



# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

**FEBRUARY 2019**

Celebrate Black History Month!

### FERRIS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

February is Black History Month in the U.S., and Ferris State's Office of Multicultural Student Services is hosting events in celebration.

Students can attend the 2019 Black History Month event *The Meeting*, a stage play written by Jeff Stetson and presented by Kelvin Wade Entertainment. Discover what may have happened if Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X had met in secret to debate the future of the civil rights movement. "They discuss their visions for nationwide change, and as their no-holds-barred conversation expands and deepens, the two contrasting personalities come to learn much about the other and -- together -- discover common ground."

OMSS is sponsoring a film series for Black History Month as well, every Thursday throughout February at 11:00 a.m. and select other times, available for viewing on the OMSS homepage. Encourage your students to attend!

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was also celebrated over three days in January. OMSS hosted a day of service, films and discussions, events and speakers, a freedom march, and a student tribute.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- FEBRUARY 21** Spring Career and Internship Fair 11:00 A.M.
- MARCH 9 – MARCH 17** Spring Recess
- MARCH 25** Fall Registration Live
- MARCH 26** Spring Graduation Fair 11:00 A.M.
- APRIL 19 – APRIL 21** Mid-Term Recess
- MAY 6 – MAY 10** Exam Week

#### FRIDAY, MAY 10 COMMENCEMENT

- 3:30 Michigan College of Optometry  
College of Health Professions
- 7:00 College of Pharmacy  
Doctorate in Community  
College Leadership  
College of Arts & Sciences  
University College

#### SATURDAY, MAY 11 COMMENCEMENT

- 9:00 College of Business
  - 12:30 College of Education and Human Services
  - 4:00 College of Engineering Technology
- Students are allotted 6 tickets each for the ceremony.

#### Reminders:

Summer registration is live. Have your student login to MyFSU and find MyRegistration under the Student tab.

Housing for Fall 2019 will be live March 25. Your student can find MyHousing in Dining and Housing in Life@FSU under the Student tab.

New Students - Don't forget to sign up for orientation online. You can find the sign-up process near the bottom of Ferris' homepage.

## USEFUL STUDENT SERVICES

Remind your student that they're not alone!

Ferris State has many services available to help your student succeed in their courses, including Structured Learning Assistance workshops, tutoring, and the Writing Center, the latter two both located in FLITE 120.

[Structured Learning Assistance](#) workshops are available to give Ferris State University students a high level of academic support while reducing course withdrawal/failure rates and increasing the number of students who pass some of the most challenging and highest risk-for-failure university courses. Course offerings for this semester are available on the website. On average, 10% more students pass courses with SLA workshops.

[Tutoring](#) is free and arranged on a first come, first served basis. The Academic Support Center offers one-on-one or group sessions in any subject, and lab tutoring is also available for specialized equipment.

[The Writing Center](#) offers free one-on-one writing consultation to all FSU students, in all disciplines, at all stages of the writing process. Some classes require visits to the Writing Center on certain papers, so it's important for students to become familiar with the service. Appointments can be made online or students can call (231) 591-2534 for more information.

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Parents, family and friends of Ferris State University can receive emergency messaging. Completing the following actions will register a cell phone to receive FSU Text Alerts sent by the Rave Mobile Alert system. All FSU location messages will be received when registering a cell number.

1. Text the word FerrisAlerts to the number 67283 on the cell phone you wish to register with the system.
2. The Rave system will respond back with a confirmation message.
3. You may opt out of ALL messages by texting STOP to the number 67283. (This stops ALL text messages from being sent to the cell number)

For more information, contact the non-emergency dispatch line at (231) 591-5000, email them at [dispatch@ferris.edu](mailto:dispatch@ferris.edu), or visit their website at [www.ferris.edu/PublicSafety](http://www.ferris.edu/PublicSafety).



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