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The Office of the Provost cordially invites you to join the FSU community in celebration of academic excellence

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS CONVOCATION

Friday, May 20, 2005
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Pealer Recital Hall
Performing Arts Center

Reception following in PAC Lobby

Please join us to recognize the recipients of the

Faculty Achievement Awards
Graduate Program Honors
Undergraduate Departmental Honors
Honors in General Education

3 Honored with Faculty Achievement Awards

FSU will present three professors with Faculty Achievement Awards during this year's University Honors Convocation at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 20, in the Pealer Recital Hall.

This year's recipients include Dr. Fritz C. Kessler for Academic Accomplishment, Dr. Robert M. Moore III for University/Community Service and Ms. Kathleen H. Powell for Teaching.

Kessler's academic career is defined by his research in the areas of cartography and geographic visualization. He has co-authored a textbook, published several articles in refereed journals, presented extensively throughout the nation and created several maps. Members of his profession praise his focused and outstanding research and map development. His upcoming sabbatical research will examine an individual's cognitive interpretation of distortion diagrams on map projection. Graduates of his courses have gone on to rewarding careers with such companies as National Geographic, EarthSAT, MapQuest.com the U.S. Army Topographical and Engineering Center, the U.S. Military at West Point and the U.S. Central Command Operations Iraqi Freedom.

Moore is recognized for his service to FSU students through offering independent study courses, working with student organizations and promoting awareness of the sociological profession on the FSU campus. Students Organizing Encouraging and Educating About

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Commencements Slated for May 21 USM Chancellor Kirwan to be Special Guest Speaker

FSU's 126th commencement ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 21, in the Harold J. Cordts Main Arena. Dr. Catherine R. Gira, FSU president, will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises throughout the day. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present degrees beginning at 10 a.m. and the College of



Kirwan

Business and the College of Education ceremony will start at 2 p.m.

The special guest speaker at both events will be William E. Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland. Student speakers at the spring commencement are William E. Dove Jr., College of Business; Patrick Grof-Tisza, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Sharee Raley, College of Education.

Kirwan became the third chancellor of the University System of Maryland in 2002. Kirwan served as president of Ohio State University for four years and as president of the University of Maryland, College Park, for nine years. Prior to his presidency, he was a member of the U-Md. faculty for 34 years. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Kentucky and his master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The recipient of many honors, Kirwan has been elected to the Hall of Distinguished Alumni at both the University of Kentucky and Rutgers University. In 2004, he received the National Innovators Award, the highest honor awarded by Minority Access Inc., recognizing his commitment to diversity and to improving the recruitment and retention of minorities.

William "Billy" Dove will graduate with honors as he earns his degree in accounting. Throughout his years at FSU, Dove, a native of Mt. Airy, Md., has received several awards and scholarships, including the FSU Accounting Department Scholarship, Sarfino and Rhodes Scholarship and Accounting Department Honors. He recently completed an internship at Allegany Business Consulting in Cumberland, where he prepared both corporate and individual income taxes for clients. Dove was involved in several campus organizations, including serving as the secretary of the Accounting Association and working as a resident assistant. He

has already been accepted to the Master of Science in Accountancy Program at the College of Charlestown, S.C., where he has received a graduate assistantship.

Grof-Tisza studied biotechnology and chemistry at FSU. Last summer, Grof-Tisza participated in a highly competitive internship at the University of Pittsburgh, sponsored through the National Science Foundation. A native of Somerset, Pa., Grof-Tisza has presented research papers at national and regional symposia and conferences and has served as a tutor for



Dove

both biology and chemistry courses at FSU. He is a member of Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honors Society, in which he served as vice president, and the student chapter of the American Chemical Society. Upon graduation, Grof-Tisza will seek employment in the biotech industry.



Grof-Tisza

As an elementary education major, Raley continually received praise from her professors for her exemplary work and creativity. Specializing in mathematics, she served as a teaching intern at Northeast Elementary and Washington Middle schools in Allegany County. Raley has received the Hope Education Scholarship for four years and is a member of the Maryland Students Education Association. Outside the classroom, she has volunteered her time to community events such as Read Across America and local after-school programs. A lifelong resident of Frostburg, Raley plans to obtain her Master's Degree in Education from FSU beginning this fall.

For more information, visit www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm.



Raley

Diversity raised over \$6,000 under his guidance to bring descendants of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings to the FSU campus. The African American



Kessler

Studies Society was organized with the help of Moore. He also advises a group of students called "Crossing Boundaries," founded for those who are crossing a racial or religious boundary in a romantic relationship. In addition, Moore has been active in the Pennsylvania Sociological Society and serves as the Coordinator of African American Studies at FSU.

Powell's accomplishments in the area of teaching are reflected in the outstanding evaluations and recommendations from her students in social work, honors seminars and the leadership studies program. Her dedication to genuine relationships, ethical practice and compassion all speak to her integrity. Students praise her for her willingness to go beyond the classroom to help students succeed in the world of social work. Powell is noted for her sincere interest, not just in the subject matter she teaches, but also in the students themselves. Her guidance of FSU



Moore

students as they face their internships and professional lives has inspired them to take on the challenging career of social work.

In addition to the Faculty Achievement



Powell

Awards, the University Honors Convocation recognizes students who have earned Graduate Program Honors. Undergraduate Department Honors and Honors in General Education.

For more information, contact the FSU Office of the Provost at x4212.



Take Note

FSU Children's Center Happenings

The FSU Children's Center is currently accepting registration materials for the fall 2005 pre-school session. If you or anyone you know is interested in enrolling a child between 2 1/2 and 4 years of age, please call x4027 to set up an appointment to see the Center and to pick up the registration packet.

Registrations are being accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Our annual End of the Year Program and Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 8, at 6 p.m. This year, we would like to have a "dress rehearsal" at 11 a.m. for the University Community. Everyone is welcome!! It will give the children an opportunity to practice in front of an audience before the "big night". The Program will take place under the white tents next to the playground and will last approximately 30 minutes. We hope you will join us!

Mind Culture Original Music CD on Sale

Get the Second Annual Mind Culture Original Music CD. This CD is a student-produced compilation featuring 15 different musical acts from the FSU Campus and surrounding communities. Numerous musical genres are represented.

The CD is available in the Department of Mass Communication Office, Guild Center 118. The compilation CD costs only \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Department of Mass Communication through the FSU Foundation Inc.. So make sure you get a copy before this hot CD sells out!

Pick up Photo Contest Entries in Dunkle 307

2005 Environmental Photography Contest photographs should be claimed by May 27. Photos can be obtained in room 307 Dunkle Hall or telephone x4721. (Photos are no longer on display at Ort Library. Please disregard misprint in last week's StateLines.) Remember to take photos over the summer and next fall for the 2006 Environmental Photography Contest in Spring 2006!

Financial Aid Info Being Sent by E-mail

The Financial Aid Office will begin sending all financial aid award notifications to current students via e-mail. Beginning in June 2005, all students should check their official FSU e-mail address for their award notification and instructions for accepting the aid. Regular checking of your FSU e-mail will keep you informed of ANY changes in regard to financial aid. This enhancement in our communication with students is being done in accordance with the University's official communication policy.

Grad Students: Summer, Fall Registration Info

Registration for graduate students for summer and fall 2005 sessions on the PAWS system is under way. Late fees for the first summer session began May 14. Please remember that the summer semester code is 2053, and the fall semester code is 2058. Registration for summer is with payment only, and

there are no deferred payment plans available.

Earn Credit Online: Next Deadline June 10

Attention students! Are you ready for summer? Are you ready for Summer Online 2005? Are you ready to earn credits from anywhere in the world this summer? FSU is offering its largest ever selection of summer courses online. With 43 courses being taught via the Internet, students have the capability of earning credits and fulfilling program requirements from home ... or wherever the summer takes you. Registration is under way, and courses are filling quickly, so check to see if there is a course that will earn you credits so you can graduate sooner. This is a cutting-edge way to learn. Look for the hot pink "Summer Online Courses" brochures and posters around campus for course listings and requirements.

Or you may visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/cit/blackboard/onlineCourses.html for course descriptions and information. You may still register for first session courses but a \$60 late fee will apply. For second and third summer sessions, the next deadline is June 10. Students must pay for courses at time of registration. Contact the Center for Instructional Technologies at x4353 or cit@frostburg.edu for information.

News for Summer-Fall MBA Applicants

The 2004-2006 Graduate Catalog is available at the Graduate Services office, 141 Pullen Hall. The revised MBA program requires that all students entering as of spring 2005 complete the GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test). Test registration information is available through the Educational Testing Services Web site at www.ets.org or by calling the FSU Computer-Based Testing Center, Sand Spring Hall, at x7990. The test is available as a computer-based examination, given at FSU Monday and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

May Commencement

Graduate students who plan to graduate in May need to complete the Application for Graduation. Apply as soon as possible to make sure that you have time to obtain the admission tickets. The Application for Graduation and cap and gown forms are available at the Office of Graduate Services, 141 Pullen Hall, or x7053.

Points of Pride



The 2004-2005 *FSU Annual Fund Phonathons* combined to raise \$118,883.67 in pledges from university alumni. These funds will be used to assist with student scholarships, student development, student work

study programs, the alumni association, faculty/staff/university development and events.

The fall 2004 Phonathon saw 1,227 Alumni pledge \$59,752.35, of which \$51,179.33 has already been paid. "This represents a return/pledge rate of 86 percent, far above the national average for this type of fund-raising activity," stated Christopher Harmon, a Co-Director of the Phonathon.

The spring 2005 Phonathon raised a pledged amount of \$59,081.32 from 950 alumni contributors, to rank as the most successful spring Phonathon, since its inception in 1995.

"The credit for the success of our phonathons goes to our student callers and supervisors, and of course, our generous alumni," said Co-Director, Jeff Krone.

In addition to the obvious fund raising benefits, the phonathons provide FSU student callers the opportunity to earn spending money, as well as gain valuable experience in utilizing communications, marketing and public relations skills. In addition, supervisors also gain leadership skills. The structure of the FSU phonathons creates a win-win situation for both students and the university. According to Supervisor Perry Darden, "I have gained a lot in my role as supervisor. It has improved my communication and management skills, which I will certainly benefit from, when I leave FSU."

Get Involved



Senior Week Activities

Tuesday, May 17 – Bowling Night

At The Bowler in LaVale from 9 to 11 p.m. \$2.65 per game and no charge for shoes.

Thursday, May 19 – Senior Send-Off

FSU Foundation, Inc., FSU Alumni Association & The Office of Annual Giving cordially invite you to the Twelfth Senior Send-Off.

Senior Send-Off, exclusively for graduating seniors, will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, at Kelly's Hi-Way Pizza in Frostburg. There will be a sign-in, giveaways, food and fun in what has become as traditional as making an Annual Fund contribution.

Admission is free with your Senior Survey and \$1 towards your Class Gift. Food and beverages provided; bring your ID.

If you can attend, please let us know by Tuesday, May 17, at x4068 or send an e-mail to alumni@frostburg.edu

Tuesday, May 24 – FSU Networking

Join us in Bethesda for an opportunity as a new grad to meet and greet FSU alumni and learn about their businesses in the D.C./Northern Virginia area. We are meeting at Positano's Italian Restaurant, 4940 Fairmont Ave, Bethesda, Md. The event is from 5:30-7:30. Refreshments will be served, cash bar.

If you can attend, please let us know by Tuesday, May 17, at x4068 or send an e-mail to alumni@frostburg.edu

Congratulations! We look forward to having you as active alumni!

Community



Spring Clean-Up Event

For the second year, St. Michael Church, Yellow Transportation and several local citizens are teaming up to find a home for usable, yet unwanted furniture and household items. FSU students who typically set these items out for the trash when moving out of apartments or student housing, will have the opportunity to donate them to an emergency aid organization in southern West Virginia.

Yellow Transportation is donating a trailer, which will be parked in the College Avenue parking lot through May 24. Students, landlords and community members may bring items such as furniture, household items, small appliances, bedding and towels (but not clothing, please) and put them into the trailer. If items are difficult to transport, please call Jim at (301) 689-5958 for pickup. While Yellow Transportation is generously donating the trailer, there is a fee involved to transport the load to West Virginia. St. Michael's will underwrite this cost. The donations will find their way to Kermit, W.Va., in Mingo County. Sr. Brendan Conlon, who grew up and taught in Cumberland, heads up an emergency aid center there called "Christian Help," which aids the residents of West Virginia and Kentucky with any need ranging from dental care to furnishings after a fire, and everything in between.

Last year the trailer was filled to the roof with household items. The delivery to those in need came at a most opportune time, as flooding had just created many hardships. The furniture, bedding, dishes and other items were immediately put to good use.

This project is a win-win-win proposition for all involved. Those donating items will have the satisfaction of helping those in need; those receiving items will be thankful of others' generosity; and every local resident will benefit from fewer items going to the landfill.

International



Study Abroad Programs

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to see the world. In many cases, students register at FSU during a semester abroad and can take all financial aid with them and transfer credit back to FSU. For information on programs or scholarships, contact Dr. Amy Simes at the CIE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, x3091, asimes@frostburg.edu or visit the CIE

Web page at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

Juniors and seniors who are interested in pursuing a graduate degree in any of 162 countries should consider applying for the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program (for study beginning fall 2006). It is possible to win up to \$26,000 for overseas graduate study. Applications are available at the CIE. Rotary International will sponsor a select number of graduates who wish to complete a masters degree overseas, covering all expenses. Applications require several essays and recommendations and must be submitted to the local Rotary District no later than July 1. Applicants must be available for an interview on Saturday, Aug. 13, in Bedford, Pa. Past winners from the area have studied in Argentina, Granada, Spain, South Africa, Germany, France, Ireland, and New Zealand. For more information, contact the CIE.

Fulbright Grant Competition for '06-'07

The Institute of International Education, in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board will launch the 2006-2007 Fulbright US Student Program competition. This is one of the most prestigious grants awarded for overseas study. Grants provide funding for one year of graduate study in over 140 countries worldwide (many graduate degrees offered in other countries take only one year to complete). Grants include round-trip airfare, tuition, insurance and general maintenance, along with all living expenses for a full academic year. To qualify, students must have completed a bachelor's degree by the beginning of the grant (fall 2006) and be U.S. citizens. The national deadline for applying is Oct. 21. The FSU deadline is Sept. 23. Applications are available online at www.fulbrightonline.org/, along with more information. Applicants are advised to speak with Dr. Amy Simes, the FSU Fulbright representative, before applying.

FSU Events Calendar



MONDAY, MAY 16

* SCI Study Hall 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. . Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8

TUESDAY, MAY 17

* SCI Study Hall 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. . Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8
* Senior Bowling Night 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. The Bowler, LaVale

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

* SCI Study Hall 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. . Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8

THURSDAY, MAY 19

* Senior Send-Off 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Kelly's Hi-Way Pizza
* SCI Study Hall 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. . Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Residence Halls Close @ 7:00 p.m.
* SGA Graduation Ticket Swap 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. PEC Box Office
* Honors Convocation 7:30 p.m. PAC Pealer Recital Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 21—Graduation Day

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 10:00 a.m. Cordts PEC Main Arena
Tickets Required
College of Business & College of Education ... 2:00 p.m. Cordts PEC Main Arena
Tickets Required

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