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Included below is a media alert regarding advance placement workshops for high school teachers that are being held at Ferris State University.

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## Media Alert:

**Who:** The Ferris State University Biological Sciences department

**What:** The Biological Sciences department will be sponsoring two advance placement workshops (Biology and Calculus) for high school teachers June 18 through 23 in the Science building on the University's Big Rapids campus. There will be 50 high school teachers from across Michigan who will be staying on campus and attending sessions on how to teach the College Board's Advance Placement courses in these subject areas. This institute is supported by the Michigan Department of Education. Jim Hoerter, head of the Biological Sciences department at Ferris, is co-director of the institutes.

The advance placement institutes are part of an initiative at Ferris to play a more prominent role in preparing high school teachers to keep up with the latest advances in Biology and Calculus, and to help teachers become qualified to teach advance placement courses in their respective schools – a high priority by the nation's administration and the Michigan Department of Education.

Media interested in attending any of the workshop sessions may contact Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services, at (231) 591-5604.

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