

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## EMERITI ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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### President's Post



Katke Golf Course in winter

I am writing this post in early October, so I have no idea how the November, 2024 election has turned out. I have strong feelings about this election and the future of our country, but I will not expound upon them in this post. We have made several changes to our Constitution and Bylaws in the past 3 years, and hopefully the resulting language of these documents is now on our website. You can read them at your leisure.

This past February, we instituted a Festival of the Arts ride share program for our members who do not drive. We only had three volunteer drivers sign up, and we did not have a single request for a ride as a result of this program. Oh, well. We made the effort to help some of our members who might not

otherwise be able to attend some of the evening events. We will make a decision in the near future about whether to attempt this program again next year.

In August, at the urging of BOT member Michael Ryan and with the cooperation of UA&M VP Kathy Mullins, a program aimed at making FSUEA members aware of volunteer opportunities at FSU was implemented prior to the beginning of fall semester. I believe this on-going program was and is a success. Many of our members heeded the call and filled the advertised volunteer positions. These activities range from providing directions to incoming students and their families at move-in day to mentoring student athletes as they pursue their college careers. This program provides another way, besides financial, for our members to give back to the University. Monitor your email for notifications of upcoming volunteer opportunities.

This past summer, we instituted our first Grand Rapids Emeriti event. Doug Haneline, Jane Pole, and Ruth Ridderman made the event come to life. It was a tour of the Japanese Gar-

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den at Meijer Gardens followed by lunch at the Meijer Garden cafe. I believe 15 emeriti participated, most of whom drove down from Big Rapids. We are currently planning to have another GR event next year. We are always seeking suggestions about activities that our members would be interested in, so contact us any time if you wish to suggest an activity.

Bob Carter, FSUEA President

### Scholarship Endowment Update

The Emeriti endowment fund currently has a book value of \$191,007.00 as of October 3, 2024 and a market value of \$234,424.74 as of December 31, 2023.

This academic year (2024-25), we once again gave out scholarship awards to one student in each of the five undergraduate Colleges at FSU. These awards averaged approximately \$1600. The amount of each award was determined by the Financial Aid Office and takes into account the individual financial need of each student. The individuals receiving the awards this year were:

Aaleah Brubaker, College of Arts, Sciences and Education

Daisy Englund, College of Health Professions

Cassandra Koops, Kendall College of Art & Design

Denvy McCord, College of Engineering Technology

Tara Seth, College of Business

### **FSU email password standards have changed...**

To increase security, passwords must now be at least 16 characters long. If you did not change your password to meet new requirements, you cannot access your FSU email account.

Help for password reset can be found at

<https://www.ferris.edu/it/howto/passwordhelp.htm>



### 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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## Helen's Garden

Helen's Garden is resting for the season. We do need more volunteers to help with Spring cleanup, and watering and weeding during the growing season. Just a few hours a month would make a difference. Please contact MaryKay MacIver at [MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu](mailto:MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu) for more information.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Bulldog Athletics has started the **Bulldog Athletic Teacher Excellence Program** and is looking for volunteers. They are looking for retired educators to assist our student-athletes in the academic journey via weekly meetings to help with time management skills, deliver progress reports and notify coaches of potential risks. The time commitment would be 2-5 hours per week throughout the academic year. Free tickets and Ferris State Athletics merchandise will be available for volunteers. Contact Sara Higley at [SaraHigley@ferris.edu](mailto:SaraHigley@ferris.edu) or Justin Jackson at [JustinJackson@ferris.edu](mailto:JustinJackson@ferris.edu) with any questions or to sign up.

## **FSU UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN**

By press time, you should have received an invitation in the mail to participate with all members of the Ferris family in a campaign to raise funds for our local United Way. The University goal is \$40,000. Below are the statistics from previous years for the Emeriti Association:

2023-2024 – 37 members contributed \$6575

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



Way to go Emeriti -- THANK YOU to all who contributed. To have your donation counted toward the University goal in the 2024 campaign, make a check payable to the Mecosta-Osceola Area United Way, and send to:

Emeriti Office  
c/o Ruth Ridderman  
420 Oak Street – PRK-101  
Big Rapids, MI 49307

The Ferris Campaign is scheduled to end November 19, 2024, so if you haven't already, mail your check now.

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

**As of 10/28/2024**

DeForest, Lori - Coord Fin Aid & Stu Bus Svcs, KCAD Student Services, June 5, 2024

Hu, Xiao - Associate Professor, Marketing, May 6, 2024

Kohn, Phillip - Assistant Professor, Accountancy, Finance, and Information Systems, May 6, 2024

Lamontagne, Linda - Account Specialist, College of Engineering Technology, April 26, 2024

McLean, Shannon - Secretary Level 3, Optometry Deans Office, July 5, 2024

Metcalf, Sharon - Health Center Assistant, Birkam Health Center, June 14, 2024

Moore, Katy - Secretary Level 2, School of Engineering and Computing Technology, July 5, 2024

Ottobre, Karen - College of Pharm-Admin Spec, College of Pharmacy, July 31, 2024

Rushford, Paula - Dir of Advancement Services, Advancement Services, April 16, 2024

Smith, Tina - Secretary Level 2, Management, August 7, 2024

Vonder Haar, Christine - Professor, Languages and Literature, May 6, 2024

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

#### **Emeriti:**

Rose Ann Swartz – August 11, 2024

Edward Schurr – August 19, 2024

Hubert (Tony) Albachten – September 1, 2024

John (Dave) David Henry – September 2, 2024

John Alexander – date unavailable

Richard Santer – September 21, 2024

Ian Mathison – September 26, 2024

Betty Sams – September 29, 2024

Phillip Middleton – October 8, 2024

#### **Associate Emeriti:**

None reported

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

None reported

# Events Calendar



## Upcoming Events: December 2024 — February 2025

December 2nd — Board meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J, Zoom

December 11th — Holiday Brunch, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., Eisler Center Ballroom, FSU Campus, park in Lot 3A off Campus Drive, east of the building. See Reservation form on page 6.

February 3rd — 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.

## FSUEA Board

### 2024-2025

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#### Officers

President	Bob Carter
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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



**EMERITI HOLIDAY BRUNCH  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024  
Reservation Form**

The Holiday Brunch will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Eisler Center Ballroom A, on campus. The cost is \$20.00 per person. **Reservations and checks due not later than December 2nd.**

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

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

	Number participating	Total cost
Brunch fee (\$20.00 per person)		
<b>Total amount enclosed</b>		

Please make checks payable to **Ferris State University** with **FSUEA Brunch** in the memo line. Mail check and reservation form to arrive by **December 2, 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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