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Included below is a press release regarding a local student who recently earned a Professional Golf Management scholarship at Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Nienhuis receives Professional Golf Management scholarship

BIG RAPIDS – Blake Nienhuis of Zeeland, a Professional Golf Management sophomore at Ferris State University, has received the Norman and Helen Bennett Memorial Scholarship for 2008.

The award was created by the Bennett's children, Sally, Terry and Thomas, to assist students who are enrolled in the Professional Golf Management program that demonstrate the qualities necessary to becoming an outstanding golf professional including academic achievement, leadership and playing ability.

Helen Bennett began teaching at Ferris in 1956 and served as a physical education instructor and coach. She was a leader for women in athletics and personally excelled in field hockey, tennis and golf, holding the club championship at Meceola Country Club for a number of years.

Norman Bennett served as head track coach from 1956 to 1971, leading the Bulldogs to three undefeated seasons and never having a losing season. He directed the building of Katke Golf Course and Robert Ewigleben Ice Arena, serving as manager of both facilities. Bennett was instrumental in the administration of the nation's first Professional Golf Management program at Ferris. He was the head golf professional at Meceola Country Club from 1963 until 1976.

Ferris' unique PGM program, which leads to a bachelor's degree in Marketing through the University's College of Business, is sanctioned by the Professional Golfers' Association of America and was the first program of its kind in the United States. Students in the 4.5-year program learn golf course operations, course maintenance, teaching, golf club repair and tournament administration, as well as marketing, merchandising, accounting and management. The students alternate periods of study on campus with internships at courses throughout the nation and with the integration of the PGA/PGM program, may become PGA members upon graduation.

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