

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Good News Items

April 2, 2008

Academic Affairs

- Michigan Campus Compact Outstanding Community Impact Award was awarded to Social Work student, Nichole Wheelock. Megan Gilders and Robert Rankey II will receive the Heart and Soul Award, which is given to students to recognize their time, effort and personal commitment through service. Robert Rankey II will also receive the Michigan Humanitarian Award for innovation and leadership in community service.
- WorkSquared won the 2007 Customer Satisfaction Award for the Interdisciplinary Resource Center and the Business Building.
- Michigan College of Optometry 4th year student Michelle Lynne Calder-Cardwell has received a \$5,000 Carl Zeiss Vision Fellowship.
- Dean Kevin Alexander will give a presentation on "Project InfantSEE" as AOA President at the 2nd world conference on Optometric globalization in London, April 11 - 13, 2008.
- Recreation, Leadership Studies & Wellness students are hosting the Midwest Student Outdoor Educators Conference.
- MCO and COEHS are holding a collaborative Vision/Reading Clinic.
- Khagendra Thapa, Professor of Surveying Engineering, has been appointed commissioner for the Applied Science Accreditation Commission of ABET.
- Several endowments and scholarships have been received for the College of Technology, including a \$50,000 endowment for Heavy Equipment, Automotive Service Technology and Welding from the National Truck Equipment Association

College of Professional and Technological Studies

- Kendall College of Art and Design and the Applied Technology Center of Ferris State University are sites for the April 1- April 8, 2008 SMart Festival, an annual series of events that feature innovative multimedia art works by international, national and local artists.
- Digital Animation and Game Design students will be creating 10 video documentaries on Michigan music groups, which will be interview-based and help uncover the experiences of local bands.

Kendall College of Art and Design

- Mark Rumsey, a student in the MFA program, has been invited to present a paper at the San Jose Art History Symposium.
- Two KCAD students, Alysha Lach and Kelsey Baird, had work selected from more than 800 entries for the Society of Illustrators Show in New York.
- Career Day for Industrial Design students, held on March 31, included presentations by Kendall alumni: Iain Thorp, Head of Design North America, Haworth; Kurt Martin, Principal Manager, Industrial Design, Turnstone-A Steelcase Company; Tim Murphy, Manager, Amana Brand, Whirlpool Corporation; Trevor Haney, Industrial Designer, Whirlpool; and Bruce Sienkowski, Owner/Designer, 28 Studio.
- The 2008 Art Day Competition (a one-day scholarship Competition) saw participants from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey and Ohio with 93 students participating. Kendall faculty jurors had less than four hours to review 279 pieces of student artwork. All winners were from the State of Michigan. We awarded 11 scholarships totaling \$144,000 that day.

- Cindi Todd, Program Chair of the Kendall Art Education program, has recently been selected as president elect of the Michigan Art Education Association (MAEA). The MAEA represents more than 1,200 art educators, their schools and students statewide.

Administration and Finance

- Ferris State University will host about 150 people at the Banner Users Group of Michigan (BugMi) conference on Friday June 6th, utilizing the new IRC facilities and campus quad for activities, also highlight the Card Wildlife Center and Jim Crow museum during lunch.

Diversity Office

- The ALSAME Conference was held at Ferris on March 28, 2008, bringing approximately 100 high school students to the Big Rapids campus.
- The 18th annual Equity in the Classroom Conference on March 30-April 1, 2008, was hosted by Ferris State University brought over 300 people to the Big Rapids campus.

University Advancement and Marketing

- The FSU Alumni Association will honor Distinguished **Alumni and Pacesetter Awards** and recognize alumni at the 51st Annual Spring Reunion Banquet on Thursday, May 8.
- The 18th Annual FSU Alumni Association Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, May 16 at Hawk Hollow & Eagle Eye Golf Clubs in East Lansing