



**PRESS RELEASE: Ferris' Tombstone Project Promotes Domestic Violence Awareness**

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Included below is a press release regarding the Tombstone Project, a Ferris State University campus event designed to bring awareness to domestic violence in the state of Michigan. Sponsorship for this event has been led by the Office of Multicultural Student Services. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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BIG RAPIDS – The Office of Multicultural Student Services is leading an effort to promote domestic violence awareness at Ferris State University through the Tombstone Project.

The Tombstone Project will be on display for two weeks on the North Campus Quad, beginning Thursday, Oct. 13, and running through Thursday, Oct. 27.

Last year, students, faculty and staff visited Ferris' North Campus Quad to recognize and remember those lost to domestic violence in Michigan during the past year. Tombstones are placed on the North Campus Quad. Each tombstone bears the date of birth, gender, death and stories of the victims of domestic violence in the state.

The tombstones often represent more than one person. They sometimes represent families lost to domestic violence.

“It is important that people understand domestic violence impacts everyone: men, women and children,” said Bonnie Wright, an associate professor of Social Sciences at Ferris. “This event has the power to connect people personally, nationally and globally. It is important that we make people aware of the help that is out there for them.”

The visual display of tombstones includes information about domestic violence cases from Michigan, definitions of domestic violence and campus resources for help.

This is the second year for the Tombstone Project at Ferris. For more information about this event, contact Bonnie Wright at (231) 591-2791.

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