

- Stephanie Trompen ('07, BFA Art Education) was featured by Grand Rapids Magazine in an article profiling her new business, Nestology Shop & Studio, which features handmade goods from local artists, hands-on workshops for adults and children, and an emphasis on drawing inspiration from the natural world.

Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts

- UICA Executive Director Miranda Krajniak has been selected as one of five finalists for the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce's 2018 ATHENA® Young Professional Award. This award recognizes an individual who has embarked on their career path as an emerging leader and role model for young women personally and professionally
- UICA has appointed Juana Williams as Exhibitions Coordinator. Williams, a recent Master's graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, most recently served as Assistant to the Chair at her Alma Mater in the Department of Art and Art History. She is also an active freelance Curator and brings with her a significant and comprehensive history of art-related experiences specifically within academic and institutional galleries.
- On May 15, 2018, UICA celebrated the performing arts with the first ever Off The Wall event. Eight individual performers or groups delighted the audience with a succession of short presentations. Genres included vocal performance, dance, improvisational comedy, spoken word poetry, theater, sketch comedy, R&B music, and performance art. This fundraiser was supported by sponsors and 251 guests, and the proceeds will support UICA's programming, exhibitions, films, and arts-focused events year-round.
- *Transitions: New Photography From Bangladesh* was in UICA's upper galleries this summer. *Transitions* is a traveling exhibition of new Bangladeshi photography originally curated by the Bangladeshi American Creative Collective in New York, NY. This group show featured nine Bangladeshi photographers whose work reflects a diverse group of people, shifting economies, and changing lands. Its aim was to not only to collect and exhibit photography as art, but also as ideas about the country of Bangladesh. The exhibition initiated important discussions around the meaning of changes, shifts, and transitions across generations and communities. Associated programming included film, music, dance, and a panel discussion with the exhibition's curator Ayesha Akhtar and Detroit documentary photographer Ali LaPetina, moderated by President Bellavance. Support from the exhibition was generously provided by Ferris State University, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Daniel and Pamella DeVos Foundation, the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, Vias Marketing, and WGVU.
- In August, UICA's ArtWorks program wrapped a successful 13th summer providing an intensive five-week work-study program to area teenagers. The students, working with art professionals as mentors and instructors, worked on two projects for local clients. The first group worked with a lead artist and filmmaker, UICA staff, and local groups to conceptualize, create, and produce a series of short films. These short films encouraged the students to explore documentary, narrative, and experimental filmmaking. The second group worked with a lead artist to plan and execute a large-scale mural project in a public space. Students worked with neighbors and business owners in the community to generate a design concept and installation that would be supported and enjoyed by the individuals living and working in the area. Generous support for this free program, which provides school credit hours, lunches, and a small stipend to students who

successfully complete it, was provided by Herman Miller Cares, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and Mobile GR.

- *UICA: Outside* was installed in three neighborhoods around Grand Rapids. This public mural project, which will be UICA's venue entry into ArtPrize 10, features the work of five artists or artists' collectives on the West Side, in Creston, and in Baxter. *UICA: Outside* draws together diverse artists, property owners, and Grand Rapids stakeholders to create artworks that are exciting and accessible to all. Each neighborhood features large-scale works created by artists who reside and engage within their respective community or who have designed artworks with neighborhood input and a focus on representation and expression. These public works activate what were once quiet and overlooked areas into powerful reflections of our neighbors, and create welcoming corridors and gathering places. Maps to each mural site, along with artist and ArtPrize vote code information, will be available on the ArtPrize app, and in the UICA lobby during ArtPrize. This project was generously supported by individual donors to a Patronicity campaign, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc., and the Frey Foundation.

Student Affairs

- Nicholas Campau and Kaitlin Zies were featured in a second article on Stalking in *Campus Legal Affairs* and *Student Affairs Today*.
- 91 students attended a free showing of Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom at the downtown AMC Theater on June 26th.
- Approximately 165 students, staff, faculty, families, and community members attended Backyard Bash held on the campus quad on August 8th, which featured a water slide, SAFE Archery, elephant ears, and Dippin' Dots.
- 10 current Registered Student Organization Advisors attended the webinar titled, "*Advising Student Organizations: Create Leadership Development Plans to Ensure Student Success and Positively Impact Campus Life.*"
- Bulldog Beginnings activities kicked off Saturday August 23rd, with 46 activities taking place over 16 days on campus or in the surrounding Big Rapids area to welcome our new and returning students.
- 1300 Welcome Home postcards with post-it notes attached were sent to all campus faculty and staff as part of a student inclusion campaign.
- Student Gregory Brunner made the [Top 100 Intern](#) list presented by WayUp. Gregory was chosen by a panel of industry expert judges and thousands of public votes.
- Fraternity & Sorority Life welcomed three new on-campus advisors and liaisons: Jessica Davison from Admissions (Sigma Alpha Epsilon), Justin Harden from University Recreation (Sigma Pi) and Brenden Kudla from Admissions (Phi Sigma Kappa).
- In 2017-2018, the fraternity/sorority community reported 3,672 hours of community service and donated \$30,859.75 to non-profit organizations.
- Over 300 students joined #BulldogReady on the eve of day 1 (tutoring, bike registration, school supply BINGO, bookstores prizes),
- Over 1200 were in attendance at Late Night in the UC and 500 participated with Greeks in the Quad.
- The Admissions Office participated in the NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) Leadership Students "First Step, Next Stop" capstone project which is an early college awareness project. Items were provided, including t-shirts, for the College Fair which many students attended at UNLV; this was a huge success.

- During the first 23 days of August, the Financial Aid Office assisted 573 students and their families on a walk-in basis and answered 3,255 telephone calls, helping students prepare for the fall semester.
- Late orientation had 134 students in attendance. This is 23 more than the 111 last year. The main 16 orientation sessions had 13 more students than the 2017 season, and online orientation has been completed by 324 incoming students, up 61 from last year's 263. The main campus orientation had 97 more students complete that process than last year with a total of 2456 students.

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- Kathy and Mark Seckinger have established an estate gift that will fund the Kathleen H. (Matuszewski) and Mark R. Seckinger Scholarship Endowment to support students enrolled in the College of Health Professions. Kathy received her associate's degree from Ferris State in Medical Record Technology in 1983. The scholarship will be awarded with preference given to students who (1) attend John Glenn High School; (2) students from Bay City; (3) students from Bay County; or (4) students from Michigan.
- The 20th Annual Ferris Foundation for Excellence Benefit will be held at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids on Friday, Nov. 2. Guests will have the opportunity to interact with various University displays and get a special look at the breadth and depth of experiences our students have every day on campus.
Our guest speaker this year is Tim Murphy. He is currently the president of Thomas Reuters Special Services, LLC in Fredericksburg, Va., and is the former deputy director of the FBI under Robert Mueller. Murphy graduated in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State. He is recognized as a leader in the global law enforcement, intelligence and business communities, with more than 30 years of public and private sector experience. Murphy maintains close ties to the law enforcement and intelligence communities and is frequently consulted for his expertise in global cyber, intelligence, counterterrorism, criminal and security issues. He is a guest lecturer at colleges and universities, and is frequently called upon to speak on current events in the media.
- The Harry D. and Margaret A. Towsley Foundation is supporting the Swan Annex Renovation and Expansion with a major gift over three years.
- The Frey Foundation has committed one year of support for the Students In Need of Eyecare (SINE) program and the Latino Business and Economic Development Center.
- The Ferris Grand Rapids Council is welcoming three new alumni members: Mary Dale, Andy Maier, and Paola Mendivil.
- Kevin Simon has been appointed to The Ferris Foundation Board of Directors. Simon is the comptroller for the Diocese of Grand Rapids and provides financial guidance to the bishop, pastors and business managers for the 81 churches located in the diocese. In addition, he is responsible for the financial administration of the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan.
Simon graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Ferris State in 2007. His wife Jennifer is a graduate of the Michigan College of Optometry. She is the owner of Arsulowicz Eye Care in Grand Rapids.
- Since July 1, 2016, the Ferris Futures Scholarship Challenge has seen 267 gifts and pledges to new and existing endowments, with more than \$5.4 million of new gift commitments from Ferris State University benefactors. With the match, this creates more than \$10.9 million of new endowed funds for the support of Ferris students. There have been 116 endowment gifts by alumni, 68 by friends of the University, and 83 by faculty/staff (data through July 31, 2018).

- The summer months were filled with opportunities to engage with alumni, family and friends as the Alumni Association traveled within Michigan and the surrounding states to bring University news and great event promotions to our alumni. The Alumni Office made stops at the Michigan International Speedway, Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago, Cedar Point and Dow Diamond in Midland. Here is a list of [upcoming alumni activities](#). For the first time, the Alumni Association partnered with Comerica Park in Detroit to offer Fox Sports Detroit University Days with Ferris State University! In as little as four weeks, fans purchased all of the 500 specially delegated ticket packages for Ferris State. Packages included a game ticket, a special branded Detroit Tigers/FSU hat and a donation to the Alumni Legacy Scholarship. Due to weather conditions in April, the game was postponed to June but fans were able to take in the game and show their support for their alma mater.
- On July 28, approximately 50 people including faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Ferris gathered in Traverse City for a unique afternoon at the historic Bijou by the Bay Theater. Attendees visited with other alumni and friends and enjoyed an exclusive preview of pieces from the Jim Crow Museum's new David Levinthal Collection. The collection includes 135 large-format Polaroids, primarily from Levinthal's legendary Blackface series, but complemented with works from his Barbie and Mein Kampf series. Representatives from Ferris' statewide Traverse City office manned a table and shared with guests the impact they are making with students and the broader Traverse City community. In collaboration with the Traverse City Film Festival we were also able to screen several short films by Ferris students in the Bijou Theater throughout the event. Remarks by David Pilgrim, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, and Steve Reifert, Dean of Extended and International Operations, rounded out the afternoon.
- The Web Content team has focused on improving the accessibility of the Ferris State University website for all users, including those who are visually and audio challenged. An Electronic Information and Technology (EIT) Accessibility Audit revealed a year ago that the website was at a 69 per cent compliance level for accessibility as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Now, through the daily work of the Web team, the site is rated at 98 per cent for accessibility. Web Content Manager Ted Halm continues to be a key member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, which oversees EIT accessibility across the University and all its entities, including extensive work with the Kendall College of Art and Design. Ted also has served for several years and is a charter member of the Liaison Committee for Students with Disabilities.
- Web Content Manager Ted Halm collaborated with Joy Pufhal, Dean of Student Life, to create a new website for "[Campus Safety Information and Resources](#)." The website is linked from an icon on the Ferris State University homepage and fulfills a mandate from the State of Michigan Budget Office. The site provides users with one-click access to emergency contact numbers and available services for public safety and security, medical needs, counseling and mental health, Title IX information, and transportation. Other resources include policies applicable to minors on university property, community resources for students or employees who are survivors of sexual assault or sexual abuse, a resource handbook for campus sexual assault survivors and their family and friends, as well as campus security policies and crime statistics.