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Ferris student wins Volunteer Service Award

BIG RAPIDS – **Leslie K. Harrison** of Prescott, a communication major enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Ferris State University, has received a Michigan Campus Compact Heart and Soul Award.

Michigan Campus Compact annually presents the awards to students from colleges and universities across the state. Three types of awards are given: the Outstanding Community Impact Award, the Commitment to Service Award and the Heart and Soul Award. The Heart and Soul award received by Harrison recognizes students for their time, effort and personal commitment through service to others.

Michigan Campus Compact is a state-level, non-profit organization that promotes the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

Harrison, a 2002 Whittemore-Prescott High School graduate, is actively involved at Ferris as an employee in the Student Leadership and Activities office, as well as the offices of Financial Aid and Admissions. She has participated in Ferris' production of "The Vagina Monologues," coordinated various civic engagement activities, and sings in the Choir. Harrison is also a member of the Student Alumni Gold Club, the Select 60 Mentoring Group, Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa National 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 providing 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.