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Gerber's start endowment for Ferris construction management scholarships

BIG RAPIDS – Russell Gerber, retired president of Gerber Construction Company in Reed City, and his wife, Avis, have established an endowment to support scholarships in the College of Technology at Ferris State University.

The distributed earnings from the Russell and Avis Gerber Scholarship Endowment Fund will be used for scholarships for full-time students in Ferris' Construction Management Program. Candidates for the awards must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0, and must be need-based students who are motivated to succeed in the classroom and in their careers.

Gerber has maintained a close relationship with the Construction Management program over the years. He presently serves on the University's Construction Technology and Management Advisory Committee. His wife, Avis, supported him in his professional ventures while maintaining their home and helping to raise their children. The Stanwood couple's son, Gary, is a 1977 College of Technology graduate and currently serves as an associate professor in the Ferris Architectural Technology and Facilities Management program.

For more information or to make a gift to the Russell and Avis Gerber Scholarship Endowment Fund, interested persons may contact Carla Miller, associate vice president for advancement, at 591-2391.