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## FSU Signs American Campuses Act on Climate Pledge

As part of FSU's ongoing commitment to securing a sustainable world for future generations, Interim President **Thomas Bowling** recently reiterated that longstanding objective by signing the American Campuses Act on Climate Pledge.

This renewed commitment, echoed by more than 200 colleges and universities across the nation, played a critical role in the U.S. effort to seek meaningful international commitments at the UN Climate Negotiations in Paris.

FSU is part of a broad, robust network of higher education institutions committed to bold and significant climate actions on their campuses. While this coalition of campuses is working hard to mitigate and reduce their own impacts on the climate, climate change is a global problem necessitating a global solution. FSU recognizes the urgent need for the international community to act immediately to put the planet on a path to a low-carbon energy future. These Climate Leadership Commitments are a key driving force for transformative change.

In FSU's pledge, the University has committed to achieve carbon neutrality by the year 2030 and create thresholds for increasing resilience against a changing climate; incorporate carbon neutrality and climate resilience into the curriculum and educational experiences for all students; expand research into sustainable energy usage, carbon neutrality and climate resilience; compost campus food waste for use in Frostburg Grows, which provides local, sustainable organic produce to campus food services; plan future construction projects to LEED Gold standards or higher; and reduce power consumption by replacing traditional lighting fixtures with more efficient lighting technology.

FSU first announced its commitment to fighting climate change in April 2007, when then-President Jonathan Gibraltar signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, a national pact that united higher education leaders in efforts to reduce and eventually eliminate their campuses' greenhouse gas emissions. In 2011, FSU was awarded Second Nature's Second Annual Climate Leadership Award for Institutional Excellence in Climate Leadership. FSU has also been regularly named in Princeton Review's annual Guide to Green Colleges.

For info about FSU's commitment to sustainability, visit the Learning Green, Living Green Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/frostburglglg](https://www.facebook.com/frostburglglg).

## FSU to Celebrate Student Achievement at 147th Commencement



From left, commencement student speakers Joseph Howser, Jacqueline Kibunja and Caitlin Squires

FSU celebrates the achievements of the fall 2014 graduating class with the 147th Commencement ceremony on **Saturday, Dec. 19**. The ceremony for the colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences will take place at 2 p.m. in the Main Arena of the Cordts PE Center.

FSU Interim President **Dr. Tom Bowling** will address the graduating class and confer degrees. Featured commencement student speakers will be **Joseph Howser**, College of Business; **Jacqueline Kibunja**, College of Education; and **Caitlin Squires**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Greetings and congratulations will be offered from University System of Maryland Regent **James T. Brady**.

Interim Provost **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**; **Dr. Clarence Golden**, dean of the College of Education; **Dr. Sudhir Singh**, interim 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 to attend commencement. For info, visit, [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

The ceremony will be streamed live online. Visit [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu) on the day of the commencement for the link. To join in the celebration on social media, share your best Commencement photos on Instagram, Twitter and Tumblr by tagging them with #instaFrostburg, and tweet out your congratulations and photos using the hashtag #FrostburgGRAD.

## Theatre

### Need a Good Laugh During Finals?

If you need a good laugh during finals, be sure to make plans to come see the final performances of the Physical Comedy Class on **Tuesday, Dec. 15**, at 2:30 p.m. in room 224 of the Performing Arts Center.

Students will perform five brilliant scenes from Shakespeare’s comedies “The Taming of the Shrew,” “Two Gentlemen of Verona,” “Much Ado About Nothing” and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

For info, contact Darrell Rushton in the Department of Theatre and Dance at [dsrushton@frostburg.edu](mailto:dsrushton@frostburg.edu).

## Exhibits

### Graphic Design Students’ Work on Display in ‘On the Grim Obstinacy of Racial Injustice’

With a sense of being thankful for a diversified population – on FSU’s campus, in the U.S. and in the world – the students of Graphic Design 207 have joined in solidarity with those who protest racial bias. In a celebration of color, their poster exhibition “On the Grim Obstinacy of Racial Injustice: An Exhibition of Color” is on view **through the end of the semester** at the Lane Center (at the Manicur Hall entrance and above) and in the President’s Gallery of the Hitchens Building. Each student combined an image of himself or herself with color schemes that defy racial categories, so these posters, in a sense, are self-portraits. Quotes that pertain to the topic are also part of the compositional and typographic structure, with authors ranging from Malcolm X to President Lyndon Johnson to Malala Yousafzai. This exhibition was made possible by the President’s Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

For info, contact Susan E. Dodge at 301-687-4173 or [sedodge@frostburg.edu](mailto:sedodge@frostburg.edu).

## Points of Pride

### Dr. Dan Moorehead’s Book Is Out!



**Dr. Daniel Moorehead**, an assistant professor in FSU’s Department of Sociology, has a new book out. “Animals in Human Society: Amazing Creatures Who Share Our Planet,” which he edited, was just published last month and can be purchased at [www.amazon.com/Animals-In-Human-Society-Creatures/dp/0761866760](http://www.amazon.com/Animals-In-Human-Society-Creatures/dp/0761866760).

Including the work of 12 authors from institutions such as FSU, Colorado State University, Michigan State University, Salisbury University, Texas Woman’s University, the University of Birmingham, University of California – Irvine, University of California – Merced and William Jessup University in Rocklin, Calif., the collection of essays explores the broad range of animals that share the planet and the responsibility of people to take animals’ interests seriously.

Moorehead was recently awarded the Dean’s Merit Award for Professional Achievement in FSU’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. His course, Animals in Human Society, was nominated for the American Sociological Association’s 2015 award for outstanding course on animals and society, the Clifton Bryant Animals and Society Course Award.

For info, contact Moorehead at [dlmoorehead@frostburg.edu](mailto:dlmoorehead@frostburg.edu).

## Take Note

### Md. Commerce Secretary Meets With Local Leaders at FSU



#### Higher Education-Business Partnerships Topic of Discussion

Maryland Department of Commerce Secretary R. Michael Gill met with representatives of FSU, the Small Business Development Center, the City of Frostburg, the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce and IBM Global Business Services to discuss ongoing and future partnerships between Maryland businesses and higher education in Western Maryland.

**Dr. John Bowman**, interim vice president for International and Government Affairs, spoke about the importance of local and regional partnerships and the many new

programs offered at FSU that support the workforce needs of area businesses, including an online Master of Science in Computer Science, a doctorate in Educational Leadership, multiple degree options in the health sciences, a concentration in Hospitality Management and more.

Pictured are, front row from left, Stu Czapski, executive director, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Sandy Mahalko, regional director, SBDC; Timi Hadra, ABL facility leader, IBM Global Business Services; Gill; Bowman; Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, FSU interim provost; Karen Treber, FSU general counsel; John Kirby, Frostburg City administrator. In the back row from left are Andrew Sargent, Commerce’s senior business development representative, Western Maryland; Dr. Joe Hoffman, dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; John Short, vice president for University Advancement; Dr. Clarence Golden, dean, College of Education; Dr. Sudhir Singh, interim dean, College of Business; Elizabeth Stahlman, Community Development director, City of Frostburg.

For info, visit [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu) or [facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity](https://facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity).

## CCNE Seeking Comments on FSU Nursing Programs

FSU has a thriving nursing program with enrollment over 475 across undergraduate and graduate programs and 179 graduates since 2011 in the RN-BSN program. The growth can be attributed to the faculty and staff that have worked hard to acquired additional funding to support unique and creative initiatives to develop alternative pathways for nurses to obtain their BSN and MSN degrees. FSU continues to strive to provide RNs in our region and beyond the opportunity to further their education via an affordable, accessible and quality online venue.

In 2014, FSU obtained permission from the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland Board of Nursing to initiate an MSN degree program with two tracks (education and administration). As we prepare to graduate our first cohort of MSN prepared nurses, we are seeking reaccreditation of the RN-BSN program and initial accreditation of the MSN program through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

FSU and CCNE place a high value on constituent comments regarding applicant programs. We have identified you as one of our important constituents and so we invite you to consider providing comments. Constituent letters are strictly confidential and individual comments will not be shared with FSU personnel. Should you wish to provide a response, please submit directly to CCNE no later than **Feb. 8, 2016**, at the address below:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education  
Attn: Third-Party Comments  
1 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 530  
Washington, DC 20036-1120

or

[ThirdPartyComments@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:ThirdPartyComments@aacn.nche.edu)

Our accreditation self-study will be submitted to CCNE in January and we will host an accreditation team visit in February. If you would like additional information on our programs, please view our website: [www.frostburg.edu/nursing](http://www.frostburg.edu/nursing).

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas L. Bowling  
Interim President

## MPT Traveling Exhibit on Vietnam Veterans ‘Makes a Stop’ at FSU



The MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans Traveling Exhibit is “making a stop” at FSU **through Sunday, Dec. 20**, on the second floor of the Lane University Center. The center is open for visitors Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., on Saturdays from noon to 11 p.m. and on Sundays from 5 to 11 p.m.

This is just one of many stops the exhibit will make across the state.

The exhibit features current-day and wartime images of 16 men and women along with their recollections of incidents from the war. Also included are artifacts from the war and opportunities for visitors to craft messages to veterans. MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans is a multiyear project, the largest in the station’s history, to recognize and thank those who served in the military during the Vietnam era. The project will unfold in 2016 with the broadcast premiere of a three-hour documentary called “Maryland Vietnam War Stories” and with a two-day public event.

Info on the MPT Vietnam project and the travel exhibit schedule can be found at [mpt.org/vietnam](http://mpt.org/vietnam). Interested persons can also call 410-581-4182 to be added to the project’s mailing list.

## University Store Announcements

The end of semester Book Buyback will continue **through Friday, Dec. 18**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the buyback window and Center Street parking lot. Get cash for books! Be sure to bring all your books, regardless of where you bought them, to see if they have any value.

Also, don’t forget to return all rented textbooks to the University Store by **Dec. 18** to avoid any late or replacement fees.

For info, visit <http://bookstore.frostburg.edu>, phone 301.687.4341 or email [bookstore@frostburg.edu](mailto:bookstore@frostburg.edu).



# Collaborative WRAP Project Delivering Literary Gifts to At-Risk Teens



FSU’s Center for Literary Arts will give the gift of reading and writing to at-risk teenagers through the Writing and Reading Advent Project (WRAP), which will deliver packages of books, pens and writing journals during the holiday season.

New-condition books for readers from ages 13 to 17 are being accepted for inclusion in the packages. WRAP will work with Toys for Happiness, the Frostburg Area Interfaith Food Pantry, Allegany County public schools and area churches to deliver the packages to at-risk and hospitalized youth across Western Maryland.

“The Writing and Reading Advent Program is a wonderful opportunity to ensure all of the children in our area have a few good new books to read this holiday season,” said Robert Spahr, chair of the Board of Advisors to the Center for Literary Arts. “The love of literature is a gift that lasts a lifetime, and the winter months are ideal for losing ourselves in literary adventures or creating brand new ones. I hope everyone will consider donating a few good books to one of the WRAP drop-off bins located throughout our region.”

For those sharing copies of their favorite books, the center encourages donors to leave notes in the books to tell the recipient why the story means so much.

Drop-off locations for books can be found at all Allegany County branch libraries: Frostburg Library, Georges Creek Library, LaVale Library, South Cumberland Library, Washington Street Library and Westernport Library. Books can also be dropped off at the Saville Gallery on Centre Street in Cumberland, the FSU Department of English on the third floor of Dunkle Hall, FSU’s Ort Library and at Main Street Books in Frostburg. As additional sites are added, they will be listed on the center’s website at [www.frostburg.edu/cla](http://www.frostburg.edu/cla).

The center is also requesting donations of holiday wrapping paper to wrap the packages in before distribution.

WRAP is sponsored by the FSU Office of the Provost, Allegany County libraries, the FSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Maryland State Arts Council, AmeriCorps A-STARS and the Allegany Arts Council.

For info, contact the Center for Literary Arts at [cla@frostburg.edu](mailto:cla@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4340.

## Tri-State Toys for Happiness Toy Drive



FSU students in the Social Work for Human Behavior class, as part of their group project, are collecting toys for local children. The toys will be given out over the holidays. Collection bins are located in Guild 110 and 111.

Toys for Happiness is a local nonprofit organization that collects toys for children in the immediate Tri-State area.

For info, contact Kelly Robertson at [klrobertson0@frostburg.edu](mailto:klrobertson0@frostburg.edu).

## Planning to Graduate on Dec. 19?

FSU’s 147th Commencement ceremony is scheduled for **Saturday, Dec. 19**, in the Cordts PE Center at 2 p.m.

A second commencement mailing was sent to students’ home addresses and FSU email addresses in mid-November. Mailings are also posted on the Commencement website at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

Full details about Commencement are on the University’s website at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

FSU’s commencement will be **streamed live**. The link will be provided on the front page of FSU’s website at [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu).

For info, contact Brittnei Kaetzel at 301-687-4423 or [bkteter@frostburg.edu](mailto:bkteter@frostburg.edu).

## Get Involved

### United Campus Ministry

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308 or at 301-687-7490 or [c.zirlott@frostburg.edu](mailto:c.zirlott@frostburg.edu). United Campus Ministry events and programs are open to all members of the FSU community.

#### Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**Alternative Spring Break.** Registration is due by **Friday, Dec. 18**. There is a \$50 registration deposit (refundable if one’s situation changes by **Tuesday, March 1, 2016**). The focus this year is “The Faces of Rural Poverty.” UCM will do four service projects in a week in the Lexington, Ky., area. This experience is open to FSU students, faculty and staff. A brochure and registration application are available by contacting Chaplain Cindy Zirlott.

## Study Abroad

### Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Emily Llewellyn in Amsterdam (fall 2014)

The Center for International Education offers a variety of 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, South Africa or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid and student loans and scholarships are available. For info, visit the Fuller House (across the street from the Braddock House), call 301-687-4714 or email Victoria

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

#### Study Abroad in New Zealand, Summer 2016



Led by **Dr. Natalia Buta**, an assistant professor in FSU's Department of Kinesiology and Recreation, this three-and-a-half-week experiential program will examine resource conservation and the natural, and related social, history of New Zealand. The focus is on learning through guided action while traveling throughout the South Island and North Island of New Zealand. Students will spend about 75 percent of their time exploring the stunning national parks, forests, wildlife reserves, coastlines and islands and learning from local experts and practitioners, government officials, iwi (Māori tribes) and scientific research bodies.

Students will earn 3 credits. The dates are **Sunday, May 22, through Thursday, June 16, 2016**. The application deadline is **Tuesday, March 1**. Check out the Facebook Page at [facebook.com/FrostburgNewZealandStudyAbroad](https://facebook.com/FrostburgNewZealandStudyAbroad) or [www.BobcatsDownUnder.org](http://www.BobcatsDownUnder.org).

#### Art in China Trip, Summer 2016



Students and alumni are invited to join the Art in China trip. It will run from **Sunday, June 5, to Thursday, June 16, 2016**. The group will get to visit Shanghai and Beijing.

Students will receive credit for Art 490. For info, contact Dr. Harlowe Hodges in the Department of Visual Arts at [hhodges@frostburg.edu](mailto:hhodges@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4231.

## Community

### Mountainside Baroque – ‘Festival of Lessons and Carols’



For the third consecutive year, the Scholars of St. Cecilia, Mountainside Baroque's resident chamber choir, will "ring in" the Christmas season with an ecumenical "Festival of Lessons and Carols," featuring seasonal music, traditional carols and readings by local clergy and officials. The festival will take place on **Sunday, Dec. 20**, at 5 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 16 Washington St. in Cumberland. This event is free and open to the public, though a free-will offering will be received.

The service, first conducted in 1880 by then Bishop of Truro, Edward White Benson, has become well-known in recent years through annual live radio broadcasts on Christmas Eve from

King's College in Cambridge, England. In nine short scripture passages, readers ranging from a young chorister to prominent members of local society recall the birth of Christ, beginning with Adam and Eve's fall from grace. Interspersed among the readings are carols sung by the choir, organ music and familiar Christmas hymns for the entire congregation to sing.

Though the festival derives from Anglican roots, it has become a beloved seasonal tradition in the wider religious community. In recognition of these common values, and the diversity of churches in the Tri-State area, the ecumenical event will include clergy from the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist traditions, as well as Cumberland Mayor Brian Grim. Ryan Mullaney and Lyle Nordstrom, artistic co-directors of Mountainside Baroque, will lead the choir of 14 voices.

For info, visit [www.mountainsidebaroque.org](http://www.mountainsidebaroque.org), email [mountainsidebaroque@mindspring.com](mailto:mountainsidebaroque@mindspring.com) or call 301-338-2940.

## 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.

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## Only Santa Has a Magical Vehicle.



**Don't Drink and Drive!**

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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.

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