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High school students showcase talent at Ferris Video Festival

BIG RAPIDS – Eight high school students from across the state walked off with top honors at the Ferris Video Festival 2005 held recently at Ferris State University.

More than 100 students displayed their creativity and filmmaking ability during the annual competition, sponsored by the Ferris Television and Digital Media Production program and by student members of the Ferris Chapter of the Media Communications Association.

Winners of the judging in the seven categories were:

Action/Drama – Greg Rousson of Lakeland High School for his suspense filled production of “35mm.”

Animation – Grant Hyde of Walled Lake Western High School for “The Raven,” an animated film featuring one of Edgar Allen Poe’s more famous poems.

Comedy – Will Zuidema of Plainwell High School, for his film “Space Rock II,” a comedy about saving Plainwell High School from the evil forces of the intergalactic genius.

Documentary – Travis Shull of Lathrup High School for an inspiring story detailing the life of a young man with a spinal cord injury titled, “In Support of Dan Young.”

Music Video – Ann Orrin of Troy High School for “Comfort Eagle.”

Public Service Announcement – Steve Roberts of Walled Lake Western High School for his “Death of an Innocent” about drinking and driving.

Sports/News Production – Mike and Kayla Penokie of Lakeland High School for their news piece on the city of Toronto.

The grand prize winner was Lathrup’s Shull for his production of the documentary “Mama’s Lickin Stick Ensemble,” featuring jazz master Wendell Harrison. As the top winner, Shull received a \$500 scholarship to the Television and Digital Media program at Ferris. All student winners received certificates of recognition and gift certificates.

“As an advisor to the Media Communications Association, I was involved in the judging process and it was so exciting to see the abundant creativity and quality of entries this year,” said Connie Morcom, assistant professor of Television and Digital Media Production. “Students from high schools all over Michigan attended the festival and it was a huge success. We look forward to coordinating with more high schools for next year’s festival,” said Morcom.

All of the film productions can be viewed at <http://tdmp.ferris.edu>.

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 and Kendall College of Art and Design. 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.

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