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Included below is a press release regarding the Ferris State University Honors Program Variety Show.

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### **Honors Program hosts variety show to raise funds for Big Rapids library**

BIG RAPIDS – The Ferris State University Honors Program will be hosting its second annual “Honors Variety Show” at 7 p.m. March 23 in the Ferris Rankin Student Center Dome Room featuring the talents of various students performing musical, theatrical and comedic acts, plus more. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Big Rapids Community Library.

There will be opportunities for audience participation and door prizes, including gift certificates to local businesses. Also in conjunction with the show, the Honors Program will be hosting a book drive. Books will be donated to the Big Rapids library. Books may be dropped off at the Office of Student Leadership and Activities or Helen Ferris Hall on the university’s Big Rapids campus beginning March 20. Books also may be dropped off during the variety show.

Last year’s event raised nearly \$100 for the library with more than 200 people in attendance. The Variety Show Committee expects an even bigger turnout this year and expects to raise more money for the library, said Bret Muter of the Honors Program. In addition to the awards that will be given out by this year’s judges, which include Homecoming King Frank Dye, associate professor Daniel Cronk, Vice President for Student Affairs Daniel Burcham and representatives from the Big Rapids Community Library, attendees will also have a say in who wins one of the awards.

Audience members will be able to support their favorite act by putting money in a jar with that performer’s name on it. The performer that wins the most crowd support (raises the most money) will win the “Crowd Favorite Award.”

This year’s event is being chaired by Ashley Grutter, a sophomore in the Music Industry Management program; Sarah Lundgren, a Public Relations sophomore; and Muter, an Environmental Biology senior. All three are members of the Honors Program at Ferris.

For more information or for special accommodations for this event, contact Muter at [mute2@fsuimail.ferris.edu](mailto:mute2@fsuimail.ferris.edu) or (231) 591-6906.

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