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For and about FSU people

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## FSU Commencement Ceremonies Slated for Saturday, May 27

The 116th commencement ceremonies of Frostburg State University will be held Saturday, May 27, in the Harold J. Cordts Center Main Arena.

Two exercises will be held during the day. The College of Business and the College of Education will present degrees beginning at 10 a.m. and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will start at 2:30 p.m. President Catherine R. Gira will confer both graduate and undergraduate degrees at both events.

During the afternoon ceremony, the University will present Casper R. Taylor Jr., Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, with the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters, in recognition of his service to the State of Maryland, Western Maryland and FSU.

Student speakers at the spring commencements include Brian Davis for the College of Business, Nicholas Shockney for the College of Education and Jodie Goldsworthy Gordon for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Davis, a business administration major concentrating in marketing, has excelled in his academics while working as a marketing assistant for the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md.

A transfer student from Frederick Community College, Davis was an honor roll student and a member of the business administration program. Since coming to FSU, Davis has been an active member of Sigma Beta Delta, the international business honors fraternity, where he organized group fund-raisers and activities. He has also worked as a student tutor for the Programs for Academic Support and Study (PASS) office on campus.

Shockney's work with children has gone beyond the traditional classroom setting. The early childhood/elementary education major has obtained valuable experience as an American Red Cross lifesaving, CPR and first aid instructor and

a YMCA lifeguard and swim instructor. He has also served as an after-school day-care worker, a substitute teacher and football coach.

At FSU, Shockney has had a wide range of classroom experiences in which he team taught, developed integrated units and worked with special needs students. He has developed a reputation for communicating high expectations and encouraging critical thinking in his students. Incorporating technology in the classroom, Shockney has been involved in the success of an after-school Internet "Surf Club" for his students.

Jodie Goldsworthy Gordon, who will graduate with a double major in political science and history, has been noted for her outstanding academic accomplishments and exemplary service to the community.

A non-traditional student, Gordon transferred to FSU from Allegany College where she received awards for excellence in philosophy and political science. She has continued her pursuit of academic excellence and is being recognized as the Department of Political Science's honors graduate. She is also a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

While completing her academic work, Gordon was elected to the Allegany County Board of Education. Her leadership in promoting public education has led to her serving as the president of the board.

Presenting candidates for degrees will be Dr. Christine R. Grontkowski, Provost; Dr. Joseph F. Malak, Dean of Assessment, Graduate Services and Special Programs; Dr. Susan Arisman, Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Steven P. Wilkinson, Dean of the College of Business; and Dr. Fred Yaffe, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

For more information on the FSU commencement, you can log on to the FSU Web site at <http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm>.



## University Honors Convocation to Be May 26

All members of the University community, family and friends are cordially invited to attend the University Honors Convocation Friday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center Drama Theatre. Come to honor and applaud the four Faculty Achievement

Award recipients, 14 recipients of Graduate Program Honors, 20 recipients of Honors in General Education and 28 Undergraduate Departmental Honors recipients. Faculty, staff, and students: Please join us in this celebration of academic excellence!



## Info Sessions Set on Various M.Ed. Degrees

The Department of Educational Professions has scheduled several information sessions regarding Master in Education degrees

**Proposed Master of Education in Special Education degree:** Monday, May 15, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Leake Room in the Cordts Center

The proposed degree is now in the process of university and state approval and is designed for certified teachers or candidates who are eligible for special education positions. The area of concentration is Special Education Teachers of Students with Disabilities in Individualized General Education Programs.

This 39-42-credit program is intended to lead to certification as a generic special educator of students with mild/moderate disabilities at the Elementary/Middle (K-8) or Secondary/Adult (6-12) levels.

Applicants to this program must hold or be eligible for certification as a public school teacher.

**Master of Education program in Reading:** Tuesday, May 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. in Framptom Hall, Room 206.

This master's program has been updated to match International Reading Association, Maryland State Department of Education and National Collegiate Accreditation for Teacher Education standards. The 39-credit program is intended for people who hold a baccalaureate degree and want to receive additional training to be able to work in public/private schools as reading teachers.

For information, contact Dr. Roger Dow at x4431.

**Master of Education program in Guidance and Counseling:** Wednesday, May 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Guild Center, room 009.

FSU's Master of Education program in Guidance and Counseling will soon become the School Counseling program. This program is intended for people who hold a baccalaureate degree and want to receive additional training to be able to work in the public schools as counselors. While many students enter the program with an undergraduate degree in education, the program welcomes students from other backgrounds as well.

For information, contact Dr. Mikal Crawford at x4448 or x7403.

## Investment Challenge Winners Survive Market

Despite the scary performance of the stock market in recent weeks, the top two winners of the Stock



Investment Challenge at FSU managed to make money.

The challenge, sponsored by the FSU Finance Club and Primevest Investment Center, was to manage a simulated stock portfolio worth \$500,000 for eight weeks from Feb. 28 to April 28. It was open to all students in Business, Accounting and Economics in the FSU College of Business.

The winner, who got \$250 in real money, was Roberta E. Coccagna of Frederick, Md., whose ending portfolio value was \$608,004. She beat the performance of a simulated Standard and Poors 500 Index account by \$69,289.

The second place finishers were the team of Stacey Baker of Clear Spring, Md., and Sarah Strawderman of Cumberland, Md., whose ending portfolio value was \$512,748. They win \$100.

The third place team was Rizwan Jan of Hanover, Md., and Jake Dyer of LaPlata, Md., whose ending portfolio value was \$464,545.

For comparison, the average for all 18 participants, most in teams of two students, was \$352,856 for the period. The lowest performer had a value of \$138,353.

## Study Abroad Opportunities

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to see the world. For information on any of the programs or scholarships that may be available, check with Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, call her at x3091 or e-mail her at [asimes@frostburg.edu](mailto:asimes@frostburg.edu).



### • National Scholarships to study overseas

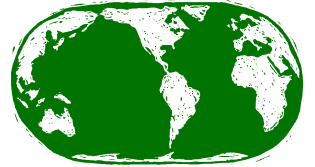
Students who are interested in applying for a scholarship from the Fulbright Foundation, NSEP (National Security Education Program), or the Rotary Foundation, should contact the CIE for application information. All three scholarships provide comprehensive funding for students who want to study overseas before or after graduation. These are prestigious national scholarships with high cash awards. For further information about Fulbright scholarships, please contact Dr. John Neral, x4265. For all other scholarships, please contact Amy Simes at the CIE.

### • Go Down Under for a semester or summer

FSU is now affiliated with AustraLearn, an organization that provides unique opportunities for students to study at a variety of universities in Australia. AustraLearn arranges

cheap flights, a weeklong orientation program, pre-registration, and transcript evaluation.

Students may choose from a variety of Australian



and New Zealand universities, all offering a broad range of course offerings at campuses set in beautiful and exotic surroundings.

### • Spend next spring in Ireland!

Students interested in studying in Ireland next spring (2001) at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick (western Ireland) should turn in application forms to the CIE as soon as possible. There may be one or two spots left for next spring. Students pay FSU tuition and are able to take all financial aid with them. An FSU faculty member accompanies the group. Students take one FSU class and three Mary I classes. Next spring Fred Surgent will accompany the students and will teach classes in human sexuality, nutrition and sports psychology.

### • Football, Shopping, Pubs & Clubs, History and Culture in the UK

Students interested in studying at the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, England, during the spring semester 2001 should contact the CIE for an application form. Newcastle is one of the liveliest cities in the UK, just across the Channel from Amsterdam, and three hours north of London (one hour south of Edinburgh) by train. Course offerings are available in a wide variety of subjects. The cost of the program is the same as one semester (in-state) at FSU.

### • Culture Shock is a Good Thing

FSU affiliates with both the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) and the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS). Both organizations offer study abroad locations in hundreds of universities around the world for all majors. If you are an adventurous student looking for an exciting and unique experience overseas, and you would like to enhance your job resume, this may be the program for you. You may register at FSU and use your financial aid for all programs.

### • Work/Volunteer Overseas - Enhance your resume!

Students interested in working abroad should come by the CIE for information about internships, volunteer organizations and paid work overseas. Many organizations help students obtain jobs and work permits, and some help to arrange housing as well. Students can choose from short experiences (1-2 months) to longer experiences (4-12 months), or even look into a more serious commitment (1-3 years). Destinations are available throughout the world.

## Test Your Leadership Skills

Are you ready to put your leadership skills to the test?

FSU's Center for Service and Leadership is currently recruiting Site Coordinators for the 2000-2001 academic year.



Are you looking for quality, hands-on, resumé-worthy experience?

Are you creative, committed, and seeking change?

Could you use additional funds to pay for school, or to pay back those tiresome student loans?

Call the CSL office today at x4708 for information in becoming one of 10 Site Coordinators for the Allegany and Garrett County Communities. Call today! Interviews begin soon!

## Remove Your Incompletes

The last day for removal of incomplete grades for graduate students for Fall 1999/Intersession 2000 semesters is Tuesday, May 16.

Instructors may contact Marcy in the Registrar's Office at 4347 if they have questions or need "Change of Grade" forms.

Also, the last day to submit "Course Withdrawal After the "W" Period" forms for the Spring 2000 semester is Tuesday, May 16.



## Reminder

The last day to register for Summer School 2000 without late fees of \$60 is May 19.

## Special for Seniors

### Send-off at Gandalf's

The FSU Foundation Inc. and the Office of Annual Giving would like to cordially invite all graduating seniors to the First Annual Senior Send-off at Gandalf's, 16 W. Main Street in Frostburg on Thursday, May 25, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free with your SeniorPass. Food and beverages, door prizes and gifts provided.

### How to get your SeniorPass

Your SeniorPass can be picked up by dropping off your completed Senior Survey (received in the mail) at the Lane Center information desk from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Get free popcorn

Drop off your completed survey this week and when you pick up your

SeniorPass receive a free bag of popcorn. For more information contact Chris Harmon, Director of Annual Giving, x4758

## Open Mic Night

Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, will sponsor an Open Mic night on Monday, May 15, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Lane Center MUR.

Bring your poetry, music, short stories and your friends. For more information, contact Krista Spiker at x7788.

## Budget Deadline Nears for FSUF Accounts

FSU Foundation account directors are reminded to submit tentative budget requests for the fiscal year 2001. The deadline is May 15. If you need a budget form, check the FSU web site at <http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation/forms.htm> or call Alicia White at x4752.

## Sign Up for Stafford, Perkins Loan Exits

The Financial Aid Office will be conducting student loan exit interviews this month for all graduating seniors who borrowed under the Stafford and/or Perkins Loan program as an FSU student. The exit interviews are mandatory and will last approximately 30 minutes. Students who borrowed under both programs must attend an exit interview for each loan.

The Perkins loan exit interviews will be held on Monday, May 15, in the Lane Center, room 202. Stafford loan exit interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, May 23, in the Lane Center, 140-141 (back of the multi-use room). Multiple sessions will be offered on each of the interview dates. Letters will be sent to all graduating borrowers informing them of the times to choose from. No RSVP is required. Students may choose the interview session(s) most convenient to their schedule.

Students should call the Financial Aid Office at x4301 with any questions or concerns.

## Discussion to View Many Faces of Puerto Rico

Four sophomores in the University's Honors Program (Carrie Flanagan, Andra Parker, Christine Petro, and, Jessica Walbert) will facilitate a discussion of contemporary Puerto Rico on Tuesday May 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Honors Program/ International Education Lounge. The lounge is in the basement of 19 Braddock Road.

Light "island" refreshments will be provided. The students recently attended the annual meeting of the North East

Region of the National Collegiate Honors Council in San Juan.

This program is sponsored by the President's Advisory Council on Diversity and the University's Honors Program.

## Appalachian Laboratory Seminar

"Patterns in stream ecological conditions across the mid-Atlantic states from EMAP probability survey data" will be presented by Alan T. Herlihy, of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, in the term's last Appalachian Laboratory seminar. The presentation will be at 3 p.m., Monday, May 15, in AL room 109 (IVN). For information, contact Ed Gates at (301) 689-7173.

## United Campus Ministry



The End-of-Semester Interfaith Picnic will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, between Osborne Newman Center and the Baptist Student Ministry buildings.

## Call for Kings & Queens!

The deadline for Homecoming King & Queen nominations will be Friday, Sept. 15. The Student Organization Competition Registration deadline is Sept. 22. Due to the early date of Homecoming, October 5 to 8, the Office of Alumni Programs and Student Government Association are providing copies of FSU's Homecoming Student Competition Handbook. The competition booklets are available in student mailboxes and at the Lane Center Information Desk. Stop by and pick one up before summer break.

Registration will be accepted beginning fall semester. Get involved in "An All-American Homecoming 2000!" Questions concerning competitions may be directed to the SGA Office at x4304.

Student Organizations planning alumni activities or other events during Homecoming Weekend should contact the Office of Alumni Programs at x4068 before May 26 to have your event listed in the Homecoming Brochure. The brochure will be mailed to over 21,000 alumni later this summer — don't miss out on this opportunity to advertise your event!



## A Letter to Education Students

**Dear Students:**

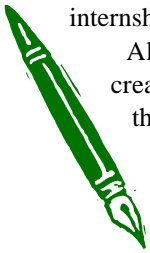
Former students, principals, superintendents, and accrediting agencies have asked that all teacher education students spend more time in the field. Accordingly, Frostburg State University has increased field experiences for all students to meet these demands. To support this endeavor, we have had to raise our student internship fee to \$250.00. This amount does not cover the stipends given to the school-based supervisor. In future years, the fee will probably be raised to cover the full amount.

I realize that the increase in fees will be a hardship for many of you. Hopefully, the opportunity to qualify for a Hope Scholarship will decrease this hardship.

I wanted you to know this change before you leave for the summer so that you can plan to meet this new cost which will affect students starting their internships fall 2000.

Although I regret this increase, I truly believe that it is the best way to support the escalating demands described above.

Sincerely,  
**Susan Arisman, Dean  
 College of Education**



## Partnership of Safety

Your work area: Keep floors clean of all debris. Keep wires, cables and other objects off the floor. Close all drawers and doors. Be careful of sharp corners and edges.

## Faculty Notes

*Dr. Mary Kay Finan, Dr. David Fell, Dr. Tom Palardy, Dr. Melanie Biermann, Kim Rotruck and Maureen Palardy* attended an intensive, two-day NCATE training for the Elementary Program Review at the National Conference of the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) on April 18 and 19 in Baltimore. ACEI is the specialty group that reviews elementary education programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels across the country for NCATE approval. New elementary education standards for the program review were adopted in October of 1999.

FSU is one of six pilot schools currently undergoing the review process. The reviews are due at the end of the summer. There is also a new review process in place for the pilot schools. The emphasis has changed from reviewing syllabi to demonstrating evidence of the preservice candidates' successful teaching performance in the form of aggregated, summarized data proving the elementary standards are being met. The goal is to have our future teachers effectively use what they know to help children learn so

our schools of tomorrow will be a better place where all children can learn.  
*Dr. Joyce Wheaton, Dr. Tom Palardy, Dr. Vaughn Snyder, Fannia Boayue and Maureen Palardy* presented multiple performance tasks and assessments tied to FSU's Integrated N-8 Block program at the 45th Annual Convention of the International Reading Association on May 3 in Indianapolis, Ind. More than 7,000 educators from across the country attended the conference.

# FSU EVENTS CALENDAR

Look for the FSU weekly events calendar on the Web at [www.frostburg.edu/weekcal.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/weekcal.htm)

### MONDAY, MAY 15

*Enjoy your day!*

### TUESDAY, MAY 16

*Last day to withdraw with "WF"*

*Last day of classes*

*Last day for removal of incomplete "I" Grades – Graduate Students*

- \* CCM Mass ..... noon ..... Cook Chapel
- \* Greek Open House ..... 6:00 p.m. .... Outside Chesapeake
- President's Student Advisory Council ..... 5:00 p.m. .... Atkinson Room

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

*Reading Day*

- RHA Meeting ..... 5:00 p.m. .... Atkinson Room
- \* End-of-the-Semester Interfaith Picnic ..... 5:30 p.m. .... Between ONC/BSM
- CAB Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m. .... Atkinson Room

### THURSDAY, MAY 18

*Final Exams*

- Lane Center Study Hall ..... 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. .... Lane Center

### FRIDAY, MAY 19

*Final Exams*

- Lane Center Study Hall ..... 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. .... Lane Center

### SATURDAY, MAY 20

*Reading Day/Common Finals*

- \* Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field: George Mason University Invitational @ Fairfax, VA

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

- \* CCM Mass ..... noon & 8:00 p.m. .... Cook Chapel
- \* Planetarium – "How the World Will End" ... 1:30 p.m. .... Tawes Hall
- \* UCM Reading Day Mini-Retreat ..... 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. .... TBA

\* Open to the public. Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change.

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