

Included below is a press release regarding specific details related to graduation ceremonies for the Fall 2010 semester at Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services and Social Media Public Relations, or by visiting the Web site for commencement at the end of the press release.

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Ferris to Recognize More Than 950 Graduates at Fall Commencement

BIG RAPIDS – Before Ferris State University officials look ahead to a new calendar year, they first will send more than 950 graduates into life's next phase during commencement ceremonies for the fall 2010 semester on Saturday, Dec. 18 in Wink Arena of the Ewigleben Sports Complex.

Family and friends statewide, regionally and in some cases, nationally, will arrive in Big Rapids for commencement activities. Ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. for the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business and the College of Professional and Technological Studies. Ceremonies commence at 1:30 p.m. for the College of Allied Health Sciences, the College of Education and Human Services and the College of Engineering Technology.

Richard Goosen, a College of Engineering Technology professor and Ferris' 2010 Distinguished Teacher Award recipient, will serve as commencement speaker.

Graduation is a time for loved ones to come together to celebrate accomplishments of the past and look forward to goals being achieved in the future.

"This is an exciting time for students and their families," said Sherry Hayes, commencement coordinator and administrative assistant to the associate vice president for Student Affairs. "It's a wonderful experience to both plan and witness – the students and their families are just so happy."

Hayes explained that graduates, families and friends should expect to gather in Wink Arena for their student's graduation ceremony. The arena doors open one hour prior to the start of each ceremony; guests do not need admission tickets to attend.

The planning and executing of graduation is a long process, but one Hayes personally finds gratifying.

"Planning this ceremony takes quite a bit of time and collective contribution," Hayes said. "But it's worth every second of it; commencement day is so rewarding for everyone who attends."

College of Pharmacy and Michigan College of Optometry students graduate in May.

For more information about commencement visit: www.ferris.edu/htmls/current/commencement/

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