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## **Allegany County Opportunity Scholarship to Benefit County Residents at FSU, Allegany College of Maryland**

Allegany County Commissioners Michael W. McKay, Creade V. Brodie Jr. and William R. Valentine discussed a draft resolution at the commissioner's public work session on Thursday, Dec. 5, establishing the Allegany County Opportunity Scholarship, designed to benefit Allegany County residents attending either Allegany College of Maryland or FSU.

Funds for the scholarship will be provided from a portion of Allegany County Government's share – 2.25 percent – of the annual gross revenue generated by the video lottery machines at Rocky Gap Casino Resort. The county receives revenue monthly from the state.

Fewer than one in five Allegany County residents, 16.3 percent, have earned a bachelor's degree or higher. The county ranks 22 of 24 of Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City. The commissioners intend to use a portion of these funds for the Allegany County Opportunity Scholarship for ACM and FSU students, understanding the impact of ACM and FSU on the education and career preparation and career advancement opportunities the two institutions provide to members of this community.

The resolution will be voted on at the **Dec. 19** commissioners' public business meeting.

"The commissioners want and need to educate our youth at the collegiate level right here in Allegany County. The Allegany County Opportunity Scholarship is a positive step to help accomplish many goals," Commissioner Valentine emphasized. "This encourages population retention and growth, enhances the quality of the local workforce for current and prospective employers and supports economic development and the associated prosperity it creates."

The commissioners have determined that the future well-being of Allegany County depends on having an educated and skilled workforce. However, many county residents face financial barriers to pursuing post-secondary education. Funding through the Allegany County Opportunity Scholarship will provide additional financial resources to increase educational opportunities, enhance economic development and support the continued well-being of the community.

The scholarships will be administered through ACM's and FSU's respective nonprofit foundations, Allegany College of Maryland Foundation, Inc., and the FSU Foundation, Inc. Specific criteria will be determined by each institution. The first awards are scheduled to be made for the fall 2014 semester.

"We applaud the Allegany County Commissioners for this unique, forward-thinking plan that recognizes the importance of education to our citizens and to the county's economic development," said President Jonathan Gibralter. "Their keen vision and true leadership will create wonderful possibilities for our local students, and we congratulate them for their wisdom."

ACM enrolls more than 1,700 credit and over 5,000 continuing education workforce development and professional development students from Allegany County per academic year. Of FSU's 5,474 total students (fall 2013), 738 undergraduate students and 183 graduate students are Allegany County residents.

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## **FSU in U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges for Veterans**

FSU has been named one of the top-ranked schools in the 2014 edition of the U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges for Veterans rankings recognizing schools that participate in federal initiatives helping veterans and active service member apply, pay for and complete their degrees.

"This recognition is further evidence of Frostburg State University's commitment to ensuring that our veteran and active-duty military students have access to the opportunities that higher education will provide," said President Jonathan Gibralter. "They have earned our gratitude."

The 234 schools in the new list scored well in terms of graduation rate, faculty resources, reputation and other markers of academic quality. To qualify for the new rankings, the schools had to be certified for the GI Bill and participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program, two federal initiatives that help veterans reduce the cost of school. The schools were also required to be members of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Consortium, a group that works to simplify credit transfers and give veterans credit for military training and national tests such as the College-Level Examination Program.

Only 40 of the nearly 200 regional universities in the Northeast, the subsection that includes FSU, made the list. In total, there were 234 ranked schools across all 10 U.S. News Ranking categories. Slightly less than one-fourth of schools numerically ranked in the 2014 Best Colleges rankings offered all the benefits needed to be eligible for the Best Colleges for Veterans ranking.

U.S. News said that it publishes these separate rankings because there are additional factors that veterans and active service members should consider. The data on veteran benefits was collected as part of a broader survey of undergraduate schools by U.S. News in spring 2013.

For info about veterans services at FSU, call x4409.

## Dance

### Department of Theatre and Dance to Present ‘The Winter Garden’



Kayla Drew-Ann Stocks, Kayla Hoover and Mariah Goldring are featured in the FSU Holiday Dance Concert.

FSU’s Department of Theatre and Dance will present its family-friendly holiday dance concert, “The Winter Garden,” on **Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14**, at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC Drama Theatre. There will be a matinee **on Sunday, Dec. 15**, at 2 p.m.

Written and directed by **Jamie McGreevy**, “The Winter Garden” is about one girl’s love of all seasons as she discovers a winter garden where the seasons come to life, bursting with magic and beauty. The dance concert will feature the FSU Dance Company, local dancer

**Kayla Hoover** as lead soloist and dancers from the Mountain City Center for the Arts, as they dance to the sounds of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and other seasonal favorites.

Tickets are \$6 for students and children under 18 and \$12 for the general public. They can be reserved by calling x7462 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

## Music

Unless otherwise noted, recitals and concerts will take place in PAC Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at x4109.

### FSU Clarinet Studio and Ensemble Concert

The FSU Clarinet Studio and Ensemble Concert, under the direction of **Dr. Mark Gallagher**, will perform **Monday, Dec. 9**, at 7:30 p.m.

The Clarinet Ensemble will perform “Wexford Carol,” an Irish traditional carol; “Divertimento No. 5, K. 439 in Bb Major” by Wolfgang A. Mozart; and “Trio No. 1, Op. 7” by Jacques Bouffil.

The Clarinet Studio members will perform “Raga Music for Clarinet Solo” by John Mayer, “Fantasy for Clarinet and Piano” by Carl Nielsen and “Trios Pieces for Clarinet and Piano, Op. 20” by Rene de Boisdeffre.

### FSU Guitar Ensemble

The FSU Guitar Ensemble, under the direction of **Patrick Sise**, will perform **Tuesday, Dec. 10**, at 7:30 p.m.

The ensemble will perform works by Georges Bizet, Francesco Tarrega, Mauro Giuliani, Johann Sebastian Bach, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Lennon and McCartney, Scott Joplin, Domenico Scarlatti and Ferdinando Carulli.

## Reading

### FSU’s Center for Creative Writing to Host Book Release and Signing



FSU’s Center for Creative Writing will host a book release and signing on **Tuesday, Dec. 10**, at Main Street Books, 2 E. Main St., Frostburg, at 7:30 p.m. The event will showcase a novel, “Clamor,” and a book of prose poems, “Notes for the Novice Ventriloquist,” by FSU faculty member **Gerry LaFemina**.

“Clamor,” LaFemina’s debut novel, is about the emotional journey of a punk rock star, Johnny Malice, as he attempts to reconcile his past and his family with his present. The story attempts to bridge emotional distances as part prodigal son and part indie concept album, forged from Malice’s mosaic of sexual deviance, emotional codependency and distorted rock and roll.

“Notes for the Novice Ventriloquist” is a compilation of LaFemina’s curious and quirky prose poems. From surrealist art to magic shows and mythological creatures, these poems paint a canvas in which the real and what may be real are framed together.

LaFemina is the director of the Frostburg Center for Creative Writing at FSU, where he is an associate professor of English. He is the author of nine previous collections of poetry and prose, including “Vanishing Horizon” and “Steam Punk.” LaFemina has received many awards, including a Pushcart Prize, an Irving Gilmore Emerging Artist Fellowship Award, a Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs Individual Artist Fellowship and a Bordighera Prize in Poetry. He holds a master of fine arts degree and a master’s degree in literature with an emphasis on 20th-century literature from Western Michigan University.

For more information, contact the Center for Creative Writing at [cwcenter@frostburg.edu](mailto:cwcenter@frostburg.edu) or call 301-687-4340.

# Visual Arts

## 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' expose 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 [tmastrodonato@frostburg.edu](mailto:tmastrodonato@frostburg.edu) or MaryJo Price at x4889 or [mprice@frostburg.edu](mailto:mprice@frostburg.edu).

# Presentations

## The FSU Science Discovery Center Presents 'Wild Winter'



On **Saturday, Dec. 14**, the Science Discovery Center will host "Wild Winter" from noon to 2 p.m. on the first floor of the Compton Science Center. Come learn about the habits and adaptations that allow these majestic and hardy animals of the tundra to survive some of the harshest conditions on earth. For info, contact Susan Snow at x4723.

## Appalachian Laboratory Fall Seminar Series

Dr. Louis Plough, UMCES Horn Point Laboratory, will present "Larval Mortality and Adaptive Change in Marine Invertebrates: Genomic Insight From the Ocean and the 'Farm'" on **Thursday, Dec. 12**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. For info, go to [www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule](http://www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule).

# Points of Pride

## FSU Receives 14 Works of Art in Honor of Professor



**Dr. Mary M. Herman Rubinstein, center, gave a significant collection of art to FSU in honor of Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker, right. They are joined by Soderberg-Sarnaker's husband, Benedict.**

FSU recently got a new art infusion in the form of a generous gift of 14 works from the Mary and Lucien Rubinstein Collection.

Dr. Mary M. Herman Rubinstein, a neuropathologist and senior staff scientist in the Clinical Brain Disorders Branch of the Division of Intramural Research Programs, National Institute of Mental Health, and her husband, Dr. Lucien J. Rubinstein, developed a great appreciation for art and acquired a noteworthy collection over the years, including lithographs, colorful, abstract oil paintings, etchings and other pieces.

The couple built notable careers in the field of neuropathology and pathology and have published many articles in esteemed journals. Lucien, who passed away in 1990, provided the inspiration for their remarkable art collection.

They bequeathed part of their collection to FSU through the FSU Foundation, Inc., in honor of their friend, **Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker**, a professor in the University's Department of Music and director of vocal and choral activities.

"I was immensely honored and didn't expect it," Soderberg-Sarnaker said.

To mark the occasion, the FSU Foundation organized a celebration in October, just in time for Homecoming, drawing nearly a hundred people. The works will remain on view in the Lyric Building on Frostburg's Main Street and in the office of President Jonathan Gibraltar, providing additional cultural opportunities for FSU's students, faculty, staff and visitors.



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"This gives our campus community a distinctive and museum-quality collection," Soderberg-Sarnaker said.

For info about gifts to the FSU Foundation, visit [www.frostburg.edu/foundation](http://www.frostburg.edu/foundation) or call x4161.

## FSU LGLG Committee Takes on Sustainability Through Activity Meetings



**Colin Quinn, a student in the Introduction to Sustainability Studies class at FSU, paints one of the designs his class developed as part of a Learning Green, Living Green activity meeting.**

With hopes of a more sustainable campus and in support of environmental action, FSU's Learning Green, Living Green Committee at Large has started to get active in its approach to sustainability through activity-based meetings.

At the most recent meeting on Nov. 14, FSU students joined up for the committee's second activity meeting, taking paintbrushes to the windows of the Lane University Center to help decorate windows with environmental action messages based on ecology-centered themes. Students from the Introduction to Sustainability Studies class also participated in the meeting to help paint the designs they developed based on issues that they had been discussing in class.

In a previous activity meeting, over 1,400 acorns were planted in nursery trays by 26 students in about 40 minutes for the Frostburg Grows Project.

"If these trees survive, they have the potential to remove around 1,400 tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and supply enough oxygen for 2,800 people," said Lawrence A. Gingerich, Safety and Sustainability coordinator. "This is sustainability for the long term."

Keeping in line with the University's emphasis on experiential learning, FSU's Learning Green, Living Green Initiative engages students, faculty, staff and community members to develop and coordinate programs and projects that create sustainable solutions to environmental, social and economic needs. Through the LGLG sustainability initiative and numerous related measures, including activity meetings, the University helps to address environmental issues and create sustainable solutions for daily living.

For info, contact Gingerich at x4360 or [lagingerich@frostburg.edu](mailto:lagingerich@frostburg.edu). To find out more about Learning Green, Living Green at FSU, visit the LGLG homepage at [www.frostburg.edu/lglg](http://www.frostburg.edu/lglg) and the LGLG Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/frostburglglg](http://www.facebook.com/frostburglglg).

## Fiscus Article Published in 'World Futures'

**Dr. Dan Fiscus**, FSU Sustainability liaison and lecturer in Biology and Sustainability Studies, had an article, "Life, Money and the Deep-Tangled Roots of Systemic Change for Sustainability," published in the journal "World Futures" in November. As a complement to work on "low-hanging fruit," this article outlines potential paradigm shifts in biology, ecology and academic life science, on one hand, and economics and money systems, on the other, that could be combined to greatly accelerate progress toward human-environment sustainability. The article is available by contacting Fiscus at [dafiscus@frostburg.edu](mailto:dafiscus@frostburg.edu) or online at [www.tandfonline.com/eprint/JH4fJu8teEITj74yaujW/full](http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/JH4fJu8teEITj74yaujW/full).

This is Fiscus' second article focused on developing holistic science to help solve systemic human-environment problems, and he is actively seeking critique of his papers and collaborators to participate in these conceptual, research and applications efforts for sustainability.

## Robert Webber Receives ACUI's Region 4 Outstanding Service Award



**Robert Webber**, director of the Lane University Center at FSU, was presented with an Outstanding Service Award by the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) during the ACUI regional conference held at FSU at the beginning of November.

The Outstanding Service Award is given to a staff member who has served as a model of employee service and volunteer involvement in the college union/student activities field. The recipient of this award is selected based on the following criteria: currently employed in the college union/student activities field at a region 4 college or university, demonstrated positive impact on the community served and demonstrated commitment to fulfilling the role of the college union.

ACUI is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1914, that supports its members in the development of community through education, advocacy and the delivery of services. ACUI currently has 522 member institutions, including 31 institutions outside the United States of America.

For info about the Lane University Center, visit [www.frostburg.edu/sci/lane-university-center](http://www.frostburg.edu/sci/lane-university-center).

## Brian Medina Receives James Hurd Outstanding Service Award

**Brian Medina**, area coordinator in the Department of Residence Life, is this year's recipient of the James Hurd Outstanding Service Award from the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers (MACUHO). The award was presented at MACUHO's Annual Conference held in Pittsburgh in early November. The Hurd Award recognizes outstanding contributions to MACUHO by an executive member over the past year and honors the first African-American president of ACUHO-I, the international organization of college and university housing officers.

This year, Medina served as director of Annual Programs, where he collaborated with the Program, Host and Exhibits and Displays committees to support the annual conference along with other annual programs aimed at fostering personal connections, networking opportunities and training for housing professionals in the region. Medina joined the FSU Residence Life Office staff in July 2013, having previously served on the housing staffs at Towson University, Franklin Pierce College in

# Take Note

## President’s Holiday Reception

All students, faculty and staff are invited to the President’s Holiday Reception on **Thursday, Dec. 12**, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall.

Don’t forget to wear your heart – or trees, reindeer, snowmen, flashing lights, etc. – on your sleeve, so you can participate in the first-ever Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest, sponsored by the Office of Human Resources. Prizes will be awarded for Best Individual Sweater as well as Best Department Sweater. And feel free to enhance your outfit with as many festive accessories as you like – the more outrageous, the better!

## Intersession ’14 – Catch Up, Keep Up, Get Ahead!



Intersession ’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/intersession](http://www.frostburg.edu/intersession).

## University Store News and Events

### Textbook Buyback

The University Store will conduct the end-of-semester buyback **Dec. 9 through 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.

### Grad Fair Celebration

A special Grad Fair Celebration will be held in the University Store on **Friday, Dec. 13**, in honor of December grads.

Stop by for raffles, giveaways, refreshments, music and more! When you pick up your cap and gown at the celebration, you will receive a coupon for 40 percent off one regular-priced item in the store.

Special Academic Services will be at the celebration to answer any questions.

You can pick up your graduation tickets and enter for a chance to win extra!

Receive \$20 off of your university diploma frame only at the Grad Fair Celebration.

Browse or purchase Balfour class rings and take advantage of the sale on Celestrum rings starting at just \$239.

### Grad Fair Celebration Sale

The University Store will hold a Grad Fair Celebration Sale **Friday, Dec. 13, through Saturday, Dec. 21**.

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

### 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!

## Burg Peer Education Network Events and Study Tips

### Upcoming Events for De-stressing

**Dance It Out, Thursday, Dec. 12**, 5 to 6 p.m., Lane 113. This fun dance exercise is the perfect medication for a week of studying.

**Unconditional Movie Night, Dec. 12**, 7:30 p.m., Lane 113. Come out and see “Unconditional,” hosted by the BURG Peer Education Network, Frostburg Student Education Association and UCM. Refreshments will be provided.

**Comedy Battle, Friday, Dec. 13**, 1 to 2 p.m., Lane Second Floor Loft Area. Come get some laughs in before heading to the library to study for finals. If interested in being one of the comedians, contact Patricia Malatt at [pamalatt0@frostburg.edu](mailto:pamalatt0@frostburg.edu) or 240-446-7124.

### 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.

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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](mailto:nrosenberger0@frostburg.edu) or Veronica Morris at [vcmorris0@frostburg.edu](mailto:vcmorris0@frostburg.edu), or stop by the SAFE Office at Sand Spring 111.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.frostburg.edu) or [students.frostburg.edu](http://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](https://twitter.com/frostburgstate)
- On the FSU Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity](https://www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity))
- Via [www.schoolsout.com](http://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](http://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)

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- 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mhkentrus@frostburg.edu), or [tmrogers02@frostburg.edu](mailto:tmrogers02@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](mailto:bkice@frostburg.edu).

## Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

Commencement 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 will be allotted six tickets.

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.

A Grad Fair will be held **Friday, Dec. 13**, in the University Store from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can also pick up your graduation tickets, enter drawings, purchase graduation merchandise and more.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement). For info, contact Brittnei Teter at x4423 or [bkteter@frostburg.edu](mailto:bkteter@frostburg.edu).

## Deadlines

### Graduate Grade Changes

The last day for graduate grade changes, including removal of incomplete grades for the spring 2013 and summer 2013 semesters, is **Friday, Dec. 13**.

## Get Involved

### Upcoming UCM Events

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308, at x7490 or [c.zirlott@frostburg.edu](mailto:c.zirlott@frostburg.edu).

**Movie and Discussion: "Unconditional," starring Michael Eally and Lynn Collins, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., Lane 113.**  
"Unconditional" is a movie inspired by the true life story of Joe Bradford, who grew up in poverty and served time in prison. Suffering from kidney disease and unable to make a living – but not letting any of this stop him – he dared to make a difference by becoming a father to the fatherless and providing education and hope to the children in his inner city community. This event is sponsored by United Campus Ministry, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, BURG Peer Education Network and Frostburg Student Education Association. All are welcomed to join in the viewing and discussion. Free food for attendees!

#### **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](mailto:IVCFfrostburg@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/IVfrostburg](http://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](http://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 has private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms.

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](mailto: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.

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.



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**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.

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](mailto:vmgearhart@frostburg.edu). Also, check out the CIE website at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/studyabroad](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/studyabroad) and the Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad](https://www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad).

**Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Ireland, Spring 2014**

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](http://www.mic.ul.ie).

**Northumbria University, England, Spring 2014**

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](http://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](https://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.

**While shopping this holiday season ...**



- **Stay aware of your surroundings at all times.**
  - **Avoid leaving gifts and valuables in your vehicle in plain view.**
  - **Beware of con artists, scams and pickpockets.**
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**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.