



**PRESS RELEASE: Ferris to Host 14th Annual Spaghetti Bridge Competition  
March 22-23**

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Here is a press release about the Spaghetti Bridge Competition being held March 22-23 at Ferris State University. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager, at [sandygholston@ferris.edu](mailto:sandygholston@ferris.edu) or (231) 591-2021.



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BIG RAPIDS – Students from 15 high schools all over Michigan will be building bridges out of pasta for the chance to win scholarships and cash awards for their classrooms during the Spaghetti Bridge Competition this weekend at Ferris State University.

Ferris will host the 14th annual competition from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 22 and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23 in the Rankin Student Center Dome Room.

“This is a unique chance for high school students to participate in a well-rounded competition that challenges them to excel in different skill sets,” said event coordinator Beth Reynolds, an adjunct professor in Ferris’ Languages and Literature department. “They have the opportunity to show their potential and shine in a variety of areas.”

The four-part competition will challenge 31 teams of 124 students to use their architectural skills to design an accurate model of an authentic bridge using two pounds of spaghetti and three lasagna noodles. Students will be judged on the accuracy of their bridge display, an oral presentation, a written report and a load-bearing competition. The weight held by a spaghetti bridge can reach more than 100 pounds, Reynolds said.

“The load-bearing segment is the most exciting part of the competition,” she said. “It usually brings in a large crowd of about 200 to 250 people.”

The load-bearing competition will take place on Saturday.

The winning team will be awarded four \$2,000 scholarships to Ferris. Second place will receive four \$1,000 scholarships and the third-place team will get four \$500 scholarships, all to Ferris. Teams also can win classroom award money ranging from \$50 to \$300.

“This is a great recruiting tool to bring bright young minds to campus,” Reynolds said. “The return on scholarships has been extremely successful at over 50 percent.”

The event, sponsored by Ferris' Office of Academic Affairs, is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Reynolds at (231) 591-3077 or email [reynoldsb@ferris.edu](mailto:reynoldsb@ferris.edu).

For more information about the Spaghetti Bridge Competition, visit:  
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