FSU will celebrate the achievements of its May 2010 graduating class during the University’s 136th commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 22, in the Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center’s Main Arena on the FSU campus. President Dr. Jonathan C. Gibbs will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises. 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 at 2 p.m.

Lauren Garrity, College of Business; Hannah Byler, College of Education; and David Valenta, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, are the featured student speakers. Garrity, of Lushy, Md., will graduate as an accounting major with a minor in business administration. She has accumulated a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society. As an intern at Accurate Bookkeeping Inc., she excelled in payroll preparation, financial transaction entry and reconciliation and physical inventory and stocking. Garrity has accepted a position with the Department of Defense Naval Acquisition Intern Program and plans to pursue an MBA degree.

Byler, of Grantsville, Md., will graduate as an elementary education major. As a recipient of the Perry Smith Jr. Scholarship and the Commissioners Scholarship award, she is ranked at the top of her class with a 3.93 GPA. Byler has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, the International Reading Association, Garrett County Reading Council and Maryland Student Education Association. Through internships, summer camps and tutorial settings, Byler strives to find strategies that work best for each child. Her love for learning, and in particular, a love for children’s literature, has permeated her life. By participating in the State of Maryland International Reading Association Conference and the annual Spring Festival of Children’s Literature at FSU, she continuously seeks knowledge.

Valenta, of Frostburg, will graduate with a major in biology and a concentration in biotechnology. He started as a freshman at 16, yet his advanced maturity led him to many leadership positions on campus. He served as treasurer of SGA and the Student Health Advisory Committee, president and vice president of the Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society, and chair of the Homecoming Committee. He is a member of the FSUI Honors Program and Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society and participated in the Sloop Leadership Institute and the Dean’s Colloquium. He has also performed research with the goal of making tomato plants more resistant to insects. Upon graduation, Valenta intends to further his education at the University of Baltimore Dental School, with the goal of becoming an oral surgeon and returning to Western Maryland.

Tickets are required for admission to the spring commencement. For info, visit the commencement Web site at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

Foundation Awards for Faculty Achievement

The 2010 FSU Foundation Awards for Faculty Achievement will be presented at the Honors Convocation Friday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Peeler Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center.

In addition to the FSU Foundation faculty awards, Dr. Megan Bradley, an associate professor of psychology, will be recognized as the recipient of a 2010 Regents’ Faculty Award for Teaching (see separate story). These faculty members serve as models for the evening’s stars: 34 graduating seniors receiving departmental honors, 12 master’s degree candidates awarded graduate program honors and 24 undergraduate students recognized for graduating with honors in general education.

Dr. Robert Kaufman, the recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award for Academic Accomplishment, joined the Recreation and Parks Management faculty in the College of Education in 1992. He has consistently distinguished himself with his many contributions to the field of recreation, especially in the areas of boating and safety. His publications include articles, book chapters, wall charts, educational videos and, most recently, a textbook titled “Career Development in Recreation, Parks and Tourism: A Positioning Approach.” Kaufman has been the recipient of many awards, including the 1999 Faculty Achievement Award for University and Community Service and the President’s Award for Outstanding Service on the National Level from the American Canoeing Association. He is a two-time recipient of the Golden Quill Award from the American Camping Association for outstanding film and literary contributions to the field. In addition, he has received over 17 grants for a total of $904,000, and, in the past five years, has given presentations at 17 national or international conferences. He is past president of the Faculty Senate and presently serves as chair of his department.
Dr. James C. Saku, professor of geography since 1996, is a recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award in University and Community Service. As advisor to Gamma Theta Upsilon, an international geography honor society, Saku encouraged students to participate in Earth Day/Focus Frostburg activities and organized a cleanup of the Pheas Dam Reservoir. Saku also is a faculty mentor for the FSU Honors Undergraduate Research Opportunity Scholarship program and serves as a freshman ORE instructor/advisor. His faculty governance service includes membership on the Faculty Concerns Committee, Graduate Council, University Undergraduate Curriculum Review Subcommittee, University Council on Retention and the Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Advisory Group. In fall 2007, Saku was appointed coordinator of the African American studies minor.

During his tenure, he initiated a revision of the curriculum and invited distinguished speakers to campus for presentations. Finally, Saku is active in the community, serving as financial secretary of the Knights of Columbus, Frostburg Council; a board member of the Frostburg Interfaith Food Pantry; and a soccer coach for the Frostburg Ringers American Youth Soccer Organization, Casselman Valley AYSO and Bishop Walsh Middle School JCP.

The Faculty Achievement Awards are sponsored by the alumni and friends of FSU through their generous contributions to the 2010 Annual Fund Campaign. Faculty members serving on the Faculty Development and Sabbatical Subcommittee of the Faculty Senate select the recipients. In addition to the respect of their colleagues, recipients receive a plaque and a cash award of $1,000.

FSU Establishes Minor in Sustainability

Minor Will Be Implemented in Fall 2010

As part of its ongoing efforts to respond to workforce needs and uphold its commitment to environmental education, FSU will offer a minor in sustainability studies to degree-seeking students. The interdisciplinary minor, which will be implemented this fall, will be housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a steering committee from participating departments. It is designed to encourage students to explore environmental, economic and social equity issues relating to sustainability in modern societies. It will focus on helping students find real-world answers and solutions, with an emphasis on interaction among individuals, government agencies and businesses that are impacted by or depend on sustainability trends.

“I’m very pleased FSU has established a minor in sustainability,” said President Jonathan Gilbralter. “The University already offers a variety of great courses and majors that focus on environmental education. This new minor complements the strengths of those areas and also ensures that our students will have the knowledge they need to be ready to take advantage of ‘green collar’ jobs. This academic focus on sustainability is also very much in line with FSU’s overall commitment to becoming a more sustainable campus with academic programs that respond to the world’s problems.”

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FSU, Anne Arundel Form Partnership
FSU’s Engineering Bachelor’s to Be Offered at Arundel Mills Higher Education Center

Students living in the Anne Arundel County area of Maryland will now be able to earn a bachelor’s degree in engineering from FSU without having to leave home, thanks to a new partnership between FSU and Anne Arundel Community College.

FSU will offer its bachelor’s degree in engineering, with a concentration in electrical engineering, in collaboration with AACC through its University Consortium at the AACC Regional Higher Education Center at Arundel Mills, one of six such centers in the state of Maryland. FSU’s program will build on AACC’s engineering preparation program, and offer engineering and upper-division courses through a combination of methods – on site at Arundel Mills, by interactive video and online.

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Gingerich Named Safety Coordinator

FSU has hired Lawrence Gingerich to help lead its efforts to become a safer and more sustainable campus. His responsibilities will include chairing FSU's sustainability initiative, “Learning Green, Living Green, (LGLG)” and taking charge of FSU's Institutional Occupational Safety, Health and Environmental effort. Gingerich brings over 25 years of experience to the position, including currently serving as an interim director of environmental health and safety for Ohio University. While at Ohio, Gingerich was involved in the development of a composting system and aided in securing the required Ohio EPA permits for its installation. He has also worked as an industrial hygienist for Battelle Columbus Operations Laboratory Decommissioning Project and a corporate industrial hygienist for American Electric Power. Additionally, Gingerich built and ran his own environmental safety and health consulting firm. His areas of concentration include industrial hygiene, occupational safety and environmental work. "I hope to, with the aid and cooperation of the LGLG committees, move forward on the initiatives that have been outlined in FSU's Climate Action Plan and to bring forth some new ideas as well," Gingerich said, noting his personal interest in the environment has included building his own solar collectors for his home and enjoying the outdoors.

Gingerich has a bachelor's degree in botany from Ohio University and a master's degree in biology from West Virginia University. He is also a certified industrial hygienist, a certified safety professional and a certified lead assessor.

Local Film Auditions

"A Lesson of Love" is a feature-length motion picture written by Michael Alexander, a professor of Mass Communication. Alexander will direct the film. In addition, he has created a Special Topics class to run with the movie that will give students the opportunity to gain experience with film industry professionals in various positions. Principal photography is set to begin in July.

Set in the mountains of Appalachia, "A Lesson of Love" is the story of Thomas Aquinas Moore, a professor from Los Angeles recruited to teach at a small-town college, who falls in love with Abigail Meeks, a deeply religious local woman. Because of one's commitment to faith and the other's devotion to reason, they both must overcome deep-rooted fears and age-old prejudices to hold on to the love they both desperately need.

Regional auditions will be held through May 19 at FSU. For info on available roles and descriptions, click on the Auditions tab on the Lesson of Love Web site. To sign up to audition, contact Kara Sullivan at casting@lessonoflove.com.

For Administrators of FSU Facebook Pages

Are you an administrator for an FSU Facebook page? Would you like to receive updates on how FSU is communicating its programs on Facebook and learn smart ways to market your Facebook page? If so, consider joining an e-mail distribution list that will put you in touch with helpful resources and announcements on FSU's social media efforts. If you haven't already done so, visit the FSU eFrostburg Social Media Directory and register your Facebook page. Include your name, the official name of your organization or program as it is listed on the Facebook page and the link to that page. Once you've done that, your name will be added to an e-mail distribution list for FSU Facebook page administrators that was created to share important info and updates on FSU's Facebook efforts. To learn more, go to www.frostburg.edu/socialmedia.

Open Enrollment

A correction period for Open Enrollment will run through May 19 for last-minute changes.

Preventing Sexual Harassment Refresher

FSU administrators, faculty members and staff are required to complete the online Preventing Sexual Harassment refresher course if they have not already done so. More than 265 employees have completed this refresher training to stay up to date on ways to identify and prevent sexual harassment since the program was rolled out April 12. Make it a point to complete the required training as soon as possible, but no later than June 30.

Any current FSU employee who last took the training before July 1, 2009, is required to complete the online refresher. Instructions for employees are available on the Office of Human Resources Web site. Because this is a required training, departmental supervisors are asked to set aside time during the workday to encourage employees to complete the refresher.

Sexual harassment is against the law and will not be tolerated within the FSU community. Likewise, sexual harassment training is required as part of University employment for all administrators, faculty members and staff. Protect yourself from becoming a victim or finding yourself accused of improper conduct.

The Office of Human Resources will continue to monitor training completions to ensure that everyone complies. For info, contact Beth Hoffman at x4102 or bhoffman@frostburg.edu, or Kelly Durst at x7487 or kdurst@frostburg.edu.

Graduating in May?

The 136th commencement ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, in the Cordts PE Center. The College of Business and College of Education will hold their service at 10 a.m., while the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 2 p.m. Mailings are posted on the Web site (www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement) and under “Information and Resources for Graduates.”

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost from the bookstore. They will also be available immediately before and after graduation rehearsal in the Cordts Main Arena lobby Friday, May 21, at 4 p.m.

For info, contact Brittni Teter at x4423 or bteter@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

FSU Makes Princeton Review Green Guide

FSU has been recognized in a new publication designed to "recognize the impressive environmental and
The first lap of Relay for Life, which honors cancer survivors.

The USM Regents’ Faculty Award is the highest honor that the board bestows to recognize exemplary faculty achievement. Bradley’s honor marks the third time in the past four years that an FSU faculty member has been honored by the regents.

“Dr. Bradley is an exceptional teacher and scholar whose efforts reflect her deep commitment to her students,” said President Jonathan Gibralter. “She has developed as a campus, state and national leader in pedagogical innovation.”

Bradley’s nomination touted her innovative efforts to improve student learning, in particular her leadership at FSU in the Regent’s Course Redesign Initiative, intended to increase efficiency and excellence in instruction. FSU’s General Psychology course was redesigned as part of the initiative, with results showing improved student learning and reduced cost to the University. That course is listed as one of “exemplar” projects by the National Center for Academic Transformation. Bradley has also shared her experience and expertise in course redesign in workshops for faculty in the University System of Maryland, as well as for NCAT, and she serves as an NCAT Redesign Scholar, assisting faculty across the country who are working on course redesign.

She was also praised for her innovative approaches to student mentoring, research and service learning. She is one of the two certified FSU teers for Quality Matters, an organization that seeks to ensure that faculty teaching online and hybrid courses are following national standards of “best practices.”
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FSU Ranks First in Recycling Efforts

Thanks to progress made in recycling, FSU ranked first among USM institutions in numerous Recyclemania 2010 categories. Additionally, FSU broke into a top-10 list for the first time by ranking seventh overall out of 223 institutions in the paper recycling contest.

Recyclemania is a friendly, 10-week competition among colleges and universities to see who can reduce and recycle the most on-campus waste. The competition begins every spring in late January and runs for 10 weeks. During this time, colleges submit weekly weights for recycled goods and municipal waste to be included in overall rankings.

The Per-Capita Classic contest of Recyclemania determines which school can collect the largest amount of recyclables per person. Within this category, FSU ranked 29th out of 346 institutions. The Grand Champion contest determines a winner based on an institution’s ability to demonstrate waste reduction and recycling. Within this category, FSU ranked 31st out of 267 institutions. For info, visit www.recyclemaniacs.org.

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International Study Abroad

The Center for International Education offers ways for FSU students to see the world. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester in many countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships are available. For info, visit the Fuller House (across the street from Braddock House), call x4714 or e-mail Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu.

CEE Study Abroad Program

The deadline has been extended to June 1. The Council on International Educational Exchange still has openings for fall 2010 for the following:

- China, Nanjing – Intensive Chinese Language and Culture
- China, Shanghai – Advanced Chinese Studies
- China, Shanghai – Business, Language and Culture
- China, Shanghai – China in a Global Context
- Ghana, Accra – International Business and Culture
- Ireland, Dublin – Arts and Sciences
- Tanzania, Dares Salaam – Language and Culture


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Student Life

Upcoming UCM Events

Christian Meditation Lunch.

Breach meets for two more weeks on Wednesday from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. in Tawes 161; for faculty and staff. For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott at x7490 or c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

Edgewood Commons

Edgewood Commons still has spaces available for 2010-11. Application forms are available on the Web site at www.edgewoodcommonsapt.com. Stop by during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take a tour. For info, call 301-689-1370 or e-mail info@edgewoodcommonsapt.com.

On-Campus Rooms

Students who want to reserve a room in the traditional halls for 2010-11 can come to the Residence Life Office in Annapolis Hall weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Community MBE/DBE Workshop

Workshop Part of Outreach Program

The Maryland Department of Transportation and the Small Business Development Center will conduct a free Minority Business Enterprise/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Application Assistance Workshop on Wednesday, May 19, in the Corrds FE Building beginning at 10 a.m. This free program includes a comprehensive overview of the certification process and provides participants with the opportunity to have a one-on-one meeting with a certification expert. The workshop will be conducted by MDOT’s Office of Minority Business Enterprise, the official certification agency for the state, and will provide valuable information to firms interested in becoming certified. This workshop helps firms determine if they meet the program’s requirements and offers tips for completing the application process. Participants will get an in-depth look at the application and have an opportunity to meet with certification experts to ask questions that relate to their business.
New Shows Coming Saturday, May 22!

“Life and Style With Sara”
FSU-TV3 will bring its viewers family-oriented television with its award-winning new show, “Life and Style With Sara,” hosted by Sara Conner and featuring guest appearances, the show will cover the basics and more on gardening, raising a family and healthy cooking, with other tips for healthy living. See this new show Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

“Cooking With Marie”
Another award-winning series, “Cooking With Marie,” will make cooking the highlight of your weekend afternoon with recipes for fun, easy-to-make homemade foods. Hosted by Marie Jethi Saha, a former attorney who left her practice to pursue her passion for cooking, this show will teach you to cook safely, healthy and effortlessly. Check it out Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m.

“Go Fish With Dan Kenney”
“Go Fish With Dan Kenney” will take you to fisheries around the U.S. and Canada. Exploring fresh and saltwater fisheries, Kenney will showcase the fun of fishing with experienced guest stars. Learn more about the relaxed but fun world of fishing and the best places to fish Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

“Gardening Rhythms”
Every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at noon, FSU-TV3 will air “Gardening Rhythms,” a show for any gardener at any skill level, embracing the traditional and contemporary farming systems. Winner of the 2009 WAVE Award for Educational Programming, FSU-TV3’s new show will explore the different methods of gardening.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Work at FSU-TV3
FSU-TV3 is looking for additional staff for the fall 2010 semester. Positions include graphic designers, editors, producers, program director and more. A Comcast grant will provide an educational stipend for some positions. Go to www.frostburg.edu/dept/incom/channel3/staff.html for job descriptions and an employment application, or stop by the FSU-TV3 office in Old Main 201. For info, contact Melanie Lombardi at 301-687-4101 or mlombardi@frostburg.edu.