2006 Faculty Achievement Awards Announced

The recipients of the 2006 Faculty Achievement Awards, along with top graduating students from every degree program, will be honored at the University Honors Convocation on Friday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the Pealer Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center. All members of the University community are invited to attend the Convocation and the reception that follows.

This year’s recipients are Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker, Division of Performing Arts, for Academic Accomplishment; Dr. Diane C. Blankenship, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, for Teaching; Dr. Randall Rhodes, Department of Visual Arts, for University and Community Service.

Soderberg-Sarnaker’s supertative academic achievements have been recognized by educators, musicians and music-lovers throughout the state for many years in her roles as performer, choral adjudicator, clinician and conductor. Some of her greatest contributions in recent years have been presentations of selected master works by combining university ensembles with community choirs and regional orchestras. In addition to these undertakings, dozens of other activities/performances signify high achievement in the performing arts. Included among these performances are the Royal Festival Hall, London’s premier concert facility.

Additionally, she has guided the FSU choral program from virtual non-existence to one noted for its excellence and, in particular, for its performances of music from many cultures.

Blankenship is viewed as an innovative teacher who enlivens her courses by integrating the profession into the overall learning environment. Her teaching philosophy emphasizes creating enjoyment within the educational process for herself and her students. She employs a variety of instructional techniques to teach course concepts and then asks students to speak at the spring commencement.

128th Commencement Ceremonies Scheduled for Saturday, May 27

The 128th commencement ceremonies at FSU will be held Saturday, May 27, in the Harold J. Cordts Main Arena on the FSU campus.

Dr. Catherine Gira, FSU president, will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises. The College of Business and the College of Education will present degrees beginning at 2 p.m. This event marks the last FSU commencement for Gira who is retiring on June 30, following 15 years of service at Frostburg.

Student speakers at the spring commencement are James “Robbie” Jenkins, College of Business; J arett Iliff, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Kelly True, College of Education.

Jenkins will earn degrees in both economics and political science. A native of Keyser, W.Va., Jenkins is a member of both Omicron Delta Epsilon and Phi Eta Sigma, the economics and political science honor societies respectively. Active in the College of Business, Jenkins has served on the Curriculum Committee and the Student Advisory Council and received the College of Business Achievement Award for two consecutive years. Jenkins also participated in a workshop sponsored by the International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics. He has been accepted to West Virginia University, where he intends to pursue a doctorate in economics.

Iliff is graduating with degrees in both Spanish and international studies and is receiving a minor in economics. A resident of LaValle, Iliff is a member of the Spanish Honor Society at FSU. Her studies have taken her to Ecuador and Peru, where she taught English to school children. Locally, Iliff served as vice president of the FSU International Relations Club and participated in the University of Pennsylvania’s Model United Nations Conference and Model Organization of American States. An active member of the community, Iliff taught Spanish in an after-school program and volunteered for V-Day, a national campaign to end violence against women. She has appeared in several University Theatre productions, including “Romeo and Juliet,” “Snow White” and the “Vagina Monologues.” Her career goal is to be an officer in the Foreign Service for the U.S. Department of State.

True will graduate with a degree in early childhood/elementary education. A native of Warfordsburg, Pa., True was a member of the Maryland Student Education Association, where she serves as historian. In addition to her academic achievements, she is also an accomplished athlete, playing on the FSU basketball team as a guard. She was named ESPN Academic All-American and AMCC Academic All-American. True will be seeking a teaching position in the Western Maryland region following graduation.

Presenting candidates for degrees will be Dr. Stephen Simpson, provost; Dr. Danny Arnold, dean of the College of Business; Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Ken Witmer, interim dean of the College of Education.

Tickets are required for admission to the spring commencement. For more information, visit FSU online at www.frostburg.edu/events/commenc.htm.
students to link the concepts with a written paper and a service learning experience. This year, she also received the Faculty Award for Outstanding Service Learning from the FSU Institute for Service-Learning in recognition of her efforts to include service experiences in all her courses, partnering with community organizations. Blankenship's work to strengthen the Recreation program's internship experience and the development of a mentorship program have created vehicles to enhance students' transformations from student-learners to talented practitioners.

Rhodes' service contributions to the University have been extensive. From 1998 to 2005, he has served with distinction in several leadership roles: first, as chair of the Academic Affairs Committee and then, more recently as chair of the Faculty Senate. In this latter position, he brought an energetic and innovative approach to problem solving that helped bring several major University initiatives to fruition. He is recognized and appreciated as a leader who, by setting and maintaining a positive tone, was able to forge significant consensus among his faculty and administrative colleagues on potentially divisive issues. Additionally, Rhodes has served as co-coordinator of the Women Studies minor, chair of the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, member and 2006 chair of the University Undergraduate Curriculum Requirements Subcommittee, member of the Graduate Education Task Force and as an active participant in FSU's online initiative.

In addition to the faculty awards, one graduating student per degree program will be honored for academic excellence and leadership. Faculty in each program have selected 14 graduate students and 37 undergraduate students to be recognized. Also commended will be 41 undergraduate students receiving Honors in General Education, based on completion of all requirements of the University Honors Program. The Faculty Achievement Awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

FSU Presents Staff Awards for Excellence

FSU honored three staff members, Jesse Ketterman, Janet Lancaster and Jesse Ketterman, with Awards for Excellence at the Spring President's Convocation. Ketterman, associate director of Residence Life was noted for his outstanding management of 11 residence halls, while working toward a doctoral degree in educational services and serving as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Lancaster, executive administrative assistant for the Office of the Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has served on FSU's administrative staff for 38 years. She is active at Calvary Baptist Church, serves as the secretary for the Allegany County Family Day Care Association and assists fund-raising activities for Calvary Christian Academy. Shockey, a housekeeper for 17 years, has performed dedicated service on FSU's campus. Aside from keeping Tawes Hall and its surroundings in top shape, Shockey is a mentor for high school students in the Allegany County Board of Education Transition Program, has served on the FSU Staff Senate and the Safety Committee and is involved in several lodges of First Congregational Church.

Staff Awards for Excellence are sponsored by the alumni and friends of FSU through the 2006 Annual Fund Campaign and by the FSU Foundation, Inc.

Winners of the Staff Awards for Excellence, from left, Paul Shockey, Janet Lancaster and Jesse Ketterman.

Points of Pride

Karen Starkey, a social work major, conducted a survey for a marketing course for her minor in business (using the research methods she learned in social work). The report has been accepted as a presentation in Honolulu for the Chinese Management Educators.

On Saturday, May 6, the College of Business held its first induction to the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor's Fraternity. Those inducted were juniors Sarah Jane Bloss, Meghan Riley Cornell, Tate Joseph Hager, Nathan Scott Hawthorne, Amber Riffe, Matthew Wade Stephens and Nicole Renae Wigfield; seniors Sherry Chungo, Brittny Diana Conner, Stacy Nicole Hollower, Matthew Wayne Mitz; graduates Christopher Bridges, Daniel Matthew Filer, Mark Robert Lochbaum and Roy Kenneth Turley; and faculty member Dr. Keramat Poorsoltan.

Once again, FSU students have competed successfully against students from UMCP and UMES to fill five new slots in the Ronald E. McNair program at College Park. The new McNair Scholars and their fields of study are: Brittny Chisley, Early Childhood/Elementary Education; Sharis Erwin, Chemistry; Riane McIain, International Studies and Spanish; Krista Porter, Biology; and Shavonne Shorter, Communication Studies. The students will now embark on an intensive summer of courses on oral and written communications and research methods, while working on a research project with a UMCP faculty member.

Many thanks to the faculty and staff who nominated and mentor these students. Please congratulate these students and be prepared to help them continue their research interests in the fall. Also, start thinking about rising sophomores who have the potential to earn a Ph.D. Recruitment begins in October!
Students are reminded that final grades for spring 2006 courses must be entered by the instructor into PAWS within 48 hours after the scheduled final exam period and no later than Friday, May 26, at 11:59 p.m. This deadline is especially important this year as Computing Services and QT are assuming that all grades will be posted when they attempt to repair the Blackboard/PAWS data feed on Sunday, May 28. In addition, a PAWS upgrade is planned for the next week. Do not hold your roster for a few late students (including the baseball team.) Give those students incompletes (I) and submit the other students’ grades. Be sure to select APPROVE in the approval status drop-down menu and click on SAVE. Time sensitive, campus-wide Grade Recording.

You can access the PAWS site at http://faculty.frostburg.edu/ro/annualfund/phonathon. Return the completed application, to University Office of Unit Assessment.

**Summer Math Camp Set at FSU Math Lab**

FSU math professor Dr. Laxman Hegde is conducting a Summer Math Camp for the area children entering fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grade in the fall. There will be four sessions:

- **Session I (June 19-22, 1-4:30 p.m.)** for fourth and fifth graders.
- **Session II (June 26-29, 1-4:30 p.m.)** for sixth and seventh graders.
- **Session III (July 17-20, 1-4:30 p.m.)** for fourth and fifth graders.
- **Session IV (July 24-27, 1-4:30 p.m.)** for sixth and seventh graders.

Information is also available in elementary and middle schools or by calling Wojnar at x4181.

**Summer Math Program Seeks Young Minds**

The Maryland Summer Center for Mathematics: “Mystery + Mastery * Beauty + Power = Infinity!” at FSU is seeking applications from talented children currently in grades 4 to 7. This Maryland Summer Math Camp runs from July 5 to 14 (weekend excluded). Content will emphasize the beauty of math and joy of exploration. Students will be challenged to develop perspectives and tricks of mathematicians, as well as exploration strategies and empowering habits of mind. The program is non-residential. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Scholarships are available. The program is funded by the Maryland State Department of Education. For more information, visit the web site http://faculty.frostburg.edu/math/wojnar/msc.

**Community**

**Frostburg ‘Audio Walks’**

Students in ART 414 have created audio projects made specifically for listening while strolling downtown Frostburg. The three “audio walks” are fictional narratives based on local history and are available for check-out on CD from the Frostburg Public Library (no library card is necessary). They have also set up a blog site with links for those who might wish to access the sound files from home. You are encouraged to download the audio for your personal MP3 player and take a walk downtown. Please visit http://audiowalk.blogspot.com.

**Jobs, Jobs, Jobs**

**Alert for Graduating Teacher Candidates**

If you will be completing teacher training this spring or summer, plan to teach in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia or D.C. and have excelled during preparation, log on to now for the Meritorious New Teacher Candidate (MNTC) Web site and apply online for an MNTC Pre-Candidate certificate. This designation is the highest honor in the country for new teacher candidates and will put you in the driver’s seat during your job search! Visit www.aate.org/mntc for criteria and to apply online. Questions? Contact Linda Lewis at x3184 in the Office of Unit Assessment.
students, contact Fereshteh Toosi at ftosoi@frostburg.edu.

Frostburg Candidate Forum Set for May 25
University Neighbors (formerly the Frostburg Neighborhood Association) is sponsoring a candidates’ forum on Thursday, May 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Frostburg Community Center on Water Street. Candidates for mayor and each commissioner’s seat have been invited. There will also be a discussion of the two questions on the ballot regarding the form of city government and terms of office. The public is invited. For information, contact Maxine Bond (301-689-5464), Lois Deasy (301-689-8082), or Eleanor Miller (301-689-3572).

Clear Out Your Stuff While Helping Others
For the third year in a row, St. Michael Church, Yellow Freight Systems 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 can donate them to an emergency aid organization in southern West Virginia. Yellow Freight Systems is donating a trailer that will be parked in the College Avenue parking lot through May 31. Items such as furniture, household items, small appliances, bedding and towels (but no clothing, please) can be brought to the College Avenue lot and put in the trailer. If items are difficult to transport, please call Jim at (301) 689-5958 for pick-up.

The organization “Christian Help” aids the residents of West Virginia and Kentucky with any need ranging from dental care to furnishings. Of particular need this year are bedframes, bedding, dressers, tables and chairs and building supplies.

Chicken Barbecue
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church and the Lonaconing Lions Club are sponsoring a Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, May 27, from noon to 5 p.m. at the north end of Lonaconing by St. Peter’s. To place an advance order, call Cathy at 301-463-5453, Denny at 301-697-6837 or 301-697-6042. Cost is $5 for a half chicken and a roll or $6.50 for a meal (including baked beans, coleslaw and dessert.)

AustraLearn Launches Travel Grants
2006 has been designated by the U.S. Senate as the “Year of Study Abroad.” In support, AustraLearn will grant over $15,000 in airline ticket assistance to students beginning an AustraLearn program anytime between May and September 2006. AustraLearn also awards scholarships to qualifying students. For information, visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/australearn.htm or come by the CIE office. The public is invited. For information, contact Maxine Bond (301-689-5464), Lois Deasy (301-689-8082), or Eleanor Miller (301-689-3572).

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 OE in the Fuller House on Braddock Road, x3093, asimes@frostburg.edu or visit the OE Web page at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/cie.htm.

Global Learning: Still Can Apply for Fall
FSU is affiliated with Global Learning Semesters, a study abroad program that specializes in immersion programs in Cyprus, Europe and Belize. Students may study at Intercollege in Niclosa, Republic of Cyprus; Galen University in San Ignacio, Belize; or London Metropolitan University for the Semester in Europe that takes students to 12 European countries. GLS will provide scholarships for qualified students, and all financial aid transfers. Credits are applied to FSU transcripts. For information, come by the OE or visit www.globalsemesters.com.

FSU Events Calendar

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Safety Message

**Buckle up.**

**Reduce your speed.**

**Maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you.**

**Obtain information on the latest tie-ups, traffic jams, roadway conditions and visibility before you get behind the wheel.**

**Plan your route and rest stops ahead of time.**

**Know the meaning of and obey ALL road signs, signals and pavement markings.**

**Be alert to potential bottlenecks due to construction.**

**Be aware of roadway hazards that create additional stress for drivers.**

In the past 30 years, the U.S. population increased 30 percent while the number of licensed vehicles increased 87 percent and vehicle miles traveled increased 130 percent, while new highway capacity increased only 5 percent. (Source: American Road and Transportation Builders Association)