



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Ferris honors Dakkuri as International Educator of the Year**

BIG RAPIDS -- Professor Adnan Dakkuri of the College of Pharmacy has been selected as the International Educator of the Year by Ferris State University's Division of Academic Affairs.

During his 29 years at Ferris, Dr. Dakkuri has been involved in a wide range of activities pertaining to international education. He personally completed a sabbatical leave in Jordan and undertook joint research with scholars from Japan and Taiwan that resulted in the publication of several articles.

Some of his international education activities have been student-oriented, including service as advisor to the Muslim Student Organization as well as assisting international students with problems and issues they encounter in their adaptation to the United States. In addition, he has been faculty secretary to the Ferris Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, a position he has used to foster responsible global citizenship by arranging for international craft sales supporting cottage industries in the developing world.

Dakkuri has worked on curricular issues in the international setting and has been instrumental in designing and upgrading pharmacy programs at Yarmouk University and two other universities in Jordan. Presently, he consults on pharmacy education to Al-Isra University. He holds a baccalaureate degree in pharmacy from the American University of Beirut and a doctorate from the University of Illinois at the Medical Center in Chicago.

He also has been an active participant on university committees concerned with international issues as illustrated by his inclusion as a founding member of the International Education Committee. Within his field he has been a voice for international education, serving as a member of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Task Force on Assistance to Pharmaceutical Scientists in Developing Countries.

International education has been an integral part of his academic life, according to Dakkuri. It has been his goal to instill within students and faculty alike an appreciation for the uniqueness of different cultures "in the hope that we all become genuinely (versus superficially) tolerant citizens of the globe," he said.

Dakkuri's academic service has been complemented by community involvement in international education. In particular, he is a past president of Big Rapids Rotary International and presently serves on the Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee which awards \$25,000 scholarships to two students annually for the purpose of studying abroad.

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