

# StateLines

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## Holiday Season Brings Good Tidings to FSU

### Enjoy Lights at Rocky Gap

FSU is sponsoring its annual display at Mountain Reflections, the area's premiere seasonal light display that features over 50 animated and stationary lighted displays throughout Rocky Gap State Park. Visitors are greeted by volunteers at the toll booth, directed to turn their radios to a specific station and are then free to drive through the show at their own pace. Halfway through the show, Rocky Gap State Park's Volunteer Team operates Santa's Snack Shack, where visitors can park their vehicles, enjoy refreshments and spend time exploring the surprising hidden wonderland surrounding and inside Santa's Workshop.

All proceeds from the light show will go to the Western Potomac Chapter of the American Red Cross and are used throughout the tri-county region of

Allegany, Garrett and Mineral counties. The chapter provides emergency service for people devastated by natural disasters, house fires and floods. The chapter also provides life-saving training to all the communities and blood collection sites throughout the tri-county region.

Volunteering is a major factor of Mountain Reflections. Volunteers participate in setting up and taking down the displays, nightly coverage of admissions booth and operating Santa's Snack Shack. Teams and organizations are encouraged to volunteer. For more information or to volunteer, call (301) 722-1760 x106 or e-mail wdurst@allconet.org.

### Give a Gift That Helps Others

Looking for the perfect gift for someone this holiday season (or maybe searching for something to help you endure the winter weather)? Check out the great knitted and crocheted scarves

### Stop by President's Social

Everyone is cordially invited to Dr. Gibraltar's Holiday Social from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Compton Science Center Atrium. Come and enjoy holiday cheer with friends and colleagues. For more details, call x4111.

and hats available for purchase at the annual VDay Scarf Sale in the Lane University Center. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Family Crisis Resource Center and the Dove Center.

To donate, contact Regina Alderton in Fine Arts room 215 or call x4716.



## 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. Gibraltar, 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 degrees beginning at 2 p.m.

Courtney Kamauf, College of Business; Heather Shanholtz, College of Education; and Shavonne Shorter, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, are the featured student speakers for the winter commencement exercises. 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



From top to bottom, Heather Shanholtz, Courtney Kamauf and Shavonne Shorter

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. A native of Crownsville, Md., Shorter is now taking her outstanding skills as a communicator and scholar to the next level by pursuing a master's degree in communication studies.

A member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents since July 2007, Slater has built a successful career as both an educator and an expert of law. After graduating from Frostburg State College in 1966, Slater taught in Frederick County Schools for 16 years and obtained his master's degree in U.S. history before entering law school at the University of Baltimore. He completed his law degree in 1980 and began practicing law in Frederick part time while teaching high school. Today Slater is the founder and principal partner of the Law Offices of Thomas G. Slater, P.C.,

based in Frederick, Md. He has contributed to the success of FSU in many ways: he served as a member of FSU's University Board of Visitors from 1981 to 1991 and was president of the Alumni Association and chair of the FSU Foundation Inc. He received the FSU Alumni Achievement Award in 1990.

Provost Dr. Stephen Simpson; Dr. Ken Witmer, 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, will present candidates for degrees during commencement.

Tickets are not required for admission at the December commencement exercises. For more information, visit the commencement Web site at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).



## Take Note

### Employee Training Sessions Available

FSU will offer a variety of fall 2007 training classes for interested employees.

Information Technology is offering "Basic PowerPoint" from 2 to 4 pm. on **Dec. 10** in Compton 101 and "Advanced PowerPoint" from 2 to 4 p.m. **Dec. 11** in Compton 101. Check out "Charting Your Course (Maryland State Retirement System)" from 2 to 3 p.m. on **Dec. 11** in LUC Room 202.

To register for training, call x7487 or e-mail [humanresources@frostburg.edu](mailto:humanresources@frostburg.edu).

### Calling All Shutterbugs!

Attention all photography enthusiasts: got some great images? You may want to consider submitting them in the Environmental Planning & Land Management Institutes (EPLMI) Fifth Annual Environmental Photography Contest, which **starts Jan. 1 and ends April 11**. Participants are encouraged to submit as soon as possible. Tons of prizes are in store. For more info, e-mail [mpegg@frostburg.edu](mailto:mpegg@frostburg.edu) or [gyutzy@frostburg.edu](mailto:gyutzy@frostburg.edu).



### Nominations for USM Staff Awards Under way

The Council of University System Staff (CUSS) 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 CUSS 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](mailto:kdurst@frostburg.edu)
- **Nancy Frost**, Ort Library, x3058, [nfrost@frostburg.edu](mailto:nfrost@frostburg.edu)
- **Jay Hegeman**, P.A.S.S., x4738, [jhegeman@frostburg.edu](mailto:jhegeman@frostburg.edu)
- **Jesse Ketterman**, Student and Educational Services, x4311, [jketterman@frostburg.edu](mailto:jketterman@frostburg.edu)
- **Gary Love**, Physical Plant, x4044, [glove@frostburg.edu](mailto:glove@frostburg.edu)
- **Patrick McLane**, Physical Plant, [pmclane@frostburg.edu](mailto: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 then will work with you to complete a competitive nomination packet. Nomination reviews will begin in mid-December, with FSU's selected nominees submitted to the CUSS 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 equivalency 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 Fellowship 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](http://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**.



Dr. Amit Shah

Sciences Journal of Innovative Education." The honor was announced at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute Nov. 17 through Nov. 20 in Phoenix.

"This is a very prestigious award. It highlights the quality of our FSU faculty,



Dr. Thomas F. Hawk

press).

3. Weining Wang, Xiang Luo, Xiaoni Zeng, Yingying Zheng, and Hongqi Li. Terahertz and Infrared Spectra of Plumbagin, Juglone, and Menadi-one. /Carnivorous Plant Newsletter/, special issue (in press).

## 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](http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org).



## Presentations



### Appalachian Lab

The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory will offer a series of seminars during the fall semester. "Potomac River Ecosystem Project: Hydrogen Templates for Basin-scale Ecosystem Processes" by Jason Julian, UMCES 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](http://www.al.umces.edu/seminar/schedule).

## Points of Pride



### FSU's COB Profs Win 'Best Paper'

**Drs. Thomas F. Hawk** and **Amit Shah** won national recognition for **FSU's College of Business** when their paper, "Using Learning Style Instruments to Enhance Student Learning," was named 2007 Best Paper in the "Decision

particularly their teaching and research skills," said **Dr. Danny Arnold**, dean of the College of Business. "It is always good to receive external validation for what we already know!"

As part of the new revised ORIE instruction, which includes students answering questions about the library and how to find items in the library in a team environment, library staff members have instituted a drawing that is held at the end of each semester for a prize in which students who answer the questions correctly are eligible to have their name entered in a drawing for a prize. The prize is a 1 GB flash drive. The winner for this semester is **Abraham Frometa**!

**Dr. Hongqi Li** (Department of Biology) accomplished the following things during a recent visit to China:

1. Presented a talk "Terahertz Spectra of 1,4-Naphthoquinone and Its Four Derivatives" at an international conference, /Photonics Asia 2007/, Beijing
2. Visited the Geological Institute in Beijing
3. Visited the Capital Normal University (Beijing) and gave a seminar titled "Multiple approaches tracing the origin of flowering plants."
4. Visited Jilin University (Changchun, Jilin Province) and gave a seminar titled "Solving Darwin's 'Abominable Mystery.'"
5. Interviewed by Central China Television (CCTV) for a science program on carnivorous plants

Dr. Li also recently completed three papers:

1. Hongqi Li and Michael Gould. Observation of Reproductive Organs of Sarraceniaceae with SEM LV Model. /Carnivorous Plant Newsletter/, special issue (in press).

2. Adam Hnatkovich and Hongqi Li. Comparative morphological studies of /Sarracenia purpurea / L. / (Sarraceniaceae) populations around western Maryland, USA. /Carnivorous Plant Newsletter/, special issue (in



## 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](http://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](mailto:mlombardi@frostburg.edu) or stop by Old Main Room 201.

## Schedule for Dec. 10-14

### Monday:

3 & 6 p.m. NASA SCI Files, "The Case of the Technical Knockout"

4 & 7 p.m. Democracy in America:

"Interest Groups: Organized to Influence"

4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Earth Revealed: "Earth Quakes"

5 & 8 p.m. Fiction Writer: Jack Driscoll

### Tuesday:

3 & 6 p.m. FSU This Week

3:15 & 6:15 p.m. FSU Relaxation Seminar

4 & 8 p.m. 4th Annual Mind Culture and Original Music Concert

### Wednesday:

3 & 6 p.m. NASA "Destination Tomorrow"

3:30 & 6:30 p.m. AAST Lecturer: Dr.

Jerome Miller

4:30 & 7:30 p.m. American Cinema: "The Star"

5:30 & 8:30 p.m. American Passages, A Literary Survey: "Modernist Portraits"

### Thursday:

3 & 6 p.m. FSU This Week

3:15 & 6:15 p.m. CIA Analyst: Ray McGovern

4:00 & 8:00 p.m. Fall 2006 National Pan-Hellenic Step Show

### Friday:

3 p.m.. NASA Connect, "The Wright Math"

3:30 p.m. "NASA Destination Tomorrow"

4 p.m. "MD State of Mind"

5 & 8 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 Committee and 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 [wfw2@frostburg.edu](mailto:wfw2@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 informal discussion. We are accepting new members. For more information, contact [mmoran@frostburg.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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:

Candles 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 CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, x4714, or visit [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie).

# FSU Events Calendar



**MONDAY, DEC. 10**  
**Final Exams**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 11**  
**Final Exams**

\* NAACP General Body Meeting... 8 p.m. .... Lane 201

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12**  
**Final Exams**

**Intersession 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**

