



Good News

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Academic Affairs

- The recent trip to China by Ferris staff resulted in many positive opportunities for collaboration with our existing partner Lambton College of Sarnia, Ontario, and one or both of China Three Gorges University and Hubei Province Polytechnic to offer a degree program in China at both locations, faculty exchange lecturers, study-abroad opportunities, and other joint ventures.
- Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation provided a verbal commitment of their board approval of \$25,000 to the Michigan Construction Hall of Fame Endowment.
- The Society of Manufacturing Engineer's Grand Rapids Chapter 38 presented award certificates to four Ferris State University senior students to recognize their individual effort, academic achievement and demonstration of leadership qualities.
- Ferris completed its first academic year of infusing its manufacturing curriculum with Dessault Systeme's Catia software, which is quickly becoming a leading choice for life-cycle product management in industry. Catia is used to design parts and products, and processes required to make stamping dies for the automotive industry.
- Students in the graduating senior class of the Math/Science/Technology program this year received scholarship offers totaling in excess of \$2 million. High school juniors and seniors in this program take several classes and workshops through the Departments of Biology, Mathematics and Physical Sciences.
- The Card Wildlife Center raised over \$16,000 in Spring 2008 in part to help defray the transportation costs of classes coming from budget strained school districts. The center has undergone a remodel, developed a series of lesson plans for visiting school groups, started work on a book project, and recorded record attendance for this academic year.
- Robert Barnum was chosen as the Idaho State University's 2008 College of Arts and Sciences Professional Achievement Award recipient for Fine Arts and Humanities.
- Recent faculty publications include: Randy Groves, John Scott Gray, James D. Hoerter and Paul H. Klatt.
- The Michigan Commission of Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) reported that 100% of the students who completed the Law Enforcement Academy passed the licensing examination.
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the Ferris State University CJ program third in a national ranking of CJ programs.

Administration and Finance

- Through various efforts from residence hall staff, the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH), and the Residence Hall Association (RHA), a total of \$22,140.81 was raised in the academic year of 2007-2008.

College of Professional and Technological Studies

- Dawn Schavey has coordinated successful student life program events, including arranging for approximately 50 students and staff to attend a Grand Rapids Griffins hockey game where 2 students participated in an intermission event on the ice.
- Dawn Schavey and Ashley Miltgen arranged a graduation celebration to recognize CPTS past and present graduates with over 100 graduates, families and the Ferris Bulldog attended.
- The Digital Animation Game Design program hosted Industry Day to give students an opportunity to showcase their work to industry professionals. There was also a recognition and awards presentation for students.
- Break out sessions, such as Study Away, Financial Aid, Career Services and Registration with MyFSU, were offered at the orientation session at the Ferris-Grand Rapids campus. The attendance was good and the feedback from participants was very positive.
- Two staff members from the Ferris-GR Office attended the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) and have begun planning to implement some programs and also started on recruitment and retention programs.

Diversity Office

- We are moving ahead and involving more people with the Baldwin Compact; this is an example of collaboration, one of the core values, and it puts into practice Mr. Ferris' admonition to make the world a better place.
- Projected TIP student enrollment for Fall 2008 Phase 1 is up 53 from Fall 07, up 111 from Spring 08.

Governmental Relations and General Counsel

- The Lansing Legislative Luncheon was a successful event with 34 legislators, 34 additional legislative offices represented by chiefs of staff or assistants, and 44 people from Ferris and the community attending. Twenty-two glaucoma screenings were conducted.
- Negotiation sessions for a successor collective bargaining agreement with the Clerical Technical Union have been held. Future sessions are scheduled for June.

Kendall College of Art and Design

- For Fall 2008, as of 6/9/08, 1,116 students have registered for 12,805 credits. Last year to date, there were 915 students @ 10,852 credits.
- Summer 2008 has record enrollment with 401 students at 2,165 credits.
- The Kendall dual enrollment class is looking very strong and plans to add 6 more off-campus sites during the 2008-2009 academic year. For Fall 2008, 50 students have already registered totaling 150 credit hours. Last year to date, we only had 2 students registered at 6 credit hours.
- There are 165 students on the 5 Lyon student housing prospect list for Fall 2008 with 163 beds in the project - 106 beds are already leased for the upcoming term.

- Touchnet Marketplace, the University payment gateway to process miscellaneous student payments, will soon go live. A Kendall application was set up in the testing environment.
- Brian Ballard, one of the first Art Education graduates, has received a grant from the National Education Association (NEA). Brian is one of five people in the U.S. to receive this grant.
- Kendall has had a long relationship with the Careerline Tech Center in Holland, where the teacher is an FSU grad and believed so strongly in dual enrollment that she donated her adjunct salary back to the College. Dual enrollment was offered this year for the first time and had six students, three of whom are attending KCAD and two attending Ferris in the Fall 2008. The sixth student was a junior and is planning to attend Kendall in 2009-2010.
- The KCAD SPARC Committee is in the process of completing its proposed action steps.
- A second Kendall Metals/Jewelry Design graduate, this year's recipient of the Allesee scholarship, has an internship with David Yurman in New York. Last year's graduate was offered a position with his company. The Yurman Company has also invited Phillip Carrizzi and Oliver Evans to New York to discuss a sponsored project for the program.
- For the second year, KCAD has partnered with the Grand Rapids Arts Advocates as sponsors of the Summer Portfolio Camp Scholarship Program. The partnership has awarded \$8,000 of art classes to some of the most talented art students in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.
- The Celia Moh Scholarship winners are students Jillian Stoltz and Nicholas Blair.

Student Affairs

- Summer enrollment is up 256 students and 1,823 credit hours over last year. Our on campus total increased by 199 students to 4,129 total, due in part to the \$10/day Housing Incentive.
- Our Student Affairs Annual Assessment reports are currently being compiled to chronicle assessment efforts and what changes/improvements resulted as well as provide plans for assessment. These reports will help the University in its HLC Self-Study process.
- The University participated in the National Survey of Student Engagement this year. Over 2000 of our students responded to questions about their activities at Ferris.
- University recruiters recently visited urban schools in Grand Rapids and Detroit to learn more of the college selection process of students of color.
- We are having continued success with the Working on Wellness (WOW) program and we are working on plans for future Wellness initiatives for faculty & staff.

University Advancement and Marketing

- Instituted a new drop-down menu system for use on key Web pages and created a Web site for the V.P. for University Advancement and Marketing search.
- Received more than 100 RSVPs for the Muskegon Summer Celebration event on June 26.
- The major gift officers and major gift associates completed 100 hours of training.
- Received a number of requests for additional information regarding charitable gift annuities.