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## **CES at FSU Presents The Second City in Its 65th Anniversary Show**



CES at FSU will present the original, daring, sidesplitting comedy troupe, The Second City, in its 65th Anniversary Show on **Thursday, Oct. 3**, at 7:30 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall.

The performance will feature all-time favorite songs, sketches and characters written by some of the troupe's most illustrious alumni, including Catherine O'Hara, Tina Fey, Keegan-Michael Key, Amber Ruffin, Stephen Colbert, Tim Meadows, Bill Murray, Tim Robinson, Joan Rivers, Eugene Levy and Adam McKay.

Since its founding in 1959, The Second City has grown to become the most influential and prolific comedy empire in the world, developing a unique way of creating art and fostering generation after generation of superstars. It was experimental and unconventional in its approach to theater and comedy, and early alumni like Alan Arkin, Joan Rivers, Fred Willard, Gilda Radner, Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi launched the theatre into the international spotlight.

In 1976, it launched SCTV, which has been hailed as one of the greatest sketch comedy series of all time. The two-time Emmy-winning show featured an all-star cast made up of Martin Short, Andrea Martin, Catherine O'Hara, John Candy, Eugene Levy, Dave Thomas, Joe Flaherty and Rick Moranis.

Today, The Second City is home to a world-class entertainment company and continues to produce premier talent at its locations in Chicago, Toronto and Hollywood, entertaining more than one million audience members annually.

Performance tickets are \$30 for adults, \$27 for FSU employees and members of the military, and free for FSU students. This event is intended for audiences ages 18 and older.

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

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 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>.

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

## Combating Loneliness Across Campus



All around America, and more presently in colleges, people are experiencing an epidemic of loneliness. According to the Surgeon General's report, "Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation" (<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-social-connection-advisory.pdf>), individuals in the U.S. ages 15 to 24 spend 70 percent less time socializing in person compared to two decades ago, decreasing from about 150 minutes a day in 2003 to just 40 minutes in 2020. The number of close friendships has also seen a decline, with social networks shrinking by approximately 16 percent.

In response to this growing isolation, it's important to step out of your comfort zone. Spend time in common areas, talk with classmates and get involved in extracurricular activities to build friendships. You can join the BURG Peer Education Network by attending any General Body Meeting, held **Wednesdays** at 5 p.m. in Pullen 107. BURG is dedicated to fostering healthy lifestyles and providing fun, engaging alternatives to substance use.

## 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.

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.pomodrotechnique.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.

## Theatre

### 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 <https://frostburgtix.universitytickets.com/?cid=169>.

## 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.

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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.

## 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.

### Boston-Based Irish Flute Player and Singer Shannon Heaton Will Perform at Mountain City Traditional Arts



FSU's Mountain City Traditional Arts will host Boston-based Irish flute player and singer Shannon Heaton, on **Thursday, Oct. 3**, 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.

Heaton has performed and taught on four continents. She is an Artist Fellow of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and was twice named Live Ireland's Female Artist of the Year. In her solo shows, she shares tunes, songs and stories, taking listeners on a tour of places and people that keep Irish music alive.

Heaton was exposed to many music traditions on her way to Irish music, travelling extensively throughout North America, Nigeria, and Europe with academic parents. After her first year of college in Suphanburi, Thailand, she studied music performance and ethnomusicology at Northwestern University and attended Irish music sessions throughout Chicago. There she met guitarist Matt Heaton, with whom she spent many winters in Ireland.

When not performing as Matt and Shannon Heaton, she has collaborated with numerous acts, including Japanese-based Tricolor, Newfoundland native Keith Murphy, balladeer Robbie O'Connell, harpist Maeve Gilchrist and fiddle player Sam Amidon.

A wildly creative teacher, Heaton has created free resources for Irish traditional musicians, including her long-running "Tune of the Month" video/podcast series. During the early days of the pandemic, she started the Virtual Guided Session with participants from more than 50 countries. She is also a prolific composer and arranger, and her original music has been recorded by the Battlefield Band, Allie Robertson, Childsplay and many others.

Heaton is a world-class American performer with Irish roots and universal appeal. She is passionate about making Irish music accessible to players and listeners of all levels and backgrounds.

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

For info, call 301-687-8040.

### Faculty to Perform in Showcase Recital

FSU's Department of Music will present its Faculty Artist Series Faculty Showcase Recital on **Friday, Oct. 4**, at 7:30 p.m.

The recital will feature the Faculty Jazz Quintet, consisting of **Dr. Donny Albrecht** on trumpet, **Dr. Brent Weber** on saxophone, **Peter Lewis** on bass, **Tom Harrison** on guitar and **Dr. Mackenzie Jacob LaMont** on drums. They will perform works in remembrance of Benny Golson, an American bebop/hard bop jazz tenor saxophonist, composer and arranger who recently passed away.

Weber will also play Paul Bonneau's "Caprice en Forme de Valse." As the saxophone is commonly associated with the jazz style, classical music for the instrument had always been lacking, so when Bonneau composed this piece for solo saxophone in 1950, it was well-received by performers and listeners of the genre. "Caprice en Forme de Valse," however, was particularly acclaimed for having no accompaniment and for its flexibility to be performed on all members of the saxophone family. It contains typically French characteristics, including chromaticism and difficult technical passages.

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**Abby Lannan**, on the euphonium, accompanied by **Dr. Joseph Yungen** on piano, will perform “Élégie, Op. 24” (1880) by French composer Gabriel Fauré. The piece was first published and performed in public in 1883 and became an immediate success. Spanning a wide range of emotions, including pathos, delicacy, virtuosity and heroics, it features a sad and somber opening and climaxes with an intense, tempestuous central section before returning to the elegiac opening theme in C minor.

Yungen will play solos on the harpsichord: “Le Vertigo” (“Vertigo”) and “La marche des Scythes” (“The March of the Scythians”) from “Premier livre de pièces de clavecin” (1746) by Joseph-Nicolas-Panrace Royer. “Premier livre de pièces de clavecin” reveals the wide range of moods and emotions of French harpsichord music in the mid-18th century. In a similar vein to French organ music of the period, the general assumption is that the music peaked in the decades around 1700. The 14 pieces of this work include the wonderfully disorienting “Rondeau Le Vertigo” and Royer’s best-known piece, “La Marche des Scythes.”

## **WFWM Public Radio and Palace Theatre Present Award-Winning Bluegrass Bass Player Missy Raines**



WFWM Public Radio and the Palace Theatre will host Missy Raines in concert on **Saturday, Oct. 5**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, 31 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Doors will open at 7 p.m. The concert is a benefit for FSU’s WFWM Public Radio.

Raines, the most awarded bass player in International Bluegrass Music Association history, returns to her hometown area with her touring band Allegheny. Raines, who was born in Cumberland, Md., and raised in nearby Short Gap, W.Va., is a 10-time winner of the IBMA “Bass Player of the Year” award. In addition to the Bass Player awards, she’s received multiple awards from IBMA for Recorded Event of the Year and Song of the Year. In 2019, Raines was featured in The Country Music Hall of Fame as part of its American Currents exhibit. In January of 2020, she debuted on the Grand Ole Opry with her band Allegheny.

Growing up in Short Gap, Raines credits her parents, who were not musicians but music lovers, with providing her the inspiration to become a musician. They took her to country and bluegrass music concerts throughout the region where she quickly developed a desire to play on the stage. She also continues to draw inspiration from the mountains surrounding her hometown. Her band’s name, Allegheny, is taken from those very mountains.

On her latest release “Highlander,” Raines has given another tip of the hat to the region. Working with producer Alison Brown, she is joined by a thoughtfully curated list of guests, including Kathy Mattea, Laurie Lewis, Dudley Connell, Michael Cleveland and Danny Paisley, to create an album that at once honors Raines’ deep bluegrass roots even as she cultivates them.

Standout tracks include “Who Needs a Mine,” a Raines original that reflects on the impact of the opioid crisis in West Virginia and features fellow West Virginian Kathy Mattea; “I Would Be a Blackbird,” featuring fellow female bluegrass pioneer Laurie Lewis; and the album’s first single, “These Ole Blues,” with bluegrass icon Danny Paisley sharing vocals with Raines.

Tickets can be purchased at Main Street Books, 2 E. Main St. in Frostburg, or reserved by calling 301-689-5605. Tickets, if not sold out, will also be available at the Palace Theatre box office the night of the concert.

## **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.

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## 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](https://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.

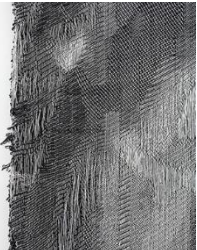
**Dr. Scott Rieker**, director of Choral Activities, will conduct this concert of choral arrangements of songs representing the struggle of workers throughout the United States, particularly in Appalachia. Rieker spent the summer researching, transcribing and arranging music from the Smithsonian Folkways 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](https://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.

## Exhibitions

### Department of Visual Arts Presents 'pursues integrous deliverables,' a Solo Exhibition by Gabrielle Duggan



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

### CTN Publishes Guest Commentary by Andy Duncan

A Guest Commentary by *Andy Duncan*, a professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages, was published July 31 in the Cumberland Times-News. Titled “New County Health Officer Lacking Credentials,” the opinion piece can be found at <https://shorturl.at/iVy16> or, if the Times-News paywall interferes, at Duncan’s personal blog, <https://beluthahatchie.blogspot.com>.

### Office of Sponsored Programs Successes/News

On Sept. 19, project director *Dr. Kate Sheehan* (Biology) was awarded \$37,481 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for the project, Spatial and Temporal Characteristics of Parasite Communities of Avian Predators Depredating Inland Shrimp Aquaculture in the Southeastern U.S.

For info, visit OSP’s Successes/News webpage at <https://www.frostburg.edu/osp/Successes%20News.php>.

## Take Note

### Introducing 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.

### 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

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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.

## Homecoming and Family Weekend Oct. 17-20



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

Join the Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of Student Engagement in celebrating Homecoming and Family Weekend with alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students. The weekend will feature athletic games, the Bobcat Hall of Fame, the Bobcat Showcase, an Indoor Family Tailgate and so much more!

You can view the schedule of events, register online and find additional information by visiting the webpage at

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

## Vice Presidential Debate Watch Party

A Vice Presidential Debate Watch Party will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 1**, at 8:30 p.m. in the Lane Center Lounge. The debate begins at 9 p.m. (Food will be provided.)

Join fellow students, faculty and staff to watch and discuss the debate live in the lounge.

## 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 beginning next week 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:

**Thursday, Oct. 3**, dialogue about the value of education and learning

**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.

## 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).

## 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).

## 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).

## Discussion Session on Careers in Communication



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 Macguire, Digital Communications coordinator, Human Rights Campaign; Dr. Vonnya Pettigrew, CEO, Root Branch Media Group; Gwen Schemm, assistant manager of Marketing, United Way of Central Maryland; and Ashli Workman, director of Tourism, Allegany County. All students and community members are invited to attend and learn more about these exciting careers in communication.

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.

## 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-canoe/index.php>.

## Upcoming Events From the BURG Peer Education Network

### Open Mic Night

Come for an evening of music, poetry, comedy and more on **Wednesday, Oct. 2**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Echo Circle. Show off your talent and enjoy the performances of others. Help end social isolation and ensure everyone has a voice.

### Vector Mandatory Prevention Modules

These are due on **Thursday, Oct. 3**, at 11:59 p.m.

## Annual CLC Book Award Banquet

The Children's Literature Centre will host its annual CLC Book Award Banquet on **Friday, Oct. 4**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hotel Gunter ballroom. The Children's Literature Centre presented its first CLC Book Award in 2012. This annual award is given to a children's picture book that most embodies the attributes of compassion, love or courage. This is awarded to a person early in their career as an author with the aim to encourage and support an author/illustrator in the early years of their career, who has published in the United States within the past three years. This year's winner is "How to Send a Hug" by Hayley Rocco, illustrated with her husband, John Rocco. For info or tickets to the event, visit <https://www.frostburg.edu/childrens-literature-centre/book-award/index.php>.

## Deadlines

## Undergraduate Grade Changes

The last day for undergraduate grade changes, including the removal of incomplete grades for the spring 2024 and summer 2024 semesters, is **Friday, Oct. 4**.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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

### Tips for Avoiding Collisions With Wildlife



Slow down. Give yourself more time to brake if an animal darts in your path. Pay attention to those wildlife crossing signs! They're posted in areas known for being active for wildlife encounters.

Don't rely on hood whistles and other devices to scare away deer. The most effective way to avoid a collision is to keep your eyes on the road. At night, look for glowing eyes ("eye-shine") of animals in the distance.

Be on your highest alert at dusk and dawn, when many animals are most active. Deer are most active between 6 and 9 p.m. Early fall is usually mating season for animals, such as moose, and they are tracking scents. Deer are most active during their breeding season from October to early January. Springtime is when most wildlife families with their young are on the move.

Don't tailgate. Keep a safe distance between you and the car in front of you.

Deer travel in herds. When you spot one deer crossing the road, another is likely to be right behind. Slow down and watch for others that may be tagging along. Same with turkeys.

If driving on a multilane highway, use the center lane whenever possible to give a wide berth to grazing deer along roadways.

If an animal is standing on or near the road, try flashing your lights or honking in a series of short bursts to encourage the animal to leave the area. This will also help to alert other drivers. Deer often get mesmerized by the steady lights of cars and freeze along roadsides.

If a collision is unavoidable, stay in control. Do all you can to lessen the impact by pressing on the brakes firmly and at the moment of impact letting off of them. Braking on impact can cause the hood of your vehicle to dip down and push the animal through the windshield.

If you do hit a large animal, lean toward the door frame and not the center of the car. When animals are hit head-on, they tend to roll over the vehicle, crushing the center of the windshield and roof. Pull off the roadway, call the police and be sure to get a police report. Some insurance companies may not pay for damages without a police report.

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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.

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).