

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Good News Items

October 2010

Academic Affairs

Charter Schools:

- Tim Harris, principal at Benton Harbor Charter School, one of Ferris' authorized academies, was voted as Administrator of the Year by Choice Schools Associates.

College of Arts and Sciences

- More than 300 students watched the film Inlaws and Outlaws (relating relationships in the LGBTQ community and beyond) and participated in a discussion with Director Drew Emery.

College of Education & Human Services

- The Law Enforcement Academy students competed in the Kalamazoo Foot Chase which is a fundraiser for My Cops that benefits the survivors of fallen officers and in the Torch run for the Special Olympics.
- The teacher preparation program was ranked as exemplary for the second year in a row.
- The Michigan Department of Education has awarded a continuation grant for operating the Michigan Center for Career and Technical Education (MCCTE-FSU).
- The Detroit Civil Rights Trilogy documentary produced at Ferris by Clayton Rye and with DVD production by Fred Wyman was accepted into the East Lansing Film Festival.
- Dean Michelle Johnston was chosen by her peers at public universities with colleges of education to chair the Michigan Deans' Council for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- The Ferris State University ROTC program has grown to almost twice the size since last year with nearly 70 cadets.

College of Engineering Technology

- Kieron Kohlmann, winner of more state and national automotive competitions than any other student in his district history, began his first semester at Ferris this fall in the Automotive Engineering Technology program.
- The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) recently awarded second place to a student engineering team at Ferris State University in the System Selection category of the world-wide 2010 ASHRAE Student Design Competition. Team members Nathan Caze (Louisville, KY), Dewayne Collins (Nashville, TN), Ryan Dibble (Muskegon, MI), Sarah Kelley (Ann Arbor, MI), Nathan Toland (Cincinnati, OH), and Ben Quist (Grandville, MI) analyzed, engineered, and selected a full mechanical system for the Ginsburg Tower of the Florida Hospital Orlando Campus.
- Mark Hill (CAD Drafting and Tool Design), Blane Danley (Manufacturing Engineering Technology), and Ken Kuk (Welding Engineering Technology) recently completed their technical contributions and edits for the SME publication "Fundamentals of Tool Design 6Ed" and "Instructors Guide 6th Ed". The book sold throughout the world.
- Printing Management and New Media sophomore Jarrad Barrick has been recognized as one of two FSU student recipients of the Electronic Document System Foundation (EDSF) Board of Directors scholarship.

- Ten students from the Rubber program, lead by Matt Yang, attended the West Michigan Rubber Group's technical meeting where Evan Perkins was awarded the Recruiting Scholarship. Fort Wayne Rubber Group also presented a donation to the Rubber program.
- The Manufacturing Department hosted the West Michigan Catia Users Group at the ATC.
- Two senior Surveying Engineering students, Joshua Barry and Devon Roe, have been sponsored by Rick Sauve of Leica Geosystems, and Andy Semenchuck of Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to attend the International Highway Engineering Exchange Program (IHEEP).
- GM recently announced that they will be reinstating two Ferris Automotive scholarships: for Automotive Management and Automotive Engineering Technology students.
- Andrew Meyer, a student of the Rubber program, and Jim Connors, minoring in Polymer Material Technology, will present the results of their special studies during the annual Rubber Division Expo and Technical Meeting, held in Milwaukee, WI.
- The CET once again hosted a successful welcome back event with 70 faculty and staff serving picnic-style food to more than 750 students. Three students were randomly selected to receive a financial aid voucher.

FLITE

- Kristen Motz and Alison Konieczny were presenters at the 10th annual Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching and Learning held in Traverse City.

EIO/CPTS

- The College of Business/Management Department, CPTS/North and Admissions employees are partnered to bring our Ferris-North students, including the Maritime Academy, to Ferris' homecoming on Ferris buses to transport them back and forth to Big Rapids for the day. It will be free to all of the students and their families.
- Ferris State University is partnering with the Traverse Bay Intermediate School District (TBAISD), Northwestern Michigan College and Munson Medical Center to develop and implement the Traverse Bay Area Middle College for students who are seeking health related careers in the five county, ISD service area in northwest Michigan.

Administration and Finance

Athletics

- The Women's Basketball team chaperoned the Big Rapids Middle School activity night.
- Bulldog hockey will be on TV nine times throughout the season this year, twice at home.
- 238 student season hockey tickets were sold last year. This year, we're up to 361 and counting.

Auxiliary Enterprises

- The Rock served a new record high number of meals (5,785) on August 30.

ITS

- The FerrisConnect upgrade completed in August has resulted in greater system reliability for faculty and students.

Physical Plant

- The East Campus Suites project was completed on time at an estimated \$2.6 million under budget, which allowed for reallocating these bond proceeds to projects.
- The Optometry project is progressing on schedule for January 2011 classes to be taught in the new building.

Public Safety

- Members of Student Government attended a four hour orientation with members of the Department of Public Safety. There was an excellent exchange of information, perspectives and suggestions in all areas of DPS responsibility (police services, emergency management, and parking resources management).

Diversity and Inclusion

- The Jim Crow Museum received two major collections: the Vaughn Collection, from Columbus, Ohio; and, the Charbonnet (doll) collection.
- The museum has reopened for visitors.

Governmental Relations and General Counsel

- An estimated 1500 community members, alumni, students, faculty and staff enjoyed Kilwin's Ice Cream provided by The Old Pioneer Store at the 4th Annual Founders' Day Ice Cream Social. Celebrity servers included Big Rapids City Manager Steve Sobers, Mayor Mark Warba, Commissioner Tom Hogenson and Director of Public Safety Frank West; Community Advocates Bob and Dolores Horan; FSU Trustee members Ronald Snead, Art Tebo, and Sueann Walz; FSU Administrators Dave Eisler, Dan Burcham, Fritz Erickson, Don Green, Jeremy Mishler, David Pilgrim, Miles Postema, Jerry Scoby, and John Willey; Mecosta/Osceola District Judge Susan Grant, Circuit Judge Scott Hill-Kennedy; Michigan State Representative Darwin Booher; Pioneer Group General Manager John Norton; Owner Mr. Karl's Hairdressing Karl Depew, Owner BP Gas Station Pat Currie, and Candidates Jodi Gabert and Phil Potvin.
- On the morning of a scheduled arbitration, the University and the POLC patrol officers' union settled a grievance. The settlement emphasized the University's expectation that employees must be held accountable for their work time. Further, if employees cannot account for their time, appropriate disciplinary action will follow. Finally, the POLC Union paid the University's share of the arbitrator's fees and expenses.
- Jody Greco was hired as Governmental Relations Assistant and began on August 16, 2010.

Kendall College of Art & Design

- Tessa Mosher (Junior, Illustration) and Lacey Peacock (Senior, Photography) were selected for the annual "Arts in the House" exhibition, which will run through summer 2011.
- Another enrollment record for Kendall. For the Fall 2010 semester, there are 180 Dual Enrollment (DE) students, taking classes at our satellite locations throughout the state. The Kendall Admissions Team is hosting its second annual DE high school day events and have welcomed 242 students, representing 18 high schools throughout the state.
- Elizabeth Wertenberger, a senior at Kendall majoring in Interior Design, was crowned Miss Southwest Michigan 2011. She'll now go on to compete for the title of Miss Michigan.
- Kendall student Alexander Walker of Reed City is completing a BFA in Metals and Jewelry Design and was awarded a MJSA (Manufacturing Jewelers & Supplies of America) Education Foundation Scholarship.
- "Alternative Designs: Contemporary Furniture" exhibit is showing at the Midland Center for the Arts; including work by Kendall alumni Joseph Jeup and Cameron VanDyke.
- Interior Design majors Laura Truer, Dana Haak and Anne Sprague, took first, second and third place respectively in the West Michigan Chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath

Association Student Design Competition. Also winning a People's Choice Award were Gabe Olson Fahlen and Heather M. Schuller.

- Peter Fecteau ('07, Digital Media) has been selected as a 2011 Code for America Fellowship finalist. He works mainly in the interactive design and development field creating and administrating websites for a major non-profit organization.
- Jake Blok (Sophomore, Furniture Design) received an Honorable Mention in the Accent Furniture/Tables category for his curly maple and bubinga cabinet in the International Woodworking Fair Design Emphasis competition.

Student Affairs

- Ferris State University received a plaque from the United States Census Bureau recognizing us a valued partner in raising awareness of and inspiring participation in the 2010 census.
- Staff from the Student Affairs Division gathered to respond to the HLC Self Study. The session, facilitated by Doug Haneline, gave everyone the chance to speak about the results and to offer their comments on the University's progress on each of the criteria.

Career Services

- We have 84 employers registered for the October Job Fair. This is seven more than attended last spring job fair and 19 more than attended last fall job fair.
- Employer interviews were coordinated for Pharmacy Career Day. Fifteen employers attended with seven interview rooms and 34 student interviews.
- The First Annual Career and Leadership Conference was held with 20 faculty, staff, student leaders and community members presenting, 2 keynote addresses, approximately 175 students, faculty, and staff attended, and 10 employer representatives.
- Received new Partner in Success contribution from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, making three employer partners.

Enrollment Services

- Admissions Recruiters are hitting the road full force for our fall travel season and visiting more high schools and attending more College Fairs than ever before. The majority of the travel will be completed by mid-November.
- Our first Dawg Day - our Saturday Visit Program - was a terrific start to this year's 12 programs for 2010-11 with more than 150 guests. A special thanks to all the faculty and staff who help make this signature recruitment event so successful.
- Enrollment Services sponsored a Fall Ice Cream Social for staff in the Timme Center to celebrate the fall season and to thank everyone for all their hard work leading up to the start of the semester.
- Three staff from the Enrollment Services Unit - Charlotte Tetsworth, Amber Balmer and Kristen Salomonson - presented at the Professional Career & Leadership Conference. Charlotte's presentation focused on being an active member of the campus community and the community at large. Amber spoke on strategies for effectively leading and managing projects. Kristen discussed tips on having difficult conversations.
- Our Veteran's Student Group held a fundraiser at the football home opening game selling 9/11 commemorative coins.

Financial Aid

- The most recent figures from the Department of Education show that more Ferris students are paying back their loans. The latest Federal Loan Cohort Default Rates have been released and show that 3.2% of Ferris students are in default on their loans. This is the lowest rate in

17 years, and marks the first time since 1993 that the rate for Ferris students is not above the average for students at all Michigan 4 year public universities.

- We have begun a new effort to reach out to local high schools to coordinate additional informational financial nights at the schools with already scheduled parent-teacher conferences; we also assist them to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in a computer lab, with one-on-one assistance from financial aid professionals.
- Scholarships:
 - The Woodbridge N. Ferris Scholarship Program for incoming freshmen was expanded to include academically successful students with a 3.0 to 3.25 grade point average and ACT scores of 20-23. For fall just over 500 new students qualified for these scholarships in amounts up to \$2,000 per year.
 - The expansion of the Great Lakes Scholarship program attracted 52 new students for fall from locations as far away as California and Florida.
- The new Ferris Youth Initiative Scholarship was awarded to 10 students who are orphans or have aged out of the Foster Care system and have agreed to take part in a comprehensive mentoring program. Even better news: right now we have more Ferris employees that have volunteered to serve as mentors to these students than we have eligible students. This is a true testament to commitment to service that our employees have.

Student Conduct

- Presented "Know The Code" to many FSUS classes.
- UCD training dates have been set, and we have a good number of new student and faculty volunteers.

University Recreation

- In order to increase interest in fitness, the Student Recreation Center offered eight free fitness classes and had 80 participants during the week of September 7-10.
- There are currently 85 youth enrolled in the Learn to Swim program offered by University Recreation.

University Advancement and Marketing

- This fall 2,387 "I'm a Bulldog" campaign information packages were mailed.
- A new development page for athletics has been created. You can view this site @:
<http://www.ferrisstatebulldogs.com/development/information/index>
- Dr. Ralph and Mrs. Katherine Crew made a multiple-year pledge to the Hockey Strength and Conditioning Fund.
- Several gifts were made to support the new MCO building.
- Several gifts were made to support Helen's Garden.
- The WealthEngine screened data and metrics are in place. Advancement officers and Foundation Board Directors are working through the identification, cultivation, solicitation and stewardship strategies to engage the data.
- Ferris staff members Jim and Katy Moore are establishing two scholarships for the Heavy Equipment and Surveying programs. Leica once again has consigned all new equipment with the Surveying program.
- General Motors has re-established their scholarships to the Automotive program.
- American Welding Society has provided numerous scholarships to students in the Welding program. Miller Electric has consigned equipment to the Welding program.

- Michigan Construction Hall of Fame inducted Earl Beckering of Pioneer Construction; Edwin, Herb and Matthew Spence of Spence Brothers; Fidell Cashero of Grunwell-Cashero; and David Hamilton of George W. Auch Company.
- Estate planning seminars were held in Grand Rapids and Saginaw in September.
- College of Pharmacy Alumni Reunion in Florida was attended by 24 alumni and friends.
- Received a stock gift for international students, preference to those from Hong Kong or China.
- A Public Relations scholarship has been created with Patrick Bishop.
- Big Rapids Garden Club has contributed to their annual scholarship for the horticultural program.
- Mr. and Mrs. Mat Vivona, have contributed to the Maude Bigford Honors Program Annual Scholarship.
- Dr. and Mrs. James (Ted) Walker, have contributed to the James and Nancy Walker Study Away Annual Scholarship.
- News Services has reorganized the fall issue of *Points of Pride*, dedicating it to new faculty.
- Ferris State University will once again be a featured stop on the *Great Lakes IT Report's* Fall Tech Tour.
- Leah Nixon has been named Ferris' institutional representative for the Michigan American Council on Education Network (MI-ACE).
- The Student Alumni Gold Club unveiled the new Brutus the Bulldog mascot uniform with positive feedback.
- The FSU Alumni Association Board of Directors hosted a luncheon to honor and recognize the 2010 Legacy Scholarship recipients (21 students) and their families.
- The Student Alumni Gold Club conducted the "Cover The Seal" fundraiser in support of the 2010 United Way Campaign. The effort netted \$285.50 towards the FSU overall goal to raise \$61,000.