



Annual Report 2008

They Who Dreamed

Ferris Foundation Board Chair Sueann Walz, left, and Ferris State University

President David L. Eisler, right

n 1884 when Woodbridge and Helen Ferris founded what is today Ferris State University, they did so with a combination of idealism and practicality. Woodbridge explained it this way, "Education is life. It involves growth, development and training."

They understood that just having a dream wasn't enough. The students who came to Big Rapids searching for a better life needed skills to match their aspirations. The Ferrises provided students a path to those skills, and through them a path to their dreams.

Since our founding the world has become a more complicated place, but needing an education to turn dreams into reality has remained the same – so has our commitment to providing a pathway to a better life.

The scope of the education students need to master has increased – so has the cost of acquiring it. Through the generosity of donors and the prestigious, yearly Foundation Benefit, The Ferris Foundation helps students earn their degrees and keeps faculty abreast of the most recent developments in their fields.

We are proud that we continue to produce some of the most realistic, practical and successful dreamers in the country – just as Woodbridge and Helen would want.

Your help and support makes this possible. From everyone at Ferris State University, thank you and best wishes.

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David L. Eisler President Ferris State University

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Sueann Walz Chair The Ferris Foundation

Ferris Foundation for Excellence Scholarship recipients, left to right, Hannah Woodke, Eric Cole, Samantha Steele, Lorne Juday and Kristen Littlefield. Not shown: Lisa Beight, Randy Holt and Shane Wilcome.

Merit Grant recipients, left to right, professor of Biology Gary Rodabaugh, professor of Education Karen Norman, assistant professor of Biology Beth Zimmer and professor of Pharmaceutics Kim Hancock. Not shown: associate professor of Optometry Daniel Wrubel.

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hen people decide the path they are on is not the right one, they should search within and decide what it is that would make something work. That is exactly what Edward (Ted) Lunt did when he picked Ferris State University as the way to change his direction. At that time Ted was serving as an enlisted man in the U.S. Navy. His occupation then was painting and swabbing decks. It didn't take Ted long to realize there "must be something better out there."

Ted arrived at Ferris State University in 1960 with the knowledge that the way to succeed was through further education. Along with Ted was his wife, Kay. Kay contributed through her work as a registered nurse at Big Rapids Hospital, while Ted worked for the school in the evening, scrubbing classrooms instead of decks. Following a business curriculum with an emphasis in accounting, Ted graduated in 1964 with a B.S. in Business and started work at a Saginaw accounting firm. He obtained his CPA certificate, became a partner in the firm and again realized after working there 22 years that perhaps there was more out there than "bean counting."

In 1982 Ted and a partner started Adventure Golf Development Corporation. Adventure Golf now consists of 28 "adventure style" miniature golf courses around the country which operate under the name Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf. They are all operating to this day. Their company has also gone on to develop and operate several other businesses.

"It has been a lot of fun," say the Lunts, "and from our experience we recognize how essential a good education is for young people. As such, we decided to establish the Kathleen M. and Edward A. Lunt Scholarship Endowment Fund to assist students in financial need." Ted and Kay hope that this will help make an affordable education available to students.





would be nowhere if it wasn't for Ferris State University, and I am extremely proud that I was able to have some of the best years of my life at Ferris," says Dr. William Maher, who graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy.

For a man who arrived at Ferris in 1972 as a self-described "unimpressive farm boy," dreams of a career in the medical field first began to take shape upon his arrival in Big Rapids. Bill wanted nothing more than an opportunity to prove himself. He got that chance, and still vividly recalls the words of Clark Andreason, then associate dean of the College of Pharmacy, who said, "We believe you deserve a chance, and you are only getting just one, please do not be a disappointment."

Bill suddenly was on his way down a path to success and proved himself a far cry from a disappointment. After the bachelor's degree he earned a Master of Science in dentistry and a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Bill, and his wife, Eleanora, enjoy sharing their good fortune in ways that assist others in need who yearn for a college education.

"There is a lot of personal satisfaction out of being able to do something that helps someone else," says Bill, who along with Eleanora, has contributed three deferred charitable gift annuities to the Pharmacy and Dental Hygiene programs at Ferris that will benefit young students. "I've had a lot of satisfaction out of teaching and working with students, and this is another opportunity for me to do something that can assist them in living out their dreams."

Century of Opportunity" is more than a motto; those words have stood the test of time as a hallmark of Ferris State University's enduring mission since 1884.

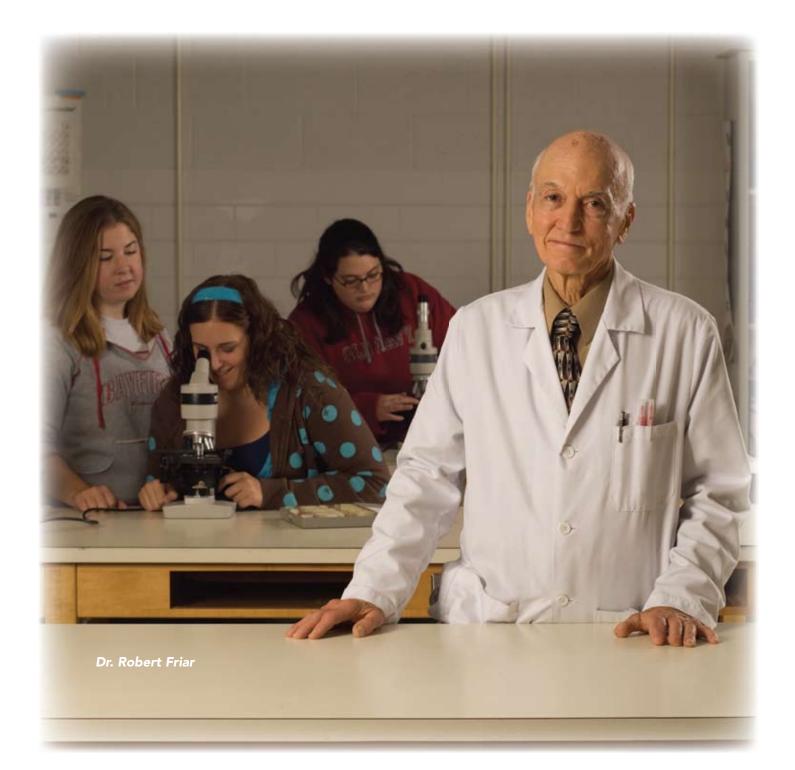
Growing up on an Indiana dairy farm, in a nation still recovering from the devastating economic impact of the Great Depression and the impact of World War II, opportunities were hardly plentiful. Still, Robert Friar, with strong support from his father who understood the importance of a college education, had high hopes and determination to go to college. But, with two older sisters already in college, it wasn't going to be easy.

"My parents really couldn't afford three kids in college," says Robert, who was delighted to see his dream of a college education move toward reality when he was awarded a scholarship to attend Purdue University and granted a part-time job working from 2 to 7 a.m. milking 120 cows on the university research dairy farm each morning before his 8 a.m. classes. "For three years, I went to class, studied and worked ... that was all that I did ... I didn't have much time for a social life or anything else. During my senior year, I was offered a job in a research lab with a better work schedule, fewer hours and better pay; and it opened new doors of opportunity."

The hard work and sacrifice paid off for Robert who earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Purdue University.

More than 40 years since his arrival at Ferris, Robert still sees the best in his students as a professor teaching courses in human anatomy and physiology and human sexuality. In many of his students, Robert sees visions of himself at that age: hard workers dreaming of success – defiantly optimistic in the face of life's challenges.

Inspired to assist hard-working, but disadvantaged students – and to do something in the memory of his late wife, Frances Friar, Robert and their three children, Kenneth, David and Debra – who attended Ferris – and their spouses, have established three scholarship endowments to assist dedicated students in their pursuit of a college education. As Robert once benefited from a similar opportunity at Purdue, he expressed his gratitude through this philanthropic endeavor and hopes it will inspire future generations as they enter into adulthood, to assist young people just beginning the path to their dreams.



Charter Schools Scholarship recipient Kristen Johnson and Dr. Larry Wells, Ferris State University director of Charter Schools.

oodbridge N. Ferris, the founder of Ferris State University, strongly believed in opportunity for those who dreamed of an education beyond life's lessons.

Nearly 125 years since Ferris established the Big Rapids Industrial School, Ferris State University has grown to more than 13,000 students and its mission of providing educational opportunities continues for those who dream. Those dreams begin long before arriving on the campus of a college or university. Today, as Ferris State University ranks prominently among the fastest-growing universities in Michigan, the commitment to education now extends beyond its main campus and satellite campuses around the state.

Today, the University authorizes 16 charter schools to meet the needs of families across the Lower Peninsula. To strengthen the bond between the University and its authorized schools, the Charter Schools Scholarship Fund has been established to make scholarships available to qualifying students who graduate from charter high schools authorized by Ferris.

"The existence of charter schools helps parents who feel the needs of their young students were not being met by what was available to them in their community," says Dr. Lawrence Wells, Ferris State University director of Charter Schools, who has been assisted in the development of this initiative by Ronald Rizzo, associate director of FSU Charter Schools; and Jimmie Rodgers, consultant to the associate vice president for Academic Affairs. "Charter schools offer opportunities to young students and to parents. Most important of all, we feel this scholarship is an excellent opportunity to help students pursue their educational dreams at Ferris State University."

Elementary Education major Kristen Johnson agrees.

"I was looking at several universities, and I wasn't sure where I wanted to go. More than that, I wasn't sure what I could afford ... but when I was notified that I received this scholarship to attend Ferris, my mind was immediately made up. I knew I would be attending Ferris State University."

Kristen hopes to also receive her master's degree here as well. From the sounds of it, she's well on her way to achieving her dream.



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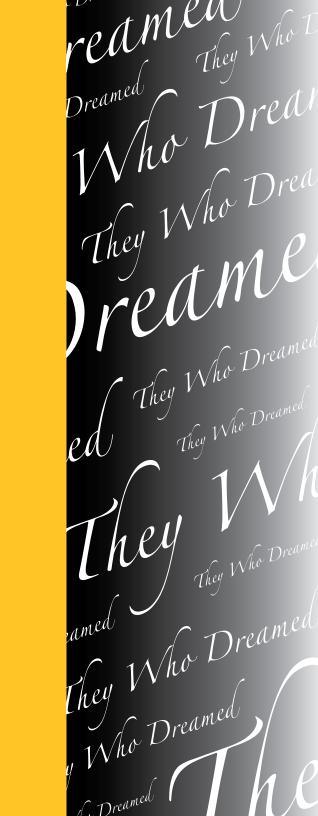
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Summary of Investment Performance*

PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2008	1 Year	SINCE INCEPTION		1 Year	SINCE INCEPTION
<u>Total Fund</u>	-7.9%	8.8%	International Equity Composite	-3.1%	8.9%
Target Weighted Index ¹	-8.5	8.3	MSCI AC World Index ex-US	-6.6	8.0
Broad Policy Benchmark ²	-6.6	7.2	EuroPacific Growth Fund	-4.2	17.9
CPI+5%	9.4	7.8	MSCI AC World Index ex-US	-6.6	18.3
			MSCI EAFE Index	-10.6	16.1
Total Fund Loss Illiquid Investments	-8.0%	8.8%	GMO Emerging Markets Fund	-0.1	32.4
Total Fund Less Illiquid Investments	-0.0%	0.0 %	MSCI Emerging Markets Free Index	4.6	30.2
U.S. Equity Composite	-14.1	8.1			
Russell 3000 Index	-12.7	6.5	Fixed Income Composite	4.9	6.8
			LB Aggregate Bond Index	7.1	6.2
Large Cap Composite	-15.2	5.8	Commonfund Multi-Strategy Bond Fund	6.1	6.8
S&P 500 Index	-13.1	6.0	LB Aggregate Bond Index	7.1	6.2
Commonfund Equity Index Fund	-13.2	5.9	Ridgeworth Seix High Yield Fund	-0.9	6.3
S&P 500 Index	-13.1	6.0	ML High Yield Bond Index	-2.1	9.5
PIMCO Fundamental Index Plus Fund	-17.4	-7.4	ML BB/B Constrained Index	-1.1	8.4
S&P 500 Index	-13.1	-4.8			
			<u>Hedge Fund</u>		
	0.4	0.0	Ironwood Partners II	-	-
Mid Cap Composite	-8.4 -11.2	9.8	HFRI - FOF - Conservative Index	-	-
Russell Midcap Index		7.8	LB Aggregate Bond index	-	-
CRM Mid Cap Value Fund	- 10.3 -17.1	1 4.9 8.8			
Russell Midcap Value Index William Blair Mid Cap Growth Fund	-17.1	5.3	Real Estate Composite	-13.4	13.8
Russell Midcap Growth Index	-6.4	5.4	REIT Benchmark ³	-19.3	12.6
Russell Midcap Growth Index	-0.4	5.4	NCREIF Property Index	8.6	13.5
Small Cap Composite	-17.4	6.9	AEW Global Property Securities Fund	-18.1	-22.6
Russell 2000 Index	-16.2	5.8	S&P/Citi BMI World Property Index	-19.3	-23.3
Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund	-14.9	6.4			
Spliced MSCI SC 1750 & Russell 2000	-15.0	6.4	<u>Short Term Cash</u>		
DFA US Targeted Value Fund	-22.4	12.1	Commonfund Short Term Fund	3.2	3.9
Russell 2000 Value Index	-21.6	10.6	U.S. 30 Day T-Bills	2.9	3.5

*Performance returns are net of investment management fees.

Schedule of Asset and Style Allocation

for period ending June 30, 2008		Total	% OF FUND
Large Cap Equity			
Commonfund Equity Index Fund	\$	2,775,122	8%
PIMCO Fundamental IndexPlus Fund		3,966,569	12%
<u>Mid Cap Equity</u>			
William Blair Mid Cap Growth Fund	\$	1,850,713	5%
CRM Mid Cap Value Fund		2,313,540	7%
Small Cap Equity			
Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund	\$	2,578,693	8%
DFA US Targeted Value Fund	Ť	1,186,272	4%
International Equity			
EuroPacific Growth Fund	\$	5,475,363	16%
GMO Emerging Markets Fund	Ψ	2,092,348	6%
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Private Equity			
Commonfund Capital Partners III	\$	604,907	2%
Siguler Guff Distressed Opportunities III	\$	196,109	1%
Absolute Return			
Ironwood Partners II	\$	2,500,000	7%
Fixed Income			
Commonfund Multi-Strategy Bond Fund	\$	5,431,274	16%
Seix High Yield Fund	Ť	859,159	3%
Real Estate			
AEW Global Property Securities Fund	\$	833,056	2%
Metropolitan Real Estate Partners IV	Φ	426,886	1%
Metropolitan Real Estate Partners International II		80,364	0%
			0,0
Natural Resources			
Newlin Energy Partners	\$	146,659	1%
Commonfund Natural Resources Partners VII		84,681	0%
<u>Cash Equivalents</u>			
Commonfund Short Term Fund	\$	455,200	1%
Total Long Term Investments	\$3	33,856,915	100%

Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)*

	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2007
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 528,679	\$ 707,707
Investments	33,521,914	35,905,161
Prepaid Expenses	-	22,500
Other Receivables	8,707	5,500
Pledge Receivables	560,392	359,034
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 34,619,692	\$ 36,999,902
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 1,150
Annuity Liability	71,197	19,652
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 71,197	\$ 20,802
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$ 13,235,907	\$ 15,247,413
Temporarily Restricted	5,698,557	7,674,427
Permanently Restricted	15,614,031	14,057,260
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 34,548,495	\$36,979,100
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 34,619,692	\$ 36,999,902

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