



## FAMILY AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019

Summer is Here!

### ADVICE FOR SUMMER SEMESTERS

The summer semester flies by much faster than a typical semester, so it's more important for students to keep up with the basic class-taking tips.

- Be on time for class

Especially because these classes are the same amount of information as a normal semester being squeezed into less time. Students don't want to miss out on notes!

- Practice good timekeeping

Be sure to study outside of class time. For every hour in class, students should spend two hours studying outside of class.

- Keep an eye on BlackBoard

Many summer classes are exclusively online so students don't have to spend summer on campus. Just because a class isn't in person, doesn't make it any easier. Students should be sure to continue to study hard and take time each day to check BlackBoard for assignments or notices.

- Keep organized

Especially with any online classes, it's important for students to keep their work organized. Create separate files and folders on the computer, and keep assignments in a designated folder that's easy to find.

#### Reminders:

New Students - Don't forget to sign up for orientation online. Your student can find the sign-up process near the bottom of Ferris' homepage. Be sure to pay the deposit.



### IMPORTANT DATES

**JUNE 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20** Orientation 2019, 9:00 am

**JULY 4** No Classes

**JULY 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18** Orientation 2019, 9:00 am

**AUGUST 14** Last Day of Summer Classes

**AUGUST 15** Residence Halls and East Campus Suites Summer Closing

**AUGUST 22** Orientation 2019, 9:00 am

**AUGUST 26** First Day of Fall Classes

## A SUMMER IN BIG RAPIDS

No matter the season, the Big Rapids area offers many ways to get back to nature, miles of trails to explore, beautiful golf courses, all the camping adventures you could ask for, and the mighty Muskegon River to tube, explore, fish or swim.

The Big Rapids Riverwalk is just under 3.5 miles long and follows alongside the Muskegon River. Any recreation equipment can be rented from Ferris State. The Hungerford Recreation Area features separate trails to enjoy horseback riding, mountain biking, and hiking.

There's also plenty of activities right on the Ferris State campus, not including various recreation and fitness centers and campus events. The Katke Gold Club has 21 holes of championship golf and an award winning practice range. It's open 7 days a week with various introductory rates depending on the day, and tee time can be booked right online. The Ferris State University Challenge Course is a rope course that consists of low and high elements connected to telephone poles and trees that are designed for group and individual participation. Reservations should be made for larger groups more than two weeks in advance for a better chance of accommodation.

## STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Summer is the time many students near graduation take on their required internships. Ferris State University students gain valuable work experience through internships. Internships also can confirm or redirect career decision-making, provide marketability, develop people skills and enhance classroom learning. Many academic programs require one, but the experience is encouraged regardless to provide students with a better

understanding of what will be expected of them in the workplace.

Throughout the internship, students will send weekly reports to their advisor that describe the jobs they're taking on, what they've accomplished and have plans to accomplish, and what they've been learning. Toward the end of the internship, the student will write a 3-page report on everything about the internship: the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Student internships allow your student to prepare themselves for the "real world," gaining real world experience and having the help of professionals in their field guiding their work. Students are encouraged to search for a possible internship as soon as possible; most internships are taken during the summer, but can be taken alongside classes if the workload isn't too much on them. Internships can also be taken the semester after their graduation, but students are encouraged to take one on before.



## CONNECT WITH US!

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