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MEETINGS

January 14, 2009, Board Meeting , Lansing
March 18, 2009, Technical Program in G.R.
May 28, 2009, Fish/Golf Outing, Grand Haven
September 9, 2009, Technical Program, Big Rapids
November 4, 2009, Technical Program at FSU

Subject: Ferris State University Internships

As we are all aware the economy in Michigan has significantly weakened in the past year and the students in the rubber program at Ferris State are having a difficult time trying to find internship locations.

The lack of internship locations is particularly distressing to underclassmen in the rubber program, primarily first year internship students, who are required to have an internship to progress in the degree program.

We, on the West Michigan Rubber Group board, are asking for your help in placing these students in internship positions this summer. If your company or a company you know is capable of hosting a Ferris State rubber program intern we would greatly appreciate your assistance.

During the first internship the University expects exposure to the industry; ultimately they hope the student gains enough insight to confirm that they are in the correct major. The ideal situation would have a student rotate through all aspects of a rubber company and gain an understanding of what each function does. However, operator and material handler are job functions that are deemed acceptable during the first internship.

The student's have become much more creative in their approach in finding internships this year and we ask that you do the same. Please try and find a spot for a current freshman/sophomore student. Minimum wage pay and/or part time are fine; however the students are required to have about 400 hrs over the course of the summer to satisfy the internship requirements.

Again, if you feel you may be able to find a spot within your company or know of a company that might be willing to host an intern please contact Jill Gregory (gregorji@ferris.edu) or call the Plastics and Rubber department office, (231) 591-2640.

Thank you,

The West Michigan Rubber Group Board