



PRESS RELEASE: Dance Marathon Raises Funds for 'No More Sidelines'

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Included below is a press release regarding the on-campus Dance Marathon event that serves as a means of raising funds to assist "No More Sidelines," a West Michigan-based group that benefits children and young adults with special needs. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

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BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University students and Big Rapids residents are invited to dance the night away and lend a hand to an organization that is dedicated to helping special-needs kids get off the sidelines.

Registration for the second annual Dance Marathon is underway. The event is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 27 and wrap up at 6 a.m. the next morning, Saturday, April 28. It will be held in Wink Arena.

The cost for participation in Dance Marathon is \$5 per person or \$50 for a team of 12. A one-hour sponsorship for the event is \$50. Dance Marathon is a fundraiser for "No More Sidelines," a West Michigan-based nonprofit that benefits children and young adults with special needs. Last year's event raised nearly \$1,200 for the organization.

"Students should participate in Dance Marathon to become more aware of diversity and acceptance of others' differences," said Melissa DiVietri, a junior from Jackson. "Dance Marathon is an exciting campus event that brings students from different backgrounds together for one night."

Ten hours of dancing, games and food add up to lots of fun.

"I am mostly looking forward to the amount of people that will be together at one time. I strive to be a part of something that is bigger than life, and Dance Marathon is a perfect event to bring

together the student body,” said DiVietri, a New Media/Print Management major who designed the event poster. “Dance Marathon is a good time, and the cause is incredible.”

Registration forms are available in Clark Hall. The event is open to the public and free to watch.

“Dance Marathon is going to be a fun way to blow off steam while dancing the night away right before finals,” said event coordinator Liala Al-Shatel.

DJ Missy D.I., of Bulldog Radio, will be in charge of the music and plans to focus on a different genre each hour:

8 p.m. Speaker
9 p.m. Pop/Today’s Hits
10 p.m. Country
11 p.m. Remix
12 a.m. 80s
1 a.m. Musicals/“Glee”
2 a.m. 90s
3 a.m. Techno
4 a.m. 8th Grade Dance (Cupid Shuffle/Electric Slide Hour)
5 a.m. Requests

“We highly encourage everyone to dress up according to the themes and be prepared for that specific music style,” said Al-Shatel, who thanked the Diversity and Inclusion Office and the Residence Hall Association for helping to make the event possible.

Check out the event’s Facebook page, here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/162747173844769/>

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