



PRESS RELEASE: Ferris Set to Welcome 2,500 New Students to Orientation

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Included below is a press release regarding the start of orientation at campus on Monday, June 18. New students and their families will be in Big Rapids and at Ferris during 16 orientation sessions designed to get the newest Ferris students off to a good start with their academic experience. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

To read the online version of this story, visit:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2012/june/orientation.htm>

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BIG RAPIDS – Michelle Frahm was nervous and introverted when she first arrived on Ferris State University’s Big Rapids campus for orientation.

Now a senior, Frahm serves as an orientation leader in hopes she can help alleviate the nerves of incoming freshmen.

“I remember what it was like,” said Frahm, an Applied Mathematics major from Clinton Township. “It’s a big transition. I enjoy helping new students and easing their minds about going to college.”

About 2,500 new students will participate in one of 16 orientation programs that begin Monday, June 18. Ferris’ orientation program is designed to help students become familiar with the university, learn more about their academic program, graduation requirements and support services.

As an orientation leader, Frahm helps new students get their questions answered. She also recommends that students get involved with one of the university’s 200-plus registered student organizations as a means of meeting people with similar interests.

“It’s an opportunity to make a lot of friends,” she said.

During orientation, students will get their student ID card photos taken, meet with faculty, staff and educational counselors from the academic majors, learn about course requirements, talk to financial aid representatives and register for classes. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and activities

wrap up at 1 p.m. Campus tours also are available.

“Our goal is to provide our students with a successful and smooth transition into the collegiate environment,” said Leroy Wright, dean of Student Life. “We also want to make sure parents know that their child is in good hands. We want them to be involved and engaged so we are partners in their child’s education.”

While students attend various orientation activities, parents and friends participate in the “Family and Friends” session to learn about financial aid, business services, housing options, health services and more.

“Students want to know where they’re going to live and register for classes,” said Nick Campau, coordinator of Student Life. “Parents want to know about financial aid, safety and if their child will be able to get a job after graduation.

“Orientation is a true university event that involves offices across campus to make everyone feel comfortable about the transition to Ferris. We are setting these students up for success,” he added.

For more information about orientation programs at Ferris, including an agenda and orientation booklet, and to sign up, visit <http://www.ferris.edu/admissions/orientation/>

The first day of class for the Fall 2012 semester is Monday, Aug. 27.

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