

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Good News Items

December 1, 2010

Academic Affairs

- The workflow grade change electronic submission was initiated last week, with changes moving directly to Banner.

College of Allied Health Sciences

- Sheila MacEachron was the recipient of the Lorrie Ryan Memorial Poster Presentation Award for a poster presentation at the 10th annual Lilly-Traverse City Conference.

College of Business

- In collaboration with the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, a series of ten Data Mining workshops were taught by the Data Analytics Team during the Spring semester 2010 and extended to Fall of 2010.
- Students in GRDE 414: Design Seminar, recently competed in TheYardsticks, a college creative competition and critique. Graphic design and advertising projects filled the walls of ACTIVESITE in Grand Rapids.

College of Education & Human Services

- Gregory Vander Kooi, on behalf of the School of Criminal Justice, is in preliminary discussions with Public Safety Protective Training L.L.C. to form a partnership for CJ to provide professional development and training to certified law enforcement officers.
- Sarah Lark, Recreation Leadership and Management Senior, has been accepted as a Spring 2011 intern at the National Institute for Fitness and Sport in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Dr. Amy Kavanaugh and co-authors' presentation on the Effects of Quality Improvement System on Early Childhood Education Sites was accepted for the 2011 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Meeting. An article was accepted for publication in an AERA peer-reviewed journal.
- Ben Upham, a graduate of the MSCTE and an associate professor in its Automotive department, has been named the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence/ National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation Instructor of the Year.
- For the fifth year, the SOE received \$47,000 from the KCP Morris Hood Initiative to promote retention and graduation in teacher preparation programs.
- The Michigan Film Festival featured *Detroit Civil Rights Trilogy*, a documentary, which Clayton Rye, Professor of Television and Digital Media Production, wrote, produced, and directed.
- Six ROTC students participated in the Norwegian Ruck March at Southern Indiana University, marching 18.6 miles with a 25-pound backpack in less than the required 4.5 hours.
- The Inner Circle Education Center (ICEC), which promotes educational exchanges with China, invited Dean Johnston to serve on its Board of Advisors.
- Associate Dean Paul Blake and Dr. Lawrence Wells (Charter Schools) are planning a summer camp for students enrolled in Charter Schools to promote college readiness.

- Associate Dean Paul Blake and Kirk Weller (College of Arts & Sciences) are facilitating a school improvement project in Grant, Michigan.

College of Engineering Technology

- As part of the 2010 Home Depot Trade Scholarship Matching Gift program, the School of Built Environment applied for and received a grant award of \$1,000 for the HVACR programs. Congratulations to HVACR student Robert Weideman for being awarded a \$1,000 scholarship through the Home Depot's 2010 Trade Scholarship program.
- Diane Nagelkirk and Joe Samson traveled with 20 students to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the 30th Annual Convention of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA), World Workplace. Senior Kelsey Jett was awarded a \$5000 scholarship in the E-Poster Competition.
- Andrew Meyer, a student in the Rubber program, and Jim Connors, with a minor in Polymer Material Technology, have each placed 1st in the technical presentation and poster session at the Student Colloquium for undergraduates at the Rubber Division's 178th Technical meeting. Under the guidance of Associate Professor Matt Yang, both won \$1500 scholarships for their excellent presentations.
- Plans have been initiated for a collaborative effort between the Rubber program and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (DNRES), the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign (UIUC), and the Institute for Natural Resource Sustainability. The effort involves developing applications of by-products from biodiesel and coal combustion and their use as filler material for rubber and plastics.
- Program Coordinator and Professor Tom Hollen recently presented a talk on various levels of energy education programs, from certificates to Master's level programs, at The Future of Energy: Educational Pathways to Green Careers. On-going talks are being held with MCC regarding articulation agreements for MCC students to transfer into our Energy Systems Engineering program.

College of Pharmacy

- The **College of Pharmacy's Alumni Advisory Board** awarded almost \$10,000 in faculty development grants to three College of Pharmacy faculty members as a part of the Board's Scholarship Program for Pharmacy Faculty and Students. **Dr. Claire Saadeh** will receive \$5850 in support of her proposal entitled "Enhancing the College of Pharmacy Curriculum through Faculty Development with a Focus on Active Learning". The Scholarship program will also be supporting **Dr. Kierstan Hanson's** attendance at a national conference on Evidence-based Medicine practice at Tufts University with a \$2000 grant. The third grant of \$1950 was awarded to **Dr. Kali Schulz** for her proposal to implement an on-line student response system to assess, in real-time, student learning at the College's multiple instruction sites.

College of Professional and Technological Studies

- Social Work students from Ferris's campus in Traverse City held a donation drive and a "Fill An Escalade" event to collect warm winter clothing for homeless people in the Grand Traverse region. All donations are to be distributed by the Goodwill Inn, Street Outreach program.
- Andrew Smith, Ferris Digital Animation Game Design alum, is featured in the article "In Cybertherapy, Avatars Assist With Healing"; <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/23/science/23avatar.html?pagewanted=1&r=1&ref=science>

- Michael Herrigton, Digital Media Software Engineering student, did his internship for Atomic Object, the company that created the Spectrum app. Michael worked on the creation of the app during his internship and has since been hired by the company.

University College

- Placement outcomes for Honors Program students continue with 72 former and current students in the Fall 2010 Pharmacy P1 class, 8 in the MCO first-year class, and 3 current seniors admitted to the MSU Medical School June cohort.
- Developmental Programs department chair person Helen Woodman collaborated with colleagues Christine Conley-Sowels, Clifton Franklund, Kristen Motz, and Monica Frees to offer a faculty learning community entitled "Rubrics + Reading = Retention ~ The 3R's: Making the Connection" for sixteen faculty from 14 departments.

Diversity and Inclusion

- The Threatened Scholar identified to come to Ferris was approved by the Rescue Fund; the Social Sciences Department, in a unanimous vote, approved having the threatened scholar join the faculty as a visiting professor.
- The Office of Multicultural Student Services organized several programs for Native American Heritage Month, including, *The Dreamcatchers Workshop*, facilitated by Yvette Pitawanakwat from the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
- Student Affairs finished their annual Diversity Report.
- David Pilgrim, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, gave university-wide lectures at the University of Texas at El Paso and at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland.

Governmental Relations and General Counsel

- Vice President and General Counsel Miles Postema was selected to serve as Chair of the Legal Affairs Officers, a committee of President's Council State Universities of Michigan.
- Vice President and General Counsel Miles Postema presented training on copyright and fair use to faculty from the College of Pharmacy.

Kendall College of Art & Design

- A Dual Enrollment student, Audrey Benjaminsen, won first place for her entry in the Western Michigan University Frostic School of Art 2010 Artemya High School Competition with her piece "Scrutiny" (Prisma Colored Pencils, 18.75" by 24.5"). Audrey has also been an American vision award winner at the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.
- Elizabeth Brinks, a Kendall Dual Enrollment student has been awarded 1st place from the juried competition at the Grand Rapids Art Museum and the Wege Foundation. Liz was honored for her gouche painting focusing on preservation of our environment and atmospheric perspective. Her work was displayed in the Cook Auditorium inside the Grand Rapids Art Museum.
- The 2010-2011 Allesee Metals/Jewelry Design Scholarship recipient is senior Caitlyn Skelcey. Caitlyn's academic and professional performance exceeds the high level of proficiency and promise required for this scholarship.
- The 2010-2011 Brian Rizzi Memorial Metals/Jewelry Scholarship recipients have been named; seniors Karlie Sielawa and Kathryn Verrill.

- Digital Media Grad Named Fellow - Peter Fecteau ('07, Digital Media) has been selected as a 2011 Code for America Fellow. Code for America was founded to help the brightest minds of the Web 2.0 generation transform city governments. Starting in January, Fecteau and his fellow 19 Fellows will be challenged to not only build innovative apps for each of their cities, but also become the leaders of the ongoing movement to make government more open and efficient. Fecteau works mainly in the interactive design and development field creating and administering websites for a major non-profit organization. He has experience designing numerous social networks, apps, and templates using open source software. His latest "off the grid" project involved creating a giant mosaic of Dr. Martin Luther King using 4,242 Rubik's Cubes that was displayed in ArtPrize.
- Kendall professor Paul Amenta hosted SITE:LAB, a one-night, curated event featuring student, alumni and faculty art installations at 833 Lake Drive SE in Grand Rapids, the new home of LaFontsee Galleries. Participating in SITE:LAB are Kendall alumni Todd Emeott (Interior Design '08), Ann Rosinski (Interior Design '95), Sam DeBourbon (Digital Media '09), Sara Molina (Interior Design '03), Tim Stoecker (Industrial Design '08), Terry Frixen (Photography '03), Tim LaDuke (Photography '04), Zack Lownds (Industrial Design '08), and Joey Ruiter Industrial Design '07).

Student Affairs

Admissions

- Troy Tissue, Associate Director of Admissions, was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm, to the P-20 Longitudinal Data System Advisory Council to represent higher education for the State of Michigan.
- Enrollment Services will be hosting two dinners for newly admitted Woodbridge N. Ferris Scholarship recipients, in Novi and in Grand Rapids. These dinners will include Vice President's, Deans and faculty members from the different colleges to interact with students and their parents.
- The Admissions Office is piloting Tour System Listening Equipment to assist with the Daily Visit tour and the Dawg Day tour. The equipment will allow participants to hear the tour leader even if they are in the back of the group.

Career Services

- Collaborated with Kia Hunter and Gear up students to provide resume workshop to students during campus visits.
- Provided 16 Critical Thinking Certificates of Participation; students now know the basics of critical thinking, practiced their skills, and can talk to an employer about this topic.
- There have been 16 employer campus visits this fall, in addition to the 110 employers at the Job Fair.

Financial Aid

- The State of Michigan provided the Michigan Competitive Scholarship award recipients for the school year. The maximum award for the year is \$600, or \$300 per semester. As of November 22, we have awarded 1000 students the scholarships.
- The Financial Aid Office is reaching out to our area high schools and providing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshop at parent teacher conferences. Financial Aid Officers secure a computer lab, allow families to bring their tax documents and receive hands on help in getting the FAFSA filed for the 2011-2012 school year.

- Financial Aid will be signing a Consortium Agreement with Montcalm Community College to begin spring 2011. A Bachelors of Science degree in Integrated Studies will be offered as well as the five existing on-line degree programs.

Student Life

- Jason DaDay and Nick Campau presented at the National Orientation Directors Association Conference "Discover What Your Staff is Learning; Exploring Student Staff Learning Outcomes and Assessment."

University Recreation

- University Recreation has hired an Intramural Coordinator to oversee the Intramural and Club Sport programs.

University Advancement and Marketing

- The Prospect Module in Millennium has been built and is now being used to track prospects through the entire solicitation process. WealthEngine data is assisting Advancement staff in the identification, cultivation and solicitation of gifts.
- Received in-kind donation of World War II authentic posters from Nancy Peterson-Klein and Matthew Klein. The posters will be used as historical history items for teachers.
- Received gift from Don and Patricia Lakin to fund a faculty office in the new MCO building.
- Ferris State University has been named in the beneficiary of the Mary Anne Goldsmith Trust, creating the *Mary Anne and Shakespeare O. Goldsmith Endowed Scholarship* benefitting incoming freshman with financial need.
- The Donor Honor Roll was successfully transitioned to an online only publication, resulting in a savings of over \$12,000 in printing costs.
- The Web Content team has rolled out the new Content Management System that will ultimately allow users across the University to update their own sections of the Ferris Web site through the ease of browser and direct editing of pages. Currently, the Web team is migrating content from the old Web site into the new management system. Housing and Residence Life, an important Web site for student recruitment, was an early adopter of the CMS. It can be viewed at <http://www.ferris.edu/housing>.