

THE FAMILY ZONE

Monthly Newsletter for College of Education & Human Services Parents



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Director David Darrow

Greetings:

Welcome to our second monthly newsletter! My name is David Darrow, and I am the Director of Student Academic Affairs for the college. I have been in my role for five years and have been in higher education for twenty years. My role includes running orientation, organizing recruiting events, working with college advisors to promote student success, reviewing incoming transcripts, and approving students for graduation. Along with this, I also focus on student retention and persistence. Our goal is to get students successful through their program of choice and into their careers.

Most of you probably met me this summer, as we were in the opening stages of starting this program, and I enjoyed seeing parents this month at our first face-to-face forum. Dean Jackson and I will be attending a national conference in November on parent and family programs and I look forward to sharing with you what we learn and plan to implement in the upcoming months. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,

David Darrow



David Darrow
Director of Student Academic Affairs

SCHOLARSHIPS, FASFA, & MORE

Navigating your way through Financial Aid

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.

Scholarships

Undergraduate scholarships are forms of financial aid that help students pay for their education. Unlike student loans, scholarships do not have to be repaid.

Generally, scholarships and fellowships are reserved for students with special qualifications, such as academic, athletic or artistic talent. Awards are also available for students who are interested in a particular field of study, who are members of underrepresented groups, who live in a certain area of the country, or who demonstrate financial need.

When you or your student is seeking out scholarships, the first step should be the Ferris State University Scholarship web page. From the web page, you may search for scholarships offered only to Ferris State students. The MyScholarships database makes it very easy to search for Ferris scholarships.

Key Dates

Oct. 1: FASFA Available

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Oct. 16: Mid-Term Grades Due

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Oct. 30: Early Registration for Spring Classes

FASFA: The Basics

The financial aid process begins with the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA). Once your students FAFSA has been received by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, your student will be notified by e-mail if any additional documentation is needed to complete the financial aid file.

Our School Code

Our school code is 002260 or you may search by school name. Be sure to include this code under the 'School Selection' section of your students FASFA. The FASFA should be filed as soon after October 1 each year for the following academic year.

For more information and help in navigating the world of financial assistance contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at (231)-591-2110

THE DIGITAL MEDIA PROGRAM

DMSE Program

Seeking students with the passion to create, and enjoy employing next-generation technology, considering engineer, Ferris/ Digital Media and Software Engineering bachelor's program teaches software engineering from design to delivery.

DAGD Program

The Digital Animation and Game Design program is focused on educating students in the latest tools and technology used to create digital and interactive content.

TDMP Program

From enjoying learning about how movies are made, producing one's own show to broadcast over the internet, working behind the camera or editing image and sound, the Digital Media Production major is the best way for your student to reach their television or digital media goals.



Getting your Student Involved

Registered Student Organization (RSO): Alpha Phi Sigma

In this month's newsletter, we will be highlighting a Criminal Justice RSO, Alpha Phi Sigma.

Alpha Phi Sigma is a Criminal Justice National Honor Society at Ferris whose mission is to promote analytic thinking, rigorous scholarship, and lifelong learning; to keep abreast of the advances of in scientific research; to elevate the ethical standards of criminal justice professions and to sustain in the public mind the benefit and necessity of education and professional training.

Requirements include: minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.



SPOTLIGHT: SCHOOL OF DIGITAL MEDIA ALUMNI

DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION INSTRUCTOR; KAMMY COOK

"Don't be afraid to try new things. You never know when an opportunity will arise that will change the trajectory of your life if you take it."

—COOK

For our October monthly alumni spotlight, we are highlighting Television Production alumnus, Kammy Cook.

Kammy Cook received her Bachelors of Science in Television Production in 1987 and also her Master's in Education-Curriculum and Design in 2000 from the College of Education and Human Services. Now she is in her 7th year as an instructor in Digital Media Production at the Wexford-Missaukee Career Tech Center.

Cook's career path after graduation has been with a variety of companies across the United States and the world. Through the support of her professors and other alumni at Ferris State University, she was able to obtain jobs in larger markets in the Detroit and Chicago areas.

But it didn't stop there for Cook, while she was working at a production company in Chicago, as an editor for corporate videos, she began to start freelance editing. Through freelancing and the development of her variety of skills, Cook was led to Denver, Colorado, where she began editing an episodic show for the television channel, Animal Planet.

After experiencing these variety of opportunities, her desire to give back to her community and to others interested in digital media production encouraged her to return to Ferris and become an instructor of the profession.

"Working with students and helping them discover the opportunities in our field is the coolest aspect of my job," said Cook, "Their excitement for this field is invigorating."

Reflecting back on her time spent at Ferris, Cook expresses the importance of a strong technical education in the field of television along with the gained knowledge of having a strong work ethic, a positive balance of life and work, and the importance of client relationships to current students in the program.

It is with these necessary skills and the explosion of social media and other things that make Cook believes there will be a continuous need for digital media professionals in the future as companies will have a constant demand for those positions to be filled.

