

## PRESS RELEASE: The Ferris Foundation is set to Host Gala Benefit Nov . 4

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Included below is a press release regarding The Ferris Foundation for Excellence Benefit Gala that will take place in Grand Rapids on Friday, Nov. 4. The press release contains information for people who are interested in attending and information about the mission of The Ferris Foundation. Any questions about this press release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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BIG RAPIDS – The Ferris Foundation is set to host its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Foundation for Excellence Benefit Gala on Friday, Nov. 4 at the JW Marriott in downtown Grand Rapids.

The Gala Benefit is an evening that focuses on ways that Ferris State University is impacting lives and strengthening Michigan's future through education and outreach. Today, the Ferris Foundation is in its 20th year of providing scholarship assistance to many students who might not otherwise have access to a Ferris education, and providing support for faculty study, exploration and service.

"Ferris State University's mission has centered on creating opportunities for students to pursue an affordable college education. Opportunity was part of the vision of our founders, Woodbridge and Helen Ferris, and the value of opportunity endures today," said John Willey, vice president for University Advancement and Marketing at Ferris and executive director of The Ferris Foundation. "Ferris State University and The Ferris Foundation remain committed to helping students realize their dreams of a college education."

The Gala Benefit begins with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. before dinner commences at 7 p.m. for this black-tie-preferred affair.

"We're truly excited about an event that will demonstrate the depth and breadth of ways that The Ferris Foundation and its generous supporters are making a difference in the lives of tomorrow's leaders who will transform Michigan's future," Willey said.

Individual seats at the Gala Benefit, to support the mission of The Ferris Foundation, are \$250 per person. In addition to individual tickets, those interested in attending the Foundation for Excellence Benefit Gala can choose from a range of sponsorship levels.

To purchase tickets, reserve a sponsorship or receive additional information, please contact Kim

Erickson at (231) 591-2365 at The Ferris Foundation. She can be reached by email at <a href="mailto:fsufdn@ferris.edu">fsufdn@ferris.edu</a>. Attendees are asked to respond by Friday, Oct. 28.

To learn more about The Ferris Foundation, visit: http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/foundation/

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