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Our Mission
The Office of Multicultural Student Services (OMSS) promotes the intellectual understanding and appreciation of diversity, inclusion and social justice by creating opportunities for learning and leadership development for our campus community. In addition, we provide meaningful support to assist in the transition, retention and graduation of our underrepresented student populations.

How We Support Students
Advocacy
Leadership Development
Mentorship
Cultural Awareness
College Access

Additional Resources
Daudi Book Scholarship
Enterprise Rent-a-Car Book Scholarship
The Academic Opportunity Scholarship
The Robert F. Williams Scholarship
The Leading Shadows Scholarship
KCP Future Faculty Fellowship Program

GEARUP
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
The Michigan GEARUP Program’s mission is to provide an opportunity for underrepresented students to discover first-hand the potential of a college education and to expose students to the information, knowledge and skills they need to complete high school and prepare themselves adequately for college entry and success.

College Positive Volunteerism
College Positive Volunteers (CPVs) are those college students and their administrators who are aware of how they impact college enthusiasm and readiness of the K-12 youth they interact with as they volunteer in local communities. CPV’s reflect efforts to increase the college enrollment and success for all students, and especially underrepresented students, by providing them with support and information about college preparation, paying for college, career selection, financial resources, etc.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Open to all Ferris students
T.O.W.E.R.S.
Teaching Others What Establishes Real Success
TOWERS is a program that promotes engagement, learning and development. Activities include a series of workshops and peer-to-peer discussions.

The Black Male Network
The Black Male Network is a program that focuses on the development of personal, social and academic tools for success. Activities include peer-to-peer discussions, workshops and guest speakers.

Employment
Our student assistants support the implementation of a variety of special projects, programs and events. Work study, non-work study positions as well as internships are available for Ferris students.

Volunteer
Ferris students can assist with campus events, or become a College Positive Volunteer to assist with the GEARUP program’s college visits and activities.

Participate
Our department hosts and promotes a variety of events and activities for the campus to attend and learn about diversity, inclusion and social justice. Students can join our Multicultural Student Advisory Council to provide insight and support for these events.

Get Acquainted Day
Cultural Connections Open House
Latin@ Heritage Celebration
Native American Heritage Celebration
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Black History Month Celebration
Women’s History Month Celebration
Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration
Multicultural Graduate Recognition
THE OMSS Annual PIGNIC

“OMSS...Your Home Away From Home!”