



PRESS RELEASE: First Doctorate of Community College Leadership Students to Graduate from Ferris
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Good afternoon!

Here is a press release about the inaugural class of students who will graduate Friday with a Doctorate in Community College Leadership from Ferris State University. Questions can be addressed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager, (231) 591-2021 or sandygholston@ferris.edu.



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BIG RAPIDS – The inaugural class of students empowered to lead community colleges into the future will graduate Friday, May 10 with a Doctorate in Community College Leadership from Ferris State University.

Cohort One's 23 graduates, who began their studies in the summer of 2010, will participate in commencement ceremonies at 7 p.m. in the Convocation Center (Wink Arena) in the Ewigleben Sports Complex on Big Rapids campus.

"Members of this leadership group expressed their trust in Ferris State University when they enrolled in a brand new doctoral program. The university earned that trust by delivering a high-quality, responsive and relevant program that prepares the group for future leadership opportunities in a variety of contexts," said associate provost and program director Roberta Teahen.

"Many of the Cohort One graduates report that they have not only taken on broader responsibilities and leadership roles within their colleges, but they also find themselves interpreting situations in their colleges from a more global view and informed perspective."

Ferris created the three-year doctoral program for students seeking key leadership roles at mission-driven, 21st century community colleges nationwide. The practice-informed-by-theory program addresses issues leaders will face in an evolving education environment.

"The curriculum is designed to provoke inquiry, increase the ability to problem-solve and to encourage action," said student Kathryn Mullins. "The DCCL program prepared me to effectively advance the community college mission, and I am excited to transfer this passion and knowledge into my current – and future – leadership roles."

Mullins, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Business Administration from Baker College, is executive deputy to the president and board liaison at Grand Rapids Community College. Her "ultimate" goal is to serve as a community college president, she said.

"The decision to enroll in the DCCL program was simple," she said. "I wanted an application-based program that included extensive exposure to experienced community college leaders, including presidents, and I also needed a program that could be completed in three years and allowed for

immediate application of the concepts and skills learned.”

Many DCCL students have transitioned into new roles while completing the program due to their growth and professional development, said assistant director Andrea Wirgau.

“One student got a new job that was a step up the administrative ladder specifically because one of our classes, the Practica, provided experience and exposure to those leaders who noticed her abilities and talents,” Wirgau said. “Ferris has many reasons to be extremely proud of this first graduating class.”

This is a list of the Cohort One graduates:

Lillian Anderson, of Allendale, Associate Dean of the Lakeshore Campus, Grand Rapids Community College

Yolonda Barnes, of Big Rapids, Senior Advancement Officer for Annual Giving, Ferris State University

David Butke, of Midland, Automotive Technology instructor, Mott Community College

Susan DeCamillis, of Traverse City, Director of Academic Affairs and Business programs, Northwestern Michigan College

Naomi DeWinter, of Petoskey, Dean of Student Services, North Central Michigan College

Chris Engle, of Birch Run, Dean of Enrollment, Retention and Registrar, Mott Community College

Robert Ewigleben, of Grand Rapids, Director of International Development, Ferris State University

Kathryn Flewelling, of Petoskey, Director of Learning Support Services, North Central Michigan College

Fiona Hert, of Ada, Dean of Workforce Development, Grand Rapids Community College

Linda Holoman, of Midland, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Delta College

Tina Hoxie, of Grand Rapids, Dean of Student Affairs, Grand Rapids Community College

Janis Karazim, of Battle Creek, Dean of Career and Occupational Education, Kellogg Community College

Kimberly Klein, of Bay City, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Delta College

Patricia Konovalov, of Big Rapids, DCCL graduate assistant, Ferris State University

Tanya McFadden, of Grand Blanc, Director of Student Services, Oakland Community College

Kathryn Mullins, of Coopersville, Executive Deputy to the President/Board Liaison, Grand Rapids Community College

David Peruski, of Auburn, Health and Wellness Chairman, Delta College

Cindy Seel, of Granger, Ind., Director of Education and Training, HRS

Bradley Shaw, of Fort Gratiot, Professor of Criminal Justice, St. Clair County Community College

DeeDee Stakley, of Coloma, Transfer Services Center Director, Ferris State University

Joseph Vitanza, of Dowagiac, Professor of Computer Information, Southwestern Michigan College

Daniel Wanink, of Big Rapids, Associate Professor of CAD, Drafting and Tool Design, Ferris State University

Mari Yancho, of Goodrich, Adjunct Professor and Academic Adviser, Mott Community College

The DCCL students are among 1,850 Ferris students who are candidates for degrees this spring. Graduates will be honored during five commencement ceremonies May 10-11. For complete information on commencement at Ferris, visit <http://www.ferris.edu/commencement/>.

Applications are being accepted for Cohort 4, which will begin Friday, May 17. Cohort 2 has 13 members on track to graduate in 2014, and Cohort 3 has 25 scheduled to graduate in 2015. The program will accept about 26 students each year, Wirgau said.

For additional information on the DCCL program, visit <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/extendedinternational/ccleadership/index.htm>.

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