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**Announcement from President David L. Eisler:**

It is a pleasure to share with you the news that Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof has accepted my invitation to become our University's next Vice President for Student Affairs. Jeanine currently serves as Dean of Students at Florida State University, a position she has held since 2006. She will conclude her duties at Florida State and join Ferris on Feb. 17, 2014.

Dr. Ward-Roof will be a wonderful advocate for our students and a strong leader for our student recruitment and student development programs. She has a breadth of experience and success in student affairs at nationally recognized institutions, and brings a background of research and teaching accomplishments. I believe she will be an excellent addition to our university community.

As Dean of Students at Florida State University, Jeanine supervises 50-plus people and manages a \$3.5 million budget. In addition to her responsibilities as Dean of Students, she directs outreach to students and their families to support student recruitment and retention efforts; serves as Title IX co-coordinator; coordinates the student threat assessment process; and most recently was involved in discussions that led to the construction of new student affairs facilities. At Florida State, she also is an adjunct faculty member in the College of Education, teaching on the topics of financial management.

Prior to joining Florida State, Dr. Ward-Roof spent 16 years at Clemson University in progressively responsible positions, culminating with her role as director of Student Development Services. Her experience there spanned the areas of disability services, alcohol/drug education, Greek life, first-year programs, campus ministry, advising, retention and assessment, among others.

She currently serves as Region III director in NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education), the National Orientation Directors Association and the American College Personnel Association. Her recent published research and presentations have focused on the first-year college experience, parental involvement in student success, campus safety, critical issues in student affairs, civility, stress management and change management.

Dr. Ward-Roof earned a bachelor's degree in Communication from Ohio University, a master's in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Leadership from Clemson University. She and her husband, Mark, director of Internships and Career Services for the College of Business at Florida State, and their 13-month-old daughter, Jeanna, will be relocating to Big Rapids.

The positive outcome of this search would not have been possible without the good work of the Vice President for Student Affairs Search Committee. They developed an excellent pool of candidates well qualified to be vice president and conducted a superb search process. The committee was ably chaired Sara Dew and Clifton Franklund. I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to them and committee members: Matthew Adeyanju, Steven Balkema, Laura Dix, Lori Helmer, Cindy Horn, Kathy Lake, David Pilgrim, Angela Roman, Linda Telfer, Jessica Trindle, and Dan Wanink.

Please join me in thanking the committee for their excellent work and in welcoming Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof and her family to Ferris State University.