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FSU to Celebrate Student Achievement With 143rd Commencement

FSU will recognize and celebrate the achievements of its December 2013 graduating class during its 143rd commencement ceremonies on **Saturday, Dec. 21**, at 2 p.m. 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. Featured student speakers for the winter commencement are **Samantha Ebersole**, College of Business; **Kathryn A. Molander**, College of Education; and **Richard G. Eby**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.



Ebersole, of Hagerstown, Md., will graduate with a major in business administration and a concentration in small business/entrepreneurship. During her enrollment at FSU, she has displayed leadership skills, initiatives and strong-team orientation in course-related work as well as extracurricular activities. She has consistently placed on the Dean's List, served on the leadership team of the Marketing Club and College of Business Student Advisory Council and has been inducted into the International Business Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma. Last year, she took the opportunity to study in China where she gained valuable experiences and perspective. "Leaving high school I never could have imagined that I would study abroad in China, become an active member of a campus organization and be accepted into a prestigious business fraternity," said Ebersole.

Ebersole also completed an internship program at a Hilton Hotel where her immediate supervisor described her as being a great team player, respectful and responsible. Reflecting back on her time as an FSU student, Ebersole said, "I truly believe that Frostburg encompasses the slogan, 'One University, A World of Experiences' and has endless opportunities for each student who attends." She credits her success to the support of her family.



Molander, of Myersville, Md., will graduate with a major in elementary and middle education with a language arts specialization. As a teacher candidate, she has demonstrated a high level of knowledge, skills and disposition toward her future as an elementary or middle school educator. She consistently goes above and beyond in meeting the expectations for her coursework and field experiences. During the fall 2012 semester, Molander completed an assistantship in second grade, where she was recognized as an outstanding colleague and dedicated teacher to her students. Whether speaking of her life outside the classroom, her membership in the Frostburg Student Education Association or her academic course work, faculty members have noticed her organized, conscientious and dedicated nature. "Since arriving at Frostburg, I have placed my education at the top of my priority list, and it feels wonderful to be recognized," said Molander. Thinking back on everything

she has learned at FSU, Molander said, "I feel so confident with the education I have received at Frostburg State University, and I am very proud to soon be an FSU Elementary graduate."



Eby, of Clearville, Pa., entered FSU after completing only nine grades of formal education at a parochial Mennonite school. Since arriving at FSU, Eby has remained at the top of his classes, logged volunteer time at a local hospital and maintained part-time employment at his father's dairy farm and his brothers' saw mill, all while pursuing a biology major. In the fall of 2011, he spent several months in East Africa to aid in famine relief efforts. As he graduates from FSU, Eby is preparing to enter medical school. He scored in the 90th percentile on the Medical College Admission Test, interviewing at some of the nation's most prestigious medical schools. He has already been accepted at Temple University School of Medicine and Commonwealth Medical College. Prepared with an FSU education and the discipline he has developed from his Mennonite upbringing and culture, Eby said, "Work ethic coupled with my Frostburg State education and unique life experiences gives

me the opportunity to represent the potential that Frostburg State offers to prospective students from very diverse backgrounds."

Interim Provost **Dr. William Childs**; **Dr. Clarence Golden**, dean of the College of Education; **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**, 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 required for admission to the winter commencement. For more information, visit www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

Exhibits

Two New Library Displays for December

The Ort Library presents two new displays for December.

The first display, located on the third floor (by the main entrance), provides information on the end of Prohibition 80 years ago (1933) with the passage of the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The temperance movement swept the U.S. during the 1820s and '30s. By World War I, this cry for the prohibition of alcohol gained increasing popularity, which culminated in the

passage of the 18th Amendment in 1919 prohibiting the creation, sale and transportation of alcohol. By the late 1920s, the mood in the U.S. had swung back to allowing the creation of liquor by legitimate businesses. By 1933, the 18th Amendment outlawing alcohol had been repealed.

The second display, located on the fifth floor, recognizes December as AIDS Awareness Month. AIDS Awareness Month is a key opportunity to raise awareness, commemorate those who have passed on and celebrate victories such as increased access to treatment and prevention services. Learn more about HIV/AIDS through statistics and background information as well as see what titles the library has on AIDS. Included in the display is the book “And the Band Played On” by Randy Shilts. Published 20 years ago, “And the Band Played On” was quickly recognized as a masterpiece of investigative reporting. Shilts’ exposé revealed why AIDS was allowed to spread unchecked during the early ‘80s while the most trusted institutions ignored or denied the threat. One of the few true modern classics, it changed and framed how AIDS was discussed in the following years.

Finally, the display on food insecurity, located on the third floor (between the four stand-up PCs) continues through the end of this month. This display looks at hunger for those living in Allegany and Garrett counties. According to the latest U.S. Census data, more than 30 percent of households in Allegany County and almost 28 percent of households in Garrett County have incomes of less than \$25,000, which can make purchasing food difficult.

The Ort Library will collect for the Frostburg Food Pantry through the end of the semester. A collection box is located by the display.

For info about the displays, contact Theresa Mastrodonato at x4425 or tmmastrodonato@frostburg.edu or MaryJo Price at x4889 or mprice@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

College of Business Scholarship Reflects Alum’s Goal to Give Back



Thanks to the generosity of **Theresa R. Williams-Harrison** and Roosevelt Harrison, there’s a new scholarship possibility for FSU College of Business students.

The Theresa R. Williams-Harrison and Roosevelt Harrison College of Business Scholarship benefits students enrolled full time in FSU’s College of Business with an overall grade point average of a minimum of 2.7. Preference will be given to applicants from Baltimore City.

“Born and raised in Baltimore, it was just such a contrast for me coming from the city to Frostburg and falling in love with the area,” said Williams-Harrison, who graduated from FSU with a bachelor’s degree in business in 1980 and an MBA in 1988. “I’m hoping this encourages students from Baltimore to go to Frostburg and have the same sort of experience.”

It only makes sense to give back, Williams-Harrison said, because the positive experiences she had at FSU have served her well. She is president of GEORGE STREET Services, Inc., an IT and management consulting firm.

“Frostburg was the right school for me and my accomplishments have largely happened because of the education I obtained there,” she said. “I always knew I would give back to my alma mater. Frostburg offered many academic resources to ensure my success and I am just hoping in a small way to assist with ensuring the success of future students at Frostburg.”

This is one of many ways Williams-Harrison, who now lives in Walkersville, Md., anticipates giving back to her alma mater.

“This is not the only scholarship or endowment I am participating in. After setting up my scholarship, I then focused on giving to and supporting the A4 (African American Alumni Affinity) Group Scholarship,” she said.

To learn more about how to support the Theresa R. Williams-Harrison and Roosevelt Harrison College of Business Scholarship, the A4 Group Scholarship and the FSU Foundation, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation or call x4161.

FSU’s BURG Peer Education Network Wins National Award



From left are BACCHUS Chairperson Dr. Ed Hammond, who is president of Fort Hayes State University; FSU students Emily Llewellyn, Robert Lemaire, Veronica Morris and Desiree Despertt; and Dr. Kevin Kruger, president of NASPA, Student Affairs in Higher Education.

FSU’s BURG Peer Education Network received the National Outstanding Peer Education Affiliate of the Year Award at the BACCHUS Network’s annual General Assembly in Reston, Va. The award is the highest honor that an organization can receive from BACCHUS.

At this conference, peer educators from across the country gather to share what they are doing on their campuses. Two FSU students, **Veronica Morris** and **Emily Llewellyn** and the organization’s advisor, **Don E. Swogger**, presented a program on “Building an Effective Health Promotion Campaign on Campus.” **Robert Lemaire** and **Desiree Despertt**, two other FSU students, supported the presentation through technological assistance.

BURG is a group of students who believe in empowering, educating and creating change among peers at FSU and in the community. They promote healthy choices on campus and provide recreational alternatives to drinking and drugging. BURG is a nationally certified peer education group through the BACCHUS Network. Its members serve as peer educators by presenting several educational programs and awareness campaigns on campus each year.

BURG is celebrating 26 years of excellence in peer education on the Frostburg campus. For info about the BURG Peer Education Network, call the S.A.F.E. Office at x4761 or visit www.burgpeereducationnetwork.com.

The BACCHUS Network is a collegiate peer education initiative that supports the achievement of students’ academic and personal success by building skills in student leaders to address campus health and safety issues. For info, visit www.bacchusnetwork.org.

Take Note

Frostburg Community Dialogue Series Will Continue

Focus Is on Strengthening Campus and Community Partnerships in Frostburg

The Frostburg Sustaining Campus and Community Dialogue Series will continue this spring with a focus on formalizing a commitment to support campus and community partnerships. Supported by FSU, the Maryland Judiciary’s Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO) and Mountainside Community Mediation Center since spring 2012, the dialogue series aims to strengthen community relationships and foster civility and collaborative problem-solving in Frostburg.

Active dialogue participants will be invited to an initial session on **Tuesday, Jan. 28**, to discuss “Organizing the Campus and Community Partnership: Creating a Formal Agreement to Sustain Our Work Together.” Dialogue sessions that follow will be held 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theater at 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg on **Monday, Feb 24, Thursday, March 27, and Tuesday, April 29**, with the themes “Living With Each Other: A Discussion of Off-Campus Housing Solutions,” “Building the ‘Burg: Inviting FSU Students to Join and Grow the Local Community” and “Respecting Each Other: A Dialogue About Cross-Racial Relationships.” The sessions are open to anyone in the Frostburg community interested in discussing the topics.

Nationally recognized conflict resolution scholar-practitioners Dr. Frank Dukes, lecturer and director of the Institute for Environmental Negotiation at the University of Virginia, and Dr. Marvin Johnson, founder and executive director of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, will continue to help facilitate the sessions, along with project manager **Dr. Elesha Ruminski**, chair and associate professor of FSU’s Department of Communication Studies. Details and documentary segments about the project are available at www.frostburg.edu/dept/cmst/dialogue-series. Those interested in being part of this community-building effort should contact Ruminski at elruminski@frostburg.edu or x4480.

The dialogue sessions convene students, year-round residents, local officials and University leaders to discuss issues and create new opportunities for collaborative problem-solving and coalition-building in Frostburg. In this second year of the series, community members are working toward tangible solutions for deeper level, sensitive and structurally challenging town-and-gown tensions that affect safe, secure living conditions and civil relationships between long- and short-term residents in the college town. This is the last semester of the series funded through an agreement with MACRO. The series is slated to continue in fall 2014, supported by a special topics class in Dialogue and Deliberation being offered by the Department of Communication Studies at FSU. Contact Ruminski for more information on the series or the upcoming special topics course.

University System of Maryland Celebrates 25 Years of Impact

The University System of Maryland has just launched its fourth monthly contest as part of USM’s 25th anniversary celebration. For December, the University of Maryland, College Park has contributed tickets (two each) to two performances (grand prize winner’s choice) at the Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts. The entry deadline is Christmas Eve. Check out the USM Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/University-System-of-Maryland/260955998520> for details and share the contest information with family members and friends.

So far, contestants have won football tickets, symphony season tickets, family packs of tickets to wonderful concerts at FSU throughout the year (the FSU contest received the most entries thus far), a NOOK GlowLight and basic 25th anniversary prize packs that include T-shirts, tote bags, pens and items donated by the 25th anniversary sponsors. And USM has a stash of great prizes to give away in the new year.

Throughout the 2013-14 academic year, USM is observing the 25-year milestone with a look at the positive impact that it has had – and continues to have – on the quality of life in Maryland and beyond. A microsite has been created that includes a timeline, a link to the story of how the system came to be and some interesting facts about the system’s impact. Visit the microsite at www.usmd.edu/25. Also, the USM Facebook page has been transformed into the official 25th-anniversary party site.

When USM launched its celebration a few months ago, the USM Facebook page had less than 300 Likes but is now well on the way to 600 thanks to the increased interest generated by the 25th anniversary celebration!

Allegany County Child Care Professionals Association Provider Openings

Since the FSU Children’s Center will close after Christmas, the following is a list of available child care openings as provided by members of the Allegany County Child Care Professionals Association.

For info, contact M. Katherine Snyder, V. P. of Human Resources at FSU, at x4105.

Infant Openings Available

Provider/Director Name	Center Name	Location	Contact Info	Openings
Janet Householder	Janet’s Kids Daycare	Westernport	301-359-9807	1 infant opening now, 1 infant opening in March 2014 and 3 openings ages 2-4
Freda Williams	Hill Top Family Daycare	Cumberland – Hill Top Dr.	240-522 0409	1 infant opening now and 2 openings ages 2-4
Rose Greber	Little Tykes Learning Center	Fort Hill High School	301-697-0211	Few openings for infants, toddlers (18 months-2 years), 2-year-olds and preschool
Amanda Rosenberger	Amanda’s Little Punkins	Cresaptown	240-522-0716	1 infant opening now and 2 openings for ages 2 and up

Jamie Wiseman	Stepping Stones Family Daycare	Cumberland – Maryland Ave.	240-522-0566	1 infant opening (18 months or older only) and 1 opening for age 2 and up
Taryn Parks	Puddle Jumpers Daycare	Cumberland – Pennsylvania Ave.	240-727-6005	Evening and weekend openings for all ages now; infant opening in January
Siobhan Lewis	Love and Learn	Frostburg	240-7278149	Part-time openings available (M, T, W); includes infants

Other Openings Available (Age 2+)

Karla Morgan		Frostburg – Washington St.	301-689-2589	3 openings for ages 2-4
Dalene Vollmerhausen	Humpty Dumpty Learning Center	Cumberland	301-722-6599	Openings for 4-year-olds
Pam Gragg		Cumberland – Wempe Dr.	301-724-7706	1 opening age 2 and up
Heather Katz		Frostburg	301-689-6830	2 openings age 2 and up and 1 infant opening in April
Tammy Courtney	Kids Korner Quality Childcare	Frostburg and other locations	301-689-9717	No openings at Beall; may have openings at other locations
Stephanie Loewendick		Cresaptown – off Winchester Rd.	301-729-5577	3-4 full-time openings for 2 and up

Interession '14 – Catch Up, Keep Up, Get Ahead!



Interession '14 will be offered at FSU **Jan. 2 through 24, 2014**. Take courses online or on campus. Registration takes place **through Jan. 3**. Late fees apply after **Dec. 16**. For info, go to www.frostburg.edu/interession.

University Store News and Events

Textbook Buyback

The University Store will conduct the end-of-semester buyback **through Friday, Dec. 20**, at two locations. Bring your books to the buyback window in the hallway behind the University Store or look for the trailer inside the Center Street parking lot. Buyback hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Textbook Rental Returns

If you rented textbooks this semester from the University Store or through its website, remember to bring them back to the store no later than **Dec. 20**. The University Store will be closed for Christmas break and cannot accept returns **Dec. 21 through Jan. 1, 2014**. Avoid the late fees and return your books before you leave for break!

Grad Fair Celebration Sale

The University Store will hold a Grad Fair Celebration Sale **through Saturday, Dec. 21**.

Save 20 percent off all apparel, 15 percent off imprinted gifts and glassware and 55 percent off of all clearance.

Sustainability Studies Poster Session/Reception

Introduction to Sustainability Studies will host a Sustainability Studies Poster Session/Reception on **Tuesday, Dec. 17**, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in Gunter 208 to showcase student engagement and outreach projects.

For info, contact Tracy Edwards at x7596.

Burg Peer Education Network Study Tips

Study Smart

Don't cram. Study a little every day, and after every 20 minutes of studying, give yourself a five-minute mental break. This will help your brain process what you just read and give it time to commit information to memory.

Get Plenty of Sleep. Your brain processes what you have done throughout the day while you're sleeping. Spending a whole day studying but not sleeping at least 7 to 9 hours causes you not to remember most of what you studied.

Drink plenty of water. When your body is dehydrated, it begins to shut down to conserve energy and what water it has. Short-term memory is one of the first things to go.

Seek help. If there is a concept that you don't understand, don't just skip it and wing it on the exam. Go to the Tutoring Center, your peers in the class or directly to your professor and ask for clarification.

For info, contact Nathan Rosenberger at nrosenberger0@frostburg.edu or Veronica Morris at vcmorris0@frostburg.edu, or stop by the SAFE Office at Sand Spring 111.

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 NUMBER (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 at twitter.com/frostburgstate
- On the FSU Facebook page at www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity
- Via www.schoolsout.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 <https://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 user name 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.

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 supervisor and provide this information. In the event that 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 in bad weather, discuss them with your faculty members BEFORE the weather turns nasty.

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 website at www.frostburg.edu.

Local Radio/TV Stations

The following local radio/television stations will be notified in the event of a closing or delay:

- WFWM (91.9 FM)
- WFRB (105.1 FM/560 AM)
- WCBC (1270 AM/107.1 FM)
- WTBO/WKGO –Go 106 (1450 AM/106.1 FM)
- WVMD – The Wolf (99.5 FM)
- WDYK – Magic (100.5 FM)
- WQZK (94.1 FM) Keyser
- WKLP – ESPN (1390 AM) Keyser
- WCMD – ESPN (1230 AM)
- WDZN – Z100 (100.1/99.9 FM)
- WMSG (1050 AM) Oakland
- WWHC (92.3 FM) Oakland
- WWPB (101.1 FM) Westernport
- WLIC/WAIJ (97.1 FM/90.3 FM) Grantsville
- TV: WHAG-TV Hagerstown

Get on the FSU Brandwagon!

Where to Download the FSU Logo and Tagline

The FSU Office of Publications has put together a useful guide to help you implement the FSU logo, tagline and other graphic elements in University publications. Go to www.frostburg.edu/publications for standards, guidelines and downloadable files, including logos in various formats, PowerPoint templates and a Publication Request Form. Keep checking back as resources will be updated periodically.

FSU changed to the current logo in 2008. If you have any material displaying the former FSU “mountain logo,” recycle it.

For info, contact Ann Townsell, director of Publications, at atownsell@frostburg.edu.

How to Order Engraved FSU Name Tags



Personalized plastic pin-style FSU name tags can be ordered through the Office of Publications. All you need to supply are the name and title for each person and credit card information.

There is no set-up fee. The two-color name tag, which includes a name and pin fastener, is \$3. Each additional line (e.g., title and department) costs 55 cents. For a magnet fastener instead of a pin, add 95 cents (plus shipping).

When you order, you will need the credit card information and the name(s) and title(s) of each person ordering a name tag. Send names and titles through email only and make sure that spelling and wording are correct before ordering. There is a minimum order of \$10.

Orders usually take up to 3 weeks. If you are ordering name tags for an event, include the event date in your email.

For info, contact Joni Smith at x3040 or jlsmith@frostburg.edu.

FSU Offers Health and Human Performance Lab

The Health and Human Performance Lab featuring body fat testing, flexibility testing, cardiovascular testing, blood pressure screenings and more is free for faculty, staff and students. The lab is located in room 110 of the Cordts PE Center. Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Weekend hours are by appointment only. For info, contact Dr. Melody Kentrus, the lab director, at x4415 or mhkentrus@frostburg.edu, or tmrodgers02@frostburg.edu.

Intersession Course, Environmental Communication, to Be Offered Online

CMST 490 Special Topics in Communication: Environmental Communication will be offered fully online by **Dr. Brent Kice** during Winter Intersession 2014.

In this course, students will evaluate environmental campaigns to learn various means of communicating messages regarding environmental issues. Some campaigns the class will examine are BP and the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the Sea Shepherd organization from the Animal Planet show “Whale Wars” and perceptions of residents concerning wind farm construction. For info, contact Kice at bkice@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Will Be Here Soon!

The 143rd commencement ceremony will be held **Saturday, Dec. 21**, at 2 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center.

The colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences will present their graduates during a single ceremony. Tickets will be required for admission. **Each graduate receives six tickets. Tickets can be picked up in room 512 of the Ort Library Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Complete your graduation application in PAWS now and check with the Registrar’s Office to ensure that everything is in order and you will receive all the necessary information.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Brittini Teter at x4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Get Involved

Upcoming UCM Events

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308, at x7490 or c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities Open to the FSU Community

Salvation and Praise Bible Study, Mondays, 7 p.m., Lane 111. This is a student-led Bible study group.

Spiritual Study Break – A Contemporary Vesper Worship Experience, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Lane 108. If interested in joining the Praise team, contact UCM for practice times.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Thursdays, 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Library 237. This is a student-led Bible study.

Finding True North Bible Study, Sundays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., Library 237. The group will continue to explore and discuss the insights of C.S. Lewis on the topic of evil – the grand as well as mundane efforts.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Events

For info, email IVCFfrostburg@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/IVfrostburg.

Dialogue and Worship, Thursdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Lane 108. Join the group for an engaging discussion of Jesus and the Bible as well as contemporary musical worship. All are welcome.

Student Life

Edgewood Commons Accepting Applications for Spring!

Edgewood Commons has space for this spring 2014! All the necessary application forms are available at www.edgewoodFSU.com. Simply print, fill out and return the documents to the Edgewood Commons office with the \$200 administrative fee.

Each apartment comes fully furnished and contains a full-size washer and dryer, central heat and air conditioning, a full-size refrigerator with icemaker, dishwasher, stove, microwave and garbage disposal.

All Edgewood apartments have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms.

Other student amenities include a fitness center; high-def media room with an Xbox360, Wii and Playstation3; hotel-style lounge with a big-screen TV; game room with two pool tables, ping pong, air hockey and more; three conference/study lounges; a high-speed wireless Internet; and 24-hour computer lab with free printing.

Edgewood has on-site management and a full-time maintenance staff. Additionally, utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable) are included in the contract fee.

Stop by during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take a tour. For info, call 301-689-1370 or email info@edgewoodFSU.com.

International

Global Experiential Learning Programs

Study Abroad Trip to China



The College of Business Global Experiential Learning Program is organizing a study abroad trip to China **May 30 through June 11, 2014**. All undergraduate majors and MBA students are welcome to participate.

Students will participate in visits and activities that will introduce them to the splendor and the fascinating contrasts of China's culture and history. In addition to visits to many of China's iconic landmarks in Beijing, Xi'an and Shanghai, students will also visit a microfinance development project and visit Huxian, a well-known community of peasant artists, offering a unique perspective of authentic rural experiences in China.

Students will earn 3 credits by taking a related online course in the first summer session. The cost is \$3,850 plus summer tuition and fees.

For info, contact Dr. Suzanne McCoskey at x4897 or Dr. Sudhir Singh at x4093.

Study Abroad Trip to Ecuador



The College of Business Global Experiential Learning Program is sponsoring a study abroad trip to Ecuador **June 4 through 14, 2014**. As part of this trip, students will study Leadership in Latin America. Students from all majors are welcome to participate.

On this trip, students will be able to experience the cultural and historical heritage of Quito, visit businesses and learn from successful Latin American leaders, visit the resort city of Banos, engage in service in a local village, shop in one of the largest artisan markets in South America (Otavalo), visit with students at the Universidad de Azuay in Cuenca, tour the Inca ruins of Inga Pirca and stroll the Guayaquil river walk.

Students will earn 3 credits by taking one of a number of courses that will be taught online in the first summer session. The cost is \$3,300 plus summer tuition and fees.

For info, contact Dr. Jeff McClellan at x4372 or Dr. Carol Gaumer at x4052.

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Ruth LaCourse in Ireland (fall 2013)

The Center for International Education offers ways for FSU students to see the world. In some cases, 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 can help fund a study abroad experience. For info on programs or scholarships, visit the Fuller House (across the street from the Braddock House), call x4714 or email Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu. Also, check out the CIE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/studyabroad and the Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad.

Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Ireland

Students can study abroad for a semester at Mary Immaculate College and pay FSU tuition. Financial aid can be used to help cover the costs of room and board. Credits will transfer back to FSU. Check out the website for Mary Immaculate College at www.mic.ul.ie.

Students have an opportunity to study in England for a semester. Tuition and fees are paid to FSU while room and board are paid to Northumbria University. Courses will transfer back to FSU with prior approval. Check out the university’s website at www.northumbria.ac.uk.

Community

Annual Art for Giving Exhibit Open for the Holiday Season



The Gilchrist Gallery and Museum on Washington Street is bedecked for the holidays and features numerous trees and beautiful Christmas decorations throughout. Patrons can enjoy the annual Art for Giving exhibit, featuring the work of over 60 artists from the tri-state area. All pieces are for sale and include painting, jewelry, pottery, metal sculpture, woodworking, fiber art and more. Unlike other gallery exhibits during the year, items featured in the “Art for Giving” exhibit can be purchased and taken home on the same day. The exhibit and sale run through **Sunday, Dec. 22**. Regular museum hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For info, visit www.facebook.com/gilchristgallery or call 301-724-5800.

FSU Events Calendar

For info on FSU events, go to <http://events.frostburg.edu/calendar>.

Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information is subject to change.

Note: FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301-687-4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1-800-735-2258.

'Tis the Season to Be Careful



- **Be mindful of potential fire hazards when selecting holiday decorations and determining where to place them.**
- **If your Christmas tree is metallic, do not place any types of lights on it at all.**
- **Never place staples or nails through strings of lights, power cords or extension cords.**
- **Do not connect too many strands of lights together.**

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Frostburg State University is a student-centered teaching and learning institution featuring experiential opportunities. The University offers students a distinctive and distinguished baccalaureate education along with a select set of applied master’s and doctoral programs. Frostburg serves regional and statewide economic and workforce development; promotes cultural enrichment, civic responsibility and sustainability; and prepares future leaders to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

1. Enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students both inside and outside the classroom.
2. Improve facilities so that students live and learn in a modern and technologically sophisticated environment.
3. Increase student quality and improve student persistence to graduation.