

From: [Leah D Nixon](#)
To: [Shelly L Armstrong](#); [Archive](#)
Subject: Ferris Commencement Exercises
Date: 12/13/2007 04:30 PM
Attachments: [Mary Murnik.jpg](#)

Included below is a press release regarding Fall Commencement ceremonies at Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

For Immediate Release
Dec. 13, 2007

Leah Nixon
Ferris State University
Assistant Director of News Services
leahnixon@ferris.edu, (231) 591-5604

More than 500 students prepare for graduation at Ferris

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University will bestow degrees upon more than 500 students during two commencement ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 15, in Wink Arena.

Ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. for the colleges of Allied Health Sciences, Education and Human Services, and Technology. Ceremonies will be held at 1:30 p.m. for the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Ferris State University-Grand Rapids. The College of Pharmacy and Michigan College of Optometry hold commencement exercises in May.

The commencement speaker for both ceremonies will be Distinguished Teacher Mary Murnik, a professor in the College of Arts and Sciences. She holds a Ph.D. in Zoology (genetics) from Michigan State University and teaches principles of genetics; genetics: human aspects; and evolution.

Murnik came to Ferris in 1980. She was honored with the Martin Luther King Social Justice Award in 2004, and in 1998, was honored with the Ferris Professional Women Woman of the Year Award and the Michigan Association of Governing Boards' Award for Teaching Excellence. Her research interests include mutagenesis, and she mentors undergraduate student research in that area. She chairs the Pre-Dental Advisory Committee and is a Dental Admission Test Constructor, Biology Content Area, for the American Dental Association.

- 30 -

CAPTION - Professor Mary Murnik was named the University's 2007 Distinguished Teacher. She will serve as commencement speaker.



Mary Murnik.jpg

Leah Nixon
Assistant Director of News Services
University Advancement & Marketing
420 Oak Street, PRK 101

Ferris State University
Big Rapids, MI 49307-2031
(231) 591-5604 / fax (231) 591-2985