



Included below is a press release regarding Emily Cross of Big Rapids, 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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### **Cross Receives Ferris Professional Women Annual Scholarship**

BIG RAPIDS – Emily Cross of Big Rapids was named one of two recipients of the Ferris Professional Women Annual Scholarship. Cross is a student in the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at Ferris State University. Also receiving the scholarship was Amanda West of Portland, Mich.

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. Cross was required to write a 500-word essay on her qualifications for the award.

Cross competes with other Ferris students on the track team, is an active member of the Student Alumni Gold Club, the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists, Phi Lambda Sigma, the Honors Program and the Honors Peer Mentor Program.

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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