



FEBRUARY 2020 BULLDOG FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| February 9 | JC Penney Suit Up Event noon-3:00 pm at the Big Rapids JCP. |
| February 11 | Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop 5:30-7:30 pm UCB 209 |
| February 13 | 3 rd Spring Bill Due |
| February 20 | 11:00 am – Career and Internship Fair Ewigleben Sports Complex |
| 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 16 | Last day to drop, partial Semester B |
| March 19 | Summer and Fall Job Fair 10:00 am-1:00pm |
| March 19 | Spring Bill Due |
| March 22 | Leadership Conference University Center 3:00-5:00pm |
| March 24 | Spring Graduation Fair 11:00am-5:00 pm University Center |
| March 30 | Fall 2020 Early Registration Begins |

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ACTIVITIES

MLK Day began with “Operation Safe Sidewalks” at 10:00 a.m. on January 20 organized through the CLACS (Center for Leadership, Activities, and Career Services) Office. Students reported to the University Center dressed for the weather, divided into groups and cleaned up city sidewalks by shoveling, picking up debris, and salting to ensure that our residents in the community are safe. Shovels and salt were provided.

The Office of Multicultural Student Services’ annual MLK Freedom March took place on Monday, January 20 as well beginning at 4:00 p.m. The march commemorates the life and legacy of Dr. King on this day. The march began and concluded at the University Center Rankin Atrium. Following the Freedom March, a Student Tribute Program featured a special talk and performance by Mike Ellison who is a multifaceted Executive Artist, musician, actor and producer. Ellison has released independent records and headlined

national tours, while registering acting credits spanning film, television and theater. Ellison's MLK presentation was a blend of culture, commentary, history, hip-hop, spoken word and storytelling. Each event had over 250 participants who join in the celebration to keep Dr. King's dream and legacy alive on the campus of Ferris State University. As always, this year's celebration was enjoyed by students, faculty, staff and the local celebration.



UNIVERSITY CLOSING OR CANCELLING OF CLASSES POLICY

Ferris State University is a multi-campus institution and therefore this policy has been written in an attempt to contemplate situations in Big Rapids, Grand Rapids, and across the State. The Big Rapids campus is a residential student campus and accordingly will almost always be open to students residing on campus. The University will cancel classes only under the most severe weather or other conditions. If the decision is made to cancel classes, periodic announcements will be made on area radio and television stations, the University's website, other pre-established communication venues or students may call the Ferris Information Line at 231-591-5602.

Since a large number of students live on the Big Rapids campus and these students are dependent upon Dining Services, Telecommunications, Residential Life, Physical Plant and Public Safety, it is the University's intent to provide these services and, in addition, make every effort possible to keep the Library, Convocation Center/Wink Arena, Sports Complex, Racquet Facility, Student Recreation Center and the University Center open.

Since our community college locations across the state have several unique circumstances related to weather

conditions, the Extended and International Operations Dean or his/her designee will have the responsibility for cancelling classes when necessary, at each respective location.

Decisions on weather related delays and closures at Kendall College of Art and Design are made by the President of KCAD or his/her designee. These decisions to cancel classes at KCAD are often made to follow decisions made by Grand Rapids Community college. In those cases, the class cancellation would also apply to the FSU-GR classes held at GRCC.

The Pharmacy program in Grand Rapids will have the same delays or closures as the EIO programs offered at GRCC.

CAREER CENTER

The CLACS Career Center is devoted to helping students and alumni explore, plan and prepare for rewarding careers. Our knowledgeable and experienced professional staff are ready to provide students with the support and resources every step of the way. We encourage career exploration in a variety of ways including student employment, volunteerism, and involvement in registered student organizations.


Below is a sampling of spring 2020 career focused events. For more details visit the Ferris Web Calendar and watch Bulldog News posts.

Alumni in Residence Program – Our successful alumni would love to connect with students and faculty. They look forward to sharing their experiences and expertise to help you move forward toward a successful career. Dates and times vary.

JC Penney Suit Up Event – Partnership with Big Rapids JCP to provide professional clothing and scrubs at up to 60% off on Sunday, February 9th, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, 125 N. Michigan Ave., Big Rapids. Just in time for the Career & Internship Fair!

Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop – Tuesday, February 11th, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in University Center Building Room 209. Student will learn how to value their qualifications for specific jobs and negotiate their worth.

Spring 2020 Career & Internship Fair – All majors welcome. Thursday, February 20th, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Ewigleben Sports Complex. Student



will be able to network with 100+ employer groups, explore careers, and practice their professional presentation.

Summer & Fall 2020 Student Employment Job Fair – March 19th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Location TBD. We want to help students find on-campus employment!

Please encourage your student to connect with the CLACS Career Center. Services are provided both in-person and through video chat. They can visit Handshake in MyFSU, stop by UCB 121 or call 231-591-2685 to request an appointment.

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