

## Homecoming comedian



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News Editor

Ferris has announced the 2021 homecoming comedian to be Whitney Cummings who will be taking the stage Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Cummings is a stand-up comedian, ac-

trix, filmmaker and podcaster born in Georgetown, Washington D.C.. Cummings already has four stand-up specials, Touch Me making it five, three Comedy Central Roasts and a comedy album.

Ferris will return their annual comedy show to its normal in-person presentation in the Williams Auditorium.

Students can purchase their tickets now at the information desk in the University Center for \$10. Each student is limited to the purchase of one ticket.

Tickets for the general public will go on sale on Sept. 20 for \$25 and they can be purchased at the same location.

Doors will open at six p.m. on Sept. 22

and the show will begin at seven p.m.

One dollar of every ticket sold will be donated to the Mecosta/Osceola United Way

## Short staffed shutdowns

### A lack of staff has resulted in the shutdown of some campus dining stations

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Staffing shortages at the Rock, an on-campus dining location, have resulted in the shutdown of two of the location's 12 stations.

Mongo Grill and Minus 8 are the two locations that were shut down this semester. Minus 8 has been shut down since the beginning of the semester while Mongo Grill was open for a few days before being forced to close.

"We need 23 full-timers and about 135 part-time positions with about 120 of the student workers [for maximum efficiency]," Scott Rossen, the director of dining services for Ferris said. "We currently have 15 full-time positions filled along with about 50 part-time positions consisting of cashiers and student workers."

Mongo Grill allowed students to create their own stir fry, and Minus 8 provided food options that did not contain the eight most common food allergens. Dining services decided to close these stations to allow "the flexibility to keep all of our other stations open to better serve our diners with a diversity of options," according to Rossen.

Employees at the Rock are being assigned to stations they did not originally sign up for to keep things flexible. Students who had signed up to work Mongo Grill or Minus 8 were reassigned to other stations.

"We also tend to do a lot more work during our shifts than usual to get everything done," Bethany Parker, a Ferris student working part-time at the Rock said. "A lot of stuff that should get done isn't always done on time or the right way."

According to the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004, the eight most common food allergies were milk, eggs, shellfish, fish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat and soybeans. These allergens make up 90% of all food allergies. Even with the closing of Minus 8, dining services are still accommodating those with food allergies.

"All stations provide options for individuals with allergies," Rossen said. "Our dietary nutritionist has reached out to any individuals who have extreme allergies, and we



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Minus 8 was the first station cut when staffing was reduced during the pandemic.

are still able to accommodate all of them. Anyone we have not reached out to is invited to contact us so we can work to accommodate their needs."

Reopening Minus 8 would allow students, regardless of whether they have food allergies to have access to more diverse food options. It would also allow students without food allergies to have more options to choose from.

Dining services is working to hire enough staff to open Minus 8 and Mongo Grill. Rossen said that he hopes to have at least Minus 8 open this semester. He also expects that the Rock will not have to close any more stations, however, it is all dependent on hiring new staff and maintaining the current staff.

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# NEWS

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## Bulldogs gather for student involvement

Community organizations new recruit members at Bulldog Bonanza



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Students can learn more about on-campus RSOs' and events by logging onto the Bulldog Connect portal.

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Special Editions Editor

On Wednesday, Sept. 8, dozens of registered student organizations (RSOs) and Mecosta County vendors engaged with students at Robinson Quad for the annual Bulldog Bonanza.

Student activities specialist Teresa Fogel stated that Bulldog Bonanza has been held for over 20 years. She sees the event as an opportunity for students to discover how they can become involved.

"It gives students a chance to actually speak to RSO representatives so they can learn more about each organization. They also get to see a little of what Big Rapids has to offer students," Fogel said.

Though Ferris emphasizes how beneficial this event is to new freshmen, Fogel hoped to see students of all ages and classes.

"This year it would be great for sophomores also since they didn't get to attend a Bulldog Bonanza in person last year. All students are welcome to join us," Fogel said.

RSOs such as Women in Technology, the Student Government Association, Young Beautiful Black Women (YBBW) and the Figure Skating Team were impressed by the large number of students they were able to connect with.

Mechanical engineering junior Sydney Chambers attended Bulldog Bonanza as a member of Women in Technology. Chambers stated that her fellow Women in Technology, and all the students they spoke to, were happy to be outside and interacting with the community.

"We want to reach out to women in tech and open the horizons to see what job opportunities they have," Chambers said.

The Student Government Association was represented by Sophie Kubesh, a P1 pharmacy student,

and Meredith Whitmer, a senior studying elementary education.

Functioning like a college-level student council, the Student Government Association aims to be the "voice of the student body." Kubesh and Whitmer are proud of their RSO's involvement and feel that their work is valued by Ferris' administration.

Sonography and healthcare administration major Autumn Peoples and social work major Zenise Triplett were proud to recruit new members for YBBW. They aim to be a safe space for friendship, scholarship and unity.

"We hope to not only culturally enhance Ferris State's campus but to increase societal awareness as well," reads the YBBW mission statement.

Ainslie Clark, a social work major and member of the Figure Skating Team, stated that people were "excited to participate." She saw more freshman and sophomore sign-ups than ever before.

Along with the wide variety of RSOs, local Big Rapids employers also attended Bulldog Bonanza. To attract students to their table, Taco Bell featured a prize wheel and handed out free coupons. KFC offered prizes to students who won a game of Plinko and promoted scholarships offered to their employees.

Fogel recommends that students take the initiative to see what lies beyond the Ferris campus.

"For the community, [students] could purchase a Pioneer newspaper or just walk around downtown to see what's there. Everyone knows about Perry Street, but we also have a gorgeous downtown area for students to check out," Fogel said.

For more information on how to become involved, all Ferris RSOs can be found with contact information on Bulldog Connect.

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# Run, hide, or fight

## Key set of tactics for how to respond to an active shooter

**Jerry Gaytan**  
News Reporter

On Tuesday, Sep 7, the Academic Literacies Center in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety held a workshop on Surviving an Active Shooter Incident.

The workshop was presented by DPS Officer Bill Saunders, which was held in the science building. This workshop was organized by ALC to educate on the resources provided on campus. The information Saunders presented consisted of explaining the tactics to use when in an active shooter incident.

The set of tactics Officer Saunders presented consisted of knowing the profile,

and characteristics of an active shooting. As well as how to respond when an active shooter is in your vicinity.

The tactics explained are:  
Get Out, Hide Out, or Take Out!

**Get Out!**

- Recognize where exits are located
- Leave all belongings, other than phone
- Keeps hands insight for law enforcement and follow their commands
- If you can't get out ...

**Hide Out!**

- Find an area that will keep you from the shooter's view
- Turn off all lights if possible
- Keep quiet and silence cell phones
- Lock the door and block the entryway to

the room if possible

-If you can't hide out, or you have been discovered ...

**Take Out!**

- As a last resort and only if in danger, attempt to attack the shooter
- If possible, call 911 and keep the line open while the phone is set down
- If there are others around you, join forces on attacking the shooter
- You are fighting for your life – anything goes!
- If you or others do not stop the shooter, they will most likely kill you.

**Call Out!**

- Call 911 as soon as it is safe to do!
- Concentrate on communicating what

you see, hear, etc.

-Police could still be unaware of the number of attackers present. Exit with empty hands that are in sight, and comply with all commands the police provide

Also, remain mindful of the students, visitors, faculty, or staff in the building that have a disability and may need assistance.

The Department of Public Safety will also arrange to have officers provide active attach training to any group, organization, or class upon request, per DPS.

For more information regarding education and preparedness on active shooter incidents visit the DPS website. If interested in training call DPS (231) 591 – 5000.



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## MICHIGAN NEWS UPDATE

**Noah Kurkjian**  
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MICH - Michigan COVID-19 transmission rates have remained so high around the state that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has officially recommended that all Michiganders wear masks when they are indoors in public or outdoors when social distancing isn't possible regardless of vaccination status.

As of Monday, every county in Michigan has been deemed either "substantial" or "high" in terms of transmission rates, two levels of which the CDC makes the aforementioned recommendation.

Some counties around the state are seeing occasional single day drops to "moderate" or "low", however as these communities are back to full time reporting, these levels are remaining high.

This is mainly due in part to the delta variant according to CDC, who claims it's more than twice as contagious as passed strains of the virus.

Currently, approximately 96.83% of all US counties are

within the mentioned substantial or high transmission ratings.

In Michigan, 64.9% of people ages 12 and older – which are the ages vaccinations have been approved for – have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. In comparison, 59.5% of people are considered fully vaccinated, according to the CDC. Michigan ranks 27th among U.S. states in terms of the percentage of the eligible population that is fully vaccinated according to the Detroit News.

MICH - Michigan Democrats have had their chance to add to the \$3.5 trillion social policy and climate legislation in an effort to help Michigan families.

Some of the things included in the legislation are things like funding for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in an effort to push EV adoption, universal prekindergarten, paid family and medical leave, and expanding Medicare to include dental, vision and hearing benefits.

## - ON THE RECORD -

A roundup of this week's crime at Ferris State University

### Ridin' dirty

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**Ridin' dirty**

Sept. 8, 12:04 a.m., Officers arrested a motorcyclist on Oak St. after they pulled them over for not having tags. During the stop officers also confirmed a lack of insurance. The suspect was arrested.

**You can check the books out, you know!**

Sept. 8, 3:54 p.m., Officers were dispatched to a public building on Knollview Dr. for reported theft of public property. The case has been closed due to a lack of leads.

**Nightvision**

Sept. 8, 9:14 p.m., Officers pulled over a vehicle for an equipment violation, missing one headlight. The motorist was let off with a warning.

**Assult and kidnapping**

Sept. 10, 1:14p.m., Officers were dispatched to a location on Oak St. to respond to the reported assault and kidnapping. The case was closed resulting in an arrest.

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Sept. 12, 7:57 p.m., Officers were dispatched to the intersection of State St. and Perry St. to arrest a suspect for failing to appear in court.

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# Texas Heartbeat Bill

## The polarized views of the new Texas abortion law

**Rebecca Vanderkooi**  
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Earlier this month, the Supreme Court upheld the heartbeat bill in Texas, causing strong reactions from both pro-life and pro-choice individuals.

This legislation restricts almost all abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected. Texas now has the most extreme abortion laws in the nation.

Professor Aaron Madziar from the college of business explained that *Roe v. Wade* found that abortion is a constitutional right, however, constitutional rights are not always absolute and can be subject to some restriction.

"The recent Texas law restricts most abortions once a fetal heartbeat can be detected ... Courts have determined that fetal viability is an important factor in determining whether a restriction on the right to an abortion is constitutional, but it is not the sole factor," Madziar said.

The Texas law has a unique aspect to it; citizens are allowed to bring civil lawsuits against anyone facilitating an abortion that is covered under the lawsuit.

"It provides that anyone who brings a successful action will be eligible to receive \$10,000 plus repayment of their legal

fees. Note that the lawsuit can be brought against anyone who aids and abets a restricted abortion, but not against the patient. These factors make it difficult for opponents to challenge the law through traditional judicial review paths," Madziar said.

This case was brought to the Supreme Court, and they found the new law constitutional with a 5-4 ruling. The court is set to reconvene on Oct. 4 regarding this case. The Justice Department also recently announced its intentions to sue Texas over the statute.

On Oct. 2 pro-choice women's marches headed up by the Women's March and 90 other organizations will be taking place in every state.

"We're going to send the Supreme Court and lawmakers across the country a clear, unified message. The attack on our reproductive rights will not be tolerated," the Women's March website said.

At Ferris, Timberly Boezwinkle from student academic affairs is helping to head up an Oct. 2 Women's March. Boezwinkle was not available for additional comments.

The mission of the Ferris Women's Network is to promote personal growth, self reflection and authenticity and courageous living. The executive board explained that

they are against the new Texas law and its effect on women's equality.

"The Supreme Court's recent decision regarding Texas' legislation sets a precedent that restricts personal autonomy and access to affordable, quality healthcare," the board said.

Furthermore, they believe the Supreme Court's inaction jeopardizes the privileges and rights of all people.

Kim Bos is the campus minister at the Wesley House, the only progressive Christian group on campus. She explained that the Methodist church does not endorse abortion as a form of birth control, but that they are against abortion bans.

"To decrease abortions, we endorse unfettered access to birth control, subsidized birth control, prenatal healthcare and comprehensive sex education," Bos said.

Bos further added that many Christians have no problem with the sacredness of unborn life because the unborn have never hurt anyone, however, it can be harder to see that the life of the woman is also sacred and valuable.

"We don't want you to have a baby because you have no other options, we want it to be about the choice. We are pro having a right to make that choice," Bos said.

At Ferris, the Protect Life club run by

President Baylee DeVos views the Heartbeat Bill in Texas as a victory.

"These laws in Texas are incredibly encouraging. The math equals out to around 150 babies saved every day. It also means that women in crisis can receive long term help from one of the 164 pregnancy centers for free," DeVos said.

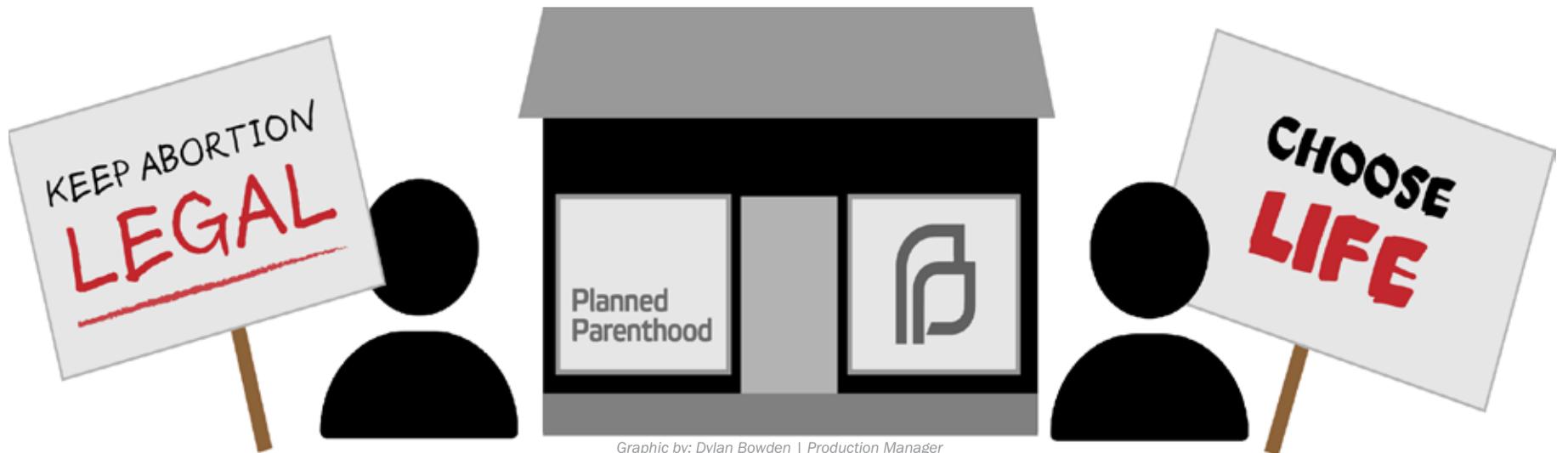
DeVos further explained that at Protect Life they hope Texas will become an example and laws like this one will be put in place in other states as well.

"In some ways, however, this legislature in Texas is just the beginning. For Protect Life, our goal is to make abortion unthinkable... including before the six weeks when the heartbeat is detectable," DeVos said.

DeVos noted that, since *Roe v. Wade*, states haven't had the ability to make their own laws regarding abortion.

"The Supreme Court still allowed the legislation in Texas to stand, however, giving us hope that similar laws may start to show up in different states, or even that *Roe* may eventually be overturned entirely."

DeVos explained that at Protect Life their stance is quite simple: it is wrong to kill an innocent human being, and since abortion does this, it is wrong.



## Aiming higher with new leadership

### Ferris' American Marketing Association returning in-person with big plans

**Trenton Carlson**  
Freelance Reporter

After finishing top ten in the nation in 2021, Ferris States American Marketing Association is optimistic about this upcoming year.

With hopes of being in person for the semester to aid with recruitment, AMA's new President Nadia Greania, thinks the momentum of last year will carry over into this fall.

"After finishing top 10 from last year, we are looking to incorporate our activities back in person," said Greania, "we have been doing a lot of in person recruiting by visiting classes with different professors we didn't visit before as well as the old ones, telling students about the benefits of AMA."

They are also advertising a new way to pay dues in full, by fundraising with a Cedar Point trip, to give their members more financial options outside of AMA. With this option, Greania thinks it will help with recruiting new members into the professional organization.

Former President of 2021, the year of the top ten finish, Renae Schuetter also feels as if last year's triumph will carry over into the following year, even with the uncertainty of remaining on campus. Their reasoning for their confidence is due to their

prior planning for in-person and virtual recruitment, events, and regionals.

"At the beginning, we started out being very organized," said Schuetter, "everyone on our executive board last year was very motivated. We all wanted to be the best we could be."

With multiple members from last year's successful executive board taking on even larger roles now, such as the new President Greania, AMA is planning to be just as successful as last year.

With the success of the organization comes personal benefits as well. Schuetter earning what she claims as her dream internship with Amazon headquarters in Seattle and credits AMA for a reasonable amount of her success. With more to offer on a resume, Schuetter claims this makes the difference between a student in AMA and a student who is not, making job placement for students in the organization much higher.

"I have been here for a lot of the good things," said Schuetter, referencing her joining the organization when they first placed top 10, "as well as the growing periods, and I hope it continues to grow."

Growing is exactly what Greania plans to do this fall, as she knows of many students who wanted to join last semester but were unable to due to the pandemic.



Photo courtesy of Ferris AMA

By returning to in-person AMA is aiming to exceed their successes of last year.

"We set the bar pretty high," said co-advisor Scot Squires, "so we have to continue doing the best we can do. We are still in this pandemic so when we plan events and think that we might have to pivot to virtual."

Squires statement mirroring Schuetter's claiming that preplanning is the key to their success.

For more information on AMA visit them on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the BUS building room 203.

# LIFESTYLES

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## In her own class

*Zoe Wendler is finally standing in front of her students as herself*



Photo by: Marissa Russell | Lifestyles Editor

On Aug. 31 Zoe Wendler taught her first in-person class as herself.

**Charles Buckel**  
Lifestyles Reporter

The 2021 spring semester was the first semester Zoe Wendler taught as herself, but it was all over a virtual medium. Now, with the resumption face-to-face classes being back in progress, she can stand in front of her students as herself.

Zoe said that answering the question of how it felt to finally teach in person as herself wasn't easy to answer, "because the most obvious and straightforward answer is also for many people going to be the least helpful."

"How did it feel? It felt euphoric, it felt magnificent, it felt incredible to be seen as myself," Zoe said. "but when we talk about that term euphoria, in terms of gender euphoria, which is pretty much the definitive and universal experience between all the incredibly diverse experiences of being trans, one of the difficulties, and I'm a Ph.D. Technical writer for goodness sake, I've always run into is explaining what that feels like to a cis person."

Cisgender is a term meaning identifying a person by the same gender they were assigned at birth.

Zoe likened the experience to trying to explain why a par-

ticular song makes someone feel a certain way. "That's the way my brain says it is, that's the way my body says it works."

Zoe was also nervous about finally being back in a classroom as herself. She said that people often have their own idea of what a trans or non-binary person should look like, an idea that's often seen in popular culture.

"It also reflects a deep insecurity that many of us feel because we're afraid that that's how people feel. We're afraid that people are just kind of smiling and nodding, because there are a number of people out there in the world who do," Zoe said.

The reaction from her students on her first day in person was also a special experience. There was a student who worked for the Torch in her class with a camera and taking pictures.

"For context, you have to understand, I'm 36 now. I came out to myself, I realized I was trans at 35. Between the ages of 18 and 35, if you discount the day of my marriage, there are probably about 15 pictures of me in existence," Zoe said. For her, she didn't like having her picture taken.

Now, she says, there are four gigabytes of selfies that she's taken since she came out. She can finally recognize the person in the pictures.

"How did it feel like, to be photographed? I couldn't describe it," Zoe said, "I have a Ph.D. in English, if you gave me the Oxford English Dictionary and 100 years I couldn't put it into words."

A lot has changed for Zoe in the year since she came out, too much, for one conversation. One thing is that she realized just how little she remembers in the 35 years before realizing who she was.

"I was dissociating from my own existence. When I looked in the mirror, that person wasn't me. What my brain was doing, it wasn't moving the things I was doing from my short-term memory into my long-term memory," Zoe said. "I have these massive holes in my memories. In some cases entire years I can't remember a thing about, and then I came out to myself."

After coming out to herself Zoe said "for over a month, every day felt like it took a decade to pass. That's how radical the change was."

Zoe realized she was trans, and began transitioning, in the COVID-19 pandemic, which played a part in the experience.

"I wouldn't have realized, at least not when I did, if Covid hadn't happened. And I know that sounds really weird, but one of the truths, and if you look around the world, there's been a lot of high profile people coming out as trans in just the last year. That's because you stick someone at home, they don't have to put on the gender performance," Zoe said.

Being at home allowed Zoe to freely begin experimenting and exploring ways to express her femininity and become comfortable with it. She could try on the clothes she wanted and not be afraid of the reaction of others, and eventually, she was confident enough to go out in public as herself.

Wearing a mask also helped. "You can hide a portion of your face, you're a little more anonymous," Zoe said.

The pandemic, Zoe said, "gave me a sort of a cocoon to wrap myself in, to find a sense of self and identity that was genuine."

When Zoe finally told her therapist she was trans and asked when her therapist had figured it out, her therapist told her she had known for about three years.

"It's one of those things where you can't be told, it has to come from inside. The funny thing is when you have a gender crisis you automatically have a sexuality crisis," Zoe said. "So even if your attraction is what you thought it was, and it often isn't, about a third of the time for trans folk. They realize their actual sexuality is something different than they always thought."

On September 13, Zoe hosted an event called Family Dinner with Dr. Zoe where she answered questions from students, hopefully helping them understand her experience better. It's the first in a series of "Family Dinner" events put on by the LGBTQ+ Resource Center.

"I've never done anything like this before...I've done a lot of thinking about this, and I can explain stuff really well, that's kind of my jam," Zoe said. "I seem to be able to explain a lot of these tricky things in ways that folks understand. I mean, like gender dysphoria, or this reality of looking in the mirror and seeing yourself."

While Zoe said that she couldn't explain what it was like to disassociate from the sense of identity, what she could do is "talk about pictures and selfies because that illustrates. I can't tell you what the experience is, but I can show you the difference."

Zoe said if there was one thing she could help students learn from this, it would be that questioning gender is a healthy thing to do as a person.

"It's inherently good to question your gender, and I know that sounds a bit weird, but if you're cisgender and you spend time thinking about what it means to be a man, what it means to be a woman, what life and vitality you get from that, why it is an important and vital part of who you are. You get to walk out of that with a real appreciation, a meaningful detailed understanding of what makes life worth living."

To read more about Zoe's transition there is an article written by Cora Hall on our website.

# Sorority recruitment breakdown

## Get the information you need with this Greek life break down

**Meghan Hartley**  
Lifestyles Reporter

Every fall sororities hold formal recruitment, however, for the less informed, this can be a confusing process.

Panhellenic Council Vice President and Zeta Tau Alpha member Sheryl Karris is the coordinator of recruitment and has been preparing for this weekend since the spring of 2020.

"I started working on this the second I got the position," Karris said. "I haven't stopped working on it since [last] spring. I worked all summer to plan, get things set up, do the logistics and much more."

Formal recruitment takes place Sept. 16-Sept. 19. Interested students can get essential information on greek life and on how the weekend will work at orientation on the 16th.

"At orientation you will learn how all the chapters run, our philanthropies, events that we do and the money," Karris said. "You'll get to meet some of the sorority women as well, so going into the weekend you'll at least have a few familiar faces."

President of the Panhellenic Council Madison Markham, who is a member of Alpha Sigma Tau, says it's a rundown on the entire process and a good way to find out if you'll feel comfortable in greek life.

"Even if you don't find a place for yourself, you can still make friends and make connections," Markham said. "... The whole point of sororities is to help find a home for girls that make them feel confident."

Potential New Members (PNM) officially meet with houses and introduce themselves on day two, Sept. 17. At the end of the day, the PNM's list their preferences for each sorority on a scale of one to five, one being their highest preference and five being their lowest preference. After that, the PNM's will meet with their top four preferences, chat with them more and begin building connections. At the end of the second day, the recruits will



Photo by: Brad Moore | Torch Photographer

During Bulldog Banaza different sororities and fraternities, including Panhellenic Council, set up tables to recruit students.

then list their top two preferences.

Heading into the third day, the PNM's meet with their top two preferences.

After the third day comes bid day, the final day of the long weekend. It is the day in which the PNM's find out which sorority has offered them a bid, or an invitation, to join their sorority chapter.

"Everyone calls it 'bid-day best day,'" Karris said. "... Every chapter goes onto the North Quad and we have the poten-

tial new members line up at the front of the quad where they open their bid envelopes. Once they open their card and read it, they then get to, what we call, 'run home' to their chapter."

Once all the PNM's have "run home," recruitment weekend ends with all sororities departing together to celebrate their newcomers in their own unique way.

While the process is long, tiring and busy, many connections are made that

can last a lifetime. Markham emphasized that sororities are there to help teach women to become leaders, friends, and, above all, confident versions of themselves.

If you are interested in finding your home away from home, orientation is this Thursday, Sept. 16 in BUS 111 at 6 p.m.

# The risk to vax up

## The impact of COVID-19 on students and faculty

**Jeremy Wolfe**  
Lifestyles Reporter

COVID-19 has left its mark on campus for students, but even more so for those that are in at-risk communities.

The pandemic is on-going, but Ferris' decision to return to in-person classes has been met by both cautious optimism and valid criticism. The first week alone has been described as chaotic by both students and faculty alike, and a complete return to the old normalcy of Pre-COVID seems to be a pipe dream.

Some students and faculty, however, have suffered the brunt of the pandemic, being either immunocompromised or being in communities who's access to healthcare and housing has been hard to obtain. With no end in sight and new variants propping up, these at-risk communities have experienced their own share of hardships that can differ from regular students at Ferris.

Sarah Doherty, Coordinator of Ferris State's LGBTQ+ resource center, has worked to make sure COVID-19 safety measures are followed, but also has much to say on the topic of these difficulties that can be faced by both marginalized communities and those with weakened immune systems.

"Lack of access to healthcare, access to positive relationships with providers; these are life or death issues for people in the LGBT community," said Doherty. "It affects people both in Big Rapids and Ferris, and people regionally."

Situations like this make it difficult to engage with

the university in healthy ways, but many are flocking to using the outdoors as a means for community building and student interaction. Additionally, online software, such as Zoom and Discord, has proved to be influential in communication in the pandemic. Doherty has used this opportunity to utilize skills she developed doing social work to engage students that are at risk or unsafe and others on the platforms they are present.

"One of the principles is meeting people where they're at," Doherty said. "If online is where they're at, I will be there. If where they're at is on campus, I'll be there."

While in-person has returned, this pandemic seems to be here to stay for the foreseeable future. As every day seems to present new developments, Doherty says it is anyone's guess on it ending any time soon. The form education will take as a result is also hard to judge, but Doherty also hopes to see it be more inclusive in the future.

"It's still seeing what the science is. It may be that hybrid online and limited in person is the way to go from now on," said Doherty. "I have hope that higher education as a whole will actually listen to the people who have historically been left behind."

As for students, while many have expressed concern over coming back to school while potentially being compromised, there is also a sense of relief to finally be returning to school. The last year and a half has created a need for social connection, and being able to do in person has its perks. For senior DAGD student Kieran Starr, a sufferer of the immune disease hypoplastic left heart syndrome, it provided a much needed relief from

being shut-in for nearly 18 months.

"I'm incredibly happy to return to campus," said Starr. "I've missed my friends and the in-person aspect of college."

While many experienced seclusion from the outside world during the pandemic, Starr was especially shut off due to many illnesses and diseases that are relatively minor for normal immune systems can be a serious affair for him, requiring him to stay out of direct contact with most friends and family. While still being able to learn from home and use digital accommodations, the mental toll was a more significant factor in this extended quarantine for his problems.

"The classes themselves weren't the problem during the last year. It was the isolation that came with them," said Starr. "I probably would have been fine doing those online classes for a year, had I still been able to spend time with my friends."

With this in mind, Starr has a more optimistic take on this upcoming school year and the pandemic as whole. He feels as though positive steps are being taken by Ferris faculty and the guidelines being enforced are reasonable and a sign that things are being dealt with appropriately.

"To be entirely honest, Ferris is doing a good job this year, compared to how awful last year was," said Starr. "Vaccine and mask mandates, free to-go containers for the cafeteria, and available testing for COVID-19 shows they're taking it seriously."

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN: My COVID-19 Experience

By *Brendan Sanders*

I expected to write about this at some point, though I didn't think I would be writing about this on week four.

I want to give an honest look at my thoughts, feelings and actions because I know this experience is different for everyone. I know people have had it far worse than I, and I am not positive I handled everything perfectly.

So, starting Thursday, Sept. 2, at around noon, I began feeling cold and I noticed a consistent tickle in my throat. Beyond that, nothing else.

I lead this off by saying that I've felt symptoms like this before. I thought it was a case of me overworking myself as I was trying to solve the curious case of the Alumni Building with no power, handle other paper-related activities and manage school. I thought one night in would be safe. Luckily, I didn't convince myself or let myself be convinced to go to Ferris' football game. That would have been a mess.

I got some sleep and woke up in the morning feeling good. I thought I had taken care of whatever was ailing me. I felt so good that I went onto campus. I attended a virtual meeting at the library, I picked up keys to cubicles in the UC and I even ran into a friend of mine. By about noon, I started feeling bad again. It was about this time that my roommate called and told me to take a COVID-19 test.

After Burkham couldn't get me in, I bought a COVID-19 take-home test.

At my apartment, within 30 seconds of this 15-minute test, it showed I was positive.

It was at this point my sinuses were all stuffed up.

One phone call home and I left. I didn't want to infect anyone at my apartment, so I went home, where I had a room that I could lock myself away in. I didn't stop anywhere on the way and drove straight home.

Over that weekend, I took a test at a clinic in Ionia and those results also came back positive. It was at this point the final symptoms I noticed began creeping in. I was tired all the time and the tickle in my throat gave way to coughing fits.

At this point, I began making phone calls to the *Torch's* staff. A lot of phone calls. The realization that we had a mostly in-person meeting the day before I started showing symptoms made me very uneasy. So the biggest task for the weekend, beyond seeing that the paper got produced, was calling every single person I could think of that was in this classroom with me. I wanted to personally tell them that I was sick; it was my responsibility.

Luckily for me, the symptoms began to lessen over the 10-day quarantine. The cold feeling faded by Sunday, which I presume was the fever. The drowsiness went away after a few days of sleep. The coughing fits are the only symptoms that lasted longer than a few days, with the tickle being present

up until day ten before finally fading away to a brief flare.

Beyond that, there wasn't much more to my symptoms. Luckily, I didn't spread it to any of my family members while I was at home. Despite the nurse in Ionia saying that my mom was going to get it since she drove me. Luckily, my staff didn't get sick. Luckily, no one that I know of got sick when I went out Friday.

Notice, I say luckily a lot in the previous paragraph. I truly feel that I was lucky that neither I nor anyone else I knew got seriously ill from this. A lot of people have not been so lucky. Too many people have been unlucky.

This was a virus that was scary to me due to the fact that it was so easy for me to brush off. I've felt every symptom that I had with this virus before. Every single one. So it was relatively easy for me to brush it off as a cold, or overexertion or allergies. Heck, if it wasn't for my roommate convincing me to get a test, I would've acted like I was fine and could have caused a campus-wide outbreak and hurt a lot of people.

All I can say, as someone who is not an expert in virology, is that everyone needs to be mindful of symptoms. Until the test showed it was COVID-19, I thought it was a cold. If you feel anything that I felt, figure out a way to get a test. You don't know who is protected against this virus and who isn't. So why not try to protect a fellow human being?

## The changed movie landscape

The long and short term impact of COVID-19 on films and theaters

Jeremy Wolfe

*Freelance Reporter*

If you're like me, you like movies and seeing them in theaters. There is not really any way of replicating the experience of anticipating a movie's release, getting the tickets pre-ordered, waiting outside for hours, buying over priced snacks and the knowledge that you are about to watch something awesome.

Unfortunately, this experience disappeared, as many in-person activities did, when COVID-19 struck. Even worse, this will likely continue to halt these experiences for the years to come, as movie production in general has suffered, and getting theaters to even show films has become a greater challenge. Without the guarantee of safety and profit, it's no wonder that going to the theater has simply become a fond memory for most people.

Companies, however, are not about to let major sources of revenue just disappear. Since going to theaters was considered nonessential and shut down in many states,

big players like Disney and Paramount have released films through their streaming services instead. While this is convenient for many trapped at home, it also comes with its own share of problems.

Profit is important, and established avenues, like movie theaters, being gone means that making money has become a lot more difficult. Movies that have premiered on streaming services, such as *Black Widow* and *Cruella*, failed to meet box office expectations, with each only making roughly \$100 million more than their budget. Multiply that by roughly two to get the expected amount for marketing and other promotional materials. The films have either barely broken even or were a net loss.

Controversy has also risen as a result of this, with Scarlett Johansson suing Disney over lost profits from *Black Widow*. These numbers are significant and a growing sign that the movie watching landscape may be forever changed; enough to make actors and employees turn against the companies that employ them.

In addition to streaming bringing in lower profits, the entire experience of going to the theaters has potentially been disrupted forever. No longer is the average person able to gather their friends and go for some popcorn, a drink and watch a movie. Instead, if people want to watch movies together, they either have to risk their health by seeing people, or stay at home and do virtual watch parties. In either case, the entire physical aspect of seeing a film with people close to you has been neutered, if not outright destroyed entirely.

In the end, while movies may be a small part of people's lives, they are a significant cultural touchstone in the world. COVID-19 has taken a lot from people, but losing that euphoric feeling of finally getting to watch a highly anticipated film seems to be something of a relic. A sad reality to face is that these moments that people used to cherish forever may soon just become another distant memory in the growing sea of "what used to be."



# Albums to fall for

## Romanticizing autumn with music



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Many people I know highly anticipate fall festivities. They thrive on tailgating, pumpkin spice coffees, apple orchards and scary movies. I wish I could be as enthusiastic as they are, but this time of year always brings me down. It is hard to look forward to the return of homework and cold weather.

To focus on the positive, I decided to turn to music. Fall is a feeling. It is new beginnings, rejoining friends, keeping busy, staying warm and settling into routine. To me, fall is about making yourself at home in the new mundane. These albums capture that.

### 1. "Apricot Princess" by Rex Orange County

From its symphonic opening to stoic ending, "Apricot Princess" invites the listener to immerse themselves in the music. The introductory song, which goes by the same name as the album, starts slow. Strings and horns crescendo like wind in a storm, until front man Alex O'Connor

makes his vocal appearance. Right out of the gates, he sets the tone by telling the listener that this album is about love and that they are not alone. Kicky drumbeats, jazzy instrumentals, moving guest vocalists and brutally honest lyrics move the rest of this project. I cannot help but be transported to a thrift store, buying old sweaters for when the sun stops staying out so long. This album knows how it feels to be young and excited for the approaching future.

### 2. "Is This It" by The Strokes

This 2001 indie rock classic is an absolute staple for rainy fall days. It's the musical incarnation of a worn-in, gray Abercrombie hoodie that I just cannot part with. To quote guitarist Nick Valensi, "Is This It" has "no gimmicks, no tricks," instead, the album runs on punchy drums, gritty guitars and earnestly melodramatic songwriting. Lead singer Julian Casablancas

somehow balances cool apathy with blind self-importance in his lyrics. Altogether, it becomes the perfect soundtrack for the pseudo-adulthood of college life.

### 3. "Tapestry" by Carol King

If any voice could sound like cool air flowing through crisp red and yellow leaves, it is Carol King's. "Tapestry" is as bright as a September morning with tracks like "Beautiful," as intimate as late-night campfire conversations on "You've Got a Friend" and as nostalgic as the high school homecoming game on "Home Again." The best way to listen to this album is in a car full of best friends. Remember to stock all the cupholders with Biggby's latest seasonal drinks.

### 4. "Hozier" by Hozier

It is well established on the internet that Andrew John Hozier-Byrne is more than a man with a full voice. He is, rather, a

force conjured up in some desolate Irish woodland for the sole purpose of making music. Every harmony and echo on this album is placed with full intention. "Jackie and Wilson" paints a picture of a flawless future with a healing love. "In a Week" details becoming one with nature in the most literal sense. From hopeful to haunting, Hozier's self-titled debut album is a walk through the most beautiful forest.

### 5. "Frank" by Amy Winehouse

In her debut LP, Amy Winehouse presents her most audacious side. "Frank" feels like sitting back on a busy street corner as a local fabulist explains exactly how the world works, cigarette in hand. Winehouse shares her tongue-in-cheek wisdom over breezy basslines and sassy saxophones. From unfulfilling romantic partners, to flirtatious partiers and even her own self, nobody is safe from her brooding gaze.



# If they can't have love, they want power

## Halsey's new album explores brutal, yet beautiful themes of love and loss



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Halsey's personal experiences with the beauty and horror of pregnancy and childbirth led to the release of their fourth studio album "If I Can't Have Love, I Want Power" at the end of August.

The album lacked any singles and had little promotion before its release, leaving fans to wonder what route the artist would take their sound for this current era of stardom. The record's gothic cover art depicts Halsey sat upon an elegant throne with a baby resting on their lap and a crown upon their head; an image greatly inspired by Jean Fouquet's notable painting "Virgin & Child Surrounded by Angels".

The cover art alone left fans curious, but Halsey's release of a medieval-inspired full length IMAX film alongside the record had them waiting anxiously on the edge of

their seats. The film was released in select theaters around the world and is currently not available on any streaming platforms.

The album begins with "The Tradition" followed by "Bells in Santa Fe," two tracks that eerily introduce the album and build up the allure of the songs to come. They're immediately followed by "Easier than Lying" and "Girl is a Gun," which bring back the singer/songwriter's pop roots, but with added trippy synths and berserk beats.

The album's lively beginning run takes a brief halt with "Darling," a song written as a lullaby for Halsey's newborn child. "Foolish men have tried, but only you have shown me how to love being alive," Halsey sings. The song is followed by "1121", or November 21, the date that the singer discovered their pregnancy.

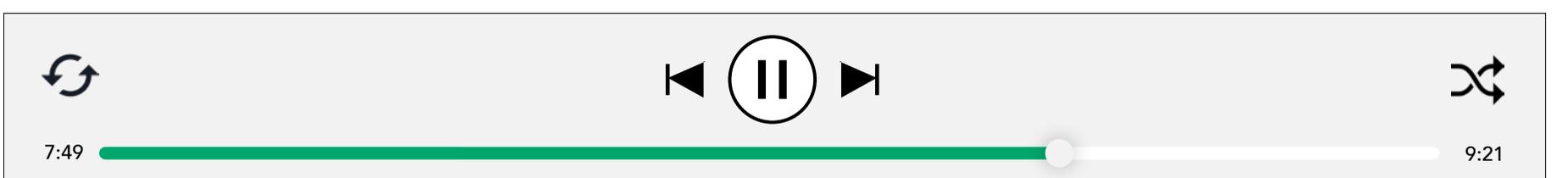
"It's the day I found out I was pregnant. I was really sick and I thought that I had COVID, but I was just pregnant," Halsey stated with a laugh on an Instagram livestream after the album's release.

The record gives a few more surprises in its final run, including songs like "honey", a track about a "wild girl on a wild night" and "I am not a woman, I'm a god", which explains the duality of self-hatred and self-worship. "The Lighthouse" precedes the final track and haunts listeners with a sinister vibe, stating "I'm glad I met the devil 'cause he showed me I was weak, and a little piece of him is in a little piece of me."

The album concludes with "Ya'aburnee", an Arabic term that translates to "You bury me." Halsey lightly sings over a melodic

beat that states "Darling, you will bury me before I bury you." The song wraps the album up in way that still feels connected to the rest of the tracks, but soft and beautiful enough to differentiate itself and serve as the finale to Halsey's grand piece of work.

Overall, Halsey's newest addition to their discography is one that blends different sounds and experiments with both light and dark themes, which might take a few listens to fully appreciate. However, the intertwining of heavy hyper-pop beats, classic pop melodies and light-hearted lullabies ultimately creates an album that exposes what it means to experience and unpack the beauty and brutality of our own experiences.



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## An inspiring promotion



Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics.

Mitchell Peterson (left) with his brother Michael (right) after Ferris's regional championship victory in 2018 at Jim Wink Arena.

### *Mitchell Peterson promoted to Volunteer Assistant Coach with men's basketball program*

**Brandon Wirth**  
Sports Reporter

Imagine not being able to brush your teeth on your own ever again. Never type a text message. Never shoot a basketball.

For Mitchell Peterson, these limitations are a reality.

The physical limitations from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy have been nothing short of strenuous, but this has not stopped him from being a key component within the Bulldog basketball program.

As an honorary team member for over four seasons, Mitchell has made a huge impact on the men's basketball team. On Aug. 19, the opportunity for his outreach grew even bigger with the announcement of his promotion to Volunteer Assistant Coach. Since his influence has been so great, the coaching staff decided to make Mitchell an essential part of the team.

"Mitch has been such a key member of our program," head coach Andy Bronkema said in the announcement press release. "He has helped contribute to the success of our program and is very deserving of this recognition and position."

Mitchell entered the men's basketball program back in 2017. He joined his brother and former Rockford High School standout, Michael Peterson, at Ferris. Not only did Mitchell get a chance to join the team, but he even got his own signing day experience like his brother and other college athletes.

"That whole event was awesome," Michael said. "It was cool that we did the whole decision making process for him."

In his first season with the Bulldogs, Mitchell experi-

enced one of his favorite memories ever. He was able to watch his brother and his teammates win a school-record 38 games on the way to a Division II National Championship win over Northern State (South Dakota).

"It was surreal," Mitchell said. "Everyone knew throughout the entire season we were going to make it [to the championship]. It was fun seeing it come to fruition."

Mitchell continued his journey for another three seasons on Coach Bronkema's team. As a part of the staff, Mitchell has the role of observing and reporting how the team is doing. This means giving updates and advice for players seeking to take their game a step further. For the players, his presence brings plenty of perspective in key moments.

"When we were talking before the national championship game, everybody began saying who they were playing for, and I said I was playing for Mitch," Michael said. "I know if Mitch could go out and airball a free throw with the game on the line, he would do it in a heartbeat."

Not only do players and staff show appreciation for Mitchell's hard work on the court, but off the court as well. One example is with the annual Mitchell's Run Thru Rockford; a 5k race that the entire basketball team comes out and runs in honor and support for Mitchell and Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy.

"It's supposed to be an off weekend for those guys," Mitchell said regarding the team's support of the race. "For them to stick around and actually run the race shows what Ferris State athletics is all about."

Not only has the team been a huge contributor by raising awareness with the race, but the community support has been even greater. Over the last 20 years, the race has helped fund over \$1.2 million to help end Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a fatal genetic disorder that slowly robs people of their muscle strength. In partnership with Parent

Project Muscular Dystrophy, the funds help "accelerate research, raise community voices to impact policy, demand optimal care standards, ensure every family has access to expert healthcare providers and cutting edge treatments and a community of support."

With a first-hand perspective, Mitchell's mom, Sandy Peterson, says the amount of public support "makes her heart explode."

"Thousands have supported the race through the years," Sandy said. "We have received letters from people letting us know the run is a calendar marker for goal setting and summer plans. We could not have forecasted all the continued support."

Whether it's the race itself or the support on the sidelines, Mitchell's story has been an inspiration to many people throughout the community. When it comes to the most identified aspect, Sandy believes it's his determination that stands out.

"It's difficult for Mitch in the winter because of the cold, so when people see him attending games and braving the snowstorms, they, in turn, want to show their support and realize they should do more," Sandy said. "His struggles make everyone around him realize how fortunate they are."

For Mitchell, he simply hopes everyone can use his story as a message of inspiration.

"Whatever life gives you, just keep going and find a way," Mitchell said. "It doesn't matter what's wrong. If you are able to move on day to day, that's all you can do. Good things will always find you."

For more information on supporting Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, visit [www.parentprojectmd.org](http://www.parentprojectmd.org). For information on Mitchell's Run Thru Rockford, go to [mitchellsrun.org](http://mitchellsrun.org).

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Sept. 11-Ferris 3, SE Oklahoma 1

# Ferris hires new athletics director

Steve Brockelbank is set to lead Ferris athletics

**Austin Arquette**  
Sports Reporter

Ferris State University has found their new athletics director. Vice President for Administration and Finance Jim Bachmeier announced that Michigan native Steve Brockelbank has joined the Bulldog nation.

Brockelbank will replace Perk Weisenburger, the current athletics director who is retiring in October after more than a decade of overseeing a department that includes 17 varsity athletics programs. Brockelbank wants to continue to strengthen Ferris' culture while showing what it means to be a Bulldog inside and out of athletics. With his commitment to supporting student-athletes in their own pursuits, Brockelbank wants to foster championship cultures and tradition that will carry on after his time is over.

"I am honored and grateful to serve Ferris State University as the next director of athletics," Brockelbank said in a Ferris News press release. "I want to thank President Eisler, Vice President Jim Bachmeier and the search committee for this opportunity. It was evident in the interview process that Ferris is committed to building champions academically and athletically. Ferris impacts students and student-athletes for a lifetime."

Brockelbank landed on Ferris' radar due to his success level at the high school and college levels over the past 30 years. Brockelbank graduated in 1991 from Eastern Michigan University and has two master's degrees, one from Grand Valley State, and another from Spring Arbor College.

Eastern Michigan University's football team hosted Brockelbank as a three-year star, who landed on the All-Decade team of the 1980's. After his playing days, Brock-



Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics.

Steve Brockelbank is set to take over as Ferris's new athletics director.

elbank landed a junior varsity coaching job at Kenowa Hills for two years (1991-1992) before he moved up to the next level.

From there, Brockelbank became the offensive line coach at Wayne State University. Brockelbank went on to Hillsdale college and served as a coach and director of ath-

letic facilities before he moved back to high school in Ludington. In 2004, Brockelbank joined Grand Valley State University as an assistant head coach, offensive line coach and a recruiting coordinator as he helped win national championships in 2005 and 2006.

In his final stop before Ferris, Brockelbank served as associate athletic director for communications and administration at Miami University in Ohio where he was an associate athletic director for multiple sports.

"We are thrilled to welcome an athletic director with the experience and track record of success that we have found in Steve," Bachmeier said. "Ferris State Athletics has raised the bar for success, in athletic competition and the classroom, and we're confident that Steve is the right person to take on leadership responsibilities in guiding our athletic efforts."

Ferris coaches had many things to say about the new hire.

Ferris hockey coach Bob Daniels said Brockelbank has big shoes to fill but has an amazing amount of experience. Head basketball coach Andy Bronkema believes that Brockelbank's hire was treated with great priority by the university and the search committee that did a wonderful job.

Ferris head women's volleyball coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm said that the Bulldogs have the chance to celebrate both Weisenburger and Brockelbank as they are both huge to the Bulldog family. Finally, head football coach Tony Annese said Brockelbank brings tremendous experience that is invaluable for the department of athletics.

"In a pool of strong candidates, Steve stood out and made a great impression on our search committee and others involved in this hiring process," Bachmeier said.

Brockelbank will be joined by his wife Heidi and three daughters: Hayley, Madisyn and Morgan. Brockelbank will start his official tenure with Ferris on Oct. 11.

## Back to the playing field

Fall intramural sports beginning this week

**Brandon Wirth**  
Sports Reporter

It's about that time of year on campus. The weather gets colder, leaves begin falling and intramural sports are returning to campus.

For many students, the experience of intramural sports last year was a shadow of its average popularity. Due to COVID-19 protocols, Ferris canceled many sports for health concerns or low participation. Fast forward a year later, "IM" sports are making a return here in 2021.

"It's exciting to bring back sports such as Flag Football, Soccer and Softball," says Associate Director of Recreation Stoney Hart. "These sports have always been traditional in Intramural programs, and they were missed last year."

According to Hart, not only are the traditional sports making a return, but some fan-favorite sports will be resuming this Fall here at Ferris.

"We offered kickball and sand volleyball during COVID[,] and we have brought them back again this fall. We will have 5-on-5 basketball and dodgeball later this semester, which we did not offer during COVID. Our most popular sport, 6-on-6 volleyball, will return later in the semester as well."

With last season being a minimal resemblance of its standard draw, many of the current second-year students could not experience the aura of intermural sports. As the Associate Director of Recreation, Hart believes there is an emphasis on changing this year's outreach.

"Our goal right now is to try to find the new freshmen and sophomores from last year," Hart said. "The 'UREC' staff is working hard to meet students and let them know about the upcoming seasons."

Despite the pandemic-induced absence, Hart and the University Recreation department believe it is

time to get IM's rolling again.

"Our staff and I felt this was the perfect time to have more open leagues and give students the ability to choose their preferences. The goal this semester for the staff and I is to set a solid foundation for how Intramurals will look for years to come."

The students that got to experience pre-pandemic intramural sports, like third-year student Joe Nagy, didn't have the same feeling with intramurals last year.

"Last year, it was quite a bummer to have not as many 'IMs'," Nagy said. "I think this year [many] people are excited for them to be back."

For Nagy, intramural sports provide an experience that goes beyond the sports themselves. It's about the people that play them.

"My favorite part about playing IM sports is being able to meet some new people," Nagy said. "It also gives me another way to hang out with friends."

While intramural sports can improve athletic ability, students can obtain other skills from playing them.

"Participation in intramurals helps students further develop their social skills, co-operation, teamwork, physical literacy and overall health," Hart said. "Studies show that students who play intramurals have higher GPAs than the rest of the student body. Learning time management and leadership are also reasons why students should play intramurals."

To sign up for intramural sports, visit [www.IM-Leagues.com](http://www.IM-Leagues.com). For more information on university recreation, search "Recreation" at [ferris.edu](http://ferris.edu).



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Ferris students compete in IM flag football at Top Taggart Field during the spring of 2021.



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**College of Business** – Information Security  
and Intelligence

**Sponsor** – Alpha Sigma Tau

**Involvements:**

- Alpha Sigma Tau
- Women in Cyber Security
- Information Security and Intelligence Alliance
- Order of Omega
- Ferris State IT Cyber Security Office



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