



*—a Ferris State international education newsletter*

## **Looking Back, Looking Ahead:**

Greetings from the Office of International Education (OIE). Ten years ago a group of us started the Globalization Initiative here at Ferris State University. This initiative was created in response to the impact of Globalization on higher education and its stakeholders. The members of the Globalization Initiative advocated for international engagement as an opportunity to prepare our students and our University for the global economy and society.

**Looking back**, the work we have done together over the last ten years has made Ferris more global in an intentional way and helped us address some of our challenges. But, at a macro scale across the world, the response to globalization has been very different between the East and the West. In the East, there is more integration and collaboration with a palpable sense of adventure. While in the West, the progress we are making is clouded by a rising sense of loss and discontent.

**Looking ahead**, the challenges and opportunities remain the same for all of us in both the East and West. We are in it together. Ferris State, as a microcosm of the whole, continues to be challenged by technology, competition and demographics. This has led to vigorous debate on the vision, and the path forward.

***How do we all move forward together?***

We, in the field of International Education, see our future as *more inclusive and more global*. Many across campus agree. This newsletter, and the others to follow, will inform, engage, and inspire us to see the immense opportunities ahead for our students and our University in today's hyper connected world. These newsletters will share the International adventures, global endeavors, and the inclusive optimism of our stakeholders here and abroad. Thank you for reading.

Dr. Piram Prakasam  
Executive Director, Office of International Education



The Office of International Education hosts a monthly international potluck for faculty and staff. The picture above was taken at our September gathering. If you would like to join the next potluck, please connect with us.



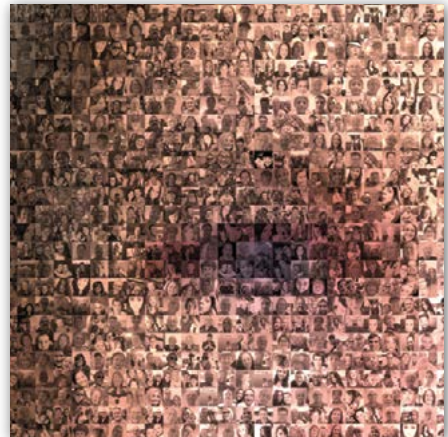
## The Inclusion Wall Project

“The world is one big family. Time and distance have been annihilated. National isolation is a thing of the past.” This sentiment, spoken by our founder, Woodbridge N. Ferris was a vision he embraced. In honor of this vision, the Office of International Education in collaboration with the Fine Art Gallery, the Center for Latin@ Studies, and others would like to invite you to be part of our Inclusion Wall Art Project. We have commissioned the photography artist Al Wildey to construct portraits of Woodbridge and Helen Ferris by collaging images of individuals across the University in the form of a selfie. From a distance, the collage of selfies will form the images of our founders.

The spirit of togetherness that will be captured in this collage is in the best traditions of many societies. The African philosophy of Ubuntu embraces the concept that “I am who I am because of who we all are”, and similar to the words of our founder, “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” captured in Sanskrit from the ancient world, translates to “The World is one Family.” This Inclusion Wall project would allow us to celebrate our interconnectedness through a visual mosaic comprised of our campus community members, honoring the legacy of our founders and the promise of a more inclusive and global future.

Carrie Weis

Ferris State University Museum and Gallery Director



The pictures above are composite images created by artist Al Wildey. If you are interested in submitting your selfie to be part of the collage depicting images of our founders, contact the Office of International Education at [International@ferris.edu](mailto:International@ferris.edu).



## In Context:

Read: [5 Things to Know about the Future of Jobs from the World Economic Forum](https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/09/future-of-jobs-2018-things-to-know/)

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Listen or Read: [China's One Belt, One Road: Will it reshape global trade? From McKinsey & Company](https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/09/future-of-jobs-2018-things-to-know/)

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## A Moment in Time:



A selfie moment! Jacob van Laar, International Recruiter, in the international office, with our incoming class of international students for the fall 2018 semester.



## Upcoming Events:

1. October 4 - Ms. Jelly Offerens, Director of International Affairs HU Business School of HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht in the Netherlands will be giving a talk on the educational system in the Netherlands at 11:00 am in IRC 104
2. October 4 – A delegation from Limerick Institute of Technology in Ireland will be visiting the College of Business
3. October 19 – International Faculty and Staff Potluck from 12:00-1:30 pm in IRC 104
4. Fridays at 1:00 pm in IRC 104 – Weekly Study Abroad Workshops (open to all students)

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