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## 127th Commencement Slated for Dec. 17

CoB, CoE exercises at 10 a.m., CLAS at 2 p.m.

The 127th commencement ceremonies at FSU will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, in the Harold J. Cordts Main Arena on the FSU campus.

Dr. Catherine R. Gira, FSU president, will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises throughout 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 ceremony will start at 2 p.m.

Student speakers at the fall commencement are Sarah Millman, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; James Romano III, College of Business; and Ashanna Wong Wing, College of Education.



**Sarah Millman**

With a double major in English and Spanish, Sarah Millman of Eldersburg, Md., has been deeply involved in various extracurricular activities, including leadership roles in Sigma Tau Delta (the English honorary), Sigma Delta Pi (the Spanish honorary) and Spanish Club. She also serves as a tutor for both her peers on campus and community children at an after-school program. An accomplished writer, Millman has contributed to FSU's undergraduate literary journal Bittersweet. She traveled to Madrid for two months as part of a study abroad opportunity. Post graduation, she hopes to obtain a graduate degree in Spanish at The Johns Hopkins University and teach at the high school or college level.

James Romano III will receive his degree in business administration with a concentration in management. Throughout his years at FSU, Romano has received several awards as an outstanding scholar athlete, including the FSU

Leadership Scholarship, Academic All-Conference Collegiate Soccer Award and FSU Team MVP Collegiate Soccer Award.



**James Romano III**

A native of Beltsville, Md., Ashanna Wong Wing, an elementary education major, has excelled both in her studies and her internship placements as a kindergarten, first and fifth grade teacher. She has been an active member and leader of the Maryland Student Education Association and contributed



**Ashanna Wong Wing**

to the Frostburg Storybook Holiday and FSU's Annual Spring Festival of Children's Literature. Wong Wing hopes to pursue graduate work at Bowie State University.

Presenting candidates for degrees will be Dr. Stephen Simpson, provost; Susan Arisman, dean of the College of Education; Dr. Danny Arnold, dean of the College of Business; and Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

For more information, log on to the FSU Web site at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

Romano has been offered a full-time job at a leading construction company nine months before his graduation. He is a native of Joppa, Md.



### President's Holiday Reception Dec. 14

Dr. Catherine Gira's annual Holiday Reception will be held Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Lobby. Students, faculty and staff are welcome.

### Children's Center Kids to Sing

The Children's Center will be sharing a few holiday songs at 3 p.m. during the President's Holiday Reception in the PAC on Dec. 14. Hope to see you there.

### Presentations



### Appalachian Lab Offers Special Seminar

A special seminar will be presented by Dr. Daniel Kashian of the Department of Forest, Rangeland and Watershed Stewardship at Colorado State University, who will speak on "Heterogeneity, legacies, and convergence: Forest structure and function on Rocky Mountain landscapes" at the UMCES Appalachian Laboratory on Monday, Dec. 12, at 9 a.m.

The seminars will be held in AL Room 109 and refreshments will be served after the seminars in the AL Lobby.

### Grant Writing Workshop

The Office of Research & Sponsored Programs will present a grant-writing workshop for faculty and staff titled "Applying to a Peer-Reviewed Funding Agency" on Monday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Topics covered include conceptualizing a fundable research problem, the main components of a standard grant application, writing to maximize your

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chances for a positive review and criteria that reviewers use when they evaluate an application.

A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. A follow-up workshop will be scheduled in the spring for participants who are interested in developing a proposal application.

Presenter Wendy Sanders is the director of the Professional Development Office at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and the assistant dean for Graduate Medical Education.

To register, please e-mail Dave Webb (dwebb@frostburg.edu) in the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs with your name, department and phone number by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13.

Sanders will focus on specific research areas of interest to the participants. Although not required, please submit a brief paragraph outlining your research interests with your registration.



## Take Note

## Silver Bells, Lots of Bells ... at Ort Library

A bell collection owned by Elsie B. Rasbold, mother of library faculty member Virginia Rasbold Williams, is on display on the third floor of Ort Library. The beautiful collection of glass, novelty and holiday bells started in mid-1960 with a small cow bell and grew to over 70 bells by 2000. The bells, gifts from family and friends, represent certain aspects of Mrs. Rasbold's life, including her sense of humor. Take a break from the hectic moments of the semester's end by visiting the Ort Library to see the display. And thanks to Williams for the loan of her mother's collection.

## Grade Recording

Faculty are reminded that final grades for fall 2005 courses must be entered by the instructor into PAWS within 48 hours after the scheduled final exam period and no later than Sunday, Dec. 18, 11:59 p.m. Do not hold your roster for one late student. Give that student an incomplete and submit the other students' grades. Be sure to select APPROVE in the approval status dropdown menu and click on SAVE.

The final deadline is especially important this year because of the power outage/computer shutdown the morning of Dec. 19. The Registrar needs to post the grades due or submitted on Sunday before the shutdown. Processes and reports that need to be run before the holiday break depend on all grades being recorded. Questions? Contact the Office of the Provost, x4212; or the Registrar's Office, x4346.

## Shutterbug Contest: Environmental Photos

The Third Annual Environmental Photography contest sponsored by the Environmental Planning and Land Management Institute (a cooperative effort of the FSU Department of Geography and the

MDE Bureau of Mines) is under way.

Please submit environmental photographs of either Allegany or Garrett counties to the FSU Geography Department or the Bureau of Mines Laboratory (307 Dunkle Hall). The contest ends on April 5, 2006, with an April 20 awards ceremony in Compton Science Center. Numerous prizes, cash and certificates will be awarded. Contact either the Geography Department (x4369) or the Bureau of Mines Lab (x4721) or view the FSU Web site for details, rules and entry forms.

## Points of Pride



For the third year, the **United Campus Ministries** at FSU has helped to organize the Heifer International Project here on campus and in the Frostburg community with the largest sum to date - \$9,200. Half of the money raised at Frostburg will be donated to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and the other half will go to Heifer International efforts in third world countries.

Heifer International seeks to eliminate poverty in the world by providing animals to people living in third world countries and teaches them to become self-reliant for food and income.

UCM joined with other campus and community organizations. The FSU organizations included the Social Work Alliance, National Residence Hall Honorary, Sierra Club, Student Government Association and Alpha Phi Omega. Allegany College of Maryland and area churches contributed as well.

Donations are still being accepted through January. To donate, send a check payable to United Campus Ministry to Larry Neumark, Box 309, Lane University Center, FSU, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532. For information, contact Neumark at x7490 or l.neumark@frostburg.edu. To learn more about Heifer International, visit [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

## On the Radio



## 'Dialogues' Continues on WFWM with Simpson

Locally-originated program "Dialogues" continues on WFWM 91.9fm, public radio from FSU on Monday, Dec. 12 at 6:10 p.m. with a repeat airing on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m.

The guest for this program is Dr. Steve Simpson, FSU's provost. His topic is "George W. Bush and the Modern Presidency."

The half-hour program is hosted by Dr. Keith Schlegel and presents follow-up conversations with university faculty who have delivered significant lectures on topics of local, national or international interest. It is produced in cooperation with the FSU Department of English and the Hadra Forums, a weekly series of forums held on the campus at Frostburg State and organized by Larry Neumark.

Schlegel has taught at Frostburg since 1971 and completes his third term as English department chair in summer

2006. The author and performer of a dramatic monologue in the character of Walt Whitman as "The Good, Gray Poet," he is also heard every Thursday at 5:25 p.m. on WFWM as the voice of Oasis, where "poetry and history meet."

For questions, comments or suggestions regarding Dialogues or any other WFWM programming, please call x4143. To receive up-to-date information on programming at WFWM Public Radio, including notification of special programs, e-mail [wfw2@frostburg.edu](mailto:wfw2@frostburg.edu).

WFWM can be heard at 91.9fm Frostburg and 96.3 Oakland as well as on the Web at [wfwm.org](http://wfwm.org).

## Volunteers



## The Annual Toys For Happiness Drive Is On!

Collection Sites can be found in Braddock House, Brady Health, Children's Center, Compton Science Center, Cordts P.E., Dunkle Hall, Fine Arts, Frampton Hall, Fuller House, Guild Center, Gunter Hall, Hitchins, Lane Center, Library, Lowndes, PAC, Pullen (Academic Computing), Pullen (Admissions/Financial Aid/PASS), Pullen Hall (Registrar/Business Office/Grad. Services), Residence Life, Sand Spring Hall, Stangle (Physical Plant/Procurement), Tawes, University Police.

All gifts should be delivered to the Performing Arts Center Lobby during the President's Holiday Reception on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Toys and other gift items are to be unwrapped. Cash donations are acceptable.

## International



## December Grads - SEA Semester Opportunity

Students who are graduating this December or who are taking spring semester off should note that two places have just opened up on the SEA Semester winter program in Woods Hole, Mass. ([www.sea.edu](http://www.sea.edu)), which begins Dec. 27 and runs through March 17. This program is a great opportunity for students interested in oceanography or marine biology to get first-hand experience aboard one of the SEA Semester ships. Special funding for late applicants is available. For information, contact Judith Froman, dean of Enrollment, [jfroman@sea.edu](mailto:jfroman@sea.edu) or 800-552-3633, x34.

## Study Abroad Programs

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 programs or scholarships, contact Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, x3091, [asimes@frostburg.edu](mailto:asimes@frostburg.edu) or visit the CIE Web page at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm).



### Summer Programs in Puerto Rico, Prague

Two new FSU faculty-led study abroad programs are being offered in summer 2006 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and in Prague in the Czech Republic. Costs for both programs will be available at the start of the spring semester along with details about lodging and additional travel opportunities. Financial aid will be available to qualified students.

Dr. Susan Mills will lead a two-week program in both San Juan and the rainforest of Jayuya in Puerto Rico in June, focusing on music of the Caribbean (MUSC 117: 'Music of Asia, Africa and the Americas'). For further information, contact Dr. Mills at PAC 202B or x4119.

Students interested in spending some time in Central Europe are encouraged to apply for "Czech Identity in Central Europe: Bridge to the West, Bridge to the East" being offered as IDIS 491: Honors Seminar (and cross-listed with HIST 390: Special Topics and GEOG 490: Special Topics). For additional information, contact Dr. Sally Boniece in Dunkle 102A (x7496) or the CIE.

### Summer Programs offered through BCA

Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA) are offering programs this summer in Arezzo, Italy; Belfast, Derry and Galway, Ireland; Cuernavaca, Mexico; Shanghai, China; Strasbourg, France; and Vienna, Austria. For further information about dates and costs, visit the BCA Web site at [www.BCAabroad.org](http://www.BCAabroad.org) or contact the CIE.

### Study in South Africa Summer 2006

The University of KwaZulu-Natal is offering a five-week International School from June 24 to July 28, 2006. Students can earn credit in "Culture and Diversity" in South Africa, focusing on language, culture, media and politics. Other programs focus on art, music and history of South Africa. A service-learning program is also available. The International School is on the east coast of South Africa, bordered by the Indian Ocean, the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Mountains and an abundance of world heritage parkland, home to elephant, rhino, lion, Cape buffalo and leopard. Cost of the program is \$2,500, not including airfare. Application deadline is Feb. 28. For further information, contact Andrea Gommans at [is@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:is@ukzn.ac.za) or visit the website at [www.ukzn.ac.za/ukzninternational/international/international.html](http://www.ukzn.ac.za/ukzninternational/international/international.html)

### Affordable Summer Programs through ISEP

FSU affiliates with the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) that offers affordable summer programs in the following locations: Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Korea, Mexico, Thailand and Uruguay. To qualify for scholarships, students should apply before March 15. For further information, visit the ISEP website at [www.isep.org](http://www.isep.org) or contact the CIE.

### NSEP Funding Available for Study Abroad

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) provides scholarships for undergraduates who wish to study overseas in areas of strategic interest to the U.S. Students may take part in any approved study abroad program, pro-

vided the location is included under NSEP guidelines. Funding is available for summer, semester and full-year programs, and students who plan to participate in language immersion programs are encouraged to apply. The funding deadline for next summer and fall is in early February. The online application is available at [www.ise.org/nsep](http://www.ise.org/nsep). For information, visit the CIE.

### Cultural Experiences Abroad

FSU has signed an agreement with Cultural Experiences Abroad ([www.gowithcea.com](http://www.gowithcea.com)), an independent study abroad program provider that sends U.S. students Europe, Australia and Latin America. With CEA as an affiliate, FSU students will be able to take advantage of all their FSU financial aid along with scholarship opportunities provided by CEA. For information, contact the CIE.



## Safety Message

### Holiday Safety Tips

The Office of Human Resources Safety Office wishes you a safe and joyful winter break. Safety must be a part of our lives both a work and at home. Be alert, cautious and aware. Here are a few routine safety tips:

- Mixing and matching decorative electrical lights can create a fire hazard both inside and outside.
- Evergreen (natural) trees should be kept in water when cut and not placed in exits or near a heat source.
- Responsibility for a safe holiday

is not to be overlooked or put aside during our time away from work.

- Remember to turn off and unplug your inside and outside electrical lights when leaving the house or going to bed.
- Young children should not be left alone in the kitchen when a meal is being prepared.
- Candles should be placed in metal, ceramic and other non-combustible holders and kept away from decorations.
- "Holiday cheer" (alcohol) is a part of the holiday celebration (for some people.) Do not have "cheer" and steer.
- If you are planning to travel be sure you have a WINTER-SURVIVAL KIT in your vehicle. The SURVIVAL KIT should contain — but not be limited to — a first aid kit, blankets, a flash light and batteries, a shovel, moisture-proof matches or lighter, a compass, road flares, quick-energy foods (nuts, seeds, dried fruits) kept in a metal container, a small bag of rock salt or sand. These items will not take up much space but may prove very important.
- Smoke detectors should be tested monthly, especially at this time of year.
- Tinsel and other types of decorations should be fire retardant and kept away from open flames and heat source.
- Metal Christmas trees alone present no fire hazard, but when electrical lights are attached, it is a potential source of electrical shock.
- Always remember an accident will spoil the best of times with family and friends. Take a second to think safety.
- Smoking tobacco is a health issue and a potential fire hazard. Take care when emptying ash trays; do not fall asleep in a chair while smoking.

## FSU Events Calendar



### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12—Final Exams

\* CI Study Hall ..... 6:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13—Final Exams

*Intercession Course Cancellations*

\* SCI Study Hall ..... 6:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

\* N.A.A.C.P. General Body Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m. .... Lane Atkinson Room

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14—Final Exams

\* SCI Study Hall ..... 6-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 205-206, 207-208

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15—Final Exams

\*Senior Send Off ..... 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. .... Lane ARMAH

\* SCI Study Hall ..... 6-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 205-206, 207-208

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16—Final Exams

*Residence Halls Close @ 7:00 p.m.*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17—Graduation Day!

*Commencement Schedule:*

\* The Colleges of Business and Education ..... 10:00 a.m. .... Cordts PEC Main Arena

\* The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ..... 2:00 p.m. .... Cordts PEC Main Arena

\* Men's Basketball: Christopher Newport ..... 7:30 p.m. .... Away

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

\* Planetarium: "Yuletide Celebrations & the Sky" ... 4 & 7 p.m. .... Tawes Hall

\* Open to the public – Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change  
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## Keep Your Eyes on the Road, Not on the Map

