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Frostburg State University to Celebrate 153rd Commencement Ceremony



Commencement speakers, from left, Tyler Dolchan, Kaylin Fields and Jha'Neal "Blue" Stoute

FSU will celebrate student achievements of its fall 2018 graduating class with the 153rd Commencement ceremony on **Wednesday, Dec. 19**. The ceremony for the colleges of Business, Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences will take place in the Cordts PE Center's Main Arena at 2 p.m.

University System of Maryland Regent James Holzapfel will confer degrees and FSU President **Ronald Nowaczyk** will address the graduating class and present diplomas. This year's commencement speakers are **Tyler Dolchan**, from the College of Business; **Kaylin N. Fields**, from the College of Education; and **Jha'Neal "Blue" Stoute**, from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dolchan will graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a concentration in general management. Dolchan was on the Dean's List each semester he attended FSU. Aside from his excellent work as a student, he also has interned with Baas Bikes and Kick Masters Karate (KMK), where he works as an independent contractor and disciple status instructor. Dolchan is active in student organizations as well, being a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society and a founding member of Young Americans for Liberty. He has been recognized as one of Allegany Magazine's 15 Most Fascinating People and honored with the KMK Black Belt of the Year Award, the KMK Fire-Starters Award, the Ronald Reagan Student Leader Award and the Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence.

Fields will graduate with a bachelor's degree in early childhood/elementary education. Fields was listed on the Dean's List throughout her FSU career and has been an excellent student. She had teaching internships at Cash Valley Elementary School in Allegany County and Waverly Elementary in Frederick County, the latter in a class heavily concentrated with English language learners. Her classroom experience as a substitute teacher and a summertime assistant teacher is extensive. Fields' faculty mentors say she's very responsive to students in her teaching environments and is always considerate of what is developmentally appropriate for children. She continues to look for opportunities to grow professionally through training and workshop opportunities. FSU faculty described Fields as kind, thoughtful, helpful to her peers and very professional. Actively involved in campus organizations as well as the community, she served as a member of the ECHOSTARS AmeriCorps program in 2014-15.

Stoute will graduate with a bachelor's degree in theatre and mass communication. She is an outstanding spoken word poet; in 2016, she was awarded the International Brave New Voices Grand Slam Championship and was the first Black Pride Grand Slam Champion. Stoute's creativity has been featured in theatrical performances, including "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Detroit '67." In 2018, she directed and organized the production of "The Vagina Monologues." For a directed study in her mass communication major, Stoute completed a documentary, "What They Don't Teach You About Black Life," about mental illness in the black community. She was president of the student organization Spectrum from 2015 to 2018 and a member of FSU's Gender-Based Harassment and Violence Elimination Task Force. Stoute was recognized with the BSA Humanitarian Award and the President's Award for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

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

Tickets are required to attend. For info about commencement, 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.

Graduates and families are encouraged to share photos of favorite Commencement moments on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by tagging them with the hashtag #FrostburgGRAD.

President's Holiday Reception

Wednesday, Dec. 12

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

The FSU Chamber Singers, directed by
Scott Rieker, 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!
The winner will be announced **Monday, Dec. 17.**

Toys for Happiness!
The Office of Civic Engagement's AmeriCorps program
will collect unwrapped toys for local children in need.

Music

'Evening of Operetta' on Dec. 10 to Feature Excerpts From Light Opera

FSU's Opera Theatre will present "An Evening of Operetta" on **Monday, Dec. 10**, at 7:30 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall.

Directed by **Gregory Scott Stuart**, the concert will feature excerpts from light opera, including scenes from operettas by Arthur Sullivan, Emmerich Kálmán's "Die Csárdásfürstin" ("The Gypsy Princess") and Jacques Offenbach's one-act charmer, "Le mariage aux lanternes" ("The Lantern-Light Marriage").

English composer Sullivan is best known for 14 operatic collaborations with the dramatist W.S. Gilbert, including "H.M.S. Pinafore," "The Pirates of Penzance" and "The Mikado." His works include 24 operas, 11 major orchestral works, 10 choral works and oratorios, two ballets, incidental music to several plays and numerous church pieces, songs, and piano and chamber pieces. His hymns and songs include "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "The Lost Chord."

"Die Csárdásfürstin" is an operetta in three acts by Hungarian composer Kálmán. It premiered in Vienna at the Johann Strauss-Theater in 1915. Numerous film versions and recordings have been made. The operetta is beloved across Europe, particularly in Hungary, Austria, Germany and the former Soviet Union, where it was adapted into a popular film. It is arguably Kálmán's most successful work.

"Le mariage aux lanternes," a work in Offenbach's more pastoral and sentimental style, was first performed at the Théâtre des Bouffes Parisiens in Paris in 1857. In this story, a young farmer, Guillot, has feelings for his orphan cousin Denise, who was entrusted to him by their uncle Mathurin. Guillot hides his feelings by treating her roughly, driving the young girl to despair. Both write to their uncle – he for money and she for advice. Each receives a letter about "treasure" that can be found under the great tree when the evening church bells peal.

Opera students include sopranos **Rachel Cox** and **Alana James**, mezzo-soprano **Kayla Elsaesser** and tenors **Gabriel Harper** and **Christian Scott**. Pianist **Dr. Joseph Yungen** will accompany the group.

For info, contact FSU's Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

Dance

CES Celebrates Holidays With 'Carol of the King: The Irish Dance Christmas Spectacular'



CES at FSU will usher in the holiday season with "Carol of the King: The Irish Dance Christmas Spectacular," which features beloved Christmas music, storytelling and high-energy Irish dance. The family-friendly event will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 11**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Center's Drama Theatre.

Featuring 20 of the world's most skilled Irish dancers and musicians, the performance brings to life an inspiring Christmas story of love and salvation, transporting the audience to a mystical time of heroes and redemption. Led by Justin Boros, the former lead dancer from

Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance," the artists perform lightning-fast hard-shoe rhythms and graceful soft-shoe jigs set to the uplifting music of treasured Christmas melodies.

Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$25.20 for youth under 18. Member, military and group discount rates are also available. For info or to order tickets, visit CES' webpage at ces.frostburg.edu or contact the CES box office at 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137. The box office, located in the Lane University Center, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Readings

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Stephen Dunn to Speak at Main Street Books



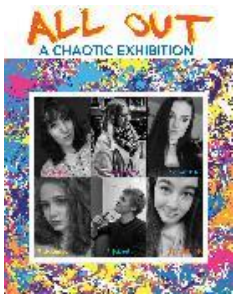
FSU's Center for Literary Arts will sponsor a reading of Stephen Dunn's "Degrees of Fidelity: Essays on Poetry and the Latitudes of the Personal" and book signing on **Wednesday, Dec. 12**, at 7:30 p.m. at Main Street Books. Dunn is the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize in poetry for his book "Different Hours."

Dunn has also received fellowships from the Guggenheim and Rockefeller Foundations, an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Paterson Award for Sustained Literary Achievement and the Levinson Prize from Poetry Magazine. His book "Loosestrife" was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1996.

"Degrees of Fidelity," published by Tiger Bark Press on Dec. 1, is Dunn's second collection of essays, and his 19th collection of poetry will be published by Norton in the fall of 2019.

Visual Arts

FSU Seniors to Display Work in 'All Out, a Chaotic Exhibition'



FSU's Department of Visual Arts will present its "All Out, a Chaotic Exhibition," a collection of works by FSU seniors *Elizabeth Kegg, Christa Bowser, Daniel Adams, Michelle Brodbeck, Lauren "Lennon" Gross* and *Rhiannon Ritenour*, through **Wednesday, Dec. 19**. This event is free and open to the public.

For this show, the artists have worked across a range of media, including painting, graphic design, illustration, photography, sculpture and ceramics. As a collective, this group of up-and-coming artists seeks to follow their individual careers, parting ways after graduation. The combination of these styles and media creates a unique blend distinctive among senior exhibitions.

For info, contact the Department of Visual Arts at 301-687-4797.

Points of Pride

Sara-Beth Bittinger and Denise Murphy Present at Middle States Conference



Sara-Beth Bittinger, director of Assessment and Institutional Research at FSU, and *Denise Murphy*, interim vice president of Administration and Finance, recently presented "Using a Data Warehouse to Inform Practice and Improve Institutional Effectiveness" at the Middle States Conference in Washington, D.C.

Beginning in the fall of 2015, FSU partnered with HelioCampus to build a data warehouse to extend the analytical capabilities across campus to ensure that decision making and resource allocation were well-informed by data. In this talk, Bittinger and Murphy provided examples of how raw data was transformed in the data warehouse and translated into usable analytic artifacts specific to a set of problems and used to inform decision making. They addressed the collaborative process, focusing on key elements from the identification of an unanswered question to the validation of data by data owners, to implementation in practice, highlighting the experiences of diverse end-users such as the president, academic chairs, admissions leaders and institutional research staff. They concluded with a brief discussion on the limitations of the use of retrospective data in an increasingly entropic higher education marketplace.

Dr. Sunshine Brosi and Tracy Edwards Participate in Sustainability Summit

Dr. Sunshine Brosi, as associate professor in FSU's Department of Biology, and *Tracy Edwards*, a lecturer in the Department of Geography, participated in the University of Maryland System Sustainability Summit on Dec. 4 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Initiatives such as plastic straw-free campuses and strategies for reaching carbon neutrality across various institutions were discussed.

FSU Students Help Maintain Frostburg's Trees



On Nov. 13, Dr. Sunshine Brosi's Dendrology course participated in Frostburg's Tree Maintenance Day, an event organized by the city of Frostburg and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Students mulched and trimmed more than 140 trees along Main, Frost, Ormand, Washington, Beall and Bowery streets.

Take Note

GEPRC to Hold Info Session

The General Education Program Review Committee will host an open information session on **Monday, Dec. 10**, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room of the Cordts PE Center. This session will focus on student and alumni perceptions of the General Education Program.

For info, contact Dr. Michael Mathias, chair, GEPRC, at mbmathias@frostburg.edu.

A Sweet Treat for the Holidays



Subway on the FSU campus will offer a free cookie with any 12-inch sub purchase on **Monday, Dec. 10**. (This offer cannot be combined with other promotions or discounts.) Show this email to the cashier to redeem.

For info, contact Tiaju McCalup at diningservices@frostburg.edu.

Library Extended Hours Schedule

The Lewis J. Ort Library will offer extended hours of service for the last week of classes and final exam week. Dates and hours are listed below.

- **Monday, Dec. 10, through Thursday, Dec. 13** – 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 14** – 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 15** – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 16** – 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- **Monday, Dec. 17** – 7:30 a.m. to midnight
- **Tuesday, Dec. 18** – 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 19** – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Commencement)
- **Thursday, Dec. 20** – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library will close for the winter recess beginning **Friday, Dec. 21**, and will reopen **Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019**.

Library hours for the entire fall semester and winter recess are posted on the Hours page of the library's website at <http://libguides.frostburg.edu/libhours>.

For info, contact the Circulation Desk during the library's open hours at 301-687-4395 or circulation@frostburg.edu. You can also contact the Reference Desk at 301-687-4424. Online resources remain accessible via the library's website at www.frostburg.edu/library, and online chat reference and research help is available 24/7 through [Ask Us Now](#).

Also, the library staff reminds everyone not to leave belongings unattended during this busy time and to observe the study space and noise policies for each of the library's four public floors:

- Second floor: Group study/individual computer stations
- Third floor (main floor): Quiet study/individual computer stations
- Fourth floor: Individual silent study
- Fifth floor: Group study/group computer stations/group study rooms/individual study rooms

More information about the library's study spaces, collections and policies can be found at www.frostburg.edu/library, and the full Library Code of Conduct is available at <http://libguides.frostburg.edu/circulation/conduct>.

Calling All Honors Students!



Are you an Honors student who would like to add public speaking, research, scholarship and writing experience to your resume? See *Dr. Greg Wood*, associate professor of history and director of the Honors Program, at Fuller House about presenting a paper or poster at the upcoming Maryland Collegiate Honors Council conference, which will be held at Morgan State University in Baltimore on **Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2, 2019**. The MCHC conference features student presentations from colleges throughout the state, and you should be there to represent FSU!

Abstracts (or a short written summary of your project) for proposals are due **Friday, Dec. 14**. Contact Wood at gwood@frostburg.edu about crafting an abstract for your project.

The Honors Program will cover expenses for your hotel and transportation to the conference.

Celebrate Variety of Cultures With Taste of Civility



Allegheny County's Taste of Civility, an evening of celebration of cultures, will take place **Tuesday, Dec. 18**, at 6 p.m. at the LaVale Library at 815 National Highway. Be sure to bring a food dish to share. During open mic, you can also share music, poetry and stories. This event is free and open to the public.

FSU is an official partner of Choose Civility.

For info, call 301-729-0855.

Spectrum Meets on Thursdays

FSU's Spectrum, the club for LGBTQIA+ individuals at FSU, meets on **Thursdays** at 7 p.m. in room 237 of the Ort Library. Spectrum offer members a safe place where they can discuss issues pertaining to them and to their community worldwide and talk about how to come out, how to be who they are and even how to survive.

Every meeting starts the same. Attendees gather in a large circle and say their name and preferred pronoun and share some good news they received that day. After that, the lead members announce some general news for the club, e.g., the subject of the next meeting or information on some upcoming event. Then members might play a game, usually something involving the entire group. At other times, there might be a discussion about LGBTQIA+ issues.

For info, contact Nicholas Werner at ndwerner0@frostburg.edu.

Intersession – Spots in Ethnobotany Course Available



A few spots are still available for the Intersession course, BIOL 128 Introduction to Ethnobotany, which is offered online with a one-week field experience making baskets in Cherokee, N.C.

For info, contact Dr. Sunshine Brosi at slbrosi@frostburg.edu.

FSU Foundation Opportunity Grants



The FSU Foundation is once again seeking funding proposals from faculty, staff and students for Foundation Opportunity Grants and several other awards for fiscal year 2020 (academic year 2019-20).

Those interested should complete the FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant Request Form, which includes a line item budget. All applications must be limited to two pages. A third page is only permitted for the line item budget.

After you complete the form, you must submit it online at www/frostburg.edu/opportunity. No paper or emailed applications will be accepted.

The deadline for proposals is midnight on **Sunday, March 10, 2019**. Applicants will be notified of the awards following the **June** Foundation Board meeting.

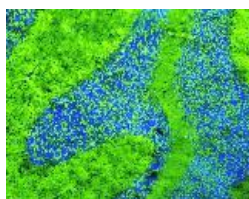
Projects may be funded from the following:

- **FSU Foundation Opportunity Grants** for projects that support FSU's institutional priority to enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom
- **Al and Dale Boxley Faculty Award/Student Research Award** to support faculty or student projects
- **J. Frederick Gibraltar Regional and Cultural Arts Funds** to support regional and cultural arts programs at FSU
- **Jonathan Gibraltar Presidential Leadership Fund for Alcohol Awareness and Education** to support educational programs, social programs and/or community service-related programs geared toward alcohol awareness and the importance of responsible behaviors and decision making
- **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Award** to support faculty development initiatives for faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Catherine R. Gira Campus-to-Community Awards** to support students or student projects that demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, critical thinking skills and a determination to be successful

- **Woodward and Virginia Pealer Faculty Development Award** to support student scholarships and faculty development initiatives for stipends/funding and travel expenses for visiting scholars, lecturers, artists, performers and programs; recognition and promotion of these activities; equipment purchases in conjunction with these activities; and outreach/professional development programs for Allegany County
- **Martha T. and Ralph M. Race Western History Lecture Funds** to support an annual lecture series on the topic of Western history
- **Stephen M. Spahr Student Activism Award** to provide financial assistance to student organizations, classes or informal groups of students needing funds to travel to programs or centers of governmental activity to experience, firsthand, the workings of the democratic process
- **Marlene Weimer Memorial Scholarly Endeavors Fund** to support scholarly endeavors in the area of innovative mathematics faculty development initiatives and/or scholarship support for outstanding mathematics students, depending on the area of greatest need as determined annually by the Mathematics Department

You can access the application at <https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/files/pdfs/fsu-foundation-opportunity-grant-request-form.pdf>, the award descriptions at <https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/Annual-Fund/the-annual-fund.php> and <https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/Annual-Fund/restricted-funds.php> and a list of previously supported projects at <https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/files/pdfs/fundedprojects.pdf>.

2019 FSU Microscopy Calendar



The year 2019 will be here soon! Keep up with your day-to-day activities with a wall calendar of images produced by FSU students enrolled in Advanced Microscopy. This year the calendar features fluorescent ladybugs, glowing pond water crustaceans, spider eyes and brain tissue! A special addition is an image by former student **Logan Cheshire** that won the 2017 FASEB BioArt competition.

The price for the calendars is \$12, and all proceeds benefit FSU's chapter of the Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society.

To purchase a calendar, contact Dr. Rebekah Taylor at rtaylor@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

It's not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Wednesday, Dec. 19**, in the Cordts PE Center.

The Colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences will present their graduates at 2 p.m. Tickets will be required for admission. **Five tickets will be allotted for each graduating student. This number is based on the number of graduating students.**

If you have not 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.

Follow [@FrostburgGrad](#) on Twitter or [Frostburg Graduation](#) on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

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.

Deadlines

Last Day for Grad/Doctoral Students to Remove I Grades

The last day for graduate/doctoral students to remove "I" grades for the spring and summer 2018 semesters is **Monday, Dec. 10**.

Bonus Dollar Recharge



Monday, Dec. 10, is the last day during which you can add bonus dollars. Add 100 bonus dollars and get seven free Chick-fil-A sandwiches or seven free Starbucks Frappuccinos. Add 200 bonus dollars and get 15 of either. Bonus dollars roll over to spring as long as you are still enrolled in a meal plan.

For info, contact Tiaju McCalup at diningservices@frostburg.edu.

Get Involved

United Campus Ministry Events

Cook Chapel is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for personal and private prayer. There are prayer stations you can use and devotional materials you may also take each week.

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott at c.zirlott@frostburg.edu or 540-303-2309.

Catholic Campus Ministry Announcements



Join Catholic Campus Ministry for Mass every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Osborne Newman Center at 130 S. Broadway.

The group will also meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the center for Hour of Faith, featuring Bible studies, issues in Catholic social teaching, morality and doctrine, inspirational movies and games.

For info, contact the Rev. Fr. Dr. Godswill Agbagwa at 240-284-2079 or g.agbagwa@frostburg.edu. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?

For info, contact the Center for International Education at 301-687-4747 or Kara Hotchkiss at kjhotchkiss@frostburg.edu.



Rose Gause in Italy (summer 2018)

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.

Exchange programs are available that allow students to pay FSU tuition prices.

Study Abroad Trip to Spain



Spain is a land in which synagogues, mosques and cathedrals sit side by side. In a country composed of 17 autonomous states, with five official languages and three distinct religions, there is a lot happening that isn't as simple as just

"Spanish." Dive into this unexpected melting pot, where a history of international influence has formed a land of many cultures.

Dr. Heather Cisneros, an assistant professor in FSU's Department of English and Foreign Languages, will lead FSU students to Spain during May 2019.

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.

Prevent Holiday Catastrophes With Santa's Safety Tips



When picking up heavy sacks, lift with the legs and keep your back straight.

Place presents in an area where no one will trip over them.

Clean up any milk spills immediately.

When working at a height, ask an elf to support the ladder.

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."

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- 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.

To view FSU's Strategic Plan 2018-2023 online, visit www.frostburg.edu/strategicplan.