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Good afternoon,

I would like to bring to your attention an event that will be taking place late Thursday morning with a follow-up event later that evening. This event is the closing ceremony for the Writings on the Wall project on the Ferris State University campus!

The information is below and we would like to encourage you to take a look at the details and see how this unique event could fit into your coverage plans. If you have any questions please contact Leah Nixon or I (Sandy Gholston) and we would be happy to do what we can to help facilitate your coverage.

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**Writings on the Wall Challenges Hate and Division at Ferris State University**

**What:** Join us for the closing ceremony and tearing down of the wall as part of the Writings on the Wall project at Ferris State University

**When:** 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009

**Where:** Campus Quad on Ferris State University's Big Rapids campus

**Background:** "Writings on the Wall" is for Ferris students, faculty and staff and members of the Big Rapids community to come together and address stereotypes, hate and anything that builds barriers between people.

Each brick, that comprises the larger wall, is colored with words that reflect hate, homophobia, racism, sexism, stereotypes and more – things that form barriers and divide people.

For many people, Writings on the Wall is a way of expressing those emotions, and

tearing down the wall symbolizes tearing down those barriers and will cap the project during the closing ceremony.

This program takes place in front of the Woodbridge N. Ferris statue and is displayed as a 6-foot by 12-foot wall. We want to encourage you to visit Ferris State University's campus and see what students are doing to build bridges and tear down barriers that divide people.

If you are looking for any additional information on this event, visit the project's Web site located at: [www.ferris.edu/diversity/wall/](http://www.ferris.edu/diversity/wall/)

Also, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Rankin Student Center Dome Room, the Office of Multicultural Student Services will be hosting an open discussion for Writings on the Wall. For more information, contact Michael Wade, in the OMSS office, at (231) 591-5029.

We hope to see you at the event!



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