

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## EMERITI ASSOCIATION

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### President's Post



Happy springtime to all of you. I am writing this in the early part of February so I am unsure how the spring season will be this year. We have just had the warmest December and January in recorded history. This probably has made some people very happy, but our tourist economy here in northern Michigan depends upon reliable cold weather activities such as skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing. Many popular local activities like Houghton Lake's "Tip Up Town" and Traverse City's "VASA race" have been drastically curtailed or completely cancelled due to the warm weather. Also, many people depend upon snow removal for their livelihoods in the winter. Is this the new normal? Will Michigan cease to be a "water/winter wonderland?" Weather forecasts now con-

tain words that I was unfamiliar with just a few years ago: Bomb cyclone; atmospheric river; polar vortex. It seems that California is either on fire or experiencing drastic flooding. We are having tornados in December now in places like Kentucky instead of in March in Oklahoma. We spent last summer breathing in smoke from Canadian wild fires. Last summer, the southwestern states had days on end near or exceeding triple digit temperatures. Are we experiencing climate change? I do not know but we are certainly experiencing global warming. That being said, I think the Great Lakes region has a great future. Even though we are warmer in the winter now and losing snow cover, we have been spared the most devastating effects (droughts, fires, frequent tornadoes and floods) of the global warming phenomenon. Michigan has been losing population for the past couple of decades, but I think our population will start increasing again soon because we have plenty of the most valuable resource on the planet: clean, fresh water. This is a great place to live and we are blessed to be here,

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even those of us who choose to remain here in the winter months. But, in conclusion, if it's going to be winter, let's have winter darn it. Let's keep winter in the wonderland and winter tourism prospering in northern Michigan.

Bob Carter, FSUEA President

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### Events

The first ever Holiday Brunch event on Wednesday, December 13th at the Eisler Center was attended by 39. This was followed immediately by a 1/2 hour presentation to learn about access and use of the new Ferris 360 online portal. The Spring Luncheon and Annual Emeriti Association Business Meeting will be held Monday, May 6th at **David Eisler Center Ballroom A**. Please fill out the **reservation form on Page 7** and return with your check by April 29th. Also, see the **Amendment to the Bylaws on page 5** that will be presented to the membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

A summer event is in the planning stages to be held in Grand Rapids. As Kent County is home to the second largest group of emeriti after Mecosta County, Past President Doug Haneline and the events committee are looking to create an opportunity to gather more Kent County members. Stay tuned.

### **Election of Directors at Annual Meeting**

Election of Directors to new 2-year terms expiring May, 2026 will take place at the next Annual Meeting. The current slate of candidates to be elected to 2-year terms ending in May of 2026 are:

John Kane

Jeff Nagelbush

Randy Vance

Nominations can be accepted up to and including from the floor during the annual meeting. Interested in joining the FSUEA board of directors? You can contact [Ruth-Ridderman@ferris.edu](mailto:Ruth-Ridderman@ferris.edu), or phone 231-591-2373.

The following currently serving directors' terms end in May of 2025:

Bob Carter

Chuck Drake

Doug Haneline

Tom Kirinovic

Mary Kay MacIver (filling term vacated by George Nagel)

Jane Pole



### **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](mailto: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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## Meet our 2023-24 FSU Emeriti Scholarship Awardees



### Ethan Eilar

Class year: Junior Major: Mechanical Engineering Technology  
Hometown: Wyoming, Michigan

What does scholarship support mean to you and your family?

"This scholarship support means a lot to me and my family. Receiving this scholarship has lifted a good amount of stress off of my shoulders. I don't get financial help at all from my family, so it helps me not have to work like crazy and spend all of my money on schooling. This scholarship helps because I usually work long weeks all summer just to have enough for the fall and spring semesters. I have been working full-time since I was 16 to have enough to pursue my mechanical engineering degree, and this makes it so much easier. Thank you!"

### Alexis Bray

Class year: Senior Majors: Dental Hygiene; Allied Health Science  
Hometown: Ludington, Michigan

What does scholarship support mean to you and your family?

"I know now that I am pursuing a career that I'm extremely passionate about and will do everything it takes to succeed during my final year of school and throughout my career. Every penny of this scholarship helps and I cannot thank you enough for your extremely generous gift!"

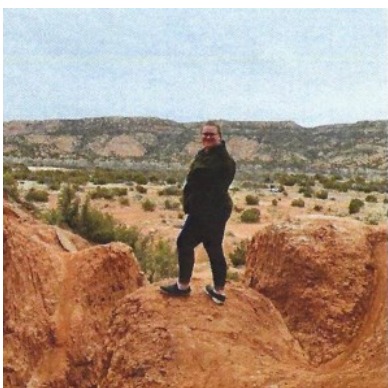


### Jessica Miller

Class year: Junior Major: Sports Communication  
Hometown: Gowen, Michigan

What does scholarship support mean to you and your family?

"Support comes in many forms and by being a recipient of this scholarship it means that other people see my potential and support me in my future endeavors as well. I am excited about this journey ahead of me knowing that the financial burden is lessened, and that is all the more rewarding. Thank you for supporting my education!"

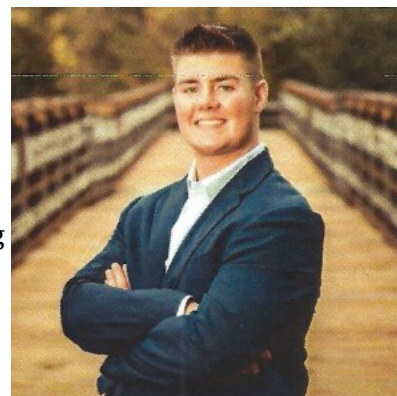


### Hunter Bartlett

Class year: Sophomore Major: Criminal Justice  
Hometown: Charlotte, Michigan

What does scholarship support mean to you and your family?

"Scholarship support means many things to me including helping with school and funding that but also helping out my family. With me not having to pay as much for college I can afford to come home more often and be able to see family and friends more often. Thank you so much for your generous support."



### Arienne Stoye (picture not available)

Class year: Senior Major: Fashion Studies  
Hometown: Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin

What does scholarship support mean to you and your family?

"As someone whose family struggles with money, scholarships and financial aid through KCAD have made it possible for me to attend college without going into too much debt. This scholarship has helped me achieve my goals as a student, and I am grateful for your support."



## Helen's Garden



Sigma Pi volunteers for Fall cleanup, 2023

Every spring and fall, the members of Sigma Pi fraternity spend time with us in Helen's Garden. In the spring, they weed, rake, pick up trash, clean up the flower beds, edge and sweep the sidewalks and trim the box-wood. In the fall, they help us pull the annuals, rake leaves, collect trash, weed and trim bushes. Their assistance has been critical to the success of the garden, and our volunteers are grateful for their enthusiastic efforts.

As we approach spring, we once again are calling out for additional volunteers to assist with the garden. From spring cleanup and planting annuals to watering and weeding, we need additional helping hands. Even a few hours here and there make a big difference. Please contact me if you have some time to join our small but dedicated group of volunteers.

## FSU UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN



Members of the Ferris family engaged in the Fall campaign to raise funds for our local United Way. The University goal was \$40,000. Way to go Emeriti -- 37 members contributed a total of \$6,475.00, 16.2% of the overall university goal. THANK YOU to all who contributed. to the 2023-24 campaign.

Below are the statistics from previous years for the Emeriti Association:

2022-2023 – 48 members contributed \$7985

2021-2022 – 47 members contributed \$6320

2020-2021 – 50 members contributed \$7930

2019-2020 – 47 members contributed \$5885

2018-2019 – 49 members contributed \$5450

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

### As of 2/16/2024

Carter, Robin – Research & Testing Analyst, Institution Research, January 5, 2024

Corriveau, Molly – Professor, Kendall College of Art & Design – Illustration, December 18, 2023

Hu, Xiao – Associate Professor, College of Business – Marketing, May 6, 2024

Kohn, Phillip – Assistant Professor, College of Business – Accountancy, Finance & Information Systems, May 6, 2024

Lyons, Margaret – Assistant Dean of Student Services, College of Pharmacy Dean's Office, January 2, 2024

Potter, Gregg – Professor, College of Pharmacy – Pharmaceutical Sciences, May 12, 2025

Rizzo, Ronald – Director of Charter Schools, Academic Affairs – Provost Office, February 29, 2024 - *revision to retirement date*

Wellman, Gregory – Professor, College of Pharmacy – Pharmaceutical Sciences, May 12, 2025

Wrubel, Daniel – Professor, Michigan College of Optometry – Dean's Office, May 6, 2024

### In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths reported since last issue

#### **Emeriti:**

11/02/2023 Dave Anderson TECH-Manufacturing  
1981-2000

11/14/2023 Deb Shaw MCO-Administration 1975-98

02/04/2024 Mike Ells CHP - EHS 1971-2004

#### **Associate Emeriti:**

10/01/2023 Alice Leister

#### **Current Faculty & Staff:**

None reported

### **Proposed Amendment to FSUEA Bylaws**

In keeping with the need to provide for flexible meeting opportunities, including the use of technology to accommodate Directors who may reside at greater distances, or be out of town at meeting times, the Board proposes the following amendment to the Bylaws. Changes are highlighted in **red font**. (and *italicized* for those reading black and white printed copies)

#### ARTICLE III - Meetings/Quorum—Section 2 Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of four (4) ***scheduled*** meetings per year. These ***scheduled meetings may be in-person and/or electronically mediated***. The president may call additional ***special-purpose*** meetings at his/her discretion or shall call a meeting upon the written ***or electronic*** request of three (3) or more Board of Directors members. ***These additional meetings may be entirely electronically mediated (email, text, or computerized)***. A quorum at ***all*** Board of Directors meetings shall be a majority of the Board of Directors members.

## Events Calendar



### Upcoming Events March 2024— August 2024

**April 1st— Board meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J, Zoom**

**May 6th— Spring Luncheon and Annual Association Business Meeting, David Eisler Center, Ballroom A, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (see Reservation Form, page 7)**

**June 3rd— Board meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J, Zoom**

**August 5th— Board meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J, Zoom**

**August 14th— Summer Picnic, Northend Park Pavilion. 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Bring table service and a dish to pass. No reservations necessary.**

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

### **FSUEA Board** **2023-2024**

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#### **Officers**

President	Bob Carter
Vice-President	Terri Cook
Secretary	Jeff Nagelbush
Treasurer	Randy Vance
Past President	Doug Haneline

#### **Committee Chairs and Directors**

Newsletter Editor	Randy Vance
Membership	John Kane
Social Media Coordinator	MaryKay MacIver
Publicity	Ruth Ridderman
Service	Chuck Drake
Events	Jane Pole
Fundraising Committee	Bob Carter
Director	Jerena Keys
Director	Tom Kirinovic

## Scholarship Endowment Update

As of February 5, 2024, the Book Value of our endowment was \$186,657.00. As of March 31, 2023, the Market Value was \$219,256.43. All of you who have contributed to this fund deserve a “pat on the back” award. Once again, we have granted 5 undergraduate awards to students in each of the 5 undergraduate Colleges here at Ferris. This year each award was \$1,556.80. Information about these students can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Since there are currently no matching funds available, we will not be conducting a “bucket campaign” this year. Each of you may donate to this fund at any time during the year, so please consider giving to this endowment. Thank you.

Bob Carter,  
FSUEA President  
FSUEA Fundraising Committee Chair



## **EMERITI SPRING LUNCHEON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024 Reservation Form**

The Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting will take place on Monday, May 6th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at David Eisler Center, Ballroom A, FSU campus. The cost is \$25.00 per person. **Reservations and checks due not later than April 29th.**

***PLEASE complete and return with your check***

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

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

Please make checks payable to **Ferris State University** with **FSUEA Luncheon** in the memo line. Mail check and reservation form to arrive by **April 29, 2024** to:

**The Emeriti Office  
PRK 101  
420 Oak Street  
Big Rapids, MI 49307**

Questions? Ruth Ridderman 231-591-2373 [ruthridderman@ferris.edu](mailto:ruthridderman@ferris.edu)

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