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David L. Eisler  
President

## A Message from Ferris State University President David Eisler and The Ferris Foundation Board Chair Kevin Cross

**At Ferris State** University, we have the distinct privilege — and the great responsibility — of changing lives. The knowledge and career skills that students acquire at Ferris prepare them for a future in which they can benefit their families and communities to the fullest extent of their abilities. This is the goal of our university, and it is a goal that The Ferris Foundation does so much to realize.

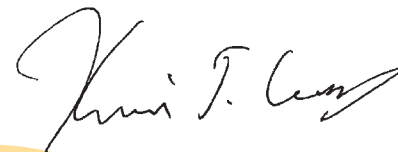
Ferris State's practical instruction engages students in the hands-on learning needed for professional and civic leadership. Our instructors' real-world experience gives our graduates an edge in the job market, and service learning opportunities have a lasting impact on students and communities. In the following pages, you can read about some of the ways in which gifts to The Ferris Foundation enhance the Ferris experience and make it more accessible to more people.

The stories of student Nick Von Haden (see page 11) and professor Robert Friar (see page 5) illustrate the importance of all gifts, large and small. Despite the more than five decades that separate their college experiences, both had to make significant sacrifices and use every possible resource to continue

their studies. Even a small gift has a meaningful impact on a student who is working hard to build a better life.

Additionally, thanks to your support, our Merit Grant program has funded research into health issues, including skin cancer and aging, and has helped us earn national recognition for such popular projects as the osprey webcam and Jim Crow Museum. Merit Grants create service learning opportunities in which our students and staff provide public services such as health and vision care, home energy analyses and self-defense training. Your gift to The Ferris Foundation allows us to provide such services to the community and, in so doing, teaches students to serve their communities.

Our graduates enter professional and community life equipped with a sense of confidence that comes from having prepared for real-world challenges and opportunities. They leave Ferris State University prepared “to make the world better,” in the words of founder Woodbridge N. Ferris. Thank you for your support, for sharing the belief that the best investment is an investment in the lives of our students and the ways their education paves the way to a better future for us all.



Kevin T. Cross  
Foundation Board Chair







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# “Somebody Did It for Me”

## Professor Robert Friar

**Dr. Robert Friar**, professor of Biological Sciences, is known throughout the Ferris State community for his commitment to students’ success. A highly respected instructor, guest lecturer and expert in human anatomy, Dr. Friar has prepared thousands of students for successful careers in his tenure at Ferris, but his commitment doesn’t stop there.

A hard-working, principled and charismatic man, Dr. Friar is beloved for his energy, dedication and contagious sense of purpose, particularly as it relates to education and student success. In his 45 years of exemplary service, Dr. Friar has established multiple scholarship endowments for Ferris students, largely out of a system of personal ethics that prizes education and thoughtful frugality. Here is Dr. Friar, in his own words, on the early experiences that shaped him and drive his giving.

“I was born during the heart of the Great Depression. We never lacked food, as we were on a farm. My mother made all of our clothes. We raised all of our own food. My mother did buy salt and pepper, and that was about the only thing she ever bought. She made our own bread, and we ground our own wheat. In fact, when we would grind wheat for our own use, my father would run several bushels of our wheat, clean out the hammer mill, and then — it was kind of a community thing — he would let the neighbors know that he was running the mill, so that they could come over and get their wheat ground.

“Before World War II started, my dad took one of our fields, which were about three miles from town, and turned it into garden plots for people to freely use. The windmill was there for watering, and the only requirement was that they had to keep the weeds out and weren’t to bother anyone else’s garden plot. They had plots staked off out there, and people from town who had no jobs could walk out there to cultivate and take home what they had grown. You’d

see them on their way, carrying their bags of cabbage and carrots and beets and everything else.

“Usually, during the winter, Dad put a note up at the bank building corner in town, saying that the following Saturday we would be butchering hogs, and that anyone who wanted to help could take meat home. He needed help with the butchering, and it cost him fairly little to give this away. At my father’s funeral in 1991, an old gentleman from the community told this story, and I remembered it, from when I was a little kid. I grew up being very conservative. You don’t waste anything that can be used for good. I think it’s important that we all strive to do what we can do.

“As a student at Purdue University in the 1950s, I worked at a dairy farm to help pay my way through school. I would get up at 2 a.m. so that I could go work at the farm and still get to class in the morning. I earned a dollar a day, and my tuition — \$76 per semester, at that time — was paid by a scholarship from the state. Somebody did it for me, years ago — \$76 dollars a semester. If I hadn’t had the job mucking cows at the dairy farm and that scholarship, I couldn’t have gone to school. I know what it’s like to be in that position, and I want to help others who need that help.

“As a teacher, my role is to provide high-quality education for my students at a reasonable price. I think it’s important that all of us do what we can to help keep costs down. One of the things that we can do is make donations to scholarships. I think that all of us need to do what we can to help reduce student debt. Twenty years ago, when I had three kids in college, I couldn’t do that. Today, I can. And I think that we all should be doing our part, based on how much we can give. If you can give \$10, that’s great. If you can give \$100, that’s better. If you can give \$1,000, that’s better yet. It is an investment in a community — in a better-educated society.”









## “Study Hard and Set Your Mind to It”

### Frank Meech

**Alumnus Frank Meech** (P’41) looks back fondly on his time spent at what was, during his studies, the Ferris Institute. Frank’s reminiscences from his days in the Pharmacy program offer a unique window into life at Ferris during the late 1930s and early 40s.

“Big Rapids was very different then. When I arrived, it looked like a big prairie,” he recalls. “There were about 1,300 students on campus, and everyone was so good — friendly and cooperative. We all had a good time and studied hard.”

Frank remembers the social life and camaraderie of his student years well. He shared an apartment on the third floor of downtown Big Rapids’ Nisbett Building with three roommates.

“It was a great school to go to. Typical students, we were then,” he says, a smile in his voice. But it was a different time, in some ways.

“I used to hitch-hike the 200-mile trip between home and school, carrying my laundry box for a suitcase. It had a Ferris logo on it, and drivers would pick me up when they saw it. They knew I was a student and wanted to help me out. The boys I lived with and I mostly cooked our own meals over an iron stove, but when I would get a check from home, my roommate and I would go across the street to Cousin’s Restaurant for dinner — and, when he got a check, off we went again,” Frank says.

“We’d go to dances on Saturday nights. I was the best dancer in my class and would dance with seven or eight girls in a night. That was in [Old Main,] the building that later burned. There was another dance hall out at Blue Lake. We would take a taxi there, dance and have a lot of fun. It was such a good time.”

It also was a challenging time in some ways. The first in his family to attend college, Frank struggled with homesickness and difficult academic subjects.

“I also studied many hard, long hours,” he recalls. “Pharmacy, of course, was no light subject. When I started, it wasn’t easy for me to concentrate. In my first year, I took chemistry, which was very hard. When my dad came up to visit, I told him, ‘I just want to quit,’ but he said, ‘No, you’ve got to keep right on going,’ so I did. I flunked that first chemistry course, but I went back in the summer and passed it. The more I kept going, the better my grades got.”

Frank graduated in 1941 and went on to own and operate his own drug store in Morenci, Mich. for 22 years. This year, to honor his time at Ferris and provide critical support to future Pharmacy students, Frank has made an extraordinary gift, establishing the Frank E. Meech Scholarship Endowment to benefit students in Ferris’ Pharmacy program.

“I don’t have any relatives, and I’ve worked hard all of my life,” he explains. “It just seemed like a good thing to do. I’m happy to think it might help some students, and let them focus on their learning.”

Most students work throughout college to earn the income to cover tuition or living expenses, but, for students in rigorous academic programs such as Pharmacy, balancing work, study and class time can prove very difficult. Frank’s generous endowment will help deserving Pharmacy students make more time to study and “keep right on going,” as Frank did, all those years ago.

It’s a fitting legacy for Frank, who at 97 years of age, in addition to being an amateur winemaker, still walks, cycles and does physical therapy daily.

“I’d like to tell students, ‘Study hard and set your mind to it. Concentrate,’” Frank adds. “It’s a different ball game than it was when I was there, but knowledge is every bit as important.”







## “A Professional Responsibility” TowerPinkster

**TowerPinkster is known** throughout West Michigan for its bold, transforming designs and focus on sustainability. With offices in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, the architectural engineering firm provides innovative solutions for a variety of health care, education, commercial and government clients.

Ferris State University turned to the firm for design of the East Campus Suites student housing complex on the Big Rapids campus, which went on to earn LEED Gold certification in 2011, and renovation of downtown Grand Rapids’ historic Old Federal Building, the new home of Ferris’ Kendall College of Art and Design, which won LEED Silver in 2012.

However, the team at TowerPinkster, led by president and CEO Arnie Mikon, still wanted to do something special to honor the values of diversity and collaboration that it shares with the university, and to support those studying design. At the close of the Old Federal Building renovation, TowerPinkster made a gift to Ferris that will fund a permanent scholarship endowment to benefit students in the Interior Design program at Kendall.

“TowerPinkster is committed to supporting the communities in which we work and live, and we believe that collaboration among people of different backgrounds, cultures and experiences results in designs that better reflect the communities we serve,” says Mikon.

The TowerPinkster Interior Design Endowed Scholarship will be awarded annually to at least one student and is intended to benefit students who are members of underrepresented groups within Kendall or who demonstrate

financial need. Kendall Dean Max Shangle anticipates that the scholarship will **not only** support on-campus studies but help students build professional experience and connections.

“Kendall College of Art and Design’s Interior Design program offers an emphasis in contract furniture, which presents students with numerous opportunities — not only in the classroom, but through industry experiences and international travel, as well,” Dean Shangle explains. “The TowerPinkster Scholarship Endowment will provide tuition assistance that allows recipients to make the most of these opportunities. We are tremendously grateful for TowerPinkster’s support and appreciate their wonderful work in restoring the historic Old Federal Building.”

Kendall proudly showcased the restored Old Federal Building in a formal ceremony as a part of Grand Rapids’ ArtPrize festivities in September 2012, but TowerPinkster’s impact will extend well beyond the facility and all of the learning that it will support. The TowerPinkster legacy will include all of the opportunities its gift will make possible for Kendall students in the years to come.

“I believe we have a professional responsibility to support those pursuing careers in design — someone helped us along the way, and it’s our turn now,” says Mikon. “And we’re most certainly proud to support a scholarship fund for a program that is housed in a building we designed!”







# “Anything Is Possible if You Work Hard”

## Student Nicholas VonHaden

**A little bit** of help can go a long way — just ask The Ferris Foundation for Excellence Scholarship recipient Nicholas VonHaden, a junior in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program at Ferris State’s College of Technology.

Nick, who is 29, began work in the shipping department of a HVACR company near his hometown of Trempeleau, Wisc. when he was 16. He obtained his associate degree from Western Technical College in La Crosse and went on to become the youngest member of his program’s advisory board, all while working his way up the ranks at his company to become a journeyman service technician.

Realizing that the next step up in his career would demand a higher level of education, Nick did his research on regional colleges that would allow him to build on his associate degree to earn a bachelor’s degree in HVACR.

“At the time that I was looking to build on my associate degree, WTC created an agreement with Ferris State University that entitled students to transfer all of their credits from the associate degree program. This knowledge made my decision to attend Ferris very easy,” Nick explains. “Not to mention the fact that Ferris also had a world-class HVAC Engineering program.”

It was an easy decision, but the journey that followed proved more challenging. Not only did Nick have to leave behind everything he knew and loved in his pursuit of higher education; as a non-traditional student, he had a home and mortgage payments to make. Ultimately, he sold his home and most of his other possessions because he knew how important his degree was to his future success.

“This was the first time I had lived more than 10 miles away from anyone or anything that I knew,” Nick says. “And, by the time I finished selling and paying for everything, all of my accounts were empty. I was forced to meet new people, make new friends and do things out of my comfort zone. This experience shaped who I am now.”

Nick’s academic experiences — a dedicated student, he averaged five classes and 18 credit hours per semester — quickly shaped him, as well. In HVAC 362, he had the opportunity to use industry software to build a complete HVAC system and learned that his real passion was for design. As he began to seek out new resources to complete this direction of study at Ferris, he applied for and was awarded a scholarship from The Ferris Foundation.

“The Ferris Foundation scholarship was an amazing reward for working so hard academically here at Ferris. Hard work and perseverance pay off. Hopefully, my story will inspire other people to follow their goals, as well.”

He now plans to obtain his professional engineering license upon graduation, hoping to lend the new skills he has built to his company and, eventually, own an HVAC company of his own. He hopes that his future success also will help him serve as an inspiration to others.

“In my family, community and workplace, I would like to be a role model. I hope that my work ethic and strong moral values will rub off on everyone I come in contact with. I also hope to inspire people by showing them that anything is possible if you work hard and put your mind to it,” he says.

Scholarships like those provided by The Ferris Foundation may not cover all of a student’s higher education expenses, but, for a student like Nick, who was willing to make sacrifices and work hard to put together a variety of resources to complete a four-year degree, a little bit of help can make a big difference.

“As everyone knows, a college education is very expensive. Any help that students can get brings them one step closer to achieving their new careers,” Nick explains. “I would tell people who are interested in donating to the scholarship fund that they are making a huge difference for students who are putting extra effort into their chance at a college education.”







# The Ferris Foundation Financial Report

The fiscal year that ended June 30, 2012, showed much improvement. The Ferris Foundation placed in the top 25 percent of returns for the past 10 years of all colleges and universities reporting their 10-year results in the 2012 NACUBO-Commonfund Study of Endowments.

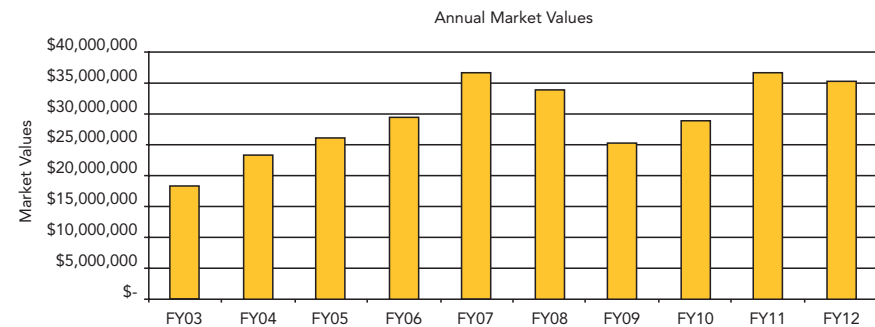
Our primary focus, when looking at our relative performance, is to look at similarly sized endowments and compare the performance returns over the standard time frames of one, three, five and 10 years.

The Ferris Foundation portfolio for FY 2012 realized a one-year return of -2.5 percent, compared to other endowments in the \$25–50 million range, which saw a return of -.5 percent. By comparison, the Ferris one-year return in the same study for 2011 was up 27.5 percent, compared to 19.4 percent for similarly sized endowments.

In the three-year comparison, Ferris significantly outperformed similarly sized endowments, with a return of 13.5 percent, compared to a national average of 10.1 percent — 33.7 percent above similarly sized endowments. The average annual five-year returns for Ferris were .8 percent, compared to the national average of 1 percent for similarly sized endowments. Lastly, the Ferris average annual return for the last 10 years was 7.2 percent, compared to the national average annual return of 5.8 percent for similarly sized endowments. Over this same 10-year period, the S&P 500 return was 5.3 percent.

The market value of the endowment has doubled over the last 10 years. The portfolio was challenged in 2008 and 2009 as a result of the global financial crisis, but the endowment has recovered substantially over the last three fiscal years.

The Ferris Foundation  
Endowment Values  
as of June 30, 2012

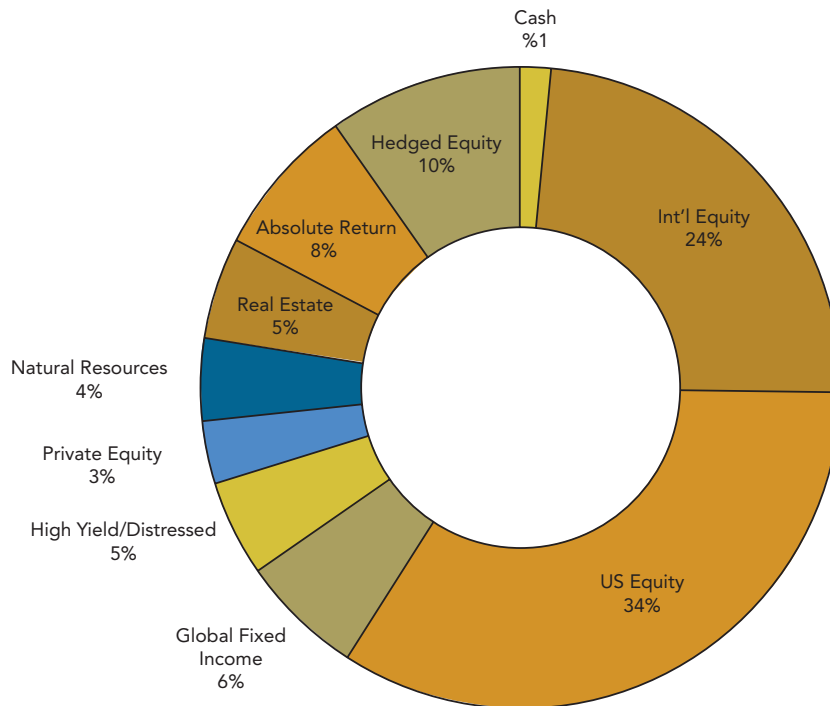


The Ferris portfolio typically outperforms similarly sized endowments in up markets and under performs in down markets. The primary reason for this is based on asset allocation. The Ferris endowment is constructed with a larger percentage of the funds invested in equities and alternative strategies, and less in fixed-income investments.

We revisit our asset allocation annually and continue to seek ways to provide prudent downside risk protection without sacrificing significant long-term returns.

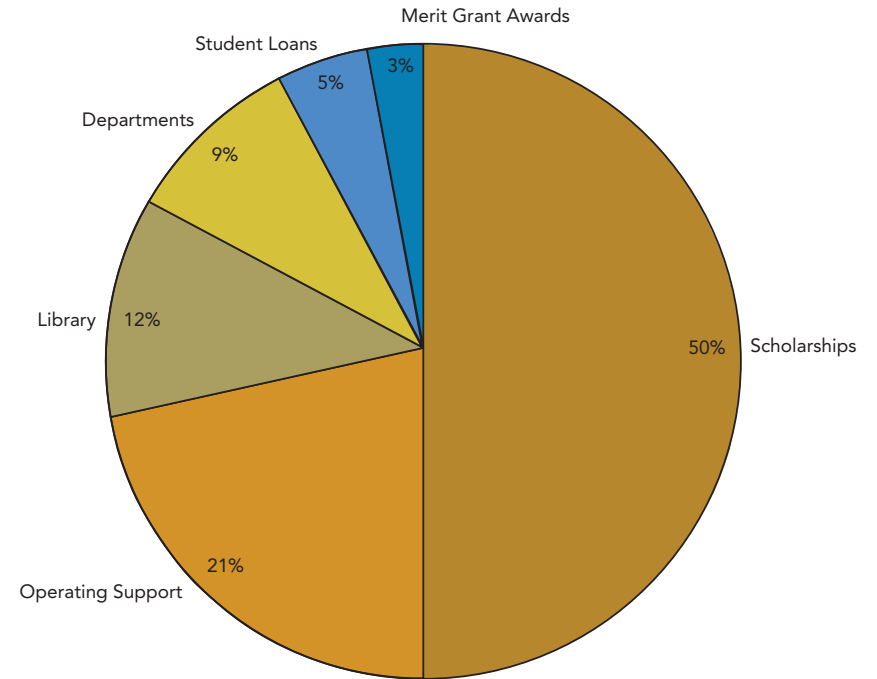


The Ferris Foundation  
Asset Allocation  
June 30, 2012



Cash	\$558,344
Int'l Equity	\$8,458,420
U.S. Equity	\$12,084,111
Global Fixed Income	\$2,236,356
High Yield/Distressed	\$1,736,461
Private Equity	\$1,139,514
Natural Resources	\$1,471,359
Real Estate	\$1,841,275
Absolute Return	\$2,706,104
Hedged Equity	\$3,501,456

The Ferris Foundation  
Endowment Distribution Restrictions



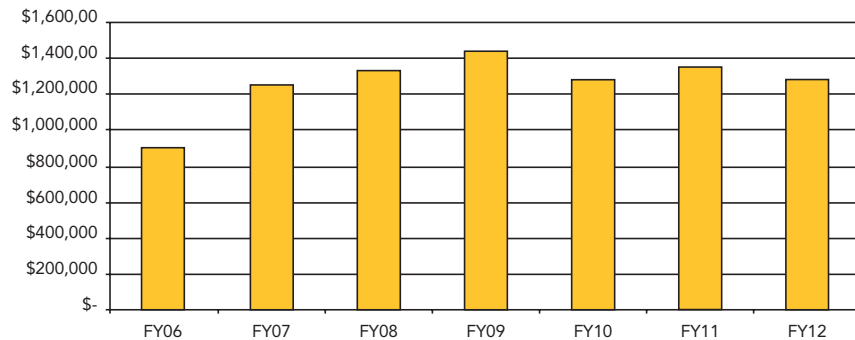
FY12 Endowment Distribution Restrictions

Scholarships	\$639,730
Operating Support	\$274,235
Library	\$147,424
Departments	\$120,827
Student Loans	\$60,317
Merit Grant Awards	\$37,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,279,533</b>

Donor restrictions on endowed gifts have a material impact on how the distributions from the endowment can be used annually. The following graph and chart depict how the distributed funds were used during 2011–12.



The Ferris Foundation  
Distributions by Fiscal Year



The endowment is a wonderful asset for Ferris State University and provides spendable resources annually to support a variety of institutional and student needs. The funds available annually for distribution are determined by The Foundation's endowment spending policy, which is driven by 4 percent of a 12-quarter average of market values on Dec. 31. An additional 1 percent is used to help offset Foundation administration costs. This 12-quarter methodology provides significant smoothing throughout market fluctuations. The funds available for distribution annually over the last six years have ranged from \$1.26 to \$1.44 million.

**10-Year Summary FY 2002-12**

Beginning net asset value	\$ 18,670,918
Contributions to assets	7,945,016
Transfers in from university	3,794,942
Disbursements including spending	(11,687,155)
Net appreciation from investments	17,449,965

<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 36,173,686</b>
Adjust for non-endowment assets	<u>(991,082)</u>

<b>Ending Endowment Assets</b>	<b>\$ 35,182,604</b>
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## For Contributions

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

*The Ferris Foundation is pleased to report that, for academic year 2012-13, we have been able to award \$1,279,533 to support worthy students and university programming. These awards were made possible by the generosity of our donors and by the investment policies of The Ferris Foundation. If you would like to create an endowment or make a gift to a current endowment, please contact us at The Ferris Foundation, 420 Oak St., PRK 101, Big Rapids, MI 49307. You also may email The Foundation at fsufdn@ferris.edu and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.*

## New Endowments

*The Ferris Foundation accepted eight new endowments this year.*



### **Richard and Dawn Antonini Scholarship**

The Richard and Dawn Antonini Scholarship Endowment was created by the Antoninis to provide future generations of Ferris State University students the opportunity to receive a Ferris education. As an alumnus, Richard values the education he received from Ferris, and creating a scholarship endowment was one way he and his wife, Dawn, felt they could make a difference. The merit-based scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student of junior or senior status who is majoring in Accountancy.

### **Arab-American Pharmacist Association Scholarship Endowment**

The Arab-American Pharmacist Association Scholarship Endowment was established by the Arab-American Pharmacy Association to advance the practice of pharmacy. The need-based scholarship will support full-time Pharm.D. students who demonstrate a commitment to their communities

through involvement in activities, events or volunteer opportunities sponsored by the Ferris State University Office of Multicultural Student Services. Special consideration will be given to students who participate in AAPA student chapter activities and are in good academic standing.

### **Elvin G. and Barbara A. Curtis Scholarship Endowment**

The Elvin G. and Barbara A. Curtis Scholarship Endowment was established to provide assistance to full-time students enrolled in the Pharm.D. program. Elvin's wish for the scholarship was that recipients be eligible for membership in a Michigan Native-American tribe or actively involved with Ferris Multicultural Student Services activities. His vision is that the need-based scholarship will support educational diversity and assist Ferris students from historically under-represented populations, to whom priority will be given with good academic standing.



### **Hospitality Management Alumni Scholarship Endowment**

The Ferris State Hospitality Management program staff, with the assistance of Director Julie Doyle, created the Hospitality Management Alumni Scholarship Endowment. Annually, funds from the Hospitality Gala will benefit the scholarship, which also provides Hospitality Management

alumni the opportunity to make donations to help future students in the program. The scholarship will be awarded to a full-time, undergraduate student enrolled in the Hospitality Management program.



### **Insurance Program Scholarship Endowment**

Alumni of the Insurance program created the Insurance Program Scholarship Endowment to benefit future students of the program. The scholarship will be awarded to a full-time, undergraduate student who is enrolled in the Insurance program.

### **Ryan McCandless Scholarship Endowment**

The Ryan McCandless Scholarship Endowment was created by the family of James Ryan McCandless, a 2005 graduate of Ferris State University's Criminal Justice program, who was slain in the line of duty as an officer with the Rapid City Police Department in South Dakota. The merit-based scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student with sophomore, junior or senior status who is enrolled in the Criminal Justice program.

### **TowerPinkster Interior Design Scholarship Endowment**

The TowerPinkster Interior Design Scholarship Endowment was created by architects and engineers from the firm and will be awarded as a need-based scholarship to a full-time junior or senior student enrolled in the Interior Design program at Kendall College of Art and Design. Special consideration will be given to students who are members of under-represented groups within KCAD.

### **Susan and Ernest Wenger Scholarship Endowment**

The Susan and Ernest Wenger Scholarship Endowment was established to recognize the Wengers, who for many years participated in Ferris State Instrumental Music



program groups, including the West Central Concert Band, Ferris Concert Band and Ferris Jazz Band. The scholarship will be awarded to a full-time, undergraduate student who is an active member of the West Central Concert Band or other Ferris Instrumental Music program groups.

## **Existing Endowments**

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

Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Endowment

American Society of Professional Estimators Endowment

Amerikam, Incorporated Endowment

T. J. Amick Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Blanche E. Arnold Endowment

Bachelor of Integrative Studies Scholarship Endowment

Kenneth and Christine Bailey and Family Scholarship Endowment

Paul B. Bates Hockey Scholarship Endowment

Beacon Pharmacy Endowment

Dr. Jack W. Bennett Memorial Endowment

Norman and Helen Bennett Memorial 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 Scholarship Endowment

Dr. Paul E. Borton Scholarship Endowment

George Bowlby 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 Memorial Hockey Scholarship 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  
 Bulldog Breakaway Endowment  
 Louis and Angeline Burg Scholarship 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  
 Laverne H. Curtis Scholarship Endowment  
 Dacho and Ruth Dachoff Endowment  
 Bob and Leslie Daniels Scholarship Endowment

Orrin B. Davenport Endowment  
 Stanley J. Dean Memorial Scholarship 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  
 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  
 Ewigleben Family Trust Endowment  
 Robert L. and Esther J. Ewigleben Endowment  
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 Allied Health  
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 Jim Farrell Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
 John R. and Lynda D. Fenn Digital Photogrammetry and  
 GIS Lab Endowment  
 Ferris Foundation Need-Based Scholarship Endowment  
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 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  
 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  
Dr. Earl D. Gabriel Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Violet H. Gambotto Scholarship Endowment  
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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  
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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 Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Edwin Harris Memorial Honors Program Scholarship Endowment  
Tali and Michael Harris Academic Excellence in Nursing Endowment  
Mary Ann Hashimi Memorial Endowment  
Hedrick Associates Scholarship Endowment  
Kurt Hellthaler Memorial Endowment  
Ray Helsing Men's Cross Country and Track Scholarship Endowment  
Heritage Club Endowment  
Roland L. Hicks Endowment  
Ruth and Ken Hicks Football Scholarship Endowment  
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## Foundation for Excellence Benefit Gala

The Ferris Foundation began a tradition 14 years ago to host a benefit gala on the first Friday in November. Though the gala started small, with about 100 guests attending the inaugural event at Egypt Valley Country Club in Ada, Mich., the 2012 benefit gala boasted nearly 500 guests and was held at the J.W. Marriott in downtown Grand Rapids.

Annually hosting this event has allowed The Foundation to raise more than half a million dollars to benefit student scholarships and faculty/staff merit grants. To date, more than \$120,000 has been awarded to more than 60 Ferris State students, and 88 faculty/staff have received nearly \$400,000 in grant support.

Part of the excitement of each event also has been a highlighted keynote speaker. Mike Eruzione was The Foundation's special guest in 2012. Eruzione (pictured) was the captain of the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" United States Olympic Hockey Team that is known for defeating the powerhouse Russian Olympic Hockey Team, the first win for the U.S. against this team in 30 years. The win earned the U.S. team a spot in the final round of Olympic Hockey play in which the U.S. earned the Gold Medal.

The Ferris Foundation is hosting its 15th Foundation for Excellence Benefit Gala on Nov. 1, 2013 at DeVos Place in downtown Grand Rapids. Details on this year's selected keynote speaker will be announced during Summer 2013. For more information about the benefit gala, contact Kimberly Erickson by calling (231) 591-2365 or (888) 378-3247, or emailing [KimberlyErickson@ferris.edu](mailto:KimberlyErickson@ferris.edu) or [fsufdn@ferris.edu](mailto:fsufdn@ferris.edu).



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