



Included below is a press release regarding Amanda West of Portland, Mich., who is the recipient of a Ferris Professional Women Annual Scholarship. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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West Receives Ferris Professional Women Annual Scholarship

BIG RAPIDS – Amanda West of Portland, Mich., was named one of two recipients of the Ferris Professional Women Annual Scholarship. West is a senior in the Nursing program at Ferris State University.

The FPW scholarship is awarded to a full-time female Ferris student who has demonstrated leadership and service to the community and has excelled academically. West was required to write a 500-word essay on her qualifications for the award; in it, she described Nursing as her “absolute passion.”

Currently, West works as a home health aide in Big Rapids; she will graduate in December of 2010. In addition to serving as captain of a team for Relay for Life, she works with the Mother Teresa House in Lansing. She also has worked with the same organization in Amsterdam, Netherlands as a volunteer.

FPW supports and promotes opportunities for Ferris women, enhances the position and recognition of Ferris women, contributes to the improvement of the status of women in society and nurtures Ferris women students in their personal and professional growth.

FPW holds an annual golf outing to raise funds for the student scholarship and also conducts a book drive to purchase books that depict women in positive ways for local libraries. The organization also holds commencement breakfasts in the fall and spring to honor graduating seniors, supports youth projects and promotes networking opportunities for Ferris employees and students.

Ferris State University is a four-year public university with campuses in Big Rapids, Grand Rapids and satellite campuses across the state. Ferris offers more than 170 educational programs, including doctorates, master’s, bachelor’s and associate degrees, through nine academic colleges: Allied Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Services, the Michigan College of Optometry, Pharmacy, Engineering Technology, Kendall College of Art and Design, and the College of Professional and Technological Studies. Ferris also has a

University College that provides students with instruction in study skills, reading, career exploration and features an Honors Program. Founded in 1884 by educator, Michigan Gov. and United States Sen. Woodbridge N. Ferris, the university's mission is to prepare students for successful careers, responsible citizenship and lifelong learning.

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