



—a Ferris State international education newsletter

Now & Always: Giving Back to Move Ferris Forward:

Greetings from the Office of International Education (OIE). This summer, a group of us met to discuss the idea of creating a new scholarship for International students in support of the University's first-ever comprehensive campaign, Now & Always. The goal was to create an endowment that will generate funds to provide scholarships to support students from underrepresented countries to study at Ferris.

Dr. Chris vonder Haar, Ms. Lisa vonReichbauer, Dr. Scott Cohen, and I agreed that this effort must be a demonstration of a grassroots commitment to and support for International Education at Ferris State University. We started this new endowment effort to also bring focus to the Comprehensive Internationalization Planning (CIP) process, which is underway.

In celebration of the 135th anniversary of Ferris State University, the goal of this endowment is to create a new scholarship program with support from 135 individuals to reach an endowment goal of \$13,500. The endowment is a joint effort by the Ferris Fulbright faculty group, faculty, staff, international alumni, and friends.

In the first phase, we invited select individuals to donate \$100 or more. One of our supporters, who wishes to remain anonymous, challenged the Fulbright group members to give \$250 or more for a matching donation of up to \$2,000. This kick started our endowment effort in high gear. We were able to raise \$10,000 with support from around 40 individuals by the end of August, surpassing our expectation in less than two months.

We are now in the second phase of this endowment effort and have invited individuals to pledge \$30 or more. As of today, we are closer to our endowment fundraising goal with donations totaling \$13,341 from 72 individuals. If you would like to be a founding member of this endowment to help us reach 135 donors, please connect with us.

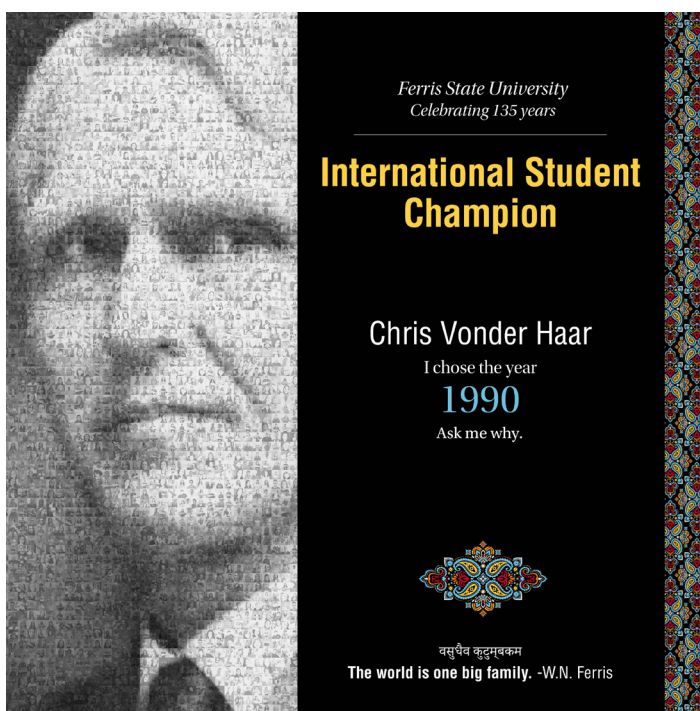
In the next pages, you can see the current list of founding donors and learn about becoming an International Student Champion. Help us harness the power of International Education. Join us in giving back to move Ferris forward, together:

Dr. Piram Prakasam
Executive Director, Office of International Education

International Student Champions:

When individuals live and learn together with people from different cultures, the experiences strengthen the ties that bind us. International students make these experiences tangible locally for Michigan students here on campus. These experiences help them prepare for our dynamic global society and economy. The commitment and support shown by our community to this endowment effort reinforces that we are a welcoming, generous, and inclusive community.

To celebrate the support of international students, the founding donors to the International Student Ambassador Endowment will receive an International Student Champion poster to display in their office/home. The poster has the donor's name and a year of their choice in the past 135 years that is meaningful to them, their journey, or their family's journey.



The following individuals who have donated have experienced the transformational power of international education. If you would like to be a founding member, please contact the Office of International Education at international@ferris.edu or (231) 591-2450 to make your pledge.



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In Context:

1. **Read:** Institute of International Education (iie) 2019 Open Doors Report
2. **Watch or Listen** The global goals we've made progress on – and the ones we haven't – Michael Green – TED Talks, 2018



Upcoming Events:

1. **Ubuntu Mural Dedication** – Friday, December 13 from 9:30 am - 11:00 am in the IRC Connector
2. **International Alumni Bulldog Beginnings:** Potluck for Faculty and Staff – Friday, November 22 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - IRC 104



Moment in Time:



International Education Week was held November 18-22. To conclude the week-long celebration, we invited faculty and staff to a potluck on Friday, November 22 in the IRC. We enjoyed delicious dishes from different cultures and fellowship among colleagues.



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