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# **THINGS TO KNOW**

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## **EDITOR'S COLUMN:**

By Noah Kurkjian

## To the future!

Whether you're a returning student, faculty or staff member picking this paper up as part of your weekly routine, or a fresh face joining the campus community, this welcome is for you. Thank you for taking the time to get reacquainted with us or choosing to get introduced for the first time.

My name is Noah Kurkjian, and I will be taking over as Editor in Chief for the Torch through the 2022-23 school year, and I am elated. I am embarking on my senior year in the journalism and technical communication program and my third year with the Torch.

I got my start in journalism by accident. I was building my schedule for my junior year of high school and ran into hard times when it came to filling my third-hour slot for the final trimester. All that was left was mythology and writing for print media. I took a gamble on writing for print media, and the rest is just about history.

Stepping into that class, I quickly learned that not only did I love digging up the dirt for a story, but I loved the craft behind telling it to an audience. I was also blessed with a fantastic educator who realized my potential and pushed me to do well. Ms. Szpieg, since you're likely reading this, thank you.

As for my time at the Torch, I feel as though it has been incredibly unique, as I have had the opportunity to take on so many diverse roles. I have seen this publication from many angles and learned a lot along the way.

So much in my life and the world has changed in the last two years, and it's time we change with it. Coming this fall, you will see the Torch get its "glow up."

Starting with the most significant change, the discontinuation of the Lifestyles section. While this quirky gem



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has served us wonderfully for years, it felt like it was time for an update. Taking its place will be the Culture section. Ferris has nearly 10,000 students and over 750 faculty members, who all have unique stories and backgrounds. I think we should be working harder to elevate them.

A Culture section will allow our reporters to feature a wider variety of the voices at Ferris. I also see it as a means to help bridge cultural divides on campus. Rebranding would allow us to dive deeper into topics like race, gender, sexuality,

social equity and politics on a more frequent, fitting basis. These are topics that college students care about, so why aren't we talking about them more? The world is ever-changing, and I believe we need a more robust way to embrace it.

Along with the new content, we'll also be making some design changes in our physical newspaper and online content. Things will be getting a fresh coat of paint, so to speak. The new design elements we'll implement will amplify our content all around.

Our online changes will begin with an update to our website. Our current site displays content well on computers, but as technology progresses and we gather more and more screens, it must look like it was made for all of them specifically. Of course, the modifications will adopt similar colors and design elements to our print edition, but it will also take the viewing experience to the next level.

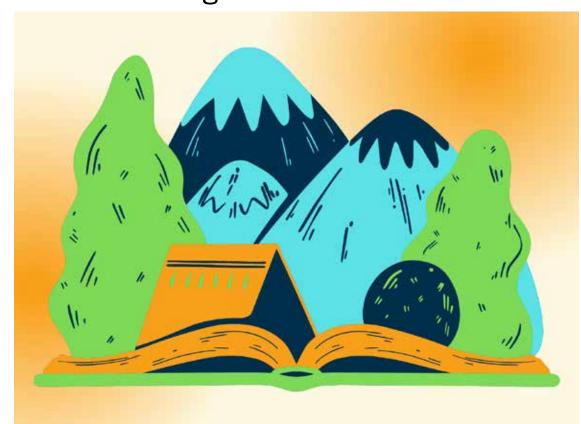
Rounding out our online updates, we'll be making a more significant push on social media. College students are more active on social media than ever before, and if you can't catch us in print, hopefully, you'll scroll to us soon!

Even though the world has changed so immensely, I hope the Torch can at least be one constant for the campus community. I hope you're look forward to the year ahead just as much as I am.

You can pick us up in print with a fresh edition releasing most Wednesdays of the fall and spring semesters, online at fsutorch.com or on all social media @fsutorch.

# Summer adventuring on a budget

## Take advantage of the rentals offered at the Rec Center this summer



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**Giuliana Denicolo**Culture Editor

The Student Recreational Center is a facility available to all students, faculty, staff and even people outside of the Ferris community. Throughout the year, the SRC gives the option to rent out equipment that can spice up summer plans. Equipment can be rented out daily, weekly or deposited for affordable prices.

A form is to be filled out that asks for basic information such as name, phone number, ID number and address. As well as questions on the event the equipment is needed for and what equipment is being rented.

There are many options that can be rented out that range from camping equipment to hiking equipment. Here are some fun ideas on what to do with them over the summer:

Tents for two, four or six peo-

ple are available. Go camping with a group of friends or a significant other. Rent that out with a camping chair, cook kit and sleeping bags and have a fun, adventurous summer night.

Go out to campus on a nice sunny summer day and hammock. Bring some friends or go alone. Cuddle up in there with a book, listen to music, color, draw or even study for summer classes.

Take a hike and rent out a backpack. Don't fret if it rains because backpack rain covers are also available for rental.

Rent out a dry bag when tubing down the Muskegon River so that the belongings taken with stay safe and dry.

To learn more about rentals, deposits, fees, policies and risks visit https://www.ferris.edu/student-life/u-rec/facilities/equipment.htm and take advantage of this resource to experience a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

## **Every penny counts**

## 'Do's and 'Don't's of saving money on campus

#### Jessica Oakes

News Editor

It is 2022 and tuition prices nationwide have never been higher. Fortunately, there are ways for college students to protect their savings account while putting in the work for their degree.

#### DO use campus resources

Ferris offers a wide variety of free services for students, such as counseling, tutoring and even professional clothing from the University Center's First Lady's Attic. Keep an eye on the campus calendar for free events, especially if food is offered.

#### DON'T buy new textbooks

Brand-new textbooks can cost students hundreds of dollars. Spending that much money on something that will be used for around four months is unnecessary. Ferris' online bookstore offers many used or rental opportunities for nearly every textbook ever published. Also consider buying used books directly from other students. Finally, look for e-book options to eliminate the risk of damage or late fees. These are also typically more cost effective because no physical material is involed.

#### DO use up that meal plan

If students purchase a meal plan before the semester starts, it is best to use it to its fullest extent. There is no need to spend hard earned money on Culver's or Applebee's when you have a card full of meal swipes.

Find variety on campus. Visit the Rock or the Market any day of the week, or stop in at the Quad or Erbert & Gerbert's on weekdays.

#### DON'T lose your student ID

All students get their first MyBulldog ID

card for free. After that, replacements are \$25. There are stores and restaurants all across the state that offer student discounts to anyone who can prove their enrollment with their ID.

#### DO carpool

While the Ferris campus is fairly small, it certainly helps to have a car to get from place to place. Once you form a carpool group, there is no need to spend money on gas, bus fare or Bird Scooters. You can cut back on carbon emissions and help your savings account in one fell swoop.

# **Pleasant Changes**

### Four things to excite your return to campus

#### **Joseph Nagy**

Sports Reporter

With another year of education under our belts, the only thing that has been on students' minds has been getting to summer break. However, while we're away from campus for the next few months, a few new things will be ready to welcome us back in August.

Here are four things we can all look forward to for the 2022-23 academic year and beyond.

#### **#1: A Brand New President**

The announcement of President David Eisler's retirement following the end of this academic year brought forth the question of who will fill the spot that has been filled for nearly 20 years. The extensive search process for our 19th president in school history led us to Dr. Bill Pink. Pink spent seven years at Grand Rapids Community College, bringing growth and positive changes to the university.

For students, it means potential new policies, budgets, and a new future for Ferris State University. Dr. Pink still has one more vote to get fully sworn in once Eisler retires on June 30, but next year's school year will start strong with a new direction and presidency.

#### #2: Return of the National Champions

BBQ, Cornhole, and football. The start of each fall semester brings about another season of football for us Bulldogs. A regular return to the season brings a certain excitement that really can't be replicated, but piling that on with the fact that our football team is the reigning national champions makes the anticipation that much better.

Although we're losing a few key players to graduation and the NFL, Coach Tony Annese and the football program are ready to fill the gaps that have been left. The team faces one of the most demanding schedules for a Division II program, but the team is prepared to face the competition with the added pressure to repeat.

Not to worry, though, as we saw last year multiple times that we have depth in all positions. As our backup running back,

Jeremy Burrell ran a 78-yard touchdown run in the national championship game. Not to mention our two returning quarterbacks, Evan Cummins and Mylik Mitchell, who have the experience and talent to lead us back into a deep playoff run.

Next year's Bulldog Squad is going to be one to watch. Couple that with students returning to campus and the overall excitement for a new year back in Big Rapids, the environment at Top Taggart Field will be an electricity factory.

#### **#3: Center of Athletic Performance**

Staying on the topic of Athletics, the long-awaited Center of Athletic Performance

is scheduled to finish sometime early next semester. A brand-new weight room and volleyball arena have been in the process of being built. If you've made your way down to the R.L. Ewigleben Sports Complex, from the outside, you've been able to see the progress being made.

The new arena gives more fans and students a chance to enjoy the games, something that's been tough since the previous volleyball arena was in the maze of back hallways of the sports complex. An additional plus is a better venue to host the post-season tournaments. Last year, the regional tournament was played in Wink Arena, and multiple balls got stuck on the ceiling.

The old volleyball arena is getting turned into a brand-new weight room. Although most of the student body won't get to experience it firsthand, we'll see it carry over on the athletic fields. Something that we Ferris State fans have been blessed with

immensely over the past years.

#### #4: Center for Virtual Learning

Students will be greeted with another brand new building when they get to campus in the spring of 2023. With the field of IT and computer science exploding in the last decade, it's a no-brainer to improve our accommodations for these programs. The 64,000 square foot facility allows students to learn with state-of-the-art accommodations and specially designed laboratories and classrooms for each program.

It will also house the first purpose-built esports arena in Michigan. The esports

team at Ferris is the largest club on campus with 300 members and has become a main point of attraction for students when choosing where to pursue higher education. It has also become an opportunity for other students to experience one of the fastest-growing streams of entertainment in the world.

The end of a school year brings many emotions, goodbyes, and hellos, and embracing the following year that is soon to come. The three-month summer break is much needed, but getting back to campus in the fall is an exciting time for everyone.





# **Get connected**

## Getting online on campus made easy

**Noah Kurkjian** *Editor in Chief* 

Technology has never been more present in education, which means a reliable internet connection is essential these days. While Ferris offers blazing fast internet, testing at nearly one gigabit per second download and upload speed in both wired and wireless varieties, gaining access to it can sometimes leave end-users in a bit of a tizzy.

#### Once you move in

Moving into a dorm is an exciting experience, as it typically represents one's first taste of freedom. Of course, all of the gadgets to make a dorm feel like home come with, and getting them connected to Ferris' "home" WiFi network couldn't be easier.

It's as easy as connecting to any other password-protected network. All the end-user must do is re-enter the network name, "FSUatHome," while ensuring they type it exactly as it appears, as it is case-sensitive.

That's it, no additional authentication is required. Students are allowed to connect personal devices such as phones, tablets, computers, gaming consoles and media streaming devices to this network.

It is advised that students pay attention to the capabilities of the devices they are connecting to the WiFi. Due to the fact that entire dorm buildings share one network, there is no separation or individual unit device security.

For instance, if a student were to install a Google Chrome Cast, any device connected to that same building's WiFi network could cast any media to it at any time. It is recommended that residents pay attention to the built-in security features of their device, or on any device they'd consider purchasing, to ensure that casting features can be password/PIN protected.

#### Out and about on campus

All set at home? Now it's time for getting connected while participating in academia. For Ferris

students and faculty, get your MyFSU credentials ready—this will only take a few minutes. While this process is a bit more involved, it can still be done on your own, with a few exceptions.

For computers, start by connecting to FerrisWiFi using the same password syntax as FSUatHome. Once your computer has connected to the router, a splash screen should automatically appear to finish connecting to the network. If this screen does not automatically appear, open a browser of choice and attempt to navigate to any website, this should force the splash screen to appear.

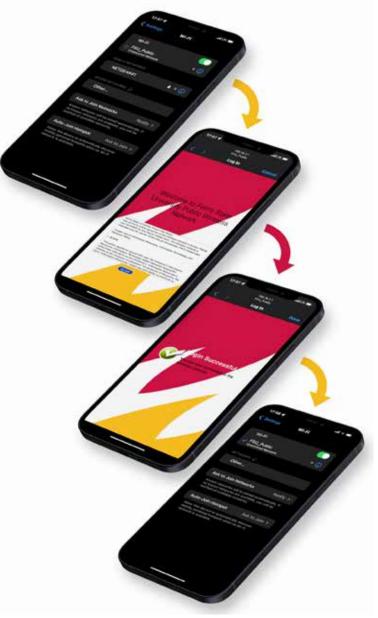
Once there, three options will appear. Most cases will just require the selection of "Student/Employee." Click "start" and then enter the applicable MyFSU credentials. Once those have been entered, the device will automatically begin the registration process.

Once the registration process is complete, the end-user will be prompted to install Fortinet Persistent Agent and an anti-virus software that meets the university standards if applicable. Once these have been installed, browse away.

On a phone or non-iPad tablet, connect to FerrisWiFi like any other wireless network. The mobile device should reach the splash screen automatically or with one tap. Once there, change the selection from computer to mobile device and sign in. The device will complete the registration process and be all set to browse in no time.

To connect an iPad to FerrisWiFi, users may attempt to follow the same process used to set up other mobile devices, but because of the fragmentation of the iPadOS operating system, offering the full Mac version of Safari on a device incapable of running other full Mac apps, can confuse the WiFi network, making it prompt the user to install Fortinet Persistent Agent when it is not required. If this bug persists, seek out registration assistance from the IT Solutions Center located in room UCB 108 of the University Center.

If a device that cannot follow the standard registration process needs to be registered to the network, campus goers should also visit the IT Solutions Center for further assistance.



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Campus guests can get online in just three taps by joining FSU\_Public where available.

# Take FLITE!

#### Noah Kurkjian

Editor in Chief

The Ferris Library of Information, Technology and Education offers a wide variety of equipment meant for students to use to help further their education. These resources include everything from laptops to record cleaning supplies, study rooms and instructional studios.

A wide variety of equipment can be checked out from FLITE's checkout desk. Starting with laptops, students can check out their choice of laptop for up to four hours of uninterrupted use in the FLITE library.

Students can check out either a Dell Latitude 3500 or 5520, running Windows 10 Enterprise, or a 13" MacBook Pro. If four hours isn't enough time, FLITE does offer one renewal to extend use time to eight hours if no one is waiting for its return.

If checking out a computer feels like putting the cart before the horse, FLITE has you covered there too. Students can check out a range of audio and video production equipment for use in or outside the library.

FLITE offers a Panasonic HC-WX970 4K camcorder or a GoPro Hero+ for video recording accompanied by accessories like tripods, mounts, chargers, and batteries, although students must provide their own SD card. Borrowing periods may vary by device and season. Check with FLITE staff for the most up-to-date information.

If photography is your jam, FLITE has you covered too. Students can check out a Canon Powershot SX610HS digital camera for any of their photography needs. Students must provide their own SD cards like the previously mentioned video cameras. However, the camera comes with all other required accessories.

Audio producers, don't worry; FLITE didn't forget about you. FLITE offers students a wide range of audio production equipment for check out. Anything from a Fifine USB microphone to Audio Technica headphones, they've got you covered. They also offer other quality of life production equipment like headphone splitters and webcams for your computer-based video recording needs.

To round out rentals, students may also

borrow RCA's D4+ vinyl record cleaning kit.
This kit includes a cleaning solution and two cleaning brushes to keep your vinyl looking good as new.

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A comprehensive guide to Ferris' in-person

Students and faculty can rent out various rooms for studying or teaching, respectively. 49 student study rooms can accommodate anywhere from one to 10 people, and 14 instructional rooms are available with a vast array of technology at your fingertips.

In terms of student study rooms, FLITE offers nine single rooms, 18 two-person study rooms, and 25 study rooms that can accommodate three or more. One-person study rooms are perfect for a personal cram session, although their available features vary by room. Some do not have power outlets or whiteboards, so confer with a FLITE employee to find a space that suits your needs. Two-person study rooms are similarly appointed.

Study rooms that host three or more people can come appointed with whiteboards, TVs, conference-style seating, and extensive power connections.

Students may make reservations online by navigating to the "Reservations" tab on

the FLITE library homepage. Any unused study rooms in the FLITE building can be occupied without a reservation but must be given up if a reservation holder appears.

Faculty can reserve multiple types of instructional rooms for all their teaching needs or try out some new techniques.

They offer everything from instructional studios, with computers at every student station, a document camera, and whiteboards, to the learn lab, offering four media:scape collaboration stations for students to more closely interact with their instructional material.

Also available is the communication lab, perfect for lectures and speeches. This room has two 55-inch displays, one affixed to the wall and the other on a rolling cart, a lecture podium, video and audio equipment, and wireless peripherals.

Finally, those interested in audio production can reserve the music and media room. This space is outfitted with a record player, computer, blue screen, and FLITE's record collection. Any additional recording materials can be borrowed from the check-out desk as well.

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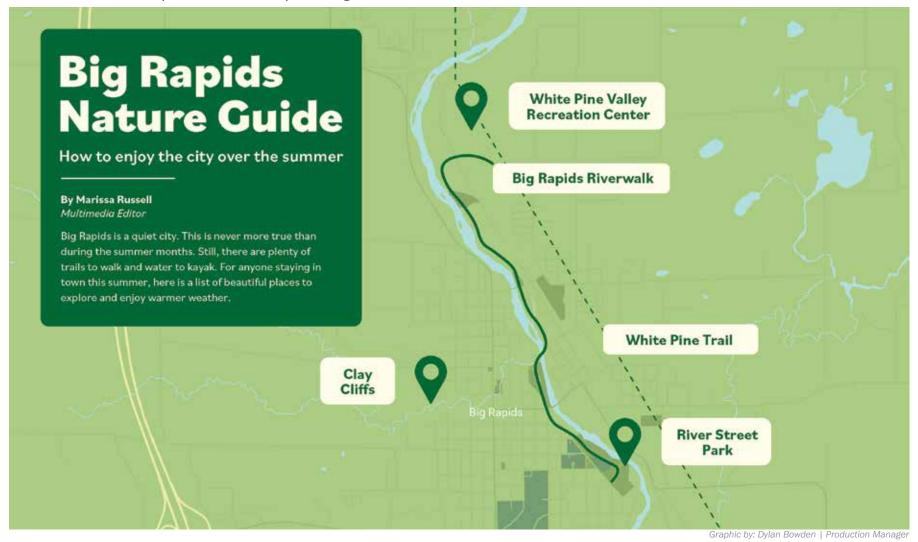
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# THINGS TO DO

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# Five Big Rapids restaurants you won't want to skip.

Noah Kurkjian

Editor in Chief

Getting sick of the same old Maruchan ramen? Is the Rock feeling too familiar? Get out there and try something new this summer! Below I have chronicled my favorite food spots for any occasion, so walk, bike, Bird scooter, or drive on through the city of Big Rapids for some variety.

#### Breakfast/brunch

#### **Three Girls Deli**

Three Girls is an amazing breakfast and brunch restaurant. Their selection is vast, so everyone in your party can find something on the menu that will suit

They have everything from a standard breakfast combo plate to breakfast burritos, waffles, scramblers and sandwiches. Name a breakfast itemthey probably have it.

They also have a fantastic brunch menu with tasty wraps and sandwiches as well as in-store, handmade pretzels. But arguably one of the best additions to their menu are Italian sodas. They have 15 spectacular flavors that I just cannot get enough of. The only downside is that their iced coffee is mediocre at best. They also get an extra point for being on DoorDash and supporting DashPass.

Once you're done with your meal, you can explore the rest of the building, which contains Artworks. Artworks is a combination art gallery, gift shop and studio. Visitors are welcome to tour the gallery at no cost. A schedule for their classes and art installations

can be found on their website. artworksinbigrapids.org.

#### Lunch

#### **Fatty C's Dog House**

A new player in town tops my lunch picks for Big Rapids. Fatty C's Dog House, which was opened last June by Ferris professor Dr. Kasey Thompson, serves polish sausages and hot dogs made up nearly 20 different ways. You can also get them made to order if the perfect combination isn't already made for you.

Alongside these, they serve arguably the best fries in Big Rapids, which can be loaded with any and all of their dog toppings. Now, if we're talking best french fries on DoorDash, no one has Fatty C's beat.

The only concession to be made here is you must get your fill of Fatty C's during the business week, as they are currently only open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### Dinner

#### **Gypsy Nickel Lounge**

This is an all-around great place to eat. They have a concise menu that, in my opinion, allows them to put more effort and focus into each dish, and it shows in the quality and flavor. They have a nice atmosphere, although a little dark at times for menu reading, and they have a jukebox, which is always a plus in my book. Their sweet potato fries are divine, and the garlic aioli that they pair them with is just immaculate. Also, if you're on the hunt for the best

spin dip, rejoice, your search is over.

The only marks off I give here are for the lengthy wait times and the fact that they are not on DoorDash, however, those two issues practically explain each other away, so if you've got the time to stop by, definitely do so.

#### **Sweets & treats**

#### **Toppings Frozen Yogurt**

If you want variety, you've come to the right place. Here you can get anything from froyo, bubble tea, cheesecake, mochi, shakes, slushies, Italian sodas, lotus energy drinks and much more. They also have a wide variety of flavors and toppings for each category, so everyone can find something they like. It's also positioned right next to the Big Rapids roller rink, so if you play your cards right, you've got a whole afternoon

of fun ahead of you.

Just pay attention to their hours of operation, as they are closed on Mondays and close at 7 p.m. on Sundays, instead of their usual 9:30 p.m.

#### Coffee

#### The Backroom Coffee

This gem of a coffee shop is in the same

building as Toppings, and if you make your way to any of the places on this list, make this one of them. They have every drink type you would expect out of a typical coffee shop, with eight robust flavors. For those who are conscious of their sugar intake, five sugar-free flavors are offered as well.

Two things to note about this coffee shop. First, while they have eight great flavors to offer, they are fairly standard and don't seem to ever rotate. While the core eight flavors are rock solid, some variety would be nice. Second, they have a \$1 up-charge on dairy-free milk, just a bit higher than most local places. Finally, less of a gripe and more of a suggestion, it would be nice if they had some type of mobile ordering system, even if it was just the pickup option on DoorDash or GrubHub.

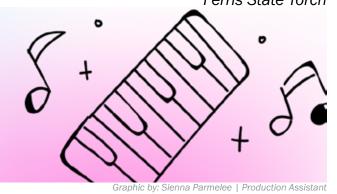


## Things to do Ferris State Torch



#### SONGS FOR SUMMER FUN

## **TORCH TUNES**



#### **Charlie Buckel**

Freelance Reporter

Summer break is finally here. It's time to kick back, relax and have some fun in the sun! Here are some great songs to get you in the summer mood.

#### **Drift Away - Uncle Kracker**

The perfect song for sitting on the porch and relaxing, or driving down a back road with the windows down. This tune is a classic summer song.

#### Favorite Lyric:

Oh, give me the beat, boys, and free my soul.

I wanna get lost in your rock 'n' roll and drift away

#### **Pontoon - Little Big Town**

Spending the day out on the water? Then this is the perfect song for you. Crack open a cold one, sit back and enjoy the rocking of the boat as Little Big Town's harmonies put you in a good mood.

#### Favorite Lyrics:

Making waves and catching rays up on the roof,

Jumping out the back, don't act like you don't want to,

Party in slow motion,
Out here in the open,
Mmmmmmm motorboating

#### Soak Up the Sun - Sheryl Crow

Eternally optimistic, this song is perfect for putting you in a good mood and making you want to get outside and catch some rays.

#### Favorite Lyrics:

I'm gonna soak up the sun,
I'm gonna tell everyone to lighten up

#### California Gurls - Katy Perry ft. Snoop Dogg

Dominating the charts in 2010 and becoming an instant summer classic, Katy Perry showed the pop girlies how to write a summer smash hit. This is the perfect song to blast with the windows down while you sing-scream on a beautiful summer day.

Favorite Lyrics: Sun-kissed skin, So hot, We'll melt your popsicle

#### We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together - Taylor Swift

Speaking of songs that are great to scream while you drive with the windows down. This is the perfect song for when your on-again, off-again college boyfriend/girlfriend decides they want to be single for the summer. But it's fine, you're better off without them.

#### Favorite Lyrics:

Ah, so he calls me up and he's like, "I still love you,"

And I'm like, I'm just, I mean this is exhausting, you know?

Like we are never getting back together, like, ever

#### Fantasy - Mariah Carey

No one was doing it like Queen Mimi in the 90s. This song will get caught in your head and you'll be singing it at your summer job, chilling with friends or sitting at home in the ac. It's fine though because it's just that good.

#### Favorite Lyrics:

Oh, when you walk by every night, Talking sweet and looking fine, I get kind of hectic inside

#### Summer of '69 - Bryan Adams

Throwing it back to a summer classic from 1984. This is the perfect song for reminiscing on past summer memories. Bryan Adams leads us on a nostalgic journey down memory lane that makes it impossible to not think of your favorite moments from summers gone by, while making us appreciate the current summer too.

#### Favorite Lyrics:

Those were the best days of my life, Oh, yeah, Back in the summer of '69, oh

## Margaritaville - Jimmy Buffet

The perfect song for making it feel like it's five o'clock and you're on a beach. Jimmy Buffet makes you want to relax and sit back with a nice margarita with a salted rim. If it's especially hot, go for a frozen one. Either way, it's time to waste away again in Margaritaville.

Favorite Lyrics:
But there's booze in the blender,
And soon it will render,
That frozen concoction that helps me
hang on





**Angie Rosenthal** 

Torch Photographer

Let's be honest with ourselves: the summertime can be boring. Whatever the reason for your boredom, there's no better way to kill time than to sit down with a good flick. Here are some summertime movie recommendations that are sure to make you feel something.

#### Moonrise Kingdom (2012)

Most of us, at some point in our childhood, thought about running away and going on an adventure. This movie is about fulfilling that childhood fantasy.

Moonrise Kingdom is about Sam and Suzy, two troubled kids who fall in love and run away to the beachside paradise they named Moonrise Kingdom. This Wes Anderson film explores what it means to care about somebody while wacky hijinks ensue.

#### National Lampoon's Vacations (1983)

Did you know this movie is based on a short story titled "Vacation '58," which was originally published in a magazine titled "National Lampoon?" That's where the movie got its name!

This summertime classic is about a family going on a road trip to a Disneyland knock-off, while every single worst-case scenario happens to them along the way.

#### **Camp Rock (2008)**

A Disney Channel classic. This film kick-started the careers of Demi Lovato and the Jonas Brothers.

Demi Lovato plays Mitchie, a young girl with big dreams. She goes to Camp Rock and dishonestly tells everyone that she is the daughter of a famous singer. She then goes to ridiculous lengths to maintain her secret. This film will make

you laugh at all the cheesiness while you sing along to all the songs.

#### The Florida Project (2017)

We all know about Disney World and how it's the happiest place on Earth, but do you know anything about the people living outside the park?

The Florida Project is about a mother and daughter who live in a motel a few exits away from Disney World and their struggle with poverty. Moonee, the daughter, is too young to see the severity of their situation, and she is just having the best summer she can with the other children who live in the motel.

#### What About Bob? (1991)

Bill Murrey plays Bob, a lonely man who struggles to properly function in society. His new therapist, Leo, suddenly leaves town to take his family on vacation and Bob follows along. There he becomes family to everyone but Leo, Graphic by: Sienna Parmelee | Production Assistant who constantly tries and fails to get rid

This movie is about the importance of family and caring about others, even when you want nothing to do with them. It'll make you laugh from beginning to end

#### Little Miss Sunshine (2006)

There is a popular TikTok trend where people talk about their "you can't fly jets if you're colorblind" moment. This is a reference to a scene in Little Miss Sunshine where Paul Dano's character learns he's colorblind and therefore can never become a jet pilot. The trend is honestly a huge spoiler for the movie, but the film holds up, despite the fact everyone now knows this twist.

Join the Hoover family as they go on a road trip to help little Olive become a beauty pageant superstar and enjoy a summer of movies!



# **ATHLETICS**

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# Top of the 2021-22 season

#### **Jeffery Walker**

Sports Reporter

Here is a list of the best athletes in their respective sports for each Ferris team.

#### Men's teams

#### Football - Jared Bernhardt

Bernhardt was incredible for the Bulldogs this year, and he played a big part in the National Championship game. He was named the GLIAC player of the year, and he was placed on the Division II Elite 100 list. In 10 games played, he threw for 1322 yards and 11 touchdowns on a 70.7% completion rate. He also added 1421 yards rushing on 159 attempts and 26 touchdowns on the season.

#### **Basketball - Walt Kelser**

Kelser had a great year with the Bulldogs, leading them to a GLIAC regular-season championship and an NCAA tournament appearance in which the Bulldogs advanced to the regional semifinals. Kelser was named to the All-GLIAC first team and was named to the NABC

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Walt Kelser lead men's basketball with 18.9 points.

All-District First Team. In 31 games played, he averaged 18.9 points, 3.6 rebounds, and 3.3 assists while shooting 45.4% from field goal range, 35.4% from three-point range and 78.8% from the free-throw line.

#### Hockey - Justin Michaelian

Michaelian was a bright spot for the Bulldogs as they struggled this season. In 35 games played, he had 23 points, eight goals, 15 assists and only 12 penalty minutes. Of those eight goals, two were game-winning goals for the Bulldogs.

#### **Tennis - Mathis Guerre**

Guerre has been excellent this season for the Bulldogs, as they hold a 15-4 record and a 6-1 record in GLIAC play. He was selected as a first-team All-GLIAC player on the season. This season, Guerre won 10 single competition matches for the Bulldogs.

#### Golf - Thomas Hursey

It has been a great season for Hursey so far, as he has placed 12th in the Findlay Spring Invite and then went

on to place first in the Cav Classic for the Bulldogs this season. We can expect him to continue his strong start to the 2022 season.

#### Track and Field - Jason Keena

Keena has had a great 2022 season so far with the javelin throw, and he boasts five top 10 finishes so far. His best performances have been in the Jim Vargo Invitational, where he placed first, and, most recently, in the Davenport Invitational, where he placed second.

#### **Cross Country - Donis Harris**

Harris had a good season for Ferris cross country, as he placed 45th in the 8k GLIAC Cross Country Championships and 57th in the 10k for the NCAA Division II Midwest Region Cross Country Championships. His best performance of the season came in the Ferris Ray Helsig Bulldog Invite, where he finished first in the 12.875k race.

#### Women's teams

#### Basketball - Adrienne Anderson

What a season it was for Anderson as she helped the



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Nina Gorgijevska earned GLIAC Defensive Player of the Year.

Bulldogs to a GLIAC North Division title and their first GLIAC tournament title in the 2021-22 season. Anderson was an all-around star for the Bulldogs, receiving All-GLIAC First Team and All-Defensive Team honors on the season for the Bulldogs. Anderson played in 30 games this season and averaged 13.9 points, 3.7 rebounds and four assists while shooting 38.5% from field goal range, 37.6% three-point range and 69.3% from the free-throw line. Anderson also had 72 steals and 18 blocks for the Bulldogs on the season.

#### Volleyball - Nina Gorgijevska

Gorgijevska had a fantastic season for the Bulldogs. With her help, the Bulldogs had a 27-5 overall record and went 12-2 in GLIAC play. Ferris also won the GLIAC Tournament Championship and had a deep run in the NCAA Division II Volleyball Tournament, reaching the Midwest Regional Final. Gorgijevska was the GLIAC Defensive Player of the Year and was a first-team ALL-GLIAC libero. In 33 matches she had a total of 591 digs, 32 service aces and 111 assists.

#### Soccer - Pia Nagel

Nagel was a major player for the Bulldogs this season. She helped them win the GLIAC championship and appear in the NCAA DII Soccer National tournament. She earned All-GLIAC First Team honors as a forward. In 22 games for the Bulldogs, she started 15 games and had 10 goals, seven assists and 27 points. She also provided the Bulldogs with two game-winning goals.

#### **Tennis - Sophie Daavettila**

Daavettila had a strong season for the Bulldogs, as she was able to showcase all her skills in both singles and doubles matches. She was an ALL-GLIAC first-team selection this season. She has a total of 11 singles wins for the season.

#### Softball - Paige Kortz

Kortz has been on fire for the Bulldogs this season. This season Paige has broken the school record for home runs in a season with 11. With 47 games played, she has a batting average of .381 with a total of 11 home runs, 33 runs batted in, 40 runs and eight stolen bases.



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Paige Kortz set Ferris' home run record with 11 this season.

#### Golf - Alayna Eldred

Eldred has had a good start to the season for the Bulldogs, placing 30th in the Findlay Spring Invite. As the season progresses, we can expect to see her continue gaining success.

#### Track and Field - Bri Copley

Copley has had a great season for the Bulldogs in the shot put and discus throw. She has placed within the top 10 a total of nine times already and has come in first a total of three times—twice in the shot put and once in the discus throw.

#### **Cross Courtney - Sydney Kubiak**

Kubiak had a very good season for the Bulldogs in cross country. In the GLIAC Cross Country Championships she placed 32nd in the 6K, and in the NCAA Division II Midwest Region Cross Country Championships she placed 75th in the 6K. Her best performance was at the Ferris Ray Helsig Bulldog Invite, where she placed 1st in the 8 047K

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# Reliving the ring season



Photo courtesy of Ferris Athletics.

The Bulldogs celebrate their victory in the National Championship game.

## A recap of Ferris Football's National Championship run

#### **Brandon Wirth**

Sports Reporter

They say there's a first time for everything. For Ferris football, this past year wasn't the first time the Bulldogs were national championship contenders. The only difference: 2021 was the year they brought the trophy home.

"The feeling is still enjoyable," quarterback Mylik Mitchell said. "We're still juiced up."

Entering the season as the nation's third best team, according to D2Football.com, the Bulldogs' journey to McKinney, Texas began with two dominant non-conference wins over former conference opponents Findlay and Ashland.

The first test of the season came in Week 3, where seven turnovers nearly derailed Ferris' perfect season. Ultimately, the Bulldogs snuck away with a 47-45 win over the Cardinals and got back on track with a 38-0 blowout over Davenport on homecoming.

Despite injuries to multiple starters, the Bulldogs carried on and swept the remaining GLIAC opponents to finish a perfect 10-0 regular season. This included a 35-28 road win over rival Grand Valley in front of a record 17,000 fans in Allendale.

As the postseason opened, the Bulldogs met the Lakers once again in the second round at Top Taggart Field. This time it was no contest, as Ferris blew out the Lakers 54-20 on home turf. The Bulldogs would then take down the country's top defensive team, Northwest Missouri State, and offensive team, Shepherd.

With the stage set for a rematch against Valdosta State, who denied the Bulldogs in the 2018 National Championship game, faithful fans trekked to Texas to support the team's second attempt for the title. After exchanging a combined 37 points, the Bulldogs scored 38 unanswered points and hoisted the trophy for the first time in program history.

"It was pure physical domination," head coach Tony Annese said on the national championship game. "It was a pleasure knowing that these guys had high expectations for the year and were able to fulfill every goal."

The Bulldogs finished the season as the nation's top offensive team with 511.5 yards per game and 47.2 points per game. Ferris was led by former lacrosse national player of the year and fifth year transfer quarterback, Jared Bernhardt. In his lone season as a Bulldog, Bernhardt recorded 2743 all-purpose yards and 37 touchdowns

in ten games

Tyler Minor led the running back room with 862 yards on the ground, including 10 touchdowns. Marcus Taylor paced the Bulldogs with 863 yards receiving and six scores, followed by Xavier Wade with 793 yards and a team-high ten receiving touchdowns.

On the defensive side, Ferris dominated the season with only 18.29 points allowed per contest. The Bulldogs finished top 15 in yards allowed, takeaways and opposing third down conversion percentage.

Liam Daly led Ferris with 92 tackles on the season, followed by Cyntell Williams with 71. Caleb Murphy topped the charts with 14.5 sacks per game, earning him a finalist spot for the Cliff Harris Small College Defensive Player of the Year. Murphy also led the team with five forced fumbles, while Williams added four interceptions.

"We lost some guys, but we rotate every position," Murphy said on losing senior players. "I'm not really worried about that."

Ferris was led by a nationally recognized staff. Annese, who led the Bulldogs to their first national championship in his ninth season, earned the 2021 Division II National Coach of the Year honor. On his staff, defensive coordinator Ryan Hodges earned the award for Division II FootballScoop

Coordinator of the Year.

The Bulldogs featured five players in D2Football.com Elite 100 All-America team, those being Gene Upshaw, Lineman of the Year Dylan Pasquali, second-team honorees Zein Obeid and Caleb Murphy and representatives Jared Bernhardt and Jake Boonstra.

As the clock begins for the 2022 season, the Bulldogs will open the season against Central Washington on Sept. 1 at Top Taggart Field. Ferris will follow up their upcoming campaign with featured matchups against 2021 playoff competitor Lenoir-Rhyne (Sept. 10), a homecoming bout against Waldorf (Sept. 24) and the Anchor-Bone Classic against Grand Valley St. (Oct. 15).

While the message will revolve around making it back to McKinney, Annese believes the team has to stay focused on the work ahead.

"I tell my guys all the time, 'You don't repeat if you talk about repeating.' You do the things you do day-to-day to grow and be the team you want to be."

To follow the news around Ferris State Football, visit ferristatebulldogs.com.



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## **Hometown heroes**

## Big Rapids athletes give their thoughts about playing at Ferris



Bradley Marek enjoys that his hometown friends and family get to watch him compete collegiately.

#### **Dylan Rider**

Opinions Editor

Out of all of Ferris' student athletes, only nine are from Big Rapids. Seven spoke up to discuss what this meant to

#### **Bradley Marek, Hockey**

Q: What does it mean to you to represent your hometown in college athletics?

It's a great honor to be able to play in front of people I grew up with. My family and friends get to come and support us at every home game. [I'm] very grateful for my opportunity here so far, and [i'm] excited for more.

Q: Why did you choose Ferris and Ferris

Growing up here and watching the team play and make it to the national championship was something I took into consideration. I know people from the [Big Rapids] area that have played at Ferris in other sports, and they have nothing but good things to say about everything and everyone involved.

#### Casey Bouman, Cross Country & Track and Field

Q: What does it mean to you to represent your hometown in college athletics?

I've always enjoyed watching my hometown college team perform well in athletics, and as I improved in my sport, I found opportunities to perform collegiately. I like not only representing Ferris State as an athlete, but being part of the town also gives an extra incentive to perform, since

the town has been where I have been my entire life.

Q: Why did you choose Ferris and Ferris athletics?

I chose Ferris because I wanted to accelerate my career into the engineering field, but also because of the "tradition of excellence" in athletics. I wanted to continue my athletic career in a good environment where I would improve to the best of what I can be. I certainly see now that going here has made me a better athlete by the training and atmosphere brought by

#### **Madison Hammer, Cross Country & Track** and Field

Q: What does it mean to you to represent your hometown in college athletics?

Representing Big Rapids and competing at a D2 university was a great opportunity. Big Rapids athletics contributed a lot to their athletes and helped push us to be where we are today, so being able to represent in our hometown is really amazing.

Q: Why did you choose Ferris and Ferris athletics?

My brother, Logan Hammer, ran for Coach Kelsh on the cross country and track team, so I had known of Ferris through him. Ferris athletics seemed like a great choice for me because it was close to home, and the training didn't seem like too big of a leap from what we were used to. Ferris also offered my program, and I had the opportunity of being offered a scholarship.

#### Hanna Brock, Cross Country & Track and



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Freshman Hope Thebo likes Ferris because of the community.

Q: What does it mean to you to represent your hometown in college athletics?

Being able to represent my hometown in college athletics is a great honor. Being able to continue doing what I love at the collegiate level was a huge opportunity, and being able to do that in my hometown is great because I'm able to stay close to my friends and family here in Big Rapids.

Q: Why did you choose Ferris and Ferris athletics?

I chose Ferris because It feels like home. Literally and figuratively. Growing up in Big Rapids. I have always been a Ferris State fan and was intrigued with the attention Ferris Athletics got for excelling in sports. When I went on my visit with the Cross Country/ Track team, they were so fun and welcoming—unlike the other schools I visited, so I knew it would be the right fit for me!

#### **Dan Hardesty, Cross Country & Track** and Field

Q: What does it mean to you to represent your hometown in college athletics?

It is really cool to represent Big Rapids in Ferris athletics, especially because I have been watching Ferris compete since I was a little kid... [I] always wanted to race where my family and friends could watch me compete for my hometown school.

Q: Why did you choose Ferris and Ferris athletics?

I chose Ferris for its affordability and because it has the degree that I was looking for, as well as because I could come race at the collegiate level.

#### **Grace Fath, Volleyball**

Q: What does it mean to you to represent your hometown in college athletics?

It means a lot to be able to represent my hometown. I grew up going to Ferris games, so being able to now be on a team here is awesome and my biggest accomplishment. All of the support from the community means a lot.

Q: Why did you choose Ferris and Ferris athletics?

I chose Ferris and Ferris athletics because growing up here I am familiar with the school, and I knew the volleyball program has a strong tradition and culture.

#### Hope Thebo, Golf

Q: What does it mean to you to represent your hometown in college athletics?

I feel honored that I get to represent my small hometown because there haven't been many golfers from Big Rapids that have played at Ferris. It gives me a great deal of joy to be able to play here on my home course. I grew up playing some of my first rounds of golf here and have made some of my favorite memories here, so to be back as a collegiate athlete is incredibly

Q: Why did you choose Ferris and Ferris athletics?

I chose Ferris because I like the community around Ferris and the community feeling on campus. I chose it because I have those memories, and I knew it would be special to represent Big Rapids at Ferris.



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Grace Fath says representing her hometown is her biggest accomplishment.



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