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## Bobcats Celebrate Homecoming and Family Weekend at FSU Oct. 17-20



**HOMECOMING & FAMILY  
WEEKEND  
OCTOBER 17-20, 2024**

It's that time of year again when Bobcats of all generations come together to celebrate during the FSU 2024 Homecoming and Family Weekend! FSU students, families, friends, alumni, faculty and staff will be showing their Bobcat pride **from Thursday, Oct. 17, to Sunday, Oct. 20.**

The celebration kicks off by showing appreciation to FSU retired employees through an invitation-only Retired Employee and Employee Service Awards Luncheon on

**Thursday** in the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall of the Lane University Center. A faculty and staff Ice Cream Social follows from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in back of Lane Manicur Hall. Later that night, a Bobcat Variety Show will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., also in Lane Manicur Hall.

On **Friday** morning, registration for the FSU Baseball Golf Outing begins at 9 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 10 a.m. at the Rocky Gap Casino Resort. Next, the Office of Admissions will host the Sibling and Legacy Student Info Session at 1 p.m. in rooms 105/107 of Pullen Hall. (For more information on this event, call 301-687-3156 or email [sjaurigemma@frostburg.edu](mailto:sjaurigemma@frostburg.edu).) Also that afternoon, the Department of Biology will present a Biosymposium from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Atrium on the third floor of the Compton Science Center.

Six new inductees will be welcomed that evening at the Bobcat Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner. Cocktail hour for the reservation-only event begins at 5 p.m. in the Lane Upper Lobby, with dinner following at 6 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Also that evening, the Bobcat Business Crawl will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. at various locations in Frostburg. The final event of the evening is the Fall Choral Concert to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center. For ticket information, call 301-687-3137 or visit [tickets.frostburg.edu](http://tickets.frostburg.edu).

**Saturday** is packed with exciting events that Bobcats can choose from to show their pride. At the Bobcat Showcase from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., pick up your Bobcat Passport at the Bobcat Welcome Center in the upper lobby of the Lane Center and go on a tour of the FSU campus. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center, you can grab a snack, register for great prizes and take a picture with fellow alumni. There are also activities for the kids! And be sure to stop by the second floor of the Lewis J. Ort Library between 10 a.m. and noon for the Alumni Authors Corner featuring **Dr. Juls Gilliam '90** and **Lisa Willoughby Thomas '95**.

Another event taking place from 10 a.m. to noon is the reservation-only Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Brunch to be held in Lane Manicur Hall. The Women's Lacrosse Alumni Game will start at 10 a.m. on FSU's Upper Grass Field. Then, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Indoor Family Tailgate will be held in the Lane Derezsinski Lounge. Tailgating at Bobcat Stadium also starts at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$25 per space. For the complete rules and regulations, visit [www.frostburg.edu/homecoming](http://www.frostburg.edu/homecoming). The Golden Anniversary Reunion Brunch, for members of the Class of 1974 and before, will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room.

Several events start at 11 a.m. The family movie, "Despicable Me 4," will be screened in room 111 of the Lane Center, then shown again at 2:30 p.m. Admission and snacks are free! There will be another Bobcat Business Crawl from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at various locations in Frostburg. The Softball Alumni Meet and Greet will be held on the Softball Field from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Then, at 11:30 a.m., the Corn Hole Tournament begins in the stadium lot.

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Frostburg's Football team will play the University of Charleston at 1 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$2 for youth ages 12 to 17 and free for children 12 and younger.

At 2 p.m., FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance will present "Blueberries for Sal" featuring FSU students at 2 p.m. in the Drama Theatre of the Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$10 per person. To order tickets, visit [tickets.frostburg.edu](https://tickets.frostburg.edu).

Two games will be held on campus that evening in Bobcat Stadium – the Field Hockey Game at 5 p.m. between the Bobcats and East Stroudsburg University and the Men's Soccer Game at 7 p.m. between the Bobcats and West Liberty University. Admission to both is free.

The FSU Wind Ensemble Fall Concert will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall. For ticket information, call 301-687-3137 or visit [tickets.frostburg.edu](https://tickets.frostburg.edu).

**Sunday** is the last day of Homecoming and Family Weekend events. The Student Government Association will hold a "Big Event" at noon to clean up the streets of Frostburg. Everyone is invited to meet on the Upper Quad to participate. Two games will take place that afternoon in Bobcat Stadium. The Women's Soccer Game will begin at 1 p.m., with the Bobcats playing West Virginia Wesleyan College, and the Field Hockey Game at 4 p.m., when the Bobcats take on D'Youville University.

Saxophonist Dr. Brent Weber will perform in a Faculty Artist Series concert on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall. Admission is free.

For info, visit [www.frostburg.edu/homecoming](https://www.frostburg.edu/homecoming), call 301-687-4068 or email [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu).

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## Theatre and Dance Opens Season With Musical of Beloved Children's Story, 'Blueberries For Sal'



Pictured, from left, are **Kassidy Andris** as Mama Bear, **Elena Echeandia** as Little Bear, **Casey Allison** as Little Sal and **Gracie Ray** as Little Sal's Mom.

As part of FSU's Homecoming weekend, FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance will open its 2024-2025 season with the children's musical, "Blueberries for Sal," on **Saturday, Oct. 19**, at 2 p.m. in the Drama Theatre of the Performing Arts Center.

Based on the cherished children's book by Robert McCloskey, "Blueberries for Sal: The Musical" brings all of your favorite characters to life in the imaginative setting of Blueberry Hill.

Kuplink, kuplank, kuplunk! Sal and her mother grab their pails and head to Blueberry Hill to pick delicious blueberries for the winter months ahead. On the other side of the hill, Mama Bear and Baby Bear also fill up on scrumptious blue morsels for the long hibernation. When fearless Sal and frightful Baby Bear wander off, they have a mixed-up adventure in the Maine woods. Featuring catchy and heartwarming tunes like "Big Big Kid," "Little Pail," "Why Does Winter Happen" and "Learn to Fly," "Blueberries for Sal: The Musical" highlights the powerful bond between parent and child and the exuberant joy of wildlife, imagination and self-discovery.

Directed by **Nicole Mattis** with musical direction by Michaela Hale and choreography by theatre major **Grace Stevenson**, "Blueberries for Sal" was adapted for the stage by Michael J. Bobbitt and Sandra B. Eskin with music and lyrics by William Yanesh.

The cast and creative team also includes **Casey Allison** (Little Sal), **Gracie Ray** (Little Sal's Mom), **Elena Echeandia** (Little Bear), **Kassidy Andris** (Mama Bear), **Leah Boggs** (Mama Crow/assistant music director), **Shay Fochtman** (Mama Partridge), **Stevenson** (Uncle Moose), **Kyle Wolford** (stage manager), **Mackenzie Guynes** (tour manager/sound design), **Sarah Slack** (costume design), **Elijah Reed** (scenic design), **Ronald Breitfeller** (puppet design) and **George Georgeson** (props design/technical support).

This production is part of Theatre and Dance's Roundabout Children's Theatre tour, which includes a collaboration with CES at FSU and the Children's Literature Centre.

In addition to the 2 p.m. performance, there will be a select performance at 4 p.m. for adaptive learning audience members. For info about this performance, call the Theatre and Dance box office at 301-687-7462.

Tickets for the 2 p.m. matinee can be purchased online at [tickets.frostburg.edu](https://tickets.frostburg.edu).

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## 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).

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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 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.pomodoratechnique.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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## Presentations

### Department of Communication Homecoming Week Events

The Department of Communication will host a career discussion session on **Friday, Oct. 18**, at 1 p.m. in the TV Studio, Gira Center 325, featuring **Raye Macquire** (CMST 2022), Digital Communications coordinator, Human Rights Campaign; Dr. Vonny Pettigrew, CEO, Root Branch Media Group; **Gwen Schemm** (CMST and PSYC 2020), assistant manager of Marketing, United Way of Central Maryland; and **Ashli Workman** (MCOM and THEA 2008), director of Tourism, Allegany County. All students and community members are invited to attend and learn more about their exciting careers in communication.

Additionally, on **Saturday, Oct. 19**, at noon in Gira Center 333, the department will welcome back **David Manigault** (MCOM 2003), a long-time digital media content creator from Baltimore who currently lives and works in Los Angeles. He will discuss his latest project, a black-and-white coffee table book titled "Black Body: Baltimore in Black and White," and how his experiences here at FSU helped him personally and professionally.

The department will also host a virtual department advisory council meeting for members on **Thursday, Oct. 17**, in the afternoon and a Homecoming tailgate social on **Saturday** near Bobcat Stadium, which is open to all alumni and current students.

For info, contact Annie Danzi (at [amdanzi@frostburg.edu](mailto:amdanzi@frostburg.edu)) or Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski (at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu)) in the Department of Communication.

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## Storytelling

### Storyteller Adam Booth to Appear at MCTA



FSU's Mountain City Traditional Arts will host storyteller Adam Booth for an enthralling evening of Appalachian Tales on **Wednesday, Oct. 16**, at 7 p.m. at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. The live entertainment is open to the public through general admission with a suggested donation of \$15.

Recognized in 2022 as West Virginia Folk Artist of the Year, Booth blends traditional mountain folklore, music and an awareness of contemporary Appalachia to create story artistry. His cinematic style, both humorous and touching, is influenced by generations of diverse storytellers from West Virginia.

Booth's new multidisciplinary program, "The Heron's Journey," has been selected for the 2024-2025 Mid Atlantic Arts Touring Roster. As a nationally touring artist, his professional telling appearances include premiere storytelling events across the United States, including the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival, the National Storytelling Festival and Teller-in-Residence at the International Storytelling Center (four times), as well as resident at the Banff Spoken Word program in Alberta, Canada, multiple storytelling and music events in 30 states and collaborations with the West Virginia Dance Company, Goose Route Dance Company, Frederick Chorale, Hagerstown Choral Arts Society and Winchester Musica Viva.

Equally at home as a teller and educator, his research fellowships and presentations have included the Berea Appalachian Sound Archives Fellowship, Ghost Ranch, the National Storytelling Conference, the Appalachian Studies Association Conference, the National Endowment for the Humanities Voices from the Misty Mountains summer seminars and institute and a commission from the National Academy of Medicine.

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He is a member of the Recording Academy (GRAMMYS), and his stories and recordings have been honored with many national awards, including a Parents' Choice Gold Award, two Parents' Choice Silver Honors, five Storytelling World Awards and Honors, the National Storytelling Network's J.J. Reneaux Mentorship Grant and four West Virginia Liars' Contest wins. Booth serves as the inaugural Storyteller-in-Residence at Shepherd University and is the founding artistic director of the Speak Story Series, now in its 12th season. Booth is most at home sharing stories and music with the next generation of listeners and tellers throughout Appalachia.

MCTA is a program of FSU and the Maryland Traditions Program of the State Arts Council.

For info, call 301-687-8040.

## 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.

### Saxophonist Jeremy Koch Will Perform Guest Artist Series Concert



FSU's Department of Music will present saxophonist Jeremy Koch in a Guest Artist Series concert on **Monday, Oct. 7**, at 7:30 p.m. He will be accompanied by pianist Molly Orlando.

For this concert, Koch will perform works by Jennifer Jolley, Miriama Young, Carter Pann, Max Bruch and Jerod Tate.

In addition to the performance, a master class will be held at 3 p.m. in room 213 of the Performing Arts Center.

Koch is a saxophonist, chamber musician, educator and arts administrator in the Washington, D.C., area. He is former principal saxophonist and section leader of the United States Air Force Band and has been a featured concert soloist on countless national tours and international conferences. As a freelance saxophonist, Koch has performed at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, Chicago's Orchestra Hall and the Kennedy Center. He regularly performs with the National Symphony Orchestra, Kennedy Center Opera Orchestra and Atlantic Reed Consort. A proponent of new music, Koch has premiered solo, saxophone quartet, reed quintet and concerto works at numerous conferences. He can be heard on countless recordings with the USAF Band.

Committed to teaching, he regularly presents educational clinics, coaching and lessons to students ranging from fifth grade, high school and college to those preparing for professional auditions. He is lecturer of saxophone and chamber music at George Washington University as well as an adjunct professor of saxophone at Shepherd University and maintains a private teaching studio in Bethesda, Md.

As an arts administrator, Koch was appointed the manager of Guest Artist Relations for the USAF Band and has directed collaborations with celebrated artists from across the musical spectrum. Previously, he managed, developed and curated chamber music programs for the USAF Band at the Smithsonian American History Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Archives and Kennedy Center.

### Tenor-Bass Sing! Invitational Festival Coming Up on Oct. 14

FSU's Department of Music will host the seventh annual Tenor-Bass Sing! Invitational Festival on **Monday, Oct. 14**, on the FSU campus. This event, for middle- and high-school students who sing in the tenor or bass ranges, features a day of learning music together, camaraderie, a tour of campus and an evening concert at 6 p.m.

The TBS Invitational Festival Choir will be joined by guest artists FSU Troubadours Tenor-Bass Choir and tenor-bass singers from community choirs.

The Tenor-Bass Sing Invitational Registration Form can be found at [bit.ly/TBSing](http://bit.ly/TBSing). There is a \$15 fee for each participant, which will be billed at a later time.

For info, contact Dr. Scott Rieker, FSU choral director, at 301-687-4110 or [serieker@frostburg.edu](mailto:serieker@frostburg.edu).

### Choral Concert, 'Solidarity Forever: Music of the Labor Movement'

FSU's Department of Music, in collaboration with **Dr. Gregory Wood** of FSU's Department of History and the Ort Library's Special Collections, will present the Fall Choral Concert, "Solidarity Forever: Music of the Labor Movement," on **Friday, Oct. 18**, at 7:30 p.m.

**Dr. Scott Rieker**, director of Choral Activities, will conduct this concert of choral arrangements of songs representing the struggle of workers throughout the United States, particularly in Appalachia. Rieker spent the summer researching, transcribing and arranging music from the Smithsonian Folkways archive, and this concert features numerous premieres, including songs that have never before been written down. The FSU Chamber Singers, University Chorale and Troubadours Tenor-Bass Choir, accompanied by pianist **Dr. Joseph Yungen**, will be joined by alumni instrumentalists for this uplifting retrospective that has an uncanny relevance to current day events.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for members of the military, seniors and FSU faculty and staff; and free for students and children. Tickets can be purchased at [tickets.frostburg.edu](http://tickets.frostburg.edu). Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door.

Then, come back the following evening at 7:30 p.m., when the FSU Chorale will join the FSU Wind Ensemble for “The Circus Band” (1894) by American composer Charles Ives. “The Circus Band” is the last in a set of five songs that Ives called “Five Street Songs,” written while he was a student at Yale University. This stirring march in “quickstep time” is primarily tonal, with moments of unexpected rhythmic twists and syncopations, as well as a sprinkling of “wrong notes” in homage to the amateur town band.

## Special Events

### FSU Social Justice Summit

The 2024 Social Justice Summit will be held **Friday, Oct. 25, through Sunday, Oct. 27**. Registration ends **Wednesday, Oct. 9**. The summit is free and open to all FSU students.

This event provides FSU students with the opportunity to increase their awareness surrounding issues of diversity, equity and inclusion. Action plans developed during the weekend will assist them in being agents of positive change on campus. This weekend-long event gives students the chance to learn more about self, engage in discussion with other students on a variety of issues and create strategies for implementing social change.

Social justice is the continuous process of eliminating ignorance and prejudice through education and advocacy to bring about greater equity among all members of society and ensuring no dimension of identity is continually faced with systemic oppression. Social justice is a process in which we strive to eliminate the roots of oppression through education and the redistribution of resources, opportunities and responsibilities. In the pursuit of social justice, education must be used as a tool to empower people so that they can eliminate the oppression of all. Acting as one, we must create an open, equitable and just society.

Learning outcomes for the summit include the following:

Participants will be able to articulate concepts and terminology related to social justice. (Terms: social justice, privilege, power, oppression, marginalization and intersectionality)

Participants will be able to recognize their own intersectional social identities in relation to privilege, power and oppression.

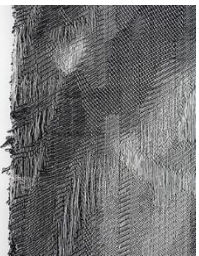
Participants will be able to articulate how concepts of privilege, power and oppression operate within the FSU community and larger society.

Participants will be able to explain how they will incorporate learning from the summit into their daily practices.

All faculty and staff are asked to inform their students of this opportunity, encourage their participation (perhaps even giving credit for participation) and refer them to the Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Hitchins 116 or have them call 301-687-4050 for info.

## Exhibitions

### Exhibition by Gabrielle Duggan: ‘pursues Integrous deliverables’



FSU’s Department of Visual Arts will present its second exhibit of the fall semester, a solo exhibition by Gabrielle Duggan, “pursues integrous deliverables,” which will open with a reception on **Friday, Oct. 11**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU’s Fine Arts Building. Duggan will give a brief talk at 6:30 p.m. This exhibition, which is free and open to the public, will be on display **through Tuesday, Nov. 26**.

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).

## Readings

### CLA Presents Reading by Amanda Newell



As part of its Reading Series, the Center for Literary Arts will join Main Street Books for a reading by Amanda Newell on **Thursday, Oct. 10**, at 7:30 p.m. at Main Street Books, 2 E. Main St. in Frostburg. This event is free and open to the public.

Newell is the author of “Postmortem Say” (Červená Barva 2024) and “I Will Pass Even to Acheron,” a winner of Rattle’s 2021 chapbook prize. Her poetry has appeared or is forthcoming in “Barrow Street,” “Bellevue Literary Review,” “Cimarron Review,” “Gargoyle” and elsewhere. A graduate of Warren Wilson’s MFA Program, she is an associate editor at Plume. For info on Newell, visit [www.amandanewellpoet.com](http://www.amandanewellpoet.com).

For info, call 301-689-5605.

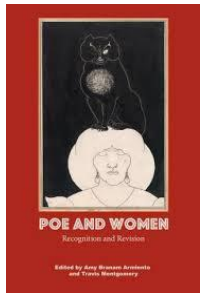
### FSU Professors to Read Essays From Armiento’s New Book on Poe

*Dr. Amy Branam Armiento*, a professor in FSU’s Department of English and Foreign Languages, has a new book out, “The Enduring Fascination With Edgar Allan Poe.” Several FSU professors contributed essays to the book, and they will be reading them on **Tuesday, Oct. 22**, at 6 p.m. at the Frostburg Library, 65 E. Main St.

For info, contact Jamison Odone at [jaodone@frostburg.edu](mailto:jaodone@frostburg.edu).

## Points of Pride

### Armiento Receives Publication Award



*Dr. Amy Branam Armiento*, a professor in FSU’s Department of English and Foreign Languages, and Dr. Travis Montgomery, who teaches at Oklahoma Christian University, are co-editors of the collection, “Poe and Women: Recognition and Revision” (Lehigh UP, 2023), which has received the Poe Studies Association’s J. Lasley Dameron Award for an Outstanding Essay Collection on Edgar Allan Poe. The collection includes nine chapters, including Armiento’s “Fifty Years of Women’s Scholarship on Poe” and Dr. Kevin Knott’s “Sort of E.A. Poeish’: Edgar Allan Poe and Female Pulp Writers.”

A copy of this book is available for checkout at the Lewis J. Ort Library.

### Armiento Selected as Featured Lecturer



On Sept. 29, *Dr. Amy Branam Armiento* gave a lecture titled “Poe: A Mad Genius” for the Fourth Annual Poetry Downtown Festival at The Depot in Baltimore.

This year’s three-day festival featured Edgar Allan Poe, and participants rode the train between “Poe cities” (Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore), enjoying lectures, poetry readings and bicycle tours related to Poe’s life and works.

## Take Note

### Info on Voter Registration and Mail-in Ballots

Important Maryland deadlines and dates:

**Tuesday, Oct. 15** – Deadline to register to vote

**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.

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.

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

## Communication Leadership Lab Dialogue and Deliberation Sessions

The campus and local community is invited to join dialogue and deliberation discussion sessions in the Adams/Wyche Multicultural Center at the Lincoln School during STCO 350 Intercultural Communication class sessions at 11 a.m. Students will help shape the topics and help facilitate the discussions as they gain experience. Academic programs or student groups are invited to consider partnering on the events.

Dates and some tentative topics of discussion are as follows:

**Tuesday, Oct. 15**, pre-election deliberation on "How Should We Encourage and Safeguard Voting?"

**Thursday, Oct. 31**, dialogue about cultural celebrations and traditions

**Thursday, Nov. 7**, post-election dialogue about feelings and the future

**Thursday, Nov. 21**, deliberation topic TBA

**Thursday, Dec. 5**, dialogue 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.

## State of Maryland Open Enrollment Benefits Fair

FSU's Office of Human Resources will host a State of Maryland Open Enrollment Benefits Fair on **Wednesday, Oct. 9**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). Employees of any state agency and state retirees are invited to attend this event. Representatives from each of the providers offering coverage will be on hand to answer any questions members have regarding State of Maryland health benefits.

For info, contact Lee Ann Nightingale at 301-687-4398 or [lnightingale@frostburg.edu](mailto:lnightingale@frostburg.edu).

## On-Campus Career and Internship Fair



Need a job? Looking for an internship? The FSU Career and Professional Development Center will host On-Campus Career and Internship Fair to be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 9**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lane Center. The fair is open to students of all majors and all class levels. This is one of the most exciting opportunities of the semester at FSU, with more than 60 employers on campus to connect with FSU students!

To register in Handshake and see which employers will be attending the fair, go to <https://shorturl.at/ePRnm>.

For info, call 301-687-4403 or email [careerservices@frostburg.edu](mailto:careerservices@frostburg.edu).



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## Interested in a Doctorate?



Join the group on **Thursday, Oct. 10**, from noon to 2 p.m. in Lane 109 to learn more about the Academic Achievement Program's Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

The program is designed to prepare eligible participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research, scholarly activities and mentorship. Benefits include paid summer research experience with faculty, opportunities to present research at national conferences, graduate school preparation, study abroad opportunities and GRE and graduate school application fee waivers.

Sophomores or juniors (with at least 60 credits) who are first-generation and low income and/or part of a group that is under-represented in graduate education are eligible.

For info, contact R. Shawn Jones at [rsjones@frostburg.edu](mailto:rsjones@frostburg.edu).

## Town Square on the Faculty and Staff Portal

Town Square is a place where faculty and staff can post information as well as ask questions, all while giving users the capability to set their individual channel subscription preferences.

The channels that are currently available on Town Square include Faculty and Staff, Faculty ONLY, Staff ONLY, Ask Administration and Messages from the President. For the Staff Only and Faculty Only channels, employees will only see the one specific to their primary role as defined in HR. Subscribe to specific channels to receive email updates based on your preferences. To subscribe to a channel, click the "subscribe" button in the top right-hand corner – the dropdown menu will let users set their preferences to none, instant, daily or weekly.

The Ask Administration channel allows you to post questions specifically for FSU administration. Responses to questions asked on this channel will be posted within three business days.

All faculty and staff are encouraged to explore the Town Square and begin to use this space for sharing information and asking questions. After logging in to the portal, Town Square can be located in one of the tiles available on the main page. You can also search "town square" using the search function in the upper right-hand corner.

**As a reminder, the 2024-25 State of the University presentations will be virtual this year, and each week there will be divisional updates and highlights from the past year posted on the Messages From the President channel in Town Square. Visit Town Square to view the first presentation from Troy Donoway, vice president for Administration and Finance.**

## Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rentals



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-canoel/index.php>.

## Deadlines

### Attention Teacher Education Candidates!

Online applications for Entrance to Program, Internship I and Internship II for the spring 2025 semester are to be submitted on or before **Friday, Oct. 18**.

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

## Study Abroad

### Study Abroad and International Fair

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

**STUDY ABROAD  
& INTERNATIONAL FAIR**

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).

## Volunteers

### Interested in Volunteering?

The Office of Student Life will be posting service projects that are open to FSU Students in Bobcat Connect under the page 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.

## Community

### 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

### October is Fire Safety Month



Each year, the National Fire Protection Association observes National Fire Safety Month in **October** with **Oct. 7 to 13** being national fire prevention week and **Oct. 13** being National Home Fire Drill Day.

Below are some steps to follow to ensure your workplace (and home) are fireproof.

Eliminate clutter. Clutter can easily become a fuel source in the event of a fire, allowing it to spread quickly. Clutter can also restrict access to emergency equipment and exit routes.

Maintain the appropriate type and number of fire extinguishers. Conduct monthly and annual extinguisher inspections to ensure they are in good working condition. Provide training for employees on the correct use of fire extinguishers.

Use and store chemicals safely. Read hazard warning labels and safety data sheets to determine flammability and other fire hazards. Ensure your chemical storage areas provide adequate ventilation for the storage of chemical or other hazardous substances.

Limit the accumulation of flammable or combustible materials and residues.

Ensure emergency exit route diagrams are posted and accessible in all areas of the facility for all employees to easily view. Additionally, ensure means of egress are well-lit with regulated exit signs.

Employees should have access to a list of contact phone numbers in case of an emergency. Remember that human nature is to panic in emergency situations; therefore, basics such as the company address, important phone numbers and a building floor plan should be posted on or with the emergency action plan.

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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.

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.

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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).