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Ferris students, MMCAA staff to assist local residents with taxes

BIG RAPIDS – A new opportunity for Ferris State University students to participate in service-learning will directly benefit local residents.

The initiative from Ferris' College of Business has developed into a unique partnership between the University and Mid Michigan Community Action Agency (MMCAA) to assist community residents with their tax preparation for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Students from the FSU Honors Program specializing in accounting or a related field and MMCAA trained staff will help area low income residents in completing their tax information.

Students taking part in the program's training session included Steve Friedman, Kurt Kramer and Nick Maeder. More information about the program, which begins in January, is available from Gary Gilbert at the MMCAA in Clare at 989-386-3805.

The special service-learning initiative is one of a variety of activities planned by Ferris that will expand University involvement with area residents and organizations as part of the American Democracy Project.

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