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University Wide Notices

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Accommodated Final Exams - Thank You!

To all who collaborated with Educational Counseling and Disabilities Services for final exam testing accommodations this year, thank you!

More accommodated final exams occurred in 2018-2019 than in any previous academic year.

Accommodated Final Exams

156 Final Exams Fall 2018

166 Final Exams Spring 2019

For continued success, it is very important for us to prepare early each semester. This can be done in numerous ways:

- Include test dates, including the final exam date on the syllabus.
- Encourage students to notify instructors early in the semester if they require accommodated testing.
- Submit tests and exams to ECDS no later than 24 hours prior to the exam time.
- Communicate to ECDS Staff of any questions or concerns regarding tests and/or exams for your class.

Thanks again for all of your hard work, patience and support for our students!



Ashley Hawley

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FLITE Memorial Day Holiday Hours



FLITE

Memorial Day Holiday Weekend Hours 2019:

Friday, May 24.....7:30 AM-5:00 PM

Saturday, May 25.....Closed

Sunday, May 26.....Closed
Monday, May 27.....Closed
Tuesday, May 28.....7:30 AM-10:00 PM
Resume Regular Summer Hours

* Please Note: The FLITE Deck will be unavailable after the main building closes.

Josie VanAvery

"In matters of style, swim with the current;
In matters of principle, stand like a rock."
.....Thomas Jefferson

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The University Writing Center: Summer hours and information for syllabi

The Writing Center will open for onsite writing consultation services on Wednesday, May 22nd and close for the semester on Wednesday, August 14th.

Hours of operation are: **Monday – Thursday, 10:00AM – 3:00PM**; we will be closed on Friday.

We will also offer **online evening hours** for students enrolled in offsite and online programs. These hours are: **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6:00PM – 10:00PM.**

As instructors finalize course syllabi, please consider implementing (crib, copy and paste, etc.) the language below.

FSU's Writing Center: FSU's Writing Center (WC) is a free writing consultation service provided to all FSU students. The WC is located in the Academic Literacies Center in FLITE 120. To make an appointment in advance, use the following link: <https://ferris.mywconline.com> or call 231.591.2534.

Regarding online and offsite courses:

If you are teaching a course (or courses) strictly all online or offsite, please inform your students that the Writing Center will offer real-time synchronous online writing consultation services. These services are provided during regular hours and during the evening (hours are outlined above); to register and make an appoint, please direct your students to the following link: <https://ferris.mywconline.com>. Also note, these services are not available to students enrolled in onsite / face-to-face courses, as best practices for writing consultation are face-to-face.

Thanks—

David Marquard

If it ain't rough, it ain't right -- Detroit Pistons, Rip Hamilton, 2006

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Press Release from Michigan Office of Retirement Services

Please see the below note, forwarded by Michigan.Gov as they believe it may pertain to some of our employees and students.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Former Part-time Community College Students May be Eligible for Retirement Plan

If you worked at a Michigan community college before July 1, 2014, while attending as a part-time student, you may be eligible to participate in a Michigan public school retirement plan.

Not all part-time students who were employed by a community college were reported to the Michigan Office of Retirement Services (ORS) as members. Public Act 512 of 2018 lets part-time community college students who worked at the community college before July 1, 2014, establish membership in the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System.

Additionally, current members of the Michigan public school retirement plan — who also were part-time student employees before July 1, 2014 — may have an opportunity to add that community college employment to their retirement accounts.

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System is a statewide public employee retirement plan. The employers who participate in this retirement plan include K-12 public school districts, select public school academies and charter schools, tax-supported community colleges, and intermediate school districts in Michigan. Some district libraries and public universities also have members in the retirement system.

Part-time Michigan community college student employees who worked before July 1, 2014, and are interested in learning if they qualify for a retirement plan should go to Michigan.gov/CCstudents and complete the verification form no later than January 31, 2020, 5 p.m. EST.

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Opening of the Ferris Family Mausoleum

Dear University Community,

On Thursday, May 23, the Ferris History Task Force and the Physical Plant Grounds Staff will open the Ferris Family Mausoleum at Highland View Cemetery in Big Rapids for public view. This is your opportunity to see the beautiful marble interior of the Mausoleum, which is the final resting place of our founders Woodbridge Nathan and Helen Gillespie Ferris and their sons Carlton and Phelps Ferris. Visitors can also view the stained glass window incorporating the Ferris torch that was created by Michigan artist Richard Hanley of Omnibus Studios.

Members of the History Task Force will be present to greet visitors wishing to pay their respects to Mr. and Mrs. Ferris from 11 am to 12 pm.

We will also release both the May and June collectible buttons from our Ferris historical series at this event.

Anyone with a disability that needs special accommodations to attend this event should contact Mary Kay Maclver at (231) 591-3739 at least 72 hours in advance.



Like our Facebook page to receive notifications on future events: <https://www.facebook.com/FerrisHistory/>

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Retirement Plan Fund Offering Update

Please click on the following link below to see a memo on a change in the retirement plan fund offering through TIAA.

<https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/adminandfinance/human/Benefits/Retirement.htm>

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Jerry Scoby Retirement

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
IN HONOR OF
JERRY SCOBY**

Friday, June 7, 2019
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Program begins at 2:30 p.m.

Location:
Ferris State University
University Center Ballroom 202A
805 Campus Drive
Big Rapids, MI 49307

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ONE ON ONE WITH TIAA



You can meet with a financial consultant at Ferris State University



RSVP today, as space is limited. Register by visiting www.TIAA.org/schedulenow or calling 800-732-8353, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET). We look forward to working with you.

No matter where you are in life—just getting started or planning for retirement—a session with Dewey Doyle can help you create a plan for your goals. And, it's at no additional cost as a part of your retirement plan. You'll get answers to these questions and more:

- Am I invested in the right mix of investments to help meet my goals?
- Am I saving enough to create the retirement income I need?
- How do I take income from my retirement account once I stop working?

Register for one of the sessions at www.TIAA.org/schedulenow.

| Date | Time | Location |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tuesday, June 11, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | University Center, Room 112 |
| Wednesday, June 12, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | University Center, Room 112 |

Anyone with a disability who needs special accommodations to attend this event should call 231-591-2150 at least 72 hours in advance.

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Relaxed Summer Parking

Relaxed Summer Parking

Beginning Friday, May 10th, the Department of Public Safety will begin relaxed parking enforcement for the summer.

The relaxed summer parking will be in effect until August 19th.

Students, Faculty, Staff and Visitors may park in a legal space in any Residential, Faculty/Staff, Commuter or Apartment lot without purchasing a permit. Metered spaces are also free during the summer.

Faculty/Staff are allowed to bring trailers on campus as long as they park legally and take up no more than two spaces.

Vehicles may park overnight in any lot.

Fire lane and handicap parking regulations will continue to be enforced during summer parking.

Reminder: all parking permits expire on August 17th.

Permits will be available for sale on the following dates:

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Faculty/Staff | July 1, 2019 |
| Commuter | July 22, 2019 |
| Apartments | July 22, 2019 |
| Residence Halls | August 5, 2019 |

Have a great summer!

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