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### **Ferris PGM Student Receives Scholarship**

BIG RAPIDS – Todd Griffin of Shelby, Stefan Niezgodra of Walloon Lake and David Stevens of Plymouth, Professional Golf Management majors at Ferris State University, recently received the Association of Golf Exhibitors (AGE) Award.

Established in 1980 as the Golf Manufacturers and Distributors Association Award, the AGE Award has supported 56 Ferris PGM students through the years. The scholarship annually provides \$1,000, divided equally between the fall and winter semesters. Recipients of this award must be of junior or senior standing and show high academic achievement, outstanding golfing ability and characteristics related to being an outstanding golf professional.

Ferris' unique PGM program, which leads to a bachelor's degree in marketing through the University's College of Business, is sanctioned by the Professional Golfers' Association of America and was the first program of its kind in the United States. Students in the four-and-a-half-year program learn golf course operations, course maintenance, teaching, golf club repair and tournament administration as well as marketing, merchandising, accounting and management. The students alternate periods of study on campus with internships at courses throughout the nation, and with the integration of the PGA/PGM™ program, may become PGA members eight months after graduation.