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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 16, 2008  
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*

## Faculty, Student Achievements Honored at Convocation

The recipients of the 2008 Faculty Achievement Awards, along with top graduating students from every degree program, will be honored at the University Honors Convocation on **May 16**.

This year's faculty recipients are **Dr. Hongqi Li**, Department of Biology, for Academic Accomplishment; **Dr. Evan H. Offstein**, Department of Management, for Academic Accomplishment, and **Dr. Oguz A. Soysal**, Department of Physics and Engineering, for University and Community Service. The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

In addition, one graduating student per degree program will be honored for academic excellence and leadership. Faculty have selected 14 graduate students and 37 undergraduate students to be recognized. Also commended will be 24 undergraduate students receiving Honors in General Education, based on completion of all requirements of the University Honors Program.



Li



Offstein



Soysal

## Frostburg's 132nd Commencement Ceremonies Slated for May 17

FSU will celebrate and recognize the achievements of its May 2008 graduating class during the University's 132nd commencement ceremonies **Saturday, May 17**, in the Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center's Main Arena on the FSU campus.

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter, FSU President, will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises throughout the day. The College of Business and the College of Education ceremonies will start at 10 a.m. and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present degrees beginning at 2 p.m.

Samantha Farris, College of Business; Rhonda Johns, College of Education; and Richard Scott, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, are the featured student speakers for the spring commencement exercises. Scott, who is also this year's student regent for the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, will offer congratulatory greetings at both ceremonies.

In addition, FSU will be awarding two Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards.

It's clear that accounting major **Samantha Farris** knows the right equation not only for crunching numbers, but also for finding success. According to her professors, Farris, a native of Lovettsville, Va., is "hardworking, dedicated, organized and self-motivated," a fitting description for someone who has juggled a variety of commitments while maintaining a perfect 4.0. Farris' activities and achievements include serving as vice president for the FSU Accounting Association; interning with Ryan & Wetmore, P.C., a leading accounting and manage-

ment consulting firm in Frederick, Md.; and winning numerous prestigious scholarships. In the words of accounting department chair Sharon Robinson, Farris is truly "a role model and inspiration to other students."

**Rhonda Johns**, an exercise and sport science major from Stevensville, Md., has spent her time at FSU getting in top physical and academic shape. Her busy schedule has included everything from participating in a senior citizen exercise program to working as a group fitness instructor to serving as an intern with the team that launched the Life Fitness Management facility in LaVale. Johns has also maintained a stellar 4.0 GPA and obtained certification as a personal trainer while balancing all of her activities. This is why the faculty who have had the pleasure of working with her are quick to describe Johns as "one of our top graduates of all time" and "a true star" of the College of Education.

**Richard Scott's** years at FSU are among many successful terms he will undoubtedly serve as a civic leader who has laid the groundwork for an outstanding career in public policy and community involvement through his many extracurricular responsibilities. Scott, a double major in political science and theatre who grew up in Chesapeake Beach, Md., has made his mark at FSU as a talented University Theatre actor, as president of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Student Government Association



Johns



Farris



Scott

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## Film



## Students Revisit 1938 Frostburg in Documentary

FSU Leadership Studies minor students are bringing back the 1938 scene of Frostburg's Main Street in the documentary film "Frostburg 1938." A screening of the documentary, which relives a historical moment of Frostburg, will take place **on Wednesday, May 15**, at 7 p.m. at City Place in Frostburg (on the corner of Mechanic and Water streets).

Andrew Spencer, a business management major, coordinated the documentary which began as four 16mm film clips. Liberal Studies major Suzy Mangas and Political Science major Ikea Pickett, both Leadership Studies minors, helped Spencer edit the clips and narrative together.

Spencer received the clips from Barbara Armstrong of FrostburgFirst, a Maryland Main Street Community organization founded in 2000 with encouragement from the City of Frostburg and guidance from the Frostburg Business and Professional Association.

With the help of Frostburg citizens from the 1938 generation, the film clips were given narration. To gain information for the historical narrative, Spencer researched archives at local libraries and senior centers.

An open discussion featuring citizens from the documentary as well as FSU students and faculty will follow the screening. Light refreshments will be served. For more information on the screening, contact Dr. Elesha L.

Ruminski, FSU Assistant Professor of Communication Studies and Co-Coordinator of the Leadership Studies Minor at x4480 or elruminski@frostburg.edu.

## Music

### Bluegrass at the Depot

WFWM 91.9 FM, Public Radio from FSU, will host "Bluegrass at The Depot" featuring Highland Grass in concert at Frostburg's historic Depot on **Thursday, May 22, and Friday, May 23**. The concerts are being held in conjunction with the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad's "Bluegrass Special Trains." Highland Grass will perform during the train's 90-minute layover at the Depot and will begin between 12:30-1 p.m.

Highland Grass is a well-known bluegrass band from the tri-state area of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. Highland Grass has been playing traditional bluegrass music in the Allegheny Mountain region for the past three decades. The band has featured quite a number of talented musicians through the years. The present group consists of founding member Joe Winebrenner on mandolin and vocals, Homer Beeman on fiddle and vocals, Donna Winebrenner on vocals, Janet Winebrenner on bass and Joe Winebrenner Jr. on banjo. The band's Web site is [www.highlandgrass.8k.com](http://www.highlandgrass.8k.com). The concerts are free and open to the public.

The Bluegrass Special trains will depart the Western Maryland Station in Cumberland at 11:30 a.m. The three-hour excursion aboard the 1916 Baldwin



Highland Grass

steam engine 2-8-0 features natural scenic highlights like the Narrows, Helmstetter's Curve and Woodcock Hollows. Advance train tickets can be booked on-line at [www.wmsr.com](http://www.wmsr.com).

For additional information on "Bluegrass at The Depot," contact WFWM Public Radio at x4143.

## Literature



### Writer's Conference at FSU This Summer

The FSU Center for Creative Writing is holding its first Nightsun Summer Writer's Conference for local and regional writers from **July 31 to Aug. 3**, at Failinger's Gunter Hotel in Frostburg.

The conference will feature workshops with creative non-fiction writer Barb Hurd, poetry writer Gerry LeFemina and fiction writer Richard Peabody. The weekend will also include readings by participants, workshop faculty and special guests including Dustin Smith,

## Commencement

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senator and perhaps most recently and significantly, as the student regent of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, a position in which he represents 137,000 students from USM universities throughout Maryland, serving on the Finance, Audit and Education Policy committees. If you haven't caught him performing in one of his plays, perhaps you remember his enthusiastic introduction of Gov. Martin O'Malley during O'Malley's visit to FSU or his efforts with FSU's voter registration drives and USM's sustainability initiatives, including as a National Policy and Organizing Fellow at the Energy Action Coalition. The political science department is proud of Scott's abilities as an "excellent writer with a keen and engaged analytical mind" and "truly exceptional public speaking skills," all qualities that will continue to lead him to success following his graduation from FSU. His next set of achievements begins in July, when Scott will attend the American Repertory Theatre/Moscow Art Theatre School Institute for Advanced Theatre Training at Harvard University.

At the morning ceremony, FSU will honor alumnus **Ralph E. Jordan**, founder, president and CEO of Trident Health Resources, Inc. After receiving his bachelor's degree at Frostburg, Jordan

went on to become a noted leader, innovator and entrepreneur in the health care industry. His credentials include founding Trident Surgical Corp., a company that distributed innovative specialty medical and surgical products, as well as establishing a Bio-Tech company, Trident Scientific Corp. and General Hospital Corp., which developed out patient surgery centers across the country. Trident Health Resources Inc. is a 20-year-old medical outsourcing and management company that specializes in outsourcing certified providers of cardiovascular technology and advanced services and providing management, capital equipment and disposables to open-heart surgery teams in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. He is an active Frostburg alumnus, serving on the FSU College of Business Advisory Board for four years and serving on the Board of Advisors for the Sloop Leadership Institute. He has also worked as a member of the committee for the Sloop Alumni/Speakers Program for two years and was named to the FSU Foundation Board in 2007.

Alumnus **Dr. Barry Phillips**, senior vice president for NAFTA, HSEQ and Future Business at Bayer MaterialScience, will be honored at the afternoon ceremony. Phillips has more than 30 years of experience in leading

research, development and manufacturing in the field of polymers, plastics and inorganic materials, rising to a major leadership role in Bayer MaterialScience, one of the leading polymer companies in North America. A native of Mount Savage, Md., Phillips earned a bachelor of science degree from Frostburg in chemistry, a doctorate in organic chemistry from West Virginia University and did post doctoral studies at the University of Nebraska. He holds several patents and has authored numerous technical papers. He joined Bayer in 1977 as a senior chemist in the Polyurethane Research Department. Phillips was instrumental in orchestrating a donation of lab equipment and supplies from Bayer to FSU for the Bayer MaterialScience Chemistry Lab in the Compton Science Center.

Provost Dr. Stephen Simpson; Dr. Ken Witmer, dean of the College of Education; Dr. Danny Arnold, dean of the College of Business; and Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will present candidates for degrees during commencement.

Tickets are required for admission to the spring commencement. For more information, visit the commencement Web site at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

author of "Key Grip: A Memoir of Endless Consequences," and Steven Dunn, author of "The Insistence of Beauty and Everything Else in the World" and winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize in poetry.

Students also have the opportunity to meet with workshop facilitators for a personal one-on-one consultation to discuss their work.

The program is designed to provide participants with workshop opportunities, individualized attention and feedback to their work, and to initiate a larger writing community for Frostburg and the surrounding region. During this workshop, all students will have an opportunity to generate new material for publications.

Registration is required. Forms are available at the center's Web site at [www.frostburg/cwcenter](http://www.frostburg/cwcenter). For more information, contact Gerry LaFemina, Department of English at FSU at [nightsun@frostburg.edu](mailto:nightsun@frostburg.edu) or x4024.

## First Issue of E=(LG)2 Published, also on Web

The first issue of a new student-written and student-edited magazine on environmental issues around the FSU campus is available. E=(LG)2 has a limited print run with only a few issues left, but is also online at <http://organizations.frostburg.edu/LgMag/LgMag1.pdf>

Students are encouraged to submit materials now for the Fall 08 issue. We will consider 200-600 word articles with an environmental or sustainability emphasis that pertain to student research, class activities, nature appreciations, club activities, reportage and more, including photos and digital artwork.



## Take Note

## Savage Mountain Summer Arts Academy

FSU will host the 2008 Savage Mountain Summer Arts Academy. The Academy offers a variety of programs for students entering grades nine through 12. This year's programs include Creative Writing, Wind Chamber Music, Physical Acting and Stage Combat, Choir and Two-Dimensional Design institutes. Each program is a week long and offers students the option of residing on campus or commuting.

The **Creative Writing Workshop** will be held from June 22 until June 28 for students entering grades 10 through 12. Students will spend a week of intensive study in fiction writing, poetry writing or creative nonfiction writing. By studying literature with some of the University's noted writers, students will get an opportunity to read texts like writers and understand what choices make a work unique and powerful.

The cost is \$400 for commuting students and \$600 for students residing on campus. For more information about the Creative Writing Workshop, call x4024 or e-mail [glafemina@frostburg.edu](mailto:glafemina@frostburg.edu).

The **Wind Chamber Music** workshop

is open to students entering grades nine through 12 and will be held on July 6 through July 12. The camp will consist of three chamber ensemble rehearsals a day, private instruction, a daily instrument master class, camp chorus and two additional offerings of the following to be chosen by the student: Music Theory, History of Chamber Music, Music Appreciation and Basic Music Composition. All students will perform at an end-of-camp concert on Saturday, July 12, at 2 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall.

The cost is \$480 for commuting students and \$650 for students residing on campus. For more information about the Wind Chamber Music workshop call x4381 or e-mail [mgallagher@frostburg.edu](mailto:mgallagher@frostburg.edu)

The **Physical Acting and Stage Combat** workshop will take place from June 22 through June 28. Students will learn how to use their

body as an expressive instrument, demonstrate improved emotional and physical range, access greater depth in their acting work, "act" a fight, perform safe, choreographed routines, understand the principals of safe stage fighting and understand when they need to seek the help of an expert.

The cost is \$400 for commuting students and \$650 for students residing on campus. For more information, call x4487 or e-mail [dsrushton@frostburg.edu](mailto:dsrushton@frostburg.edu). To register online, visit the Web site at [www.frostburg.edu/savagemtn/combata/register.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/savagemtn/combata/register.htm).

The **Choir camp** provides high school vocal musicians with an opportunity to be challenged at their own personal level and to perform in groups of large and small ensembles. The camp offers courses in Music Theory, Conducting, Vocal Techniques, and Private Instruction.

The workshop will be held from July 13 through July 19. A student recital will be held on Thursday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall in the Performing Arts Center. The cost is \$480 for commuting students and \$650 for students residing on campus. For more information about the Choir Camp call x4110 or e-mail [ksoderberg@frostburg.edu](mailto:ksoderberg@frostburg.edu).

The camp for **Emerging Artists: Two-Dimensional Design** will be held July 6 through July 12. Students will learn to combine visual forces to activate a composition, learn strategies to expand, to refine and to communicate better through art and improve technical skills.

The cost of the camp is \$530 for commuting students and \$700 for students residing on campus. All supplies are included in the cost. For more information call x3209 or e-mail [dfilippone@frostburg.edu](mailto:dfilippone@frostburg.edu).

## Special Education Summer Institutes

The FSU College of Education will offer two Special Education Summer Institutes Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. **June 23-27**. The Joe Divico Special Education Summer

Institute will be held on the FSU campus. There will also be a summer institute during the same week at the University System of Maryland-Hagerstown. These Summer Institutes provide special topics to aid in the learning process of students and adults identified with developmentally disabled and special education needs.

Assistive Technology, Grant Writing, Program Transitioning Training for Educators and Issues Associated with Autism Spectrum Disorders will be among the topics of this year's program. Guest speakers and special education professionals facilitate these week-long events. There is no cost for non-credit attendance. Graduate credit is available through registration for SPED 691 Seminar in Special Education and EDUC 590 Current Issues in Special Education.

For more information on the Joe Divico Special Education Summer Institute, contact Dr. Oma Gail Simmons at x4432 or e-mail [osimmons@frostburg.edu](mailto:osimmons@frostburg.edu).

For information on the Special Education Summer Institute at Hagerstown, contact Jamelyn Nystrom, 240-527-2735 or e-mail [jctoberynystrom@frostburg.edu](mailto:jctoberynystrom@frostburg.edu)

## Planning to Graduate on May 17?

- There have been two mailings with commencement information sent to your home and local addresses. These mailings are also posted on the Commencement Web site under *Information and Resources for Graduates*.

- Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to all graduates and may be picked up in the Bookstore and will also be available in the auxiliary gym immediately before and after graduation rehearsal, which will be held in the Cordts PE Center Main Arena on Friday, May 16 at 4 p.m..

- Full details about Commencement are on the University's Web site. Go to "Current Students." Commencement is under Academics on the left.



## Social Work Changes Application Process

The Department of Social Work has changed the fall 2008 deadline for full admission into the social work program to **Aug. 18**. In the past, applications were due around the fifth week of the semester, but the change will enable students to prepare applications without taking time away from courses. Students applying for full admission in fall 2008 will need to prepare applications over the summer, rather than waiting until after the term begins. Students can declare the major at any time, but are initially admitted as PRE-SOWK majors. Council on Social Work Accreditation requires a separate admission process for an accredited professional program in Social Work. At Frostburg, a student must complete SOWK370 before applying for full admission. Contact Terry Russell at x4691 or see the FSU catalog for more information about requirements.

## Upcoming Changes to Financial Aid Process

The Financial Aid Office would like to notify all students about changes in the financial aid process for the 2008-2009 academic year. The Financial Aid Office will begin sending all financial aid award notifications to current students via e-mail around the first week of June. Due to a change in federal regulations, every student will now be required to sign and return a form confirming that they wish to accept their loan(s) each year. This is a change from the 2007-2008 award year. No loans will appear as anticipated financial aid and no loan funds can be disbursed until the Financial Aid Office has received written confirmation from each student expressing his or her wish to have a student loan processed. A loan confirmation form will be attached to your award notification e-mail. Please complete this form and return it to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible to avoid processing delays.

In addition to signing and returning a loan confirmation form to the Financial Aid Office, some students will also have to complete a new Master Promissory Note (MPN) for their loans due to recent changes in federal legislation and the banking industry. These students will be notified by the Financial Aid Office in the next few months. If you receive this notice, you must go onto the Financial Aid Office's Web site, choose a new lender, and complete a new MPN. You will need your FAFSA PIN and two references to complete this process. Please watch your mail and check your e-mail for these and other important documents and announcements.

## News for Grad Students

### Summer and Fall Registration

All graduate students should register on line at <http://paws.frostburg.edu/> students. Payment for summer is due at the time of registration. Payment for fall 2008 is due **Aug. 8**. For info or assistance, contact Graduate Services at x4595.



## Schedule for May 12-16

### Monday:

3 & 6 p.m. NASA SCI Files "The Great Space Exploration"  
 4 & 7 p.m. Human Geography: People, Places and Change "Water Is for Fighting Over"  
 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Connecting with the Arts: "Making Connections"  
 5 & 8 p.m. FSU Jazz Spring 2001

### Tuesday:

3 & 6 p.m. FSU This Week  
 3:15 & 6:15 p.m. Insights: Featuring Brian McAllister & Mike Marriner, two of the three founders of Roadtrip Nation  
 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. SGA Meeting taped on Thursday, May 8th.

### Wednesday:

3 & 6 p.m. NASA "Destination Tomorrow"  
 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. AAST Lecturer: Dr.

Jerome Miller  
 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. American Cinema: "Film Language: The Director's Choice"  
 5:30 & 8:30 p.m. American Passages, A Literary Survey: "Search for Identity"\*  
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 3:30 & 6:30 p.m. SGA Meeting taped on Thursday, May 8.

### Friday:

3 & 6 p.m. NASA Connect, "The Right Ratio"  
 3:30 & 7 p.m. NASA "Destination Tomorrow"  
 4 & 7:30 p.m. Essential Science for Teachers: "The Particle Nature of Matter: Solids, Liquids, and Gases"  
 5 & 8 p.m. Social Studies in Action: "Economic Dilemmas and Solutions"  
 5:30 & 8:30 p.m. Office Ergonomics Seminar

\*This show has been rated PG or TV14

## Points of Pride



**Dr. Keramat Poorsoltan** was selected as a member of the Board of Examiners, The Baldrige National Quality Program (Commerce Department), serving for the

2008 award round. The Board of Examiners for the Baldrige National Quality Program are experts capable of evaluating organizations eligible for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and willing to serve as representatives of the Award Program. Category coverage and balance are important factors in selecting the Board of Examiners' members.

## International



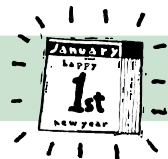
## New Deadlines Set for Study Abroad

As part of the FSU initiative to increase study abroad opportunities for students, the Center for International Education is setting earlier deadlines for students who plan to study abroad. This will guarantee that students get in to the programs they desire, since many of them fill quickly as first-come, first-served.

The new applications deadlines (both FSU and program applications) for those students who want to study abroad during the January 2009 intercession and spring 2009 will be **Friday, Sept. 26**.

To see what programs are available, visit the Center for International Education in the Fuller House (the one with the wind turbine) or call x3091.

## FSU Events Calendar



### MONDAY, MAY 12—Final Exams

**Cap and Gown Pickup** ..... 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. .... University Bookstore  
 \* SCI Study Rooms ..... 6:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

### TUESDAY, MAY 13—Final Exams

**Cap and Gown Pickup** ..... 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. .... University Bookstore  
 \* SCI Study Rooms ..... 6:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14—Final Exams

**Cap and Gown Pickup** ..... 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. .... University Bookstore  
 \* SCI Study Rooms ..... 6:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

### THURSDAY, MAY 15—Final Exams

**Cap and Gown Pickup** ..... 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. .... University Bookstore  
 \* SCI Study Rooms ..... 6:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

### FRIDAY, MAY 16—Final Exams

Residence Halls Close at 7:00 p.m.  
**Cap and Gown Pickup** ..... 8:30 a.m.-noon ..... University Bookstore  
**Commencement Rehearsal** ..... 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Cordts PEC Main Arena  
**Honors Convocation** ..... 7:30 p.m. .... PAC Studio Theatre

### SATURDAY, MAY 17—Graduation Day!

\* Commencement Schedule  
 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

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

\* CCM Mass ..... noon & 8:00 p.m. .... Cook Chapel  
 \* Planetarium: Report on Planet Earth ..... 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. .... Tawes Hall

\* **Open to the public – Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change**  
 FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services, and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. You may request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, 302 Hitchens, (301) 687-4102, TDD (301) 687-7955.

As Temperature Rises,  
 Stay Safety Wise

