Commencement Ceremonies Slated for Dec. 15

FSU will celebrate and recognize the achievements of its December 2007 graduating class during the University’s 131st commencement ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center’s Main Arena on the FSU campus.

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter, FSU President, will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises throughout the day. The College of Business and the College of Education ceremonies will start at 10 a.m. and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present diplomas during two exercises through the day. The College of Business and Education ceremonies will go to the Western Potomac Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The College of Business and Education ceremonies will feature student speakers for the winter ceremonies. Thomas G. Slater, a member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, will offer a congratulatory greeting at the morning ceremony.

In the words of her professors, Kamauf, a quantitative economics major, “impressed everyone in the department with her maturity, congeniality and academic performance.” It was these qualities that helped Kamauf sail through courses such as micro and macroeconomic theory, and 23 credit hours of math, all while maintaining a perfect 4.0 and a busy schedule. During her time at FSU, Kamauf, a resident of Cresaptown, Md., had the honor of serving as an intern with former Sen. Paul Sarbanes. She also was treasurer of the math honors society, Kappa Mu Epsilon, and a member of the business honors organization, Beta Gamma Sigma. Kamauf’s professors feel confident she will represent the College of Business and FSU extremely well, given her history of outstanding scholarship and enthusiastic involvement at FSU.

Shanholtz arrived at FSU with a dream she had known since she was five years old—to become a teacher, just like generations of her family before her. Throughout her time here, the Frederick, Md., resident has worked steadily toward her goal by serving as a teacher intern at Middletown Primary School and Middletown Elementary School and helping as a teacher assistant at Flintstone Elementary School—all while maintaining a 3.7 grade point average. She is a member of the Frederick County Reading Council, the International Reading Association and the Maryland Student Education Association and has served as a volunteer for FSU’s popular Storybook Holiday event, in addition to many other activities. Professors praise Shanholtz for her strong leadership.

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skills and her calming influence on those around her—qualities that will undoubtedly help her achieve great success in her work with children.

In three and a half years—one semester shy of the four years typically needed to finish college—Shorter has managed not only to maintain a stellar academic record but also stand out as a true leader and advocate for her peers. Her outgoing personality and endless enthusiasm have taken her everywhere from serving as vice president of the Communications Studies Club to working as a resident assistant and Bobcat Ambassador to serving as the president of the Student Government Association. She also represented Frostburg at the state level as secretary-treasurer of the University System of Maryland Student Council, all the while finishing a degree in communication studies, completing a leadership studies minor and becoming fluent in Spanish.

The recipient must have completed a minimum of 30 hours at Frostburg State University (demonstrating financial need) and have received a varsity sport participation letter. An FSU overall grade point average of 3.0 or better is required. Applications are currently being accepted. The positions are available for the academic year 2008-2009. Applications for Graduate Assistant/International Fellowships and a $500 and $1,500 annual stipend are given annually. The positions are available for the academic year 2008-2009. Applications for Graduate Assistant/International Fellowships and a $500 and $1,500 annual stipend are given annually.

Nominations for USM Staff Awards Under way

The Council of University System Staff (CJSS) is again accepting nominations for the Board of Regents’ University System of Maryland Staff Awards. These Staff Awards represent the highest honor bestowed by the Regents for achievements of Exempt and Nonexempt employees from USM institutions, and are presented to staff members who have demonstrated excellence in one of the following categories: (1) contribution to the institution and/or unit to which the person belongs, (2) service to students in an academic or residential environment; or (3) public service to the university or to the greater community. Two employees are recognized in each category— one Exempt and one Nonexempt — for a total of six awards.

Nominations are first considered at an institutional level before being forwarded to the CJSS Awards Review Committee for final selection. An Internal Staff Awards Review Committee made up of the following employees will select nominees from FSU:

• Kelly Durst, Office of Human Resources, x7487, kdurst@frostburg.edu
• Nancy Frost, Ort Library, x3058, nfrost@frostburg.edu
• Jay Hegeman, P.A.S.S., x7438, jhegeman@frostburg.edu
• Jesse Kettermann, Student and Educational Services, x4311, jkettermann@frostburg.edu
• Gary Love, Physical Plant, x4044, glove@frostburg.edu
• Patrick McLane, Physical Plant, pmclane@frostburg.edu

Please contact any of these Committee members with the name of a potential candidate, and why you believe that staff member to be worthy of an award nomination. The Committee members will then work with you to complete a competitive nomination packet. Nomination reviews will begin in mid-December, with FSU’s selected nominees submitted to the CJSS Committee in early January.

Graduate Scholarships for 2008-2009

David Sanford
Graduate Student Scholarship

The recipient must be enrolled full time or part time as a graduate student, have previously been an undergraduate at FSU and have received a varsity sport participation letter. An FSU overall grade point average of 3.0 or better is required.

Applications are currently available at the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall or by calling x7053. Deadline is March 1, 2008; one award of $500 is given annually.

F. Perry Smith Jr.
Graduate Scholarship

The recipient must have completed high school education or the equivalent in either Allegany or Garrett Counties in Maryland and be enrolled at FSU with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better. The recipient must demonstrate financial need (complete and submit the FAFSA form). Applications are currently available at the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall or by calling x7053. Deadline is March 1, 2008; five awards between $500 and $1,500 are given annually.

Graduate Assistantships/International Fellowships

Applications for Graduate Assistant/International Fellowships positions for the academic year 2008-2009 are currently being accepted. The positions offer paid tuition (up to 30 hours year) and a $5,000 cash stipend per year, in
exchange for 20 hours of service each week. These positions represent an academic honor, and thus require the applicant to have been accepted to a graduate program in good academic standing, and remain in good academic standing for the duration of the award. The applications are available at the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall (x7053) or on the Web at www.frostburg.edu/grad/ga.htm. Applications for the Spring 2008 are currently being considered. The deadline for completed applications for the 2008-2009 academic year is March 15, 2008.

Get Going on Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Apps

Anyone interested in applying for the Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship should contact John McMullen, x3162 ASAP. Deadline for application materials is Feb. 1, 2008. Minimum qualifications: the applicant should have senior standing or be a recent graduate of FSU (spring 2003 or after), have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and plan to begin graduate school in fall 2008. This is a very competitive graduate scholarship. Due to the extensiveness of the application process, potential candidates should begin working on their application immediately. Information on the scholarship can be obtained at www.jackkentcookefoundation.org.

Appalachian Lab

The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory will offer a series of workshops by Jason Julian, UMES Appalachian Laboratory, hosted by Bob Gardner. It is scheduled for Dec. 13 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 109.

Refreshments follow in the lobby. For more information, visit www.al.umces.edu/seminar/schedule.

Want to Get Your Message on TV3?

If you have an announcement about an activity that you would like to advertise on the TV3 message board, log onto www.frostburg.edu/dept/mcom/channel3/messreqform.htm and enter your information. Then click submit. It’s as easy as that. If possible, please try and submit your requests at least a week in advance to make sure your requests are able to be designed and posted in a timely fashion.

If you would like to submit your request with a hard copy and need the form, contact Melanie Lombardi at x3011, mlombardi@frostburg.edu or stop by Old Main Room 201.

Schedule for Dec. 10-14

Monday:
3 & 6 p.m. NASA SC Files, “The Case of the Technical Knockout”
4 & 7 p.m. Democracy in America: “Interest Groups: Organized to Influence”
3 p.m. NASA SCI Files, “The Case of the Technical Knockout”

Tuesday:
4 & 7 p.m. Democracy in America: “Democratic Revolution”
3 & 6 p.m. NASA SCI Files, “The Case of the Technical Knockout”

Wednesday:
3 & 6 p.m. NASA “Destination Tomorrow”
3 & 6 p.m. NASA SCI Files, “The Case of the Technical Knockout”

Thursday:
3 & 6 p.m. FSU This Week
3 & 6 p.m. NASA “Destination Tomorrow”
3 & 6 p.m. NASA SCI Files, “The Case of the Technical Knockout”

Friday:
3 p.m. NASA Connect, “The Wright Math”
3 p.m. NASA “Destination Tomorrow”
4 p.m. “MD State of Mind”
5 & 6 p.m. Exploring the World of Music: “Melody”
5:30 & 8:30 p.m. Earth Revealed: “Geologic Time”
On the Radio

Andy Vick Featured Guest on ‘Dialogues’

Andy Vick, the executive director of the Allegany Arts Council, will be the featured guest for the latest edition of the “Dialogues” interview program on WFWM 91.9 FM, public radio from FSU, airing at 7:10 p.m. tonight.

Vick has been the executive director of the Allegany Arts Council since April 2003. He also serves as a member of various organizations and initiatives, including the Maryland Tourism Development Board, the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Greater Cumberland Committee and the City of Cumberland’s Downtown Development Commission. He is the coordinator for the City of Cumberland’s Arts & Entertainment District, the co-chair of Allegany County’s Tourism Commission, and a member of the current president of the Rotary Club of Cumberland. Additionally, he sits on the statewide Advisory Board for “Maryland Life” magazine.

“Dialogues” is hosted by Dr. Keith Schlegel, Professor Emeritus of FSU’s Department of English, and presents conversations with notable individuals about significant topics of local, national or international interest. It is recorded and produced in the studios of WFWM Public Radio.

For more info, call x4143. To receive up-to-date information on programming at WFWM Public Radio, including notification of special programs, e-mail wfwm2@frostburg.edu.

Get Involved

Non-Traditional Students Unite!

Encore is a non-traditional student group that meets once a month for lunch or dinner, for support and information. They are always welcoming new members. For more information, contact mmoran@frostburg.edu.

Raise Your Vote Voter Registration Returns

The Student Center for Volunteerism (SCV) is pleased to announce the return of the Raise Your Vote Voter Registration Campaign for the 2008 Election Season. During this year’s campaign, FSU students will have the ability to register to vote in the Maryland Primary Election, request an absentee ballot and get general information about voting in Maryland.

Here are a few tips to ensure that your vote counts in the 2008 Maryland Primary:
1. The last day to register to vote in the Maryland Primary Election is Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 9 p.m.
2. When you register, please make sure the person who registers you is certified to do so in Maryland. If they can’t produce a certification card, don’t register with them.
3. If you need an absentee ballot, make sure you request one early. The deadline to make a request for the Primary by mail or fax is Tuesday, Feb. 5. To apply after that date (through Election Day), you must apply in person at your local board of elections.
4. If you choose to mail your form, make sure it is postmarked on the deadline date or earlier, or your vote won’t count.

All SCV members at the Lane University Center table will be certified Voter Registration Volunteers. For information, please visit our Web site at http://organizations.frostburg.edu/studentvolunteerism/ryv2008/ or contact the Center for Volunteerism and National Service at x4210.

Community

Calling All Frostburg Artists

FrostburgFirst, a program established to foster economic development and cultural growth in the City of Frostburg, invites all Frostburg artists (actors, writers, musicians, visual artists, etc.) to get involved in finalizing an application for a state-designated arts and entertainment district. The deadline to apply for the designation is April 2008, and the Arts & Entertainment Committee needs the input and participation of Frostburg artists for this process to be successful in its representation of the city’s cultural community. To learn more about this ongoing project, artists may submit their contact information to frostburgfirst@gmail.com or by calling (301) 689-6900.

Safety Message

Be Safe This Holiday Season!

Here are a few helpful tips to get you through the holidays safely!

Trees:
When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label “fire resistant.” Although this does not mean the tree won’t catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning.
When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness: green needles are hard to pull off branches and do not break when bent between the fingers. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles. PLEASE NOTE: No fresh-cut trees or fresh-cut decorations are allowed in any campus building.
When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces, radiators and electric heaters. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Cut two inches off the trunk of the tree and place it in water.
Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. When purchasing any decorations, look for those that are non-flammable or treated for fire resistance.

Lights:
Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house, walls or other fire supports to protect the lights from wind damage. Use only insulated staples to hold strings in place, not nails or tacks. Or run strings of lights through hooks. When using lights outdoors, try to use approved GFCE’s (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters); they will protect you if a short happens.
Turn off all lights when you go to bed, leave the house or leave your office. The lights could short out and start a fire.

Candles:
Candies are not allowed in any campus building. Special permission is granted by the Safety Office for those special events that require the use of candles.
Enjoy the holiday season, have a great time away from work with your friends and family. Remember, taking a moment to find a safe way to do something you enjoy is not wasting time!

International

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, contact the OE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, x4714, or visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie.
MONDAY, DEC. 10
Final Exams

TUESDAY, DEC. 11
Final Exams
* NAACP General Body Meeting ... 8 p.m. .......................................................... Lane 201

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12
Final Exams
Interession Courses Cancellations
* President’s Annual Holiday Reception .............................................................. 2 p.m. Compton Science Center Atrium
* BURG Meeting ................................................................. 4 p.m. ....................................................... Library 237

THURSDAY, DEC. 13
Final Exams

FRIDAY, DEC. 14
Final Exams
Residence Halls Close @ 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15—Commencement
Commencement Schedule:
The College of Business and Education ....................................................... 10 a.m. Cordts PEC Main Arena
The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences ............................................................ 2 p.m. Cordts PEC Main Arena

SUNDAY, DEC. 16
* CCM Mass ................................................ noon & 8 p.m. ........................................ Cook Chapel
* Planetarium: Heavenly Connection ................................................................. 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. Tawes Hall
* Men’s Basketball: Marymount University ..................................................... 4 p.m. Away

* 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.

Remove Ice, Snow From All Windows of Vehicle Before Getting on the Road