

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Good News Items

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Academic Affairs

Business

- The Music Industry Management Program Internship Placement has doubled in two years to 83 in FY08. The interns are working in the major markets and closer home in West Michigan. The program will exceed the program enrollment target of 200 students in FY09.

Education and Human Services

- **Television and Digital Media Production (TDMP)**
 - The *Pioneer* featured TDMP students in the Digital Cinematography course who were using downtown Big Rapids “as a backdrop” for their movie, *Harvey’s Immaculate Donut.* The course demonstrates the creative and important way that TDMP is responding to the Michigan economy and specific tax incentives.
 - The TDMP program has created and filled to capacity a Summer Camp in Television and Digital Media Production for high school students. Participants will learn producing and directing a “live” television show in a state-of-the-art television studio and be involved in field production shooting digital video film-style and editing on the latest nonlinear editing equipment.
 - Mathew Phillips, a TDMP graduate and current member of the production staff at WJBK, the Fox affiliate in Detroit, has won three awards in the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Emmy competition for 2009.
- **School of Education (SOE)**
 - Five recent teacher preparation graduates were hired to teach in the fall.
 - Ferris consortium students in Elementary Education were recognized at the West Shore Community College annual Student Awards Convocation
 - Academic High Honors - Robert Patulski, Seth Pratt, & Robert Schulz
 - Academic Honors ~ Kari Morkert
 - Honors Projects ~ Tasha Covell
 - Outstanding Student in Social Sciences ~ Julie Stinnett
 - Outstanding Student in Early Childhood Education/Child Care - Robert Schulz
 - Outstanding Graduate in Career and Technical Education - San Juanita Jaramillo
- **Recreation, Leisure Services, and Wellness (RLSW)**
 - The students in the RLSW program are now using electronic portfolios (LiveText). Additionally, students are responsible for their portfolios and can continue to use them beyond graduation for employment and graduate school.
- **School of Criminal Justice (CJ)**
 - Fifteen students, including eight graduate students, safely returned from the CJ Study Abroad trip to Ireland.

- ROTC
 - SFC Bonilla is supporting and seven cadets are attending the Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC) at Ft. Lewis, Washington; some are attending other training out of state, and all other cadre members will be on campus for the summer months supporting the orientations. Three students (two who have graduated and one that is completing his internship) will commission on August 29.
 - ROTC anticipates 45-50 cadets this fall.

Engineering Technology

- For the third consecutive year, Ferris State University's College of Engineering Technology has the highest enrollment in the nation for full and part-time engineering technology bachelor's degree seekers. The College also ranks first in most bachelor's degrees awarded and third with the most women graduating with a bachelor's degree. The entire ASEE report can be found at www.asee.org in the publications section.
- Ben Upham, associate professor of Automotive Service Technology at Ferris State University, worked with College of Engineering Technology and CTC advisory committee leadership to establish the Career Technical Center Transportation Competition held on the Ferris Big Rapids campus for area Career Technical Centers that do not participate in SkillsUSA or MITES. Newaygo County Career Tech Center took home first place, along with a 2005 Ford Mustang. Ferris Automotive department faculty judged the competition.
- Ferris will be well represented at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference by six College of Engineering Technology students. Gold Medalists at the National Conference have the opportunity to compete for a chance at WorldSkills, and Ferris New Media and Publishing student Amela Mujkic (Clinton Township) is the first person to represent the U.S. in the Printing contest. Dan Wanink said, "These contest results continue to prove that Ferris is one of the best schools in the nation for training our future workforce."
- Manufacturing design software company Dassault Systèmes has asked 2009 Manufacturing Technology graduate Ben Hovorka (Plymouth) to present at the ASEE Annual Conference.
- CET Department Chairs Jeff Carney and Gary Ovans were recently interviewed for an article published in the CORP! Magazine.
- Enrollment in the welding program has reached a record high. The American Welding Society reported that FY10 Ferris Welding Engineering Technology students will receive over \$63,000 in scholarships from the society.

Optometry

- Dean L. Luplow, O.D. recently received Low Vision Certification from the Michigan Optometric Association.

University College

- The work of Marcia Schuberg, a paraprofessional in the Academic Support Center, was featured in the **Points of Pride**.
- Emerita Department Head Joan Totten's career and family were profiled in **Reflections**.
- Adjunct instructor and academic advisor Susan McNamara was recognized as the 2009 Outstanding Freshman Advocate.
- Dean Bill Potter was selected for inclusion with the 2009 class of Distinguished Staff.

- Gloria Lukusa Barnett and Karen GreenBay's proposal to the Ferris Foundation Exceptional Grants program was funded and will allow them to work with students to provide outreach to troops in Iraq and/or Afghanistan.
- Nina Davis, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, received the College of Business Student Excellence Award along with her B.S. degree in Business Administration.
- University College awarded \$500 scholarships to seven Directed Studies students achieving a 3.0 or higher gpa during spring semester; this rewards students with unmet financial need who respond to their "second chance" at a high academic level in keeping with the vision of Woodbridge Ferris and funded by gifts from friends and staff of University College.
- The Honors Program has received a second gift of cash and books from Emeritus Librarian Ray Dickinson to support the library project he and his wife Rosemary established.

Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning

- Delphin International and the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning have been working in collaboration with the College of Pharmacy on a pilot project to redesign elements of their P3 and P4 courses to create Accelerated Learning, significant learning experiences.

Administration and Finance

- Raquel Hansen, of the nationally-ranked Women's Golf Team has attained 2008-09 Academic All-America First-Team status in the Women's At-Large College Division.
- The retention of students living on campus is higher than last year by 30+ students.
- At the May Townhall meeting the Finance Office introduced the use of the index codes to save 17 key strokes for each transaction. This will save several hours of data entry corrections on both the Finance system as well as the Payroll system of Banner.
- Finance also launched the new General Fund Budget report to help departments easily view their current budgets accurately and faster.
- Physical Plant reports that the optometry building was approved by the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee and is awaiting being named in an appropriations bill.

Diversity and Inclusion Office

- Dr. Joseph Karafa and Dr. David Pilgrim met with Dr. Frank Hale and viewed Professor Beverly Vaughn's Jim Crow collection to start conversations that may result in her donation to Ferris's Jim Crow Museum.

Governmental Relations and General Counsel

- The office assisted the Library in recovering more than \$30,000 from a bankruptcy action.
- Ken Plas and Cindy Bauman conducted training of approximately 25 College of Business faculty and staff regarding FERPA, FOIA, Bullard-Plawecki, HIPAA, and ADA.
- Geri Johnson presented four genealogy/oral history sessions at Summer University.
- Steve Stratton and Sharon Hopper conducted training of the Dining Services management team regarding interviewing candidates for University positions.

Kendall College of Art & Design

- Lofts @ 5 Lyon 2009-2010 update – there are a total of 125 leased beds with 44 beds remaining to be leased. It is likely that all beds will be leased for Fall 2009 and at 100% occupancy of the full capacity for the first time ever.
- Three dual enrollment students from East Kentwood High School provided illustrations to a published children's book titled "Where Eagles Fly." Kendall contributed \$500 matching scholarships (scholarships also provided by the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce) to these young women who are all enrolled in the new Kendall freshman class, Fall 2009.
- Nathan Allan Heuer, a May graduate of the MFA program, won the Best of Show in the 81st Regional Art Show. Nate has also accepted a tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor of Drawing at a college in Texas.
- *On the Town* carried an article on Dustin Farnsworth, a KCAD senior double majoring in Sculpture and Functional Art and Printmaking, regarding his exhibition at UICA.
- The Grand Rapids Regional Arts Exhibition, part of Festival, includes work of two Kendall students, both of whom won top prizes in the show: Jason McChristian for an oil painting; and Cory VanderSwaag for a sculpture.
- David Greenwood, Professor of Sculpture and Functional Art, has completed a commission titled "Fallen Comrade" for the Michigan Legacy Art Park in Crystal Mountain.
- On the national level of the Addy competition, twenty-six students won gold awards, two went to Kendall students: Elizabeth Martinie and Steven Sharrer.
- KCAD student, Mike Watson participated as a production assistant on a Discovery Channel shoot in Grand Rapids.
- NeoCon is the world's largest trade show for the office furniture industry. For the thirteenth year, Kendall is offered the NeoCon class. Kendall is visible in many ways during NeoCon, including an exhibition of work by students done as a collaborative project between interior design and graphic design involving Herman Miller product. Additionally, projects for Clark on Keller, an assisted living facility, will be exhibited, as well as work by KCAD alums. Conduit Studios, a company founded by Kendall alum, John O'Neill, designed the media wall for this year's Steelcase Showroom. Olivia Snyder, Chair of the Interior Design Program, was one of the judges of Best in Show at NeoCon 2009. *Contract Magazine*, the media sponsor of the NeoCon class, has invited two Kendall students to participate in a focus group on the integration of social and print media.
- The collaborative design class made its very successful presentation to the Public Museum on a project initiated by Jim Haveman's connecting Kendall with the CEO of the Public Museum.
- Andrew Golombisky, a sophomore Furniture Design student is one of four national winners of this year's Celia Moh Scholarship.
- Kendall alumnus Todd McMillen, who owns McMillen's Creative Custom Framing in Traverse City, was honored with the 17th annual Lyle DeYoung Downtown Achievement Award, presented by the Downtown Traverse City Association.

Student Affairs

- Financial Aid assisted 123 students from families who have had a significant loss of income due mainly to the poor economy with the Ferris Support Grant.
- The Safe Ride Program had 768 riders in the Fall 08 and 677 riders during Spring 09.
- Graduating seniors or graduate students who have exhibited outstanding leadership skills during their careers at Ferris were honored with the Torchbearer Award: Kari Alsager, Amber Balmer, Anna Branner, Donovan Hylarides, Elizabeth Kelly, Deirdre Kolle, Shanyyn Leonard, Jalena Strayer, Demetrius Wallace, Kevin Walsh.
- The registered student organizations receiving 5-Star recognition for their outstanding achievement in campus participation, community service and programming were: Alpha Xi Delta, Crafters Anonymous, Ferris Idols, Lambda Kappa Sigma, Student Alumni Gold Club, Student Government of FSU
- WOW (Working on Wellness) summer session has 47 members with 116 lbs lost since week 1 and 353 hours total exercise logged since week 1 (an average of 1 hour per day per participant!)

University Advancement and Marketing

- A new Ferris homepage was rolled out emphasizing key marketing messages and consolidating all Admissions links. The new site has a modern design, is very flexible, will include news updates, campus features and multimedia applications. The project was a team effort with Jeff Ek, Rich Piippo, Shohreh Ferdowsi, Ted Halm, Troy Tissue, Susan Starkey and Shelly Armstrong.
- *Points of Pride* highlights a number of University initiatives including the Michigan College of Optometry groundbreaking; the upcoming arrival of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Fritz Erickson; the Ferris Cares...*Opportunity@125* initiative to help students and their families facing financial challenges; Distinguished Teacher Daniel Adsmund; and much more.
- Marketing and Communications assisted the Michigan College of Optometry to develop a new alumni newsletter, *Focal Points*, to engage alumni in the happenings of the College and share exciting news happening within the College and the University.
- Todd Jacobs and Leah Nixon successfully completed the Leadership Mecosta Program.
- Ashley Miltgen, Karen Kirk and Todd Jacobs graduated from the Ferris Employee Leadership Program.
- Nearly 50 participants are registered to attend a planned giving seminar, *Preparing for Tomorrow's Needs*, featuring alumnus Scott Schropp (COB '84).
- Hoya Vision Care made a contribution to the new Michigan College of Optometry building.