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From the President:

Frostburg State University Is a Special Place!

I am truly honored to serve as Frostburg State's 15th president. Much of my time since arriving in Frostburg has been spent learning about FSU's rich history and importance through the views and thoughts of our students, faculty and staff and the memories and stories of alumni and community members.

The one constant in each of these encounters is that FSU is an institution of higher learning that is an important part of so many people's lives. It is clear the faculty, staff and students are the heartbeat of today's Frostburg State University. Its lifeline includes nearly 40,000 alumni, as well as friends, citizens and community organizations across our great state and nationwide.

The discussions I have had reinforce FSU as "A World of Experiences." The common theme is that FSU is life-changing. FSU challenges its students to achieve, to discover abilities they didn't see in themselves and to reach meaningful goals that contribute to society and lead to a rewarding life.



President Nowaczyk was pulled aside for his initial "Frostburg selfie" during his first day on campus.

Frostburg State University is poised to continue its service to the region and state in tribute to the many local miners and other citizens who sacrificed what they could to help make FSU a reality in 1898, as well as the efforts and dedication of those that have followed.

I am committed to continue our focus on student success and create more stories like

those I have heard from our alumni. This success means students graduating on time – with little or no debt – with a portfolio of accomplishments that positions our students for successful and rewarding lives. It also means supporting faculty and staff development as they educate our students.

I also hope to help enhance Frostburg State University's partnerships in the region to support economic and community growth. In addition to the economic impact FSU has in the region, we have the "human capital" to support regional initiatives to enhance the quality of life in Western Maryland. These partnerships, where students gain real-life experience, position them for success while making the region a better place.

This coming year will be an exciting time as we engage the FSU community, alumni, friends and the greater region in developing our next strategic plan. That plan will guide our actions for the coming years. I'll provide updates as we proceed throughout this process.

My family – Maureen, my wife, and Jake, our son – is most excited about being part of the Bobcat family and living in Western Maryland. To those we have yet to meet, we look forward to the opportunity to meet and listen to your stories about FSU. I welcome your thoughts and ideas and ask for your support in reaching our common goals as we make Frostburg State University even better in the future.

Cordially,



Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk
President



Dr. Ron Nowaczyk



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Frostburg's green attitude is catching! Students recently approved a new fee to fund sustainability-focused projects, and the fruits of that dedication are starting to show.



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MONEY MAGAZINE
BEST VALUE COLLEGE

Frostburg State University is one of *MONEY* magazine's 2016 Best Value Colleges, according to the rankings that were released in July. *MONEY* looked at U.S. colleges and universities to determine which delivered the most value in terms of a great education, an affordable price and preparing students for rewarding careers.

To learn more, visit www.frostburg.edu/news.

FSU Documentary Winner of Multiple Awards

The FSU documentary *The Vision Within*, part of a series on the profound international experiences of the FSU President's Leadership Circle (*related story, page 27*), was honored as Best Documentary Feature at the Blackbird Film Festival, Best Environmental Film at the Canada International Film Festival and the Sir Edmund Hillary Award-Winning Environmental Film at the Mountain Film Festival. It has been selected for more than a dozen other film festivals. Michael O. Snyder of Interdependent Pictures directed. It follows FSU students as they travel deep into the heart of the Amazon rainforest to meet the Achuar people – an ancient “dream culture” living today in much the same way that they have lived for thousands of years. It can be viewed at theaudienceawards.com/films/the-vision-within48047.



SGA's Bet on Green Returns a More Sustainable Future

By Robert Spahr '13

Students seldom vote to create new mandatory fees for themselves, but when the purpose is clear and personally important, they do so gladly.

Thanks to the forethought of Student Government Association leaders, student-focused sustainability projects have begun receiving grant funding from the FSU President's Advisory Council for Sustainability (PACS). The funds were raised through FSU's Student Sustainability Fee, a \$15-per-semester mandatory fee instituted by SGA in May of 2014.

The funded projects address various sustainability needs, including increasing awareness, performing environmental research, presenting research at academic conferences and making direct environmental impacts on campus. About half of the funded projects were proposed by students.

The initial funding round sought proposals for projects focused on the theme of “Sustainability Awareness.” Many of the funded projects will be noticeable to students on campus.

The second funding cycle sought faculty-designed proposals for student experiential learning activities focused on sustainability to be carried out during the fall 2016 semester.

“One of the issues any time a student gets charged a student fee is, ‘Are you actually using the money for the purpose you said it was going to be used for?’ We’ve been very aware of that,” said **Dr. Kara Rogers**

Thomas, associate professor of sociology and chair of PACS. “We want to make sure that students are able to see their dollars in use. We want to see a visibility of sustainability here on campus.”

Preference was given to projects involving and bringing benefit to students, linked to an academic class offering experi-

ential learning, having long-term benefits for the campus, addressing items in FSU's Climate Action Plan and encouraging collaboration among multiple campus groups.

PACS members were thrilled with the submissions received from the initial call for proposals, particularly those drafted by students.

“They had these incredible ideas that we don’t really think about,” said Rogers Thomas.

Another portion of the Student Sustainability Fee proceeds will fund institution-wide projects recommended to PACS by FSU's Physical Plant Department, which is responsible for infrastructure maintenance and improvements. One likely proposal would install individual power meters for campus buildings, an important step toward carbon neutrality.

For several years, PACS has wanted to start an energy-saving competition among residence halls, an initiative that has significantly reduced energy consumption at other universities.

“Students have really made that competition their own and done some amazing things and proposed some incredible solutions based on this competitive process between residence halls, but without the metering system we can’t do that,” Rogers Thomas explained.

SGA member **Jacob MacDonald '15** proposed the Student Sustainability Fee in 2014, assisted by two Student Sierra Club members, **Hannah Goodmuth '14** and **Benjamin Brown '14**. ■



Seniors in the ethnobotany program recently planted a new rain garden below Simpson Hall. Rain runoff from Simpson's roof directly feeds the garden, watering various plant species native to Western Maryland. It will serve as a habitat for small mammals and a source of pollen for pollinators. It also serves an educational purpose. Future ethnobotany classes will measure the rates at which rainwater fills and absorbs into the garden and monitor its soil for pollutants. The garden was planned to require minimal maintenance and funded through a Frostburg Student Sustainability Fee grant.



Dr. Henry Bullamore



Dr. Maureen Dougherty



Dr. Sydney Duncan



Don Swogger



Dr. Xunyu Pan



Andy Duncan

Faculty and Staff Accolades

FOR ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Henry “Hank” Bullamore, a professor in the Department of Geography, was presented with the President's Distinguished Faculty Award at Commencement. He was recognized for advancing FSU's mission, goals and strategic planning initiatives throughout his 30-year career.

Bullamore served three times as interim director of the Center for International Education, led FSU's first study abroad trip to China, served as secretary of the Faculty Senate, chaired multiple faculty committees, facilitated reaccreditation and more.

He has also served the people of Western Maryland through Cumberland's Historic Preservation Committee and on the Foundation for Frostburg board.

This award was made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Maureen Dougherty, former coordinator of FSU's Recreation and Parks Management program at the Community College of Baltimore County in Catonsville, was presented with a Presidential Recognition Award from the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association. Dougherty was also named mentor emerita by the organization.

The award recognized Dougherty's commitment to students in recreation and parks curricula, particularly through the MRPA's Student Mentor Program, which Dougherty created more than a decade ago. The program now introduces students across Maryland to recreation and parks professionals.

Dr. Sydney Duncan, a professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages, was presented with the Robert A. Collins Service Award at the 2016 International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts. The award recognizes leaders of the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts for “outstanding service to the organization.”

The award namesake's daughter presented the award, praising Duncan's grace under the “temporary crises and social disasters” inherent in the role. Duncan has served the IFAA board of directors for seven years and as president for the past three.

Don Swogger, S.A.F.E. Office director and BURG advisor, was named a BACCHUS Initiatives/NASPA Outstanding Peer Education Advisor during the annual awards banquet for NASPA – Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education. Swogger was honored for his outstanding commitment and dedication over two decades of service to BURG Peer Education students.

Outstanding Peer Education Advisor awards are given to advisors that show commitment to peer education efforts, unique talents as a peer education advisor, leadership ability and presence as a positive role model.

FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING:

Dr. Xunyu Pan, assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies, was presented with Frostburg's 2016 Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching at the Honors Convocation.

Since his 2012 arrival, Pan has held the highest teaching evaluation rating in his department. His students and colleagues regularly commend his efforts and accomplishments in teaching, and for his integration of experiential learning opportunities. Pan has implemented a more interactive teaching style and consistently designs his own case studies to allow students to demonstrate mastery of their subject through real-world applications.

This award was made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

FOR EXCEPTIONAL ARTISTRY:

Andy Duncan, an associate professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages, was named a recipient of a \$1,000 Individual Artist Award in the Fiction category from the Maryland State Arts Council.

Duncan was recognized for his speculative fiction stories and collections, which have previously received national and international awards from the science fiction and fantasy writing community.

Individual Artist Awards recognize the exceptional achievements of artists across the state. Duncan is the sole 2016 award recipient living in Maryland's three westernmost counties. ■



Dr. Heather Gable

Gable Earns Regents Award

Dr. Heather Gable, chair of the Department of Nursing and an associate professor, was awarded the Regent's Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest honor bestowed by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents for exemplary faculty achievement.

Gable developed and implemented the online RN-BSN Nursing Program, which received accreditation in 2011. From five students in fall 2009, enrollment has grown to more than 450. Gable also established a new master of science in nursing program in 2014.

She has also helped secure more than \$3.5 million in funding from the Maryland Higher Education Commission to further develop curricula.

Doctoral Candidates Paving a Smoother Road From High School to College

Four candidates from the inaugural Doctor of Education cohort in Hagerstown recently published an important paper in *College & University Journal*, a publication of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

“Paving the Road for Student Success: Building a Case for Integrated Strategic Planning” aims to ease the difficult transition today’s high school students will face when enrolling in a college or university. The thesis is straightforward: To best smooth students’ transitions, K-12 and higher-education administrators must work together in joint strategic planning sessions.

“Administrators representing both groups must understand their colleagues’ goals and objectives and ensure that they stay connected for the benefit of the students,” the authors write.

Over half of students entering two-year colleges and about 20 percent of students entering four-year universities require remedial courses. Existing initiatives address this need, but the authors found issues with the way those are structured, existing in isolation.

The four candidates brought a wealth of personal experience in education from both sectors to bear on the issue. **Jarrett Kealey** is assistant director in the Office of Undergraduate Education at UMBC. **Renee Peterson D’16** has worked as a full-time high school English teacher for the past two decades. **Angela Thompson** is the senior business analyst of the Office of the Registrar at UMUC. **Kristin Waters D’16** is the associate director of operations for Undergraduate Admissions at UMBC.

— Robert Spahr ’13



BestMastersInPsychology.com, an online independent guide, recently ranked Frostburg State University number 11 of the 49 most affordable small colleges in the United States for a master’s in counseling psychology for 2016.



Frostburg Library Featuring Student’s Life-Sized Art

Learning to work outside of your comfort zone is one thing, but Frostburg fine arts major **J. Shea Crumbley ’16** figured out how to excel outside of hers.

Her preferred medium is printmaking and linocuts, which typically fit in a standard frame. During her senior year she was tasked with digitally illustrating seven large panels to serve as murals on the Frostburg Public Library’s facade on Main Street. That meant adding more detail since the pieces would be magnified to a size where viewers could appreciate each inch of the approximately eight-foot-tall panels.

The panels feature different genres of literature. The panels feature a boy and his service dog, a knight in battle, a zoo worker with animals, a charming couple from a romance novel, a girl with a pet dragon and fairies, a female scientist in a laboratory and another with a crime detective. They will be displayed for at least the next two years.

Crumbley’s project taught her how to focus on a client’s wishes, she said. With her literary theme, she couldn’t draw famous characters to avoid copyright issues, so she had to come up with original images.

Crumbley credits Assistant Professor **Jamison Odone** for showing her the skills needed to illustrate digitally, collaborate with a client and design life-size pieces.

“He really helped me learn how to work with a client, how to do something with somebody else’s thoughts, which I would not have figured out on my own,” she said. “He’s really good about giving you the right kind of resources.”

— Charles Schelle

Engineering Students Gaining Experience With NASA

Frostburg engineering students are working alongside NASA experts to beam photos from FSU into space.

Engineering students **Vernon Lipscomb ’16**, **Stephen Linnenkamp ’16** and **Felix Bruno** built a data acquisition subsystem using off-the-shelf hardware to take photos and capture environmental data that will be beamed into space through NASA’s Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System.

The project was part of their coursework in FSU’s electrical engineering program at the Arundel Mills Regional Higher Education Center. They visited Frostburg during the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium to take photos of visitors to their booth that will eventually be beamed into space and scan QR codes to start the process.

The experiment is part of NASA’s Shot Heard Around the World project, designed to automatically capture data in remote areas. It’s part of a continuing partnership between FSU’s Arundel Mills-based engineering program and NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt.

“It was a really good experience to be able to work with not just one, but five or six NASA engineers and computer science workers,” Linnenkamp said.

The project helped students understand the basics of working with a NASA satellite system and how a transmitter works, cycling redundancy methods, data randomization for transmission, programming a router and switch and more, Lipscomb explained.

Students in a capstone course in spring 2017 will complete the project, correcting the antenna, aiming the station at the satellite and training on what to do with the data received.

— Charles Schelle



Vernon Lipscomb ’16 stands beside a data acquisition subsystem that will send photos taken at FSU to a NASA satellite.



Sofia Agüero Petros

Disney Latino “High School Musical” Actress Embraces American Experience

By Charles Schelle

Exchange student **Sofia Agüero Petros** wanted to see how everyday Americans live. The Argentinian chose Frostburg over the hubbub of schools in New York and Boston because life there wasn’t all that different from Buenos Aires.

“Choose a small town because you can make a lot of friends easily and quickly,” is the advice she offered other exchange students. “You can know the real culture. When I went to New York and Chicago, it was not so different from Argentina, but here it’s so different.”

Besides, if Agüero Petros’ dreams come true, she’ll likely spend the rest of her life acting and singing in major cities.

She has quite the head start. At 18 years old in 2007, she was a finalist on a reality competition show, *Disney High School Musical: La Selección (The Selection)*, in Argentina. Disney Latino awarded her the role of Sofi, who in the American version is the band’s composer Kelsi Nielsen, played by Olesya Rulin.

That opportunity led her to star in *High School Musical: Sueños (Dreams)* and *High School Musical: El Desafío (The Challenge)*. The soundtracks, released by Sony BMG, were a commercial success in Argentina, with *Dreams* reaching No. 1.

And yes, the fanaticism was just as fever-pitched in Argentina over *High School Musical* as it was when the original took America by storm. For three years, Agüero Petros and her co-stars would be stopped on the streets by screaming, sobbing fans.

“At first it was like, ‘Oh wow! I can’t believe it; this was my dream!’” she said. “But at last, it became annoying because we could not go out anywhere.”

When her Disney commitment wrapped up, she concentrated on earning a degree, studying audiovisual communications at Blas Pascal

University in Cordoba, Argentina. Always wanting to come to America, she spent her final semester of college at FSU taking classes in advanced graphic design, advanced multimedia and voice and movement.

The 27-year-old performer is just as talented behind the scenes. She designed her album cover for her debut six-song EP *Me Enseñaste* and produced music videos for her songs. She filmed a music video at FSU for her song, “¿Dónde Estas?” about her grandfather.

Agüero Petros was very involved on campus as part of the Social Marketing Team, Dance Company, University Chorale and an a cappella group, The Beltones. Being able to be involved in performing arts ensembles, not possible at her home institution, was part of FSU’s draw.

She also appreciates the diverse atmosphere at Frostburg and how anyone can pursue their dreams.

“Here, everyone is themselves,” she said. “They are who they are, and they don’t care. And that’s so cool because you don’t have to be someone.”

To achieve her dreams of starring in American roles, she worked on her English pronunciations and voice acting with Associate Professor **Nicole Mattis** in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

“Even though she’s had this successful career already in Argentina, she still wants to grow. ...,” said Mattis. “She has a wonderful sense of curiosity.”

Having international students in her voice and movement class “widens our perspective of the power of voice,” Mattis added.

“I think it forces students to deepen their understanding of voices as a way to communication and a way to express themselves, and to think about it culturally, too,” Mattis said. ■

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Jules Verne, adapted by Laura Eason

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A L U M N I NEWS

Mattingly Named College of Business Alumnus of the Year



Brian Mattingly '83

"Frostburg State has meant so much to me. I love the school, the people and the mountains of Western Maryland. Coming back to Frostburg is like coming home," said Mattingly upon receiving the honor.

After graduating with an accounting degree, Mattingly worked as a controller for an excavation company in Prince George's County for eight years and spent another year as project manager for a development company in Hyattsville. Since 2007, Mattingly has been sole owner and president of Goldin & Stafford, LLC. He joined the firm only months after its 1992 founding.

"His self-assurance and capacity for hard work were evident very early," said Dr. Sudhir Singh, interim dean, who presented Mattingly with the honor at the annual College of Business Honors Reception. "Word has it that when interviewing for the project manager's job at his current firm, he told the principals, Goldin and Stafford, that he would one day become their business partner."

Mattingly's bold assertion would come true less than a decade later, when he became part-owner of the firm, which has participated in the construction of buildings on university campuses, hospitals, naval facilities, hotels, office buildings and more.

Mattingly has likewise made his mark at Frostburg. Since 2011, he has served on the FSU Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors and gives time to the annual Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership.

Mattingly and his wife, Connie, have also helped Frostburg students financially. In 2012, they established the Brian and Connie Mattingly Presidential Merit Scholarship. Their generosity also includes support of the Lane University Center with the naming of the University Programming Council office.

— Robert Spahr '13

Combes and Hobbs Honored With Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards

FSU presented one of its most prestigious honors, the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, to **Alison Combes '93**, CEO of Cathedra Choir, and **Lois Hobbs '66**, an accomplished educator now serving on the board of trustees of Delaware State University, at the May commencement ceremonies.

Combes was hired as CEO of Cathedra Choir in 2013, a professional ensemble under the direction of Maestro Michael McCarthy, music director of Washington National Cathedral. Her career began as administrative assistant for the Washington Chorus, where she rose to deputy director in under a decade. She sang on the recording for which the



Alison Combes '93

group won a Grammy Award for Best Choral Performance in 2000, and continues to perform with them. Combes told the graduates that life is about connecting with people around them. "It's amazing to me how many people will help you if you only ask, particularly when you are fresh out of college." She and her husband, **Craig Bowman '92**, benefited from scholarships at FSU. "We've both been extremely lucky in our individual careers to have the resources to pay it forward through Frostburg scholarships and awards and support some of you in your journeys. ... You don't have to be wealthy to pay it forward; you just have to live generously."

Hobbs has worked as an independent education consultant since retiring in 2006



Lois Hobbs '66

as superintendent of Delaware's Indian River School District after four decades as an educator. Her career began in an elementary classroom in Prince George's County Public Schools shortly after graduating. She worked as an instructional supervisor and curriculum specialist, as principal to several schools and as assistant superintendent before rising to her final position. Over her career, Hobbs received nearly

30 local, state and national honors or awards for her teaching or for schools she supervised.

During her acceptance speech, Hobbs contrasted her experience with that of today's students, and passed along some timeless advice. "Take time to think, question and listen. Keep good people around and leave the naysayers behind. Give yourself permission to dream and work your dream," Hobbs told the graduates. "Remember the advice your professors and family members gave you while you were here at the University because I am certain that someday you will hear an echo, and that echo will be you giving the same advice to your children."

— Robert Spahr '13

Books by Alumni

Zebulon Pike: Thomas Jefferson's Agent for Empire
By George R. Matthews '72

Chronicle the 1806-07 expedition led by Zebulon Pike across the American continent, this nonfiction book addresses the exploratory and clandestine purposes of Pike's journey. Matthews challenges the conventional notion that Pike unknowingly ventured into Spanish-held territory, arguing instead that Pike sought out the Spanish city of Santa Fe in accordance with Thomas Jefferson's quest to build an American "empire for liberty." Matthews' previous books include *America's First Olympics* (2005) and *When the Cubs Won It All* (2009).



Forty-Seven Days: How Pershing's Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army in World War I

By Dr. Mitchell A. Yockelson '84

From the perspective of General John "Black Jack" Pershing and his successor, Yockelson reveals new details and insight into the final days of WWI, the deadliest clash in American history, when a million untested U.S. soldiers forced the surrender of the battle-hardened German Army in France. In just 47 intense days of bloody combat, Pershing's American Expeditionary Force accomplished a goal that British and French forces had sought for more than three years.



Golden Moments for the Class of '66

For the first time, the Golden Anniversary weekend was held in conjunction with Commencement, creating a connection between the Class of '66 and FSU's newest alumni. This year's Golden Anniversary class had the additional treats of being introduced during the ceremony by one of their own, University System of Maryland Regent Tom Slater, and then watching with pride as their classmate Lois Hobbs was presented the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award (*see related story, opposite page*). In all, it was a weekend of friendship and celebration, including celebrating the endowment of the Class of 1966 Scholarship (*see page 10*).



In the front row, from left, are **Noel Kunkle M'74**, **Bob Walker**, **Dennis Baker**, **Judith Gramley-Thompson Patterson**, **Lois Hobbs**, **Diane Stonesifer Bair**, **Margaret Morley Yates**, **Bob Lakenan**, **Joe Russo**, **Kathy Turner Richardson**, **Narda Anderson** and **Sue Bowley Baker**. In the second row, from left, are **David Schrodel**, **Joe Weinkam**, **Bob Grimm**, **Ray Ewing**, **Clark Sharpless M'72**, **Tom Slater**, **Bob Young**, **Wayne Wharton**, **Bill Roy** and **Paul Helm**. In the third row, from left, are **Robert Bogley**, **Rich Worley**, **Leland Otto**, **James Riley**, **Ronald Myers**, **Ken Brown**, **Bill Wentworth**, **Charles Grace** and **Jim Richardson**.



A Clowder* of Bobcats!

Some workplaces are lucky enough to have multiple Bobcats in their workforce. FSU is starting to reach out to them. In June, University Advancement visited Exclamation Labs in Cumberland for the first in its new Alumni Networking Luncheon Series, joining, at left, from left, **Jonathan Hill '14**, **Meghan Crossland Hildreth '05**, **Ruth Karlowa Chiarenza '90/M'94**, **Jenny Alderton Krampf '93** and **Jonathan Hutcherson '93**.

Also in June, alumni working at Orbital ATK and IBM in the Allegany Ballistics Laboratory complex in Rocket Center, W.Va., met for a reception at FSU. In the bottom photo are, from left, **Eric Mull '94**, **Chuck Strain '88**, **Les Mull '95**, **President Ron Nowaczyk**, **Timi Scaletta Hadra '99** and **Bob Hadra '80**.

Does your organization have five or more FSU alumni working together? We would love to hear from you and tell you about this new program! Please contact Shannon Gribble, director of Alumni Relations, at slgribble@frostburg.edu.

*A group of bobcats is called a clowder, clutter or pounce.



Wayne Miller '77

Alumnus Featured in Vietnam Documentary

By Robert Spahr '13

Before enrolling at Frostburg, **Wayne Miller '77** served as a Marine infantryman in Vietnam from December 1968 to July 1969. He recounted his harrowing experience for Maryland Public Television's documentary, *Maryland Vietnam War Stories*.

Miller was wounded by a mortar shell during his first year in Vietnam.

The blast left Miller with shrapnel in his arms, legs, chest, back, neck and spinal cord. He was paralyzed from the neck down at just 18 years of age.

"I was going to play baseball. I was going to be a performer. I was going to have a home and a job and everything, and it was gone. ...

"I worked real hard to learn how to walk again. I don't know what it was, but something just crawled up me and said 'You're not going to be an invalid. You're not. You're gonna do something because God took away the paralysis.'"

Miller now works for the Department of Veterans Affairs, helping other wounded veterans overcome their physical and mental injuries.

Miller taught himself to dance on one leg and met his future wife on the dance floor. The Millers married in 1980, and they have two daughters and grandchildren. He also performs on occasion.

The Baltimore Orioles invited Miller to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in May, and he performed the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless the U.S.A." at LZ Maryland, an MPT event honoring Maryland's Vietnam veterans.

Miller's experiences are also featured in the MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans Traveling Exhibit, which has been displayed across Maryland.

You can view Miller's contribution to the MPT documentary at vietnam.mpt.org/film/profiles/miller. Links to other parts of the documentary project are also available at that site. ■

Meet Your New Alumni Board Members

As the Alumni Association Board of Directors plans its upcoming outreach to FSU alumni, we wanted to introduce you to four of the newest members of the Board.

ASHLEY DANIELS '11

Program Officer, Maryland Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism

Accomplishments/Activities: While at FSU, I was involved with the ECHOSTARS, AmeriCorps, Society for Human Resources Management, Colleges Against Cancer, the President's Leadership Circle and the Student Center for Volunteerism. I also received the Class of 1959 Award. Since graduating, I completed another term of service with AmeriCorps and graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with my master's degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education in May 2015. I began my work with the Governor's Office in October 2015.

What is your favorite FSU memory? My freshman and sophomore years, we used to go to the dining hall with at least 15 or 20 people. We would all meet in the lounge or one of our rooms and walk over together. I'm not sure why we always had such a large group, but we could never find a table large enough to fit us all so we would move the tables and chairs. I'm sure the staff hated us because I doubt we were conscious enough as 18-year-olds to move them all back.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a Board member? I hope to help alumni and students feel more connected to each other. We all share a common bond in Frostburg and I want to use that to bring everyone together to better FSU, the community and support one another in general.



LACY DICKEL '06

First-grade Teacher, Prince George's County Board of Education

Accomplishments/Activities: Kappa Beta Gamma International Executive Board Member, Kappa Beta Gamma Sorority Xi Chapter Founding Charter Member at FSU

What is your favorite FSU memory? Spending many moments with my Greek Life family participating in numerous events.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a Board member? I hope to be able to spread awareness of events the Alumni Association is hosting and help alumni give to the University who haven't before.



KIRK ENGLE '90



Environmental Health Specialist, Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

Accomplishments/Activities: Twenty-five years with various offices and programs. I currently oversee the dairy farm inspection

program and milk transportation program and serve as plan review specialist for on-farm dairy processing operations statewide. Outside of work, I am a volunteer baseball coach and president of Sykesville Baseball.

What is your favorite FSU memory? All of them. ... The personal growth experiences and caring/supportive faculty and staff at FSU. Mattress sledding in a blinding snowstorm ...

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a Board member? I hope to continue to promote Frostburg as the top university in the entire region and to improve alumni outreach and participation in anything Frostburg.

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FSU's Relay for Life has raised more than half a million dollars in the fight against cancer since the activity began at FSU in 2002, including a goal-busting \$39,080 so far this year. Donations can be accepted through August by visiting www.relayforlife.org/fsumd.



Jess M'10 and Adam Brandt '08/M'10

Alums Help Preserve Endangered Mammal That Outlived the Dinosaurs

At FSU, Adam '08/M'10 and Jess Brandt M'10 both studied applied ecology and conservation biology, combining two academic fields: genetics and wildlife management, which for them bridges the gap between working in the lab and in the field.

"The guidance and support of the FSU faculty and community have allowed us to pursue further education and careers doing the research that we are passionate about," explained Jess, a Ph.D. candidate in animal science at the University of Illinois.

The Brandts specialize in conservation and population genetics of wildlife. They have partnered with researchers in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic to investigate the *Hispaniolan solenodon*, a unique venomous mammal endangered by human encroachment.

Their team sequenced its mitochondrial genome, filling the last major missing branch among placental mammals on the genetic tree of life. They determined that the solenodon, which looks like a large shrew, diverged from all other living mammals 78 million years ago.

"It's just impressive it's survived this long," said Adam, now an assistant professor of biology at St. Norbert College. "It survived the asteroid, it survived human colonization and the rats and mice humans brought with them that wiped out the solenodon's closest relatives."

They hope their discoveries will help preservation efforts. CNN and other media outlets featured their work this spring.

"Ultimately, that is why we are interested in studying this animal," Adam said. "Sound wildlife management requires a solid understanding of their genetics."

— Robert Spahr '13

Go-o-o-o-o BOBCATS!

The spring athletic season was full of Bobcat spirit as alumni and families gathered to cheer on their favorite teams.



Softball



Track & Field



Women's Lacrosse



Baseball



Field Hockey



Alum Named 2016 Best Warrior in Military Police Competition

In February, 33 Army reservists from 16 states competed to be named the 200th Military Police Command's "Best Warrior." At the end of three grueling days, **Sgt. John Bullough '12**, a wheeled-vehicle mechanic, emerged victorious.

Through 12 contests of physical and mental endurance and skills, Bullough won five. During the Ruck March, competitors in full gear hauled rifles and 45-plus pound ruck-sacks over a challenging 10-mile course. Bullough finished in just over two hours, some 40 minutes faster than his nearest competitor.

Bullough also aced the intellectual challenges, handwriting the best essay at 4 a.m. in a frigid mess hall and conquering the Oral Board, answering tough questions on current affairs and military policy. ■



Sarah Grace Guthrie '06

Memorial Scholarship Helps Others Fulfill Alumna's Dream

Some people naturally seem to conquer every challenge life throws at them. According to one of her oldest friends, **Sarah Grace Guthrie '06** had always been one of those people until she passed away in 2010 at the age of 26.

Life for Sarah brought plenty of challenge, including giving birth to her son, Elijah, while a full-time undergraduate at Frostburg.

"I think it's a testament to her overall work ethic and the type of person she was, because a lot of people, that's the end of it," said longtime friend **Jeremy Durst '05**. "They're done, they drop out of school, they don't go any further, and that's life. She kept pushing and worked through it."

For Sarah's mother, Deborah Guthrie, the sudden loss was devastating. Caring for Elijah helped distract her from her grief. She has made a point of sharing stories with Elijah about Sarah.

In 2011, Deborah created the **Sarah Grace Guthrie Memorial Scholarship** at FSU, which supports graduate students studying to become reading specialists. The recipients of Sarah's award will also carry on her life's mission: spreading a love of reading to children.

"When Sarah passed away, I needed to do something to remember her. It helped me in my grief, and I thought it would help students here. ... And it did help me get through it."

At the time Sarah passed away, she was raising Elijah while teaching reading at Elk Garden Elementary School. She had also started to pursue her master's degree at FSU.

"She was a great mom," Deborah said. "Her son was six when she passed, but I'm not letting him forget."

— Robert Spahr '13

Paying It Forward: The Class of 1966 Scholarship

By Robert Spahr '13

Some alumni classes are more closely knit than others. For a few, the Golden Anniversary — 50 years — is the first time classmates reunite as a group after commencement. When the **Class of 1966** celebrated its Golden Anniversary during FSU's 148th commencement ceremony, it was their 10th reunion.

After their graduation in 1966, "(Class president) **Charlie Bell** and I decided to have a reunion of the Class of '66 every five years. We said that even if no one else showed up, we would be here. Fortunately, some of our classmates joined in to plan each reunion," said **Lois Hobbs '66**, the class treasurer.

When the reunion committee began planning their 2016 Golden Anniversary a year earlier, it was their first meeting without Bell. He had passed away in October of 2014, and his absence was conspicuous. Hobbs had previously discussed the idea of starting a scholarship with Bell and other alumni friends.

"At our reunion committee, I brought it up as one of our business items. It wasn't very difficult to get the committee to agree," Hobbs said. "We've lost a lot of classmates in our class. We thought it would honor them and also help students in need."

Deciding to create the scholarship was only the tip of the iceberg. The committee members knew that the real challenge would be raising \$10,000 to endow the scholarship.

"I thought, 'Let's put this idea out there and slowly we'll grow to the endowment,'" Hobbs said.

In March of 2016, the reunion committee sent a letter to their classmates, asking them to help establish and endow the new **Class of 1966 Scholarship**, supporting students with need in the Department of Educational Professions who are also active on campus and in the community.

"Let me be candid," said **Jim Richardson '66**, a fellow member of the reunion committee, "I thought we would raise maybe half of what we needed (with the first letter)."

Hobbs and Richardson underestimated their friends' response. By May, just a few weeks after sending their letter, the Class of 1966 Scholarship had been officially endowed.

For the Class of '66, it was important to pay it forward. Despite the many challenges their generation faced years ago, Hobbs and Richardson figured today's graduates have a rougher road ahead.

"In a way, they have probably more challenges than we did," Hobbs said. In 1966, "if



Lois Hobbs '66 and Jim Richardson '66 show off the Class of 1966 Scholarship fundraising thermometer, which their classmates filled up in just a few short weeks.

you promised to teach in Maryland for two years, your tuition was free. ... That helped a lot of first-generation students go to college."

In Richardson's estimation, the biggest struggle facing students today goes beyond the undergraduate debt that many of their own classmates could avoid.

They ticked off other obstacles, including the incredible cost of graduate degrees and an average starting teacher's salary. Richardson shook his head at the totality of the problem.

"I think the whole issue is simply employment prospects," he said. "We came out at a time when if you were alive, breathing and had a certificate, you were going to get a job as a teacher."

Even with the potential issues awaiting them, Richardson said today's class seemed academically better-prepared than many of his peers. "Just looking at the number of folks in that (2016) class who were graduating with some form of honors, it was impressive."

With the Class of '66 Scholarship now endowed, Hobbs thinks she and her classmates can do even more.

"My feeling is I want to keep going. It's important to give a student in need help to get their college education," she said.

To support FSU scholarships, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give. To create a new scholarship, call the FSU Foundation at 301.687.4161.

Reunion Sparks New STEM Scholarship

By Robert Spahr '13

For **Edward F. Herold, Jr. '83**, enrolling at Frostburg was his first chance to get away from his parents and his four siblings, to experience life on his own.

"I did a lot of growing up there," Herold said.

He found himself revisiting those college memories in 2013, when Herold and his classmates returned to Frostburg State University for their 30-year reunion. That visit kindled a notion that grew into the new **Herold Family Scholarship**, an award supporting full-time Frostburg STEM undergraduates with financial need and a 3.0-plus GPA, renewable for up to four years.

"I was hanging out with a bunch of friends and walking around campus and we passed [FSU's Wall of Honor]. We were checking out dorms where we used to live, and I saw the wall and realized I hadn't thought about a lot of the people who aren't around anymore," he said. "That wasn't the day that I thought of the scholarship, but I was trying to figure out some way to give back to Frostburg."

The independence Herold found at Frostburg has served him well through his career. Following stints with several small CPA firms, he earned a master's degree in taxation and went to work for a large



Edward F. Herold, Jr. '83, to the immediate right of the Bobcat in sunglasses and scarf, met up with classmates in 2013 for their 30th reunion, a visit that sparked the idea that became the Herold Family Scholarship.

corporation. By 1991, Herold had opened a CPA firm of his own, which has catered to individuals and small businesses ever since.

"I'm a one-man band," Herold said. "I've got a couple of bookkeepers who help me out part-time, but primarily it's just me. And I like doing tax work, so that's kind of where I'm focused. There's always something going on in the tax world."

Thanks in part to frequently changing federal and state tax policies, Herold's business has prospered. With that success came a desire to give back to others.

"Over the last five or 10 years, I've been trying to make an effort to get a little more involved in different charities. ... I get the

idea of making a living and having a job and all that stuff, but I'd like to think there's more to life than just doing that."

As Herold was pondering how best to give back, he read a news article about a new scholarship. It was just the inspiration he needed.

"It reminded me of what I'd gone through," Herold said. "I remember the challenge of paying for everything."

He'd worked during the summers in high school, and his father frequently brought home scholarship applications to fill out. Herold applied for everything he could. The scholarships he earned reduced the cost of school, but he continued working multiple jobs as a Frostburg student.

"Education was a big thing in my family. My parents were both big on getting to school and staying in school. You're always learning something throughout your life."

Herold hopes his family's new scholarship will help future generations of students find their own paths through life — perhaps even a student destined for something great.

"Who knows, maybe one of those kids will cure cancer someday, or they'll do something important," he said. "And they might not remember it years later, but they'll have gotten a scholarship from my family."

To support the Herold Family Scholarship, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give. To create a new scholarship, call the FSU Foundation at 301.687.4161.



Real People. Real Impact.

Senior **Alexa Bashaw**, left, is the 2016-17 recipient of the Robert and Johanna Weimer Scholarship, presented to her by **Shannon Gribble '98**, director of Alumni and Donor Relations, at the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership. This scholarship is specifically for participants in the Sloop Institute who have a financial need, with a preference given to students in the Department of Educational Professions and/or enrolled in Leadership Studies. Alexa is studying to become a music teacher.

To date, through the efforts of graduates from the 1960s, more than \$80,000 has been raised for this scholarship.

Alexa is just one of the hundreds of students each year who receive assistance with the cost of their education thanks to gifts to the FSU Foundation from people like you. On behalf of Alexa and all of these students, we say THANK YOU!

Introducing Your New Foundation Board Members

Cindy McFarland Diamond '90/M'15
Frostburg, Md.
A psychology and education graduate, Diamond is co-owner of The Goodfellow Agency and owner-operator of McFarland Candies, both in downtown Frostburg. She also teaches FSU graduate-level school counseling courses at USM-Hagerstown. Previously, Diamond worked for Baltimore-based Associated Catholic Charities, Villa Maria, in roles including housing manager, counselor and administrative assistant. She has served the American Red Cross, the Frostburg Garden Club, St. Michael's Church Parish Council and local PTAs.



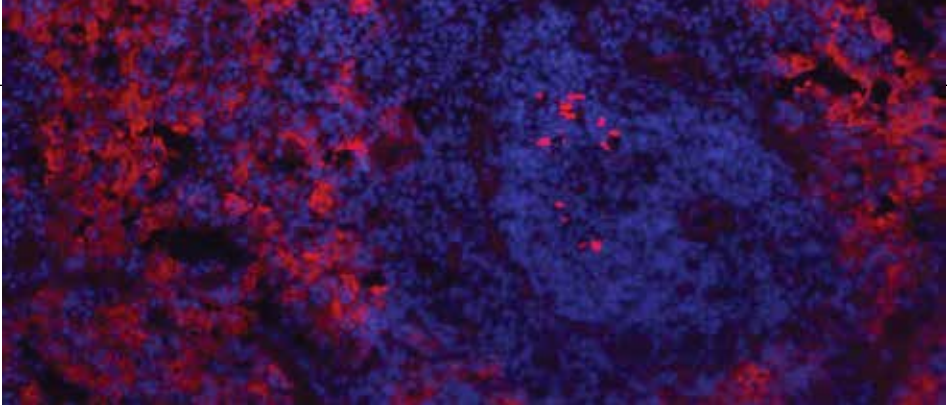
R. Patrick Friel '88
Williamsburg, Va.
An urban geography and cartography graduate, Friel is managing partner of Lochlin Partners, an executive search firm. Previously, he served as managing partner of search firm Heidrick & Struggles' Washington office. His career began in land planning and economic development. Friel serves on FSU's College of Business Advisory Board. As a student, he belonged to the Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Honor Society and Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity.



Joseph P. George M'82
Cumberland, Md.
A business management graduate, George is president and national director of Select Services, Select Commercial Lines, Personal Lines and Claims for the Property and Casualty Division of CBIZ Insurance Services, having risen through the company. An active citizen, he serves the Allegany County Human Resource Development Commission, Friends Aware, the American Heart Association, the Cumberland Kiwanis Club, the Leadership Allegany Steering Committee and the Maryland Chamber of Commerce board among others.



Kurt A. Pfluger '80
Fairfax, Va.
An accounting graduate and a CPA, Pfluger provides CFO consulting for small businesses and works part-time as CFO of DP George & Co. He began his career in 1981 as a CPA for Soza & Co., a small accounting firm, which he helped grow from 12 to 1,200 employees by 2003, when the company was sold. He has served the boards of multiple foundations and charities in Virginia. In 2010, Pfluger and his wife, Bonny, established the Pfluger Family Accounting Scholarship at FSU.



The lab's fluorescence microscope shows a sample of mouse spleen with red markings, which are antibodies the mouse makes to fight *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacterium that causes Lyme disease.

Experiencing the Unseen World: Inside the DelSignore Foundation Microscopy Suite

In scientific inquiry, answers are not always found in expected places. In the fight against Lyme Disease, undergraduate students may have opened an unexpected door with research they performed in Frostburg's newly named Carl DelSignore Foundation, Inc., Microscopy Suite.

Over 300,000 Lyme Disease cases are diagnosed each year. Lyme is caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi*, a bacterium transmitted by blacklegged ticks, which reside on white-footed mice. Across the lower elevations of Maryland, diagnoses are frequent. A group of undergraduate biology students studying under **Dr. Rebekah Taylor** and **Dr. Karen Keller '89** recently investigated whether Lyme Disease is likewise present in Western Maryland.

First, they collected ticks and blood samples from white-footed mice in Allegany County. Then they extracted and amplified DNA to check for *Borrelia* genes and tested for *Borrelia* antibodies in the blood samples. Their suspicions were confirmed. *Borrelia burgdorferi* was evident. The students were curious. Mice carry the bacteria, but why don't they exhibit signs of illness? Scientific literature had no answers. "Nobody has looked at where in a mouse the bacteria hide," Taylor said. The Del Signore Microscopy Suite offered the tools needed to investigate further. Three dissecting microscopes helped the students carefully remove and prepare

delicate tissue samples to examine via a fluorescence microscope. Certain biological components fluoresce when excited by specific wavelengths of light. UV filters isolate the fluorescing light, high-lighting targeted components. With the fluorescence microscope's digital cameras, computer-controlled microscope stage and powerful imaging software, the students captured clear images of *Borrelia burgdorferi* throughout the mouse's spleen. Their images demonstrate the distribution of bacteria between the spleen's red and white pulp, which may provide clues about the mouse's apparent resistance to the disease. "It's amazing that undergraduates did this research," said Taylor, who teaches the techniques required for detailed microscopic research in her Advanced Microscopy course at FSU. The students presented their findings at the spring Undergraduate Research Symposium. This spring, FSU formally named the Carl DelSignore Foundation, Inc., Microscopy Suite in recognition of more than \$100,000 in gifts to the University since 1992.

— Robert Spahr '13



The Lyme Disease study results were presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. The members of the research team, from left, are **Amy Weakland '16**, **Nicole Lloyd '16**, **Drew Brown '16**, **Dr. Rebekah Taylor**, **Mallary Granger** and **Fred Nyachieo '16**. Members not pictured are **Dr. Karen Keller '89** and **William Wygal**.

Frostburg's Strong Scholars Defy Obstacles to Become Educators

By Robert Spahr '13

Chelsea Carr '15 transferred into the Early Childhood Education program at Frostburg State University as an independent, non-traditional student with two associate degrees. She worked while she attended classes, and against her professors' warnings, she kept working during her field work placements. "When my fellow classmates were leaving school at 4 p.m. and going home to plan for the next day, I was going to work until 9:30 p.m. and then going home to plan for the next day," Carr said.

Despite her demanding schedule, Carr's grades remained excellent, but her final semester brought a chilling realization. She had too many credits to receive student loans. Carr had hoped to dedicate her semester entirely to student teaching. Without financial assistance, mere survival seemed daunting. Then an email arrived from **Dr. Sally D. Stephenson**, advising coordinator for the Elementary Education program, encouraging students to apply for the Hattie M. Strong Foundation's Strong Scholars award. Learning about Strong's perseverance, including surviving an Alaskan shipwreck and singlehandedly raising a son after her 1897 divorce, Carr felt inspired.

"My struggles seem very small compared to hers," Carr said. "She was an amazing woman." Strong (1864-1950) experienced life both as a rich and as an impoverished person, and her education and wits carried her through the lean times. She valued work, dedication and strength of character, and believed in helping others help themselves.

Strong's story motivated Carr to push herself. When she learned she had been named a Strong Scholar and awarded \$5,000, she danced and cheered. Then she told her boyfriend, "I can buy manipulatives for my kiddos!" Beyond those interactive classroom supplies, the award helped Carr afford certification exams, take a summer science course and reduce her work hours.

The Strong Foundation launched Strong Scholars in 2010 to replace its longstanding interest-free student loan program, which had grown financially unsustainable. Foundation President Henry L. Strong hoped to reduce administrative expenses, distribute more

money and eliminate the burden of loan repayment. In 2010, six schools received \$60,000 to name 12 Strong Scholars. "I was a little skeptical at first," said Robin Tanner, the Strong Foundation's executive director. "We helped 200 students in a year with student loans, and now we were talking 12 students. ... Today, this is our sixth year, we've got 24 schools that we're partnering with, and we gave out \$525,000, so it's working. Just this year we've awarded more than 105 scholarships to students."

In 2011, the first two Frostburg Strong Scholars were named. Since then, the Strong Foundation has given \$105,000 to name 21 Strong Scholars at FSU, now supporting six students each year. **Courtney Hersch Terry '13/M'15**, teaches fifth grade for Baldwin County Public Schools in Bay Minette, Ala. Even with her parents' support, the cost of college had proved worrisome. As she began contemplating life after college, she learned she had been named a Strong Scholar.

"Receiving the Strong Scholars award, ... the weight of a substantial amount of financial strain and stress was lifted," said Terry. "I was able to confidently pursue my master's degree in reading at Frostburg."

It also allowed her to study abroad, where she observed and taught in Irish schools. "Without this scholarship, having that experience most likely would have been out of reach," she said.

As a recent graduate, Terry counts herself blessed to have a classroom of her own. Helping students reach their full potential, she said, "It's all I ever wanted. I certainly do not take it for granted."

Strong Scholars can also ask the Strong Foundation for help establishing their classrooms. The Barbara B. Cantrell Classroom Support Fund – the "Bobbie Fund" – provides up to \$500 worth of classroom supplies to enhance student learning.

Strong Scholar **Gretchen Downey '15** teaches eighth grade for the Middle School



In recognition of the Strong Foundation's support for its students, Robin Tanner, Strong Foundation executive director, and her staff were invited to dinner and a reception at FSU where they met many of Frostburg's Strong Scholars in person for the first time and unveiled a plaque in Frampton Hall, honoring the Strong Foundation for its dedicated support for students in the College of Education. From left are **Dr. Roger Dow**, associate dean of the College of Education; Tanner; **Dr. Sally Stevenson**, professor of Educational Professions; **Lynn Ketterman**, University Advancement; and **John Short**, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation.



Nine of FSU's 21 Strong Foundation Scholarship recipients who attended the reception are, from left, **Ashton Carr '13/M'15**, **Rachel Culley Winebrenner '14**, **Erin King Ash '15**, **Courtney Hersch Terry '13/M'15**, **Heather Shipe '14**, **Rachel Loudin '16**, **Madison Storey '15**, **Briannin Stevenson '15** and **Chelsea Carr '15**.

Institute of Technology and Engineering, a magnet program at Sinagua Middle School in Flagstaff, Ariz.

"The Bobbie Fund was a great addition to my classroom as a first-year teacher," she said. "It allowed me to purchase building supplies for my advanced engineering course."

Those supplies and others helped several of Downey's students reach the state-level competition for the Future City program.

From that competition, Downey said, "I even brought back the Educational Excellence Award for the 2015-2016 school year!" ■

Ron Nowaczyk is the grandson of Polish immigrants, the first in his family to complete college – or even high school – and the holder of a Ph.D. in human experimental psychology who has worked with NASA engineers on teamwork. Now he's Frostburg State University's 15th president, and he's ready to apply those perspectives and a wealth of experience to the service of FSU, its students and its region.

MEET PRESIDENT NOWACZYK

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

Dr. Ronald H. Nowaczyk, Frostburg State University's 15th president, has a good feeling about his new place.

"When you take on a new position, you always wonder, did you make the right decision," he said. "With confidence, I can say I did. I'm very happy being at Frostburg State University and honored to be its president."

His initial months on the job have been spent getting to know his students, the faculty and staff, his new community and the concerns and dreams each group has about the future of the institution. Within days of his arrival on campus, he set up open listening sessions to introduce himself and to hear ideas. He's created a University Council to bring more voices to the leadership of the University. He has made the rounds of numerous community and state organizations and is setting the stage to establish a solid plan to follow for the coming years.

In return, he has seen plenty of "expressed pride in the institution" and been treated to true Bobcat hospitality.

"I have been impressed with how welcoming and friendly everybody has been," he said. "People have been very open, warm and genuine."

While his May 9 start date gave him a short window of opportunity to get to know students before the semester ended and the Class of 2016 graduated, he's excited about what he's observed so far.

"They're exactly the students I would have hoped to have seen. These students see the value in college and are trying to do well," he said. "They show strong respect for the campus and the community."

And as he is getting acquainted with FSU and its people, here is your chance to get acquainted with him.

HIS ORIGINS

Nowaczyk grew up on the south side of Chicago, the eldest of four sons, in a neighborhood known as "Back of the Yards" for its proximity to the city's famed stockyards.

All of Nowaczyk's grandparents came from Poland. His father dropped out of high school after just one year to serve in the military during World War II, then came back to Chicago to work in a meat-packing plant. He eventually worked his way up to a supervisory position.

Neither of his parents finished high school, but they were determined that their sons would attend college. As part of this commitment, Nowaczyk was sent to a Jesuit high school in Chicago that was known for sending its graduates on to higher education.

"If my dad hadn't pushed me in that direction, I would have never gone to college," Nowaczyk said. "I would have been with a lot of my friends who never attended college."

That school was a place that changed everything. "We opened my eyes. I remember my dad telling me, 'We

can help you with high school, but we can't help you with college. We don't know anything about college.'"

He was accepted to the prestigious Northwestern University, which he had to navigate on his own.

"It was a lonely experience at first," he said. "Now that I reflect on it, I can relate to our first-generation students and their families. I had no idea what credits were, no idea about general education and major requirements. I was learning 'about' college while I attended college."

He attributes his success at Northwestern to a couple of opportunities. During his freshman year, he moved into an academically oriented fraternity house, where he found peers who could help him learn what it took to be a successful college student. Then, in his junior year, he was invited to work in the lab of Dr. Ben Underwood, a psychology professor who was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a rare distinction for a psychologist.

"That changed my direction, got me excited about psychology and about research. That's what led me to graduate school," Nowaczyk said. "It's a story that everybody tells. There's always somebody who made a difference for them in college. That was the professor who made a difference for me."

HIS CAREER

With that boost, Nowaczyk went on to graduate school at Miami University of Ohio, where, in quick succession, he earned his master's degree and doctorate, both in experimental psychology. He had his Ph.D. by age 25.

As he was pursuing those degrees in human experimental psychology, his interests changed from basic research to applied research, how psychology impacts real-life living and learning. After initial research in short-term memory and understanding those mechanisms, his interests turned toward practical questions, such as how do people learn to program computers, how to make those computers easier for people to use and how to help engineers collaborate better on teams.

"That was a pretty interesting turnaround for me as an individual, because once I got out of graduate school, it didn't take long before I realized I didn't want to keep studying people's memory in a lab, in an artificial environment," he said. "I was much more interested in understanding how people do things, how they learn things in their daily lives."

It was a direction that he continued as he progressed through his faculty and administrative career, and which will have an influence in his leadership at Frostburg.

After completing his degrees, he joined the psychology faculty at Clemson University, where he taught for 21 years.

"I think I was viewed as a no-nonsense faculty member," Nowaczyk said. "I wanted students to learn and I had standards. I think I held the standards, but



Maureen Lavan and Ron Nowaczyk with their son, Jake

MEET THE FAMILY

You could say that his marriage had a calamitous beginning, in that he and his wife, Maureen Lavan, met during a hurricane. It was Hurricane Floyd in 1999, which was bearing down on Greenville, N.C., where they both worked. They met while volunteering for the American Red Cross.

“Our relationship is built upon a disaster,” he joked. He and Lavan kidded over the years that they would have to name their first child Floyd. “When Jake was born, we couldn’t do it,” he said.

Lavan’s background is in project management and geographic information systems. While she moved around a lot with a father in the U.S. Navy, she calls the Philadelphia area home.

Their son, Jake, turned 10 this summer and will be entering fifth grade in the fall.

“He has grown up on a college campus,” Nowaczyk said, referring to a photo on his desk showing the toddler lined up with the University of New Haven marching band.

The story is that Jake approved their move to Frostburg before he knew they were looking. The family was exploring the campus to get a feel for the school, and Jake learned that FSU’s mascot was a bobcat, the same as his elementary school. In his eyes, that sealed the deal.

Jake has already declared that he wants a “college dog.” He’ll name it Frosty.

They share some family interests, including hiking and tent camping. They also each have a niche in the collecting of model trains.

Nowaczyk picked up the train hobby while he was away from his family in 2001 and 2002 on an American Council on Education fellowship at the University of Delaware. ACE recommends that its fellows pursue a personal interest during these fellowships to ease the strain of separation, and Nowaczyk’s father had always liked Lionel trains.

Now they’re a model train family, with Lavan having large G-scale trains for a train garden, and Jake starting his own collection of HO military trains. Their home in Frostburg will definitely have a train room, he said.

at the same time I was willing to work with students individually to help them overcome whatever struggles they were having.”

He specialized in the statistics and research methods classes, “courses people dreaded,” he said.

“For me it was actually fun. It was special for me to teach those courses because I knew the students found the material challenging, and the question was, how could I make it

interesting and enjoyable for them,” he said.

Although he’s been in administration for more than 15 years, he’s made it a point to continue to teach whenever he can, and he recognizes that teaching styles have changed.

“Teaching today, the two biggest differences would be students working more in teams and in an active classroom involvement,” he said.

“In many of today’s careers, students will need to work in teams,” he said. “... On a



Nowaczyk has already met with numerous community groups, in this case the Frostburg Business and Professional Association.

team, students often end up teaching each other. That’s a powerful learning method.”

And the concept of teams is a theme he has revisited in his career, but in particular in two visiting consultant opportunities, one with AT&T Bell Labs and the other with NASA, in which he focused on ways that engineers could collaborate better.

Drawing on the connections among those experiences will serve him as he takes on the leadership of Frostburg State University with two key themes in mind – student success and ensuring that FSU meets its role within its region.

FROM THE FIRST YEAR TO FROSTBURG 2023

The first goal is to make a plan.

Following the adage of “the best way to predict the future is to create it,” Nowaczyk looks toward 2023 and what FSU should look like then.

“We want to figure out where we’re going in the next six to seven years. What I am keeping in mind is our 125th anniversary in 2023. Where do we want to be in 2023 as a university?” Nowaczyk said.

“We have to intentionally decide what is it we want to be and work backwards. How do we get to that point? That’s what my goal is right now. What do we want to see this place look like in 2023? And to get to that place, what does it have to look like in 2022, 2021 and so forth,” he said.

“I do know that to get to our 125th anniversary, we have to have a plan, so that’s what this upcoming year is about.”

That will involve developing the University’s next strategic plan. “The strategic plan builds on the strengths of the University, identifying what is working nationally for schools like Frostburg State and looking for opportunities,” he said.

Setting those goals and the steps required to reach them has to involve a large cross-section of the University community, alums and community members who care for FSU.



Sophomore **Mia Williams** interviewed Nowaczyk on *The Frostburg Experience*, the student-produced FSU-TV3 program.

“Schools that have been successful have succeeded because it’s a team effort – everyone is pulling together to make things happen,” he said.

He already has feedback from the University’s self-study for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The self-study and the Middle States visiting team’s report highlighted strengths to build upon, as well as areas that need attention. Nowaczyk likens the self-study to an “internal snapshot” of the workings of the University.

First up will be completing two reports that Middle States has asked of FSU. One asks that the institution provide more evidence that it is using data to continuously advance its operations and is building a culture of university-wide assessment and improvement. The second focuses on the general education program – the core courses required of all students. Middle States wants FSU to show that it is systematically evaluating and improving that program.

The reports are due in March of 2017, and, as efforts to address these standards have

NOWACZYK NOTES:

It is pronounced “No-WA-chick.”

He’s written two books:

- *Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Research*, in 1988, which he dedicated to his parents
- *Cognition*, in 1998, which he wrote in collaboration with his former graduate school professor, Dr. John C. Jahnke

One of his interests is reading biographies. “I think I have learned more about leadership from reading about people who are effective leaders – learning both the positives and negatives – than I do from the how-to books,” he said. “You learn what to take away and not to take away from what people have done.”



Students in a mass communication class are greeted by the new president.

already begun, Nowaczyk is confident that FSU will meet Middle States expectations.

Along with the guidance from the Middle States assessments, Nowaczyk is seeking to clarify the shared vision for FSU’s future.

He will be seeking ways to ensure that FSU is viewed as a school of “value,” which means that it is affordable and a place known for its students succeeding, in their education and afterward. He’s keen on identifying the factors that get in the way of graduating on time, which raises the cost of a degree. And he wants students to have valuable experiences along the way that will serve them not only in that first job out of college, but in whatever career path they take, including to those fields that don’t even exist today.

“We are not only educating people for a job or a career, but to be meaningful and engaged citizens in our country. We need that kind of leadership going forward. ‘Breadth’ of education is critical to ensure that Frostburg State University helps students achieve their goals,” he said. “We should position our graduates to be broadly educated, be risk-takers and be willing to take on the challenges as leaders in tomorrow’s world.”

And Nowaczyk sees students acquiring those skills through experiences as part of the “human capital” that will serve Frostburg State University’s region well, part of the ongoing partnerships with the people, businesses and organizations of the area.

He says his passion for economic and community development ties back to his career-long interest in the application of knowledge and his work in North Carolina. That was where he helped East Carolina University students and faculty engage with regional organizations and businesses to improve the quality of life in that area.

“As part of the region, FSU should apply – again, that’s the word – apply its faculty expertise and expand its student engagement to enhance the communities in the region.” ■

WHAT’S IN HIS OFFICE?

Sometimes the items a person keeps nearby can provide a window into a personality. Here are some of the things you’ll find in Ron Nowaczyk’s office.



A photo of Jake, hanging out with the University of New Haven marching band when he was about three years old



An N-scale Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive, reflecting his – and his family’s – interest in model trains



A gift in recognition of Nowaczyk’s role in building up the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarion University, where he oversaw an expansion of ROTC offerings

Brutus, his first dog, who was named by the Cleveland bar owners who had her first. Nowaczyk was in graduate school when he adopted her, the first of several German shepherds in his life.



One of the first gifts he received upon arriving in Frostburg, a prayer quilt from Frostburg’s United Methodist Church



Cultural Events Series Celebrates 60 Years of Professional Performing Arts

On Oct. 2, 1956, Frostburg State Teachers College hosted a performance by the Joffrey Ballet as part of the dance company's historic first tour. In the 60 years since, the Joffrey Ballet has become world-famous, and Frostburg State University continues to make a name for itself as a venue for high-caliber artists from around the world. Here are just a few of our favorite performances from across the years!



Joffrey Theatre Dancers



Glenn Miller Orchestra



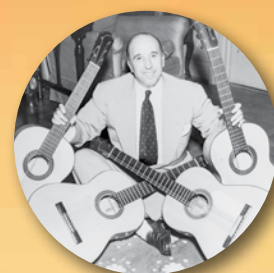
Hugh Miller, Royal Academy of Dramatic Art
"Bare Boards and a Passion"



Larry Elgart and His Orchestra



The Tamburitans of
Duquesne University



Carlos Montoya,
Flamenco guitarist



The Paul Taylor Dancers



Cannonball Adderley Quartet

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Maynard Ferguson



Highwoods String Band



W.C. Fields, 80 Proof!



Chuck Mangione Quartet



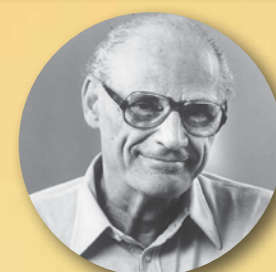
Ruby Dee & Ossie Davis
"An Evening of Black America"



Baltimore Symphony Orchestra



Vincent Price



Arthur Miller

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Maya Angelou



Woody Herman's Young
Thundering Herd



Alvin Ailey
Repertory Ensemble



A Winter Solstice Concert featuring Liz Story,
Modern Mandolin Quartet and Michael Manring



The Moscow Boys Choir



Massenkoff Russian
Folk Festival



Robin & Linda Williams
and Their Fine Group



Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre

1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000



John Astin as Edgar Allan Poe
"Once Upon a Midnight"



Jack Klugman in
"On Golden Pond"



The Vienna Choir Boys



Martha Graham
Dance Company



Kathy Mattea
"Moving Mountains"



Spyro Gyra



The von Trapp Children



Moscow Festival Ballet
"The Sleeping Beauty"

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“Healthy” Partnership a Benefit to Business, Students and Grads

A FITTING RELATIONSHIP

By Charles Schelle

Amy Schwab Owens M’02 has built her life and business around helping others. Her LaVale gym, Life Fitness Management, not only helps her clients find a path to better lives, but she and her co-owners are doing the same by building relationships with Frostburg students, faculty and staff.



Amy Schwab Owens M’02

“The students that I have that come out of the program know their stuff. They’re impressive,” Schwab Owens said. “They can back up what they’re doing and why they’re doing it, which is really key when you’re working with somebody in this field.”

Schwab Owens, along with co-owners Brenda Owens, **Greg Dull** and **Dr. Stephen Owens ’71**, have made FSU an important part of their business and fitness community through offering internships, field trips and partnering with various FSU departments.

Thirteen of 15 Life Fitness Management employees have a degree from Frostburg State. Also, Dull attended FSU for several years, and Stephen Owens, Schwab Owens’ husband, is a professor emeritus from FSU’s Department of Computer Science.

Dull appreciates what Frostburg State’s presence is able to do for the gym.

“Frostburg State plays a huge role in our success. I believe that,” Dull said. “I get the opportunity to interview potential employees, work with them for 400 hours and decide to hire them. You can’t get better than that from an employee standpoint. It’s been extremely successful.”

Exercise and Sport Science major **David Cooper ’16** is one of the many interns who walked through LFM’s doors. He wants to become a nutritionist and a personal trainer. He interned at the front desk in the spring, learning LFM’s approach to customer service and leading clients through exercises, then he returned after graduation to become an employee.

“Right when you come through the door, everybody has a smile on their face. It’s pretty



Greg Dull

much like a home,” Cooper said. “If you’re in a bad mood, they try to cheer you up.”

It wasn’t an intentional strategy to use FSU students and alumni when the business opened 10 years ago. A relationship of convenience evolved into one of trust at the expansive LFM club.

Schwab Owens earned her master’s degree in clinical psychology from Frostburg, finding a way to combine her passion for helping people break through mental barriers with her love of fitness and design. Working with Dull, everything seemed to align when she earned her master’s from FSU.

“I came out of that program feeling like I accomplished a goal,” she said. “At the same time, I’m working with Greg. I’m thinking as we’re working out, ‘You know, the industry is really missing the psychological piece of what’s happening, the mental piece of the puzzle.’”

As with many gyms, people would join in January and stop showing up by March. They wanted to end that cycle and create an inviting atmosphere both physically and psychologically.

Frostburg students in the Exercise and Sport Science Program have a good grasp on that concept, better preparing themselves for work or an internship at LFM, the owners said.

“We want to affect as many people in health and fitness as possible, one person at a time,” Dull said.

Service With a Smile

Dull and company affect one FSU student at a time through immersive internship programs that help the students understand LFM’s philosophy, along with offering sage career advice.



Some of the FSU-connected folks at Life Fitness Management include, front row, from left, **Jeff Kroboth ’11** and **Ashley Wolfe ’09**; back row, from left, **Amy Schwab Owens M’02**, **Dr. Stephen Owens ’71**, **Mike Browning ’07**, **Anna Zambreny**, **Lewis Ross III ’03**, **Tracy Behan ’13**, **Lisa Dull**, **Greg Dull** and **Durrell Deal ’14**.



Durrell Deal ’14

“There is a baseline that we do for everyone, and that is customer service,” Dull said. “Anything they do is going to be with people. Understanding and working with people in that capacity is hugely important.”

The service is predicated on understanding where the customers are in life and what their fitness needs are. One person may train for a triathlon while the next is recovering from heart surgery and another wants to lose 100 pounds and has joint issues.

“The hardest exercise for some people is to walk up those steps and in the front door,” Schwab Owens said. “It’s easy when you’re young to not think about that.”

Understanding the basics is a necessity of the Exercise and Sport Science Program. Students are required to have three credits of field experience prior to the nine-credit internship during their senior year, said **John Wright**, an associate professor in the program. Students are fortunate to have LFM and Energy Health and Fitness, also in LaVale, as local sites that provide these field experiences and internship opportunities. Energy Health is owned by **Mike Love ’11**, a graduate of the Exercise and Sport Science Program who also teaches courses at FSU.

Graduates in the program are eligible to test and become certified under the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a personal trainer and/or certified strength and conditioning specialist in addition to becoming a certified health fitness instructor through the American College of Sports Medicine.

During the internship, students have to complete a group exercise educational program

as well as work one-on-one with a client during an entire semester under the supervision of a manager and provide the client with a yearlong program, whether that’s weight loss or strength and conditioning, Wright said.

“[The students’] clients are able to get a free personal trainer and our students get the opportunity to work in a one-on-one program,” Wright said.

Other duties in the internship include shadowing at a corporate wellness program to learn how to execute outreach events and the business of fitness.

Those lessons are being passed on to employees like **Durrell Deal ’14**. Deal rose from intern to employee, and he wants to manage or own his own gym one day. Deal is observing how to build rapport with customers.

“I’m learning how to be more assertive in engaging people,” said Deal, who’s pursuing his MBA at FSU. “That’s part of a business, but it’s not a part of making money. It’s a skill that’s necessary to addressing people.”

Schwab Owens loves to see the progress FSU students make from intern to employee, like Deal.

“Durrell has a bright future ahead of him, and anybody would be lucky to have him,” Schwab Owens said. “I like to think we had a role in him appreciating what this industry could do for him and what he could do for it.”

Even marketing students at FSU have shared their knowledge with LFM. Multiple classes through the years chose to perform a marketing study for LFM as part of a capstone project. The reports helped reinforce the need to expand on social media and use a different approach to social media marketing, Schwab Owens said.



Mike Browning ’07

“They’re always surprising,” she said. “They shop your competition, which you can’t help but be curious about. They also do their own analysis and feedback. Sometimes you agree with them and sometimes you don’t, but it’s always interesting and informative and done very professionally.”

A Lasting Partnership

Without Frostburg State in the community, LFM would have to look to institutions or cities an hour away or more to find the students with the necessary education and personal trainers who have a certification – which is required at LFM.

Life Fitness Management hasn’t had to face that problem since starting eight years ago. “Frostburg provides us with a whole cadre of potential employees,” Schwab Owens said.

“It’s been such a privilege and an honor to have the relationship with Frostburg that we have,” Schwab Owens said. “They’ve been great partners helping us be successful at what we do.” ■



David Cooper ’16

Ugandan Expeditions:

IMPROVING LIVES AND OPENING EYES

By Harriet Douglas M'96

It was not the sight of elephants in the fields, or the hippos lounging in the Nile River or even the baboons sitting by the roadside that were the most memorable experiences that six students brought back from their journey to Uganda this spring.

It was the children at Pagway Primary School who captured their hearts and changed their lives.

In March 2016, six young women, all members of FSU's President's Leadership Circle, traveled to Uganda, continuing a five-year partnership between Frostburg State University and Water School Uganda. Water School Uganda's mission is to bring hygiene education and safe drinking water methods to rural schools and villages and reduce the incidence of disease and illness in the population of those areas.

The students spent several days at Pagway Primary School, a full day's drive from the capital city, Kampala. The school serves just over 900 students and is situated at the Nile River, the primary source of water for the villages in the area.

Both humans and animals use the Nile, making the water anything but potable. Enter Water School Uganda, which promotes the drinking water sanitation method known as SODIS, which stands for solar disinfection.

River water is poured through a cloth filter into clear plastic bottles. As long as the spread fingers of the person holding the bottle can be seen from the other side of the bottle, the water is capable of being disinfected using the SODIS method. The bottles are set to lie in the sun for a day (two days if it is cloudy),



Elle Wilson '16 hands out school supplies to students at Pagway Primary School.

and the UV rays of the sun kill organisms in the water that cause illness in humans. The SODIS method only works between 35 degrees north and south of the equator.

In 2015, Frostburg students visited Pagway Primary School and built a corral for the SODIS racks in the schoolyard, as well as "tippy taps," simply constructed outdoor water stands positioned close to three blocks of latrines for the students to use for handwashing. They also provided bottles for water for all the pupils, donated games and sports materials, taught the pupils how to brush their teeth well and discussed feminine hygiene with the girls in the school. Since then, the school and immediate area have been dubbed "Frostburg Village" in acknowledgement of the connection to a university half a world away.

The school's head teacher told the 2016 students what had resulted from the previous year's support: Enrollment increased since the introduction of SODIS has motivated the pupils. Since the students don't have to search for water, classroom control is better. Academic performance has improved, absenteeism due to illness has been reduced, and fewer students complain of stomach aches from drinking contaminated water.

The Pagway students demonstrated the SODIS method and the construction of tippy taps to the FSU students, indicating how the lessons students had been taught over the previous years were being handed down and even were spreading to the surrounding villages, where some new tippy taps had been erected. The goal of Water School Uganda is to teach water disinfection and basic hygiene methods and encourage the children to take that knowledge home with them to their villages.



Gabrielle Cousino '16 is surrounded by Pagway students. Getting to know these children was the highlight of each Frostburg student's experience.

Warm Welcome

When the FSU students first arrived at Pagway School, they were delighted to be greeted by children so excited to meet them, surrounding them with their joy and love. The brightness of the children's smiles, however, was in sharp contrast to the drabness of the two classroom buildings. Several hundred children sat on wooden benches behind long tables in rooms with dirt floors and dark, unpainted walls. The shortage of space in the classroom left the younger children to gather under trees in the yard for their lessons.

Every child had his or her own water bottle, but books and writing utensils were few. The FSU students brought pencils and pens, as well as some playground balls, to give to the children.

For this visit from Frostburg, the students' main project was painting the inside and outside of one of the large classroom buildings. Although the work was difficult and dirty and the heat was intense, the students soon recognized how beautifying the building would enhance the children's educational experience.

"I never would have thought that painting a school building would be something that truly transformed a village community," said Elle Wilson '16.

Many buildings in Uganda are painted in bright colors, with one color on the upper half of the building and another on the lower half. The building's look improved simply when the school's walls were primed with white paint. Then, both inside and outside walls were painted a light orange on the top half and light blue on the lower half. By the end of the



From left, Elle Wilson '16, Jocelyn Williams '16, Katie McCartney '16, Gabrielle Cousino '16, Sarah Deprey-Severance '16 and India Lacey '16 show off their paintwork at Pagway Primary School.

project, students and teachers were eagerly helping the Frostburg students beautify their school.

The FSU women also performed another service at Pagway School, teaching a lesson on feminine hygiene to the older girls. The goal was to help girls understand the natural process of menstruation and how to maintain their personal cleanliness. An equally important goal was to help them understand that they could choose to continue attending school even after they began menstruating.

The children of Pagway Primary School – Frostburg Village – are benefiting from the lessons they have learned about hygiene and safe drinking water as well as a much more inviting school, thanks to their friends from Frostburg. They have no idea, however, how much the FSU students have learned from and been inspired by them in return. ■

TRANSFORMATION Without and Within

A couple of coats of paint transformed a school building, but those who painted felt their lives were transformed as well.

"My entire perspective of the world and life is changed," said Katie McCartney '16. "... I see every day differently, and I see my future differently. ... I feel like it is now my social responsibility to give back to those in the world that really need [help]."

Although she always understood that she lives a "privileged existence," Sarah Deprey-Severance '16 said that understanding is deeper now that she has met "people who live daily with the challenge of getting clean water for themselves and their families."

"Having a global perspective completely changes your outlook on life," said Jocelyn Williams '16. She expressed how important it is that FSU maintain a partnership with Water School Uganda. "I don't think there is a more worthy, virtuous organization and group of people that FSU could support."

India Lacey '16 echoed the need to continue support of Water School Uganda because "Frostburg State University has a family [in Uganda] and needs to help any way we can."

"They took us all in like family, and they have loved each of us since," said Gabrielle Cousino '16. "... I can't wait to go back."

This kind of transformative experience was not limited to the most recent group of travelers. Past President's Leadership Circle members have returned from serving in Uganda with a passion for service.

Sheena Willison Buskirk '13 was questioning her desire to pursue a career in medicine just prior to her graduation. While in Uganda, she connected with Water School Uganda's team, along with other professionals working in medicine and the nonprofit sector. As a result, her desire to serve was renewed, and she is now a student at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine pursuing her doctorate in Osteopathy. Following her recent marriage to David Buskirk '12, the pair donated funds in honor of their wedding guests to Water School Uganda.

Tara Devezin '13 realized her passion for public health from her Uganda service. She recently graduated from the University of Pittsburgh's School of Public and International Affairs and works as an HIV/AIDS and infectious disease senior program coordinator at Jhpiego, a nonprofit global health affiliate of the Johns Hopkins University.

Other PLC members touched by the work in Uganda include Micayla Bowman '12, currently studying biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame; Mike Schoelen '14, a postgraduate research fellow at the Library of Congress; and Jason Moxley '14, who works for USAID and who helped to bring Jamez Muzinga, a main contact at Water School Uganda, to FSU in 2014.

The partnership between FSU and Water School Uganda began five years ago with hopes of providing transformative experiential learning opportunities. Doug Baer, FSU director of Leadership and Experiential Learning, who has worked closely with Water School Uganda to continue the activities, would like to see the partnership continue "to help provide such amazing life-changing experiences to our students here and at Pagway Primary School."

– Harriet Douglas M'96



Sarah Deprey-Severance '16 applies primer to the school's exterior walls.



Pagway District women collect drinking water from the Nile River that will be sanitized through solar disinfection (SODIS).

To learn more about the mission and activities of Water School Uganda, visit www.waterschool.com/uganda.

To watch *A Simpler Way*, an award-winning documentary highlighting the beginnings of this partnership, visit www.frostburg.edu/ses-uganda.

THE FROSTBURG FIVE

By Charles Schelle



The Frostburg Groffs, from left, are **Erin '16**, **Maureen '16**, **Ian '16**, **Diana '15** and **Eric '16**.

It might be understandable for quintuplets – three sisters and two brothers – to choose different colleges after being together from the womb to 12th grade. Being called simply “Groff” in their high school hallways – not being addressed as **Diana**, **Eric**, **Erin**, **Ian** or **Maureen** – grew tiresome.

“People didn’t bother to learn our first names,” Erin said.

It turns out that another four years together ended up being the best way for each sibling to find his or her own path. Being recognized as an individual was important, but so was family.

Each of the 22-year-old Groffs found that balance at Frostburg, where all five earned their bachelor’s degree this past academic year.

“I like the independence I felt when I was here,” Diana said. “Maybe that’s from being

in a big family where I never felt I had that until now.”

“I had my own little niche that I could fit into,” Maureen added, “but then I lived with my sisters, so I could still come home and have their support.”

The three sisters led the way to Frostburg. “[Frostburg] happened to have majors we were all interested in,” Diana said.

Ian and Eric were considering art schools elsewhere, but decided they liked what Frostburg had to offer, beyond being near their sisters. The expense of the other schools sealed the deal.

“I was attracted to their acceptance of all kinds of art,” Eric said. “At some colleges, I felt like I couldn’t really find my place there because I feel like I do very specific artwork with graphic novels and illustration. ...”

“It turns out I was right,” he added. “I think I got the best education in the area.”

Parents Teresa and Bill Groff of Jefferson, Md., were prepared for anything. You have to be when you have quintuplets.

The decision turned out better than expected for a family trying to provide for five children born at once. After learning about their situation, FSU also provided a multi-child discount to help ease the burden.

“We were relieved they were all going to Frostburg,” Teresa said. “We were just glad to have them in one place because, logistically, that would be easier.”

Even better – FSU had a major for each of them.

“We were thrilled they each could major in something that Frostburg offered,” Dad Bill said. “If they had been at two or three different colleges, that would have been rough.”

Get To Know the Groffs

Diana has a head start on her siblings, graduating in December 2015 with a biology degree, completing a pre-medical track. She’s working as a manufacturing lab technician at MedImmune laboratory in Frederick and considering pursuing a master’s degree.

“I had a lot of AP credits from high school, and I took a couple of extra classes my senior year to graduate a little earlier,” Diana said, which allowed her to leap ahead. “I just wanted to be in the real world as soon as I could to see what it’s like.”

She’s thankful FSU prepared her for her first job.

“Throughout college I was changing my mind what I wanted to do with my biology degree, thinking about nursing, then research,” she said. “My professors were really helpful telling me about programs at [the National Institutes of Health] and FDA.”

Eric and **Ian** saw a lot of each other, both being fine art majors with illustration concentrations.

Eric focused on fantasy illustration, refining the detail of his characters. As part of a public art project, he created a series of miniature robots that were placed on Frostburg businesses downtown.

He also worked alongside acclaimed graphic novelist Dennis Calero for an independent study, which helped prepare him for the business side of art. Eric wants to publish his own graphic novel, sell his prints online and do commissioned pieces.

“I was really interested in comics, and I wanted to get better at my own making of them. I didn’t know where to take that or how hard I would have to work to get there,” Eric said. “Listening to (Calero’s) life story, it gave me a lot of confidence that I was heading in the right direction.”

Ian also specializes in fantasy and science fiction but prefers paint where Eric focuses on printmaking.

“I really grew as a person and as an artist learning about the field, and I think I can be successful afterward,” Ian said. Ian also worked alongside Calero.

“We did several pages of penciled work, and then we learned how to ink the pencils we drew,” Ian said. “Dennis guided us through the whole process and how to successfully draw and what not to do.”

Maureen, a theatre major, has spent her time in the spotlight, most recently starring as Scout in *To Kill a Mockingbird* and spending three months preparing for *Romeo and Juliet: Choose Your Own Ending* because of the multiple conclusions.

“The shows have definitely been the heart and soul of my time at Frostburg,” Maureen said.

Mockingbird was a particularly moving experience from the combination of a big



Maureen Groff starred in a number of theatre productions in her FSU career, including *Pinkalicious the Musical*.

audience, positive feedback and the timeliness of Harper Lee’s surprise release of *Go Set a Watchman*, followed by the author’s death days before the opening of the FSU production.

“It was kind of electric in a sense because there was so much anticipation,” she said. “The story was so known and loved. People had expectations for it, and that was kind of daunting.”

Erin is the second scientist, an earth science major who specializes in soil conservation. Being in a science-related field helped her forge her own identity, with her own set of friends for the most part.

“People know me without knowing my siblings necessarily, but even the ones that do, I’m my own person,” Erin said.

Erin’s undergraduate research involved studying why a boulder plateau exists in the Dolly Sods federally protected wilderness near Davis, W.Va., when there aren’t any boulders at the bottom of the mountain.

“There isn’t a good explanation in the scientific community right now of how these boulder fields form,” Erin said. Her work involved mapping over Google Earth imagery to find clues.

“I think it would be cool to be one of the people working toward learning what

put boulders there, because it wasn’t glacier activity.”

Still, like her siblings and parents, she has an artistic side, and picked up a minor in fine art.

After going their own ways each day, the siblings would reconvene in Edgewood Commons where the brothers lived in an apartment one floor above the sisters.

They would tag along to watch Maureen’s performances, see the unveiling of Eric and Ian’s latest masterpieces, see pictures from Diana’s field trips, support Diana and Erin at the Undergraduate Research Symposiums, or just hang out, make dinner together and watch a movie.

“We all try to support each other as much as we can,” Maureen said.

Separate Ways

As each of the Groffs prepared to receive their degrees at commencement, they realized that the ride of being together in one place was ending. The uncertainty is bittersweet.

“I think we’re pretty close as far as siblings go, and I’m really lucky to have done this with them,” Diana said.

Erin’s soil conservation work will likely land her at a government agency, and could see her stay in the region in or near Washington, D.C. Diana has settled in her new job in Frederick, just up the road from the family home in Jefferson.

Ian wants to work for a comic book publisher, which could take him anywhere, and he wants to publish his own work. And Eric has plans of his own to sell his artwork and potentially pursue a comic book publishing career, too.

Maureen’s career could take her to New York or Los Angeles, but she’s focusing on establishing herself in the region first, hoping to land roles with a nearby theatre troupe. She said it’s a little scary that this ride has come to an end.

“I consider myself really lucky because friends can come and go, but family is always here,” Maureen said.

There’s still a possibility another Groff could attend FSU. Their little brother Duncan is 15. The budding artist and video producer will soon be looking at colleges.

“We tell him, ‘Of course it’s your choice, but you’re going to Frostburg, right?’” Maureen said.

No pressure, kid. ■



Eric Groff won the opportunity to create public art, themed robots displayed on downtown Frostburg businesses.

WINTER/SPRING SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS:

25	All-CAC honorees
7	ECAC All-Stars
7	All-Region honorees
1	CAC Men's Outdoor Track & Field Champion
1	Men's Track & Field ECAC Outdoor Champion
1	CAC Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Keeler Doubles Up on Academic All-American Honors



Zach Keeler

Bobcat baseball player **Zach Keeler '15** carried a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout his four years as a student-athlete at Frostburg State. But just as impressive, Keeler became Frostburg's first two-time College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American in a male sport after earning the honor last spring as well.

This season, Keeler was named a First Team Academic All-American as a catcher after garnering second-team honors a year ago as a designated hitter.

Tavik's All-American Talent

Junior softball standout **Hannah Tavik** became the program's second All-American this past spring after garnering Third Team All-American honors according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA). Tavik also earned NFCA First Team All-Region honors and was an All-Capital Athletic Conference Second Team selection.

Tavik earned All-American honors as both a hitter and pitcher. She led the Bobcats in batting average (.444), slugging percentage (.674), RBI (49), hits (64) and runs (31). As a pitcher, she finished with a 13-2 overall record with 86 strikeouts.



Hannah Tavik

Men's Lacrosse Nets All-American Hat Trick



Tom Kraemer

Erik Geiser

Spenser Love

The Frostburg men's lacrosse team turned in another stellar spring and two players were named All-Americans for their play on the field. The Bobcats also received a pair of Scholar All-American awards for their work in the classroom.

Seniors **Tom Kraemer '15** and **Erik Geiser** were named United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) All-Americans in late May. The

award is the second straight All-American honor for Kraemer, and he becomes the first two-time All-American in the history of the men's lacrosse program. Meanwhile, Geiser led the nation in face-winning percentage (.730).

Both Kraemer and Geiser captured All-Capital Athletic Conference honors and represented Frostburg at the 75th USILA/Nike North-South Game.

For their classroom accomplishments, Kraemer and fellow senior **Spenser Love '15** (*see related stories, p.28*) were named USILA Division III Scholar All-Americans. Kraemer finished his career with a 3.389 GPA, while majoring in information technology, and Love carried a 3.743 GPA and majored in engineering.



J.R. Lowery

Lowery's Spring Throwdown

Junior thrower **J.R. Lowery** posted an outdoor season to remember this spring for the Frostburg track & field team. Lowery finished off his spectacular outdoor season by taking 19th place at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the shot put and 18th in the hammer throw.

In total, Lowery set the outdoor record in the shot put four times and the hammer throw on two more occasions. In late April, Lowery was invited to the historic Penn Relays, the longest uninterrupted collegiate track & field meet in the country.

Lowery didn't just perform well, but he proved he can compete with top-notch Division I athletes. He took fifth in the shot put at 16.95 meters, outdistancing every DIII competitor and nearly 20 Division I throwers.

Just prior to the Penn Relays, the Capital Athletic Conference announced its All-CAC teams, and Lowery captured two first-team all-conference awards after winning the shot put (17.33m) and hammer throw (51.63m). He didn't just win both events; he also set the school record and CAC Championship Meet Record in the shot put.

Lowery climbed as high as fourth in the nation in the shot put and was ranked first in the Mideast Region. In the hammer, he climbed as high as 16th and was the region's No. 2 thrower.

Hall of Fame Ceremony to Induct Five, Honor Milestone Teams

Five former student-athletes will be inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame at the ceremony on Friday, Oct. 21, during Homecoming. The ceremony will also honor the women's lacrosse program and honor the successes of the 1991 men's soccer, women's basketball and women's lacrosse teams.



Kevin Culbert '06



Jennifer Hawk '90



Karen Kotofski '05



Cynthia Reese '03/M'04



Tracey Shelley '86

Kevin Culbert '06 is one of the most decorated football players in the 55-year history of the Bobcat program. As a senior, Culbert was named a *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* All-American First Team selection and a D3football.com All-American Second Team honoree. Culbert, the *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* All-South Region Defensive Lineman of the Year as a senior, led all of NCAA Division III football in season tackles for loss (33.0), sacks per game (1.5) and season sacks (17.0). Culbert is third all-time in NCAA Division III in career tackles for loss (87.5) and seventh in career sacks (38.5). Culbert is also fourth all-time among all NCAA divisions in tackles for losses.

Jennifer Hawk '90 is the only javelin All-American in the 42-year history of the women's track & field program. Hawk set the school record in the javelin three times and holds the current record (141 ft. 7 in.). Voted Frostburg's Most Outstanding Thrower following her senior season, Hawk is a two-time Mason-Dixon Conference Champion and two-time ECAC Champion and earned All-American honors in each of her final two seasons.

Karen Kotofski '05 is the all-time leading goal scorer (83) and point producer (192) for the Bobcat women's soccer program. She is the program's first and Frostburg's second-ever Academic All-American and was the two-time Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Player of the Year, four-time All-AMCC First Team honoree and three-time National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Great Lakes Region selection. She

helped the Bobcats win four straight AMCC Tournament Championships along with four-consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, the best four-year run in program history.

Cynthia Reese '03/M'04 was a three-sport standout athlete for the Bobcat track & field, field hockey and swimming programs. She totaled 14 varsity letters across all three sports and set four FSU records in three different sports as a senior in 2003. In her senior season, she set Frostburg records in the one-meter (252.45 pts.) and three-meter dives (444.25 pts.) as part of the swimming team, while in track, she set the indoor (10 ft. 6 in.) and outdoor (10 ft. 6.25 in.) pole vault records.

Tracey Shelley '86 is the third-ever All-American in the 46-year history of the Frostburg field hockey program. She was twice named a Regional All-American and was twice selected as the program's most Outstanding Defense Award Winner. The field hockey program rose to national prominence during her athletic career, and she was named a captain of the nationally ranked Bobcats during her final year. She also helped Frostburg to three NCAA Tournaments and three Maryland State Championships.

decades. Accomplishments such as nine All-Americans, 315 total wins, being Maryland State Champions three times and six seasons with 10 or more wins will be recognized during the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony during Homecoming.

25-year Honoree Teams at a Glance

1991 Men's Soccer

- Coach Jay Hegeman
- Finished 17-2-1
- First team and one of just two teams in school history to win 17 games
- Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) South Region Finalists
- Eastern States Athletic Conference (ESAC) Champions
- Second-fewest goals allowed in school history, 10
- Posted a school record 12 shutouts

1990-91 Women's Basketball

- Coach Jim Crawley
- Finished 26-2
- Most wins, fewest losses and best winning percentage in school history
- NCAA Tournament participants
- NCAA Sweet 16: Only appearance in school history
- ESAC Champions

1991 Women's Lacrosse

- Coach Sharon Irwin
- ECAC and Maryland State Champions
- Posted a school record 15-1 overall

For information on the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner, email alumni@frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4068. Reservations are required.



For the Love of the Game Lacrosse Player Conquers Records and Cancer

By Megan Woodward, *The Carroll County Times*

Lacrosse runs in **Spenser Love**’s family and he’s played since he was 6 years old.

When the 2012 Winters Mill graduate and Frostburg State men’s lacrosse player was diagnosed with testicular cancer in early June 2015, it took a swing at Love’s ability to stay energized.

Once the diagnosis came, he had surgery within a week of his initial discovery. After the surgery, Love had multiple follow-up procedures and began chemotherapy treatments that lasted for about six weeks.

“I was scared at first, but I could see the fear in my parents’ eyes, and no parent ever wants to hear that their child has cancer,” Love said. “I flipped a switch and said I would beat this for them and that I wouldn’t let it bring me down.”

His father, Stew, recalled the events of that week as if they had just unfolded.

“It knocks the wind out of you completely, and then you try to focus on what you can do to help,” Stew said. “I couldn’t focus on work at all, and you would never think this would happen to your 20-year-old son.”

According to the Testicular Cancer Society’s website, the disease accounts for about 1 percent of all male cancers, but it is the most common form in men ages 15 to 35. It is one of the most treatable cancers, with a near 100 percent survival rate if caught early, but that percentage drops to 74 if it’s found later.

Approximately one in 250 men will be diagnosed with testicular cancer, but one in 5,000 men will die from it, the website said.

Bobcats coach **Tommy Pearce** was on a recruiting trip when he got a text asking if he heard about Spenser’s condition. It was only June and the team wouldn’t reunite again until school started in late August.

For Pearce, that was the most frustrating.

“The guys weren’t together, so there wasn’t anything we could do right away,” Pearce said. “I reached out to him individually, and the guys on the team immediately asked what they could do for him. He was home with his

friends and family, and we knew that if we showed our support in any way we could, he would know and feel that.”

When word of Love’s diagnosis spread, **Michael Kibler**, his longtime best friend and teammate, said the Bobcats used a group chat to figure out ways they could rally behind him.

One of their senior teammates designed a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on campus in the fall to raise awareness for testicular cancer.

“It was tough and none of us believed that such a good guy would have to go through this,” said Kibler. “We knew that if anyone could beat cancer it would be him because he’s one of the toughest kids I know.”



Love Awarded CAC Medal of Inspiration

The Capital Athletic Conference honored former Frostburg men’s lacrosse standout **Spenser Love ’16** as one of the league’s Medal of Inspiration Award winners.

This past spring, Love became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer and was named to the All-CAC Second Team. The league honored Love, however, for what he overcame away from the playing field, being diagnosed with testicular cancer, then undergoing surgery and chemotherapy, yet still returning to play lacrosse for the Bobcats during his senior year.

Love was determined to end his senior year on a high note. He led Frostburg in points (61), goals (34) and assists (27), added 53 ground balls and posted a team-best four man-up goals.

Love also became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer (131) and was selected to the All-Capital Athletic Conference Second Team. He helped the Bobcats to a 15-4 overall record, the nation’s No. 15 national ranking and a spot in the CAC Tournament semifinals. In June he was one of two Bobcats named as U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association’s Division III Scholar All-Americans.

During Spenser’s recovery process, his family did everything they could to remain lighthearted.

“His energy level was down, especially during his chemotherapy; it’s so brutal, and my heart goes out to anyone who goes through that,” Stew Love said. “He tried to keep a sense of humor through it, and we’re very sarcastic in our house so we tried to make jokes with him.”

Pearce said Spenser was enrolled in a summer class at the University of Maryland (Love is a graduate of the FSU/UMCP collaborative

“I really wanted to get back to work. It just made me want to work harder, and it gave me an edge to be the best that I can be.”

— Spenser Love ’16

mechanical engineering program) when he was diagnosed and didn’t miss a day of school or fall lacrosse after his treatments were over. He was present at every practice and team obligation and never wanted to portray himself as a victim.

After all, it was the last year Love would get to play the sport he loved so much. Cancer couldn’t possibly get in the way of that.

“I really wanted to get back to work,” he said. “It just made me want to work harder, and it gave me an edge to be the best that I can be. There were a lot of down days but I just had to keep pushing through the best I could.”

Push through, he did. He led Frostburg in points, goals and assists and became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer. (*See related story.*)

Pearce said that Love, at 5-foot-6, didn’t necessarily pass the “eye test” during recruiting season, but that changed quickly.

“You tend to look for the guys that are big and strong, but he can score three to four goals a game and a smaller guy can get underestimated,” Pearce said. “I recruited him pretty hard, and he started from day one. A lot of people figure he’s a little guy so they’ll put a short stick on him, but he just plugs away and wants to prove people wrong.”

Spenser and four of his five siblings have been named *Carroll County Times* all-county lacrosse players for Winters Mill. Spenser and his brother Travis each earned Player of the Year honors. And their youngest brother, Bubba, was a freshman last spring on the Winters Mill varsity squad.

Spenser’s 176 career goals at Winters Mill made him the Falcons’ all-time goals leader.

“High school lacrosse helped me a lot because I was pretty good there and now I’m decent here, too,” Spenser said. “My coach puts me in the right spots and I just worked hard in the off-season to try to get as good as I can.”

The sport gave Spenser a light at the end of the tunnel, even on his down days. Stew said that the belief is that Spenser is cured, but he will get CAT scans for the next seven years to be sure.

Stew Love is in the process of creating a foundation called “LOVE Strong 51” (51 is Spenser’s uniform number) to also raise awareness for the disease.

“He just wanted to make sure that those who got it handled it as diligently as he did,” Pearce said. “It’s such a fast-moving cancer and his family’s goal is help others understand that kids his age are prime targets, so everyone that gets it can act quickly to have the success story he’s had.”

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Shattuck Sweeps Up at U.S. Paralympic Team Trials

Zach Shattuck’s incredible swimming career continues to glitter with gold.

Shattuck picked up four gold medals and broke two Class SB6 Paralympic American records at the U.S. Paralympic Swim Trials in Charlotte, N.C., this summer. That brings his total to 30 broken records in the SB6 Paralympic books, in both short-course and long-course meters and yard distances.

“It was a really cool opportunity to be in contention for a spot on the Paralympic team and to be able to represent my country,” said Shattuck.

The rising junior set an American record in the 200-meter individual medley (3:01.09) and in the 100-meter freestyle (1:13.73). Despite his records, the complex Paralympic criteria that compare athletes’ cumulative times with the rest of the world kept Shattuck off the U.S. team, but he may be an alternate.

“I couldn’t be more proud of all Zach has accomplished at trials and in the past 20 months. He only started swimming competitively over 20 months ago, and I believe he is on pace to be one of the best in the world,” head coach Justin Anderson said. “He makes us all proud to be Bobcats.”



Zach Shattuck

Athletes Ace Classroom Playbook

Frostburg State athletics is proud to celebrate the academic achievement of 147 student-athletes who were named to All-Academic teams following the conclusion of the spring 2016 semester.

Capital Athletic Conference

The Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) honored 140 Bobcat student-athletes with All-CAC Academic honors following the 2015-16 academic year. In total, 76 women student-athletes and 64 men were recognized by CAC for maintaining a 3.20 GPA throughout the year. Nineteen student-athletes boasted a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout the year, while 73 of the 140 student-athletes have made the list in previous years.

Women’s soccer boasted the highest number of honorees with 18, while the men’s lacrosse team had 17.

New Jersey Athletic Conference

Seven Bobcat football student-athletes were recognized as All-Academic selections by the New Jersey Athletic Conference after they carried a 3.2 GPA during the fall 2015 semester. Senior **Josh Burch** and junior **Aaron Turner** had the highest GPAs of the seven at 3.74 and 3.63, respectively.



Putts and Punts

What do you get when football players show up at the golf course? You get the annual Football Golf Outing and Reunion that has been going on for nine years now. This group tackled the links in June at Rocky Gap Casino and Resort. Pictured in the first row, from left, are **Brandon Reece ’98**, **Pete Forno ’98**, **Aaron Deeb ’03/M’05**, **Billy Jackson ’03/M’07**, **Steven Handshoe ’06**, **Rubin Stevenson**, **Vince Stofa ’96**, **Keith Arnold ’97/M’00**, **Darrius Smith ’95**, **Jason Henry**, **Herb Thomas ’96** and **A.J. Bell ’95**. In the second row, from left, are **Tye Hiatt**, **Pete Mayer**, **Brian Goodger ’97/M’06**, **Tim Stevens**, **Wes Whalen ’97**, **Robert Croyle**, **Ben Crowder ’11**, **Alex Baldwin ’14**, **Derek Kirk ’01**, **Matt Cornelius ’00**, **Steve Erxleben ’02**, **Jason VanMeter ’01**, **DeLane Fitzgerald**, **Nick Rosati ’15**, **Bryan Wilson**, **Tim Feldman ’95** and **Ken Emmons, Jr. ’15**. In the third row, from left, are **Mo Cifuenetes**, **John Kelling**, **Brian Ball ’02**, **Ed Bricker**, **Jason Andrick ’97**, **Scott Haupt ’14** and **Ken Emmons, Sr.**

October 20-23 HOMECOMING '16

Join us for a weekend celebrating FSU!

Meet up with friends and faculty, enjoy some great food and festivities, and check out what's new around campus. Don't miss all the Homecoming athletic events, and top it all off with our late-night party, the Frostburg Finale!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Noon, Room 397, Gira Center

Retired Employee Luncheon

By invitation only, RSVP Deadline: Oct. 12.

7:00 - 8:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

Pep Rally

Sponsored by the Student Homecoming Committee

7:30 pm, Drama Theatre, PAC

Department of Theatre students present

Around the World in 80 Days

By Jules Verne, adapted by Laura Eason

\$7 students, \$14 general public

Tickets go on sale Sept. 19, Box Office, 301.687.7462

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 am - Noon, Campus wide

Career Expo - "REACH!"

For more information, contact Dr. Robbie Cordle or Donna Sivic, Office of Career Services, at 301.687.4403.

Noon - 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building

Art Exhibit: Robert Ladislav Derr Photography

5:00 pm, Lane University Center

Bobcat Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony & Dinner

Join us to welcome five new inductees, commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Women's Lacrosse Program and celebrate the 1990-91 Women's Basketball Team, 1991 Women's Lacrosse Team and 1991 Men's Soccer Team. **RSVP Deadline: Oct. 12.** Cost: \$30/adult, \$12/Children 12 and under. CASH BAR. No walk-ins admitted.

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8:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

Chris Tucker

Homecoming weekend blasts off with a sidesplitting comedy show from this award-winning actor and comedian. Tickets go on-sale Sept. 1. Call the Box Office at 301.687.3137, online at ces.frostburg.edu, or visit the Box Office in the LUC.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Stadium Lot

Tailgating

FREE parking on a first-come, first-served basis. Stop by the Alumni Tent for giveaways and refreshments. For a complete list of rules and regulations, visit our website at www.frostburg.edu/homecoming.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Lobby, LUC

Alumni Welcome Center

Refreshments, games and activities for the kids! Update contact information, leave a note for fellow alumni and register for awesome prizes.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm, ARMAH, LUC

Jim Anderson Memorial

Baseball Brunch

RSVP Deadline: Oct. 12. Cost: \$20/adult, \$10/children 12 and under. No walk-ins admitted. Co-sponsored by the Frostburg Baseball Alumni Association.

10:00 am, Multimedia Learning Center, Gira Center

Solar Superstorm

\$1.00/adult, FREE/under 18 years of age. CASH ONLY at door. Please arrive five minutes prior to show. Show runs approx. 40 minutes.

11:00 am, Lobby, LUC

Walking Campus Tour

Get up close and personal with the buildings you grew to love!

11:00 am, Multimedia Learning Center, Gira Center

Solar Superstorm

\$1.00/adult, FREE/under 18 years of age. CASH ONLY at door. Please arrive five minutes prior to show. Show runs approx. 40 minutes.

11:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

Volleyball Tri-Match

Frostburg State University, Goucher College and St. Mary's College of Maryland
FREE Admission

Noon, South Addition, LUC

Accounting Alumni Luncheon

Sponsored by the FSU Accounting Association and the FSU Alumni Association. By invitation only. **RSVP Deadline: Oct. 12.**

Noon - 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building

Art Exhibit: Robert Ladislav Derr Photography

12:30 pm, Baseball Locker Room, Cordts PE Center

Baseball Locker Room

Ribbon Cutting

Join us as we officially open this state of the art facility and honor individuals who have sponsored lockers.

1:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium

Football Game

Bobcats vs. Christopher Newport University
FREE Admission

5:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium

Women's Soccer Game

Bobcats vs. Marymount University
FREE Admission



CHRIS TUCKER

Friday, Oct. 21 - 8 PM

Main Arena, Cordts PE Center (see info below)

5:00 pm, Multimedia Learning Center, Gira Center

Solar Superstorm

\$1.00/adult, FREE/under 18 years of age. CASH ONLY at door. Please arrive five minutes prior to show. Show runs approx. 40 minutes.

7:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium

Men's Soccer Game

Bobcats vs. Marymount University
FREE Admission

7:30 pm, Drama Theatre, PAC

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9:00 pm - 1:00 am, LUC

Frostburg Finale

\$10 FSU Student, \$15 FSU Alumni
Includes: DJ, karaoke, dueling piano bar, photo booth, food and more! CASH BAR with complimentary snacks. Tickets go on sale Sept. 1. Call the Box Office at 301.687.3137, visit the Box Office in the LUC or online: www.frostburg.edu/studenteventstix

11:00 pm - 2:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

Student Homecoming Dance

Sponsored by the Student Homecoming Committee. Tickets go on-sale Oct. 10. Call the Box Office at 301.687.3137, visit the Box Office in the LUC or online: www.frostburg.edu/studenteventstix

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:30 am, Room 397, Gira Center

Alumni Association Board of

Directors Meeting

All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend! For more information, call 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu.



10:00 am - 11:30 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

Men's Basketball Alumni Game

For more information, contact Coach Webb Hatch at whatch@frostburg.edu or 301.687.3093.

11:00 am, Bobcat Stadium

Field Hockey Game

Bobcats vs. Christopher Newport University
FREE Admission

11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

Women's Basketball Alumni Game

For more information, contact Coach Carrie Saunders at cesaunders@frostburg.edu or 301.687.3222

Noon - 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building

Art Exhibit: Robert Ladislav Derr Photography

Noon, Lobby, LUC

SGA Big Event

Join our students to clean up the streets of Frostburg! Sponsored by the Student Government Association

3:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

Volleyball Game

Bobcats vs. Marymount University
FREE Admission

FROSTBURG FINALE

Saturday, October 22
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM, LUC

Join fellow Bobcats for a fabulous night of music, games and great times!

- DJ | Karaoke | Dueling Piano Bar
- Photo Booth and more!
- Complimentary Snacks and CASH BAR

Cost: \$10 FSU student \ \$15 FSU Alumni
Valid ID required to enter, security check
For more information: alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.



To RSVP for any event

Unless otherwise noted, to RSVP for any event, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, call 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu. To register online, go to: www.frostburg.edu/homecoming.

LUC — Lane University Center
ARMAH — Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall
PAC — Performing Arts Center



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CLASSNOTES

ClassNotes listed are those received as of June 15, 2016.

1951

Dorothy Wilson Workman was selected as the recipient of the 2015 Service to Agriculture Award from the Allegany County (Md.) Farm Bureau for her efforts to promote agriculture education and awareness of the importance of the role of the farmer in everyday life.

1966

Charles K. Planner was recently elected as mayor of Federalsburg, Md. He was first elected to the town council in 2013 and is a retired teacher who also runs a photography studio and framing shop.



White Receives Goldenrath Award

Retired Air Force Col. Donald J. White '75, center, received the Walter and Sylvia Goldenrath Award, presented to a member of the Aerospace Medical Association who has made the most significant contribution in the field of aerospace physiology, at the organization's Annual Scientific Meeting. White was recognized for his exceptional leadership directing re-engineering, transformation and modernization of the USAF Aerospace and Operational Physiology Program.

As associate corps chief and surgeon's consultant, he integrated the program's historic aircrew training foundation with enhanced human performance and human factors applications. His guidance led the Air Force chief of staff to establish a lead command, training system program management and designation as a non-aircraft weapon system. He has had an operational career that included assignment experience in acquisition, research, development, test and evaluation, education, aircrew training, operational physiology and operational safety.

Pictured with White, center, are, from left, Dr. Eduard M. Ricaurte, FAA Aerospace Medical Research Division; Dr. Carlos Salicrup, president of the International Association of Military Flight Surgeon Pilots; Dr. Eddie Tamburro, a geophysicist; and flight test engineer Dr. Dwight Holland.

1970

Larry D. Kump is a candidate for election to the West Virginia State Senate. He previously served as a delegate in the West Virginia House of Delegates (2011-2014) and has been persuaded to return to duty.

1973

Dr. Margaret Dowell received the Faculty Excellence Award Honoring Adjunct Faculty from the College of Southern Maryland in La Plata. In 2010, she co-edited a book, *Addiction and Art* (Johns Hopkins University Press) and then founded a related site that she edits: www.addiction-andart.org. The Addiction and Art concept utilizes artwork to promote needed dialogue about addiction and recovery.

1988

Dr. Mary Beth Hinkle Grove was named assistant superintendent of the Spring Grove Area School District in York County, Pa.

1989

Christopher Busky was named chief executive officer at the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), which represents physicians and scientists who specialize in research, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases. Christopher most recently served as executive vice president and chief operating officer at the Washington, D.C.-based Heart Rhythm Society, which represents healthcare professionals who specialize in heart rhythm disorders.

1990

Dr. Julie Gilliam received a doctorate in information and interaction design from the University of Baltimore.

1992

Troy Raines was elected as a board member of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. He also is chair of the Allegany County Department of Social Services Board.

1993

Lorie Warne Burdock was named the 2016-17 Garrett County Teacher of the Year. Lorie began teaching in Garrett County Schools in 1994. She has taught fourth grade, seventh-grade language and mathematics, and currently teaches sixth-grade science. Lorie is a Maryland Association of Student Councils advisor, FIRST LEGO League coach and FIRST Robotics competition mentor. "The greatest contribution I can make is empowering my students," she said.

Steven Weems, Calvert County commissioner, was chosen to participate in the professional development program Leadership Maryland, dedicated to building a stronger Maryland by educating, cultivating and connecting the state's brightest leaders.

1994

Diane Fike Emory was promoted to controller at First United Bank & Trust in Oakland, Md. Diane has more than 20 years of experience in the accounting industry

and has been with First United since 2004. In August 2015, Diane completed the three-year Maryland Banking School, graduating

with honors and receiving two distinguished awards for service to the community.

Angela Kokosko Ripley was nominated by President Obama for membership to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers. Angela has been the president of VW Brown Insurance Service since 2000, and she has served as national director for the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America since 2014.

1995

Matthew Kowalski became the Virginia Watershed Restoration scientist for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. He helps land-owners and farmers use best-management practices to protect and conserve their local streams.

1996

Dwayne Northcraft M'96 was appointed to the Pennsylvania Agriculture Education Advisory Committee. He is the superintendent of Berlin Brothersvalley School District.

1998

Barbara Resch Mullen M'98 was promoted to math instructional coach for Franklin County (N.C.) Schools. She completed her third master's degree in October 2014 in administration and supervision.



J. Brian Oettinger is one of four founding partners, all certified financial planners, of Vintage Financial Partners, a financial planning firm that opened in Rockville, Md., on Feb. 17.

1999



MaryBeth Hockenberry M'99, marketing director for Smith Elliott Kearns & Co. LLC, was appointed to the Business Development/Marketing Committee of Allinial

Global. MaryBeth's focus is to facilitate growth in each of the firm's regional offices



A Blessing of Bobcats

St. Andrew Apostle School in Silver Spring, Md., has an abundance of Frostburg spirit, with five grads on staff. From left are kindergarten teacher **Elesa Wilson Miller '80**, preschool teacher **Terry Batz Anastasi '83**, junior high social studies teacher **Peggy Oliverio Konieczka '80**, resource teacher **Angelina Hosinski McDermott '02** and first-grade teacher **Paula Launi Krichbaum '79**.

and within the firm's niche service areas. She is responsible for all aspects of marketing, communications and new business development.

Nicholas Damoulakis was appointed to the Board of Directors for Frederick County Bancorp, Inc., and Frederick County Bank. Nicholas is president of Orases, an interactive business and technology solutions provider focusing on dynamic and intuitive website design and user interfaces.

2000

Jake Dyer is employed with the Charles County Government in the Fiscal and Administrative Services Department, which was recognized by the Charles County Commissioners for earning the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

2001

Dr. Stephanie Marchbank M'06/D'15 was named the 2015-2016 State of Maryland VFW High School Teacher of the Year. The contest recognizes exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students.

2003

Tania Gaumer Pressman M'12, a fourth-grade teacher at Cresaptown (Md.) Elementary School, was selected as the

2016-17 Allegany County Teacher of the Year. During her term, she will be advocating for how hard all teachers work to raise up the students they teach. Tania serves on the School Improvement Team and is the chair of the Climate Action Team. She also sits on the Allegany County Teacher/Principal Evaluation Committee and is a voting member of the Allegany County Education Association.

2008

Matthew Ancarrow played the role of Sim in *Wild Oats*, a comic tale set in the age of sailors, at the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company in Baltimore.

Officer Stephen Riley IV, of the Alexandria (Va.) Police Department, was awarded the Bronze Medal for a heroic act of valor. He was also named the ASIS International National Capital Chapter Officer of the Year.

2010

Bethany Campbell graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit with a master's degree in library and information sciences. She completed an internship with the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C.

2012

Dillon Bishop was named Rookie Teacher of the Year for Marion County, Fla. He is a third-grade teacher at Dunnellon Elementary School.

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon 25th Anniversary Reunion
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October 19-22

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October 25-28

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FSU Campus
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On Nov. 9, 1966, Frostburg acknowledged Lambda Phi Delta on campus. The days we spent at Frostburg were some of the best days of our lives. Frostburg and our sorority sisters helped us to mature and grow into the fantastic women we are today. It is time to celebrate and reconnect with those that made this time so memorable. For information, on the events, how to RSVP and hotel rates, visit www.frostburg.edu/lpdast50. Hope to see you there!

50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Elks Lodge #470
126 E. Main Street, Frostburg, Md.

"Anchored in Tradition for 50 Years"
Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016
7:00 – 11:00 PM
Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel
10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Md.

Justin Good accepted the position of math tutor in the Academic Success Center at Potomac State College of West Virginia University in Keyser. Justin is responsible for tutoring students in developmental math up through calculus and physics courses. He also runs the mathematics lab for the Catamount Success

Academy at the college, which provides additional academic support.

Dr. Elizabeth Care joined the staff as a veterinarian at Western Maryland Animal Hospital in LaVale, Md. ■

Farewell and Thank You

Frostburg State University wishes the following faculty and staff the best of luck in their retirements:

Dr. Catherine Ashley-Cotleur, professor of marketing and finance, joined FSU in 1984.

Sandra Cannon, administrative assistant in Student and Community Involvement, joined FSU in 1990.

Dr. Craig Caupp, professor of geography, joined FSU in 1987.

Josephine Coburn, supervisor of Library Services, joined FSU in 1987.

Dr. Karla Diehl, associate professor of educational professions, joined FSU in 1993.

Dr. Charles Ewers, associate professor of English and foreign languages, joined FSU in 2001.

Barbara Filer, executive administrative assistant in University Advancement, joined FSU in 2000.

Lawrence Gingerich, coordinator of Safety and Sustainability, joined FSU in 2010.

Dr. Gloria Harrell-Cook, associate professor of management, joined FSU in 2002.

Dr. Richard Johnson, professor of accounting, joined FSU in 1984.

Avalon Ledong, coordinator of Compensation and Classification in Human Resources, joined FSU in 1994.

Dr. Joyce Middleton, professor of accounting, joined FSU in 1990.

Evelyn O'Baker, supervisor of Library Services, joined FSU in 2006.

Sheila Pappas, director of Special Academic Services, joined FSU in 1990.

Dr. Karen Parks, professor of mathematics, joined FSU in 1982.

Dr. Tyra Phipps, professor of mass communication, joined FSU in 1988.

Mary Ann Whetstone, housekeeper, joined FSU in 1997.

Frances Zembower, administrative assistant at Ort Library, joined FSU in 1972.

Retirements from April to August 2016 ■

Marriages

1962

Robert Wiles and his wife, Carolyn, will have been married 50 years on Dec. 26, 2016.

2010

Lisa Green married **Ben Crowder** '11/M'13 on May 14, 2016, in Frostburg, Md., where it all began.

Families

2001

Adam and Robin Platte Fitzpatrick announce the birth of their son, Rex Joseph, on April 29, 2016. Rex joins big sister, Reagan Hazel.

Stacy Ludwig Novotny and Tim Novotny '04 announce the birth of their son, Brycen Ludwig, on May 5, 2015. Brycen joins big brother, Braedyn.



Talia Warsaw '07 married Edward D'Adamo on May 2, 2015, surrounded by plenty of fellow alumni. Pictured are, front row from left, **Tawni Buck Kuhling '07**, Talia Warsaw D'Adamo and **Kimberly Ciriaco '06**; middle row, from left, **Morgan Whalen Fabber '07**, Laura Parsons Atkinson and **Jennifer Brygider Petersen '07**; back row, from left, **Daniel Dye '07**, **Elizabeth Armstrong Lynch '07**, **Stephen Wandishin '08** (UMCP/FSU program), **David "Z" Zangueneh '07**, Joseph Magnello, **John Bishop '04**, **Joseph Wandishin '05** and **Chase Atkinson '06**.

Also in attendance but not pictured were **Michael Petersen '08**, **Jennifer Wandishin '07**, **Bryan Rewers '05** and Charlie Atkinson.

2010



Sasha Werner Leasure and her husband, Blaine, announce the birth of their daughter, Berkley Masen, on June 10, 2015.

2009

Jacob and Nicole Umstot Schoenadel '11/M'13 announce the birth of their son, Caleb Michael, on April 26, 2016. ■

In Memoriam

Alumni

- 1939 Virginia R. Kuhn Draper** Jan. 27, 2016
- 1942 Leah A. Sheeley** Jan. 25, 2016
- 1944 Martha Eby Carrington** March 25, 2016
- 1950 James M. Skidmore** June 15, 2015
- 1953 Nina V. Lohr Miller** May 3, 2016
- 1954 Mary Elizabeth Marshall** April 18, 2016
- 1955 Beverly Merriman Roderick** April 3, 2016
- 1956 Donald E. Beeman** May 20, 2016
- Susan Mostoller Brown M'63** Jan. 10, 2016
- 1958 B. Carol Miller Barry** March 12, 2016
- 1960 William R. Matheney** March 11, 2016
- 1961 Julia B. Filer Felker M'66** March 18, 2016
- William R. Rooney M'68** Feb. 20, 2016
- 1962 Harold L. Humberson M'78** July 23, 2015
- Charles H. Sigler, Jr. M'71** Jan. 21, 2016
- Retired Navy Cmdr. John Turley, Jr.** Feb. 21, 2016
- L. Edward Witt III M'72** May 25, 2016
- 1963 Mary Alice Bender Crowe** May 11, 2016
- 1964 Patricia V. Ballentine Dolan** March 13, 2016
- 1965 Lawrence E. Cropp** Jan. 8, 2016
- James T. Nelson, Sr.** March 5, 2016
- Judith L. Riner Zumpano** Feb. 12, 2016
- 1967 Thomas E. Hudson, Jr. M'73** Jan. 9, 2016
- 1969 Larry B. Harden** Feb. 9, 2016
- 1971 Harry Tamotsu Takai, Jr.** Feb. 5, 2016
- Joseph W. Waters M'73** Feb. 17, 2015
- 1973 Robert F. Biggs M'73** April 1, 2016
- Roger J. Dale M'73** June 2, 2016
- 1974 Doris L. Opel Cooper** Nov. 19, 2015
- 1975 Hugh D. McClendon M'75** Feb. 23, 2016
- 1976 Deborah Lee Hile** Feb. 8, 2016

- Genevieve "Ginger" Intermont Pilkerton** Jan. 12, 2016
- 1977 Roy O. Faulkner** March 14, 2016
- Reta C. Johnson** Feb. 25, 2016
- Shirley A. Setzer Melton M'83** Feb. 23, 2016
- Magdalene Williams Sitar** Jan. 18, 2016
- 1978 James C. Acton** Feb. 14, 2016
- Paul W. Cairl M'78** Jan. 3, 2016
- Patrick L. Kelsey** March 28, 2016
- 1979 Shara Goodwin Cole** Jan. 20, 2016
- 1983 Leslie A. DiPasqua Goldman** Feb. 20, 2016
- Joseph M. Harvey M'83** Feb. 26, 2016
- 1985 The Rev. Debra S. Bradley** Feb. 29, 2016
- 1986 Judy A. Carter Golliday M'97** March 17, 2016
- 1989 Mark T. Briccetti** May 19, 2016
- 1991 Jami A. Day-Nickerson** Jan. 24, 2016
- 1992 Howard M. Blackman** April 1, 2016
- 1993 Stephen M. Crawford** March 17, 2016
- Janet L. O'Connor Date** May 28, 2016
- 1995 Larry E. Hensley** Feb. 23, 2016
- 2001 Phillip C. Lee** July 4, 2015

Friends of the University

- Louise M. Carr Booth** May 23, 2016
- Helen A. Minnick Eisler Brode** March 16, 2016
- Esther Ahra Cho** Feb. 7, 2016
- Kenneth W. DeVault** May 17, 2016
- Dr. James E. Heavner** May 18, 2016
- Joseph A. Hekimian** Feb. 26, 2016
- Dorothy M. Wagus Kerns** Feb. 28, 2016
- Juanita M. McClintock Nightingale** April 1, 2016
- Alice J. Mellinger Shupe Rhoten** April 27, 2016
- Daniel C. Steele** May 27, 2016
- Robert P. Vacin** May 7, 2016 ■

Dr. Megan E. Bradley, who died at the age of 46 on April 20, 2016, after a brief illness, had been a professor of psychology at Frostburg State University since 1999. Over the course of her career, Bradley was honored with the FSU Faculty Achievement Award for Academic Accomplishment and the USM Board of Regents Faculty Award for Teaching, and she was a National Center for Academic Transformation Redesign Scholar. Her ongoing work served to enhance FSU's approaches to student mentoring, research and service learning to improve student comprehension. Bradley was also involved in the community through her service to Court Appointed Special Advocates of Allegany County, which trains volunteers as advocates for abused and neglected children. She is survived by her wife, **Cindy Hay**, a member of FSU's Office of Information Technology, and their son Bryce.



Dr. Megan Bradley

Dr. Stephen D. Luzader, who died June 12, 2016, was a professor of physics and engineering at FSU from 1990 to 2007. Luzader advised the Society of Physics Students and led the Sigma Pi Sigma physics honors society induction ceremony each year. After retiring, he remained active in the American Association of Physics Teachers, the Potomac Concert Band and the Cumberland Astronomy Club, serving numerous leadership roles in each organization. Luzader and his wife, **Dr. Hang Deng-Luzader**, a professor of physics and engineering at FSU, co-directed numerous successful Maryland Summer Centers in Wind and Solar Energy for gifted and talented middle-school students. He also shared his gifts as a teacher with the TOPPS program, which helps Maryland teachers gain confidence and learn strategies when teaching physical science to students in grades 5 to 12. In addition to his wife, he is survived by their daughter, Makea. His wife has established the **Dr. Stephen Luzader Memorial Scholarship** at FSU.



Dr. Stephen Luzader

Dr. Marc E. Routhier, who died March 4, 2016, served numerous roles over his 32 years with the University from 1979 to 2011. Routhier began his career as an instructor in what was then the Department of Speech and Theatre. He served as vice president and president of the Maryland Communication Association and frequently contributed at National Communication Association conferences. He spent six years as chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts



Dr. Marc Routhier

during the 1990s, was director of Box Office for the University Theatre and the first director of FSU Cable Channel 3 (now FSU-TV3), held various positions in faculty governance and advised hundreds of students. He was also a multi-gallon blood donor and regularly volunteered at the Special Olympics Winter Games. "His brilliance and expressiveness brought insight, probing and challenge," said his colleague, Dr. Gary Cook, who served as department chair for 10 years during Routhier's tenure. "His sensitivity and tenderheartedness gave understanding, compassion and reinforcement."

Dr. Edward E. Stepp, who died Feb. 6, 2016, was a professor of physics at Frostburg State from 1966 to 1991 and served as the chair of the department for many years. His colleagues remembered his keen sense of humor and his dedication to meaningful student advising, particularly during summer orientation sessions, where he worked to ensure that prospective physics students had a realistic sense of the requirements of the demanding major.



Dr. Edward Stepp

Mary E. "Betty" VanNewkirk, who died April 1, 2016, had resided in Frostburg since 1949, when her husband, **William**, began a teaching career with Frostburg State Teachers College. She served as an adjunct professor of English at Frostburg State for several years after working for the Maryland State Mental Health Clinic in Cumberland. VanNewkirk was an active citizen of her adopted hometown, serving on the Frostburg Historic District Commission, leading efforts to save the Palace Theater and serving as volunteer curator for the Frostburg Museum for many years. VanNewkirk's love of local history led her to establish her longstanding weekly column in the *Cumberland Times-News*, "From the Museum." She wrote several books about Western Maryland, two featuring selections from her columns. ■



Betty VanNewkirk



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The Wall of Honor stands as a memorial to the many faculty, staff, alumni and friends who have touched our hearts and helped make FSU what it is today.

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THE LAST WORD



Sayonara Selfie

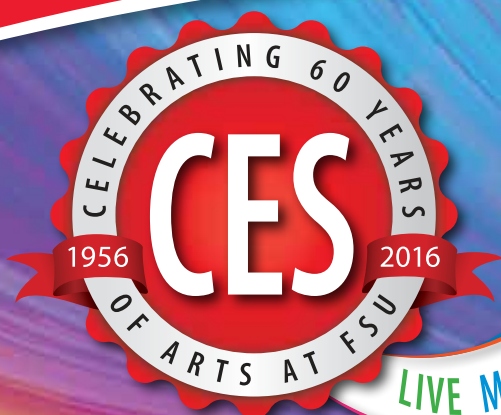
James Weston Foster '16 arrived at the 148th Commencement with a selfie stick and left with a diploma and a special memento.

The social science major extended a steady hand and a smile to capture this selfie with Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Tom Bowling while on stage.

Foster then posted his selfie, left, on social media to show the world how this #FrostburgGrad has #BobcatPride!

Looks like #MissionAccomplished.





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Homecoming Weekend
- **Chris Tucker**
FRIDAY, OCT. 21 | 8 PM
- **Capitol Steps:**
What to Expect When You're Electing
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 | 7:30 PM
FSU Theatre and Dance Department
- **Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach Jr.***
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2 | 4:30 PM
- ***A Simple Space by Gravity and Other Myths***
Toured by Performing Lines
THURSDAY, NOV. 17 | 7:30 PM
- **Windham Hill: *A Winter Solstice Concert***
Featuring Liz Story, Barbara Higbie and Sean Harkness
SUNDAY, DEC. 4 | 7:30 PM
- **The Mystical Arts of Tibet**
Sacred Music, Sacred Dance
A Richard Gere and Drepung Loseling Production
THURSDAY, MARCH 9 | 7:30 PM
- **Maryland Symphony Orchestra**
with Guest Artist Yuliya Gorenmen
FRIDAY, MAY 12 | 7:30 PM

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- New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players
Albert Bergeret, Producer
- ***I've Got a Little Twist***
FRIDAY, OCT. 14 | 7:30 PM
Valentine Dinner Show
- **Cyrille Aimée**
FRIDAY, FEB. 10
Dinner - 6 PM | Performance - 7:30 PM
- **Brock McGuire Band**
SATURDAY, APRIL 8 | 7:30 PM
- **Dr. Lonnie Smith**
SATURDAY, APRIL 22 | 7:30 PM

on the EDGE

- **Cover Drive** – THURSDAY, SEPT. 1 | 8:15 PM
- **Troker** – THURSDAY, OCT. 6 | 8:15 PM
- **Molodi Live** – THURSDAY, NOV. 10 | 8:15 PM
- **Daniel Davis** – THURSDAY, MARCH 2 | 8:15 PM
- **The Filharmonic** – THURSDAY, APRIL 6 | 8:15 PM



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From left, back row: Jalen Brown, Mark Wilburn, Chris Hare; middle row: Claire Lauder, Christina Ternent, Rosemary Rosser, Dr. Lilly Ye, Tiaju McCalup, Travon Johnson; front row: Tiana Davis and Alexis Clanton.

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