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CES at FSU to Present Comedy Dog Show, Johnny Peers & the Muttville Comix



CES at FSU, in association with DCA Productions, will open its 2019-20 season with Johnny Peers & the Muttville Comix. Two family-friendly performances on **Saturday, Sept. 14**, will take place at 3 and 6 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall.

Peers and his personality-plus canines will take the stage in a slapstick show with an all-star cast of rescue dogs, including a ladder-climbing Fox Terrier named Murphy, and Willy, the Border Collie who only answers to "Sir."

A graduate of the Ringling Brothers Clown College, Peers has appeared with his adorable mutts at Disneyland, the Big Apple Circus and the White House, and on "Late Night With David Letterman."

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth under 18. A dollar of each ticket purchase will benefit the Allegany County Animal Shelter. Member, military and group discount rates are also available. For info or to order tickets, visit CES' web page 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 FSU Lane University Center, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

President Ronald Nowaczyk

Cordially Invites

The Frostburg State University Community

To The

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019

3:30 p.m.

Pealer Recital Hall

Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center

The presentation will include Staff Awards for Excellence and Divisional updates

Music

Dr. Jay DeWire to Perform Works by Chopin, Debussy and Scriabin in Faculty Artist Series Concert



FSU's Department of Music will kick off the fall semester with a Faculty Artist Series concert by pianist **Dr. Jay DeWire** on **Sunday, Sept. 8**, at 3 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall. The recital, titled "From Dawn to Dusk: Early and Late Works by Chopin, Debussy and Scriabin," is free and open to the public.

Chopin, Debussy and Scriabin were three of the most eloquent composers of piano music, but their stylistic trajectories differed. While Chopin refined his expressive powers as he matured, Debussy and Scriabin, who originally composed in a heavily Chopin-influenced manner, made striking changes to their musical language. This program juxtaposes early and late works by these three composers, showing their individual development and the interconnections of genre and reference they share.

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

CES at FSU to Open On the EDGE Series With Free Performance by Afro-Latin Band, Malamanya



CES at FSU will open its 2019-20 On the EDGE series on **Thursday, Sept. 26**, with an upbeat performance by the colorful Minneapolis-based band, Malamanya. The 7:30 p.m. performance, which will take place at the Clock Tower Quad on the FSU campus, is free and open to the public. In the event of rain, this performance will be held in Lane Manicur Hall.

With high energy and colorful style, Malamanya celebrates the spirited rhythms and melodies of Cuba and Latin America. Headed by bandleader Tony Schreiner and Cuban powerhouse vocalist Zusel Balbin, the band's eclectic yet traditionally rooted performance is an upbeat musical experience that awakens the dancing soul.

For info, visit ces.frostburg.edu or call 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137.

Visual Arts

John Lyon Paul's 'Spun From Light' Exhibit to Appear at Roper Gallery



"Meditation on the Sun" and "Poet's Garden" by John Lyon Paul

FSU's Department of Visual Arts will kick off the academic year with an exhibit by sculptor and painter John Lyon Paul, "Spun From Light, Woven in Silence." The opening reception will be **Friday, Sept. 6**, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts Building. The exhibit will be on display through **Sunday, Sept. 22**. This event is free and open to the public.

Paul's paintings are a unique expression of color painted on plate glass or clear Mylar. His technique lays the color down "in reverse" so that the layer painted first – even if painted over later – is what the viewer sees on the other side of the glass. Light travels through the painting, illuminating the artwork from behind and within.

Paul began creating his artwork during the same time that he began meditating, resulting in a pivotal connection between spirituality and his art. Reminiscent of stained-glass windows in churches, the spiritual nature of Paul's work reflects an empathy and concern for his fellow human beings, instead of traditional religious expression.

The Roper Gallery is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays through Wednesdays. For info, contact the Department of Visual Arts at 301-687-4797.

Presentations

FSU to Host MIPS-TEDCO Funding Briefing for Faculty, Local Businesses

The Maryland Industrial Partnerships (MIPS) program and the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) will jointly host a free briefing about how faculty and local businesses can participate in their funding programs at FSU on **Wednesday, Sept. 11**, at 2 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room of the Cordts PE Center.

MIPS provides funding – matched by participating companies – for university-based research projects that help companies develop new products. MIPS funding goes directly to faculty for research that helps the companies commercialize a product. With MIPS matching funds, companies can leverage the facilities, resources and expertise within Maryland's public universities to create new products and opportunities.

MIPS Associate Director Ronnie Gist will give a presentation, followed by a question-and-answer period and one-on-one meetings, if desired.

TEDCO is the go-to source for entrepreneurial support and guidance for start-ups and early-stage companies engaged in bringing innovative ideas to the market.

TEDCO Manager McKeever “Mac” Conwell will give a presentation on the funding programs available to Maryland entrepreneurs.

Benefits of MIPS funding for faculty include:

- Research leading directly to new product development
- Potential for published papers and improved university facilities
- Valuable experience for students working on commercial technologies
- Rapid proposal evaluations – award notifications within 60 days of the proposal deadline

Benefits of MIPS funding for Maryland companies include:

- Cost-effective research by collaborating with university faculty
- Access to expert university faculty, students, state-of-the-art facilities, laboratories and equipment
- Efficient transfer of technology from universities to companies
- Opportunity to work with students – potential future hires

MIPS funds an average of 30 projects per year. Applications are due **May 1** and **Oct. 15** each year.

Research supported by MIPS may broadly be in engineering, computer science, physical, environmental and life sciences. MIPS also supports projects designed to help a company plan and develop industrial training programs for its employees.

For info, contact Sara Wilhelm, director of FSU’s Office of Sponsored Programs, at 301-687-7054 or slwilhelm@frostburg.edu.

Times Talk Thursday



Come discuss current topics in the news focused around politics, government and our democracy. Times Talk Thursday is open to faculty, staff and students and will be held on **Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5** from noon to 2 p.m. in Lane 108.

For info, contact Patrick O’Brien at pobrien@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

Dr. Amy Branam Armiento Lectures at Poe Museum



On Aug. 18, **Dr. Amy Branam Armiento**, professor of English, presented “Powerful Women in Poe’s Poetry” for the Sunday Reading Series at the Poe Museum in Richmond, Va. The talk focused on goddess imagery in some of Poe’s lesser-known poems. In addition to presenting to a live audience, the lecture was live streamed on Facebook and can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/PoeMuseum/videos/2449013491826939>.

Rankin Presented With President’s Distinguished Faculty Award



President Ronald Nowaczyk presents the **President’s Distinguished Faculty Award** to **Dr. Jennifer Rankin** at the May commencement ceremony.

Dr. Jennifer Rankin, an associate professor in FSU’s College of Education, has been selected as the 2019 recipient of the President’s Distinguished Faculty Award, presented during FSU’s 154th Commencement Ceremony.

This award recognizes a faculty member who has provided exceptional service to the University and has helped to advance its mission, goals and priorities. Rankin is recognized specifically for her extensive outreach efforts that connect area students to FSU and engage them in active learning.

Among her numerous initiatives, Rankin organized the first LEGO League Qualifier event at FSU, enabling 20 teams of school-age children, as well as their families, to discover the University while demonstrating their skills with robots.

Similarly, Rankin partnered to bring students from seven elementary schools to FSU for STEM field trips this summer and is collaborating to obtain and design a STEM bus that will visit area schools and parks, connecting underserved children with technology and hands-on activities.

Rankin was also a key player in the successful NASA Day in April 2018, in which area middle school students participated in a live downlink with Ricky Arnold, a NASA astronaut and FSU graduate, from the International Space Station. Then this May, when Arnold

came to campus in person, Rankin served on the committee that arranged for more than 1,600 middle school students to hear him speak face to face.

Ambitious Music Cataloging Project Nears Completion



For the 2018–19 academic year, **Hunter Morris**, a music major with an interest in music library sciences, diligently worked about 10 hours a week in the choral library, a repository of the Department of Music’s choral music octavos. His duty there – to scan a copy of every one of the 1,000+ titles for addition to a digital library catalog of the holdings.

After two semesters of work, the end is in sight. In collaboration with FSU’s Office of Information Technology and **Karen Kerns**, Technology Services’ Help Desk manager, Music Department faculty have secure access to a SharePoint library that includes all of the pertinent information and a scan of the choral score, enabling conductors to plan from anywhere there is internet access. This also empowers conductors to explore the vast holdings of the department and incorporate them into future programming. FSU is one of the first (if not the first) schools to undertake a digitization and cataloging project like this. With a little more than 200 titles left to scan, Morris anticipates completing the project by the end of the semester.

Take Note

See What Frostburg Has to Offer at the FSU Block Party!



The FSU Block Party is set for **Wednesday, Sept. 4**, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Main Street and City Place in downtown Frostburg. Come and see what Frostburg has to offer! The evening will be filled with vendors, food, music, contests, a DJ, giveaways and more.

The event is sponsored by FSU Student Activities and the City of Frostburg Parks and Recreation Department as a way to bring together the campus and city communities and familiarize FSU’s students with the businesses and organizations in Frostburg.

Those braver souls will once again be invited to challenge their pain receptors with the 11th annual Hot Pepper-Eating Contest to be held at 8 p.m.

For info, contact Brian Vought at bvought@frostburgcity.org.

Minor in Climate Science – All Majors Welcome



The new Climate Science minor explores the principles of Earth’s weather and climate. Gain the background needed to address the most important challenge of your generation – mitigating and adapting to climate change.

For info, contact: Dr. Tianna Bogart, Department of Geography, at tabogart@frostburg.edu.

And be sure to check out [@FburgClimateSci](https://twitter.com/FburgClimateSci) on Twitter!

Announcing Changes for Ort Library

Big changes have been happening in the Ort Library!

New Library Website

Over the summer, the library staff worked together with the Office of Information Technology to design a new and improved library website to match the University website. Research tools and information on collections, policies and library spaces are better organized and easier to find. Take a look around the new site and let the library staff know how it’s working for you. To provide feedback, use the form on the main library page: <https://www.frostburg.edu/library>.

New Service Desk Merger

Also over the summer, library staff merged the second-floor Reference Desk with the third-floor Circulation Desk to create the new Library Services Main Desk on the third floor. This newly combined service area is a one-stop shop for all your library needs, including research and information help, as well as information on borrowing materials, checking out group-study room keys and using course reserves. A service desk is still located on the second floor for help using microfilm, accessing second-floor collections and assisting with printing and scanning.

Open on Saturdays

Starting **Saturday, Sept. 7**, the library will once again offer Saturday hours. During the regular semester, the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with limited services.

For info, contact Lea Messman-Mandicott at lmessman@frostburg.edu.

Check Out FSU's Honors Program!



Be sure to check out FSU's Honors Program on Facebook at facebook.com/honors.frostburg and Instagram at [frostburg_honors](https://instagram.com/frostburg_honors).

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It

It's not too early to be thinking about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Wednesday, Dec. 18**, in the Cordts PE Center.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Colleges of Business and Education will both present their graduates at 2 p.m. Tickets will be required for admission. The number of tickets will be determined at a later date, 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 web page at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or clbohn@frostburg.edu.

Jobs

Eligible for Federal Work-Study?



FSU-TV3 has openings for several positions this school year, including equipment room monitors, a videographer/photographer, non-linear video editor, PR specialist and graphic designer. The pay is \$10.10 an hour.

Visit the Financial Aid Office to see if you qualify for Federal Work-Study. For info, contact Connie Capacchione at 301-687-3049 or drop by Gira Center 348A.

Follow FSU-TV3 activities at <https://www.facebook.com/FSUTV3>, <https://twitter.com/fsutv3> and <https://instagram.com/fsutv3>.

FSU Now Hiring Phonathon Team Members!



Attention FSU students! FSU is now hiring Phonathon team members.

Students play a vital role in fundraising efforts by making calls during the annual FSU Phonathon. These trained student callers gain real-world experience by performing telemarketing and have the opportunity to

network and speak with FSU alumni.

Funds raised by the FSU Phonathon help support a variety of student programs and scholarships. It's a service that is performed by the students for the students.

Apply at <http://bit.ly/Fall2019Application>.

For info, contact Kathleen Breighner at kabreighner@frostburg.edu.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Nnamdi-Raphael Okoye in Morocco, fall 2018-spring 2019

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.

For info, contact Kara Hotchkiss at kjhotchkiss@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4747.

Berlin Study Abroad Experience to Be Offered Next Spring



FSU's Department of Sociology and the Women's Studies Program will offer a study abroad opportunity, "Berlin: The City Experience," next spring **from Saturday, March 14, through Friday, March 20** (dates subject to change). This event, which is open to all FSU students, will be led by **Dr. Jennifer Earles**.

Berlin's storied past is firmly embedded in a vibrant contemporary culture. Stand in the former Nazi headquarters one moment, and navigate the city's eco-friendly infrastructure the next. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, this city has evolved into one of the most eclectic, exciting and multicultural communities in Europe. Discover the many ways to contemplate the past, enjoy the present and dream of the future.

This trip is being held in conjunction with SOCI 490/WMST 490 Gender and the City, a 3-credit course in which students will explore how gendered power relations shape urban spaces and who benefits from the opportunities and pleasure of urban life. The course will be offered during the spring 2020 semester with Earles. Students will travel abroad during spring break.

For info, contact Kara Hotchkiss at 301-687-4714 or kjhotchkiss@frostburg.edu.

Information Session for 2020 Spring Break Study Abroad in Berlin

An information session about the spring break study abroad opportunity in Berlin will take place on **Friday, Sept. 6**, at 1 p.m. in Lane 108.

All FSU students are welcome. Students must be credit-earning students and register for the spring 2020 course, SOCI 490/WMST 490 Gender and the City, to travel. Honors students may go on the experience and earn the experiential-learning component that is required for the program without enrolling in the course.

For info, contact Dr. Jennifer Earles at jearles@frostburg.edu.

Study Abroad in Spain, France and Italy During Spring Break 2020



Join the Study Abroad trip to Spain, France and Italy during Spring Break 2020 and visit Barcelona, the French Riviera, Nice, Cinque Terre, Pisa and Florence!

The nine-day trip in March 2020 will be led by **Dr. Greg Wood** and **Dr. Heather Cisneros**. The trip is supported by EF Tours.

The trip is for Honors Program students as well as general education students.

Study abroad scholarships and other sources of funding are available.

For info, visit Wood in the Fuller House or email him at gwood@frostburg.edu.

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.

Stay Healthy and Happy This Fall



Take time for yourself – go for a walk, meditate, write in a journal.

Boost your vitamin D intake.

Stay hydrated.

Eat fruits and vegetables that are in season.

Develop a new set of fitness goals.

Get your flu shot!

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.

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