Frostburg State University 139th Commencement Slated For Dec. 20

FSU will celebrate and recognize the achievements of its December 2011 graduating class during the University’s 139th commencement ceremonies Tuesday, Dec. 20, in the Cordts PE Center’s Main Arena.

President Jonathan Gibralter will confer degrees on graduates from the colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences during the single 11 a.m. ceremony.

Daniel Goff, College of Education; Jacob Hoover, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Robert Ketterman, College of Business, are the featured student speakers for the winter commencement exercises.

Goff will graduate with a major in recreation and parks management. Before coming to FSU, he graduated from Anne Arundel Community College in June 2009 with an associate degree in general studies. He has been vice president of the Recreation Society and was active in organizing the Major’s Fair presentations. Goff is a member in his major’s national honors program, Rho Phi Lambda, and, as an Eagle Scout, he received a Maryland Governor’s Citation and Maryland General Assembly Citation. In a competitive application process, he recently earned and completed an internship at the Coast Guard Station at Kodiak, Alaska, and is also certified as a Level III search and rescue technician. Goff holds a 3.6 overall GPA.

Hoover will graduate as a history major with a certificate in international studies. From the time he graduated from high school in 1996, until the present, he explored many careers and fields of study. He started his higher education career in 1997 before deciding to get married and start a family. Hoover eventually enrolled in FSU as a non-traditional student. He has been on FSU’s Dean’s List since fall 2009 and now graduates with a 3.8 overall grade point average. He discovered a passion for Latin American history at FSU and is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and the History Club. His strengths include original historical research and excellent communication skills, both written and oral; and despite the many obligations associated with raising his family, he has served as a tutor for struggling freshmen in History 100.

Ketterman will graduate as an accounting major. He graduated from high school in 1988 and attended FSU that fall semester, but other interests intervened. Ketterman was working part-time for Kinney Shoe Corp. and had completed two phases of the management training program. When they offered him a full-time assistant manager position in Frederick, Md., he took advantage of the opportunity and moved the following week. Before deciding to come back to school, he had also worked as a contract manager and traffic coordinator for LM Services LCC in Cumberland for 10 years. Ketterman boasts a 3.9 overall GPA.

Tickets are required for admission to the winter commencement. For info, visit the commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

Points of Pride

Brosi Selected for 2011 BEN Scholars

FSU ethnobotany professor Dr. John Brosi has been selected to the 2011 BEN Scholar. The BEN Collaborative was established in 1999 by the American Association for the Advancement of Science with 11 other professional societies and coalitions.

The goal of the BEN Scholars Program is to promote the use of digital library resources and student-centered teaching and learning methods in higher education, specifically in biological sciences lecture and laboratory courses, and in research training programs. BEN Scholars are leaders in biological sciences teaching and learning, with a passion for improving undergraduate education. They conduct outreach activities for biological sciences faculty on their campuses, throughout their region and nationally through professional societies.

At FSU, Brosi teaches Introduction to Ethnobotany, Dendrology and Plant Taxonomy. Over the years Brosi has worked for several organizations that strive to improve the environment, including the Tree Improvement Program, the Department of Forestry and the Nature Conservancy. Some of her research interests include ethnobotany in Appalachian and other cultures and economic and environmental sustainability of non-timber forest products.

For info, contact Brosi at x4213 or jrbosi@frostburg.edu.

Deng-Luzader Receives Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Hang Deng-Luzader of the FSU Department of Physics and Engineering was presented with a Distinguished Service Award by the Appalachian Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers at this year’s annual meeting.

In presenting the award, Dr. Joseph Wiest of West Virginia Wesleyan College cited Deng-Luzader’s service to the Appalachian Section and AAPT and her work with young people, especially tutoring high school students and organizing summer programs for middle school students. Her areas of teaching interest include quantum physics, modern physics and particle physics.

The AAPT is a professional membership association of scientists dedicated to enhancing the understanding and appreciation of physics through teaching.

For info on FSU’s Department of Physics, visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/ phys/index.htm.

Mary Biscoe to Serve as Facilitator for IYLC

FSU student Mary Biscoe has been selected to serve as a facilitator for the International Youth Leadership Conference, held in Dubai from Dec. 10 to 15. The IYLC will welcome over 120 students from the United Arab Emirates from more than 35 countries for an open-minded
exchange of diverse perspectives on contemporary global challenges.

The IFYC is a week-long youth forum aimed at achieving mutual understanding between participants from all corners of the globe and giving them an opportunity to test their leadership skills, strengthen their cultural awareness, deliver speeches, draft resolutions, make executive decisions and realize through experience the complexities of the world we live in. The main objective of the IFYC is to facilitate an exchange of ideas across an ethnically diverse and socially responsible group of young international leaders. Their interaction provokes communication and dialogue that, throughout the week, provides an unparalleled learning experience and cross-cultural adventure.

Biscoe is the president of FSU’s Student Government Association, vice president of membership for Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, member of Phi Eta Sigma Freshmen Honor Society and a Student Alumni Ambassador. She is president of Delta Zeta sorority, which boasts 50 members at FSU. Biscoe also volunteers for various community service projects and is a frequent writer for FSU’s SafeRide program.

The IFYC is an initiative of Civic Concepts International, which promotes global citizenship by partnering with youth organizations and education. Its executive director and one of its founders is William Webster ‘98.

83 Thanksgiving Baskets Donated to Needy Families!

Every year, the FSU Office of Volunteerism and National Service, with the A STAR! in Western Maryland program collects and delivers Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in the Cumberland area. These baskets are filled with everything a family could need for Thanksgiving, including stuffing, potatoes, turkey or ham, vegetables, pies and much more!

The baskets are donated by FSU organizations for local families and are delivered the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Names of the families in need are collected from the Frostburg Food Pantry and the Western Maryland Food Bank. In previous years, more baskets than names were collected and all leftover food was donated to the Western Maryland Food Bank.

This year, 83 baskets were donated to local families and around 100 pounds of canned goods to the Frostburg Food Pantry. AmeriCorps members serving in Allegany County, the staff of the Office of Volunteerism and National Service, staff from the FSU Cultural Events Series, brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon and members of the Marketing Club came together to give local families a Thanksgiving they may not have otherwise enjoyed.

‘Climbing for Food’

Event a Big Success

FSU’s Recreation Society hosted a “Climbing for Food” event in early December for the Frostburg Food Pantry. The event was a huge success with over 50 participants and many boxes of food donations! Society members Tiffany DePaoli and Tyler Baxter coordinated the event.

VA Center Gives FSU Certificate of Appreciation

Patrick Deasy, a counselor and veterans affairs coordinator in the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services at FSU, accepted a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the University from the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, W.Va. The award was in recognition and appreciation of FSU’s commitment and dedication to the nation’s veterans during Welcome Home/Celebrating 65 Years of Service to Veterans at the center in late October.

World Hunger Display

Stop by the 0rt Library to view the display on World Hunger and learn more about Heifer International. Please bring canned food for the Western Maryland Food Bank. There is a basket for donations under the display by the new computers.

FSU and local churches have had a long history of participating in the efforts of Heifer International, a worldwide hunger-reducing organization that is eco-friendly and works to establish long-term stability and independence with dignity for the families who receive farming and business start-ups to feed themselves and villages around the world and here at home. Heifer also provides farmers with the education to make the farms successful and sustainable.

For info, go to www.heifer.org.

Call for Papers

All FSU undergraduates are invited to submit papers for the second annual issue of ACTIVIST: Journal of Undergraduate Research (AJUR), a publication of the University’s Sociology Department. AJUR is a peer-edited and faculty-reviewed journal, committed to highlighting excellence in undergraduate research and scholarship at FSU.

Submissions from any major program of study are welcome, but papers should be concerned with, or relevant to, some social problem or aspect of society and social life.

Submissions must be received by Jan. 3, 2012. All research must have been approved by the University IRB. Submit papers electronically via gaustin@frostburg.edu.

Foundation News

Zumpanos Support FSU Baseball Tradition in Memory of Aaron

Brown Baseball has been central to the lives of generations of the Zumpano family, including father Gene and son Steve, who both played for FSU’s Bobcat baseball team. Sadly, the life of the Zumpano who may have been the best player of them all, Steve’s younger brother Aaron, was cut short. He died in 1988 in his freshman year of college as the result of a car accident.

Today Aaron’s memory is what is inspiring his family to support FSU’s baseball team through the Aaron P. Zumpano Memorial Baseball Fund, which supplies funds annually to enhance the players’ athletic experiences and meet the team’s immediate needs.
Important Reminder
From Brady Health

If you have not yet received a flu vaccination this fall, the time to get it is now! Influenza has been documented in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, so it is at Maryland's borders.

The flu vaccine is available for students, faculty and staff. The cost is $20 for the flu shot or $25 for the nasal FluMist.

Give Brady Health a call at x4310 to schedule an appointment.

It's Snowing! Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Make sure you know how to find out if FSU will be closed or have a delayed opening on bad weather days.

The most reliable, up-to-date information regarding delayed openings and cancellations will be available at the MAIN UNIVERSITY NUMBERS (301-687-4000, option 2), after 6 a.m. Notification of delays or closures will also be made through these outlets:

- On the main and “Current Students” page of the FSU website (www.frostburg.edu or students.frostburg.edu)
- Through campus email
- Through local radio stations
- Via Burg Alert text and email alerts (Registration information is below.)
- Via twitter.com/frostburgstate (Text alerts are automatically sent there.)
- On the FSU Facebook page (www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity)
- Via www.schoolout.com (Emails and text alerts are available.)

Everyone should sign up for Burg Alerts, which can be sent as text messages to your cell phones (standard texting rates apply) and as free emails. In addition to notifications of weather closings, Burg Alerts will be used to alert the campus in any kind of emergency. To sign up, go to www.frostburg.edu/computing/fsualert or visit the Technology page from the FSU front page. Look for “Text Alert System sign up” under “Quick Links.”

Follow the instructions, using your FSU username and password to access the site. (Choose “Public Safety Alerts” for notification of emergencies and “School Closing” for notification of closings or delays.) Don’t forget to select the box that says, “It is ok for regroup to send text messages to my phone. Standard rates apply” if you want to receive text messages.

If you were previously signed up for eCampus, your registration transferred to Regroup.

Unless FSU closure is announced on the outlets above, WE ARE OPEN.

Likewise, the message under option 2 at the main University number will announce the closure or announce,

“There are no delays or closures at this time.”

FOR FACULTY/STAFF: Personnel compensation for closures or delays will be based on the appropriate cancellation/delay message as presented on the FSU voice-mail system. A reminder: Essential personnel are required to report to work in the event of any cancellation or delay. These individuals have been notified of their “essential” status by their department heads. If you are unsure of your status, check with your supervisor.

If, in your judgment, it is not safe for you to come to work while the University is still open, you must contact your superior and provide this information. If liberal leave is announced for employees, it is expected that everyone will make an effort to report to work and class. Employees will be charged for the appropriate leave time. The announcement of liberal leave DOES NOT relieve essential employees of their need to report to work during inclement weather.

FOR STUDENTS: The announcement of liberal leave for employees DOES NOT cancel classes. If you have concerns about your ability to make it to class, discuss them with your faculty members. BEFORE the weather turns nasty.

When classes are cancelled for bad weather, Ott Library, the Cordts PE Center and the Lane University Center (not including food service) will be open for students who live on campus or within walking distance on a modified schedule and with limited staffing. Open hours on those days will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 8 p.m. on Sundays, except in the cases of extraordinary severe weather. Do not attempt to drive to campus if the weather is severe enough to warrant closing the University, for your own safety and for the sake of those who must work to clear parking lots and sidewalks.

FOR ALL: The final decision with regard to your personal safety resides with you. Stay warm and be safe.

DO NOT CALL UNIVERSITY POLICE OR THE COMPUTER HELP DESK FOR WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DO CALL 301-687-4000, OPTION 2, or check the FSU Web site at www.frostburg.edu.

Local Radio/TV Stations

The following local radio/television stations will be notified if there is a closing or delay:

- WPFW (91.9 FM)
- WERB (105.1 FM/560 AM)
- WCBG (1270 AM/107.1 FM)
- WTB0/WKGO (1450 AM/106.1 FM)
- W2DN (100.1/99.9 FM)
- WDKY – Magic (100.5 FM)
- WQZK (94.1 FM) Keyser
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- WKLP – ESPN (1390 AM) Keyser
- WCMD – ESPN (1230 AM)
- WYMD – Wolf 99.5 FM
- WMSG (1050 AM) Oakland
- WWHC (92.3 FM) Oakland
- WPWF (101.1 FM) Westerport
- WLCI/WALJ (97.1 FM/90.3 FM) Grantsville
- TV: WHAG-TV Hagerstown

USM Staff Award Nominations

The Council of University System Staff (CUSS) is again accepting nominations for the Board of Regents’ University System of Maryland Staff Awards. These awards represent the highest honor bestowed by the board 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: contribution to the institution and/or to unit to which the person belongs, service to students in an academic or residential environment, public service to the university or greater community, or effectiveness and efficiency in academic or administrative transformation. Two employees are recognized in each category for a total of eight 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 staff employees will select nominees from FSU:

- Kelly Durst, Office of Human Resources, x7487, kdurst@frostburg.edu
- Nancy Frost, 6th Library, x3058, nfrost@frostburg.edu
- Jay Hegeman, Student and Educational Services, x4738, jhegeman@frostburg.edu
- Jesse Kettermann, Student and Educational Services, x4311, jkettermann@frostburg.edu
- Dean Bolden, Physical Plant, x7004, dibolden@frostburg.edu

Contact any of these committee members with the name of a potential candidate and the reasons 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. FSU’s selected nominees are due to be submitted to the CUSS Committee in mid-January.

FSU has had Staff Awards winners in the past, including a recipient in 2011.

Holiday Sale

The University Store and Bobcat Store are having a holiday sale through Thursday, Dec. 22. All imprinted apparel, glassware and imprinted gifts will be 25 percent off; all clearance, 50 percent off. Also, while supplies last, get a free snowman or ball ornament with a transaction of $50 or more.

Note that no other discounts apply. All promotions are in store only. Matted prints and diploma frames are not included in the sale.

New Scholarship Award

The Department of Educational Professions announces a new scholarship award from the Hattie M. Strong Foundation for teacher education students in their final year of study. Awards will be made for spring 2012. Applicants must graduate in spring or fall 2012, including MAT and MAT students. Applications are available in Frantum 207 or by request from Dr. Sally Stephenson, stephenson@frostburg.edu, or Dr. Joyce Wheaton, jwheaton@frostburg.edu. The deadline for application is Dec. 12.

Sloop Info Institute

The Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership teaches participants an innovative way to look at leadership and how they can better themselves as student leaders. This is an institute for anyone looking to better their leadership skills no matter what type of position he or she already holds. Participants will also have an opportunity to meet and speak with FSU alumni and see how they are using leadership in their careers.

The institute will be held March 2 and 3, 2012, at the Bedford Springs Resort. This event is open by nomination process from a faculty or staff member at FSU to sophomore and juniors having leadership potential. The deadline for applications is Friday, Dec. 16.

For info, contact Douglas Baer or Clarissa Lang at x4210.

Donate Your Old Shoes

FSU is hosting a shoe drive. Look for drop-off boxes in the Cordts PE Center, the Chesapeake Dining Hall and at Life Fitness Management in LaVale. You have until Saturday, Dec. 17, to donate. All shoes are worthy!

For info, contact E. Anne Patron at eapatron@frostburg.edu.

Regional Conference on Teaching, Learning and Scholarship

The Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Group will hold the first Regional Conference on Teaching, Learning and Scholarship Jan. 9 and 10, 2012, in the Lane Center. Themes will include “Engaging Students,” “Sustainability in Education” and “Use of Technology.” Participation is encouraged by faculty throughout FSU and neighboring institutions. Look for emails with a full schedule and information about how to register for this free event.

Tutoring Center’s New Satellite Office

The FSU Tutoring Center, with Edgewood Commons, will open its first satellite office during the spring 2012 semester. The Tutoring Center at Edgewood Commons will be located on the fourth floor of the study tower next to room 450. This new office will feature group tutoring sessions, as well as clinic-style tutoring. The office will open Monday, Jan. 30, 2012. Hours of operation will be Mondays through Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and Sundays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Citizen Leader Course Available Spring Semester

Students, consider enrolling in LEAD 401 Citizen Leader on Monday evenings this spring 2012 semester. This four-credit class provides opportunities for independent and group experiential learning in and outside the classroom. Students will try out a range of civic engagement experiences, from service hours within established nonprofit contexts to a grassroots-organized social change project, and in doing so will have the opportunity to work hands-on with campus and community leaders. Students will also interact with leaders-in-residence beyond the local community. For info, contact Dr. Elesha L. Runimski, coordinator of the Leadership Studies minor, at eunimski@frostburg.edu.

Plan to Graduate in December?

The 139th commencement ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 20, in the Cordts PE Center. This is a change from previous years when it was usually held on a Saturday. The College of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences will all present their graduates at 11 a.m. Tickets will be required for admission. Each graduate will be allotted seven tickets.

Mailings and full details are posted on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

Floral bouquets, balloons and other graduation-related gifts will be available to purchase in the lobby of the Cordts PE Center on the day of graduation.

For info, contact Brittni Teter at x4423 or bteter@frostburg.edu.
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**Reminder About Cap and Gown Pickup**

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to graduates and can be picked up in Lane 108 beginning Dec. 12. They will also be available immediately before and after graduation rehearsal in the Cordts FE Center Main Arena lobby on Monday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m.

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**Get Involved**

**Upcoming UCM Events**

There will be United Campus Ministry programs this week. The UCM office in Tawes 161 will be open during finals week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free energy snacks and hot chocolate will be available for anyone who needs a quick pick-me-up. The chaplain will also be available for prayer and prayer requests all week. Feel free to stop by!

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zillott at zillott@frostburg.edu.

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**Deadlines**

**Notice for Grad Students**

The last day for graduate students to remove “I” (incomplete) grades is Monday, Dec. 12.

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**FSU-TV3 Schedule for Dec. 12-18**

For info, go to FSU-TV3 Programming at www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3.

Find FSU-TV3 on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FSU-TV3.

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**New Episode of ‘Bobcast’**

Tune in Tuesday night at 8 p.m. for the latest episode of “Bobcast” featuring the Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams, what it’s like being a graduate assistant to a athletic team and a panel on national sports.

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**‘Down to Earth With Dr. G’**

This new episode will feature a view of the Tamarit Monkey Lab, rock-climbing wall, animal exhibit and greenhouse. Dr. Grihalter will also answer student questions. Tune in Monday at 9 p.m.

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**‘Family, Memory, Dreams’ to Be at DeWitt Gallery**

A new exhibit by Robert Hein, “Family, Memory, Dreams,” will be on display on the second floor of DeWitt Gallery at 56 N. Centre St. in Cumberland.

The opening reception will be Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, from 6 to 9 p.m. For info, call 301-724-0393 or email dewittcamera@atlanticbb.net.

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**‘Impact’ at Frostburg Museum**


Baker is a self-taught photographer and animal rights advocate. A Frostburg resident, she has a deep appreciation for the mountains, coal-mining heritage and people of Western Maryland. This is her first solo exhibit.

The Frostburg Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Donations are appreciated. For info, contact Garry Ritchie at 301-689-1195 or frostburgmuseum@verizon.net, or go to frostmusemum, allconet.org.
Travel Opportunities

Get Away From It All!

Take an unforgettable journey with fellow Frostburg alums to beautiful Tuscany. The trip, coordinated with AHI Travel, will be from June 13 to 21, 2012. The price is $2,795, not including VAT and airfare.

The adventure features six nights in Cortona and two nights in Florence. Excursions will include Cortona, Assisi, Perugia, the Museum of the Etruscan Academy, a winery visit, Pienza, Montepulciano, Siena and Florence. For info or to register, call AHI Travel at 800-923-7373 or visit http://frostburg.ahitravel.com.

Summer 2012 – Travel Study Experience in New Mexico

The University Honors Program will offer a travel course May 22 through June 2, 2012, focusing on “Exploring Diversities in New Mexico.” This 10-day experience will give students the opportunity to visit a number of pueblos, interact with Hispanic communities, see the Land of Enchantment, and engage in two service learning projects with homeless individuals in Santa Fe.

Thanks to generous funding from the Frostburg State University Foundation, students only need to pay for airfare and tuition for the three-credit course experience (IDS 491 Honors Seminar: “Exploring Diversities in New Mexico”). Lodging, transportation while in New Mexico, admissions to museums, food and stipends for native instructors will be covered. Some grants are possible for students to defray airfare and tuition costs.

Preference will be given to students in good standing in the University Honors Program.

If interested, attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at noon in the Honors Program lounge (Fuller House basement). Email mconnelly@frostburg.edu or call x4998 before the meeting if you would like to participate in the trip.

International

Study Abroad

The Center for International Education offers various ways for FSU students to see the world. Students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester or a year in Ireland, England, Spain, France, China, Italy, Australia, Peru, Botswana or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships are available.

For info, visit the Fuller House (across the street from Braddock House), call x4714 or email Victoria Gearhart at vgearhart@frostburg.edu. Also, check out the CIE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/studyabroad.htm.

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Beijing/Shanghai/Hangzhou/Xi’an, China – Summer 2012

FSU students now have an opportunity to experience Chinese culture, history and economic development via a two-week trip to visit four major Chinese cities while earning FSU credits. The faculty-led trip is a component of IDIS 350 China in the 21st Century/MGMT 490 Special Topics in Business Administration – Management, which will be offered in the first six-week session of summer 2012. Students can enroll in either course for three credits, or in both for six credits. The application deadline is Jan. 31, 2012. Contact CIE for more details.