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Endowments benefit Ferris Professional Tennis Management Program

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University Racquet and Fitness Center staff member Janet Nash has established the Janet L. Nash Scholarship Endowment Fund and the Celestine E. Moloney Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. Both endowments will assist full-time Ferris State University students who are enrolled in the Professional Tennis Management program or who are members of the men's or women's tennis teams.

Nash, a Big Rapids resident and long-term staff member at Ferris, has demonstrated her commitment and dedication to Ferris students in countless ways. A tireless advocate for students and for alumni, she is vigilant for new opportunities that will assist students in achieving their personal and professional goals.

“It has been a joy and privilege to witness the results of my financial contributions to the Professional Tennis Management program and tennis teams,” said Nash. “We can all make a profound difference with continued financial support in the lives of students here at Ferris.”

Asked why she established the Celestine E. Moloney Memorial Scholarship Endowment, Nash replied, “During the 20 years I've worked at the Racquet and Fitness Center, Aunt Sally heard me talk about the wonderful staff and young men and women involved in the program. She had the chance to meet some of our students and was impressed by their enthusiasm and dedication to the game of tennis.” Ms. Moloney wished to start an endowment for the PTM program, as she knew how important the program was to the students and the University. “The amazing thing is,” laughed Nash, “she never picked up a tennis racquet in her life.”

Recipients of both scholarships must exemplify the qualities of outstanding citizenship, superior academic performance, a strong work ethic and appreciation and respect for the opportunity to pursue higher education. Freshmen, sophomore or junior students will be eligible to apply for scholarship assistance.

Ferris State University's innovative four-year Professional Tennis Management program, the first of its kind in the United States, was established in 1986 in conjunction with the United States Professional Tennis Association. Today, Ferris' PTM program is used as the industry model for other such programs.

For more information or to make a gift to the Janet L. Nash Scholarship Endowment Fund or the

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Celestine E. Moloney Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund, contact Debra Jacks, director of Planned Giving, at (231) 591-3817 or jacksd@ferris.edu. Details about establishing scholarships or endowments may be obtained from the Advancement Office at (231) 591-3825.

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