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**Ferris student volunteers optometric services in West Indies**

BIG RAPIDS – **Lindsey Wynkoop** of Elk Rapids, a Pre-optometry major enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Ferris State University, recently participated in a Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity mission to Dominica, West Indies.

During the eight-day mission, the 30-member team examined 1,100 patients, dispensed 1,800 pairs of eyeglasses and referred 131 patients for medical eye care.

Wynkoop, a 2002 Elk Rapids High School graduate, is the American Chemical Society student affiliate chapter president, is a local volunteer with the American Red Cross and is a member of the Pre-optometry Club, Student Alumni Gold Club and West Central Concert Band.

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 doctoral, 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.