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## Ferris Announces Graduates for Semester Ending in May

BIG RAPIDS, Mich. – Some 1,888 students completed the requirements for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design during the semester that ended in May 2013.

For a complete listing of graduates, visit <a href="http://www.ferris.edu/grad-list">http://www.ferris.edu/grad-list</a>. The listing is organized by state in zip code order. Ferris has begun posting its graduate listings on the News Services website to save resources, as well as to make the listings more easily accessible.

Degrees awarded by the university included Doctor of Education (EDD), Doctor of Optometry (OD), Doctor of Pharmacy (PD), Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (MED), Master of Fine Arts (MFA), Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ), Master of Science in Information Systems Management (MISM), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Master of Science in Career and Technical Education (MTE), Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS), Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Bachelor of Integrative Studies (BIS), Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Science in Business (BB), Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), Associate in Applied Science (AAS), Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS) and Certificate (CERT).

Students graduating with honors were recognized for high academic achievement on the basis of GPAs computed on a 4.0 scale. Undergraduate degree designations use Latin levels of recognition: Summa Cum Laude, 3.9 to 4.0; Magna Cum Laude, 3.75 to 3.89; and Cum Laude, 3.5 to 3.74.

Academic honors designations for students graduating with a master's degree in the colleges of Health Professions, Business, and Education and Human Services use the following distinction key: Highest Distinction, 3.9 to 4.0; and Distinction, 3.75 to 3.89. Students receiving their doctorate degree from the Michigan College of Optometry and the College of Pharmacy use the English system: Highest Distinction, 3.75 to 4.0; High Distinction, 3.5 to 3.74; and Distinction, 3.25 to 3.49. Kendall students' levels of recognition are Academic Honors, 3.5 to 4.0, and Studio Excellence Award.

Ferris State University is a four-year public university with campuses in Big Rapids, Grand Rapids and satellite campuses across the state. Ferris offers more than 180 educational programs, including doctoral, master's, bachelor's and associate degrees, through eight academic colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Services, Engineering Technology, Health Professions, Kendall College of Art and Design, Michigan College of Optometry and Pharmacy. Founded in 1884 by educator, Michigan Gov. and United States Sen. Woodbridge N. Ferris, the university's mission is to be a national leader in career-oriented, technological and professional education.