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Included below is a press release highlighting the honorary doctorate degrees that Ferris State University will confer to three distinguished professionals during the 2015 commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9. Any media requests regarding this release can be directed to Heather Young.

Attached are three photos of the honorary doctorate recipients.

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Ferris to Confer Three Honorary Doctorate Degrees at 2015 Commencement

BIG RAPIDS, Mich. – Ferris State University will confer honorary doctorates during the 2015 commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 to three distinguished professionals.

- Dale Hagerman, founder of Diplomat Pharmacy, will receive Honorary Doctorate in Health Services on Friday, May 8 during the 7 p.m. ceremony;
- Frederick E. Shell, vice president of Corporate and Government Affairs for DTE Energy, will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service on Saturday, May 9 during the 9 a.m. ceremony; and
- Karl Linebaugh, president of Chemical Bank's North Region, will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Business and Industry on Saturday, May 9 during the 4 p.m. ceremony.

The three recipients will receive their degrees and give a speech. More information about the May 2015 commencement ceremonies can be found here: <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/current/commencement/>

Please see biographical information on the recipients below:

Dale Hagerman, Doctorate in Health Services

Hagerman has long been recognized as an industry leader in Genesee County, serving as a mentor to younger pharmacists. He is more broadly an important figures in the profession of pharmacy throughout the state of Michigan, regionally and nationally. In the mid-1970s, Dale's belief in the profession and his commitment to his family led him to trade in his stock in Ideal Pharmacy, which he founded, to purchase a new pharmacy that would allow for him to work with his son, Phil. Together they founded Diplomat Pharmacy, which is now one of the largest specialty pharmacies in the country.

In addition to establishing highly successful businesses and fostering professional standards, Dale also founded a pharmacy dynasty at Ferris. His son, Phil, is a College of Pharmacy graduate, as is his daughter, Deborah, and

granddaughter Jennifer. Today, Phil is CEO and chair of the board of directors at Diplomat Pharmacy, and Jennifer is senior director of education and at Diplomat, and is president of the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

In honoring Hagerman, the university is recognizing someone who has instilled in all of those he has mentored the commitment to put patients and their well-being first. Part of Diplomat Pharmacy's philosophy is a commitment to treat one patient at a time. It is that level of service to individuals and the profession that has served as the foundation of the company's success and its ethos.

Recognition of Hagerman is an acknowledgment of his entire family and the three generations of Ferris College of Pharmacy graduates that collectively have bettered the lives of the thousands of patients afflicted with some of the most difficult-to-manage diseases. Additionally, his role in Diplomat Pharmacy has provided major new economic possibilities for the city of Flint.

Frederick E. Shell, Doctorate of Public Service

Shell is vice president of Corporate and Government Affairs for DTE Energy, a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. In that capacity, Shell is responsible for corporate, federal, state and local government affairs. He also serves as president of the DTE Energy Foundation where he is responsible for overseeing the company's philanthropic contributions and community outreach programs.

Shell was previously vice president of public affairs at MCN Energy Group, which merged with DTE Energy in 2001. There, he was responsible for guiding the company in civic affairs, corporate communications, government affairs, media relations and public policy. Shell also served as director of public policy at Michigan Consolidated Gas Company; president and chief operating officer of G-Tech, the company's gas technology division; and lobbyist and director of government affairs. Earlier in his career, Shell served as press secretary to a Michigan member of Congress.

In his role as president of the DTE Energy Foundation, Shell has been supportive of Ferris' Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia and its mission to use objects of intolerance to teach tolerance and promote social justice. He recognized that although some of the museum's objects are disturbing, the context in which they are placed create an important resource for understanding inequality – a resource drawn upon by students, scholars and the general public.

Shell earned a Bachelor of Science in history and political science from Western Michigan University, and is a graduate of the University of Michigan's public utility executive program.

Shell is very active in professional and civic organizations. He is president of the Michigan Economic Development Foundation and vice chairperson of Metropolitan Affairs Coalition. He serves on the board of directors of the Detroit Historical Society, the Historical Society of Michigan, Metro Detroit Visitors and Convention Bureau and the Michigan Political Leadership Program.

Karl Linebaugh, Doctorate of Business and Industry

Linebaugh has for many years been an important figure in the life of the Big Rapids community – both in his professional role as chairman of Chemical Bank's North Region and through his unselfish service to civic organizations.

Linebaugh also has deep ties to Ferris. In addition to serving on The Ferris Foundation Board of Directors, his involvement with Ferris includes a board position and past chair on the Friends of Ferris political action committee and membership in the university's Founder's Club. He is past president of the Bulldog Club and served on Ferris' 2003 presidential search committee.

Linebaugh's deep involvement in the community includes serving on various boards and committees. He is a former member and president of the Big Rapids Jaycees, and a former board member and president of the Mecosta County Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a member who previously served as president and on the board of the Big Rapids Lions Club, and helped found and is past president of the Mecosta County Community Foundation. He also served as a member of First United Methodist Church and chair of its Finance Committee.

Additionally, he served as co-president of ArtWorks and advisory board member of the Salvation Army. His contributions to the Big Rapids community earned him the Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year recognition and the Mecosta County General Hospital Foundation's Northern Lights Award in Business and Industry.

Linebaugh and his wife, Cindy, have been Big Rapids stalwarts since moving to town in 1972. Since then, he has been a true pillar of the community, someone who has been an extremely positive force for business, education and the arts.

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