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### **Ferris to Award More Than 1,500 Diplomas at May 6-7 Commencements**

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University will award in excess of 1,500 diplomas to graduates and present honorary degrees to five recipients during the University's annual Spring Commencement exercises in Wink Arena on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7.

Some 1,544 students of the 1,816 eligible graduates are expected to participate in the four ceremonies recognizing those who completed graduation requirements during the 2004-05 academic year

The Ferris Board of Trustees will confer honorary doctorate degrees upon Paul Boyer (business and industry) of Grand Rapids, Roger and Debra Card (business and industry) of Mt. Pleasant, Rick Johnson (public service) of Leroy and Richard Sauve (business and industry) of Fenton. The recipients will deliver brief acceptance remarks.

Johnson will address graduates of the College of Education and Human Services and College of Pharmacy on Friday at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Sauve will give his remarks to College of Technology graduates at 9 a.m., Boyer will speak to College of Business graduates at 12:30 p.m. and the Cards will address graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Allied Health Sciences and Michigan College of Optometry at 4 p.m.

Commencement ceremonies for Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University will be held May 7 at 10:30 a.m. in Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids. Kendall will confer an honorary doctor of arts degree upon Robert S. Fogarty, Jr., chair and chief executive officer of Kindel Furniture Company.

Ferris Commencement weekend alumni activities are highlighted by the annual Alumni Spring Reunion Banquet on May 5 at 6 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Conference Center Ballroom. The program features the induction of members of the Class of 1955 into the Society of Golden Eagles (50th anniversary), recognition of the Class of 1965, and presentation of the Ferris Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Awards to Richard "Dick" Dolack of Muskegon and Randy Seaman of Lowell, and Pacesetter Awards to Mark Guindon of Linden and Michael Pung of Mt. Pleasant.

The Ferris Professional Women will host their annual FPW Commencement Breakfast on May 6 from 8-10 a.m. in the Rankin Center Dome Room. The program will feature recognition of FPW Woman of the Year Jana Hurley and presentation of the Helen Bennett Award to the University's outstanding female student-athlete.