



**PRESS RELEASE: Grandville's Weideman Named Recipient of Home Depot Scholarship**

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Included below is a press release regarding a scholarship that was won by Grandville native Robert Weideman, a student at Ferris State University. Any questions regarding this press release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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BIG RAPIDS – Robert Weideman, a senior from Grandville in Ferris State University's Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineering Technology program, was named a recipient of an award from Home Depot's 2010 Pro Trade Scholarship Program.

Home Depot provides \$1,000 scholarships to support students who are currently enrolled in a building and construction program at a vocational or technical school, college, or university.

"I am very thankful and surprised to have been selected for this scholarship, especially from such a large company. I feel very lucky," Weideman said. "There is a lot of support for students interested in building trades. I was happy to have had the opportunity to apply for this scholarship."

"Robert knew from the first day I met him that his purpose here at Ferris was to fully apply himself to excel to a very high level in our program. He did just that," said Ken Lorincz, an inventory clerk in HVACR, who wrote the scholarship application recommendation for Weideman.

Ferris offers associate and bachelor's degrees in HVACR. The university's HVACR bachelor's degree is only one of two in the country. The program addresses developing expertise in system and controls design, testing and balancing on a problem-solving level to prepare technologists to fill the technology gap between technicians and engineers.

Students who graduate from the HVACR program are prepared for careers in manufacturing, contracting, building operations and in the engineering of commercial, institutional and industrial building systems. Ferris graduates accept positions around the country.

"I wouldn't trade my experiences at Ferris State for anything," Weideman said. "It has been a great five years."

After graduation, Weideman plans to return to the Grand Rapids area to pursue a career in the HVACR industry.

For more information about the HVACR program at Ferris, please visit [www.ferris.edu/cot/hvacr/](http://www.ferris.edu/cot/hvacr/).

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