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Frostburg State University to Celebrate 151st Commencement Ceremony



Commencement speakers, from left, Christina Grove, Rashaan Rhoden and Selena Burke

FSU will celebrate student achievements of its fall 2017 graduating class with the 151st Commencement ceremony on **Tuesday, Dec. 19**. The ceremony for the colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences will take place in the Cordts PE Center's Main Arena at 2 p.m.

FSU President **Ronald Nowaczyk** will address the graduating class and confer degrees. This year's commencement speakers are **Christina Grove**, from the College of Business; **Rashaan Rhoden**, from the College of Education; and **Selena Burke**, from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Grove, of Hagerstown, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in small business and entrepreneurship. She is a student of FSU's program at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown. While balancing a full-time position at BB&T Bank and raising two young children, Grove combined her studies with membership in USMH's Business Club and the business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma. Her professors said they admire her eagerness to learn and engage during lectures and team activities. Grove's business plan for Neema Maternity, a consignment boutique, impressed the business professionals attending the USMH business plan pitching presentation. She is also an active supporter of humanitarian programs in her community, including volunteering for Girls Inc. of Washington County and Soroptimist International of Hagerstown, as well as preparing and distributing Perseverance Packages to homeless women in the region.

Rhoden, of Cambridge, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in recreation and parks management, having achieved the Dean's List multiple times. His professors applaud his empathy and ability to inspire others. As president of FSU's Recreation Society, Rhoden drove his student organization to become more active. He helped organize the city of Frostburg's Block Party and its Halloween Party, and he served as program manager for FSU's annual "Be Like Bob!" fundraiser. On Alternative Spring Break, Rhoden worked with New Jersey schoolchildren at Newark's Boys and Girls Club. Rhoden interned with the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks and the FSU Office of Student Activities and Greek Life. He is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity – where he was former philanthropy chair – the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association and the Lion's Club International. He was also marketing and events coordinator for Late @ Lane and served as an academic skills mentor to first- and second-year students.

Burke, of Severn, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in the dual majors of English and ethnobotany. Beyond her classwork, Burke undertook an advanced undergraduate research project using a technique called "genome walking" to locate mutated genes that prevent plants from producing anthocyanins, molecules that offer sun protection and serve as antioxidants. Burke has served as a research assistant for several other research projects, has undertaken multiple ethnobotanical field experiences and is a member of the Botanical Society of America. She was selected for a prestigious undergraduate research experience this summer at the University of California, Riverside, where she screened barley varieties for genetic differences. Burke has regularly appeared on the Dean's List at FSU, and she plans to pursue a doctorate, examining the flow of genetic materials between agricultural crops and their wild relatives.

Provost **Dr. Elizabeth Throop**; **Dr. Sudhir Singh**, interim dean of the College of Business; **Dr. Boyce Williams**, interim dean of the College of Education; and **Dr. Joseph Hoffman**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will present candidates for degrees.

Tickets are required to attend. For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

The ceremony will also be streamed live online. For the livestream link, visit www.frostburg.edu on the day of commencement. An overflow viewing area showing the livestreamed broadcast will be available in the Lane University Center Loft near Starbucks. No tickets are required at this location.

FSU has a special geofilter for commencement. Open Snapchat to find the geofilter, and send commencement Snaps to socialmedia@frostburg.edu or [@FrostburgState](https://www.instagram.com/FrostburgState). Share your best Commencement photos of your favorite moments on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by tagging them with the hashtag #FrostburgGRAD.

President's Holiday Reception

Wednesday, Dec. 13

1 to 4 p.m., the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall of
the Lane University Center

The FSU Chamber Singers, directed by
Dr. James Reddan, will perform at 2 p.m.

This year's featured charity –
Maryland Charity Campaign
Make your donation to MCC at the party!

"Most Outlandish" Holiday Sweater Contest returns!
Winner to be announced **Monday, Dec. 18.**

Radio

WFWM Public Radio to Broadcast Recording of 'World War II Radio Christmas'



Pictured from left are FSU student actors Jasmine Proctor, Carl McManus and Jayna Raines.

Did you miss the Theatre and Dance/WFWM production of "World War II Radio Christmas" or did you see it and would like to hear it again?

WFWM will broadcast a recording of the play on **Wednesday, Dec. 13**, at 6 p.m.

This holiday season, step inside the studio of a 1940s live-radio broadcast. In this heartwarming and family-friendly production of "World War II Radio Christmas" directed by *Mairzy Yost-Rushton*, fun jingles, live sound effects and period songs fill the airwaves between moving, true-life stories of male and female soldiers and the families and communities affected by their absence.

"World War II Radio Christmas" is recommended for ages 6 and older.

For info, email WFWM2@frostburg.edu.

Music

Unless otherwise noted, recitals and concerts will take place in Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

FSU Student Madison Sibley in Senior Flute Recital

FSU student *Madison Sibley* will present her senior flute recital on **Monday, Dec. 11**, at 7:30 p.m. She will be accompanied by *Joseph Yungen* on the piano. The recital is free and open to the public.

Sibley's program will consist of "Sonata No. 3" by Johann Sebastian Bach, "Fantasie" by Gabriel Fauré, "Lookout" by Robert Dick and selections from "Suite Antique" by John Rutter.

Bach was a German composer, organist, harpsichordist, violist and violinist whose sacred and secular works for choir, orchestra and solo instruments drew together the strands of the Baroque period and brought it to its ultimate maturity. He completed his "Sonata No. 3" in 1720.

Fauré was a French Romantic composer, organist, pianist and teacher. He was one of the foremost French composers of his generation, and his musical style influenced many 20th-century composers. His elegant "Fantasie," originally dedicated to the celebrated musician Paul Taffanel, has some beautiful melodic lines and is Impressionistic in form and harmony.

Dick is a flutist, composer, teacher and author. His musical style is a mix of classical, world music, electronic and jazz. "Lookout" is his most popular piece. Commissioned for the 1989 National Flute Association's High School Flute Soloist Competition, "Lookout" is a tonal, melodic rock solo for flute that uses singing, playing and easy multiphonics. Inspired by 1960s and '70s rock, "Lookout" is the first in Robert's series of solo flute pieces inspired by American popular music.

Rutter is an English composer, conductor, editor, arranger and record producer. In 1979, he was commissioned to compose an instrumental piece for a musical festival in Berkshire. Inspired by Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 5," which was on the program, he chose to honor Bach's chosen musical forces in this piece, as well as the forms and styles of Bach's day. "Suite Antique" is one of Rutter's most popular orchestral works and pays homage to a variety of early dances and lyric styles.

Visual Arts

MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans



Made possible in part by Maryland Relay and the SunTrust Foundation, the MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans Traveling Exhibit continues to make its way around Maryland to celebrate the military service of Marylanders during the Vietnam War. This compelling exhibit has already visited dozens of locations throughout Maryland and the District of Columbia. The exhibit will be at FSU in the Lane University Center **through Sunday, Dec. 31.**

The exhibit features current-day and wartime images of 16 men and women along with their recollections of incidents from the war. Also included is an opportunity for children to color pages as a way to thank veterans, as well as stationery for visitors to use to craft messages to veterans or share their own stories.

For info, contact Danielle L Dabrowski at dldabrowski@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

FSU College of Education Nationally Accredited



Educational Professions faculty and staff gathered recently to celebrate more than a century of educating future teachers at Frostburg State University.

FSU's College of Education recently received accreditation for an additional seven years, based on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards. NCATE's performance-based accreditation system for teacher preparation ensures that teacher candidates are prepared to make a difference in P-12 student learning.

"I am proud that FSU is continuing its century-long tradition of preparing the best teachers in the state of Maryland," said FSU President Ronald Nowaczyk. "I congratulate the College of Education on this achievement."

"NCATE accreditation confirms the strength of our teacher preparation program that I have witnessed since arriving at Frostburg," said Dr. Boyce Williams, interim dean of the College of Education. "Frostburg has been continuously accredited by NCATE since 2002, which attests to the consistency of this program."

Williams said that educator accreditation is the hallmark and seal of approval that assures quality in educator preparation. Accreditation makes sure that educator programs prepare new teachers to know their subjects and their students, and to have the clinical training that allows them to enter the classroom ready to teach effectively.

Accreditation provides a framework that has pushed educator preparation programs to continually self-assess and conduct evidence-based analysis of their programs and their efficacy. These evidence-based shifts, rooted in continuous improvement, are helping to ensure that preparation programs are more likely to produce successful educators.

FSU was founded in 1898 to prepare teachers, and the College of Education has been producing outstanding teachers for more than 100 years. The college offers programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, and it includes a diverse, recognized and credentialed faculty committed to excellence in teaching, learning and scholarship. For info about FSU's College of Education, visit the website at www.frostburg.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/College-of-Education/index.php.

Providers accredited based on NCATE standards, as well as those accredited based on the Teacher Education Accreditation Council Quality Principles, are now served by the single specialized accreditation system for educator preparation in the United States, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). More than 840 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP accreditation system. For info, visit caepnet.org.

FSU Accepted for Chapter of America's Oldest, Most-Selective Honor Society



FSU has been accepted to form a chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, America's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Founded in 1897, the society inducts about 30,000 members from 300-plus colleges and universities each year. FSU's chapter will initiate its first members in spring of 2018.

FSU's Phi Kappa Phi chapter is coordinated by *Dr. Gregory Wood*, an associate professor of history and director of FSU's Honors Program.

"The new chapter of Phi Kappa Phi at FSU will provide a wonderful opportunity for our best students to receive the high academic honor that they definitely deserve," said Wood. "Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is a unique privilege that is not available to every good student in the United States. Instead, this honor is something that only the very best can receive. It's a very select membership, and now FSU students will become a part of it."

FSU counts several Phi Kappa Phi members among its faculty and administration, including President *Ronald Nowaczyk*.

"The contacts and opportunities I've found through Phi Kappa Phi have been an asset throughout my career," Nowaczyk said. "The society's openness to all disciplines results in an intellectually diverse assembly of scholars and leaders, all united in a mutual commitment to academic excellence and service to others."

Phi Kappa Phi's mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others." That mission is reflected in its motto: "Let the love of learning rule humanity."

The standards for election in Phi Kappa Phi are extremely rigorous, with membership by invitation only. Eligibility is restricted to juniors ranking in the top 7.5 percent of their class; seniors ranking in the top 10 percent of their class; or outstanding faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Past and present members include President Jimmy Carter, U.S. cabinet members, college presidents, bestselling authors, U.S. Supreme Court justices and numerous other accomplished individuals.

Following an initiation ceremony on campus, members receive an initiation certificate and official Phi Kappa Phi pin; a personalized member card; recognition from the society; and the privilege of wearing the society's medallion, honor cords and stole at commencement.

The society issues \$1.4 million in prestigious grants and awards to accomplished members on a biennial basis. It offers valuable career resources, internship opportunities and member networking events. Members also receive several Phi Kappa Phi publications and access to member-only discount programs.

To learn more about the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org. For info about FSU's new Phi Kappa Phi chapter, contact Wood at gwood@frostburg.edu.

FSU Receives Bronze Seal for Excellence in Student Voter Engagement



FSU has received a bronze seal from the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge for achieving a student voting rate of 55.7 percent in the 2016 national election, an increase of 9.6 percentage points over 2012's 46.1 percent. The Bronze Seal was awarded to colleges and universities that achieved a rate between 50 and 59 percent.

In 2016, 85.5 percent of FSU students were registered to vote, compared to 81.8 percent in 2012. Student participation in elections has increased in the past few years.

A recent report, "Democracy Counts: A Report on U.S. College and University Student Voting" from the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement, an initiative of Tufts University's Institute for Democracy in Higher Education, shows that between the 2012 and the 2016 U.S. presidential elections, student voting went from 46.1 percent of eligible voters in 2012 to 55.7 percent in 2016.

"I am proud to honor Frostburg State University with an ALL IN Challenge Bronze seal in recognition of their dedication, hard work and achievement," said Zaneeta E. Daver, director of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. "Frostburg State University is not only ensuring that a more representative population participates in our nation's democracy, but is educating students to be civic-minded. They are an example to be emulated."

The All IN Campus Democracy Challenge is a national awards program that encourages higher education institutions to help students form the habits of active and informed citizenship, and make democratic participation a core value on their campus. By joining the Challenge, campuses commit to convening a campus-wide committee that includes members from academic affairs, student affairs and the student body, as well as any other relevant stakeholders; developing and implementing an action plan to improve democratic engagement; participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE) to measure student voting rates; and sharing their campus' action plan and NSLVE results.

More than 300 campuses, enrolling more than 4 million students, have joined the Challenge since its launch in 2016.

For info about civic engagement at FSU, contact Patrick O'Brien, director of Civic Engagement, at pobrien@frostburg.edu.

Andy Duncan Short Story Published in New Anthology



A new short story by **Andy Duncan**, an associate professor in FSU's Department of English, is in the original anthology "Mad Hatters and March Hares: All-New Stories From the World of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland,'" edited by Ellen Datlow (Tor.com, December 2017). "Mad Hatters and March Hares" features stories inspired by the strange events and characters that appear in Wonderland; Duncan's "Worriety, Worriety" is about the haunting of Carroll's illustrator, Sir John Tenniel, by a character he simply refused to draw.

For info, visit <https://www.tor.com/2017/03/20/revealing-dave-mckeans-cover-for-new-anthology-mad-hatters-and-march-hares>. The book can be purchased at Amazon.com.

Take Note

End-of-Semester Buyback

The University Store's end-of-semester buyback will be held **from Monday, Dec. 11, through Monday, Dec. 18**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the buyback window of the store.

Fall textbook rentals are due back by **Tuesday, Dec. 19**.

Return your rentals at the buyback window and bring your non-rented books to see if they have any buyback value.

For info, email Kenneth Emerick at kmemerick@frostburg.edu.

Creative Communication Club to Host Holiday Party



The Creative Communication Club will hold a holiday party on **Tuesday, Dec. 12**, at 6 p.m. in Gira Center 156.

There will be an ugly sweater contest, and the winner will receive a \$10 Starbucks gift certificate.

Feel free to stop by, decorate some cookies and de-stress!

For info, contact Lauren Calton at lcalton0@frostburg.edu.

Ort Library to Offer Extended Hours

The Lewis J. Ort Library will offer extended hours of service for final exam week. Dates and hours for the remainder of the semester are listed below. They are also posted online at <http://libguides.frostburg.edu/libhours>.

- **Monday, Dec. 11, through Thursday, Dec. 14** – 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 15** – 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 16** – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 17** – 11 a.m. to midnight
- **Monday, Dec. 18** – 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 19, through Thursday, Dec. 21** – 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 22, through Monday, Jan. 1, 2018** – Closed

Weather-related closures and delays will be posted via the regular University-wide announcement systems.

For info, contact the Circulation Desk at 301-687-4395 or the Reference Desk at 301-687-4424. The library also offers a 24/7 online chat reference service through Maryland AskUsNow! at <http://www.askusnow.info>.

Food Recovery Update for the Week Ending Friday, Dec. 1



FSU's chapter of the Food Recovery Network Chapter recovered **161 pounds** of food from Campus Dining for the week – **64** from Chesapeake and **97** from the Lane Center!! FRN donates these collections to the Western Maryland Food Bank.

The grand total so far for the fall 2017 semester is **1,247 pounds!**

For info, contact Hudson Howard, FRN vice president, at hudsonrhoward0@frostburg.edu or Tracy Edwards, FRN chapter advisor, at tedwards@frostburg.edu.

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

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

The most reliable 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:

- Via Burg Alert text and email alerts (Registration information is below.)
- Through campus email
- On top of the main page of the FSU website
- Via Twitter at twitter.com/frostburgstate
- On the FSU Facebook page at www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity
- Through local radio stations
- Via School's Out at <https://www.schoolsout.com/schools/79> (Emails and text alerts are available.)

Everyone should sign up for Burg Alerts, which, in addition to weather notifications, will be used to alert the campus in any kind of emergency. Alert can be sent as text messages to your cell phones (standard texting rates apply) and as free emails. To sign up, click <https://www.frostburg.edu/computing/fsualert> or click the Emergency link at the bottom of the FSU front page. Look for "Burg Alerts" on the right side of the page. Follow the instructions, using your FSU user name and password to access the site.

You have the option of having alerts sent to two cell numbers and six email addresses, for example, if you want your family members to be informed. (They cannot sign up without your input.) This option is found under "Services" when you sign up. Make sure to follow the validation steps to activate your choices.

Unless an 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." (If you are a student at a facility outside of Frostburg, officials from that facility will determine closures for those locations.)

FOR FACULTY/STAFF: Personnel compensation for closures or delays will be based on the appropriate cancellation/delay message as presented on the FSU voicemail 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 or to class 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 who take liberal leave will be charged for the appropriate leave time. The announcement of liberal leave DOES NOT cancel classes, nor does it 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.

Depending on the severity of the weather, the Lane University Center and the Cordts PE Center may open with limited hours and services on days when classes are cancelled. This service is for students living on campus and within walking distance. Do not attempt to drive to campus if the weather is severe enough to warrant closing the University, for your own safety and for the sake of those who must work to clear parking lots and sidewalks. When it is determined that it is safe to open these buildings, announcements will be made via student email and the front page of the FSU website.

If you use SafeRide, there's a new way to stay informed in case SafeRide does not run in bad weather. Text the word "saferide" to 79516. You will receive a confirmation text that tells you that you have signed up successfully. (You must have already signed up for Burg Alerts to use this service.)

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

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

PLEASE 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:

- WFRB (105.1 FM/560 AM)
- WCBC (1270 AM/107.1 FM)
- WTBO/WRQE (1450 AM/106.1 FM)
- WVMD – The Wolf (100.1/99.9 FM)
- WDYK – Magic (100.5 FM)
- WCMD – ESPN (1230 AM)
- WZDN – (99.5 FM)
- WMSG – (1050 AM) Oakland
- WKHJ – (104.5 FM) Oakland
- WWHQ – (92.3 FM) Oakland
- WKLP – ESPN (1390 AM) Keyser
- WQZK – (94.1 FM) Keyser
- TV: WDVM-TV Hagerstown

NOTE: If there are mixed messages in the media (one station says we're open, another says we're closed), call the University number (301-687-4000, option 2) for clarification. That number will always be the FINAL authority in case of confusion from other sources.

Graduation Is Almost Here!

Graduation is coming up fast – **Tuesday, Dec. 19**, in the Cordts PE Center!

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Colleges of Business and Education will all present their graduates at 2 p.m. **Tickets will be required for admission. Each graduating student will receive five tickets.** This number is based on the number of graduating students and fire code capacity restrictions.

If you haven't yet done so, contact the Registrar's Office to complete your graduation application and check that your home mailing address is accurate in PAWS, so you'll receive all the necessary upcoming info.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

For info, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or clbohn@frostburg.edu. Follow [@FrostburgGrad](https://twitter.com/FrostburgGrad) on Twitter or follow [Frostburg Graduation](https://www.facebook.com/FrostburgGraduation) on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Jessica Smith in France (summer 2017)

FSU students have the opportunity to study abroad all over the world. Financial aid can be used for overseas experiences during the fall and spring semesters. There are also exchange programs available that allow students to pay FSU tuition prices.

For info, contact Sarah Heilig at 301-687-4747 or seheilig@frostburg.edu.

Volunteer and Study Abroad in Peru in Spring 2018



All majors are welcome to apply for a unique experience in Peru! Interested students will enroll in SOCI 490 or SOCI 395 and earn 3 credits during the spring 2018 semester. The focus is on service learning through guided action while traveling in Peru. The class will meet once a week throughout the semester, then students will volunteer in Peru during spring break (**Saturday, March 17, through Saturday, March 24**).

Volunteer work will include construction or renovation in a needy region of Peru. Building skills are not necessary – training is available on site.

The approximate cost for travel is \$1,670 (which includes flight, accommodations, meals and insurance). The application deadline is **Friday, Dec. 15**. For info, contact Victoria Gearhart at

vmgearhart@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4747.

Student Life

Edgewood Commons Contracting for Spring 2018

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the spring semester. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions. All the information about Edgewood Commons is available at www.edgewoodFSU.com.

Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms. Utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable) are included in the contract fee.

To set up a tour or find out more about Edgewood Commons, call 301-689-1370.

Community

Mountainside Baroque Presents Annual ‘Festival of Lessons and Carols’



Mountainside Baroque’s seventh season will continue with its annual “Festival of Lessons and Carols” on **Sunday, Dec. 17**, at 5 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Parish on Washington Street in Cumberland. This event is free and open to the public, though a free-will offering will be received.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Scholars of St. Cecilia, Mountainside Baroque’s resident chamber choir, will ring in the Christmas season with seasonal music, traditional carols and readings by local clergy and officials.

Though the Festival of Lessons and Carols derives from Anglican roots, it has become a highly anticipated seasonal celebration in the wider religious community. In recognition of these common values, and the diversity of churches and institutions in the tri-state area, Sunday’s ecumenical event will include clergy as well as educational and civic representatives. This year’s readers will include, among others, FSU President **Ronald**

Nowaczyk, West Virginia Lutheran Bishop Matthew Riegel, Father James Watson, Circuit Court Clerk Dawne Lindsey, Ryan Viands, the Rev. Caroline Kelly, the Rev. Dr. Marsha Spain Bell and the Rev. Martha MacGill.

For info, visit www.mountainsidebaroque.org 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.

Watch Out for Pets This Holiday Season!



Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall.

Avoid mistletoe and holly. Holly, when ingested, can cause nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. Also, many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested.

Brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.

Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach.

Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible.

VALUES AND VISION: FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

CORE VALUES

- Frostburg State University is a place where every student can experience a myriad of opportunities both in and out of the classroom, fostered by a sense of inclusion and close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff.
- Frostburg State University is committed to developing cultural competence and cultivating understanding of and respect for a diversity of experiences and world views that encourage each person's ability to "take the perspective of the other."
- Frostburg State University is committed to a system of shared governance that allows faculty, staff and students to learn about the issues the University confronts and that provides a structure for meaningful input into University decisions.

OUR VISION FOR FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

Frostburg State University is a regionally acclaimed and nationally recognized academic institution that provides distinctive programs to support state and regional workforce needs. Faculty, staff and students foster collaboration in a welcoming and inclusive campus culture.

Students value the opportunities open for them at FSU and form close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff, who are committed to their success and well-being. Students apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to internship, civic engagement, study abroad and research experiences to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

The University is integrated into the fabric of the community as a valued and respected regional asset. We are committed to making changes that secure our future while celebrating the values that reflect our history.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Focus learning on the acquisition and application of knowledge.
- Provide engaging experiences that challenge our students to excel.
- Expand regional outreach and engagement.
- Align University resources – human, fiscal and physical – with strategic priorities.