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Ferris student co-authors, presents paper at annual meeting

BIG RAPIDS – **Anita Guedea** of Country Club Hills, IL, an Applied Biology major enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Ferris State University, recently presented a co-authored paper at the 57th Annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS).

Guedea, and fellow student Rebecca Kerby, collaborated with Assistant Professor Scott Herron, Associate Professor Roger Mitchell, and Professor Phillip Watson, to explain the importance of pollen transfer by insect visitors to a death scene to determine the effect, if any, of forensically important insects and deposition of both wind blown and insect transferred pollen. The study, entitled “The Role of Forensic Insects in the Deposition of Pollen at a Death Scene,” was presented at the New Orleans meeting of the AAFS.

Guedea, a Hillcrest High School graduate, is president of the local chapter of the National Organization for Women, a student organizer for the V-Day FSU Challenge 2005 campaign, and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the leadership honor society.

Ferris State University is a four-year public university with campuses in Big Rapids, Grand Rapids and satellite campuses across the state. Ferris offers more than 170 educational programs, including doctorate, master’s, bachelor’s and associate degrees, through nine academic colleges: Allied Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Services, Pharmacy, Technology, the Michigan College of Optometry, Kendall College of Art and Design and the College of Professional and Technological Studies. Ferris also has a University College featuring an Honors program, and provides students with instruction in study skills, reading and career exploration.

Founded in 1884 by educator, Michigan Governor and U.S. Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, the university’s mission is to be a national leader in career-oriented, technological and professional education.