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**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

The Ferris Foundation is invested and involved in making Ferris State University the best it can be and providing extraordinary opportunities for its students. It is our privilege and responsibility to do so, and we are sincerely thankful for the generosity of donors who have partnered with us in this effort.

The foundation is the cornerstone for every facet of Ferris State’s mission to prepare students for successful careers, responsible citizenship and lifelong learning. We are driven to put imagination into action.

Your support makes possible scholarships for deserving students who might not otherwise be able to continue their education at Ferris. That spirit of giving creates opportunities for faculty and staff to fuel enhanced learning experiences.

On the following pages, you’ll read about the dedicated people awarded Exceptional Merit Grants for their trailblazing educational initiatives, such as electric vehicle technology and urban heat island assessment. Grants also helped expand the Michigan College of Optometry’s “Students in Need of Eyecare” program, which allows Optometry majors to conduct eye examinations for at-risk youth.

You’ll also meet the students whose lives were positively influenced by the Ferris Foundation’s Opportunity Endowed Scholarship. The genuine smiles on their faces are enough to put one on your own.

We hope you enjoy reading about the significant impact that donor support has on the Ferris campus and in the community. Every dollar makes a difference.

As we reflect on the successes of the past year and look forward to the next, we know we have an ambitious path ahead. The Ferris Foundation board recently approved a three-year strategic plan that will focus on reducing student debt and increasing access and opportunity for hundreds of students. We want to help Ferris be the preferred choice for students who seek a specialized, innovative, career- and life-enhancing education as well as the premier education partner for government, industry, business and communities.

We are optimistic we can do that with your continued support. Please accept the board’s heartfelt thanks for helping us to create opportunities for students through your generous donations. We also would like to thank those who supported Ferris State by attending or sponsoring The Ferris Foundation for Excellence Benefit on Oct. 24 at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. A special thank you goes to Wolverine Power Cooperative as presenting sponsor for the event, which showcases ways the university is impacting lives and strengthening Michigan’s future through education and outreach.

Your commitment to Ferris and its students is a rewarding return on your investment. Let’s continue to Imagine More!

Howard C. Stross (B ’69)
Chair, The Ferris Foundation Board of Directors

**MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

All hands are on deck, and I want to thank those of you who have made financial and in-kind gifts to The Ferris Foundation. Your generosity and continued support assure a promising future for Ferris State University students, and we are so very appreciative.

The foundation’s board of directors is made up of extraordinary philanthropic leaders with a sincere passion for Ferris State. They are working diligently to make a difference.

We welcomed several new directors this year — John Collins Jr., Kurt Hofman, Dr. Barbara Horn, Robert LaLonde and Dennis Nickels — who bring a vast array of talents to the table. This board really cares about the students of Ferris State and supports President Eisler and his direction for the university.

I am inspired by the support of our deans, faculty and staff, including the University Advancement and Marketing team, which works dutifully to support the foundation’s work.

As Chairman Stross said, “we have an ambitious path ahead.” With approval of its new strategic plan, The Ferris Foundation has positioned itself to power the university’s mission and sustain its excellence. We can do it with your continued support.

Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for caring. I have never been more proud.

Carla Miller
Executive Director, The Ferris Foundation
For the past several months, the Ferris community has watched as the heart of our Big Rapids campus has undergone a major transformation. The opening of our renovated University Center in the beginning of January will be accompanied by changes in roadways and sidewalks designed to make campus more accessible to our students, faculty members, staff members and visitors.

The growth of our university has presented us with the challenge of providing the best possible resources for the 14,600 students we serve. As our history has shown again and again, every challenge we face also presents us with a new opportunity. During that very first academic year of 1884-85, Woodbridge Ferris moved his school from one temporary downtown location to another in order to accommodate an influx of students. One hundred and thirty years later, we are still changing to meet the needs of our students.

Our students. That phrase is stressed in each and every focus area of our new strategic plan, which was created this past year with input from a wide range of university stakeholders. We held Commission for the Future meetings in Big Rapids, Grand Rapids and Lansing to listen to students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the university. The feedback from these sessions reaffirmed the importance of the Ferris core values of Collaboration, Diversity, Ethical Community, Excellence, Learning and Opportunity. Above all, Opportunity was the value that participants identified as being more relevant than ever.

That's because the door to a college degree is open to many, but keeping it open is now harder than ever. Declines in public funding, increased competition for scholarships, the cost of technology and rising student loan rates are just some of the factors that have combined to drive up student debt.

Reducing that debt is a priority of our university, and for me. We want graduates from Ferris State University to enter the workforce without being burdened by the cost of their degrees. Our goal is simple, yet profound. We seek not simply to limit the rapid rise of student debt, but instead to reduce it for each and every student who attends our university. I see a future where Ferris will be a national leader in reducing student debt. After all, it really is about our students.

We are already hard at work creating meaningful change. During the next few weeks and months, expect to hear more about our plans to combat student debt and how you can help in that effort. We cannot do this alone. We need you to help our students. Together we can, and we will succeed.

If you have helped our students by contributing to Ferris State University through our foundation, I want to thank you. The foundation and its board of directors are working hard to help positively shape the future for Ferris students. Through its careful stewardship, The Ferris Foundation helps assure that the generosity of our donors achieves its maximum impact.

Thank you for taking the time to see the ways in which The Ferris Foundation and our donors are making a difference for our students.

David L. Eisler
President, Ferris State University
Ferris State University Automotive majors will gain working knowledge of electric vehicles and battery technology that will give them an edge in the future job market.

Optometry students will learn techniques involved in pediatric eye examinations and get hands-on training to help patients in need of vision rehabilitation.

Ferris students in a variety of disciplines will benefit from innovative research opportunities, thanks to $44,500 awarded by The Ferris Foundation to faculty and staff members to pursue initiatives that have significant educational and outreach potential.

“The Ferris Foundation Merit Grants provide crucial and often foundational support for trailblazing initiatives that are creating positive and lasting change for Ferris State University students and community members in Michigan and around the nation,” said Carla Miller, the foundation’s executive director. “Every year, the foundation’s Gifts and Grants Committee looks forward to seeing more new and fresh ideas to fund.”

Recipients for the 2014-15 academic year received funds for initiatives designed to advance student learning and faculty engagement. They are:

**Patrick English, associate professor**
**College of Engineering Technology**
**Vehicle Battery Technology**

Students will get hands-on experience with battery cells, packs and testing equipment, and also get to explore what types of batteries make up the hybrid electric, extended-range electric and full electric vehicle battery packs. Graduates with a good working knowledge of electric vehicles and battery technology will have the edge in the future job market.

“The first generation of a new wave of electric vehicles has started. The battery is the stumbling block to vehicle range improvements. This will concentrate the focus of future efforts for improvements on the battery itself,” English said in his proposal. “This project is the beginning of a larger project intended to bring advanced battery testing to Ferris.”

**Sarah Hinkley, associate professor and chief of Vision Rehabilitation Services**
**Michigan College of Optometry**
**Students in Need of Eyecare, Interprofessional Collaboration in Vision Rehabilitation for Student Education and Patient Care**

Hinkley received grants for two proposals. The first project expands the Michigan College of Optometry’s “Students in Need of Eyecare” program into the community, teaching optometry students the techniques involved in pediatric exams as well as providing opportunities for clinical research and community service.

“Schools provide routine vision screenings through the public health department, yet teachers and school staff have identified that a need still exists for identifying at-risk children and ensuring that they actually receive eye examinations and glasses,” Hinkley noted in her proposal.
Since the program was initiated last year, MCO has been approached by many area schools wishing to participate in the program, she said.

The second grant will help fund her proposal to expose students and patients to the value of an interprofessional approach to vision rehabilitation through a partnership with the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Grand Rapids.

“This hands-on career training is essential to student success as a practicing optometrist, particularly if they have an interest in vision rehabilitation as part of their practices,” Hinkley wrote in her proposal. “The partnership is unique, making MCO one of the only optometry schools in the country to use a team-based approach within its own clinical services. Our students will leave their clinical training in vision rehabilitation ready to care for patients with vision loss in the most innovative and effective way.”

Jennifer Johnson, professor
College of Arts and Sciences
Assessing the Urban Heat Island of Big Rapids

Johnson, a 2014 Distinguished Teacher of the Year recipient, was awarded an Exceptional Merit Grant to study the urban heat island effect in Big Rapids. The grant was used to purchase sensor equipment that will be installed in and around the community.

“The urban heat island, characterized by elevated temperature in developed areas, is a pressing issue for many industries,” noted Johnson. The grant project will yield information useful across disciplines.

“Students in architecture, construction management, energy systems and HVAC, for example, must all take into account building design and energy efficiency when planning projects. Buildings located in urban areas will experience greater heat load in the summer,” her proposal stated.

Cameron Shoemaker, one of Johnson’s students, received a Student Research Fellowship to study last summer with Johnson. The field experience will help him compete for a research assistantship that could pay for his graduate education in geography.

Lisa Salvati, associate professor
College of Pharmacy
Medication Therapy Management Sub-Contracting Service

Salvati is using her Merit Grant award to pilot a Medication Therapy Management sub-contracting service through Ferris’ Pharmacy Care Clinic, which will create opportunities for students to interact directly with patients and health care providers and to gain management experience. It will be piloted as a business, potentially generating revenue for the college and creating a model program for other community pharmacies.

“MTM services allow the pharmacist to become intimately involved in the patient’s plan of care … to help the patient achieve very measurable outcomes to improve overall health

Since 2001, The Ferris Foundation has awarded more than $400,000 in Exceptional Merit Grants to support a variety of innovative and collaborative projects.

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and well-being,” Salvati said in her grant proposal. “Pharmacy students, under the guidance of pharmacy faculty and preceptors, will conduct patient interviews, gathering medication histories and medication adherence rates, as well as reviewing for any barriers that prevent the patient from achieving optimal outcomes.”

Susan Wancour, assistant professor
Denise Byrnes, clinical instructor
College of Health Professions
*Intraoral Digital Dental Camera*

Wancour and Byrnes are using their award to bring state-of-the-art digital intraoral camera equipment to Ferris State’s Dental Hygiene students.

The IOC allows practitioners a real-time view of oral conditions and makes storage and transmission of data faster for consultations, predeterminations and referrals. Digital photography also reduces patients’ exposure to germs and is more comfortable for patients than an endoscope. These benefits have created a demand for graduates with IOC training in the job market.

“The dental hygiene profession is committed to delivering the highest quality of care to each of its patients and applying advancements in technology and science to continually improve the oral health status of the population,” wrote Wancour in her proposal. “This project demonstrates exceptional merit in advancing the mission of Ferris State University and the dental hygiene profession by providing innovative learning opportunities through advanced IOC technology.”

Mary Beth Zimmer, associate professor
College of Arts and Sciences
*Research experience for students*

Zimmer received a partial award to help support a research experience for several students and present results on the effect of spinal cord injury on learning and memory. Jacqueline Tieu, one of Zimmer’s students, received a Student Research Fellowship to study with her last summer.

Research experience such as this opens doors for students after graduation, Zimmer noted. “Some of our students gain the knowledge from classes that allow them to enter professional schools, such as medical school, optometry school, dental school, etc. However, many of these top professional schools also require or strongly recommend that the students have some research experience,” Zimmer wrote in her grant proposal. “Research experiences allow our students to really understand what the scientific process is about. They allow the student to work on a specific question, run experiments without knowing what the outcome will be, gather data, critically analyze and interpret the data, and draw conclusions based on their experiments in relationship to other studies in the field.”

Grant recipients are chosen by The Ferris Foundation’s Gifts and Grants Committee, which is made up of foundation directors, faculty and staff members. Up to $7,500 per project is available to support pilot programs, purchase equipment dedicated to program objectives, match grant expenses, fund research with students and other endeavors.
MAKE AN IMPACT

Your gift to The Ferris Foundation will fund scholarships and initiatives that advance the university’s mission to prepare students for successful careers, responsible citizenship and lifelong learning.

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“Education is the foundation to making dreams come true.”

Amanda Jensen used these words to conclude her application for The Ferris Foundation’s Opportunity Endowed Scholarship. “Teachers have the opportunity every day to change lives. My hope is that I can influence children in a meaningful way and develop a love for learning,” wrote Jensen, who will realize her own dream of becoming a teacher when she graduates in December with a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education.

“Ferris State has had a significant influence on my teaching philosophy .... The professors demonstrate that teaching is so much more than curriculum. They show us how to nurture and adapt for all children,” she continued. “Teachers invest in students’ success. This models how I want to run my classroom and make students feel.”

Difficult circumstances at home forced the Richmond, Ind., native to fight alone for her education, and she has struggled each semester to pay for tuition. Despite that, she has persevered, worked hard and remained optimistic, and is appreciative for the financial support the Opportunity Scholarship afforded her.

“I am so thankful and elated to be a recipient of The Ferris Foundation’s Opportunity Scholarship,” Jensen said. “Thank you again for your confidence in my abilities and placing an emphasis on higher education.”

The generosity of contributors allows the Foundation for Excellence Fund to provide opportunities for essential financial assistance to outstanding students. Students who received Opportunity Endowed Scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year shared what the gift means to them.

Read their messages on pages 11 through 13.

Recipients of the 2014 Opportunity Endowed Scholarship were recognized on stage by President David Eisler at The Ferris Foundation for Excellence Benefit on Oct. 24.
Jessica Cauffman
Hometown: South Bend, Ind.
Major: Information Security and Intelligence
Expected graduation: Spring 2018
Career goal: Jessica is interested in computer forensics in the banking industry or for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
What does receiving this scholarship mean to you?
“This scholarship means a lot to me. Not only did it help me with the financial part of college, but it helped me realize that hard work and determination pay off.”

Joelle Daniels-Pettway
Hometown: Detroit, Mich.
Major: Healthcare Systems Administration
Expected graduation: Fall 2015
Career goal: After she graduates from Ferris, Joelle would like to attend graduate school and eventually get a job managing physician offices. She has a strong interest in the management of dermatology clinics.
What does receiving this scholarship mean to you?
“I never thought I would attend a university because of the cost, but I’m here. I need to continue to obtain funding from scholarships, Pell grants, loans and a job if I wish to continue to educate myself on a university level. The Ferris Foundation helps me keep my goals alive. By granting me this scholarship, The Ferris Foundation has helped ensure the future of one individual, who will ultimately better the future of thousands. This generosity will help me to achieve my dreams.”

Bailey Darwin
Hometown: Chelsea, Mich.
Major: Graphic Design
Expected graduation: Spring 2017
Career goal: Bailey eventually would like to be the head graphic designer at a major design firm or to establish a graphic design business of her own.
What does this scholarship mean to you?
“Receiving this scholarship means more to me than words can describe. This scholarship will help me reach my goals, because it will help pay for my education. Getting a degree in graphic design from Ferris State University is huge, because the program here is the best one in the Midwest. With an education from Ferris, I will be able to get the job that I have always dreamed of. Without this scholarship, I would not be able to get there.”

Taylor Eaton
Major: Clinical Laboratory Science
Expected graduation: Spring 2016
Career goal: Taylor hopes to gain experience working in a hospital laboratory after graduation and later return to school to become a physician assistant.
What does this scholarship mean to you?
“A LOT! This scholarship showed me that even though it’s hard to get through college being the first person in your family to go, there is help available out there. It shows me that there are people who want to see me do well and succeed.”
Roberto Guevara

Hometown: Baroda, Mich.
Major: Welding Engineering Technology
Expected graduation: Roberto hopes to earn his bachelor’s degree in four years.
Career goal: To become a working professional.
What does this scholarship mean to you?
“It means a lot, because it has given me the opportunity to continue my education.”

Cesar Iniguez

Hometown: Sturgis, Mich.
Major: Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology
Expected graduation: Spring 2017
Career goal: Cesar would like to be a project engineer and “maybe someday have my own business in the HVAC industry.”
What does this scholarship mean to you?
“(The scholarship) will help me accomplish my goal, which is to finish my degree and become a productive member of society. The honor of being a recipient of the Foundation scholarship gets me a step further toward my dream of becoming the professional I want to be and, therefore, be able to provide for the people I love.”

Zenarra James

Major: Undecided
Expected graduation: Spring 2018
Career goal: Zenarra is leaning toward a career in communications.
What does this scholarship mean to you?
“(Receiving this scholarship, to me, means that others see my potential and care enough to invest in my future. When I learned that I would be receiving this scholarship, I was so proud of myself. Opportunities like this drive me to finish as strongly as I started, academically. Earning this scholarship tells me to dream bigger and keep going because people believe in me, which confirms my belief in myself.”

Amanda Jensen

Hometown: Richmond, Ind.
Major: Elementary Education
Expected graduation: Fall 2014
Career goal: Amanda’s short-term professional goal is to obtain a teaching position. She also has aspirations to pursue a master’s degree in special education, with a concentration in cognitive impairment.
“Receiving this scholarship and being recognized for my accomplishments demonstrates to me that someone is invested in my future. It is reassuring that other people are able to help support students in their education. Scholarships are instrumental in helping students to finance their education and to achieve their higher goals. I have an immense respect for these donors and appreciate their financial support to help make my educational endeavors become a reality.”
Ja’Waun Ra’Mone Kenney
Hometown: Detroit, Mich.
Major: Criminal Justice
Expected graduation: Fall 2014
Career goal: Ja’Waun plans to work with at-risk youth in impoverished communities.

What does this scholarship mean to you?
“This scholarship gives me the opportunity to show kids in my community that it is possible to be from a decayed city, African-American, from a single-parent home and still be successful. The hard work and effort put forth in your education will pay off if you stick to your goals, and this scholarship is an example of just that.”

Beth Sweney
Hometown: Perrysburg, Ohio
Major: Biology
Expected graduation: Spring 2016
Career goal: After completing a master’s degree in Physician Assistant Studies, Beth plans to work as a physician assistant focused on the needs of those living in medically underserved communities in Michigan.

What does this scholarship mean to you?
“This scholarship means so much more than receiving financial assistance. It means that I’m finally hearing ‘Yes! You can do this! We believe in you so much that we will help you get there!’ Instead of putting more road blocks up, The Ferris Foundation is helping me knock them down. Receiving this scholarship means that I’m no longer being told that I can’t succeed academically as a single mom or that I should find a man to take care of my family instead of trying to provide. Thanks to The Ferris Foundation Opportunity Scholarship and my support group, my faith in my abilities has grown tremendously. This scholarship reinforces that I am on the right path, and I will succeed despite any future obstacles.”

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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$1.5 MILLION ‘BE A PLAYMAKER’ CAMPAIGN WILL HELP POWER BULLDOG HOCKEY PROGRAM

“Be a Playmaker,” one of Ferris State University’s largest athletics-related fundraising campaigns, will ensure the continued success of Bulldog Hockey in NCAA Division I. The $1.5 million endowment campaign already has raised more than $882,000 in private support to help sustain the program’s elite status.

The campaign is off to a strong start, thanks in part to a lead gift from Bulldog Hockey legend Chris Kunitz (’03), now an NHL All-Star with the Pittsburgh Penguins. The two-time Stanley Cup champion and Olympic Gold Medalist and his wife, Maureen, also a Ferris State graduate, remain strong supporters of the university and Bulldog Hockey.

“Be a Playmaker” will raise funds to provide resources for recruiting, team travel, strength training and conditioning, and performance technology along with facility upgrades that will allow the Bulldog Hockey program to compete at the highest level.

“I’m proud to be an alum of the Bulldog Hockey program and excited to be part of this steering committee helping to secure the future for Ferris State,” Kunitz said. “Our gift will help both current and future student-athletes and the Bulldog Hockey program continue to leave a big impression in the college hockey world, and I encourage others to help support this great cause.”

Kunitz is joined by a number of familiar faces on the “Be a Playmaker” steering committee, including chair Chris Bowers (’78), Gary Cousino (’73), Lyle Nagle (’76) and Zach Redmond (’11), a member of the NHL’s Colorado Avalanche. Former head coach Rick Duffett, who was the school’s first Division I coach, is serving as co-vice chair along with Kunitz. Former Ferris State University President and hockey program founder Robert Ewigleben is part of the steering committee, which also includes past player-parent Dick Redmond and Board of Trustees vice chair Sueann Walz.

“Our goals and aspirations are aggressive, but we can’t do it alone, and the support of Bulldog Nation will provide necessary resources to support our effort to remain among the top teams in the country on a daily basis,” said head coach Bob Daniels, a two-time NCAA Division I National Coach of the Year who has embarked on his 23rd season at the Bulldog helm this year. “The ongoing support of our donors will help ensure a first-class experience for our student-athletes while they earn their degrees and compete at the highest level of collegiate athletics.”

The Bulldog men’s hockey program has been a treasured part of the university and West Michigan for more than 40 years, bringing national attention to Ferris State on numerous occasions.

The program produced 24 NHL draft picks during its formative years from 1982 to 1999. Bulldog Hockey alumni in the NHL include such past standouts as Rob Collins, John Gruden, Dave Karpa, Greg Rallo, Chad Billins and Andy Roach, along with Kunitz.

Since those early years, the Bulldogs have continued their remarkable journey and ranked among the nation’s best over the past decade, producing their top seasonal performances at the NCAA Division I level, a trio of league regular-season championships, three NCAA Division I regional championship trips, an NCAA Frozen Four Championship berth, three Hobey Baker Award finalists and multiple American Hockey Coaches Association awards since 2003.

The program’s success hasn’t stopped on the ice. The Bulldogs also have ranked among the nation’s 10 best teams in the classroom, and the program annually contributes to a wide range of worthwhile charitable and community service projects as a way of giving back to its faithful fans, who often fill Ewigleben Ice Arena to produce one of the top home-ice advantages in the country.

Throughout the program’s rich history, student-athletes have continually taken their game to the next level, and last season the hockey program joined the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, an opportunity that calls upon Bulldog student-athletes, along with fans and supporters, to continue to be at the top of their game.
MAKE A PLAY

Bulldog Hockey needs teamwork to remain competitive in NCAA Division I. Please contact Athletics Advancement officer William Goode at (231) 591-3818 or williamgoode@ferris.edu.

For more information on the “Be a Playmaker” campaign, visit ferrisstatebulldogs.com/development/playmaker.

Former Bulldog Hockey player Chris Kunitz, now an NHL All-Star with the Pittsburgh Penguins, and his wife, Maureen, also a Ferris graduate, made a lead gift to support the “Be A Playmaker” campaign. They are the parents of Payton, Zachary and Aubrey.
Ethan Axtmann grew up in a playland of tall grasses and towering trees, where otters played in the creek and deer created a maze of paths to explore each morning. Today, it is a haven of educational opportunities for Ferris State University students.

Axtmann and his sister, Aleta Hursh, chose to honor their late parents by gifting the family’s 92-acre pristine property near Horsehead Lake in Martiny Township to Ferris. Now known as the Harold and Pauline Axtmann Family Nature Preserve, the land will be utilized for academic work by students majoring in such fields as surveying or the biological sciences.

“It’s a beautiful property — a sanctuary for birds and other wildlife, and there are many vegetation types,” Axtmann said. “I’m very happy that Ferris is taking over its preservation and that it will benefit students.”
Ferris State University alumnus, United States Navy veteran and community advocate Otto Kamptner, who passed away Jan. 2, 2014 at the age of 84, was passionate about safety and education. His wife of 36 years, Elaine, has created a scholarship endowment in his name that embodies the values he lived.

Otto was an avid volunteer in the Big Rapids community. He helped start the Big Rapids Little League program and coached young baseball players for 20 years. He also served on the Big Rapids Public Schools Board of Education from 1968 to 1976, joined the Mecosta County Sheriff’s Posse from 1968 to 1994 and was a member of the Big Rapids Jaycees and VFW Post No. 4102.

His spirit of volunteerism and dedication to education will have a lasting impact on Ferris students through the Otto Kamptner Memorial Scholarship Endowment, which provides financial assistance to Criminal Justice majors.

“When he was in college, he worked seven part-time jobs, cared for his family, transported a disabled friend to classes and carried a full class load,” Elaine said. “He very much appreciated the GI Bill. There was no scholarship assistance then, so it was a struggle. When he was younger, he wanted to be an attorney but couldn’t afford the additional cost of law school. He always had a passion for the law.”

That’s why she chose to honor him through a scholarship endowment that will help Ferris students seeking a career in law enforcement better afford a college education.

“He would be pleased that we are adding Ferris women and men to ‘the good guys’ — he was one of the good guys,” said Elaine, who often assisted Otto at the various safety classes he taught, including boater, hunter, marine, ORV and snowmobile. “He was passionate about safety and teaching young people. He loved to teach others.”

His volunteer safety instruction through the Mecosta County Sheriff’s Department continued until December 2013.

Elaine also is a Ferris alumnus along with their son, Joshua, and several other family members; a great-grandson is a current Ferris student. The couple have given to Ferris over the years and are members of the Old Main and Abigail Smith Timme donor societies.

“We believe strongly in education,” Elaine said of why giving to their alma mater was important to the Kamptners. “Ferris State University has done so very much for me.”

Elaine, who joined Ferris in 1985, serves the university as executive assistant to President David Eisler. She also chairs the university’s Pride Committee.

Creating the scholarship endowment to benefit students is a way for her to honor her husband, Elaine said, noting such a memorial is available to people who may not think it is a viable option.

“You don’t have to have a lot of money to honor the memory of someone you love,” said Elaine, who expressed appreciation for the many donations made to the scholarship endowment by individuals and businesses.

The Otto Kamptner Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to a full-time undergraduate student.

“It is so fitting that Elaine decided to continue to support both the profession Otto so proudly served and the university that she serves so endearingly by providing means for a student to continue their studies at Ferris,” said Steven Reifert, interim dean of the College of Education and Human Services. “This scholarship helps by allowing students to continue to study at Ferris and to work toward their dreams of serving the criminal justice profession, as Otto did.”
I teach

what's your superpower?
Jean Elder has been a high-profile advocate of children and families, the elderly and disabled, and under-served populations. During her 40-year career, she’s worked to improve people’s lives through public policies and philanthropy. Her most recent philanthropic effort will help Ferris State University students seeking a career in pharmacy.

Elder created an endowment fund to provide scholarships to students working toward a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. The Jean K. Elder Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment will be awarded annually to a full-time student based on financial need.

Elder, whose professional experience includes service in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan’s Department of Education and Department of Community Health, was awarded an honorary doctorate from Ferris in 2009. She was tapped to join The Ferris Foundation Board of Directors in 2010.

“Having served three-plus years on the foundation board, it’s become very apparent that most Ferris students need scholarship help,” said Elder, who chairs the foundation’s Strategic Planning Task Force. “Clearly, we want Ferris State University to continue to attract and retain students of high academic skill and personal merit. I established the scholarship to do just that: attract and assist deserving students in the College of Pharmacy.”

Elder has deep Michigan roots, from earning three degrees from the University of Michigan — culminating in a Ph.D. in education and psychology — and serving on faculty at various Michigan universities prior to her appointment by President Ronald Reagan as commissioner and assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

She returned to Michigan from Washington, D.C. in 1990, and served five years as deputy director of the state’s department of community health. Since 1995, she has held senior management positions for the Council and Accreditation for Children and Family Services in New York, and Maximus Inc. in Reston, Va.

In 2006, she established J.K. Elder & Associates in Ann Arbor, Mich. While that work keeps her busy, Elder is passionate about her position with The Ferris Foundation.

“We know that private support has become a critically important part of the equation leading to excellence at any university,” said Elder, whose daughter-in-law, Jodie, is an associate professor in the College of Pharmacy. “The scholarship endowment is a wonderful legacy as it advances the mission of The Ferris Foundation.”

More than half of all pharmacists practicing in Michigan are Ferris graduates. They are employed in every type of pharmacy practice and at every level of the pharmaceutical sciences.

“The investment in a pharmacy student also brings with it the added benefit for society, providing a medication expert for a society that is becoming increasingly dependent on medications and their beneficial effects in controlling or reversing disease,” said Stephen Durst, dean of the College of Pharmacy. “The fact that Dr. Elder is not an alumna of the college makes her commitment even more meaningful.”

The endowed scholarship will reduce the burden of educational loans and allow for heightened focus on studies and the development of practice skills, Durst said.

“Most importantly, it demonstrates to the recipient that they are not alone in their ‘pharmacy journey’,” he said. “There are individuals eager to support them in their pursuit of a career in pharmacy.”
Joseph and Linda Mikols want to support opportunities for generations of students who choose Ferris State University. That’s why the former Ferris professor and his wife created the Joseph S. Mikols Scholarship and Welding Program Laboratory Equipment Endowment Fund through their estate to provide scholarships to students majoring in Welding Engineering Technology as well as to purchase needed equipment.

“We are both proud of the FSU mission, and we want to do our small part in preserving the quality of the experience our students receive and to demonstrate that we have faith in the future of the FSU Welding Engineering Technology program,” Joseph Mikols said of the nationally recognized program housed in the College of Engineering Technology’s School of Design and Manufacturing.

“After spending 35 years as a welding engineer and then as a welding engineering educator, I wanted to do something to demonstrate my commitment to helping students develop skills that will position them for optimal industry employment,” continued Mikols, an emeritus member of The Ferris Foundation Board of Directors. “Serving on the Welding Engineering Technology faculty gave me an appreciation for the excellent education and training our students receive; the quality of the faculty is world-class. Evidence of that can be seen in the top-level jobs our students secure upon graduation and the growth and advancement they subsequently achieve in the industry.”

His service on The Ferris Foundation board made Mikols more aware of “how an endowment can help bridge funding gaps during cyclical variances in income as well as provide startup money to launch new initiatives or expand existing ones.

“We felt the endowment was simply the best way to ensure the long-term continuation of a very successful program,” Mikols said.

“Anything we can do to alleviate the financial stress on students assures that students gain the full benefit of their education.”

– Joseph Mikols

The scholarship will be awarded to a sophomore, junior or senior undergraduate student majoring in Welding Engineering Technology. The program is the largest of its kind in the United States.

“One of our main motivations to fund scholarships through this endowment is so that students can reduce the level of debt they accumulate upon graduation,” said Mikols, an associate professor of Welding Engineering Technology from 1986 until his retirement in 2000. “When I served on the foundation board’s Gifts and Grants Committee, I not only saw how much need there is for some of our students, but I was inspired to hear the sacrifices and heartaches students often incur to achieve their educational goals. Anything we can do to alleviate the financial stress on students assures that students gain the full benefit of their education.”

The Mikols are members of the university’s Carillon and Abigail Smith Timme Societies of Distinction.

Their endowment will help attract future students as well as assist current students in need, said Larry Schult, dean of the College of Engineering Technology.

“The scholarship will also serve as motivation for students to excel within the program,” he said. “It attracts top high school and transfer students to it already, and this scholarship will help maintain and increase that high standard.”

Additionally, endowment funds earmarked for laboratory equipment will enhance the hands-on learning that is a cornerstone to the university’s Engineering Technology programs, Schult said, and equipment purchases will ensure students have cutting-edge technology at their disposal.
The Ferris Foundation is a nonprofit organization responsible for administering privately held endowments made to further the mission of Ferris State University. We are committed to the highest standards of ethics and service, including when it comes to managing donors' gifts for the benefit of the university.

Since 1991, the foundation has received, invested and distributed private gifts, funding student scholarships, faculty support, academic programs and building improvements. The board-approved investment strategy and distribution rate are designed to provide stable financial support for the university while preserving the purchasing power of endowments for the future.

The foundation ensures that spending of donor funds is consistent with the donor's intentions. Management of donor gifts is a tremendous responsibility that each director and staff member takes very seriously.

We thank you for your support. Your gift, whatever its size, does make a difference in the lives of our students.

The foundation's mission is to be the valued and trusted intermediary between Ferris State University and its donors to ensure we maintain and advance a great university through philanthropy. Private support has become a critically important part of the equation leading to excellence. Thank you for your help in creating a brighter future for our university.

The foundation offers a variety of gift options you may wish to explore. A member of Ferris' Advancement office staff would be happy to discuss these options with you in person if you choose.

Please contact us at (231) 591-2365 or visit ferris.edu/foundation for more information or to make a gift online.
The fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 concluded another very strong year financially for The Ferris Foundation. At the end of June 30, the foundation market value grew to $47.7 million, its highest level in the history of the foundation. The endowment portion of these assets grew to $46.3 million. This record high was achieved through the combination of additional new gifts to the endowment of $804,368 during 2013-14, as well as an overall portfolio return of 17.1 percent against the portfolio target weighted index of 13.7 percent.

As of June 30, 2014, The Ferris Foundation endowment comprised of 346 individual endowed funds, which also is a new record for the foundation.

In addition, the foundation’s investment returns, as reported in the 2013 NACUBO-Commonfund Study of Endowments, shows strong relative performance for The Ferris Foundation against national comparative data. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the foundation’s portfolio performed at a level that exceeded the average performance for other endowments in the $25- to $50-million tier and for all four measurement periods including one-year, three-year, five-year and 10-year returns. Further, the 10-year return of 8.4 percent for The Ferris Foundation, compared to other like-sized endowments, outperformed the national data by 200 basis points.

The national comparative performance is referenced here for the period ending June 30, 2013 due to the timing of NACUBO-Commonfund releasing the study results each year. The final results from the national study are typically not available until February following the fiscal year end.

The investment pool of the foundation is overseen by an active Investment Committee with the assistance of an independent investment adviser, Fund Evaluation Group, and supported by the University Administration and Finance staff and the foundation executive director. The foundation board continues to support changes to the endowment asset allocation on a regular basis to allow the portfolio to move into alternative and private asset classes.

Over the last 10 years ending June 30, 2014, the 4 percent spending policy of the foundation has resulted in providing approximately $9.6 million in support to student scholarships and other important areas of focus for the foundation.
THE FERRIS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT VALUES

Market Values as of June 30

Annual Market Values

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Asset Allocation
June 30, 2014

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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FY14 Distribution Restrictions

- Scholarships: $757,088
- Operating Support: $338,504
- Departments: $148,846
- Faculty Development: $38,500
- Library: $141,375
- Student Loans: $21,820
- Merit Grant – Other Temporary: $44,500

Total: $1,490,633
## Net Asset Reconciliation

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<th>Contributions</th>
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<th>Disbursements</th>
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### Ten Year Summary:

- **Beginning Net Asset Value**: $23,490,083
- **Contributions to Assets**: 10,139,319
- **Transfers in from University**: 2,997,765
- **Disbursements including Spending**: (13,350,686)
- **Net Appreciation from Investments**: 24,407,660
- **Ending Net Assets**: $47,684,141
- **Adjust for Non-endowment Assets**: *(1,361,980)*
- **Ending Endowment Assets**: $46,322,161

### Footnotes:

1. Data source is net assets from financial statements; adjustment is made to identify assets in endowment pool. Adjustment includes: other temporary funds and other operating funds totaling $1,361,980.
2. Disbursements include operating expenses, Foundation Benefit expenses, spending on endowments and Merit Grant awards.
NEW ENDOWMENTS
JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

American Subcontractors Association of Michigan Scholarship Endowment
Karen D. Boochard Social Work Program Scholarship Endowment
W. W. Brown Trust Endowment
S. Eugene Bychinsky Scholarship Endowment for Musicians of Promise Doctorate for Community College Leadership Scholarship Endowment and Fellowship

J.K. Elder Scholarship Endowment
John and Mary Garvelink Memorial Scholarship Endowment and Capital Improvement
Otto Kamptner Scholarship Endowment
Joseph S. Mikols Scholarship Endowment and Welding Program Laboratory Equipment Endowment

EXISTING ENDOWMENTS
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013

1968 Football Endowment
Abigail Timme External Trust Endowment
Academic Opportunity Scholarship Endowment
Accounting Endowment for Excellence
Advertising – Public Relations Endowment
Alphonso A. and Mary C. Aguirre Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Margaret Allysee Scholarship Endowment
Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Endowment
American Society of Professional Estimators Endowment
Amerikam, Incorporated Endowment
T. J. Amick Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Richard and Dawn Antonini Scholarship Endowment
Arab American Pharmacist Association Scholarship Endowment
Blanche E. Arnold Endowment
Bachelor of Integrative Studies Scholarship Endowment
Kenneth and Christine Bailey and Family Scholarship Endowment
Baker Collection Endowment
Paul B. Bates Hockey Scholarship Endowment
Beacon Pharmacy Endowment
Dr. Jack W. Bennett Memorial Endowment
Norman and Helen Bennett Memorial Endowment
Robert Bergelin Scholarship Endowment
Patricia Berry Memorial Intensive English Program Endowment
Walter C. Betts Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Michael and JoAnn Bigford PGM Mentorship Scholarship Endowment
Thomas Bingman/Graphic Communications Alliance of West Michigan Scholarship Endowment
Robert Bishop Hockey Scholarship Endowment
James H. Bolthouse Leadership Achievement Scholar. Endowment
Dr. Paul E. Borton Scholarship Endowment
George Bowbly Endowment
Boyce Family Hockey Scholarship Endowment
Dick Brammer Scholarship Endowment
Robert E. Brand Memorial Endowment
Alton and Evelyn Brayton Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Duane E. Bremer Scholarship and Faculty Development Endowment
Leroy Ray Broadfoot Hockey Program Endowment
Frederick Broemer Accounting Memorial Endowment
Steven M. Brown Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Elmer and Fern Brudy Memorial Pharmacy Endowment

Builders Exchange of Grand Rapids and Western Michigan Scholarship Endowment
Bulldog Breakaway Endowment
Bulldog Hockey: Be a Playmaker Endowment
Louis and Angeline Burg Scholarship Endowment
Robert and Gertrude Burns Endowment
Linda J. Burns Fund Program Endowment
Call Family Scholarship Endowment
Canadian Lakes Scholarship Endowment for Mecosta County
Canteen Services, Incorporated Endowment
William C. and Ruth L. Carpenter FSU Recycling Program Endowment
Robert L. and Linda H. Carter Scholarship Endowment
John Celestino Endowment
Barbara Chapman International Study Scholarship Endowment
Brian Keith Chapman Professional Golf Management Endowment
Tom and Molly Charles Scholarship Endowment
Charter Schools Office Scholarship Endowment
Dr. John E. Christie Memorial Endowment
Elizabeth Claucherty Endowment
Gilbert H. and June Cobb Endowment
College of Technology Drawform Endowment
Joe and Suzette Compton Family Scholarship Endowment
Lois L. Conrad Scholarship Endowment
Construction Management Industry Scholarship Endowment
Construction Technology and Management Student Competition Endowment
Gary L. Cousino Hockey Scholarship Endowment
Cramer Family Endowment
Alfred S. Cramer Memorial Endowment
Mary T. Creswell Endowment
Elva Cummings Endowment
Elvin G. and Barbara A. Curtis Scholarship Endowment
Lavene H. Curtis Scholarship Endowment
Dacho and Ruth Dachoff Endowment
Bob and Leslie Daniels Hockey Program Endowment
Orrin B. Davenport Endowment
Stanley J. Dean Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Matilda Ann Dell Endowment
Delta Tau Epsilon-Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Alumni Scholarship Endowment
W. E. Dengler Scholarship Endowment
Dettman Family Scholarship Endowment
Beckie and Larry DeYoung Scholarship Endowment
Dick Dolack Excellence in Officiating Endowment
William J. Donahue Vocal Music Endowment
Robert W. Dougan Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship Endowment
David and Carol Drake Scholarship Endowment
JoLaine Reierson Draugalis, Ph.D. and Paul T. Draugalis Endowment
Gregory Dreuth Memorial Endowment
Judith (Robinson) and Charles Duddles Scholarship Endowment
Dykstra Food Service Endowment
D. Edwards Intercollegiate Soccer Endowment
Susan Marie Edwards Memorial College of Education Endowment
Ensign Family Scholarship Endowment
Oliver H. Evans Scholarship Endowment
Ewigleben Family Trust Endowment
Robert L. and Esther J. Ewigleben Endowment
Faculty Sponsored Student Development Scholarship Endowment – Health Professions
Ben C. and Madge L. Fairman Technology Endowment
Stephen Falcone Memorial Endowment
Jim Farrell Memorial Scholarship Endowment
John R. and Lynda D. Fenn Digital Photogrammetry and GIS Lab Endowment
Ferris Foundation Need Based Scholarship Endowment
Ferris Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Endowment
Grace L Fleming RN Nursing Scholarship Endowment
John and Rita Fleming Endowment
Jerry, Marie and Mary Ford Nursing Endowment
Foundation for Excellence Scholarship Endowment
Frances Friar Memorial Nursing Scholarship Endowment
Robert and Frances Friar Biology Scholarship Endowment
Friends of Michigan State Fair
Douglas Froelich Memorial Endowment
FSU Alumni and Friends Endowment
FSU Blueline Club Hockey Scholarship Endowment
FSU Dining Services Endowment
FSU GR CPTS Scholarship Endowment
Fund Evaluation Group, LLC Endowment
Furniture Design Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Earl D. Gabriel Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Violet H. Gambotto Scholarship Endowment
Weldon S. Garrison Endowment
Gerace Construction Scholarship Endowment
Russell and Avis Gerber Scholarship Endowment
Mary Anne and Shakespeare O. Goldsmith Scholarship Endowment
Governor’s Student Leadership Endowment
Grand Rapids Chapter Construction Specifications Institute “Art Nelson” Scholarship Endowment
Greene Memorial Endowment
David R. Greer Surveying Engineering Endowment
Edward M. Griffin Memorial Teacher Education Endowment
John D. Gruden Hockey Scholarship Endowment
Douglas Hagemann Endowment
David L. Hamilton Scholarship Endowment for Construction
Charles F. and Eva L. Hampton Endowment
Hancock Family Hockey Scholarship Endowment
Ellen Haneline Health Professions Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Edwin Harris Memorial Honors Program Scholarship Endowment
Mary Ann Hashimi Memorial Endowment
Haworth Scholarship Endowment
Hedrick Associates Scholarship Endowment
Kurt Helthaler Memorial Endowment
Ray Helsing Men’s Cross Country and Track Scholarship Endowment
Heritage Club Endowment
Roland L. Hicks and John Montgomery Scholarship Endowment
Ruth and Ken Hicks Football Scholarship Endowment
Kenneth J. Hoexum Endowment
Otville Hoffman and Jon Walgren Endowment
George Holcomb Memorial Endowment
Hospitality Management Alumni Scholarship Endowment
H.S. Die and Engineering Endowment
Karl E. Huffman Family Scholarship Endowment
Howard Hulsman Endowment
Emma I. Humphreys Arts Program Endowment
Richard Hunter Environmental Educator Scholarship Endowment
HVACR Technology Endowment
Keith Immink CIS 35th Anniversary Scholarship Endowment
Industrial Design Scholarship Endowment
Insurance Program Scholarship Endowment
International Student Scholarship Endowment
Todd and Tami Jacobs Family Scholarship Endowment
Charles Jehnzen Heavy Equipment Endowment
Charles G. Jehnzen Women’s Basketball Scholarship Endowment
Arnold L. and Carolyne D. Johnson Endowment
Dr. Clare G. and Patsy L. Johnson Scholarship Endowment
Richard V. Johnson Accountancy Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Thomas Johnston Scholarship Endowment
Robert and Agnes Jordan Endowment
Jerry Jourdain Endowment
W. C. Judson Memorial Endowment
Dr. Joseph M. Juran Endowment Fund
Frank and Mildred Justin Memorial Plastics Engineering Technology Endowment
Gordon Kamstra Memorial Endowment
Delores Kap Memorial Endowment
Frank Karas Scholarship Endowment
Kauzlarich/Campana Family Scholarship Endowment
Fred Kellogg Memorial Endowment
Lauretta B. Kelso-Battle Endowment
Arnold and Isabel Kempton College of Health Professions Endowment
Arnold and Isabel Kempton Scholarship Endowment
Elizabeth E. Kenney Business Education Scholarship Endowment
Leon and Jerena Keys Family Scholarship Endowment
Kmart Corporation Endowment
Korean Students Scholarship Endowment
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George and Lia Kossaras Scholarship Endowment
Minnie Hart Krieser Merit Endowment
Richard S. Labroff Scholarship Endowment
Harry A. Larson Memorial Endowment
Bob and Mary Louise Leach Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Ferris and Jean Leach Biology, Mathematics and Physical Sciences Endowment
Ruth Shattuck Memorial College of Business Endowment
Richard L. Shaw Scholarship Endowment
Mike Shira Memorial Endowment
Donald Shreve Memorial Endowment
Trevor Slot Memorial Scholarship Endowment
John R. Smith Memorial Endowment
Leland Smith, John Taylor and Thomas Malloy Jr. Endowment
Ron and Dee Snead Endowment
Thomas W. Sobota Memorial Endowment
Victor F. Spathelf Endowment
Kenneth Spoerl Memorial Endowment
Thomas and Toby Stanton Scholarship Endowment
Staples Scholarship Endowment
Carl Starkey Memorial Pharmacy Endowment
Stauffer Upper Class Endowment
Carlisle Stauffer Memorial Emergency Loan Endowment
Steichschulte Printing and Imaging Technology Management Endowment
Walter J. Stevenson Memorial Endowment
Terry L. and Cynthia R. Stewart Scholarship Endowment
David L. Stickles Scholarship Endowment
George Storm Memorial Technical Teacher Education Endowment
Sandra Kay Strandberg DVM Scholarship Endowment
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Theta Alpha Sigma Scholarship Endowment
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Darlene A. Tiede Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Totten Family Hockey Scholarship Endowment
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TowerPinkster Interior Design Scholarship Endowment
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Transfer Academic Excellence Endowment
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Reuben Trippensee Endowment
Henry Tchappat Memorial Endowment
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Dr. Elizabeth R. Turpin Scholarship Endowment
Daniel Tyler Endowment
VandenBos Family Scholarship Endowment for Manufacturing Technology
Colonel Roy C. Vandercook Endowment
James Vanderlaan Endowment
Gordon and Pat VanDyke Hockey Scholarship Endowment
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VanSteenberg Scholarship Endowment
Helen Ferris Vartan Memorial Endowment
Richard Veazey Scholarship Endowment
Vision Service Plan Endowment
Alice M. and George T. Wales Hockey Scholarship Endowment
Sueann and Kenneth Walz Hockey Program Endowment
Andrea Warfield Memorial Endowment
Mary Lou Washatka Scholarship Endowment
Weeks-Lakin Optometry Endowment
Welding Engineering Technology Endowment
Susan and Ernest Wenger Scholarship Endowment
Fred Westerman Science Equipment Memorial Endowment
David Daniel Whalen (’36) Scholar Athlete Scholarship Endowment
Dean A. Whitehead Memorial Endowment
Scott Whitener Memorial Deans Excellence in Education Endowment
Whiting-Turner Contracting Company Auditorium Endowment
Wildern Family Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment
Harper T. Wildern Memorial Pharmacy Endowment
E. J. Wilee Endowment
R. F. Williams Scholarship of Merit Endowment
James M. Wink Men’s Basketball Scholarship Endowment
Joe Withers Scholarship Endowment
Women’s Intercollegiate Athletics Endowment
Martin J. Wozniak Foundation Scholarship Endowment
Wyckoff Family College of Business Endowment
Wyckoff Family Debate Scholarship Endowment
Wyckoff Family Speech/Forensics Scholarship Endowment
Zakov Family Endowment
The text is a page from a document discussing the Societies of Distinction at Ferris State University. The text begins with a historical context about the university's founder, Woodbridge N. Ferris, who wanted to make the world better. The text goes on to describe how Ferris State University’s Societies of Distinction honor those who support the university’s tradition of excellence through generous financial support.

It's mentioned that Ferris State helps students imagine more by preparing them for successful careers, responsible citizenship, and lifelong learning. Philanthropic support plays a vital role in the university's pursuit to provide a world-class education that opens doors of opportunity for its students.

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Ferris Foundation Board of Directors member Mike Bigford, right, enjoys a round of golf with, from left, his son, Chris; his father, Roy; and his grandson, Tyler, at the university’s Katke Golf Course in Big Rapids.

Bigford is behind some big things happening at Ferris State University. He is chairing the $4 million Professional Golf Management Learning Center campaign for a year-round indoor golf training facility at Katke. He and his wife also established the Michael and JoAnn Bigford Mentorship Fund, an endowed scholarship for Ferris PGM students. Their son, Chris, is a 2013 graduate of the program.

Bigford, president and CEO of Utility Supply and Construction Company in Reed City, also served on Ferris’ College of Business Advisory Board.
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