



**PRESS RELEASE: Ferris Ready to host Annual Founders' Day Celebration on Thursday**

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Included below is a press release regarding the upcoming Founders' Day Celebration annual event taking place this Thursday, Aug. 30 at Ferris State University. The event includes a number of fun and engaging events while reflection will taken on where the University is, where it has come from and where it is headed in the near future. The day includes fun activities for students and community members, including the ever-popular ice cream social with a number of well-known celebrity servers from campus, the community and beyond. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

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BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University will mark its 128th anniversary with students, faculty, staff and the community during its annual Founders' Day Celebration on Thursday, Aug. 30 on the Big Rapids campus.

The day's events kick off at 11 a.m. in the Rankin Student Center Dome Room with a Founders' Day address by President David Eisler, who will share his thoughts about the legacy of Woodbridge and Helen Gillespie Ferris, the university's successes, areas of emphasis for the coming year and future challenges.

“When Woodbridge and Helen began their school on September 1, 1884, no one could have imagined that this would become the vibrant Ferris State University of today with nearly 15,000 students and 17 campuses throughout Michigan,” Eisler said.

Activities are planned in the Campus Quad from 3 to 7 p.m., including a laser tag arena, micro reality racing, human bowling, a balloon artist and inflatables. An ice cream social hosted by the Office of Government Relations/General Counsel begins at 4 p.m.

“It's a great time for students as well as Ferris and community leadership,” said Jody Greco, the office's governmental relations assistant.

Five flavors of ice cream will be provided by Baldwin-based Jones Homemade Ice Cream, and will be served by “celebrity” servers, including Ferris vice presidents Dan Burcham, Don Green, Jerry Scoby, and provost Fritz Erickson; Public Safety director Martin Bledsoe; Board of Trustees chair Ronald Snead, vice chair Sueann Walz, trustee Art Tebo; alumni relations director Jeremy Mishler, county administrator Paul Bullock, Sen. Darwin Booher, Rep. Phil Potvin, Big Rapids Mayor Mark Warba, city finance director John Locke, city manager Steve Sobers, city Public Safety director Andrea Nerbonne, Chamber of Commerce director Jennifer Heinzman, judges Susan Grant, Scott Hill-Kennedy and Ron Nichols; Mecosta County Sheriff Todd Purcell; community members Bob Horan Jr. and Dolores Horan; and business owner Karl DePew.

“Last year, we went through 60 2 1/2-gallon containers of ice cream and served between 1,500 and 2,000 students,” said Greco, who noted that Jones Homemade Ice Cream boasts four generations of Ferris alumni.

A raffle for two iPod Touches and one iPad also will be held. The winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m. (individuals must be present to win).

The rain location is the Student Recreation Center.

For more information on Founders’ Day events, visit the University Events Calendar here: <http://calendar.ferris.edu/>

For more on the university’s founders, visit: <http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/news/founder/>

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