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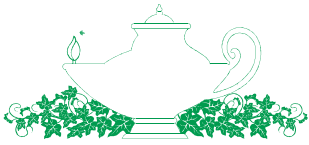
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The Office of the Provost cordially invites you to join the FSU community in celebration of academic excellence

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS CONVOCATION

Friday, May 26, 2006
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Pealer Recital Hall
Performing Arts Center

Reception to follow 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

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; and Dr. Randall Rhodes, Department of Visual Arts, for University and Community Service.

Soderberg-Sarnaker's superlative 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



Soderberg-Sarnaker

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 are performances at 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

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Blankenship



Rhodes

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 10 a.m. and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 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; Jarett 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 LaVale, 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 Paul Shockey, 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,



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

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 and 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.



Take Note

Children's Center Presents Show 'Preview'

The FSU Children's Center would like to invite the Campus Community to visit on Wednesday, May 31, at 11 a.m. (area next to the playground under the white tents) for their "dress rehearsal" for the End of the Year Program and Graduation. The entire performance will last approximately 30 minutes. The program will also be held on Wednesday, June 7, at 6 p.m. For more information, call x4027.

Reminder: Set Up E-bill Account in PAWS ASAP

If you have not already done so, please setup your e-bill account through PAWS. Electronic bills for the fall 2006 semester will be generated July 10. **No paper bills will be sent.** Deferment forms and payment plan information is available at www.frostburg.edu/admin/billing.

If you need assistance setting up your e-bill account, please stop in the University & Student Billing Office, Pullen 148, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Commencement Ticket 'Free for All' May 26

Tickets will be required for all guests attending commencement on Saturday, May 27, in the Cordts Main Arena.

Only graduating students who have been cleared by the Registrar's Office are eligible to pick up tickets. All tickets must be claimed in person, and a valid FSU ID must be presented.

Tickets will be available at the Lane University Center Box Office during

regular hours (9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday). On Friday, May 26, tickets are available through 3 p.m.; at 3:30 p.m., tickets will be available in the Cordts PE Center until 5 p.m.

The Student Government Association will make remaining unclaimed tickets available at a final "Free-for-All" ticket distribution on Friday, May 26, 5 to 7 p.m., in the Box Office of the Cordts PE Center. The same "graduating students only" policy applies.

For information, contact Jim Limbaugh, jlimbaugh@frostburg.edu or x3130; Gary Van Zinderen, gvanzinderen@frostburg.edu or x4151; or Sheila Pappas, spappas@frostburg.edu; x4727.

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 Honors 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 Holler, Matthew Wayne Martz**; graduate students **Cynthia Bridges, Daniel Matthew Filer, Mark Robert Lochbaum** and **Roy Kevin 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: **Brittney Chisley**, Early Childhood/Elementary Education; **Sharis Erwin**, Chemistry; **Riane McWain**, 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!

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recently held its annual Dean's Student Colloquium and Dinner. Eight projects involving over 16 students were selected:

Student Affiliates Chapter of the American Chemical Society – Chemistry: “ChemSpy: The Elements of Everyday Life”;

Tricia Knight – English: “Social and Educational Issues in Foreign Education Learning”;

Claire Ruffing and Zach Rawe – Geography: “Working Woodlot Initiative: The Economic Feasibility of Logging Small Forest Stands”;

Cody Saville – Earth Science: “Identification of Physiographic Controls on Shale Barrens”;

Brandy Buckler and Bridgid Salmon – Mass Communications: “Mind Culture Original Music”;

Stephanie McLaren, Carly McDonald, Justin Kenner, Clinton Jenkins, Don Parsons, Matt Kopac, Chase Ashby and Charlie Lynch – Mechanical Engineering: “Sip and Puff Controlled Fishing Device”;

Frank Lancaster – Political Science: “The Influence of Political Ideology on Pedagogical Techniques”;

Holly DiFebo – Psychology: “Gender, Sexual Orientation and Emotional Reactions to Same-Sex Versus Opposite-Sex Infidelity.”



Deadlines

Grade Recording

Faculty 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 CIT are assuming that all grades will be posted when they attempt a repair to 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 processes and reports depend on YOUR grades being recorded. Questions? Contact the Office of the Provost, x4212; or the Registrar's Office, x4348.



Summer Camps

Writing Workshop for High School Students

The second annual Savage Mountain Creative Writing Workshop for high school students will be held at FSU from June 26 to June 30. The workshop is an opportunity for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to spend a week of intensive study in fiction writing, creative nonfiction writing and poetry writing.

Students will get an experience with literature and language, including the production of polished stories, essays or poems, online publications and the opportunity to study with contemporary fiction writers, essayists and poets. By

learning to read texts like writers, participants will get a greater understanding of what choices make a piece of writing individual and powerful, will become more attentive readers and will become more aware of the countless potentialities for their own written work.

For \$200, students spend a week studying with a published writer, gain the ability to work in small, seminar-style workshops in order to produce polished fiction, essays and poems and a have chance to read their finished works to an audience of their family and peers. There is a residence hall option for an additional \$120, double occupancy, and includes breakfast and dinner.

For information, contact LaFemina at x4024 or glafemina@frostburg.edu.

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 Center 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>.

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

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, 1-4:30p.m.) for sixth and seventh graders.
- Session III (July 17-July 20, 1-4:30p.m.) for fourth and fifth graders.
- Session IV (July 24-July 27, 1-4:30p.m.) for sixth and seventh graders.
- Session V (Aug. 14-Aug. 17, 1-4:30p.m.) for fourth and fifth graders.
- Session VI (Aug. 21-Aug. 24, 1-4:30p.m.) for sixth and seventh graders.

Sessions III and IV are similar but not identical. It is not necessary to attend sessions I and II to be able to attend sessions III and IV.

In sessions I and III, the students will explore Arithmetricks, some tricks to do perform arithmetic quickly. Also students will explore some basic algebra, geometry, and probability ideas. In sessions II and IV, the students will explore George Polya's four-step problem-solving logic: Understand a problem, devise a plan,

carry out the plan and look back.

Cost is \$75 per session. For information, contact Hegde at lhedge2@gmail.com or x4384 or visit foundationmath.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 now to 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.aacte.org/mntc for criteria and to apply online. Questions? Contact Linda Lewis at x3184 in the Office of Unit Assessment.

Student Summer Telemarketing Positions

If you're going to be in the area this summer, the Office of University Advancement, Office of Annual Giving is hiring experienced telemarketers for the Summer 2006 Annual Fund Telemarketing Campaign. This is an excellent opportunity to earn money and gain experience in telemarketing. Candidates will be responsible for soliciting contributions from alumni, friends and parents for unrestricted gifts to the University. A number of positions are available. The positions are part-time evenings, paying \$6.75 to \$9.75 per hour.

Prior telemarketing experience, advanced marketing and sales skills are helpful. Excellent organization and communication skills are a must. Candidates must be available to work most evenings, Sunday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Access an application online at: www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation/roi/annualfund/phonathon. Return the completed application, to University Advancement, Hitchins Room 228 by May 1. For information, call x3163.

Community

Frostburg 'Audio Walks'

Students in ART 414 have created audio projects made specifically for listening while strolling down Main Street. 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 like 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>.

If you care to share feedback with the

students, contact Fereshteh Toosi at ftoosi@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.)

International



Student Fulbright Competition Open

The Institute of International Education, in cooperation with the Dept. of State and the Fulbright Scholarship Board announce the 2007-2008 Fulbright student competition. The program awards some 1,200 grants yearly and operates in over 140 countries. Students who will be graduating by May 2007 and are U.S. citizens may apply online at www.fulbrightonline.org. Applications

must be submitted both electronically and in hard copy by Sept. 1 to Dr. Amy C. Simes, FSU Fulbright advisor. She will assist with the process. Awards are generous and normally cover overseas costs for a year.

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.

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 Nicosia, 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 CIE or visit www.globalsemesters.com.

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.

Numerous Cultural Experiences Abroad

Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA) has programs in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as well as in Budapest, Hungary, and Prague, Czech Republic. They are also opening their second CEA Study Center in Barcelona. Also, in London they have added Goldsmiths University to their partner schools. For information, visit www.gowithcea.com or the CIE Web site at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm.



Safety Message

Safe Driving Reminders

- 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)

FSU Events Calendar



Final Exams

* SCI Study Hall 6-10:45 p.m. Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Final Exams

* SCI Study Hall 6-10:45 p.m. Lane 203-4, 205-6, 207-8

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Final Exams

* M/W Outdoor Track: NCAA Division III Championships, Lisle, IL (May 24-25) Away

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Have a great day!

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Graduation Tickets 3:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Cordts PEC Box Office

Honors Convocation 7:30 p.m. PAC

SATURDAY, MAY 27 – Graduation Day!

The Colleges of Business & Education 10:00 a.m. ... Cordts PEC Main Arena

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences 2:00 p.m. Cordts PEC Main Arena

Tickets Required for Both Ceremonies

* Open to the public – Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change
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**Safe Driving is Everyone's Business
 – Do Your Part All Year Long**