

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Good News Items

March 19, 2008

Academic Affairs

- The Bachelor of Science in Facility Management was recognized by the Public Commission of Canada as an approved co-op/internship program allowing Canadian students to be considered for internships with the Federal Government of Canada.
- EECN Professor DeMott worked with the consultants from Guidance Software, Inc. to help the Navy secure the computers on board the USS Blue Ridge, the command and control ship for the 7th fleet.
- College of Technology faculty members presented at the HVACR EXPO and the ECO-Build show in Washington, DC.
- Facilities Management students received a personal tour of the Bech Mustard factory site by owner Johan Bech as part of a senior class project to identify how best to use the site for possible future use.

College of Professional and Technological Studies

- The very first cohort for the Nuclear Medicine Bachelor's degree begins this Fall Semester (2008) and is full with 16 students admitted to the program.
- Three Digital Animation Game Design (DAGD) students were recognized after entering international contest sponsored by 3D Creative Magazine - Jacob Throng, 1st Place; Alex Brown, 3rd Place; and David Owinga, 6th Place.

Kendall College of Art and Design

- Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University was very pleased to be the first College invited to participate in the annual exhibition of the American Craft Council's prestigious trade show in Baltimore in 2007. Several of the Kendall students again found buyers for their projects.
- Sixteen KCAD students won a total of 26 ADDY awards, including Best in Show for student awards and Student Judges Choice Award. Kendall took the top ADDY Awards for the top 3 categories and of the remaining 39 student awards given, Kendall received 5 Student Gold Addy's and 20 Student Silver Addy's (86% of the awards in the student categories went to Kendall students).
- 2008 Scholastics Art Awards (art competition from grades 7th through 11th) was well attended with 539 individual entries, 43 art portfolios, 12 photography portfolios Awards and 200 awards granted.
- On the national level of the Scholastic Arts Awards, Michigan high school students won 143 Awards; of those awards, high schools which have KCAD dual enrollment courses won 38 awards, or 27% of the total Michigan awards.
- Wireman, a comic book designed to enhance young students' ability to read, has involved Kendall faculty and students as artists and designers.
- KCAD students put on the third annual fashion show at St. Cecelia and attracted an audience of several hundred people.

Administration and Finance

- The Citizen Corps response team trained to help the community and to be prepared to deal with a tornado or any other crisis circumstance after completing Campus-Community Emergency Response Team (C-CERT) training.
- The Housing/Residence Life Diversity Programming Committee provided a campus-wide program which simulated the experience people had in utilizing the underground railroad to escape the south during the time of slavery. Over 100 students participated in the reenactment.

Diversity Office

- The 18th Annual Equity in the Classroom Conference will be held March 30-April1, 2008 at Ferris State University with renowned speakers Paul Loeb, Melissa Harris-Lacewell, and James W. Loewen.
- Several people have completed the training necessary to serve as facilitators for the Jim Crow Museum.

Governmental Relations and General Counsel

- The Friends of Ferris dinner/auction netted \$30,000 with 290 tickets sold.
- Language revisions to the Ferris employment application have been accepted by the EEOC and will appear on forms soon.

Student Affairs

- The Office of Multicultural Student Services hosted the first ever collaboration with the Muslim Student Organization. They co-sponsored a lecture by Dawud Walid, Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR Michigan). His lecture topic was, "Islamaphobia – Tackling the misconceptions of Islam." Over 150 students, faculty, staff, and community members attended this event.
- The Sigma Pi National Fraternity has nominated the campus chapter Theta Theta for the North American Interfraternity Conference Award of Distinction for their engagement in several service and risk management programs.
- University Recreation serves as a community partner for the Family to Family initiative, with the Department of Human Services, which works with foster children and their families providing discounted or free services to foster children and their foster families.

University Advancement and Marketing

- Convened the first comprehensive review meeting of endowment scholarships in preparation of mailing stewardship reports.
- Don Sheatham, Rx '27, believed our 2nd oldest living alumnus, turned 100 on March 8.
- The spring marketing campaign will continue to reach key business/legislative audiences by adding more billboard placements; adding bus boards and a 60 second spot and news/weather sponsorships at peak commute times; and a Crain's Daily News alert sponsorship.
- Significant upgrades have been made to college Web sites.