

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

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President's Post



The picture above, taken at a recent Optometry alumni event, is very emotional for me. In the center are Dr. Keating and myself, two of the original three faculty members chosen to start the new College of Optometry at Ferris State College in 1975. Pictured on either side of us are four of the first graduation class of 1979; Jeff Hegan, Gerald Almy, John Hemming, and Dan Fortenbacher. We were heavily imbedded with this class of 21 for four full academic years. We got to know each other very well, and I feel that I am a part of this class. We went through a lot together in those first few years: a governor's veto of our funds, a fight for national accreditation, and academic and clinical facility issues. This class and the faculty/staff shared a lot of angst, frustration, and disappointment but eventually we prevailed. When I look at this picture, tears come to my eyes.

When you read this newsletter, FSU will be entering a new era. After 19 years at the helm, Dr. David Eisler will have stepped down. We welcome Dave and Patsy to the FSUEA. Dr. Bill Pink will have taken his place. Hopefully, this will be a smooth transition for all stakeholders in the University. I am an eternal optimist so I believe Ferris, under Dr. Pink's leadership, will continue to survive and thrive in the months and years ahead. Jane and I flew to Cape Coral, Florida back in April without any nasty incidents. Masks were still required in the airports and on the planes. Everybody was compliant and cooperative. No one raised a ruckus. It was all very orderly. The summer season has ushered in a travel nightmare. Flights are being cancelled right and left and gas prices have soared. I hope your summer travel plans have not been effected adversely. We are planning to fly to Oregon in August and are hoping for a smooth trip. Hope to see many of you at our picnic on August 10, at 11:30 am, at Northend Riverside Park in Big Rapids. The FSU Alumni Association will supply fried chicken. Please bring a dish to pass.

Bob Carter
FSUEA President

Events Report

The annual Summer Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th, 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. at the Northend Riverside Park pavilion (north of town, off N. 4th Avenue/Trestle Bend Drive).

Look for the FSU Emeriti banner. Please bring a dish to pass, and table service. Chicken and beverages will be provided. President Pink will be joining us!

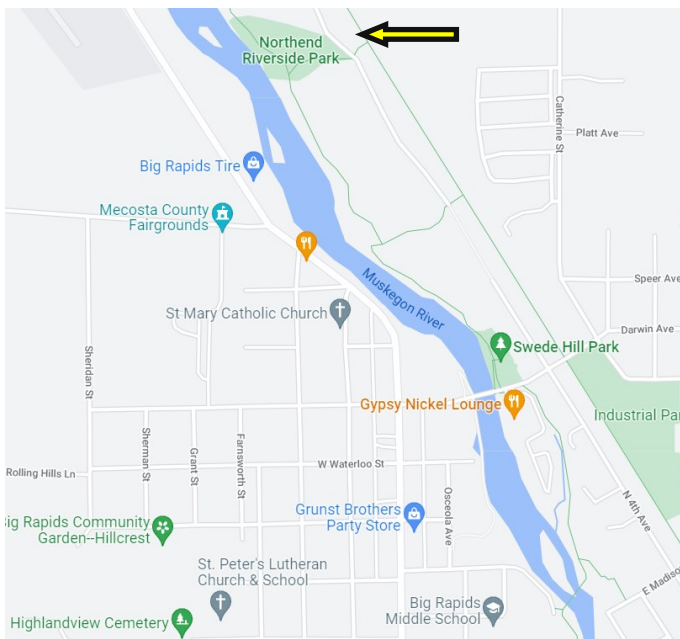
The Fall Luncheon will be held at Artworks, on October 12th, 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., catered by Pere Marquette Bistro and Catering. Cost is \$23.00 per person. Please register and pay by October 5th. Use reservation form on page 7.

Save the date for the annual Holiday Dinner, set for Monday, December 12th, 4:00 p.m., in Ballroom A of the David L. Eisler University Center. Further details and reservation form will be in November newsletter.

Helen's Garden

The season is in full swing once more at Helen's Garden. Spring was a gorgeous display from peonies, hyacinth, tulips and daffodils. With commencement back in-person, we received a generous donation of geraniums from the ceremonies. Paired with marigolds, they make a wonderful "Crimson and Gold" display. The grounds staff also donated a few flats of petunias, and we received a flat of zinnias from the city of Big Rapids. We are once again hosting a large bed of milkweeds and Monarchs have been a delightful presence since early summer. The Black-eyed Susan is now in full bloom, along with the bee balm, meaning that bees are busy harvesting nectar. The addition of a picnic table in the garden has provided a lovely lunchtime haven for faculty and staff. Be sure to stop by to enjoy the garden this summer! A big "Thank You" to our volunteers who help me keep the garden looking great – Judy Tressler, Don Stephen, Teresa Cook, Fran Kantar, Jen Yontz, Mary Kay MacIver, and members of Sigma Pi fraternity.

Alice Bandstra



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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A Message from Dr. Bill Pink—Ferris' 19th President

Friends!

It is so exciting to be at Ferris State University and to be a part of an institution with such a rich history, one that is built upon the foundation of providing opportunity. It is a privilege to serve as this University's 19th president, and I cannot thank the Ferris State University community enough for welcoming me and my family with open arms. We couldn't be more thrilled to be here!

So, Meet the Pinks!

My wife, Lori, and I have been married for over 20 years, and we have two children, Lance and Lydia. Lance lives in Oklahoma with his wife, Kayla, and is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. They are the proud parents of a soon-to-be one-year-old son, Nathaniel. Our daughter, Lydia, graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School and attended Grand Rapids Community College for her freshman year, and she is now a sophomore at Ferris. It is a joy to watch her connect to Ferris State University as I am. Lori is a native of Remus, so she is a local girl! She spent nearly 28 years in the military and is now retired. She looks forward to engaging with the campus community as well as finding opportunities to serve the broader community.



As for me, my career in higher education has spanned over the past 30 years in the states of Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon and Michigan. For the past five years, I served as president of GRCC. This was an incredibly formative time for me and prepared me for this wonderful opportunity at Ferris State.

As the weeks and months progress, it is my goal to complete a listening tour to get to know our students, faculty, staff, alumni, emeriti and donors, and to hear their Ferris stories and what they envision for Ferris State University's future – and how we can further Woodbridge Ferris' mission to make the world a better place.

My door is always open, and I hope you will introduce yourself to me and share your Ferris story. Please feel free to email me at billpink@ferris.edu. Thank you for staying engaged with Ferris State University, and for supporting our students and this great University.

Best, and Stay Well,

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Bill Pink, president

Granting of Emeriti Status by the FSU Board of Trustees

As of 7/19/2022

Linda Hayes - Student Service Representative 3, Office of Admissions, Timme Center for Student Services, June 3, 2022

Leonard Johnson - Associate Provost, Academic Affairs Office of the Provost, June 30, 2022

Suzanne Jonkman - Assistant Professor, Kendall College of Art and Design, May 20, 2022

Russell Lewis – Professor, College of Business - Criminal Justice, August 15, 2022

Barry Mehler – Professor, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, March 15, 2022

Matthew Nikkari – Professor, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, December 19, 2022

Cecil Queen - Professor, College of Business - Criminal Justice, August 15, 2022

Daniel Sovinski – Plant Engineer, Physical Plant, May 20, 2022

Kriss Tessin - Computer Technician, Information Technology Services, March 4, 2022

Cindy Todd – Professor, Kendall College of Art and Design, June 27, 2022

Lisa Weiler – Account Clerk, Office of Admissions Timme Center for Student Services, February 2, 2022

In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths, March, 2022 — July, 2022

Emeriti:

Richard Harris 3/18/2022

Rickie Miller 4/1/2022

Tom Mehl 5/1/2022

Philip Marcotte 5/2/2022

David Steeno 5/4/2022

Max Lee 7/9/2022

Associate Emeriti:

Elizabeth Lorey Nagelbush 7/7/22

Current Faculty & Staff:

Daniel Ding 3/24/2022

Mark Eichenberg 5/22/2022

If you need an Emeriti Association membership

directory, contact MaryKay at MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu



Events Calendar



Upcoming Events August, 2022— December, 2022

August 10 — Summer Picnic 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Northend Riverside Park Pavilion (*note change in location from Hemlock Park in past years*)

October 1— FSUEA Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J

October 12— Fall Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Artworks, RSVP by October 5th, see Pg. 7

December 5 — FSUEA Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J

December 12 — Holiday Dinner, 4:00 p.m., Eisler University Center, Ballroom A

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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Emeriti Endowment News

As of May 31, 2022, our endowment had a book value of \$157,857.00, and as of December 31, 2021, the market value was \$214,734.81. This past year, we were able to give a \$1,000 award to a student in each of the five undergraduate programs at FSU (including KCAD). A big “thank you” to all the people who have donated to our endowment. In the coming years, we will have to decide to give out more awards or increase the amount of each award. It will be a good problem to have. To be eligible for an award from our endowment, a student must be a returning undergraduate Ferris student (in any college or department, including KCAD) who demonstrates financial need (as determined by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid) and who has a minimum GPA of 3.25. The Ferris Futures matching program has been extended to December, 2024 so any money donated to our endowment will be doubled by the match up until this date. Our primary fund raising effort is our annual holiday “bucket” campaign conducted in early December, but any donations given to this fund anytime during the year will be matched by the University. If you have to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from any retirement account that you own, you can transfer money from that account to this endowment without any tax implications. If you are so inclined, please write a check to the Ferris Foundation with the words Ferris Emeriti Scholarship Endowment in the memo line, and mail it to the address below. ATTN: MaryKay MacIver, PRK 101K, 420 Oak Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307 (or contact MaryKay at MaryKay-MacIver@ferris.edu) If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cadimstr@aol.com.

Bob Carter,
FSUEA President and Fundraising Chair

Out and About...

While performing with the Schubert Male Chorus in Grand Rapids recently, past FSUEA president Doug Haneline visited with emeriti Rich and Ruth Santer, and Marilyn Gillette.



**EMERITI FALL LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022
Reservation Form**

The Fall Luncheon will take place on Wednesday , October 12th, 11:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. at Artworks in downtown Big Rapids. The cost is \$23.00 per person. Reservations and checks due not later than ***October 5th.***

PLEASE complete and return with your check

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

	Number participating	Total cost
Lunch fee (\$23.00 per person)		
Total amount enclosed		

Please make checks payable to FSU Emeriti Association. Mail check and reservation form to arrive by **October 5, 2022** to:

**The Emeriti Office
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