

THE FAMILY ZONE

Monthly Newsletter for College of Education & Human Services Parents



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dean Arrick Jackson

On behalf of the entire College of Education and Human Services (COEHS), welcome to Ferris State University! I am delighted that you and your student have chosen the College of Education and Human Services as your partner on this educational journey. We believe by providing a strong relationship between the college and our students’ family members enhances and strengthens opportunities, giving all of our students the knowledge they need to succeed both in the classroom and beyond campus.

As a COEHS parent or family member, I hope that the Parent & Family Program serves as a liaison for you, offering support, resources, and events that will magnify you and your student’s experience. Whether you are a first-year parent or your student is a senior, I am excited to serve you and develop an everlasting relationship.

Throughout the upcoming academic year, we’ll do our best to provide you with need-to-know, and sometimes just plain interesting, information in this monthly newsletter. Again, my most heartfelt welcome to our University family.

Go Bulldogs!



Dr. Arrick Jackson, Dean
College of Education and Human Services

THE TRANSITION

What You Can Do to Support Your Child

The transition to college is a time filled with excitement in the life of your son or daughter. Students attending Ferris State University experience eye-opening explorations, intellectual stimulation, and new relationships. Most families adjust fairly well. For some families, feeling of excitement is also tied with feelings of ambivalence and concern.

By staying informed about your student and our college may help you take some proactive steps. Below, please find helpful suggestions to help your student succeed at school.

Stay in Touch

The need for independence from your student is often highly expressed as they make begin their college career, however, he or she still needs to know that you are available to talk about normal events and difficult issues. Discuss a reasonable plan for you to stay in touch on a regular basis via writing, email, or over the phone.

Allow Space

Let your child set the key topics for some conversations. By asking open-ended questions you can offer him or her room to explain themselves to you.

Discuss Expectations

Set up a time to talk to your student and agree on some expectations, e.g., how often you expect to be seeing or speaking with him or her, money matter, and so on.

Negotiate a realistic plan.

Suggestions from University of Pennsylvania



Be Realistic About College Life

College life can get quite hectic, our campus is filled with activities and social gathering geared towards providing students the chance to become immersed in college life. Plan in advance when to chat that are meaningful. By taking the time to remind your student to take care of themselves both physically and mentally as well as academically.

Encourage your Student to Make Use of Ferris Resources

Ferris offers numerous resources to enhance your student's experience while in college. Ferris may seem a bit overwhelming at first, but you can help by suggesting various resources (located in our Parent Link on the College of Education and Human Services website) when you think it is appropriate.

THE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Associate degree programs including Early Childhood, focuses upon supporting the learning and development of young children.

Bachelor's program such as Elementary Education (ELED) prepares graduates for career settings in teaching, program administration, as well as child/family advocates.

School of Education is built upon a faculty who have spent their lives teaching education which allows them to bring a wealth of knowledge, research, and experience to each program.



Getting your Student Involved

Registered Student Organizations

As you student become comfortable with their class schedule, they can begin to seek out ways to get involved.

Ferris State University provides an opportunity for students to connect with, create, and lead within a Registered Student Organization (RSO).

An RSO is a group of at least five students and one Ferris employee advisor that share a common interest. There are more than 220 RSO's on campus that are faith-based, academic, club sports, Greek, Special interest, and more.



SPOTLIGHT: CRIMINAL JUSTICE ALUMNI

DISPATCH SPECIALIST: DYLAN TANTALO

"Having an education which builds a variety of skills sets furthers your ability to be effective in your job and community.

—TANTALO

As a newsletter is developed each month, we at the College of Education and Human Services enjoy highlighting one of our esteem alumni. For this month's issue, we didn't have to search far. We simply looked to our neighbors at Department of Public Safety (DPS) and met Dispatch Specialist and one of our more recent alumni, Dylan Tantalo.

Tantalo is a 2016 Criminal Justice (CJ) alumnus and is currently pursuing his Masters in Criminal Justice Administration.

Tantalo started his time at Ferris pursuing his passion for criminal justice and quickly became involved in law enforcement. In December of 2013, Tantalo began his employment at Ferris as a student employee for DPS as a service officer, foot patrol officer, dispatcher, and parking clerk.

Now, Tantalo supervises between 25-35 student employees each year where he is directly responsible for their supervision on a day-to-day basis. He also has four student coordinators who he helps develop their leadership and management skills.

Tantalo's position is also responsible for reviewing police incident reports, validating reports for Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR) and the FBI, assisting with CLERY reporting, dispatching non-emergency complaints to officers, conducting background requests, managing emergency text alerts systems, and much more.

Upon reflection about the Criminal Justice program here at Ferris, Tantalo noted how it has prepared him for most of the hands-on aspects of his position. The undergrad and graduate programs are focused on critical thinking concepts and skills students need when they're out in the field.

For more information about Tantalo and his experience check out his online profile on Ferris campus safety web page.

