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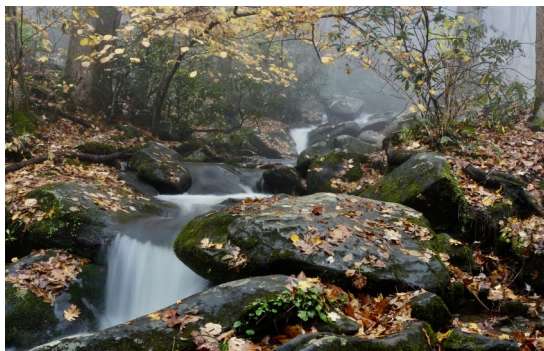
Newsletter

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President's Post



On September 13, several members of the FSUEA Board attended a listening session with the firm that is aiding in the search for a new president for FSU. As most of you know, President Eisler is retiring in June, 2022 after serving as our President for 17 years. He will be the longest serving President with the exception of Woodbridge himself.

Since the last newsletter, we have had two in-person social events. The traditional outdoor August picnic turned into a “brown-bag” affair rather than a “dish-to-pass” event. It was held in the Pavilion at Hemlock Park on August 11, 2021 and was attended by about 38 members. It felt good to get “back in the in-person mode again” and be able to see everyone’s smiling faces.

On October 13, 2021, we held our fall luncheon indoors at Artworks with about 36 attendees. It was catered by Pere Marquette from Reed City. After a social session, a scrumptious buffet lunch was enjoyed by all. The program consisted of campus and UA&M updates presented by Director of Ad-

vancement, Karen Weber. She highlighted physical changes that are occurring on campus including the razing of Vandercook and Taggart Halls, the new construction of the Center for Virtual Learning, the Center for Athletic Performance, and the planned new home for the Jim Crow Museum. She also congratulated our Association for the success of our endowment to fund scholarship awards for undergraduate students.

The Board also held its first in-person/virtual hybrid meeting on October 4, 2021 in the Prakken Building. Most board members attended in-person but some attended virtually on ZOOM.

Our next scheduled in-person event will be the Holiday Dinner at the University Center on December 15, 2021. Even though socially, we are getting closer to pre-pandemic routines, as per FSU guidelines, all indoor University-sanctioned events require masks to be worn.

A quick update on Bob and Beth Krueger: They are home after a week of chemotherapy in the Cancer Center in Grand Rapids in early October. Bob is in treatment for AML and hopes for a bone-marrow transplant in November. Please send all your thoughts and prayers for a full recovery.

Bob Carter
FSUEA President

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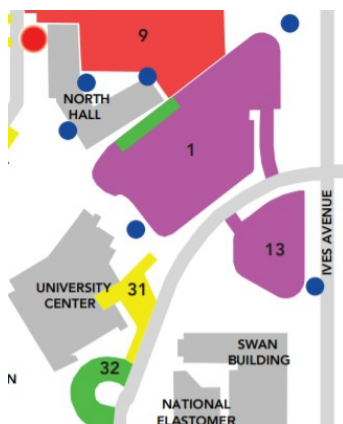
Emeriti Endowment News

As of September 27, 2021, the Book Value of our fund was \$140,957.00. As of June 30, 2021 the Market Value was \$193,688.00. Thanks to all of you who have donated through the years since we started the fund in 2013. We started slowly but with the Ferris Futures matching donations dollar-for-dollar starting in 2016, our growth has been exponential. This year we reached our initial stretch goal of being able to grant a \$1,000 award to students in each of the 5 undergraduate colleges at the university, including KCAD. The following is a list of these award recipients. Sayge Cuthrell— a senior nursing student in the College of Health Professions, Molly Perreault— College of Business, John Vary— a senior surveying engineering student in the College of Engineering Technology, Tayler Moore — College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Gabrielle Jansma-Skinner — a graphic design student at Kendall College of Art and Design. The Ferris Futures match will continue through June, 2023 so we will continue to fundraise in order to either 1) increase the number of awards each year, or 2) increase the amount of each award. We will again conduct our annual “bucket” campaign later this year so you will be receiving information about that in the near future. Again, thanks to all who have donated.

Bob Carter,
FSUEA President and Fundraising Chair

Events Report

The Holiday Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 4-6 p.m. at the University Center Ballroom A. The cost will be \$25.00 per person for a buffet dinner. Parking is available in Lot 1 just off Ives Avenue, east of the rear entrance to the building. Please send your check and reservation form (see page 7) to MaryKay MacIver to arrive not later than December 8th. Per current guidelines, masks are required for events in university buildings.



From the Social Media Coordinator

We are looking to enrich our media sites (Facebook/web page). To do that we would like Ferris emeriti to submit pictures, stories and information about things that Emeriti are doing. People that have them can email them to me or upload them onto our Facebook page. In either case a description of the activity should be included. Thanks,

MaryKay MacIver

MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu

The emeriti web page can be found here

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/alumni/Emeriti/>

And the Facebook page can be found here

<https://www.facebook.com/FSUEA>

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Granting of Emeriti Status by the FSU Board of Trustees

As of 10/22/2021

Sandra Britton – Director of Enrollment Management, Kendall College of Art and Design, June 18, 2021

Diana Hepler – Sergeant, Department of Public Safety, August 31, 2021

Michael Hughes – Associate Vice President, Physical Plant Administration, June 4, 2021

Diane Johnson – Assistant to Director of Housing, Housing and Residence Life, September 8, 2021

Bryan Marquardt - Director of Housing and Residence Life, September 10, 2021

Lisa Monger – Assistant Dean, The Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education Administration, June 30, 2021

Patricia Terryn – Administrative Assistant, Diversity and Inclusion Office, May 3, 2021

Julie Ward – Assistant Professor, College of Health Professions, December 31, 2021

John “Perk” Weisenburger – Director of Athletics, General Athletics, October 8, 2021

Chris Wright – Electrician, Physical Plant, September 2, 2021

In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths, August, 2021 — October, 2021

Emeriti:

Jay DeMars 8/12/2021

Bruce Jacobs 9/2/2021

Kent Krive 10/2/2021

Roland Ream 7/30/2021

Marvin Witbeck 8/18/2021

David Burns 2/1/21, recently reported

Associate Emeriti:

None reported

Current Faculty & Staff:

Brian Milligan 10/18/2021

IRA Charitable Rollover Gifts

Are you 70½ or older with an IRA? Did you know that you can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$100,000) per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as The Ferris Foundation without having to pay income taxes on the money? This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short.

When you make a gift in the year that you turn 72, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD). You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions. Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

If you are at least 59½ years old, you can take a distribution and then make a gift from your IRA without penalty. If you itemize your deductions, you may take a charitable deduction for the amount of your gift.

Please contact The Ferris Foundation at 231-591-2365 or email FerrisFoundation@ferris.edu to discuss using your IRA to support Ferris State University.

The Ferris Foundation cannot offer financial or tax advice for your particular situation, so contact your IRA plan administrator or tax advisor to discuss if an IRA charitable rollover gift is right for you.

Events Calendar



Upcoming Events December, 2021 – March, 2022

December 6 — Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J & Zoom

December 15 — Holiday Dinner, 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.,

University Center Ballroom A

February 7 — Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J & Zoom

All FSUEA Board meetings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. and held in Prakken 101J unless otherwise indicated.

Stay up to date with university events and policy changes regarding COVID-19:
[Click here](https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/coronavirus/homepage.htm) or enter this address in your browser: <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/coronavirus/homepage.htm>

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From our scholarship recipients...

John Vary, a distinguished senior at Ferris State University, is a proud recipient of the Ferris Emeriti Scholarship Endowment. He was awarded the Outstanding Student Award in the Surveying Engineering program for academic success and extracurricular leadership roles. John is President of Burt and Mullett, a student organization for surveyors. He is also a former representative of the Student Government Association. Upon graduation, he looks forward to traveling, soaking up adventures, and surveying the country before settling down as a land surveyor wherever life calls him.



Hello everyone! My name is Sayge Cuthrell, and I am a senior here at Ferris State University. I am currently in my third semester of the nursing program, so I am still working towards my dream of being a pediatric nurse! Furthermore, nurturing and caring for children is my passion, and I hope to take put forth my education and degree towards helping individuals in developing countries one day. I enjoy the simplicity of life and love to garden, can homemade sauces and soups, hike, and explore the outdoors! My time at Ferris has brought me many blessings and friends, and I couldn't be more thankful!



My name is Gabrielle Jansma-Skinner. I am enrolled in the Graphic Design program at KCAD. I love Graphic Design and can't wait to get working in my field. I spend my days, currently, studying the philosophy of Aesthetics, Printmaking, Concept & Strategy and Graphic Design Narratives. I come home each day to a fluffy dog named Rossi, and my partner, Kyle. I love it here at KCAD, and am so grateful to be studying something I truly love.





It's that time of year again.. .the Mecosta-Osceola Area United Way needs our support to assure continuation of locally needed services. Your neighbors need your support and you can make a difference particularly in this unprecedented year.

For OUR counties and communities to thrive, we need to support the various agencies associated with United Way. As you are aware, each agency must go through a stringent evaluation each year. You can be assured that your dollars will be carefully spent. The Ferris goal is \$40,000 this year. We can do this!

All the members of the Ferris family will be engaged in a campaign to raise funds for our local United Way. Below are the statistics from previous years for the Emeriti Association.

- 2020-2021 — 50 members contributed \$7,930
- 2019-2020 — 47 members contributed \$5,885
- 2018-2019 — 49 members contributed \$5,450
- 2017-2018— 44 members contributed \$4,945
- 2016-2017— 41 members contributed \$4,770
- 2015-2016— 43 members contributed \$4,565

Your contribution can be accepted in the form of a check payable to the Mecosta-Osceola Area United Way. Your contribution will be included as part of Ferris' 2021 United Way Campaign.

The Ferris Campaign is scheduled to end November 19, 2021, so mail your check now to:

Jerena Keys
203 W. Pine Street
Big Rapids, MI 49307

Film Screening to be Held on November 4

Ferris State University will host a screening of the film “My Name is Sara” at the University Center Ballroom on November 4 at 7 p.m. Mickey Shapiro, Ferris alumnus, honorary doctorate recipient and longtime supporter of Ferris is the Executive Producer of the film, which is based on a true-life story of a 13-year-old Jewish girl in Poland who survived the Holocaust by hiding in plain sight passing as an Orthodox Christian in the Ukrainian countryside. The film was written in memory of Shapiro’s mother, Sara. A discussion will take place with the filmmaker after the screening. Tickets are complimentary and are available at <https://www.ferris.edu/giving/ferris-foundation/EVENTS.htm>.



Helen's Garden

The flower beds in Helen's Garden have been put to bed for the season. Visitors enjoyed a kaleidoscope (official term – look it up!) of butterflies all summer and into the fall resulting from a bumper crop of milkweed. Bright marigolds, zinnias and petunias were also a draw. Our small but loyal group of volunteers sure could use a hand come spring. We'll post information in the March newsletter for work sessions for next season. Until then, the garden slumbers – ZZZZZZZZ.



EMERITI HOLIDAY DINNER WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021 Reservation Form

The Holiday Dinner will take place on Wednesday, December 15th, 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. at the University Center Ballroom A. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Reservations and checks due not later than **December 8th**.

PLEASE complete and return with your check

Name(s):
Address:
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a ride to the dinner; please contact me at _____ (phone)

	Number participating	Total cost
Dinner fee (\$25.00 per person)		
Total amount enclosed		

Please make checks payable to FSU Emeriti Association. Mail check and reservation form to arrive by **December 8, 2021** to:

**The Emeriti Office
PRK 101
420 Oak Street
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