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## CES at FSU Presents American Ballet Theatre Studio Company



Boylston and Calvin Royal III.

CES at FSU will present American Ballet Theatre Studio Company on **Wednesday, Nov. 6**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Drama Theatre of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center. This engagement is sponsored by Dr. Julianne K. Ferris.

ABT Studio Company, the junior company of American Ballet Theatre, is made up of rising stars of the ballet world between the ages of 17 and 21. The company prepares these outstanding young dancers, who hail from all over the globe, to enter American Ballet Theatre and other leading ballet companies worldwide. Nearly 80 percent of current American Ballet Theatre dancers are ABT Studio Company alumni, including eight soloists and 14 principal dancers – among them Misty Copeland, Isabella

ABT Studio Company dancers perform masterworks of the classical and neoclassical canons alongside contemporary works. The group commissions a wide variety of choreographers to create new, custom ballets on the dancers each season, with a special focus on female choreographers.

The highly mobile ABT Studio Company serves as an ambassador for American Ballet Theatre by touring to venues large and small. In recent years, the company has performed in such international cities as London, Athens, Manila, Hong Kong and St. Petersburg and at a wide variety of U.S. performing arts centers, college campuses, festivals and galas.

Performance tickets are \$45 for adults, \$40.50 for FSU employees and members of the military, \$35 for youth and free for FSU students.

For info, visit [ces.frostburg.edu](http://ces.frostburg.edu) or call 301-687-3137.

Community members can also register to observe the dancers in their daily class at noon on **Nov. 6**. Attendance is limited; registration is required.

CES is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council ([msac.org](http://msac.org)) and receives financial support from the Allegany Arts Council and the City of Frostburg.

## Help for Students

### PAWS Pantry

The PAWS Pantry at FSU provides food and basic necessities to FSU students at no cost. The pantry is open and available to all students. Students will complete a brief survey and paperwork to register as a pantry member during their first visit. During regular hours, students may come to the pantry and shop from the selection of non-perishable foods and hygiene products (when available).

The pantry is located at Braddock House at 20 Braddock Road. Walk-up hours are 9:30 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m. on **Mondays** and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**. Other weekdays are by appointment. To schedule

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an appointment, email [pawspantry@frostburg.edu](mailto:pawspantry@frostburg.edu). For info, visit <https://www.frostburg.edu/student-engagement/student-life/service/paws-pantry/PAWS-Pantry.php>.

Space is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis, so register soon!

## Combating Loneliness Across Campus



Loneliness is becoming a serious issue on college campuses across the country. Over the past two decades, people ages 15 to 24 have seen a sharp decline in the amount of time they spend hanging out with friends in person – dropping by 70 percent, from about 150 minutes a day in 2003 to just 40 minutes in 2020. At the same time, social networks are shrinking, and it's becoming harder to form close friendships.

As college students, it's essential to prioritize building connections and friendships. Spend more time in common areas, talk with your classmates and get involved in extracurricular activities. One great way to meet new people and make a difference is by joining BURG Peer Education Network. The group meets **Wednesdays** at 5 p.m. in Pullen 107. BURG is all about promoting healthy choices and offering fun alternatives to drinking and drugs, while working to create positive change on campus. Stop by and join a group of peers making a real impact!

## Tutoring Information for Fall 2024

### Services for Fall 2024

Services include one-on-one, appointment-based tutoring, group tutoring, online tutoring and walk-in tutoring for select subjects and skills.

### General Info

**Extending through Tuesday, Dec. 10**, appointments take place **Mondays through Fridays** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Pullen 151. (Appointments are available past 4:30 p.m. based on tutor availability).

### Courses Tutored

One-to-one courses include Academic Skills (study skills, time management, textbook strategies, note-taking), BIOL 109/149/161/321, CHEM 100/150/201/202, COSC 100/101/102/240/241, MATH 104/119/120/236/237/238 and Writing.

Group (walk-in) tutoring includes **PHYS 215/261, Tuesdays**, Isaac, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., GSS 236, Khayahsi, 3 to 5 p.m., GSS 236, **Wednesdays**, Saylor, 2 to 3 p.m., GSS 236, Jeremaiah, 3 to 4 p.m., GSS 236, **Thursdays**, Khayahsi, 9 a.m. to noon, GSS 358, Saylor, 10 to 11 a.m., GSS 358, Te'a, 10 to 11 a.m., GSS 358, Erick, 10 to 11 a.m., GSS 358, Khayahsi, 1 to 3 p.m., GSS 236, **Fridays**, Jack, 9 to 10 a.m., GSS 236; **BIOL 321, Mondays**, 3:20 to 5:20 p.m., Compton 326, **Tuesdays**, 3:20 to 5:20 p.m., EHSC 302; and **CHEM Department Group Tutoring** – 201/202/311/321, **Thursdays**, Cierra Wilson, 2 to 4 p.m., Compton 358.

### Online Tutoring (NetTutor)

The FSU Tutoring Center uses NetTutor, which is a 24/7 platform staffed by professional tutors. There is no additional cost for this service.

### Walk-ins With Mr. Smith (time management, study skills, note taking, reading strategies, writing and more)

This includes help with writing, philosophy, history, art, time management, study skills, textbook strategies, note taking, building a rapport with your professor, presentation tips, strategizing for classes, navigating college life and general questions about FSU. Walk-ins will take place **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** from 1 to 3 p.m. in Pullen 151 and are first-come, first-served.

### Tutoring Center Tutors

Tutors are as follows: Carolyn DeSena – BIOL 149/321 and CHEM 201/202, Dakota Donaldson – CHEM 100/150/201/202 and MATH 119/120/236, Reagan Mangum – BIOL 109/149/161, Te'a Thompson – MATH 104/119/120/236/237/238 and PHYS 261, Isaac Zais – COSC 100/101/102/240/241, PHYS GSS and 1 to 1 PHYSICS, Jayme Moyer – Writing, Nick Hanes – COSC 100/101/102/240/241 and MATH 104/119/120/236/237/238 and Kaitlyn Green – BIOL 321 Group.

### Additional Help Resources

At FSU, the Tutor Resources course in Canvas, which is a repository of handouts, links, etc., can help with many facets of your academic endeavors. No enrollment is necessary. The course is accessible via your Canvas courses page.

Online learning videos are available from the Khan Academy, a free online learning platform with instructional videos that cover math, science, computing, economics and a host of other subjects and topics (<https://www.khanacademy.org>) and Thomas Frank on YouTube, which is dedicated to everything about college (<https://www.youtube.com/thomasfrank>).

Online writing is available from Purdue OWL, a robust reference for all things related to academic writing (<https://owl.purdue.edu>), Landmark Citation Machine, resources for MLA, APA and Chicago Style manuals (<https://www.citationmachine.net>) and Written Kitten, a drafting resource where you write 100 words and get a motivational photo of a kitten.

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Online study aids include Quizlet, digital flashcards, learning tools and learning and study games (<https://quizlet.com/gb>), and the Pomodoro Technique, productivity and focus (<https://www.pomodorotechnique.com>).

For online research, check out the reference librarians at the FSU Ort Library. They can help you with research using online databases the University offers. Google Scholar, which provides broad searches of the internet for academic content (articles, etc.), is another resource.

Online books are available from Google Book, where you can search the world's most comprehensive index of full-text books (<https://books.google.com>), and Project Gutenberg, a large repository of copyright-free versions of classic books, texts, novels, cultural writings, etc. (<https://www.gutenberg.org>).

For info, email Mark Smith at [msmith@frostburg.edu](mailto:msmith@frostburg.edu) or call 301-687-4066.

## SafeRide



The SafeRide Program, an initiative of the Student Government Association, offers safe transportation to current FSU students. A student-operated program, it is free to all students. SafeRide runs almost anywhere in the city of Frostburg, including 7-Eleven, Weis, McDonalds, Burger King, Urgent Care, etc. It also provides various employment opportunities to the students of FSU as well as offers FSU-recognized organizations the opportunity to earn volunteer hours.

SafeRide is just a tap away! Download the TransLoc app today. Use the app to request your ride and to receive notifications when your driver arrives. Sign in using your FSU credentials and request a ride during SafeRide hours. Hours of operation are 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on **Fridays and Saturdays**. You can also request a ride by calling the SafeRide Office at 301-687-7433.

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## Music

Unless otherwise noted, events will take place in Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. Unless admission is charged, concerts will be livestreamed; the link will be posted at [www.frostburg.edu/concerts](http://www.frostburg.edu/concerts). For info, contact FSU's Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

### FSU's Department of Music Presents Vocal Studios Recital

The FSU Department of Music will present the FSU Vocal Studios in a recital of art songs and selections from opera and musical theatre on **Tuesday, Oct. 22**, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will feature music majors and minors from the vocal studios of **Dr. Colin Johnson** and **Dr. Chun-Ting Chao**, accompanied by pianist **Dr. Joseph Yungen**. They will perform works by Claude Debussy, Ludwig van Beethoven, Frédéric Chopin and Franz Schubert.

**Jelynna Horsey** will perform "Exsultate, Jubilate" from "Motet, Exsultate, Jubilate K. 165" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and "Hark! How All Things" from "The Fairy Queen" by Henry Purcell, **Abigail McDanal** – "She Never Told Her Love" by Joseph Haydn, **Riley Hayes** – "Good Girl Winnie Foster" from "Tuck Everlasting" by Chris Miller and "Pie Jesu" from "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré, **Catherine Owens** – "Breit' über mein Haupt dein schwarzes Haar Op. 19, No. 2" from "6 Lieder aus Lotosblätter" by Richard Strauss and "L'invito" from "Soirées musicales" by Gioachino Rossini, **Sophie Kowalski** – "Caro mio ben" by Giuseppe Giordani and **Isabella McConnell** – "Amarilli, mia bella" by Giulio Caccini.

### Piano Studio and Ensemble Recital

FSU's Department of Music will present its Piano Studio and Ensemble, directed by **Dr. Jay DeWire**, in its recital on **Sunday, Oct. 27**, at 3 p.m.

**Cayla Gavin** will play a movement from "Piano Sonata No. 15 in D Major, Op. 28" (1801) by Ludwig van Beethoven. Also known as "Pastoral" or "Pastorale," it is generally admired for its intricate technicality as well as its beauty.

**Sam White** will also play a piece by Beethoven: the third movement from "Piano Sonata No. 8 in C Minor, Op. 13," commonly known as "Sonata Pathétique" (1798). It has remained one of his most celebrated compositions.

**Sam Wade** will perform the prelude to "La cathédrale engloutie" ("The Sunken Cathedral") by Claude Debussy, published in 1910. The prelude is an example of Debussy's musical impressionism in that it is a musical depiction of, or allusion to, an image or idea.

Another Debussy piece will be performed by **Ava Niland**. "Bruyères" is the fifth "Prélude" from Book II (1911 and 1912). Translating as "heather," it evokes pastoral bliss, an Arcadian landscape of peace and contentment.

"Nocturne No. 20 in C-sharp Minor, Op. posth." (1830) by Frédéric Chopin will be played by **Taylor Bryan**. First published 21 years after the composer's death, the piece is usually referred to as "Lento con gran espressione," from its tempo marking.

**Jack Maust** will perform the second movement of Beethoven's "Piano Sonata No. 17 in D Minor, Op. 31, No. 2," nicknamed "Tempest," which was composed between 1801 and 1802.

White and Niland will perform "Ländler" (1818 and 1819), a collection of delightful dances composed by Franz Schubert. Rustic and cheerful, these miniatures display a fascinating side of Schubert's musical persona.

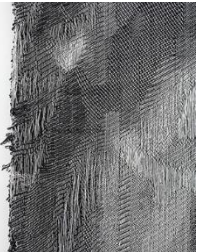
Maust and Wade will play the rondo movement from Beethoven's "Sonata in D Major for Piano Four-Hands, Op. 6," published in 1797. A musical pattern used at its beginning and ending is similar to a pattern Beethoven used later in "Symphony No. 5."

Gavin and Bryan will perform a Schubert piece, No. 1 of "Two Characteristic Marches, Op. 121" (1826). Both marches are scherzo-like in mood, revealing Schubert's fondness for sudden dynamic changes, his musical wit and his fine melodic writing.

The last few selection are from "Winterreise" ("Winter Journey"). Winterreise" is a set of 24 songs for voice and piano that Schubert composed in 1827. Its mournful character reflects some of the personal trauma that Schubert was experiencing at the time. The cycle consists of a monodrama from the point of view of the wandering protagonist, in which concrete plot is somewhat ambiguous. Pianists Wade and *Cat Owens*, with *Vincent Hangarter* on saxophone, will perform "Die Krähe" ("The Crow"), and Hangarter and vocalist Owens will perform "Der greise kopf" ("The Grey Head").

## Exhibitions

### Exhibition by Gabrielle Duggan: 'pursues integrous deliverables'



FSU's Department of Visual Arts is presenting its second exhibit of the fall semester, a solo exhibition by Gabrielle Duggan, "pursues integrous deliverables," **through Tuesday, Nov. 26**, at the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts Building. This exhibition is free and open to the public.

Duggan has had residencies at Fish Factory, Creative Center of Stöðvarfjörður, Iceland; Sculpture Space Inc. in Utica, N.Y.; Praxis Fiber Workshop in Ohio; Cooler Ranch, Landfalls and Governors Island Art Fair in New York; the Musk Ox Farm in Alaska; Ponyride, as a Knight Foundation Emerging Artist, in Michigan; and Rob Dunn Lab at North Carolina State University and North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences.

Awards include the Juror's Prize at Art on the Trails by Sarah Montross; the Integrated Coastal Programs Coastal Fellowship (Coastal Studies Institute), RCAA, East Carolina University; and project grants from the North Carolina Arts Council. An associate professor at East Carolina University, Duggan has also taught at the University of North Texas, Georgia State University and Penland School of Craft.

Duggan's work simulates binary systems, drawing attention to inter-reliance between dichotomies by positioning grey areas in balanced tension. Textile strategies, technology and materials have been a reliable foundation for the artist's work to reflect social, political and historical implications of power.

Duggan constructs installations in three-dimensional space by applying principles of tension and repetition to post-consumer and post-industrial materials. These works range from intimate to significant in scale through material choice and context. When performing with sound, image or as image, Duggan steps into these roles directly inhabiting spaces of lost and self-possessed agency.

For this show, the Roper Gallery is open **Mondays through Fridays** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For info on the artist, visit <https://www.gabrielleduggan.com/index.html>. For info on the exhibition, contact April Pauza at [ajpauza@frostburg.edu](mailto:ajpauza@frostburg.edu).

## Presentations

### Bobby Petrocelli Returns to FSU Nov. 19



Motivational speaker Bobby Petrocelli will appear at FSU on **Tuesday, Nov. 19**, at 7 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). Petrocelli is a nationally acclaimed speaker known for his inspiring story of overcoming hardship and turning adversity into a message of hope, resilience and personal empowerment.

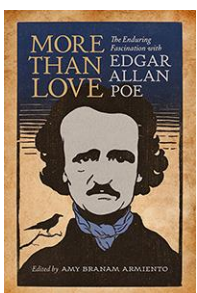
His heartfelt and empowering message is one that will resonate with anyone looking for strength in tough times or simply wanting to be inspired to live more intentionally.

For info about Petrocelli and his mission, visit <https://10seconds.org>.

## Readings

### Frostburg Book Launch of Armiento's New Book on Poe

**Come for a Joint Reading, Panel Discussion and Signing!**



The Frostburg book launch of "More Than Love: The Enduring Fascination With Edgar Allan Poe," a Mercer University Press anthology of 20 new essays, will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 22**, at 6 p.m. at the Frostburg Library on Main Street, where Main Street Books will have copies for sale.

On hand will be the book's editor, *Dr. Amy Branam Armiento*, a professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages, and several contributors, including *Jamison Odone*, an associate professor in the Department of Visual Arts; *Emily Michael '17/M'19*, who teaches English language arts at Allegany High School in Cumberland; and *Andy Duncan*, a professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages. For info, call Main Street Books at 301-689-5605.

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The editor and contributors also will sign books on **Saturday, Oct. 26**, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Book Center, 15 N. Centre St. in Cumberland. For info, call The Book Center at 301-722-2284.

For info on "More Than Love," which is also available via Amazon and Barnes & Noble, visit Mercer University Press at <https://www.mupress.org/More-than-Love-The-Enduring-Fascination-with-Edgar-Allan-Poe-P1272.aspx>.

## CLA Presents Reading by Poet Todd Davis

The Lewis J. Ort Library and the Center for Literary Arts will present a reading by Todd Davis on **Thursday, Oct. 24**, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the Ort Library. This event is free and open to the public.

Davis is the author of eight full-length collections of poetry – "Ditch Memory: New and Selected Poems," "Coffin Honey," "Native Species," "Winterkill," "In the Kingdom of the Ditch," "The Least of These," "Some Heaven" and "Ripe" – as well as a limited edition chapbook, "Household of Water, Moon and Snow." He edited the nonfiction collection, "Fast Break to Line Break: Poets on the Art of Basketball," and co-edited "A Literary Field Guide to Northern Appalachia" and "Making Poems: Forty Poems with Commentary by the Poets." His poetry has appeared in Ted Kooser's syndicated newspaper column American Life in Poetry and has been anthologized in such books as "The Autumn House Anthology of Contemporary American Poetry" and Bedford/St. Martin's textbook, "Approaching Literature."

His poems have won the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Prize, the Chautauqua Editor's Prize, the Midwest Book Award, the ForeWord INDIES Book of the Year Bronze and Silver Awards, and the Bloomsburg University Book Prize. More than 400 of his poems have appeared in such noted journals and magazines as American Poetry Review, Ecotone, North American Review, Poetry Northwest, Orion, Southern Humanities Review and Poetry Daily. He teaches creative writing, American literature and environmental studies at Pennsylvania State University's Altoona College.

For info, call 301-687-4340 or email [cla@frostburg.edu](mailto:cla@frostburg.edu).

## Points of Pride

### Dr. Lawrence Weill Named Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at FSU



*Dr. Lawrence Weill* has been named interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at FSU and officially joined the Bobcat family on Oct. 9.

Weill most recently served as interim director of the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (USMH) and before that as vice president of Academic and Student Affairs at SUNY Sullivan. He also served as the president/CEO at Gordon State College in Georgia for 18 years.

As interim provost, Weill will serve as the University's chief academic officer, overseeing FSU's three newly aligned colleges, the Academic Success Network, the Department of Admissions and the Lewis J. Ort

Library.

Following the departure of the previous provost, FSU leadership worked with The Registry to identify applicants for the position of interim provost. Following virtual interviews with two finalists, input was solicited from the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, the Division of Academic and Student Affairs, vice presidents, deans and the president's Executive Cabinet.

As a finalist for the position, Weill was also invited to campus to attend several open meetings with faculty, staff and students.

### FSU/UMD Collaborative Mechanical Engineering Program Accredited by ABET

FSU and the University of Maryland, College Park's collaborative program in mechanical engineering has officially received ABET accreditation through the 2029-2030 academic year. The Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET is the recognized accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. This prestigious accreditation comes after a thorough evaluation conducted during the ABET site visit in October 2023.

FSU's collaborative mechanical engineering program with the University of Maryland, College Park on FSU's main campus was created to offer FSU students the opportunity to complete the first two years of an engineering curriculum at FSU, apply for transfer admission to UMD's mechanical engineering major before junior year and if admitted, complete the final two years as a UMD student on the FSU campus taking both FSU courses and UMD courses through Distance Education Technology and Services.

Academic accreditation is a voluntary review process that requires educational programs to meet defined standards of quality. Accredited programs must also undergo comprehensive, periodic evaluations conducted by teams of volunteer professionals from academia or industry to ensure that the quality of the educational program is maintained.

For info on ABET, visit <https://www.abet.org>.

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## O'Neal Receives FSU President's Distinguished Faculty Award



Pictured, from left, are Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, FSU president; Dr. Sarah O'Neal; and Dr. Boyce Williams, dean, FSU College of Education and Health and Natural Sciences.

**Dr. Sarah O'Neal**, an associate professor in FSU's Department of Educational Professions and director of the Children's Literature Centre (CLC) at FSU, has been selected as the 2024 recipient of the President's Distinguished Faculty Award. This award recognizes a faculty member who has provided exceptional service to the University and has advanced its mission, goals and strategic planning initiatives.

In her role with CLC, O'Neal and her staff have organized several annual community events, including Storybook Holiday, Harry Potter Night, Pirates Ahoy and the Spring Festival of Children's Literature. CLC also supports the Adopt-a-School program, collaborating with local schools to help spark a passion for lifelong reading.

In its recent move to FSU's new Education and Health Sciences Center, CLC has been able to expand outreach efforts by hosting campus visits for children, incoming Bobcats and Leadership Allegany and Leadership Allegany Rising, all which provide an opportunity to showcase CLC and the University.

O'Neal also serves as the Recruitment and Retention chair for the Department of Educational Professions, directs the F2T2 middle school camp and is the faculty advisor for the Frostburg Student Education Association. Outside of FSU, she is the president of Alpha Delta Kappa, Phi Chapter and serves on the Frostburg First board of directors for the city of Frostburg.

In May, O'Neal accepted Allegany County's inaugural Positive People award on behalf of CLC.

## Smith Receives FSU President's Distinguished Staff Award



Pictured, from left, front row, are Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, FSU president, and Cindy Smith; and, back row, Sgt. Thomas Bevan, Lt. Jason McCumber, Cpl. Donna Shoemake and Interim Police Chief John Ralston Jr.

Recently retired FSU chief of police, **Cindy Smith**, was the 2024 recipient of the President's Distinguished Staff Award, which recognizes a staff member who has provided exceptional service to the University and has helped to advance its mission, goals and priorities.

Smith spent more than 40 years in law enforcement in a command capacity, including as lieutenant colonel with the Maryland State Police, captain at Garrett County Sheriff's Office and finally as chief of police at University Police.

When she came to FSU 15 years ago, Smith was instrumental in transforming University Police into one that is not only more effective but also highly respected in the community and across the University System of Maryland. Smith leaves behind a dedicated team of men and women committed to continuing her legacy of service and safety.

Smith's accomplishments at FSU were significant. Under her direction, she helped establish the Concurrent Jurisdiction agreement with the city of Frostburg, worked in tandem with former Sen. George Edwards and the FSU team to construct a new police station, reorganized the department to develop a succession plan and worked collaboratively with Student Affairs at FSU to significantly curb binge drinking among college students.

## Three FSU Employees Receive Staff Awards for Excellence



Staff Award winners are, from left, Kristen Bachtel, Crystal Miller and William Vasko.

FSU honored **Kristen Bachtel**, **Crystal Miller** and **William Vasko** with the annual Staff Awards for Excellence, which recognize exceptional service to the institution. Recipients are nominated and chosen by their colleagues.

Bachtel, a housekeeper at FSU, joined the Bobcat family in 2019. According to her colleagues, she has a tireless work ethic and positive attitude and pays incredible attention to detail.

Since joining the FSU team in 2018, Miller has served in a variety of roles on campus. Currently the executive administrative assistant for the Office of Student Affairs, she provides key administrative support for the vice president of Student Affairs, the senior associate vice president, the dean of students and the senior diversity officer.

Vasko, the head women's softball coach at FSU, has consistently demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to developing scholar-athletes on the field and in the classroom.

Award recipients are given a plaque commemorating their dedication and a monetary award.

For info, contact the FSU Office of Human Resources at 301-687-4105.

## Project Green Challenge – FSU at No. 3 Out of 535 Schools!

Thirty-one Sustainability Studies students are participating in Project Green Challenge 24, an online campaign that educates, empowers and mobilizes students worldwide around climate action, public health, social justice and advocacy. As of Oct. 16,

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students in SUST/IDIS 155 (Intro to Sustainability Studies) have placed FSU at No. 3 on the Leaderboard out of 535 participating schools!

For info on these challenges and to watch FSU's progress, visit <https://projectgreenchallenge.com>. For info on Sustainability Studies at FSU or if you would like to participate in PGC this year or in the future, contact Tracy Edwards at [tedwards@frostburg.edu](mailto:tedwards@frostburg.edu) or in Gunter 210.

## Armiento Interviews Michael Connelly and Victoria Price at Poe Fest International



Dr. Amy Branam Armiento, left, with Victoria Price

On Oct. 4, *Dr. Amy Branam Armiento*, a professor in FSU's Department of English and Foreign Languages, moderated two panels as part of a tribute to Vincent Price and Roger Corman during Poe Fest International at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center in Baltimore. The first panel featured Michael Connelly, author of the Bosch and Lincoln Lawyer series; Jeffrey Pollack, producer of the Emmy-nominated HBO Frank Sinatra film "All or Nothing at All"; and Mark Dawidziak, author of the biography "A Mystery of Mysteries: The Death and Life of Edgar Allan Poe." They discussed their plans for a forthcoming documentary on Poe, which will be Connelly's directorial debut. Immediately following this session, Armiento interviewed Victoria Price, the daughter of film icon Vincent Price. After these panels, the audience marked the 60th anniversary of the Price-Corman adaptation of "The Masque of the Red Death" by watching the film. The following day, Armiento joined Connelly, Pollack and Dawidziak again to moderate a panel that allowed them to discuss, in more detail, their documentary.

### Take Note

## USM Board of Regents Faculty Awards

The Board of Regents Faculty Awards are the highest honor presented by the Board of Regents to exemplary faculty members within the University System of Maryland. These awards publicly recognize distinguished performance in teaching, scholarship or research, creative activity, public service and mentoring on the part of faculty members. All details related to the call for nomination, guidelines and eligibility can be found at <https://www.usmd.edu/usm/academicaffairs/regents-faculty-awards>.

FSU can nominate up to five faculty members for USM Board of Regents Faculty Awards.

The internal deadline to submit materials to [provost@frostburg.edu](mailto:provost@frostburg.edu) is **Thursday, Nov. 7**, by close of business. (The deadline for FSU to submit nominations to USM is **Friday, Nov. 15**.)

For info, email [provost@frostburg.edu](mailto:provost@frostburg.edu).

## FSU Offers Bachelor's to Master's Physician Assistant Studies Pathway

FSU has established a streamlined pathway for undergraduate students to advance from a Bachelor of Science in Health Science directly into the FSU Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies program. This partnership will provide eligible students with a clear and advantageous route to pursue an advanced degree and professional training, all without having to leave FSU.

The interdisciplinary Health Science program was created in 2013 in anticipation of FSU's PA program and to support FSU students interested in pursuing degrees in health-related fields that require a wide variety of undergraduate course prerequisites not typically included in more traditional science majors.

Some of the key benefits of this program include five guaranteed spots for qualifying FSU undergrads and preferential consideration for early applications. Students will have the opportunity to focus on practical, patient-centered training guided by dedicated program coordinators. This initiative aligns with FSU's commitment to preparing highly skilled healthcare professionals ready to serve communities with the greatest need.

## Info on Voter Registration and Mail-in Ballots

Important Maryland deadlines and dates:

**Thursday, Oct. 24, to Thursday, Oct. 31** – Early voting (For early voting locations go to <https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2024/2024%20Early%20Voting%20Centers%20v1.pdf>.)

**Tuesday, Oct. 29** – Mail-in ballot request deadline

**Tuesday, Nov. 5** – Election Day (7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and mail-in ballot deadline (postmarked by **Nov. 5** or deposited in a ballot drop box by 8 p.m.)

Maryland residents who miss the Oct. 15 registration deadline can register to vote on Election Day at their local polling location or when they go to vote early.

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TurboVote (<https://frostburg.turbovote.org>) is available to all students to assist with registering to vote, requesting mail-in ballots, receiving election reminders and more for any state.

Maryland residents can also visit the Maryland Voter Registration website at [https://elections.maryland.gov/voter\\_registration/application.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html) to register to vote or request a mail-in ballot online.

For info, contact the Office of Civic Engagement at [civicengagement@frostburg.edu](mailto:civicengagement@frostburg.edu).

### Need a Ride to the Polls?



On Election Day 2024 (**Tuesday, Nov. 5**), the Allegany County Transit System will adjust its schedule to accommodate those who want to go from campus to vote at Mountain Ridge High School.

This a special transit route for one day only.

For info, contact Dr. Artie Travis at [altravis@frostburg.edu](mailto:altravis@frostburg.edu).

## FSU to Host Second Annual Bobcat Innovation Launch Pad Competition

FSU will host the Second Annual Bobcat Innovation Launch Pad competition **Friday, Nov. 1, through Sunday, Nov. 3**. This year's theme is "Revive and Thrive: Reimagining Rural Resilience," inviting student participants to reimagine and redesign rural landscapes, transforming challenges into opportunities for economic and cultural renaissance.

The 2024 Bobcat Innovation Launch Pad competition is an opportunity for teams of students to work quickly and collectively to conduct market research to develop business models and technology-based solutions to problems that address economic, social and cultural needs of the region and ensuring a vibrant future for Western Maryland. This multidisciplinary effort brings together expertise from fields including technology, healthcare, agriculture, humanities, environmental science, social sciences and the arts.

Over the course of the event, teams will design or build a prototype, create a business plan and ultimately pitch their plan to influence and inspire a team of judges to invest in their idea. The top three teams will receive funding, mentorship and resources to bring their innovations to life.

The Bobcat Innovation Launch Pad is open to all students in any undergraduate or graduate degree program. An engineering or coding background is not required – students just need to be curious and highly collaborative.

Interested students must apply online no later than **Friday, Oct. 25**, at 11:59 p.m. Visit <https://www.frostburg.edu/competitions/bobcat-innovation-launch-pad/2024.php> to reserve a spot. There is no cost to participate, and lunch and light refreshments will be provided.

## Campus and Community Discussion Series

The campus and local community discussion series hosted by the STCO 350 Intercultural Communication class continues in the Adams/Wyche Multicultural Center at the Lincoln School on the following **Thursdays** at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

**Oct. 31**, dialogue about cultural celebrations and traditions (Feel free to dress up or bring artifacts that recognize your autumn and October holidays/traditions.)

**Nov. 7**, post-election dialogue about feelings and the future in partnership with Choose Civility: Allegany County

**Nov. 21**, dialogue on Western Maryland LGBTQ+ history in collaboration with Preservation Maryland's "Planting the Rainbow Flag" initiative, co-sponsored by FSU's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Department of History

**Thursday, Dec. 5**, topic TBA

For info on these Communication Leadership Lab events, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, professor of strategic communication and chair of the Department of Communication.

## Upcoming BURG Events

Bobby Petrocelli Speaking Event, **Wednesday, Oct. 23**, 7 p.m., Lane Atkinson Room (232)

## Majors Fair



Need help finding the right major? Do you feel like the major you are in might not be right for you? Want to talk to other students who are familiar with your major? Then be sure to attend the Majors Fair hosted by the Career and Professional Development Center on **Wednesday, Oct. 30**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Meet with students from FSU Honors and academic programs as they share info about their majors. Interactive demonstrations and prizes will be available.

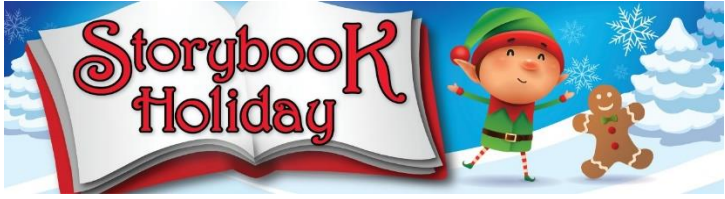


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## CTE Event: Teaching Dilemmas

Join the Center for Teaching Excellence on **Wednesday, Oct. 23**, at 5 p.m. at Clatter Café, 15 S. Broadway in Frostburg, for snacks, a cash bar and casual conversation about teaching dilemmas, including any you are facing right now.

## The 21st Annual Storybook Holiday, a Free Children's Event to Be Held Dec. 7



The Children's Literature Centre in conjunction with the city of Frostburg will host the 21st Annual Storybook Holiday on **Saturday, Dec. 7**. Storybook Holiday is a free event for kids of all ages to experience Main Street in Frostburg turned into a winter-wonderland!

The day includes Elf Olympics, the Storybook Holiday Parade, Co-Co With the PoPo, Kids Elf Training Academy, Horse-Drawn Carriages, Letters to Santa, Elves Secret Workshop, an Author Presentation and more.

For info about Storybook Holiday, visit <https://www.frostburg.edu/clc/sbh> or contact the Children's Literature Centre at 301-687-3133 or [clc@frostburg.edu](mailto:clc@frostburg.edu).

## Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rentals

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The Center for Advancement of Natural and Outdoor Experiences (CANOE) is a program of the Department of Recreation and Parks Management at FSU. CANOE is a dedicated center that serves as a catalyst for advancing outdoor and natural experiences for students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community. The center facilitates access to outdoor equipment, resources, quality outdoor recreation activities, field experiences, internships and student employment in the outdoor industry.

CANOE offers outdoor recreation equipment rentals. Available equipment includes bikes, tents, kayaks, paddle boards, snowshoes and more!

For info, visit <https://www.frostburg.edu/fsu-canoe/index.php>.

## Volunteers

### Interested in Volunteering?

The Office of Student Life posts service projects open to FSU Students in Bobcat Connect under Volunteer Opportunities.

You can request to join the organization to receive automatic email updates whenever events are posted, or all events will be made public so anyone with Bobcat Connect access can sign up.

You can visit the page and request to join at <https://frostburg.campuslabs.com/engage/actioncenter/organization/voice>.

For info, contact Ashley Daniels at [amdaniels@frostburg.edu](mailto:amdaniels@frostburg.edu), 301-687-7615 or in Lane 231.

## Study Abroad

### Study Abroad and International Fair

**Don't Just Learn About the World – Experience It!**



The Center for International Education will host a Study Abroad and International Fair on **Wednesday, Oct. 23**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). All students, faculty and staff are invited.

For info, contact the Center for International Education at 301-687-4714 or [FSUinternational@frostburg.edu](mailto:FSUinternational@frostburg.edu) or visit [www.frostburg.edu/StudyAbroad](http://www.frostburg.edu/StudyAbroad).

## Community

### County Transit Proposed Service Changes – Public Hearing Notice



A public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 30**, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Allegany County LaVale Library at 815 National Highway in Cumberland.

As a result of significant federal and state cuts in Transit funding for FY25, the hearing will address the pending service changes to Allegany County bus and para-transit services.

Advance notice will be provided to customers on when the schedule changes will become effective.

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To view the existing and proposed route changes, visit the Allegany County website at [www.alleganygov.org](http://www.alleganygov.org). For info, call the Transit Office at 301-722-6360.

## Like Fresh Fruits and Veggies?



Save time in your weekly schedule to visit the Allegany County Farmers Market, which is held **Fridays** from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Place in Frostburg, just a short walk from campus. Shopping local supports local farmers and producers and helps the environment.

In-season produce, eggs, beef and flowers are available.

## Health and Safety Messages

### More Fall Safety Tips



#### Be Careful With Heaters

Space heaters are one of the most frequent causes of house fires and burns. Be sure to leave plenty of room around the heater to avoid fires and give it room to vent. Never leave your space heater unattended and always turn it off when leaving the room for an extended period.

#### Give Your Furnace a Tune-Up

Autumn is a perfect time to check in on your furnace since you probably haven't used it for several months. You may want to contact a professional to give your system a check-up and ensure it's safe and efficient.

#### Avoid Burning Leaves

Burning leaves releases dangerous chemicals into the air that can lead to lung disease or cancer. It is also illegal in many places. In fact, burning leaves and other yard debris is one of the main causes of wildfires.

#### Keep an Eye on Your Candles

Candles are an open flame and can quickly get out of control if they are placed near flammable materials or get knocked over. Be sure to keep your candles away from such materials and in a place where children or pets can't reach them. Always blow out your candles before leaving your home or going to sleep.

#### Look for Ticks

Most people assume that ticks go into hiding as the temperature drops. However, this isn't true. Ticks love to live in piles of dead leaves and pine needles. They typically remain active until temperatures begin to drop below freezing or snow covers the ground. If you plan on enjoying outdoor activities in the fall, be sure to check yourself for ticks afterward.

#### Be Cautious Around Ladders

Ladders present a huge risk for falls and serious injuries. If you are using a ladder to help decorate your home or to do yard work, it's important to do so safely. Be sure your ladder is the right height and is placed on level ground following the manufacturer's instructions. It's also a good idea to always keep at least three points of contact with the ladder. Finally, avoid stepping on the top rung of the ladder to prevent it from tipping over. If possible, have someone with you when using the ladder. They can help to hold it steady and call for help in case of an accident.

#### Take Care With Pumpkin Carving

Carving a pumpkin can be dangerous if you aren't careful. Never allow children to carve a pumpkin on their own. Sharp tools can lead to serious cuts. It's also a good idea to use small carving tools from a pumpkin carving kit rather than a kitchen knife or larger blade.

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## VALUES AND VISION: FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2024

### 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 2024

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.

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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**

Goal 1: Strategic Enrollment Management – Develop a marketing, recruitment and retention plan that identifies realistic and sustainable goals for first-year, transfer, online, adult, graduate and international students, and the resources necessary to implement the FSU SEM Plan, which outlines strategies, action items and measurable outcomes across the next three fiscal years.

Goal 2: Campus Environment and External Messaging – Promotion of a campus culture that emphasizes student success, enhances the well-being of our students and employees, and fosters a sense of belonging.

To view FSU's Strategic Plan 2024-2026 online, visit [www.frostburg.edu/strategicplan](http://www.frostburg.edu/strategicplan).