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Winter Ceremonies, FSU's 119th Commencement, Set for Dec. 22

The 119th commencement ceremonies of FSU will be held Saturday, Dec. 22, in the Harold J. Cordts Center Main Arena on the FSU campus.



Two exercises will be held during the day. The College of Business and the College of Education will present degrees beginning at 10 a.m. and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremonies will start at 2 p.m. FSU President Catherine R. Gira will confer graduate and undergraduate degrees at both events.

The featured speaker this semester will be John R. Kirby, Jr. the deputy director of the Department of Economic Development for Allegany County and a second-generation alumnus of FSU (Class of '79) where he received a bachelor's degree in geography.

Student speakers at the winter commencement include **Brett A. Siefers** for the College of Business, **Sara Peoples** for the College of Education and **Jessica D. Walbert** for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

For more information about commencement, log on to the FSU Web site at www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm.

Commencement Week Schedule

• Friday, Dec. 21, 4 p.m.:

Rehearsal in Bobcat Arena (gowns available for pickup afterwards)

• Saturday, Dec. 22

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Champagne Brunch (optional and by reservation; forms mailed to all graduates)

8:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.: Individual graduation portraits (optional) in the baseball gym, Cordts P.E. Center (no signup needed)

9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.: Processional lineup in the auxiliary gymnasium of the Cordts Physical Education Center; gowns

available beforehand if not yet picked up

10:00 a.m.: Commencement for College of Business and College of Education; reception immediately following in Manicur Assembly Hall

2:00 p.m.: Commencement for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; reception immediately following in Manicur Assembly Hall

- No tickets are required to attend any University Commencement
- Doors open one hour before ceremony
- Shuttle buses will be available at adjacent parking lots to assist guests who may have difficulty walking

Graduates-to-Be Invited

The University Advancement Office of Annual Giving cordially invites graduating seniors to the annual senior send-off at Gandalf's, 16 W. Main St., Thursday, Dec. 20, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 (a contribution toward your senior

class gift) with an FSU Senior Pass. (Call x4758 to learn how to get one.) Food, beverages, gifts and raffle prizes will be provided. RSVP to x4758 or charmon@frostburg.edu by Tuesday, Dec. 18.

On the Radio



Ring in the New Year with Music from WFWM

WFWM Radio, 91.9 FM, will ring in the new year with six hours of big band music from 6 p.m. to midnight on New Year's Eve. Master of ceremonies for the year-end special is Ken Health, host of WFWM's popular "Juke Box Friday Night" show. In addition to big band classics from the 1930s and '40s, listener requests will be accepted and prizes will be given away. Just before midnight, listeners will hear a recording of Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians counting down the final seconds of the year. For more information, call WFWM at x4143.

Art



'Exodus of Mind' on Display at Roper

Bachelor of Fine Arts students Brian So and Maureen Pezzanite will display their work, titled "Exodus of Mind" at Roper Gallery in the Fine Arts Building through Friday, Dec. 21. For information, contact the Department of Visual Arts at x4797.



Take Note

To the FSU Faculty and Staff

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your generous contributions to our organization. Your generosity assists us in helping the needy children in our area have a happy holiday season.

Tri-State Toys For Happiness

New International Program Established at University

This spring semester FSU will begin a new International Program in Japanese language and culture. The first course will be in elementary Japanese language.

The Center for International Education and the Modern Language Department are proud to announce FSU's affiliation with the Japanese Teaching Assistant Program under the auspices of the International Internship Programs. The IIP was established in 1979 in Tokyo to enable institutions of higher education throughout the world to provide a Japanese language program. The program sends interns to serve as teaching assistants.

Frostburg's first Japanese intern will

arrive in January for one full year. Shuko Takase is a 1997 graduate of University of Tokyo where she majored in Japanese literature. While an undergraduate, she participated in the Academic Intensive English program at UCLA. She is currently teaching Japanese at the YMCA near her home. Takase is eager to offer instruction in Japanese culture as well as tea ceremony, kimono, origami, cuisine, history, etc. Under the provision of the program, interns are allowed to take two English courses per semester.

In addition to the Japanese language courses, Takase will participate in a multidisciplinary, multi-departmental

course in Intercultural Understanding. A course taught by professors from several academic departments and schools will teach a course that will study culture in general, Hispanic and Japanese cultures as well as Islam and the Islamic world.

The Intercultural Understanding course will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and the Basic Japanese course will meet from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for section 1 and from 6 to 7:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for section 2.

For information, call the Language Office at x4378.



Scholarships

Would-Be Teachers Eligible for Scholarship

If you are an education major and would like to become a classroom teacher in the Maryland public schools upon graduation, the new Maryland Teacher Scholarship may provide an annual \$5,000 scholarship for you.

To qualify, a student must have a cumulative 3.0 grade point average, be a Maryland resident and be a full-time student. In addition, a recipient must agree to teach full-time in Maryland for one year for each academic year the award is received.

To apply, complete the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Program application and submit it to the Maryland State Scholarship Administration by March 1. The application is available in the Office of Financial Aid, 114 Pullen.

Soroptimists' Women's Opportunity Awards

Since 1972, Soroptimist International of the Americas has been helping women seeking to improve employment status by gaining educational skills. The program provides assistance to women who serve as the primary breadwinners for their families. Recipients may use the awards to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education. The awards range up to \$5,000.

The Women's Opportunity Awards program is funded by the Soroptimist Foundation. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, 114 Pullen. The deadline to apply is Dec. 19.

International



See the World with CIE

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to see the world. In many cases students register at FSU during a semester abroad and can take all financial aid with them and transfer credit back to FSU. For information on any of the programs or scholarships that may be available, check with Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, call her at x3091, e-mail her at asimes@frostburg.edu, or visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm.

Study Down Under: Australia, New Zealand

FSU is affiliated with AustraLearn, an organization that provides unique opportunities to study at universities in Australia and New Zealand. AustraLearn arranges cheap flights, orientation on the Great Barrier Reef, pre-registration and transcript evaluation. Students may choose from a broad range of courses in beautiful and exotic surroundings.

Study in Newcastle, England

Students interested in studying at the

University of Northumbria in Newcastle, England, should visit the CIE. Newcastle is just across the Channel from Amsterdam and three hours north of London by train.

Do Your Student Teaching in Copenhagen

Education majors who would like to earn a semester of FSU credits while studying in Denmark should check with the CIE about the exchange program with the KDAS School of Teacher Training in Copenhagen. Students complete projects and spend several weeks in Danish schools practicing teaching skills. All courses are in English.

Octoberfest or Mayfest in Germany

FSU students who would like to take part in UMUC's semester programs in Schwabisch Gmund in southern Germany are advised to apply to the CIE. The campus is part of the University of Maryland system, and all credits transfer back to FSU. Live in a beautiful medieval village and study on a campus with students from over 100 countries. All teaching is in English, and German instruction is offered as well.

Study in Limerick, Ireland

Students interested in taking part in the Ireland Exchange Program in Limerick should come by the CIE for information. Participants study at Mary Immaculate College and take one FSU class and three MIC classes.

Semester Overseas for Same Price as FSU

The International Student Exchange Program allows FSU students to register at FSU, pay FSU tuition and housing, and then study overseas for a semester, year or summer at one of over 200 locations. Students may choose programs taught in either English or other languages.

Choose from over 20 Locations to Study

FSU affiliates with the American

Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS,) which offers study abroad programs at of universities around the world. Programs are open to all majors.

Safety Message



Keep up the Safe Work

The Office of Human Resources, Safety Office would like to take this opportunity to thank each employee for their daily support for a safe and healthy place to teach, learn, play and work. The number of reported accidents (employee injuries) are down from last year by 54 percent.

Safety is every employee's responsibility and so should be taking pride in the accomplishment of reducing employee injuries. The Safety Office alone does not make the campus safety program work. The Safety Office does not make the campus safer or workplaces more employee-friendly or reduce accidents and near misses or make the words "safety" and "safely" a part of our daily vocabulary. We all have, as a team.

Have a safe and enjoyable time off. Remember accidents happen also at home. Be safe, aware of hazards and unsafe conditions and cautious. When returning to campus in January, snow and ice may arrive before you do, so use caution and all other safety means to reduce slips and falls.

Keep up the good, safe work.

Be Careful While You Work – The Life You Save May Be Your Own



FSU Events Calendar

Look for the FSU weekly events calendar on the Web at www.frostburg.edu/weekcal.htm



MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

Final Exams (17-20)

Lane University Center Study Hall 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 a.m. Lane University Center
Bookstore Buyback 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bookstore

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Lane University Center Study Hall 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Lane University Center
Staff Senate 10:30 a.m. Library 237

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Lane University Center Study Hall 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Lane University Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Senior Sendoff, FSU Foundation 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Gandalf's (16 W Main St.)
Residence Halls Close @ 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

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* Open to the public. Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change.

FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services, and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. You may request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, 302 Hitchins, 301-687-4102, TDD 301-687-7955.