



PRESS RELEASE: Ferris Associated Construction Students Receive Donations

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Included below are three press releases regarding donations received by the Associated Construction Students organization at Ferris State University. The students received the donation of a trailer with tools from Pioneer Construction of Grand Rapids, a \$2,000 donation from Wolverine Building Group, of Grand Rapids, and a donation of tools from Illinois Works. Any questions regarding these releases can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services. A photo is attached.

These stories are posted online at:

<http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/news/archive/2011/october/pioneer.htm>



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Pioneer Construction Donates Tool Trailer to Ferris' Associated Construction Students

BIG RAPIDS – Pioneer Construction of Grand Rapids has donated a 6-by-12 foot covered trailer to the Associated Construction Students of Ferris State University.

The tool trailer will be outfitted with various hand tools to be used by ACS members as part of local community service projects. The trailer idea originally was conceived by the ACS Executive Board last spring and presented to the Construction Technology and Management Industry Advisory Board at its spring meeting. Ferris alumnus Scott Veine, vice president of operations at Pioneer Construction, later pursued the idea with the company's ownership. Five months later, Tim Showalter, Pioneer Construction president, presented the trailer and some tools to the ACS membership.

The tools and trailer were presented at a recent ceremony. Ferris was represented at the presentation by Daniel Burcham, vice president of Student Affairs; Brian Craig, director of the School of Built Environment; Lee Templin, associate professor and ACS faculty advisor; Ferrell Clark, assistant professor and ACS faculty advisor; and 22 members of ACS. The student organization's executive board includes Brett Lesiewicz, president; David Bourgeois, vice president; Charlie Alm, secretary; and Brandon Rhodes, treasurer.

According to Templin, the trailer represents an investment that the construction industry has made with Ferris students to give back to the community that they live in for at least nine months

a year while taking classes.

“The ACS Executive Board recognized the need for the donated trailer and presented that need to the advisory board, and Scott Veine took the bull by the horns to accomplish the task,” Templin said.

After ACS has outfitted the trailer, the student organization plans to pursue community service projects in the Big Rapids area in an effort to give back to the community that serves as a home away from home for Ferris students.

“I was so honored to be at this event, where industry and higher education came together to serve the community,” Burcham said. “Pioneer Construction certainly understands our value of collaboration and learning. As I watched the ceremony, I thought of how much good the Construction Management students do in the community, and how much more they will do with this generous donation by Pioneer Construction.”

Learn more about Construction Technology and Management at Ferris, here:
<http://www.ferris.edu/ctm/>

Visit the Facebook page of the Associated Construction Students:
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Wolverine Building Group Donates \$2,000 to Ferris ACS for Tools

BIG RAPIDS – Wolverine Building Group, of Grand Rapids, has donated two thousand dollars to the student organization, Associated Construction Students at Ferris State University toward the purchase of hand tools to outfit a tool trailer recently donated to ACS from Pioneer Construction.

In making the donation, Wolverine Building Group has issued a challenge to other construction firms to match their investment in the future of the construction industry.

This donation was pursued by Patrick Kelly, a senior Construction Management student at Ferris.

The overall cost to outfit the tool trailer, with the preferred equipment, is estimated to be approximately \$10,000.

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Illinois Tools Works Makes Tool Donation to FSU ACS Organization

BIG RAPIDS – Illinois Tool Works, of Chicago, made a tool donation worth approximately \$1,800 to the Ferris State University student organization, Associated Construction Students.

This donation was the first in a series planned donations to assist the students in their efforts to perform community service projects in the Big Rapids area.

This donation was precipitated by the work of Jacob Aranki, a junior Construction Management student at Ferris.

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