

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT AFFAIRS

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## BULLDOG FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



### ATHLETICS

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Athletics are an intricate part of our Ferris State University community. Currently, the Bulldogs men's and women's basketball teams are making pushes this month as the GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) division leaders' regular season and tournament titles, as well as hopes for NCAA Tournament bids. The nationally-ranked Bulldogs have had a great start to the season.

Our athletes dominated the GLIAC Commissioner's Award for Excellence. This award is presented to six female and six male student-athletes that excel both in the classroom and on the fields of play. Ferris had five honorees, the most of any school in the conference.

As one athletic season winds down, another starts to pick up. To check out more about upcoming Ferris athletic events click on the link

<https://www.ferrisstatebulldogs.com/landing/index/>

### NCAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

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The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) governs the actions of Ferris State University's coaches and student-athletes and has explicit guidelines that regulate the operation of our athletic programs. Institutional control is a fundamental requirement of NCAA legislation. Institutional control includes oversight and responsibility for the actions of coaches, staff, student-athletes and boosters, whether or not the university is aware of those actions.

As a parent of an athlete, it can be a different experience. When you have college-bound student athlete preparing to enroll in a Division I or Division II school, they need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure they have met amateurism standards and are academically prepared for college coursework. The NCAA Eligibility Center takes into account standardized test scores, number of core courses taken in high school and the grades earned in those core courses.

Please encourage your student athlete to visit the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) to register. The registration fee is \$90 for domestic students and \$150 for international students. Registration typically takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Athletes should contact their coach if they any have questions.

The Ferris State University Compliance Office is responsible for ensuring that individuals and groups representing the institution's athletic teams and student athletes comply with all pertinent institutional, GLIAC, CCHA, and NCAA regulations. The integrity of the institution is upheld by promptly investigating any known or alleged rules violations and self-reporting any confirmed infractions. In addition, the Compliance Office strives to establish a student-athlete and coach-focused environment by providing effective and consistent interpretations of GLIAC and NCAA legislation. This goal is advanced by providing the institution's athletic teams with every opportunity to be successful in their endeavors within the confines of the rules.

This compliance site will further assist coaches, prospective student athletes, current student-athletes, athletics representatives/boosters, agents and anyone else interested in intercollegiate athletics and Ferris State University. Compliance is everyone's responsibility and we need help in ensuring the growth and success of Ferris State Athletics. For more information click on the link <https://www.ferrisstatebulldogs.com/compliance/index>



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## SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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Is your student graduating this May? Ferris will honor graduates during five separate ceremonies, all taking place at the Ewigleben Sports Complex

**Friday, May 8, at 3:30 p.m.** for graduates in the College of Health Professions and Michigan College of Optometry. (Convocation Center doors open at 2:30 p.m.)

**Friday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m.** for graduates in the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Pharmacy, and Doctorate in Community College Leadership (Convocation Center doors open at 6 p.m.)

**Saturday, May 9, at 9 a.m.** for graduates in the College of Engineering Technology (Convocation Center doors open at 8 a.m.)

**Saturday, May 9, at 12:30 p.m.** for graduates in the College of Business (Convocation Center doors open at 11:30 a.m.)

**Saturday, May 9, at 4:00 p.m.** for graduates in the College of Education & Human Services (Convocation Center doors open at 3:00 p.m.)

More information is available regarding tickets, special accommodations, and local hotel accommodations on the commencement site <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/current/Commencement/mayceremony.htm>



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 6	5:00 pm - Halls Close for Spring Recess
March 7-15	Spring Recess – NO CLASSES
March 15	10:00 am–Halls open from Spring Recess
March 19	Spring Bill Due
March 30	Fall 2020 Early Registration
April 9-12	Mid-semester Recess

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