All members of the University Community are cordially invited to
President Catherine Gira’s Holiday Reception
Thursday, Dec. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m.
Compton Science Center Lobby

123rd Commencement Ceremonies Slated for Dec. 20

The 123rd commencement ceremonies at FSU will be held Saturday, Dec. 20, in the Harold J. Cordts Center Main Arena. 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 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 FSU alumna Mary Beth Pirollozzi, who graduated with both a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a master’s in education. Since 1987, Pirollozzi has worked as a district administrator for the Maryland General Assembly, having served with Senators John N. Bambacus and John J. Hafer.

Student speakers at the winter commencement include Danielle Mullen, College of Business; Courtney Bryan, College of Education, and Kathleen Murray, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A native of New Jersey, Mullen is a business administration major and member of the American Marketing Association and FSU’s Marketing Club. Last spring, she was nominated by one of her professors to represent the FSU College of Business at the Great Baltimore Committee, an invitation extended to only a few students. In the summer, Mullen shares her leadership skills with young girls at the Ramapo Country Day Camp in New York, where she has worked as a counselor. She plans to pursue a position in marketing.

Bryan, a recreation and parks management major with a minor in psychology, has worked as a resident assistant for FSU’s Residence Life Office. For several years, she has been involved with the Maryland Conservation Corps, the state’s premier environmental youth service program. In addition, Bryan is a water safety instructor for the American Red Cross and a Search & Rescue and First Responder for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. She served as an AmeriCorps member from 2000 to 2002 and was inducted into Pinnacle, an honor society for non-traditional students. She is a resident of Calvert County, Md.

Murray, a native of Frostburg, is an English major with a minor in Women’s Studies. She has served as editor of the campus student newspaper, “The Bottom Line” and was the student assistant coordinator for FSU’s Vice President of Student and Educational Services, editing publications and planning events. She is also a member of the President’s Student Advisory Council and the judicial Board Panel. Murray participated in a study abroad program in the spring of 2003 and spent a semester at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland.

For information about commencement, visit www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm.

System of Maryland Staff Awards. Detailed information on the Staff Awards nomination process has been distributed to employees. Please consider taking this opportunity to nominate yourself or a fellow employee for a Staff Award. Refer to the campus mailing for eligibility requirements and required documentation. Nomination packages are due no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004.

Points of Pride


**FSU faculty, staff and students**
donated enough that 21 food baskets were provided to 21 families through the Thanksgiving Sponsor-A-Family program. The goal for this year was 16 baskets. Over the last five years, FSU has provided a total of 108 baskets.

Volunteer Services offers thanks to all who donated and to FSU and AmeriCorps alum Tony Washington, who took time off from work and returned to Frostburg to deliver the baskets.

**2003 Toys for Happiness Campaign**
The annual FSU Toys for Happiness drive is on! Thanks to those of you who supported this cause in the past. The toys, other items and cash collected are distributed to local families.

Toys and other appropriate items are to be unwrapped. Cash donations are acceptable. Gifts will be collected at the President’s Annual Holiday Reception, on Thursday, Dec. 18.

Let’s join together and make this a wonderful year for the children in our area. Call Vicki x4309 or e-mail vaylor@frostburg.edu for information.

**Take Food Bank Donations to Edgewood**
Donations to the food bank may be dropped off at Edgewood Commons. There will be a barrel/box to place the food in the lobby. The next pick up will be on Tuesday, Dec. 16. This should be nonperishable items. If you have any questions, contact Christine O’Neil at (301) 689-1396.

**FSU Events Calendar**
Look for the FSU weekly events calendar on the Web at www.frostburg.edu/weeklycal.htm

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**Intersession Course Cancellations**

Late Registration for Intersession (with Late Fees) through January 5, 2004

**Final Exams (through December 19)**

* SCI Study Hall .............................. 8:00 a.m.-10:45 p.m. .......... Lane ARMAH, 202
* Bookstore Book Buyback .......................... 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. .......... FSU Bookstore
* SCI Study Hall .............................. 6:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

* SCI Study Hall .............................. 8:00 a.m.-10:45 p.m. .......... Lane ARMAH, 202
* Bookstore Book Buyback .......................... 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. .......... FSU Bookstore
* SCI Study Hall .............................. 6:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8
* B.A.S.I.C. ...................................... 6:30-7:30 p.m. .......... BSM Center

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

* SCI Study Hall .............................. 8:00 a.m.-10:45 p.m. .......... Lane ARMAH, 202
* Bookstore Book Buyback .......................... 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. .......... FSU Bookstore
* SCI Study Hall .............................. 6:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8
* W.N.B.S. ...................................... 9:30 p.m. .......... BSM Center

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**

* Bookstore Book Buyback .......................... 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. .......... FSU Bookstore
* Annual Senior Send-off @ Gandalf's 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. .... 16 W. Main St., Frostburg

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**Residence Halls, Lane University Center Close @ 7:00 p.m.**

* Bookstore Book Buyback .......................... 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. .......... FSU Bookstore
* Commencement Rehearsal .......................... 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. .......... Cordts PEC Main Arena

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20—Commencement**

* Commencement Brunch .......................... 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. .......... Lane ARMAH
* Commencement .............................. Colleges of Business, Education 10:00 a.m. .......... Cordts PEC Main Arena
* College of Liberal Arts & Sciences 2:00 p.m. .......... Cordts PEC Main Arena
* Men’s Basketball: Christopher Newport 7:00 p.m. .......... Away

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**Lane University Center Closed**

* CCM Mass .............................. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. .......... Cook Chapel
* Planetarium: “Year End Skies & Heavenly Connections” 4:00 p.m. .......... Tawes Hall
* 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.