U.S. Colleges and Universities Join Forces to Address High-Risk Drinking
FSU Part of National Learning Collaborative Effort

Colleges and universities from across the country, including FSU, are joining forces to address high-risk drinking on American campuses. This unprecedented group initiative -- the Learning Collaborative on High-Risk Drinking -- will use comprehensive evaluation and measurement techniques to identify and implement the most effective ways to confront this persistent problem and lessen the harm it causes.

"I am so pleased that Frostburg State University has been invited to join the Dartmouth Learning Collaborative so we can share the successful strategies we have implemented at Frostburg -- strategies that have led to a 27 percent reduction in high-risk drinking since 1997," said President Jonathan Gibralter. "With the collaborative knowledge generated during this project, it is my hope that strategies will be implemented that will cause colleges and universities to focus upon the importance of high-risk drinking so they can share in and perhaps even exceed our success."

In addition to FSU, 13 other institutions have joined the Collaborative to date: Boston University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Northwestern University, Ohio University, Princeton University, Purdue University, Sewanee: The University of the South, Stanford University, Stony Brook University, University of Wyoming and Wesleyan University. The Collaborative will accept additional schools through May 20.

"Binge drinking is a serious public health challenge, leading to injury and in some cases, death, for hundreds of thousands of college students each year," said U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "HHS agencies have tackled this issue over the years, strengthening the evidence base and identifying interventions that work to reduce binge drinking. The Learning Collaborative on High-Risk Drinking is a promising initiative that will implement evidence-based practices at college campuses around the nation."

The Learning Collaborative methodology was developed by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement in Cambridge, Mass., and is aimed at spreading and adapting knowledge to different settings to address a given problem or health concern. This model has already been used successfully hundreds of times in medicine and public health. Using this system, participants are able to implement changes quickly and determine which methods are most effective in institutions. These experiences then inform the process and progress of the group as a whole.

A centerpiece of the methodology is its focus on measurement. Various measures will be developed to track the progress of the effort, in consultation with experts from across the country. Data will be shared and compared among participant institutions with the goal of lowering the rate of binge drinking and reducing the incidence of the harm associated with this behavior.

Close to 2,000 college students in the U.S. die each year from alcohol-related injuries, including motor vehicle accidents, and an estimated 600,000 students are injured while under the influence, according to research from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. In addition, research has consistently shown that binge drinking often leads to sexual abuse and unsafe sex as well as academic problems.

Faculty Achievement Award Winners to Be Honored at Convocation

The recipients of the 2011 Faculty Achievement Awards, with top graduating students from every degree program, will be honored at the University Honors Convocation on Friday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. All members of the University community are invited to attend the Convocation and the reception that follows.

This year’s Faculty Achievement Award recipients are Dr. William L. Anderson, Department of Economics, for Academic Accomplishment; Dr. Scott P. Johnson, Department of Political Science, for Academic Accomplishment; and Dr. Yan Bao, Department of Accounting, for University and Community Service. The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

In addition to the faculty awards, one graduating student per degree program will be honored for academic excellence and leadership. Faculty members in each program have selected 12 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.
The meeting is free and open to the public; advance registration is required. Electronic registration can be found at www.frostburg.edu/aces/ community-news-events/symposium-registration/, or contact ACES Outreach Coordinator Mimi Hernandez at m hernandez@frostburg.edu or x316.

Students are encouraged to submit poster abstracts at http://mirror.frostburg.edu/aces/community-news-events/abstract-upload/. The deadline to submit abstracts and to be included in the printed abstract book is June 3. Receipt of abstracts will be confirmed with an immediate e-mail after Internet submission. Posters should measure 48 inches (width) by 36 inches (height). Poster setup will be at noon.

ACES is a partnership of Frostburg State University, West Virginia University, the University of Maryland, and the Tai Sophia Institute. Its mission is to study native plants with medicinal or other useful properties, protect the conservation of these plants and Appalachian ecosystems as a whole, preserve Appalachian culture as it relates to wild plant harvesting and traditional use and work with local businesses to bring economic benefits to the region from managed development of botanical resources. For info about ACES, go to www.frostburg.edu/aces.

The Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future promotes research and develops and communicates information about the complex interrelationships among diet, food production, environment and human health. The center advances an ecological perspective in reducing threats to the health of the public and promotes policies that protect health, the global environment and the ability to sustain life for future generations. For info, about the center, go to www.jhsph.edu/clf.

**AL Seminar Series**

Dr. Hermann Engelhardt, California Institute of Technology, will present “ICE: From Molecules to Fast-Moving Antarctic Ice Streams With Implications to Global Change” Thursday, May 12. at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109.

For info, go to www.umces.edu/al/ seminar/schedule.

The FSU Foundation is seeking $2.5 million in new endowment gifts to support the President’s Merit Scholarships, which are available to students who meet high academic standards and other guidelines. President Jonathan Gibralter and the FSU Foundation are committed to the success of all students in achieving their academic and financial goals.

For info, contact the Development Office at 301-405-1313.
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Campaign for Frostburg, to raise badly needed funding for higher education in Western Maryland. Gifts support student enrichment, academic enrichment and regional and cultural enrichment. For info about supporting these scholarships, visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation or call x4161.

End-of-Semester Book Buyback!
A book buyback will be held at the Center Street lot (University Store trailer in the parking lot) and the Bobcat Store on Main Street Monday, May 9, to Wednesday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (weekdays only).

A buyback will also be held at the University Store in Lane Center (back hallway buyback window) Wednesday, May 11, to Wednesday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (weekdays only).

A photo ID is required at all locations.

Grad Sale at University Store!
The University Store will be open on graduation day, Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a sale that day — 25 percent off all apparel, imprinted gifts and glassware and 75 percent off all clearance.

This is an in-store promotion only; no other discounts apply.

Hendricks to Be Honored at Reception
A celebration reception to honor the Rev. Ed Hendricks for his 19 years of service to FSU students and the campus community will be held on Tuesday, May 10, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend. Brief remarks will take place at 3 p.m.

LGLG – Save the Date
The last LGLG Committee Meeting of the semester will be May 17. The meeting will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Lane 113.

For info, contact Lawrence Gingerich at x360 or lgingerich@frostburg.edu.

First Teaching and Learning Retreat
Save the date for the first Teaching and Learning Retreat on Building Better Students on June 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fairways Restaurant at the Maplehurst Golf Club in Frostburg. The event is sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory group and co-sponsored by the Office of the Resident and the Center for Instructional Technology. Details to follow via e-mail.

Does Your Dept. Have a Facebook Page?
Have you been asked to develop a Facebook page or some other social media presence for your department or program? If so, take advantage of resources available through FSU's eFrostburg Community. This site includes a downloadable marketing plan with strategies for how to communicate through social media, a social media registry and other useful information.

Also, check out the eFrostburg Community Facebook page, which is used to regularly share ideas and articles about social media and higher education, and highlight how FSU is using social media to get the word out about its programs, initiatives, activities and events.

These resources were developed by FSU's Social Media Group, a group of faculty and staff who are considering how social media can be integrated into FSU's overall educational experience and marketing presence. For info, e-mail efstsmouth@frostburg.edu.

Get Involved
Upcoming UCM Events
Group meetings are in Tawes 161. For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirzlott at x7490 or c.zirzlott@frostburg.edu. Join “United Campus Ministry at FSU” on Facebook.

Upcoming Special Opportunities
Free Energy Boost, May 12, 13 and 16, 10 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Stop by the UCM Office during finals for some hospitality and a quick energy booster!

Field Day Destressor and Fundraiser, Saturday, May 14, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Frostburg City Park. FCA will host a fun day with various games and food to raise funds to assist a young man’s family with medical expenses. Hunter Stratchko is a 15-year-old boy with mitochondrial disease (a progressive energy metabolism disorder) who has recently been moved to hospice care. The field day is open to all and their families. Suggested donation for entry is $4 per person (cost of food additional).

Spring Schedule—Last Week!
Wednesday Spiritual Study Break, 9 to 9:45 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are invited to UCM’s Vesper-style worship experience.

Thursday FCA Riddle Bible Study, 8 to 9:15 p.m. UCM’s Christian Athletes group invites students to this student-led weekly Bible study.

Sunday’s Finding True North Meetings, 7 to 9 p.m.
Student Life

Edgewood Commons

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications from current FSU students for 2011-2012. Complete the application process and secure a space for the fall! All necessary application forms are available at www.edgewoodcommonsapts.com. Simply print and fill out the documents and return them to the Edgewood office with the application fees.

Each apartment comes fully furnished and contains:

- Full-size washer and dryer
- Central heat and air conditioning
- Full-size kitchen with appliances
- Ample kitchen cabinet space
- Dishwasher
- Garbage disposal
- All apartments have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms.
- Other amenities include:
  - Fitness center
  - High-def media room with XBox360, Wii and Playstation
  - Hotel-style lounge with big-screen television
  - Game room with two pool tables
  - Three conference/study lounges
  - High-speed wireless Internet
  - 24-hour computer lab with free printing

Edgewood has on-site management and a full-time maintenance staff. Additionally, utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable) are included in the contract fee.

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@edgewoodcommonsapts.com

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New Episode of ‘Down to Earth With Dr. G’

A new episode of ‘Down to Earth With Dr. G’ will air Monday, May 9, at 9:30 p.m. on FSU-TV’s Comcast Channel 3. In this episode, President Gibralter and co-host Madison Martin will discuss “Fire Safety.” After the devastating loss of students Alyssa Salazar and Evan Kultberg last winter, fire safety has become a high priority on campus. In this episode, Bruce Bouch from the state Fire Marshal’s Office, with Steven Dittmer and Caitlin Ward, friends of the victims, will discuss how to stay safe and prevent fire emergencies.

“Down to Earth with Dr. G” airs Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 p.m. For info, log on to www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv/programming/original/down-to-earth/

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Volunteers

The Animal Shelter Still Needs YOU!

Spending your summer in the ‘Burg this year? Why not volunteer at the Allegany County Animal Shelter? Walk dogs, clean kennels, socialize cats, do laundry or dishes or assist with paperwork – there’s a lot of work to go around! And don’t forget to dress in comfortable, washable clothing.

Volunteer applications are available at the shelter at 716 Furnace St. in Cumberland. For info, call 301-777-5930 or e-mail trafferty@twrefi.net.

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FSU-TV Schedule for May 9-15

For more: http://fsu-tv.frostburg.edu/Cablecast/Publish/Schedule.aspx?ChannelID=1

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For info, visit the Fuller House, call x4714 or e-mail Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu. Also check out the CIE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/studyabroad.htm.

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 abroad for a semester or a year. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships are available.

Limerick, Ireland (Fall 2011)

Students can study for a semester at Mary Immaculate College and pay FSU tuition. Credits will transfer back to FSU. For info, go to www.mic.ul.ie/.

Changsha, China (Fall 2011)

Through the China Exchange Program, FSU students can spend a semester at Hunan Normal University in Changsha, Hunan Province, P.R. China (www.hunnu.edu.cn/english/).

Students pay FSU tuition and fees (based on residency status) through their student e-bill account and pay room and board costs to HNU.

Call for Submissions

Museums on Main Street, a division of the Smithsonian, with the Maryland Humanities Council, will continue the acclaimed exhibit, “Between Fences,” at Spruce Forest Artisan Village through June 26. A partner in this endeavor, the Appalachian Independent (www.appindie.org) seeks essay submissions, creative writing, poetry or short audio/digital explorations (3,000 words or less) complementing the exhibit’s themes: boundaries, place and space.

“Between Fences” strives to engage audiences, create conversations and inspire community members to come together across borders and backyard fences to share their unique “fence stories.” Submissions will be featured in the Appalachian Independent during the exhibit’s stay in Mountain Maryland and may be incorporated into an on-site satellite display.

For info on the exhibition, go to www.museumsommainstreet.org/exhib_fences/fences.htm. Submissions should be sent to krogerthomas@appindie.org.

MONDAY, MAY 9

Late Registration for Summer Sessions for Continuing Students (With Late Fees)
Through May 24
Third Annual Biology Dept. Showcase ................................. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Compton 3rd Fl. Atrium
Greek Council Meeting.................................................. 5:30 p.m. Dunkle 218
Clarinet Studio Recital .................................................. 8 p.m. PAC Pealer Recital Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Last Day to Withdraw From Classes With “WF”
Last Day for GRADUATE Students to Remove Incomplete (“I”) Grades
Celebration Reception for Father Ed Hendricks .......................... 2-4 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room (232)
UPC Meeting .................................................................. 6 p.m. Lane 108

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 – Reading Day
Summer Sessions Course Cancellations for Sessions Beginning May 23
Frost Hall Fun Day ....................................................... noon-4 p.m. Upper Quad
Black Student Alliance Study Jam Sessions ......................... 7 p.m. Lane 108 and 113
UCM Spiritual Study Break ...................................... 9 p.m. Tawes 161

THURSDAY, MAY 12 – Final Exams
Blackout Day .................................................................. noon-1 p.m. Campuswide
RHA General Assembly .............................................. 5 p.m. Dunkle 218
UCM Christian Athletes Bible Study ............................... 8 p.m. Tawes 161

FRIDAY, MAY 13 – Final Exams
Men’s/Women’s Track & Field: Gator Invitational (Allegheny College), Meadville, Pa. .................................................... Away

SATURDAY, MAY 14 – Reading Day/Common Finals

SUNDAY, MAY 15 – Reading Day/Common Finals
CCM Mass ................................................................. noon & 8 p.m. Cook Chapel
Planetarium: “New Planetary Systems” .............................. 4 & 7 p.m. Tawes 302
UCM True North Meeting ........................................... 7-9 p.m. Tawes 161

Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information is subject to change.

Take a Hike!

• Plan Ahead
• Know Your Environment
• Have a Fire Source
• Learn First Aid and Carry a Kit
• Be Careful What You Pack
• Think Before You Step
• Always Carry Out What You Carry In
• Know Where to Get Medical Care
• Never Hike Alone
• Avoid Sunburn
• Pace Yourself

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