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## EMERITI ASSOCIATION

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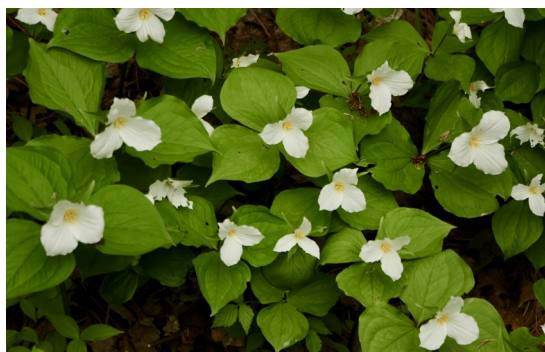
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### President's Post



Since the last newsletter, we had our in-person Holiday dinner at the UC. It was catered by the University and about 35 people were in attendance. Bob Murray from UA&M gave us a campus update.

The Board of Directors just completed a revamp of our Constitution and By-laws. These documents are on the Emeriti website and will be distributed by email to all members prior to the spring meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 11:30 AM at the Rock. These amendments must be approved by the general membership prior to taking effect.

The campus physical plant is changing right before our eyes. Two dorms have been razed and the new Center for Virtual Learning is going up. Also, the new Center for Athletic Performance is being built adjoining the Ewigleben Ice Arena and Wink Arena. The area in front of the Alumni Building is cordoned off in preparation for renovating this building. Plans are being made to

tear down the West Building. Plans also include building the new Jim Crow Museum in the green space between the Starr Building and State Street.

As significant as these physical changes to campus are, a more significant change will occur this coming summer. David Eisler is going to retire after spending 19 years as the University President, a tenure only exceeded by Woodbridge Ferris himself. Although he has made many significant contributions to our University, I think one of most important ones was spearheading the effort to increase our Foundation's net worth from \$18 million to \$115 million. The University will miss his leadership, but we will wholeheartedly welcome him as a member of the FSUEA.

The Presidential Search Advisory committee consists of 25 individuals representing the faculty, administration, staff, students, alumni, Board of Trustees, the Big Rapids community, and the Foundation. Our Association is not represented nor are any of the organized unions on campus. If my memory serves me correctly, both the FSUEA and the FFA had representatives on the last presidential search committee.

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## ***President's Post, from Page 1***

If you want to know more about the search, information can be found on the FSU website ([www.ferris.edu/president-search](http://www.ferris.edu/president-search)). A link to the 5-year master plan is available on the President's webpage. If you are interested in what the future might hold, check it out.

Bob Carter  
FSUEA President

## **Events Report**

The Spring Luncheon and Annual Emeriti Association Business Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9th 11:30am-1:30pm at The Rock Café (Bldg #46 on map). The cost will be \$11.00 per person for a buffet lunch. Parking is available just off Knollview Drive east of the entrance to the building. Please send your check and reservation form (see page 9) to MaryKay MacIver to arrive not later than April 29th. Per current guidelines, masks are required for events in university buildings. For up-to-date COVID policies, [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>.

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

### **Important insider information:**

We are told that the soft-serve ice cream machine **will be operational** for our luncheon event!!



### **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

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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>

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## A Message from President Eisler...

Thank you, Randy, for extending the invitation to contribute to this newsletter. I appreciate the opportunity to share with you some of the important work underway at Ferris State University. As emeriti, please know how much I appreciate your continued involvement and support of Ferris. In this you continue to play a significant role in helping to shape our University.

Just as our country, world and you have been impacted so very much by this continuing pandemic, COVID has certainly changed life at our University. At Ferris we are fortunate to be a community willing to adapt, change and innovate rapidly to ensure that education continues for our students. I am very grateful for our faculty and staff who have worked to keep our campuses safe and to our Re-entry Committee that has led these efforts. We are a resilient community, have learned much from these experiences and will emerge from these challenges a stronger and more vibrant University.

At this fall's Ferris Foundation for Excellence gala, we made the exciting announcement that the University's Now and Always campaign had received a second \$5 million gift from alumnus Phil Hagerman, pushing us past our expanded goal of \$115 million. This was truly a moment to savor and remember. When we began, our initial goal of \$80 million seemed a daunting challenge. However, the response to our first comprehensive campaign was so positive that we raised the goal. We have now raised more than \$120 million for our students and our University.

Many of you contributed to the campaign's success through your support of the Emeriti Scholarship Endowment, which is now at \$156,057! Thank you to President Bob Carter who has served on our Campaign Cabinet, your board and to you for creating and funding this scholarship. I very much appreciate your support of the campaign and this scholarship endowment. Our University, and especially our students, will benefit.

If you have not been on the Big Rapids campus lately, there are significant and exciting changes underway. The demolition of Vandercook Hall, creating space for our new Center for Virtual Learning, has changed the campus perspective both looking west from the Robinson Quad and from State and Perry Streets. Construction for what will become a signature Ferris building will continue through much of 2023. This state-of-the-art facility will be a significant addition for technology, teaching and learning. Details on the project, including two construction webcams, can be found on the Center for Virtual Learning project webpage (<https://www.ferris.edu/map/center-for-virtual-learning>). This will be followed by the demolition of Bishop Hall.

Our Center for Athletics Performance project is also well underway. This includes the new Bulldog Arena for volleyball, a much-needed strength and conditioning facility, and significant renovations to the Ewigleben Sports Complex. This project will continue through 2022. Soon we will begin work on a third project, major renovations to the Alumni Building, our oldest campus building. This will then become the new home for much of Information Technology and West Hall will be taken down. The creation of these new spaces will continue to move Ferris forward and showcase our distinctive reputation for academic and athletic excellence.



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This has been an exceptional year for Ferris athletics. Our soccer team defeated Grand Valley to win the GLIAC post-season tournament and advanced to the NCAA Midwest Region Quarterfinals. This is the first time in the history of our conference that the GLIAC tournament has been won by anyone other than GVSU. Our volleyball team also had an exceptional fall, winning both the GLIAC regular season and post-season, and advancing to the NCAA Midwest Region Finals.

And of course, our men's football team had a season for the ages. At the NCAA Division II National Championship game the team defeated Valdosta State 58-17 with an outstanding and dominating performance on the field. Our national champions had a perfect 14-0 season, celebrated their third consecutive undefeated regular season and scored more points in the Division II postseason than any team in history. Our team represented Ferris so well at the highest level, and we are very proud of what they have accomplished. A celebration of the national championship team, student-athletes and coaches is scheduled for Friday, April 22 in conjunction with their spring inter-squad game.

Over the past 19 years, I have had the opportunity of serving as president of Ferris State University and the privilege to work with many of you. Ferris is a special place, with a rich history that you helped build, providing opportunity to men and women from all backgrounds and walks of life. We are all fortunate to have worked at an institution that truly does change lives and prepare students for success. Like you, I am very proud to have served at this great institution. Thank you for all you have and continue to do to help our students and our University.

On behalf of our University and all our students, thank you so very much.

Dave

David L. Eisler, president



### Take Note

### ***Important announcement re: Annual Meeting***

During the May 9th Annual Business meeting, changes to the FSU Emeriti Association's Constitution and By-laws will be considered, and brought to a vote. In addition, members will vote on election of directors for 2-year terms. The proposed constitution and bylaws changes, and a slate of nominees for election to the Board of Directors will be circulated via email to all members 30 days in advance of the meeting. A ballot will also be included with that email for those not attending the meeting, but wishing to record their vote by mail. ***Be sure that MaryKay has your email address on file*** if you want to receive the advance documents and ballot. (you may reach her via email at [MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu](mailto:MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu)). You will also find a link to the proposed changes posted on the emeriti website at <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/alumni/Emeriti/homepage.htm> under "Items to be considered at Spring Membership Meeting". Reminder: only members, and not affiliate or associate members, are eligible to vote.



## Granting of Emeriti Status by the FSU Board of Trustees

As of 2/23/2022

David Baker - Assistant Professor, School of Digital Media, College of Business, May 9, 2022

Robert Eastley - Associate Professor, Construction Technology and Management, August 15, 2022

Daniel Sovinski – Plant Engineer, Physical Plant Administration, March 5, 2022

Tanara Finch – Library Technology Services Specialist, Ferris Library of Information, Technology and Education, January 28, 2022

Brian Pacholka – National Elastomer Laboratory Manager, The School of Design and Manufacturing, January 31, 2022

Linda Telfer – Executive Secretary to the Vice President of Student Affairs, January 28, 2022

Frances Rosen – Librarian/Assistant Professor, Ferris Library of Information, Technology and Education, June 30, 2022

Allen Sutherby – Cable Television Technician, Information Technology Solution Center, January 4, 2022

## In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths, November, 2021 — March, 2022

### Emeriti:

Mr. Gary Horn 11/20/2021

Mr. Frederick Howting 2/6/2022

Mr. Doyle Johnson 2/12/2022

Dr. Donald Lakin 2/1/2022

Mr. George McGinnis 11/18/2021

Mr. Jack Pierson 1/12/2022

Dr. Benjamin Thomas 11/21/2021

### Associate Emeriti:

Barbara Jean Johnson 2/18/22

### Current Faculty & Staff:

None reported

## **Emeriti Endowment News**

The Book Value of our fund now stands at \$156,057.00. As of September 30, 2021 the Market Value was \$193,173.88. 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— College of Health Professions, Molly Perreault— College of Business, John Vary— College of Engineering Technology, Tayler Moore — College of Arts, Science, and Education, Gabrielle Jansma-Skinner— 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 Calendar



## Upcoming Events March, 2022— August, 2022

April 4 — Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., via Zoom

April 22 — Football Championship Celebration, Annual Intra-Squad Game, see <https://www.ferrisstatebulldogs.com/sports/fball/2021-22/releases/20220204mdnl6v>

May 9 — Spring Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.,  
The Rock Cafe

June 6 — Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., via Zoom

August 10 — Summer Picnic 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m., North End Park Pavilion (*note change of location from past years*)

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 2021-2022 scholarship recipients...

My name is Taylor Moore, and I am from Middleville, a small farm town. I am currently in my last semester of my Elementary Education Degree with minors in integrated science, English language arts, and early childhood. During this semester I am student teaching in 3rd grade at Wayland Union Schools and I love it! I grew up in Middleville and graduated from Thornapple Kellogg where I played sports and participated in 4H showing animals.

I enjoy being outside—running, hiking, boating, hammocking, camping, etc. Family and friends are very important to me, and I love spending quality time with them. In the future I plan on working toward a master's degree in the education field to further my knowledge. I have a passion for teaching children and being a lifelong learner. I'm very appreciative of this scholarship to help assist me financially as I student teach. Thank you,  
Taylor



### Molly C Perreault

Molly is a sophomore majoring in criminal justice. Her goal for the future is to become a homicide detective. Molly says that she is motivated to help people find answers when tragedy strikes loved ones—to hopefully give them peace of mind and closure. “Maybe it’s because I watched too much CSI when I was younger but it is my dream”.



Once again emeriti members stepped up to support the local United Way campaign last fall and have their contributions counted among the Ferris family of donors. Fifty-three contributions totaling \$6,920.00 were received. This represents 17.3% of the university’s campaign goal this year!

Since we began pooling our contributions to be recognized within the university campaign, emeriti members have given \$40,465.00!

2021-2022 — 53 members contributed \$6,920  
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

Thanks again for your generous support, and to Jerena Keys for organizing, collecting and taking our contributions in.

## One Day for Dawgs

Ferris State University's "One Day for Dawgs" annual day of giving event will be held on April 13, 2022. The event raises funds for scholarships, programs, equipment and more. Last year, the event raised a record \$236,000 with gifts coming from students, faculty, staff, alumni, Emeriti and friends in 42 states! Visit [ferris.edu/oneday](http://ferris.edu/oneday) on April 13 and support your favorite One Day for Dawgs cause and help us reach a new record in 2022.

## Helen's Garden

The Garden is slumbering at the moment but we look forward to the early blooms of daffodils and tulips this spring. With Ferris Commencement ceremonies back to face-to-face, we anticipate receiving a generous donation of geraniums to brighten the flower beds. The Helen's Gardeners group is seeking additional volunteers to help clean out flower beds, plant annuals, trim shrubs and keep the beds watered. If you have a little or a lot of time, we would certainly appreciate the assistance. Please reach out to Alice Bandstra at [jbandstr@charter.net](mailto:jbandstr@charter.net) if you are able to volunteer.

## Gov. Whitmer Appoints Emeritus Professor to FSU Board of Trustees

**Michael Ryan, Ph.D.**, of Big Rapids, is a former professor for the Ferris State University Department of Biological Sciences. Dr. Ryan retired in 2017 after teaching at Ferris for 40 years. During his time at Ferris, Dr. Ryan was the president of the Ferris Faculty Association and a member of the Michigan Education Association Board of Directors, Michigan Association for Higher Education Board of Directors, and several Ferris State committees. In his retirement, Dr. Ryan is a board member with Sister Celeste Derr Foundation and a volunteer with the Big Rapids Friends of the Library. He holds a Ph.D. in Microbiology from SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine, a Master of Science in Biology from Duquesne University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from St. Vincent College.

Dr. Ryan is appointed for a term commencing February 18, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2026. He succeeds Kari Sederberg who resigned.

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**EMERITI SPRING LUNCHEON  
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022  
Reservation Form**

The Spring Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting will take place on Monday, May 9th, 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. at The Rock Cafe. The cost is \$11.00 per person. Reservations and checks due not later than **April 29th**.

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***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 (\$11.00 per person)		
<b>Total amount enclosed</b>		

Please make checks payable to FSU Emeriti Association. Mail check and reservation form to arrive by **April 29, 2022** to:

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