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Included below is a press release regarding spring commencement ceremonies at Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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### **More than 1,700 students prepare for graduation at Ferris**

BIG RAPIDS – As one chapter ends, another is beginning for more than 1,700 students at Ferris State University who are candidates for degrees this spring. The university will honor these graduates in five ceremonies over two days, during which more than 1,500 students are expected to participate.

Commencement exercises will be at 3:30 p.m. May 9 for the College of Allied Health Sciences followed by a 7 p.m. ceremony for the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Pharmacy, and Professional and Technological Studies. The College of Technology will kick off Saturday's ceremonies at 9 a.m. followed by the College of Business at 12:30 p.m., and College of Education and Human Services, and Michigan College of Optometry at 4 p.m.

Kendall College of Art and Design will hold its commencement ceremony at 10:30 a.m. May 10 at Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids.

Highlighting two ceremonies this year will be speakers and honorary doctoral degree recipients John Hare and Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick. Eva Maddox will be the recipient of an honorary doctoral degree from Kendall.

Hare served as president of ABC Radio's 72 stations nationwide from February 1999 until his retirement in the spring of 2007. Previously, he was group president of ABC-Owned Radio Stations since 1997. In this capacity, he was responsible for stations in New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Detroit and Washington, D.C.

A Detroit area native, Hare graduated from Ferris State University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. He and his wife, Joanne, are the parents of four children.

Now in her sixth term serving Michigan's 13th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Kilpatrick oversees the budgets of more than 20 governmental agencies, including the Treasury Department, National Credit Union Administration, Postal Service and the Small Business Administration. As a member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee, she helps determine funding for the Department of Homeland Security. She is also a member of the House Appropriations Committee and its newly created Financial Services Subcommittee.

Born and raised in Detroit, Kilpatrick did undergraduate work at Ferris State University, where she earned the first of her three college degrees. She has two children and five

grandsons.

Maddox is a renowned architect and interior designer who established Eva Maddox Associates, a Chicago-based firm, in 1975. In 2002, her firm became part of Perkins+Will, now known as Perkins+Will/Eva Maddox Branded Environments. She has worked with a wide variety of clients, including Haworth in Holland, and was elected to the Design Hall of Fame in 1992. Other honors include an honorary doctoral degree from her alma mater, the University of Cincinnati, and receiving a Purpose Prize Fellow, an award recognizing social innovators.

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