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Following is a news release from Ferris State University regarding Joe and Suzette Compton of Big Rapids. Please contact Leah Nixon if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Comptons establish College of Technology endowment

Joe and Suzette Compton of Big Rapids have established the Joe and Suzette Compton Family Endowment Fund, which will benefit Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration students in the College of Technology at Ferris State University.

The Comptons have enjoyed a multifaceted relationship with Ferris for more than 20 years – first as students then later as alumni and employees. Their diverse experiences in Academic Affairs, Administration and Finance, and Student Affairs gives them a unique perspective of the University and its efforts to meet the needs of current and prospective students.

Mike Feutz, chair of the HVACR department at Ferris State University, is pleased that the Comptons established the endowment.

“Joe and Suzette’s desire to help students achieve their educational goals in the field of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration will aid students for generations to come,” said Feutz. “Hopefully, their generosity and support will inspire the students they help to be good citizens that give back to the community, as they have done.”

The scholarships will be granted in honor of the Compton’s three sons: Travis Joseph, a talented musician and composer who is engaging, intelligent and generously lends his talents to solve problems in his community; Matthew Charles, a loyal and trusted friend who enjoys playing the drums and pursuing a bachelor’s degree in History at Ferris; and Brandon James, who enjoys playing the piano and video games, and has a developing interest in the technical aspects of theatre.

Recipients of the Joe and Suzette Compton Family Scholarships shall have achieved sophomore, junior or senior academic status and be enrolled full-time in the HVACR program. Candidates also must have a 2.75 GPA as well as leadership potential. Scholarship funds may be applied to costs related to attending the University including tuition, books and other education-related expenses.

For more information or to make a gift to the Joe and Suzette Compton Family Endowment 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.

CAPTION – Pictured (left to right) are Travis, Matt, Brandon, Suzette and Joe Compton with Mike Feutz, chair of the HVACR department. Suzette serves as Banner project manager and Joe is an assistant professor in the HVACR department.



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