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## FSU's 134th Commencement Ceremonies Slated for May 16

FSU will celebrate and recognize the achievements of its May 2009 graduating class during the University's 134th commencement ceremonies **Saturday, May 16**, in the Cordts Center's Main Arena.

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

Jonathan Hall, College of Business; Mindy Witt, College of Education; and Sumer Rohrs, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, are the featured student speakers for the spring commencement exercises.

Academic success, work experience and extracurricular activities all add up to good business for **Jonathan Hall**. A native of Middletown, Md.,



Hall has spent his time at FSU excelling in his classes and earning recognition as a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honors Society and the Society for Advancement of Management. He made the dean's list on numerous occasions, and was named an Academic Excellence Scholar. Additionally, his career-building internship at Target complements his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. As one of his professors noted, Hall "is truly a leader who works well with others and has a positive 'can-do' attitude. He will do whatever it takes to get the job done."

Cumberland, Md., native **Mindy Witt** has spent her time at FSU learning



everything she can about how to become a great teacher. Her activities and involvement have included serving as a teacher intern at several area elementary schools, volunteering with FSU's Children's Literature Festival and Read Across America, traveling to China to study Chinese culture and classroom practices and teaching kids pedestrian and bicycle safety skills – all while maintaining a 3.9 GPA. Witt is also a member of the Maryland Students of Education Association. Additionally, she has worked tirelessly to familiarize herself with the needs of the school systems by working as a para-professional and a secretary with the Board of Education-Special Education Department in Allegany County. Her professional development training in working with autistic and other special needs children has given her a strong background in special education. Witt graduates with a bachelor's degree in early childhood/elementary education. "I feel well prepared to enter the workforce as a highly knowledgeable teacher," she says.

Ocala, Fla., native **Sumer**

**Rohrs** has pursued her success at FSU in leaps and bounds. She is not only a three-time national

champion in track, with times in 55-meter hurdles that qualify her for Olympic trials, but she is also a well-respected scholar in the Department of Psychology. In and around her many triumphs as a student-athlete, she has found time to assist the Psychology Department with a major course redesign of FSU's General Psychology class and to participate in a major National Science Foundation-funded research project and in FSU's Psychology Club, all while maintaining a 3.5 GPA. Additionally, Rohrs has rounded out her coursework by getting out into the community, speaking to local high schools about strategies for



The Office of the Provost cordially invites you to join the Frostburg State University community in celebration of academic excellence

### THE UNIVERSITY HONORS CONVOCATION

Friday, May 15, 2009

7:30 to 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

managing peer pressure associated with drug use. She has never lost sight of her long-term goal of finishing a degree in psychology and a minor in coaching at FSU, and leaves the University a champion on all accounts – both on the track and in the classroom.

Provost **Dr. Stephen Simpson**; **Dr. Ken Witmer**, dean of the College of Education; **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**, interim 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 info, visit the commencement Web site at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

Saturday, May 16

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Ceremonies: 10 a.m.  
The College of Business and the College of Education Ceremonies: 2 p.m.

## Faculty Honored at FSU Convocation

The recipients of the 2009 Faculty Achievement Awards, along with top graduating students from every degree program, will be honored at the FSU Honors Convocation on **Friday, May 15**, at 7:30 p.m., in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

This year's Faculty Achievement Award recipients are Dr. Megan E. Bradley, Department of Psychology; Dr. Richard L. Raesly, Department of Biology; and Dr. Amit J. Shah, Department of Management, for Academic Accomplishment; Dr. Thomas F. Hawk, Department of Management, for Teaching; and Dr. Hongqi Li, Department of Biology, for University and Community Service. The awards are made possible through gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.



**Dr. Megan E. Bradley** joined the Department of Psychology in 1999. She is one of the primary faculty recipients of a grant from the University System

of Maryland to redesign the introductory psychology course in collaboration with the National Center for Academic Transformation. She has published an article in the "British Journal of Educational Technology" concerning students' participation in online discussions and is recognized for her extensive expertise in online education. Bradley also wrote the student study guide for one of the most widely used texts in developmental psychology. Most notable is her successful grant application to the National Science Foundation to conduct research on the development of deception in children between the ages of four and 11. The NSF also requested that her preliminary findings be used for its "2009 Highlights," an internal publication that showcases "research of high caliber and strong public interest." Bradley gave two poster presentations with student co-authors at national meetings based on this research.



**Dr. Richard L. Raesly** joined the Department of Biology in 1989. His research interests include systematics of freshwater fishes, biological

monitoring, the ecology and evolution of introduced species and the biology of endangered species. He has been awarded over \$1 million in grants in his 20-year career at FSU, and nearly \$.5 million within the last three years, as principal or co-principal investigator. Many agencies have funded Raesly's research activities, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park

Service, The Nature Conservancy and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Raesly has coauthored 20 publications with colleagues and former (or current) students. He has several manuscripts in press on freshwater fish.



**Dr. Amit J. Shah** joined the Department of Management in 1989 and has been a prolific writer and researcher ever since. He has presented 51

papers and workshops at various regional, national and international professional meetings. In the past five years he has published 21 journal articles, two of which have received the "Best Paper" awards in the "Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education and the International Journal of Management." His co-authored textbook, "Introduction to Business," sold over 7,000 copies in its first semester of publication, and its applied approach is fast becoming a popular choice for professors. Furthermore, recognizing the scarcity of literature on micro-entrepreneurial activity, Shah collaborated with two colleagues to examine the three westernmost counties to determine the extent of microenterprises in Maryland. Their findings earned them a \$5,000 grant to expand the research to the state.

**Dr. Thomas F. Hawk** became a faculty member in the Department of Management in 1972. His energetic and passionate dedication to teaching has been recognized by his peers and students alike. Hawk has consistently received the highest student evaluations in the department and has been rated by his peers as "outstanding" in teaching. He has won high praise for accommodating students' myriad learning styles. His use of a single complex case for the entire semester has been his signature technique, with each case containing a number of interrelated issues faced by real managers in a real organization. Students have greatly benefitted from such active learning opportunities and from Hawk's incisive feedback.



**Dr. Hongqi Li** joined the Department of Biology in 2000 and has shown dedication to university/community service since then,

particularly in the promotion of cross-cultural awareness. Li organized six large-scale events to celebrate Chinese traditional festivals with over 500 in attendance. He also founded the Chinese Culture Club at FSU in 2007 and continues to serve as its adviser. His participation in the Chinese

Initiative and his work with Chinese exchange students since their arrival in fall 2008 has been exemplary. Moreover, in 2006 he organized a Carnivorous Plant Fair during the Sixth International Carnivorous Plants Conference at FSU. The Fair was an unusual learning experience for the adults and children who attended from the local area. His service complements the Strategic Plan of the College of Liberal Arts and Science.

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 13 graduate students and 36 undergraduate students to be recognized. Also commended will be 30 undergraduate students receiving Honors in General Education, based on completion of all requirements of the University Honors Program.

For info, contact the Office of the Provost at x4211.

## FSU to Honor Pealer with Honorary Degree

### Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to Honor Crawford

FSU will honor the lifetime of accomplishments and service of Cumberland, Md., native Woodward D. Pealer by granting him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at FSU's 134th Commencement Ceremonies on **Saturday, May 16**. Pealer's honor will come during the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony at 10 a.m. The degree was approved by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.

FSU will also bestow the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award on Quincy Crawford, Class of '65, a leader in the financial services field, founder of First Financial Group and fervent supporter of FSU, during the College of Business and College of Education commencement at 2 p.m.

**Woodward D. Pealer** is a retired business leader and judge of the Maryland Tax Court who has served his community and country through various positions



and activities over the years. In Cumberland, his leadership roles have included being past potentate of Ali Ghan Shrine Temple, two-term director of the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Sacred Heart Hospital and vice president of the Cumberland Lions Club. Pealer was also instrumental in organizing the area's first County United Fund and served as director of the Salvation Army and the Central YMCA and as chairman of the Brotherhood Dinner, National Conference of Christians and Jews.

As co-chairman of the Lions Sports Car Races, Pealer was successful in



promoting the Cumberland area and contributing thousands of dollars to area charities. Additionally, he has offered his leadership as a member of the Wage and Hour Committee for the State of Maryland and as chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Liquor Control Board of Allegany County.

Pealer has also served the United States with honor; he flew 55 combat missions with the 12th Air Force, which earned him a Purple Heart with an oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, as well as an audience at the Vatican with Pope Pius XII. FSU dedicated the PAC Pealer Recital Hall to honor him and his late wife, Virginia.



**Quincy Crawford** graduated from FSU in 1965 with a degree in mathematics and went on to enter the financial services field, becoming a general manager in

Maryland for a national firm in 1971. In 1977, he founded First Financial Group, which has grown to 250 professionals and staff, generating approximately \$20 million per year in annual revenue as the largest privately held financial planning firm in the Mid-Atlantic region. Before retiring, Crawford led First Financial Group to success as the firm's sole owner, president and CEO.

Active in industry affairs, Crawford has served as president of the Prince George's Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers, the Baltimore Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers, the Maryland State Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers and the Baltimore Society of Financial Services Professionals. His work has earned him numerous awards, and the Maryland State Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers (MAIFA) has placed him in the MAIFA Hall of Fame.

Crawford remains a dedicated leader and supporter of FSU as he serves on the advisory board for the College of Business and the Board of Directors of the FSU Foundation. He also represents FSU's interest on the University System of Maryland Foundation Board. He serves as campaign chair of Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, the University's campaign that is raising \$15 million in support of student, academic and regional/cultural enrichment. He resides in Annapolis, Md., with his wife, **Eugenia Zorn Crawford**, FSU Class of 1967.

For more info about the honors, contact the FSU Office of University Advancement at x4161.



## Visual Arts

### FSU's Poster Contest Winners Announced

Contest Held Jointly on Campus, Facebook Group



FSU announces the three student winners of its annual environmental poster contest, an event held with FSU's Earth Week 2009: First place – Tasha Ogden, second

place – Nicole Cecil and third place – Eric Manns.

The contest, organized by Visual Arts Professor **Pete Herzfeld** and his ART 207 class as part of Earth Week 2009's "A Day of Service," included a day-long voting session on campus at the FSU Clock Tower April 24, where all the posters were on display, and a voting poll online as part of a Facebook group created to communicate Earth Week activities.

FSU students used various innovative images, photographs and fonts to express environmental awareness, with a total of 26 submissions. The contest garnered 484 votes, with 111 votes on Facebook and 373 votes at the Clock Tower during the poster-viewing session.

The winning posters will be on view in the Hitchens building on the FSU campus. FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar is also hanging a signed poster by Ogden in his office.

For info about Earth Week, visit [www.frostburg.edu/lqig](http://www.frostburg.edu/lqig). To view the posters and check out FSU's Earth Week 2009 Facebook group, search "Earth Week 2009, Frostburg State University" on Facebook.



## Literature

### FSU Students to Give Poetry Readings

The English Department announces that students from this semester's English 490 class, Selected Topics in English: The Prose Poem, will give readings from their works, **Wednesday, May 13**, at 6 p.m. at Mountain City Coffee and Creamery in Frostburg.

"The prose poem and other short prose forms have an inherent wackiness that I think is suitable for where we are at this time in the semester – we're all a little exhausted, and I thought having the students give a reading as part of their final exam was a great way to remember the idea of community in being writers," said Assistant Professor of English Gerry LaFemina. "And I'll say this about the class, they've written some fine work over the past few months, and the students are hoping for a good crowd with whom to share their work."

The event is free and open to the public. The creamery will stay open that day for the event. For info, contact LaFemina at x4024 or [glafemina@frostburg.edu](mailto:glafemina@frostburg.edu).

### Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poet to Read at Oakland Library

The Oakland Library invites the public to a free poetry reading by Stephen Dunn, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, **Monday, May 11**, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. The author of 15 collections of poetry, Dunn will read from selected works, including his most recent "What Goes On: Selected & New Poems 1995-2009." "Good poems are triumphs over the unlikely," says Dunn. "They make us pay attention in new ways."

"Dunn subtly enlarges our sense of possibility in this expansive gathering from six collections plus 20 brilliant new poems that span the years between 1995 and the present," states the publisher of "What Goes On."

"Dunn's work probes life's big questions without ever losing sight of the significance of the mundane."

The author's book "Different Hours" won the Pulitzer Prize in 2001, "Loosestrife" placed as a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist in 1996 and "Local Time" was a winner of the National Poetry Series in 1986. Dunn's other books include "New and Selected Poems: 1974-1994," "Landscape at the End of the Century," "Between Angels" and "Riffs & Reciprocities: Prose Pairs." A new and expanded edition of "Walking Light: Memoirs and Essays on Poetry" was issued by BOA Editions Ltd. in 2001.

Dunn has earned numerous awards throughout his career, including the Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, fellowships from the Guggenheim and Rockefeller Foundations and the Levinson and Oscar Blumenthal Prizes from Poetry. He is a distinguished professor of creative writing at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey but spends most of his time in Frostburg, Md., where he lives with his wife, the writer and FSU professor, **Barbara Hurd**.

Registration for the program is not required, but a courtesy call to the library at 301-334-3996, ext. 117, is appreciated. For info about the

program, call the number above or e-mail [bonnie@relib.net](mailto:bonnie@relib.net).

Visit the library's Web site at [www.relib.net](http://www.relib.net) for a listing of services and programs.

## BMR Accepting Submissions

The Frostburg Center for Creative Writing at FSU and the Allegany Arts Council are looking for regional writers, of all ages and skill levels, interested in having work published in the 2010 edition of the annual Backbone Mountain Review.

Writers are invited to submit up to five pages of poetry or up to eight pages of fiction, creative nonfiction or short plays. Writers submitting more than one genre are asked not to exceed the eight-page limit. Submissions exceeding these quantities will not be considered. All submissions must be previously unpublished, original works.

Entries must be e-mailed to [BMR@allconet.org](mailto:BMR@allconet.org) by **Monday, June 1**. Hard-copy submissions will not be accepted. Entries must be submitted as e-mail attachments, as MS Word or RTF (rich text formatted) documents. In the body of the e-mail, include the author's name, address and phone number. Do not include the author's name on the attached submissions. Attach a brief biography (up to 200 words) for the author, also formatted as MS Word or RTF.

Writers with work selected for the 2010 BMR will be notified via e-mail in September.

For more information, call 301-777-ARTS (2787) or x4024.

opportunities at a value to local and regional Maryland residents."

"As one of the larger employers in the area, FSU is a major economic engine and cultural center within our community," said Jane Belt.

More than half of the gift will go to support athletics. FSU has 21 Division III varsity athletic teams. Division III schools cannot grant scholarships based on athletic merit, so FSU's student-athletes must fund their education under the same terms as every other Frostburg student.

"Student-athletes, especially Division III athletes, participate in their sports truly for the love of the game," said Troy Dell, FSU's athletic director. "I see first-hand how these students blossom, learning tremendous time-management skills. They're used to being held accountable, which translates into graduates with leadership abilities and a proven work ethic."

None of FSU's athletic programs can be funded with state funds, so all the money for athletics must come from private donations and the athletic fee that students pay, Dell said.

"I have known numerous people who have been introduced to and developed leadership skills, team-building techniques and family values through participation in athletic programs," Carl Belt said. "I was aware of FSU's athletic program funding shortfalls and felt inspired to help the professional leaders and student athletes in this program."

The rest of the Belts' gift will go to unrestricted funds, which provide the institution with the flexibility required to address the most pressing needs as they appear.

"We would like others to think about the value FSU brings to our region and how it has touched their lives and others in our community, throughout Maryland and around the world," the Belts said. "We encourage them to support this campaign so that the FSU legacy passed to us might enrich the lives of others who will become our community leaders of tomorrow."

Carl Belt continued, "I have noticed that a significant number of graduates have become leaders and outstanding professionals in a variety of vocations that you would not imagine, since it was primarily a teacher education school until the mid-70s. This speaks to the fine basic education being offered at FSU and the passion and commitment of the faculty to transform lives, nourish excellence and promote personal development."

The Belt family and companies have a long history with FSU, including Bucky Belt's father, Carl Belt Sr., who was among the founders of the FSU Foundation and whose company built many buildings on campus.

The FSU Foundation has embarked on a \$15 million comprehensive campaign, Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, to raise badly needed funding for higher education in Western Maryland. Donations to the Foundation support student

scholarships and programs, academic programs, faculty development and other critical University needs. For info about supporting FSU, visit [foundation.frostburg.edu](http://foundation.frostburg.edu) or call x4161 or 1-866-241-3296, toll free.



## Take Note



## May Commencement

The 134th commencement ceremony is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16**, in Cordts for undergraduate and graduate students.

Two mailings with commencement information have been sent to your home and local addresses. One was sent at the end of March, and the other April 16. These mailings are also posted on the Commencement Web site ([www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement)) under "Information and Resources for Graduates."

Graduate students who plan to graduate need to complete the "Application for Graduation." The forms are available at the Office of Graduate Services, Pullen 141, or by calling x7053.

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost and may be picked up in the Bookstore. They will also be available at 3 p.m. before **graduation rehearsal, which is scheduled for 4 p.m. in the Cordts Main Arena lobby Friday, May 15**, and also after rehearsal until 5:30 p.m.

Full details about commencement are on the University's Web site at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement). For info, contact Brittnei Teter at x4423 or [bkteter@frostburg.edu](mailto:bkteter@frostburg.edu).

## Staking Our Claim

### Belt Group Commits Generous Gift to FSU

*Carl and Jane*

**Belt**, along with the Belt Construction Group of Companies, have expressed their commitment to FSU through the FSU Foundation with a generous



pledge that places them in the Foundation's Lillian C. Compton Society, denoting yearly contributions of \$5,000 or more.

Carl Belt, president of the Belt Group, is a member of the steering committee for Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg, which is working to raise \$15 million in support of FSU by 2011.

"We see the need for FSU to remain a healthy, growing institution and we want to help carry that legacy forward for others to benefit and enjoy," said Carl "Bucky" Belt. "We believe FSU is an important asset to our community because it offers first-class educational

## H1N1 Flu Advisory



Many of you are aware that a new strain of the influenza virus has appeared in Mexico and is spreading to a number of U.S. states. The situation is developing

quickly, and it is important that everyone remains aware of new developments in this illness. The FSU home page ([www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu)) and Brady Health page ([www.frostburg.edu/brady](http://www.frostburg.edu/brady)) offer links to updated information on this situation. Check these links often!

Symptoms of the 2009 H1N1 flu virus in people are similar to those of regular flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have also reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu.

No vaccine exists yet to protect against this flu, but you can take these everyday steps:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.



- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the used tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. If students have questions or health concerns, they should call Brady Health at x4310.

## An Important Message!

To ensure we are reaching all our contacts and campus communities, FSU has launched its own [official Facebook group](#), where in addition to our other communication outlets, we will post regular information about the 2009 H1N1 flu and other relevant events.

## Spring Semester 2009 Blackboard Help

Student help sessions are now available Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. in Pullen 108.

Get answers concerning e-mail, gradebook, assignments, discussion boards, file share, digital dropbox or any other features. You can also visit the online help guides for students at [www.frostburg.edu/blackboard](http://www.frostburg.edu/blackboard).

For questions or schedule conflicts, contact the Center for Instructional Technologies at [cit@frostburg.edu](mailto:cit@frostburg.edu).

## Changes to Financial Aid Process

The Financial Aid Office is notifying students about changes in the financial aid process for the 2009-10 academic year. The office will begin processing its student loans through the William D. Ford Direct Lending program. It will no longer be processing Federal Stafford Loans or Federal Parent PLUS Loans through banks via the Family Federal Education Loan Program. Students and parents applying for a federal loan for the 2009-10 academic year will be **required** to sign a new Master Promissory Note (MPN). This change will benefit students by saving them 1.5 percent in loan origination fees. Students and parents will not be able to complete a new MPN until after **Monday, June 1**. Students will be sent a notification with instructions to their FSU e-mail accounts before June 1 and should watch their mail and e-mail for important announcements and updates.

## Summer Arts Academy Offered for High Schoolers at FSU



High school students with hopes and dreams of becoming world-renowned singers, musicians or artists, or even actors or rock stars, can bring those dreams closer to reality at the FSU Savage Mountain Summer Arts Academy this summer.

FSU will host the 2009 Savage Mountain Summer Arts Academy. The academy offers six programs for students entering grades nine through 12. The programs include Creative Writing, Wind Chamber, Stage Combat, Choir, Garage Band and Appalachian Folk Arts. Each program is a week long (Sunday through Saturday) and students can reside on campus or commute.

The Garage Band Workshop, **June 14 through 20**, will offer an opportunity to work with successful area musicians and receive one-on-one training on the guitar, bass or drums. Students will form bands and learn the musical and communication skills necessary for being in a booming rock band. The bands will choose a name, develop a logo, create a biography and set up a MySpace music page. Students will learn about song structure, lyric writing and the finer points of being a working musician.

The cost is \$400 for commuter students and \$600 for students residing on campus. For info, contact Gerry LaFemina at x4024.

The Creative Writing Workshop, **June 21 through 27**, is taught by published writers and offered to students entering grades 10 through 12. Students will experience literature and language beyond the average high school's goals. Topics include fiction, pulling stories from the air, poetry and speculative fiction. Students will gain knowledge of what is successful in their own work while developing their reading and editorial skills.

The cost is \$375 for commuter students and \$575 for students residing on campus. For info, contact LaFemina.

The Stage Combat Workshop will take place **June 21 through 27**. Student actors will engage in group and individual instruction in unarmed and single-sword stage combat. There will be daily warm-ups, classes in movement styles, stage combat and Hollywood-style single sword fights. By the end, students will be able to use their entire body as an expressive instrument, access greater depth of emotion in their acting work, "act" a

fight and understand the principles of safe stage fighting.

The cost is \$450 for commuter students and \$650 for students residing on campus. For info, contact Darrell Rushton at x4487.

The Wind Chamber Music Institute, **July 5 through 11**, is open to high school music students who play the flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon. Students will rehearse three times a day, receive daily group and individual instruction, participate in instrument master classes and perform in an end-of-camp concert.

The cost is \$480 for commuter students and \$650 for students residing on campus. For info, contact Mark Gallagher, academy director, at x4381.

The Appalachian Folk Arts Camp, **July 5 through 11**, will offer one or more Appalachian folklore and folklife genres, and students can create original pieces that reflect the traditional regional styles. The camp will introduce folklore and folklife studies, explore the folk arts of Appalachia and study the role of personal creativity in traditional arts.

The cost is \$450 for commuter students and \$650 for students residing on campus. For info, contact Kara Rogers Thomas at x3124.

The FSU Summer Choral Institute, **July 12 through 18**, provides high school vocal musicians with an exciting weeklong creative and intensive musical experience. Students will participate in choral and opera scenes, study music theory and vocal techniques and perform a recital and concert.

The cost is \$480 for commuter students and \$650 for those residing on campus. For info, contact Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker at x4110.

More information is available at [www.frostburg.edu/savagemtn](http://www.frostburg.edu/savagemtn), or contact Gallagher at x4381 or [mgallagher@frostburg.edu](mailto:mgallagher@frostburg.edu).

## Festival Symposium Seeking Abstracts

The FSU Appalachian Festival has been scheduled for **Friday, Sept. 18, through Saturday, Sept. 19**. Friday events include an educational symposium, "Appalachia: People and Place." As part of that event, coordinators plan to feature the best of FSU's regionally based work. Students and faculty are encouraged to submit short abstracts – 200 words or less – to Kara Rogers Thomas at [krogerstthomas@frostburg.edu](mailto:krogerstthomas@frostburg.edu). Submissions will be accepted through **Monday, Aug. 3**.

Saturday events include the Free Outdoor Festival and the Capstone Concert featuring the Legendary Jean Ritchie and Family.

Check [www.frostburg.edu/events/afestival](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/afestival) often for more details.

## Student Life

### Edgewood Commons Accepting Applications

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications and contracts for the 2009-10 academic year. Visit [www.edgewoodcommonsapts.com](http://www.edgewoodcommonsapts.com) for info and forms. (Applications and contracts will be accepted until spaces are filled). For info, 301-689-1370.



### Points of Pride

### Communications

### Studies Points of Pride

Rebecca Matthews is the recipient of the Ann L. Williams Communication Studies Scholarship. The scholarship was established by faculty and friends in memory of Ann L. Williams, professor of speech and debate in the 1970s.

Additionally, the department is proud to announce the spring 2009 Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society

inductees: Lawanda Lewis, Fabion Seaton and Rebecca Matthews.  
Finally, the Communication Studies Club elected new officers for the 2009-10 academic year:

- President: Rebecca Matthews
- Vice President: Erin Morrell
- Secretary: Erin Laudwein
- Treasurer: Stephanie Rulle
- Public Relations: Jackie Donovan



### Get Involved

### UCM News and Events

#### DeStress Express at UCM Finals Week

The UCM DeStress Express Study Break will be in Sand Spring Hall at 9 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 12**. Relax and revitalize through destressing activities. All activities are free and include music videos, a conga line, massage therapy, karaoke opportunities and DeStressors giveaways. Wings, pizza, fruit and drinks will be served.

#### Deadline for Peer Minister Applications

Applications are due **Monday, May 11**, for the UCM fall peer minister

opening. Peer ministers are a selected group of FSU students who, after an initial application process, are chosen to exercise their leadership skills in supporting UCM programs and events. They earn a stipend based on the commitment covenant they make each semester (range: \$500 to \$1,300). Training is provided. For an application packet, contact Chaplain Cindy Zirlott at x7490 or [c.zirlott@frostburg.edu](mailto:c.zirlott@frostburg.edu), or stop by 114 Sand Spring Hall.



### International

### Study Abroad

Students can visit the Center for International Education in Fuller House to check out the opportunities available. Some programs allow students to pay FSU tuition for universities in Europe, Africa, South America and many other locations. For info, x4714.

The deadline for spring and Intercession 2010 applications is **Friday, Sept. 25**.



### Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

### Summer Jobs at Edgewood Commons

Edgewood Commons is hiring up to 15 students to help with cleaning apartments for the fall. Summer workers will be compensated for 15 hours of work a week with a free apartment, and for every hour worked after 15 will be paid \$7.25, up to 40 hours a week.

Edgewood also needs summer resident assistants, who will get free housing. For info and applications, visit [www.edgewoodcommonsapts.com](http://www.edgewoodcommonsapts.com) or call 301-689-1370.



### FSU Events Calendar

#### MONDAY, MAY 11 Final Exams

#### Summer Session Course Cancellation for Sessions Beginning May 18

\*SCI Study Hall ..... 4 to 10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

#### TUESDAY, MAY 12 Final Exams

\*SCI Study Hall ..... 4 to 10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 Final Exams

\*SCI Study Hall ..... 4 to 10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

#### THURSDAY, MAY 14 Final Exams

\*M/W Track & Field: ECAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Springfield College  
\*Sierra Student Coalition Blackout Day ..... noon to 1 p.m. .... Campuswide  
\*SCI Study Hall ..... 4 to 10:45 p.m. .... Lane 203-204, 205-206, 207-208

#### FRIDAY, MAY 15 Final Exams

#### Residence Halls Close at 7 p.m.

\*M/W Track & Field: ECAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Springfield College  
\*Honors Convocation ..... 7:30 p.m. .... PAC

#### SATURDAY, MAY 16 – Graduation Day! 113th Commencement Schedule

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

#### SUNDAY, MAY 17

\*Planetarium: Earth's Greatest Hits ..... 4 & 7 p.m. .... Tawes Hall

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

### Take Safety With You This Summer!

Summer is just down the road, which is where a lot of us will be heading after graduation.

If you are a graduate leaving campus to go home, drive safely.

If you are a faculty member heading out to complete a field experiment, drive safely and watch out for unsafe conditions.

If you are a staff member who will be working on campus during the summer months, continue using safe work practices.

Being safe is everybody's responsibility. Enjoy the warm weather and be sure to use caution in all your activities!

**As Temperatures Rise, Stay Safety Wise.  
Be Cool; Drink Water!**