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Included below is a press release regarding Ferris State University's Management Department Scholarship. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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## **Management Department Provides Scholarship Funds for Students**

BIG RAPIDS – Faculty and staff in the Management department at Ferris State University have pledged more than \$14,000 in scholarships for Business Administration students in the College of Business.

Funds for the Management Department Scholarship were donated by faculty, staff and administration, along with gifts from Management department emeriti.

"I am proud that our Management faculty and administration believe in the value of their program, and in the opportunity we provide our students," College of Business Dean David Nicol said. "By contributing personally to create this scholarship, they have demonstrated their commitment to our students, and their belief in action above talk."

The scholarship will award between \$500 and \$1,000 to two to four students each year. The number of students receiving this scholarship, along with the monetary amount of the award, will increase as the scholarship fund grows each year.

"This philanthropic spirit has generated a high-level of satisfaction not only for students, but also our department," said Management department Head David Steenstra, who helped spearhead this initiative. "The wisdom behind the saying 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' has become manifested in this act of caring and kindness. It's a lot of fun for all of us in the Management department."

Students pursuing degrees in Business Administration, including Management, Legal Studies, Operations and Supply Management, Human Resources, Business Administration and MBA graduate students are eligible to receive this scholarship. Requirements include junior-level standing and a 2.5 minimum GPA.

Members of the Management department created the scholarship after realizing students have financial needs that are not always covered by other scholarships.

"The most significant reason for creating this scholarship is the responsibility of our department to demonstrate our commitment to our profession – to our calling. Along with our employment comes a huge level of responsibility to not only provide students with an

exceptional education, but to also provide them with opportunities to engage in learning when other means of inclusion seem to present insurmountable barriers - or simply put, when financial doors are otherwise closed," Steenstra added.

For more information or to make a gift to the Management Department Scholarship Fund, please contact the Ferris Foundation at (231) 591-2365 or *fsufdn@ferris.edu*. Details about establishing scholarships or endowments may be obtained from the Advancement Office at (231) 591-3825.

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