What Ferris State Hockey Meant To Me

Dwight Parrish
Class of 1996

"Playing hockey at Ferris State was the best four years of my playing career. The experience prepared me to play professional hockey which I’m currently in my 11th year of doing. I’m in my seventh year of playing in the United Kingdom after spending the previous four years in the United States. I cherish the time I was at Ferris and will always be a Bulldog. I follow the team via the internet and correspond with the coaches on an annual basis. The thing which makes Ferris State Hockey special first and foremost is the people – the ambassadors, the fans, the Dawg Pound student fan section, coaches, players and even the equipment manager (Ben Mumah). Relationships have been built there that will last a lifetime and I correspond to all of them on a regular basis. I know a lot of guys that played collegiately and don’t know any that still speak with their coaches and equipment manager except Ferris players. I’m proud to say I played at Ferris State and received high-quality instruction from Bob Daniels’ coaching staff. I will forever have fond memories of Ferris State University and I will forever be a Bulldog Hockey player."

Brad Hilstedt
Class of 1985

Geoff Bennetts
Class of 1999

"Ferris State Hockey helped me establish lifelong relationships with teammates, FSU faculty and Big Rapids hockey fans. FSU Hockey was a great time in my life, becoming part of a family of teammates, who you can count on throughout life. Ferris State Hockey allowed me the thrill and challenge of competing at the highest collegiate hockey level and at the same time gaining an education to prepare me for business success. Ferris Hockey presented me with the challenge of managing hockey, schoolwork, and social activity. Meeting these challenges lays the groundwork for a successful career in the business world where you face similar challenges in managing multiple priorities and conflicting schedules. FSU Hockey builds skills needed later in a business career, establishing relationships, communicating with leaders and teammates, and negotiating through challenges provide experience you use throughout life. The experience of playing at Ferris State provided me with the tools, experience, and confidence to have a successful business career and family life."

"The friendships which I formed over the four years with my teammates and classmates is something that will never be lost or replaced. Even if you don’t keep in contact with guys on a daily basis, when you do get back together it’s like you never missed a beat. Being able to compete with the Ferris State Bulldog logo on my jersey was a great feeling. It’s a belief of pride that doesn’t dissolve after your four years are over. It’s something that stays with you and you will be passionate about it for years to come."

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