



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Dear Parents,

Welcome (or welcome back) to Ferrum! We hope your student's check-in is going well thus far and their belongings will soon be moved from your cars and trucks to their new rooms. While it's always a long day for everyone, we are excited about welcoming one of the largest student populations to Ferrum in the last 30 years and about all of the campus changes and improvements that we continue to make.

We are continuing to improve the Fitness Center by adding new exercise equipment, expanding exercise space, ramping up our intramural programming, and collaborating with Ferrum Outdoors, which will now be housed at the Fitness Center. We have added another new residence hall, which will be called Moore Hall, upgraded Garber Hall, and paved a new parking lot with a stairway entrance to Roberts Hall. We have added 15 full-time faculty and nearly twice as many adjunct faculty; many faculty have moved around during the summer, including several who have moved into Richeson Hall. Student organization offices and student residential space have been added to the center areas of Bassett.

A topic that I'm sure is on everyone's mind lately is that of campus safety and security. We have been working diligently to improve systems already in place and implement new ones. In order to increase our communication ability during emergencies, we have added a text-messaging system, called e2campus, which will work on cell phones that get service in Ferrum. Those services are US Cellular, Verizon, nTelos and Sprint. Information on e2campus follows on page 2. We are also in the process of adding an audible alert system that should be in place shortly after the beginning of classes. Other ways we communicate with students during a campus emergency include campus-wide email, broadcast voicemail messages, and notices placed on radio, television, and our college website.

Another item we need to cover is emergency planning, specifically with regards to a potential "bird flu" pandemic. We hope that you will take time with your students and family to have this serious discussion.

At times, we are faced with crises as an institution. In extreme situations, these crises could result in a recess of the campus on short notice. In the case of a campus recess, it is essential to have an emergency travel system in place. That means each student should identify, and communicate with, a fellow student in order to pre-arrange each other's homes as departure destinations, should it be impossible or undesirable for a student to travel home for some reason. This is essential for students whose homes are far from the area (e.g., international and out-of-state students). We suggest that families of all students prepare for unexpected travel home and an extended stay there, by keeping sufficient emergency supplies on hand for the family plus a possible student emergency travel partner. Here are some things to consider:

- If your son or daughter does not have a vehicle, please make arrangements for him or her to go home with a fellow student who lives in the same general vicinity.
- If your son or daughter cannot go home because of travel restrictions or the pandemic flu is already evident in your hometown, please consider arrangements for him or her to stay with a relative or friend in another location.

We will be asking for a few distinct pieces of information from students:

1. Primary Contact person (this can be used for the College to contact someone in case of any personal crisis)
2. Other Contact person (in case the primary person is not available- this is optional)

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3. Primary Travel Partner (a student, faculty, staff member, or nearby relative that your son or daughter would be departing with in case of school recess - this may be for an extended amount of time)
4. Secondary Travel Partner (in case the primary travel partner is unavailable)

It is our sincere hope that we never experience such a crisis, but as with everything in life, an ounce of prevention can be worth a pound of cure. In case we have to recess for the safety and security of all students, we want to make sure all students are prepared.

Again we welcome your sons and daughters to Ferrum College – we're glad they're here!

Sincerely,
Dr. Andrea P. Zuschin
Vice President for Student Affairs

STAY CONNECTED WITH **e2CAMPUS!**



New technology is allowing campuses around the country to **contact you in case of emergency, including weather-related events**. Ferrum College has a new, state-of-the-art mass communication system in place to notify you instantly. It's called **e2Campus**.

e2Campus is a mass notification system that can alert you with text messages on your cell phone. With 90% of college students having mobile phones, this method of communication can increase safety on the Ferrum College campus.

In addition to cell phones, e2Campus enables Ferrum to send important campus information to you via: Web Page, RSS, PDA, Email, Text Pager, Google, AOL or My Yahoo Page. **The choice is yours!**

IT'S FREE! REGISTER TODAY AT
[HTTP://WWW.FERRUM.EDU/E2CAMPUS](http://www.ferrum.edu/e2campus)

Following is additional safety information available to students on the College Police website.

Emergency # 911 or Police patch line # 4444

Emergency Telephones

Emergency telephones are located in most buildings throughout campus to call emergency 911 services or the College Police Department (4444).

Escort Service

The College Police Department (Extension 4444) provides escort services to students, faculty, staff and visitors who want to be accompanied when walking across campus. RAD (Rape Aggressive Defense) programs are also sponsored by the Department.

Timely Warnings Notices

Campus-wide mailings, text messaging, e-mail notification, (intranet) announcements posted on bulletin boards, audible alerts, and specially called meetings are used to notify the college community about potential safety or security threats. Such actions depend on the particular circumstances of the threats.

Safety and Security Awareness, Programming and Notification

A well-educated and informed college community can significantly reduce the frequency of crimes. Security procedures, crime prevention, substance use and abuse, fire safety, and sexual assault topics are covered during Gateway Week-end and throughout the academic year. The college also sponsors a special Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week. Student organizations sponsor programs on safety-related topics as well. These programs are offered with the goal of helping the college community to make responsible decisions concerning their safety and well-being.

Security and Access to Campus Facilities

College buildings are patrolled on a regular basis by college police officers. Most buildings are locked by 10:00 p.m. each evening.

Doors to residence halls are locked from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Residence life staff members provide on-duty coverage in residence halls and routinely check these buildings. A propped-open, locked door, should be reported immediately and is a serious violation of the conduct code. Visitation hours for various residence halls, as well as other residence life policies, can be found in the Student Handbook.

Ferrum College has procedures to ensure that maintenance repairs related to safety and security are completed in a timely fashion. Repairs such as burned-out light bulbs, missing window screens, or broken locks should be reported to a Residence Education Staff Member. Physical Plant Department staff members are on-call for emergency repairs after normal business hours.

All visitors must obtain a Visitor's Pass for their vehicles if they remain on campus more than 24 hours.

Safety and Security Guidelines

All students, faculty, staff and visitors are encouraged to take an active role in their own safety and security. The following guidelines will promote a safe environment:

- Walk in well-lighted and well-traveled areas after dark. Walk with a friend or call the College Police for an escort. The Police Officer will walk with the student to his or her destination.
- Lock your car and secure valuables when using campus parking facilities.
- Keep informed. Check campus bulletin boards, the Iron Blade student newspaper, campus mail, and e-mail for CAMPUS SAFETY ALERT notices pertaining to specific campus security conditions.
- Be familiar with emergency exits, locations of fire alarm pull stations, and fire extinguishers in your building.

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- Be familiar with the location of "Emergency Telephones" in campus buildings.
- Do not lend room or office building keys to unauthorized persons.
- Keep residence hall room doors locked at all times. Keep your room and building keys with you at all times. Use door peepholes to screen visitors.
- Never prop open locked exterior doors or leave ground floor windows open.
- Never study alone in an isolated area or campus building.
- Use bicycle locks and lock bicycles with a high-quality lock.
- Become familiar with residence life policies as described in the Student Handbook. Abide by the policies and encourage others to do so.
- Register all vehicles.
- Engrave or note serial numbers of valuables in case of theft.

For additional information, please see the following:

<http://www.ferrum.edu/hr/Safety/EmergProc.htm>

<http://www.ferrum.edu/hr/Safety/Links.htm>

<http://www.ferrum.edu/police/>

The Experiential Term (E-Term)

This is a three week term which offers a variety of two, three and four credit hour courses that apply to the liberal arts core and some majors. E-Term is offered the three weeks immediately following graduation each year. **Freshmen entering Fall 2006 or later will be required to take two E-Term courses prior to graduation. Students who transfer to Ferrum College with 58 hours or more will be required to take only one E-Term course.** Following are E-Term deadlines:

Week of October 8th

- Course offerings will be sent via e-mail and letter to all students and advisor, announced in the Iron Blade, included in the parent newsletter and shared at school meetings.
- Scholarship applications to advisors with course list and fees

November 12

- pre-registration for spring semester and E-term
- Travel non-refundable deposits must be made to the faculty member of record for the course by the last day of classes for the fall semester (December 11)
- Fees for the E-term course will appear on the November preliminary billing
- The fee becomes non-refundable or changeable after the spring census date (February 8)

January 18 – Last day to add an E-term class; last day to request housing assignment

February 8 – last day to drop an E-term class without penalty; housing assignments

May 6th – Last day to drop an E-term class with an automatic WP (student will be obligated for fees associated to course)

May 6th – E-term classes begin

May 27th – All T-term grades are due

Ferrum College Administrator Receives Fulbright Award

Rol Walters, Director of Career Services at Ferrum College, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship grant to be part of a research and development project regarding the college student employment field in Germany during the 2007-2008 academic year, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Walters is one of five career service practitioners from around the country who have been chosen to participate in this opportunity. Walters will be involved in a group seminar on German higher education and society designed for U.S. university, college and community college administrators whose current responsibilities have a direct relation to international exchanges in higher education. The program includes briefings, selected government appointments, campus visits and cultural events. The group will travel to meetings in Berlin and other cities in eastern and western Germany, and may also travel to a neighboring European country. Walters says, "I have been fortunate to have served in three different types of institutions over the past thirty five years in this field which will allow me to be an active participant in this Fulbright program."

Walters is one of approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since its inception, the Fulbright Program has exchanged approximately 273,500 people – 102,900 Americans who have studied, taught or researched abroad and 170,600 students, scholars, and teachers from other countries who have engaged in similar activities in the United States. The program operates in over 150 countries worldwide.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 2, 2:00pm
Returning Students Check-in

Monday, September 3, 8:00am
Classes Begin

Friday, September 28
Family Weekend

Saturday, September 29, 8:45am
Reception for all Parents

Saturday, September 29, 9:00am
Panther Preview/Open House

Saturday, September 29, 9:45am
Parents Council Meeting

Saturday, September 29, 4:00pm
Reception for all Parents

Saturday, September 29, 12:00am
Family Weekend

Sunday, September 30, 12:00am
Family Weekend

Thursday, October 11, 11:00am
Human Services Career Fair

Friday, October 12, 3:00pm
50 Year Club Registration

Friday, October 12, 4:30pm
50 Year Club Dinner and Induction

Friday, October 12, 12:00am
Homecoming

Saturday, October 13, 6:45am
Homecoming All Alumni Reunion

Saturday, October 13, 11:00am
Sports Hall of Fame/Distinguished
Alumni Awards Luncheon

Saturday, October 13, 10:00pm
Homecoming Dance

Saturday, October 13, 12:00am
Homecoming

Sunday, October 14, 12:00am
Homecoming

Thursday, October 18-21
Fall Break

Monday, October 22, 8:00am
Classes Resume

Wednesday, October 24, 11:00am
Academic Majors Fair

Saturday, October 27, 9:30am
Alumni Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, October 27, 10:00am
FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 10, 9:00am
Panther Preview/Open House

Saturday, November 17-25
Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 26, 8:00am
Classes Resume

**The Alumni and Family Services Office
is looking for dedicated parents and family members
to join our Parents Council.**

What is the Ferrum College Parents Council?

- The Parents Council provides an opportunity for parents to play an active, supporting role in the education of their student;
- A chance to further the educational goals of the College by improving communication between parents and the College community;
- An opportunity for parents to gain valuable information;
- A forum for fellowship and networking with other parents.

The Parents Council will meet once during each semester. The next meeting will be during Family Weekend on **Saturday, September 29th**. The Council will host a reception for all parents at the home of Dr. Jennifer L. Braaten, President of Ferrum College. If you are interested in joining the Parents Council, please complete this form and return to the Office of Alumni and Family Services.

Name:

Spouse's Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Phone:

Cell:

Email Address:

Name of Student: