

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## Good News Items

December 2012

### Academic Affairs

- The Center for Latino Studies celebrated its grand opening on Tuesday, November 27.
- Dr. Karen Strasser invited Dr. Jim Anthony to Ferris on Friday, November 16, to discuss the NIH R15 grant program with interested faculty and deans.
- Carol Quigley, our College Transfer Credit Specialist, was nominated to the executive committee for the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrar and Admission Officer (MACRAO) organization. Carol is the incoming Executive Secretary.
- We have received our 2012 NSSE data and will be convening meetings on the campus beginning in December to analyze the students' feedback, along with that provided by the faculty in the FSSE survey, and to identify areas where we believe improvements should/could be made.
- DCCL Cohort One student and program graduate assistant Patricia M. (Trish) Konovalov has an article published in the League for Innovation's Learning Abstracts, December, 2012. The article, "The Soft Side of Retention: Ways to Engage with Community College Students and Develop Their Best Possible Selves," speaks to creating learning environments that support others' potential and possibilities. The link to the article on the League site can be found at <http://www.league.org/publication/learning/>  
This is the first externally published article from the program cohort members.

### College of Business

- Ferris State University's A.A.S. in Dietary & Food Service Management recently received accreditation from the Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals (ANFP). This distinguishes Ferris' DFSM program as the only ANFP approved program in Michigan. The Dietary & Food Service Management degree is a collaborative project between College of Business and College of Health Professions.
- Hospitality Management recently entered into a cooperative agreement with Montcalm Community College (MCC) allowing their students to be concurrently enrolled at both Ferris and MCC. Students will be able to obtain an A.A.S. in Restaurant and Food Industry Management or an A.A.S. in Dietary Food Service Management from Ferris with completion of only 8-9 courses on FSU's main campus. This allows students to pursue new opportunities that are not currently available at Montcalm Community College.

### College of Education & Human Services

- Tony Beck, a corporate fitness and wellness student in the Recreation Leadership and Management program, works at KFC in Big Rapids. While at work recently, a young girl began choking and turning blue. Tony intervened and administered the Heimlich Maneuver, which he learned in his First-Aid class, and saved her life.
- Criminal Justice is opening a program at Southwestern Michigan College (SWC) in Dowagiac. SWC just announced an establishment of its Criminal Justice associate's degree, and the starting of the Ferris program simultaneously in Fall 2013.

- The School of Education has been approved to offer Secondary Social Studies and the following Career and Technical Education Certificates:
  - Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunication
  - System Administration/Administrator
  - Computer Programming/Programmer
  - Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design
  - Electrical and Power Transmission Installation
  - Collision Repair Technician (NATEF Certified)
  - Small Engine & Related Equipment Repair
  - Mechanical Drafting
  - Engineering Technology
  - Mechatronics
- The School of Education is partnering with Union High School in Grand Rapids to teach secondary methods in the building while the students have access to the content classrooms to put their newly acquired methods into practice.
- The TDMP program, in collaboration with its affiliated Registered Student Organization, the Media Communication Association, has initiated a recycling program. Containers are located in the main office, studio, media supply and TDMP designated classrooms. MCA students collect the recycling weekly and take it to the recycling center.
- Two current ROTC students were selected for ROTC scholarships; one for a three year and the other for a four year scholarship.
- Michelle Johnston, Dean, is speaking at Wayne State University on Friday, December 7, 2012, to the directors of the teacher preparation programs in Michigan.
- The School of Criminal Justice reported that the projected internship numbers increased by 20% over last summer when the enrollment was 400 students.
- The School of Education is partnering with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to provide CEU's and Graduate Credit for teachers who participate in the Academy of Natural Resources. This year it will be held at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center on Higgins Lake, July 14-19, 2013. The three programs offered are: Teachers Into the Wild; Forest, Field and Fins, and Week for Early Elementary (WEE Ones).
- Nick Kuiper shared his Emmy winning documentary entitled *Preemie* with Ferris State University students on November 28, 2012.
- Glen Okonoski has been invited to document the Grand Rapids Symphony Youth Chorus' trip to the Czech Republic in summer 2013. Okonoski will also edit the footage upon return so it can be used by the Grand Rapids Symphony as part of a performance during their 2013-2014 Season.
- Nine FSU senior level cadets learned a lot during their broadening experience to the Civil War battlefields in Gettysburg and Washington D.C.

#### **College of Engineering Technology**

- Volkswagen recently donated a new vehicle, six engines, and seven transmissions to the Automotive program. This contribution confirms Volkswagen's commitment to the Automotive program and provides the opportunity for students to work with the most up-to-date technologies.
- The Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (HVACR) program recently received over \$50,000 in equipment donations from the Young Supply Company.

- On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the International Facilities Management Association held its annual World Workplace Conference and Exposition in San Antonio, Texas, in which several FSU students were honored with awards of excellence. Nick Nequist and Ben Glerum won the “ePoster Competition” with their research on renovating the first floor of the Swan Building. Ben also received the IFMA Foundation Scholarship, totaling \$1,500 and will be used for his trip to Prague, Czech Republic to attend the European Facility Management Conference in May of 2013. Leif Haugen and Derek Bacigal also received the academic scholarship.
- More than 20 countries participated in the second WorldSkills Americas competition in Sao Paulo, Brazil from November 11<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. College of Engineering Technology students Kieron Kohlmann and Ronald Olkoski were two of the 11 members of the SkillsUSA team testing their knowledge and skills. Kieron won gold in the Auto Mechanics competition and was voted best in nation for the USA. Ron won bronze in the CNC Turning competition.
- During this semester, students in the Small Town Studio (Department of Architecture and Facility Management), have been working directly with the City of Big Rapids to develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the City. They will be presenting their finished plan/proposal to the Big Rapids City Council on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Students from the Small Town Studio (Department of Architecture and Facility Management) presented their Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to the Big Rapids City Council and Mayor on Monday, December 3. The plan was well-received. The Mayor insisted the plan be required reading for all city departments and required that each department report back to him about how they're going to work toward implementing a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the city. There are also plans for the city to make the plan available on its website as well as distribute copies among city staff and interested public. Local radio stations and The Pioneer each mentioned the work done by these students. The Small Town Studio students were led in their efforts by Assistant Professor Paul Long.

#### Michigan College of Optometry

- 4th year MCO student Danielle Smith received a Student Fellowship of the American Academy of Optometry. Danielle is the first MCO student to receive this prestigious title. Congratulations, Dani!
- Dr. Daniel Wrubel has been informed that the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica wishes to confer on Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH) Mission the **Meritorious Service Award** for meritorious service to the Commonwealth of Dominica. The ceremony took place on November 3, 2012.
- Congratulations go out to Drs. Dean Luplow, Jeff Bates, Stephen Lee, Susan Owens, and the Interprofessional Wellness Clinic for being awarded the 2012 Building Michigan's Healthcare Award for Interprofessional Education Initiative. The Michigan Health Council recognized that Ferris State University's Michigan College of Optometry, School of Nursing, and the College of Pharmacy have all put forth outstanding efforts to improve patient care through a delivery of a comprehensive educational program in an inter-professional format. The Interprofessional Education Initiative Award was presented at the Michigan Health Council (MHC) Annual Luncheon on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at the University Club in East Lansing, MI.
- Dr. Bob Buckingham hosted the Central Michigan University Pre-Optometry Club on Saturday, November 10. Pre-optometry students learned about MCO, the new facilities, applying to MCO, and received a tour of the facility.

- Dr. Bob Buckingham hosted the Hope College and Grand Valley State University Pre-Optometry Club on Saturday, November 17. Pre-optometry students learned about MCO, the new facilities, applying to MCO, and received a tour of the facility.
- On Saturday, November 3, MCO faculty, staff, students and friends had their annual "Eyeball." The Eyeball is a formal dinner and dance. This year's theme was "Salsa Night." To this end, dance instructors taught participants how to Salsa dance. In addition to the Salsa dancing, there was a "Salsa Bar" with many different styles of Salsa. Over 100 faculty, students and friends had a fantastic time.
- On Sunday, November 4, MCO faculty, staff, students and friends participated in the annual broomball tournament. The third year class was victorious by outscoring the first year team. In the preliminaries, the faculty team was defeated in a shootout by the third year team and then lost in the consolation round to the second year team. A fun time was had by all. This year's broomball tournament was sponsored by HOYA.
- On Friday, November 9, Dr. Bob Buckingham gave a tour of the MCO building to Senator Booher and Senator Emmons as well as representatives from the Michigan Optometric Association. The senators were excited to see the finished product having fought hard for FSU to receive the necessary funds for this outstanding building.
- Dr. Alison Jenerou held an induction ceremony on November 27th and welcomed 15 new student members to the Beta Sigma Kappa International Optometric Honor Society. The ceremony was held on November 27th in the MCO atrium. The members represent scholastic excellence as, for honor students at MCO, membership is based on GPA.
- CNNMoney has ranked *optometrist* No. 12 on its recently released "100 Best Jobs in America" list. The researchers responsible for the list cite the median pay for an experienced optometrist as \$105,000 and top pay as \$149,000. They predict 33.1% job growth during years 2010-2020.
- MCO hosted the College of Optometrist Vision Development-(COVD) Tour de Optometry on Tuesday, November 6. The event is a way to educate students on Vision Therapy as a career path. The optometrists representing COVD commented on the quality of our student interaction and warm welcome.
- MCO 4<sup>th</sup> year student Chelsea Richards had an article published in the AOA's Vision Rehabilitation Section *Cross Sections* newsletter. The article (linked) is titled, "[Vision Rehabilitation for Anoxic Brain Injury Induced Vision Loss](#)".
- University Eye Center hosted the "Eyecare Technology and Services Showcase" on November 29. Included in the showcase were the specialized clinics of Vision Rehabilitation, Pediatrics, Medical and Surgical, Wellness/Diabetic, and Contact Lens. Each clinic had a brief presentation of their unique patient care experiences, including patient interaction.
- Drs. Jenerou, HInkley and Wrubel coordinated a Visual Information Processing Assessment-Academic Service Learning Project with White Cloud Upper Elementary school. The project was a win-win for both MCO and White Cloud; the project targeted elementary students who are struggling in school and provided MCO 3rd year students with experience performing Visual Information Processing Assessments.
- Vision Rehabilitation Grand Rounds Workshop will be receiving a pledged donation in the next month or so of \$500 from Dr. Susan Gormezano and her father, Dr. Phillip Raznik. They believe in the work MCO is doing to promote the field of vision rehabilitation to our students in an area so under- served by optometry.

## College of Pharmacy

- “Diabetes Clinic” Recognized by the Michigan Health Council – The Michigan Health Council presented one of its 2012 Building Michigan’s Healthcare Workforce Awards to the Wellness Clinic in the College of Optometry. The clinic has been in operation for eight years and provides patients with diabetes a comprehensive evaluation of their disease, medication review, optometric exam and a nursing assessment. The clinic is a collaboration involving the Colleges of Pharmacy and Health Professions as well as the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris. Playing a key role in the continued success of the clinic are Drs. Jeff Bates and Stephen Lee; who, along with Dr. Sue Owens (CHP), and Dr. Dean Luplow (MCO) staff the weekly clinic. Students from each of the three colleges participate through direct patient care and interprofessional education. The Clinic was recognized specifically with the Interprofessional Education Initiatives Award in a recognition luncheon on November 13<sup>th</sup> in East Lansing. Dr. Barbara Brandt, University of Minnesota, delivered the keynote address entitled “Interprofessional Education and Practice at the Nexus”. Congratulations to Dr. Bates and Dr. Lee for their continued involvement in the clinic!

## Extended and International Operations

- CARE 102, Online Career Development, comes to the PARENTS at Harrison Park Elementary! CARE 102 is a three credit career exploration class specifically tailored to the needs of the non-traditional student and will be offered to parents of the Harrison Park Challenge Scholars Program in Grand Rapids starting in January. The Challenge Scholars Program is a Grand Rapids Community Foundation - Grand Rapids Public School (GRPS) initiative that seeks to build a college going culture within GRPS schools. CARE 102 offers parents the opportunity to explore their own career and education options during the semester long class with the lesson also being that what they do for their own education will be an encouragement to their children. In addition, an anticipated outcome is that parents will be empowered to offer encouragement and support for their children's career aspirations and educational dreams. Ferris employees with key roles include: Cynthia Blaszak, Admissions Officer; Professor Gloria Barnett; Mary Holmes, E- Learning Specialist; and Donna Ewigleben, Community Outreach.
- The Postsecondary Success City Action Network - Donna Ewigleben, Community Outreach Coordinator, will be part of a team representing the City of Grand Rapids in the National League of Cities Municipal Leadership for Postsecondary Success Network.

## Retention and Student Success

- The Woodbridge Pilot Promise Program has launched and an article about the program was written in *The Pioneer* on 11/29/12.

## Administration and Finance

### Athletics

- Ferris State University Athletics hosted three radio coaches shows called "Mic'd Up Monday's" with The Dawgs live from two different establishments in Big Rapids. The three shows featured coaches and student-athletes as guests and fans were invited out to listen to the live hour-long radio show, which was produced and aired in partnership with the flagship home of Bulldog Athletics, Sunny 97.3 FM.
- FSU picked up right where it left off a year ago as the Bulldogs are presently ranked 15th nationally of nearly 300 NCAA Division II institutions in the initial Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings for the 2012-13 campaign.

- The Bulldog men's and women's cross country teams both advanced to the NCAA Division II National Championships. The men's team made its first appearance since 1985 while the women's squad advanced for the fifth-straight year under head coach Steve Picucci. FSU finished 13th in the men's competition and 22nd in the women's field at the national championships.
- Head Coach Steve Picucci of the Bulldog men's and women's cross country program was tabbed as the United States Track and Field/Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Midwest Region Coach of the Year for his efforts in leading both programs to the national championships.
- The FSU women's volleyball program made its 17th all-time NCAA Tournament appearance and advanced to the regional semifinals for the second consecutive year under head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm. Senior middle hitter Anne Sutton was honored as an honorable mention All-American as the Bulldogs posted a 24-8 overall mark this season.
- The Bulldog Football team won seven games for only the second time in the past decade in its first season under head coach Tony Annese. FSU's 7-4 mark this fall included the program's first win over rival Grand Valley State since 1999 and first victory against Michigan Tech in 10 years. Coach Annese has been chosen as one of the semifinals for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award following fan voting at the Division II level.
- Ferris State Football redshirt freshman quarterback Jason Vander Laan was tabbed as the GLIAC's Freshman of the Year for his efforts this fall and among 11 Bulldog players to claim All-GLIAC accolades on the gridiron. Meanwhile, the women's volleyball squad featured the 2012 GLIAC Libero of the Year in junior Brandie Merren.
- Bulldog Hockey has been ranked nationally throughout the season and won four of a possible six points against the Michigan Wolverines in their most recent home action (Nov. 30-Dec. 1). FSU shutout the Wolverines 5-0 in the opening contest and posted a 3-3 overtime tie in the series finale, which marked Michigan's final trip to Big Rapids as a CCHA member.
- Senior wing Kyle Bonis of the Bulldog men's ice hockey team has been selected among 20 candidates for the 2012-13 men's ice hockey Senior CLASS Award, which honors student-athletes who excel both on and off the ice. A year ago, former Bulldog All-America defenseman Chad Billins was chosen as one of the 10 national finalists for the Senior CLASS Award.
- Ferris State Athletics has teamed up with the Grand Rapids Griffins for a cross promotion in January. Bulldog fans can receive special discounts at the Griffins' home contest on Jan. 25 at Van Andel Arena while Grand Rapids Griffins' fans can receive a special promo for FSU's home contest against Ohio State on Jan. 11.

### Auxiliary Enterprises

#### Housing

- The West Campus Community Center held a Halloween party for the residents of our on-campus apartments in October. There were 91 people in attendance including families with their children who reside in our apartments.
- Our Grounds department has completed the first phase of our Tire Playscape. Additions are planned as usage increases. This play environment will replace a second volleyball court that was not well utilized by our residents. Children from our family units have already been enjoying the new addition.
- Lisa Ortiz completed her year as the GLACUHO President for 2011-12 and has entered her last year on the board as Past President. At the conference, Lisa also gave two presentations: Latinas in

Higher Education and the Recruitment and Retention of women of color in housing (which won a top 10 award).

### HR

- Employment started the implementation for PeopleAdmin upgrade version 7, and will add improvements from feedback we have gained across campus.
- The HR website is currently being upgraded and improved to result in ease of navigating and adding valuable information.
- The FSU phone book project is completed and copies will be available soon.
- The National Weather Service (NWS) has renewed FSU's designation as a StormReady® University for our continued commitment to weather preparedness and safety. The renewal effort was achieved through a partnership between the Manager of Employee Safety & Training, Mike McKay and Social Science Department Head, Dr Tom Behler's Sociology of Disasters and Emergency Response course. Ferris is one of six universities in Michigan and 120 universities nationwide that is recognized with this designation.

### ITS

- Enterprise Application Services / IT Services implemented an additional 3,000 GB (3TB) of Enterprise drive space to support growth in the FerrisConnect and Tegrity services. This addition allows for not only additional data space for documents, images, class lectures etc, but also helps to improve performance for uploads and downloading data files for our faculty and students, helping to make class time incredibly efficient and enriching the educational experience here at Ferris.
- Cable Television Service was successfully relocated to Rankin Center as part of the Telecommunications Relocation Project. The new IP based service allowed us to replace analog carrier circuits improving quality and providing an opportunity for expansion of services.

## **Diversity and Inclusion**

- Ferris State University has been selected as one of the winners of the 2012 Insight Into Diversity Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award. As a winner of this national award for colleges, universities, and school systems that exhibit outstanding efforts and success in the area of diversity and inclusion among the entire community of students, faculty, staff and vendors, Ferris exceeded the parameters and guidelines set by the panel of judges. Thank you to all the people at Ferris who helped with the application process.

## **Governmental Relations and General Counsel**

- Governmental Relations and General Counsel hosted Representative Phil Potvin at the FSU vs Miami of Ohio hockey game on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> and Representative Bob Genetski at the FSU vs Michigan game on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Both representatives were pleased to be on campus and the Bulldogs obliged with commanding wins both nights!
- The Governmental Relations and General Counsel office was pleased to once again sponsor the Leadership Mecosta's Education Day. This year's leadership class dined at The Rock and participated in a panel discussion with the panel consisting of Ferris faculty and staff leaders. Special thanks to Angie Roman, Greg Zimmerman, Theresa Raglin and Renee VanderMyde for their willingness to serve on the panel.

## **Kendall College of Art & Design**

- On Thursday, November 15 Kendall was pleased to host Dr. David Pilgrim, Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion at Ferris State University in the Historic Federal Building Auditorium. He spoke to a full house of first semester students from the class “Critical Transitions: Adjust.” Dr. Pilgrim entertained, educated, and challenged students to think about and act on prejudices in our culture. Developing an appreciation for diversity and cultural intelligence is a focus for the class.
- Kendall College of Art and Design has been awarded LEED Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council for its newly-renovated, redeveloped Historic Federal Building. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is the nation’s preeminent third-party certification program for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. Gold certification, the second-highest available, was achieved through a concerted, collaborative effort on behalf of all of the project contributors, according to Jim Cash, president and chief operating officer of Christman Capital Development Company, the project’s development and construction partner. LEED certification of Kendall was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impact the project itself and the broader community. These features include: sustainable site, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality.
- Kendall was well represented in a recent “MiBiz magazine” supplement, “Design Matters.” Featured in various articles were Kendall Graphic Design Professor Angie Dow, and alumni Joey Ruitter, Joseph Jeup, and John O’Neill. Included in a past issue of the online publication was an overview of Kendall’s new BFA in Collaborative Design.
- A conversation with Kendall president Dr. David Rosen regarding STEAM was featured in the online edition of the “Grand Rapids Business Journal.” STEAM represents the concept of science, technology, engineering, art and math. “The idea is that, really, it’s the innovative and creative aspects of all those (disciplines) that really drive us forward,” said Dr. Rosen. This idea is the basis for Kendall’s new Wege Center for Sustainable Design, located in the Historic Federal Building.

## **Student Affairs**

### **Career Services and Student Leadership and Activities**

- Tom Deluca's annual performance held on November 29th broke a 2 year record attendance with the 1360 guests that attended.

### **Counseling Center**

- Renee VanderMyde has been working with the FCTL to coordinate a learning experience for faculty regarding student behavior in the classroom. Faculty will learn how to prevent or respond to the behavior, identify possible causes, and examine relevant research and best practices and resources at FSU available to faculty and students.
- Collaboration between the FSU Athletic Department and the Counseling Center continues to evolve. Tom Liszewski, the Athletic Director and the Athletic Trainer first developed a drug testing policy for student athletes that would keep FSU in compliance with the NCAA. Then the Athletic Director, Kristen Salomonson, and myself wrote a grant to the NCAA to bring Alan Berkowitz to campus to present to the student athletes and then to all of campus on the Social Norm Model. Then we wrote a grant to the NCAA to begin the 'Good Choices=Great Future' program, so named by Dr. Burcham, to launch a Social Norm Program

involving student athletes. That program has evolved into the "Good Choices" program today (and is being featured in the College of Business' next newsletter).

- Recently the Athletic Department launched a new drug testing policy for their student athletes which includes the "Safe Harbor" program to again comply with NCAA policy. This program allows student athletes who have experienced substance abuse problems to inform their coach who then can refer them to the Counseling Center for assistance. The student is assessed by the counselor and then the level of appropriate intervention is recommended. If the student athlete follows through with the recommendation they are not punished should they test positive on a drug screen. So far this semester I have assessed and provided counseling and psycho-education for several different athletic teams and as many as two dozen student athletes. The Counseling Center's ability to be 'nimble' with assessments, education, and counseling has been much appreciated by the Athletic Department, especially with our limited staffing and helping to keep the FSU student athletes competing for our campus.

### Enrollment Services

- We held our third annual WNF dinner for newly admitted scholarship students at the Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. It was very successful with many staff members and college representatives present to talk to the families.
- We have a current increase in applications and admits for next Fall.
- Our Virtual Tour will be up and running by the end of January which will include mobile components.
- Over 30,000 pencils will be sent to the top 300 high schools with our ACT code on them in order for their Juniors to take the ACT test in March.
- Reverse transfer agreements are going well and are being recognized.
- Since April, we have processed over 6,400 high school transcripts, University wide.
- Financial Aid Office, with the help of Institutional Research & Testing, has deployed a survey to current students asking them various questions related to their personal loan debt and what they think about it. To date we have received 1,294 responses! The survey will close in January, 2013.
- Financial Aid Office is experiencing an increase in offered Woodbridge N. Ferris Scholarships by 6% when compared to last year at the same time. This includes the Founder's, President's, Provost's and Dean's Scholarships. Furthermore, Great Lakes Scholarships have increased by 25% compared to last year.

### University Recreation

#### **Intramural Sports:**

- There has been an increase in participation in Intramural sports for the Fall 2012 semester!
- **204 teams** signed up and played in the University Recreation Intramural sport programs.
- **1,321 participants** have played in the University Recreation Intramural programs during the Fall 2012 semester (921 males and 400 females).
- The Intramural student staff did a great job handling this increase in participation and we could not have accomplished all we did without their efforts and dedication! **During the week of November 11-15, they officiated 114 Intramural games.** That's an amazing feat considering the size of the staff (30 student staff).

## University Advancement and Marketing

- The Alumni Success Stories website now includes eight current stories from the 2012 calendar year. The website ([ferris.edu/parentinfo/success](http://ferris.edu/parentinfo/success)) now features more than 100 profiles of successful Ferris graduates featured in a 13-year archive of stories covering a vast array of professions and lifestyles.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ferris Foundation Benefit was held on November 2 at the J.W. Marriott with Mike Eruzione as the keynote speaker. 515 tickets were sold for the event.
- Jean Elder, Ferris Foundation Board Director, will be chairing the strategic planning taskforce for The Ferris Foundation.
- Thomas and Donna Campana endowed their annual scholarship for first-year students.
- Young Supply Company donated refrigeration equipment for student instruction to the HVACR program.
- James Nicholas established the James and Georgia Nicholas Scholarship Endowment for manufacturing students.
- At the recent ASHP Mid-Year conference the College of Pharmacy held a reception where nearly 150 alumni and students attended. The pride and fellowship for Ferris and the College were exceptional.
- Matt Chaney and Paula Rushford will be serving on the Gifts and Grants Committee of The Ferris Foundation.
- On Thursday, November 8, from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., the FSU Alumni Association, Student Alumni Gold Club (SAGC), FSU Commencement Office, Career Services and Student Leadership and Activities Office, and the James L. Lundberg Barnes & Noble Bookstore conducted the Fall Graduation Fair at the Rankin Student Center Dome Room. More than 300 students who are graduating this December (more than half eligible to cross the stage) attended the event.
- The 2012 Fall Annual Fund Appeal began in late October and continues through December 31. The goal is to increase all areas of participation and total donated by 6%. Our strategy includes multiple solicitations to alumni and faculty/staff via multiple media, including direct mail, phonathon, e-mail blasts and social media.