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Ferris hosts annual Spaghetti Bridge competition

BIG RAPIDS – The annual Spaghetti Bridge competition conducted by Ferris State University has been scheduled for March 18-19 in the Rankin Center.

Twenty-two schools have registered to compete, including local entries from Big Rapids, Chippewa Hills, Crossroads Charter Academy, Morley-Stanwood, Pine River and Reed City. The two-day contest features a written report, oral presentation, authentic bridge design and load-bearing competition.

Members of each of the top three teams receive partial scholarships to Ferris and the top five teams are awarded cash prizes. The actual bridge building occurs on the second day of competition when each team constructs the strongest structure possible using just two pounds of dry spaghetti and glue. The bridges are then tested for weight-bearing capacity.

The public is welcome to view the weight-bearing competition on Saturday morning in the Rankin Center Dome Room beginning at 11 o'clock.

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