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Included below is a press release regarding the Frank Marra Memorial Endowment at Ferris State University. Marra was a well-known leader in the plastics and mold making industries and was past-president of D-M-E.

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Industry leaders' philanthropy benefits College of Technology students at Ferris State University

BIG RAPIDS – It takes someone with a passion to make the dream of an education a reality for students. A recent contribution to the Frank Marra Memorial Endowment will soon benefit students enrolled in Ferris State University's College of Technology.

Wayne Hertlein, a well-respected leader in the mold making and mold design industry for many years, saw the need and raised the money to ensure students in the College of Technology would have scholarships available to them.

“Ferris State University is at the forefront of training our future engineers and program managers to be global, giving them a firm foundation for the industry as a whole,” Hertlein said on the quality of a plastics education at Ferris.

“So I called the chairman of the company that provided the lead gift for the endowment, Rod Groleau of RJG, Inc., and said ‘Do you mind if I step in and raise the money to get this endowment to where it needs to be so Ferris can start awarding scholarships?’ He said ‘Go for it,’ so that’s what I did.”

Hertlein submitted a proposal to the Mold Making and Mold Design division of the Society for Plastics Engineers, asking for \$6,500 to get the endowment on its way to helping students achieve their goals through scholarships – and he received every penny. In fact, Hertlein has raised more than \$31,000 for Ferris' College of Technology.

Dr. Tom Oldfield, dean of the College of Technology, is very appreciative of the contributions both Hertlein and Groleau have made to help Ferris' students and the Plastics programs.

“The Frank Marra Memorial Endowment constantly reminds us of how his enthusiasm helped ensure a successful future for our Plastics programs and our students at Ferris,” commented Oldfield. “It is delightful to see how Wayne’s passion for the plastics industry continues Mr. Marra’s efforts. It is a testimony to his insight into what it takes for a graduate to create a successful career path.”

Marra was a well-known leader in the plastics and mold making industries. As past-president of Madison Heights, Mich., based D-M-E, he worked to fund the construction of the original plastics technology facility at Ferris. He also was instrumental in obtaining industry financial support for the University's National Elastomer Center.

Scholarship candidates must be enrolled as a full-time student in the Plastics Technology or Plastics Engineering Technology program offered by Ferris' College of Technology. Candidates should also be an active participant in the student chapter of the Society of Plastics Engineers or the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Students must have a 3.0 GPA or better, successfully completed a minimum of two full-time semesters and demonstrate leadership potential through campus or community activities and involvement.

For more information or to make a gift to the Frank Marra Memorial Endowment, please contact the Ferris Foundation at (231) 591-2365 or fsufdn@ferris.edu. You can obtain details about establishing scholarships or endowments by calling the Advancement Office at (231) 591-3825.



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CAPTION – Pictured left to right are Kaci Kegler, assistant director for College Advancement for the College of Technology, David Lawrence, president, Global Mold Technologies/D-M-E, Thomas Oldfield, dean of the College of Technology, Scott Peters, chairman of the Mold Maker and Mold Design Division of the Society of Plastics Engineers and Wayne Hertlein, chairman of the I.T. Quanstrom Foundation.

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