



# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

### Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) Funding

#### Background

- The Tuition Incentive Program provides two levels of support.
- Level I covers tuition toward an associate degree for qualified students enrolled in Michigan community colleges and public universities with associate degree programs.
- Level II provides \$1,000 a year for TIP students who have completed an associate degree to earn a bachelor's degree at qualified Michigan institutions.
- To qualify for TIP support students must have had Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive month period before completing high school.
- Initially established in the 1986-87 budget, TIP has become a significant cost for the state.
- Many TIP students are first generation students and tend to be less prepared for college.

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- The Opportunity Mission and Career Orientation of Ferris State University are an excellent match for TIP students.
- Today Ferris enrolls 1530 TIP students (1184 Level I and 346 Level II).
- Because of our focus on student success and our experience with first generation college students, in the past four and a half years TIP students have earned 985 degrees at Ferris.
- Ferris TIP students graduate in work-ready degrees (over 83% in high demand careers).

#### The Challenge

- The Executive Budget proposes intent language that would limit University TIP associate degree students to twice the in-district community college tuition rate.
- The proposal would reduce support for these university students by one third.
- This will make it difficult for them to attend and significantly raise their student debt.

#### A Policy-Based Solution

- Students may be identified for TIP support as early as age 9 and can qualify at age 12.
- There is no current needs test for TIP students. By the time some students attend college their financial circumstances have improved.
- At Ferris 12% of our current Level I TIP students do not have sufficient financial need to qualify for federal Pell Grant support.
- Please consider intent language that would require TIP applicants to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and to be Pell Grant eligible.
- This approach would reduce TIP costs more than the proposed intent language.

TIP is an important, successful program that helps students escape what can be an unending cycle of poverty and economic hardship. Please do not limit the opportunity TIP can provide for university students. Instead make certain TIP support is directed to our state's neediest students.

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## TIP Student Success

|              | Associate Degrees | Bachelor Degrees | Total Degrees |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 2012-2013    | 64                | 73               | 137           |
| 2013-2014    | 65                | 124              | 189           |
| 2014-2015    | 82                | 112              | 194           |
| 2015-2016    | 110               | 163              | 273           |
| Fall 2016    | 89                | 103              | 192           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>410</b>        | <b>575</b>       | <b>985</b>    |



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## Work Ready Associate Degrees

### TIP Graduates 2012 - 2016

|                                     |    |  |           |
|-------------------------------------|----|--|-----------|
| Accountancy                         | 6  | Industrial Chemistry Technology          | 1         |
| Allied Health Science               | 15 | Industrial Electronics Technology        | 5         |
| Applied Speech Communication        | 3  | Legal Studies                            | 6         |
| Architectural Technology            | 7  | Manufacturing Technology                 | 9         |
| Automotive Service Technology       | 8  | Manufacturing Tooling Technology         | 1         |
| Building Construction Technology    | 8  | Marketing                                | 14        |
| CAD Drafting Tool Design Technology | 5  | Mechanical Engineering Technology        | 12        |
| Civil Engineering Technology        | 3  | Medical Laboratory Technology            | 1         |
| Dental Hygiene                      | 13 | Plastics Polymer Engineering Technology  | 15        |
| Diagnostic Medical Sonography       | 8  | Pre-Criminal Justice                     | 53        |
| Dietary and Food Service Management | 1  | Print Digital Graphic Imaging Technology | 2         |
| Early Childhood Education           | 16 | Psychology                               | 2         |
| General Business                    | 24 | Radiography                              | 17        |
| Graphic Communication               | 3  | Respiratory Care                         | 14        |
| Graphic Design                      | 13 | Restaurant & Food Industry Management    | 11        |
| HVACR Technology                    | 6  | Surveying Technology                     | 2         |
| Health Information Technology       | 20 | Welding Technology                       | 9         |
| Heavy Equipment Technology          | 8  | TOTAL                                    | 341 (83%) |