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FSU to Focus on Sustainability at Focus Frostburg



FSU will be fully focused on sustainability during its upcoming Focus Frostburg event, an annual day of learning on sustainability and climate awareness, on **Wednesday, April 23**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event, free and open to the public, will feature green activities for everyone, including presentations in the Lane University Center, poster displays in the Compton Science Center and a sculpture garden on the front lawn of the Ort Library.

Declare **Arbor Day** and join FSU at the Clock Tower as it celebrates its second year as Tree Campus USA from noon until 1 p.m. Plant trees and enjoy themed environmental music from the FSU Chamber Choir.

Learn all about sustainability from a wide range of presentations from faculty and students at the Lane University Center, including those on the topics of art, climate, energy, ethnobotany, food, history, religion and policy.

Climate presentations include **"The Vortex, and Cold, and Snow, Oh My! The Winter of 2013-14: Why Was It so Fierce ... or Was It?"** which discusses this past winter season's "polar vortex." Energy presentations include **"Personal Kinetic Energy Generation and Storage for a Sustainable Future,"** which discusses generating and storing personal kinetic energy into usable energy; and **"My First Year Leasing a Solar System in Frostburg: Electric Bills and Electric Production,"** which reviews solar-powered electricity generation systems.

History presentations will include **"With All the Wealth of the World at Hand: Industry, Ecology and the Ford Empire, 1914-1939,"** which discusses how the expansion of the Ford Motor Company during the early 20th century depended on the wholesale transformation of local ecologies and green spaces on three continents. Religion presentations will include **"Religion and Environmental Activism,"** which features a documentary project, **"Renewal,"** the first feature-length film to capture the vitality and diversity of today's religious-environmental activists.

Policy presentations include **"Taking Sustainability Seriously,"** which discusses whether there will be enough water, air, food and materials to go around for a growing human population in the future; **"Animal Welfare: An Integral Component of Sustainability,"** which discusses humane and responsible management of animals to help achieve sustainable development; **"El Yunque National Forest, Puerto Rico: Reflections on Visitor Experience and Resource Protection,"** which discusses the current situation at El Yunque National Forest as it relates to visitors' experience and the social and environmental impacts associated with crowding at various sites; and **"Proposal for a New Student Fee for Sustainability,"** which will explain why funds are needed to help purchase new equipment and upgrade campus facilities to use less energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve overall sustainability.

Art presentations will include **"Wilderness in American Literature,"** which addresses American identity through wild spaces. Food presentations will include **"Studying Sustainable Foodways in Mountain Maryland,"** which discusses techniques and practices to forge sustainable food systems.

Ethnobotany research projects include **"Herbarium Revamp: Sorting, Displaying and Digitizing the FSU Herbarium Collection,"** which reorganizes the FSU Herbarium to improve ease of access for students and researchers; **"Tree Species and Traditional Uses of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation,"** which presents eight-year results collected by FSU students of planting butternuts within an established cane stand and at a control site; **"Establishment of White Oak, 'Quercus alba,' Seedlings for Cherokee Basketry,"** which presents the establishment of experimental plantations on the Kituwa site in cooperation with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and **"Triple R: Re-soil, Re-seed and Re-green the FSU Campus,"** which embraces and promotes the philosophy of interdisciplinary collaboration by combining the efforts of faculty and students from the departments of Geography, Biology, English and Chemistry.

See poster presentations of student sustainability projects at the Lane Center from 3 to 3:50 p.m. Student-run projects include **“Case Studies in Sustainability Assessment,”** which provides an overview of the sustainability studies minor while featuring student’s experientially based work this semester; **“Taking Action Now,”** which presents a slide show of all Sierra Club trips and discusses hydraulic fracturing; and student-designed **“Sustainability Poster Presentations,”** which covers topics including food, medicine, health, feral cats, a native tree nursery, impacts of de-icing salt, student perceptions and mindsets, improved recycling and the psychology of sustainability.

Visit the Discovery Center on the first floor of the Compton Science Center to learn about opportunities for students of any major to get involved with the Frostburg Grows project, a native tree nursery, local food production, composting, renewable energy and training center on a former coal mine near the FSU campus. Then, help plant and transplant native tree seeds and seedlings, including black gum, red oak and black walnut.

Throughout the day, browse the informational displays at the Compton Science Center’s Discovery Center. Displays include the Frostburg Arboretum Display, providing information about the current status and history of the campus arboretum; FSU’s Sustainability Initiative, detailing the progress of FSU’s sustainability initiative plan; and Bottled Houses, revealing some of the uses for recycled bottles.

Drop by the sculpture garden on the front lawn of the Ort Library as creatures created from recycled aluminum fly toward the University’s center for learning. The project, featuring flying animals considered endangered and themed as a **“Parade of the Species,”** was created to engage the landscapes, create art with an ecological theme and work with the theme of education.

Participate in this year’s **“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”** online poster contest, which highlights the talent and creativity of FSU graphic design students. Help communicate environmental awareness for FSU’s celebration of Earth Week by viewing and voting for the 26 student-designed posters at <http://on.fb.me/1iMPD8Z>. First prize is \$100, second prize is \$50 and third prize is \$25. Voting lasts until midnight on Earth Day, **Tuesday, April 22**. Winners will be announced **Friday, April 25**.

For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/lglg/focusfrostburg.htm.

FSU Recognized With Excellence in Student Training Award



Lane University Center staff members, from left, Angel Flowers, events coordinator; Austin Huot, assistant director; and Rob Webber, director, were on hand to accept the award.

FSU’s Lane University Center, part of Student and Community Involvement, was honored with the Excellence in Student Training Award by the Association of College Unions International at its conference this month in Orlando, Fla.

The Excellence in Student Training Award honors a campus for its innovative approach and commitment to effectively prepare students with the skills and leadership to staff a college union facility. A complex yearlong commitment, the training program at the Lane University Center features a series of skill-based courses for a variety of positions, ongoing relationship-building activities, trips to observe operations at other institutions and intentional opportunities for reflection and the reinforcement of learning.

FSU’s Lane University Center hosts nearly 5,000 events a year for faculty, staff, students and the community. Its 35 student employees work nearly 15,000 hours a year to assist with the operation of the building and support campus-life initiatives at the University.

“The Lane University Center prides itself on helping to build community on campus through the services the building staff provides,” said Robert Webber, director of the center.

For info on Lane University Center’s training program, contact Webber at x7084 or rwebber@frostburg.edu.

Theatre

‘Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson’ to Star FSU Alum Matt Merchant



FSU’s Department of Theatre and Dance will present “Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson,” a rock musical by Alex Timbers with music and lyrics by Michael Friedman, on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 24, 25 and 26**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Referred to by Newsday as “90 thoroughly audacious, politically savvy, politically incorrect minutes,” FSU’s production will star guest artist and FSU alum **Matt Merchant** in the title role.

Directed by **Darrell Rushton** with musical direction by Chris McCabe, “Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson” reinvents the seventh president of the U.S. as an emo-rock star rebel. The story follows Jackson from his childhood on the wild frontier to his aggressive rise to power battling the British, annihilating Native American territories and dominating the presidency. This high-energy concert examines the populist movement of “Old Hickory,” drawing parallels to today’s political culture.

Merchant, a Los Angeles-based actor, returns to Western Maryland after performing on FSU’s stage nearly 20 years ago. A member of the California-based and award-winning Troubadour Theatre Company, Merchant is credited for helping to create original pieces with the company. Through a collaboration with Garry Marshall and Paul Williams, Merchant created characters for the national tour of “Happy Days: A New Musical.” In addition to performing in “Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson,” Merchant will work side by side with faculty and students on a series of workshops during his residency. He appears courtesy of the Actors’ Equity Association.

The performance is recommended for mature audiences ages 18 and up.

Individual tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$6 for students. For info, contact the Theatre and Dance box office at x7462 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Presentations

Fiscus to Speak on ‘Science, Sustainability and Frostburg Grows Project’

Dr. Dan Fiscus, a lecturer in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will present his talk, “Science, Sustainability and the Frostburg Grows Project,” on **Monday, April 21**, at 6 p.m. in Compton 226. This event, sponsored by the Western Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society, is free and open to the public.

Fiscus will describe scientific ideas and principles at the foundation of environmental sustainability and will tell the story of the Frostburg Grows project, where FSU is applying these ideas in a “synergy center” and an autocatalytic system in which each function feeds and augments another in a large self-reinforcing loop. He will also describe experiential education opportunities and collaborations with FSU faculty in Chemistry on soils and water analyses.

Spring Academic Enrichment Series

The spring 2014 Academic Enrichment Series, presented by Academic Affairs and Student & Educational Services, will assist with preparing for life after college, improving your academic skills, building self-confidence and networking skills and learning more about yourself and campus resources.

Dr. Robbie Cordle, director, Career Services, in the Center for Advising and Career Services, will give a talk on “What to Do in College for Life After College” on **Wednesday, April 23**, at noon in Pullen 108.

For info, contact Programs Advancing Student Success at x4441 or the Retention Office at x3206.

32nd Annual Spring Festival of Children’s Literature



Melissa Sweet

FSU will present its 32nd annual Spring Festival of Children’s Literature on **Friday, April 25**, and **Saturday, April 26**. Each year librarians, educators, parents and students come to the campus of FSU to share their love of children’s literature and learn more about successful ways to share that love with children.

The theme for the weekend will be “Building the Passion for Lifelong Reading.” Melissa Sweet, Steve Jenkins, Floyd Cooper and Ben Mikaelson will be the award-winning authors and illustrators headlining the event, which this year will be streamed online via a live webcast. Each of these writers has created stories that inspire in children the passion to be lifelong readers.



Steve Jenkins

The agenda for the festival includes informative small group sessions and large group presentations offered in a personal and relaxed environment. Topics range from “Bringing Literature to Life Through Technology” to “Informational Texts for Students K-8 That Address Common Core Needs.” Participants mingle with fellow educators and exchange ideas, purchase books and embrace the wisdom and experience that the visiting authors have to share. An extensive book selection will be available for purchase, as well as autographing opportunities.



Floyd Cooper

Advance registration to the festival is required. Pre-orders are available for the books that will be featured. The festival is supported by the FSU Foundation and is sponsored by the FSU Department of Educational Professions and the Children’s Literature Centre. For info, contact the Centre at x3133 or Dr. William Bingman at x4420. Full details on the conference can be found at www.frostburg.edu/clc and on Facebook at facebook.com/clcfsu. You can also follow the Centre on Twitter [@CLCFSU](https://twitter.com/CLCFSU).

Area Families Invited to Children’s Hour With Authors and Illustrators

As part of the Festival of Children’s Literature and through a partnership among FSU’s Children’s Literature Centre, Allegany County Public Schools and the Allegany County Public Library System, the R. Margaret Hamilton Children’s Hour will be held at various locations around the local area on **Friday, April 25**. This free event allows children ages 5 to 14 to interact with the festival’s featured authors and illustrators. The schedule is as follows:

- Sweet (ages 5 to 10), 4 p.m., Lane University Center
- Jenkins (ages 8 to 12), 10 a.m., George’s Creek Library
- Cooper (ages 6 to 12), 10 a.m., South Penn Elementary
- Mikaelson (young adult), 1 p.m., Westmar Middle School



Ben Mikaelson

Children and parents who wish to attend one of the sessions should contact Dr. Jodi Welsch at x3096 or jwelsch@frostburg.edu to register.

Come Experience the Culture of Tanzania

The FSU Science Discovery Center will host “Tanzania Cultural Tourism,” a presentation that includes an information session by *Steria Ndaga* and a display featuring the art of Tanzania, as well as a video on the country’s national parks, on **Wednesday, April 30**, at 3 p.m. on the first floor of the Compton Science Center.

For info, contact Susan Snow at srsnow@frostburg.edu or x4723.

Third Annual CLAS Undergraduate Research Symposium

FSU’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will host an Undergraduate Research Symposium on **Friday, May 2**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Manicur Assembly Hall and the surrounding conference rooms of the Lane University Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The symposium will celebrate the research accomplishments of FSU undergraduate students by providing them with the unique opportunity to present their work to their peers and share experiences across disciplines. The symposium will feature 87 posters, oral presentations and displays that represent research conducted by undergraduate students in biology, chemistry, communication studies, computer science and information technologies, English, fine arts, geography, history, mass communication, mathematics, nursing, philosophy, physics and engineering, psychology and social work.

Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will kick off the event with an address to the attendees at 10 a.m.

For info, contact Dr. Karen Keller at x4174 or klkeller@frostburg.edu.

Appalachian Laboratory Spring Seminar Series

Stuart Schwartz, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Center for Urban Environmental Research and Education, will present “Slowflow Fingerprints of Urban Hydrology” on **Thursday, April 24**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. For info, go to www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule.

Music

Unless otherwise noted, recitals and concerts will take place in PAC Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at x4109 or visit www.frostburg.edu/music.

Department of Music Presents Vocal Studio Recitals

FSU’s Department of Music will present two vocal studio recitals in April. Students from **Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter**’s studio will perform on **Monday, April 21**, at 7:30 p.m., and those from **Dr. Steven Soebbing** and **Dr. Karen Soderberg**’s studios will perform **Tuesday, April 22**, also at 7:30 p.m. They will be accompanied by **Dr. James DeWire**, **Dr. Sean Beachy** and **Judith Brown**.

FSU Low Brass Studio to Perform April 25

The FSU Low Brass Studio, directed by **Kevin McManus**, will present a recital on **Friday, April 25**, at 7:30 p.m. The performance will begin with “Suite” from Ludwig Van Beethoven’s “The Mount of Olives.” The concert will also feature “Duets” by Ben Coy and “Days of Wine and Roses” and “Eagles Landing” by Michael Davis, who is a jazz trombonist who worked with The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and Michael Jackson. The concert will close with “So What” and “Fantasy” by Sigismond Stojowski.

Roots Music Series Concert to Feature ‘Queen of Bluegrass’



Rhonda Vincent and WFWM’s
Chuck Dicken

The Spring 2014 Roots Music Series concert will host Rhonda Vincent and the Rage **Saturday, April 26**, at the Allegany High School auditorium at 616 Sedgwick St. in Cumberland. Presented by the Allegany Arts Council, WFWM Public Radio and Dr. Ken Roberts, the concert will begin at 8 p.m. with a performance by Jimmy Gaudreau and Moondi Klein. Tickets are available from the Allegany Arts Council, the Book Center in Cumberland, Main Street Books in Frostburg and at the door the night of the concert.

Having won more than 70 awards, Rhonda Vincent and the Rage is one of the most respected and popular bands in bluegrass. Vincent, known as “the Queen of Bluegrass,” has won the International Bluegrass Music Association “Female Vocalist of the Year” award seven times in a row between 2000 and 2006. She was also awarded “Entertainer of the Year” five times from the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America. Her recent two-disc set, “Only Me,” contains both bluegrass and country songs. Vincent’s band, the Rage, features Josh Williams on guitar, Hunter Berry on fiddle, Mickey Harris on bass, Aaron McDaris on banjo and dobro-player Brent Burke.

Gaudreau and Klein are respected veteran musicians themselves, having played in bands like the Country Gentlemen, Seldom Scene, Tony Rice Unit and Chesapeake. Together, their duets offer a modern version of the classic country duets of the ‘30s and ‘40s. They have released two albums, “2:10 Train” in 2008 and “Home From The Mills” in 2012.

The Roots Music Series encourages and sustains traditional music in the community and showcases a variety of musical traditions (such as bluegrass, folk, country, blues and gospel) to entertain local audiences and increase awareness and interest in these art forms. For info, contact the Allegany Arts Council at 301-777-ARTS.

Sarah Marean in Senior Soprano Recital

Sarah Marean will perform her senior soprano recital on **April 27** at 3 p.m. She will be accompanied by **Dr. Sean Beachy** on piano. Marean will perform “Songs of the Clown, Op. 29,” including “Come Away Death,” “O Mistress Mine,” “Adieu,” “Good Man Devil” and “Hey Robin,” by Erich Wolfgang Korngold; “Ridente la calma” and “Un moto di gioia” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; “Placido Zeffiretto” by Vincenzo Righini; “Liebst du um Schönheit” and “Ihr Bildnis” by Clara Schumann; “Widmung” by Robert Schumann; “Si mes vers avaient des ailes” by Reynaldo Hahn; “Extase” by Henri Duparc; “Je te veux” by Eric Satie; and “I’ve Got a Crush on You,” “Someone to Watch Over Me” and “But Not for Me” by George Gershwin.

CES to Present ‘An Afternoon of Solo Piano’ With Robin Spielberg



FSU’s Cultural Events Series will end its 2013-14 season with a Sunday brunch and performance with Robin Spielberg – “An Afternoon of Solo Piano” – on **Sunday, April 27**, in the Lyric Theatre at 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Brunch will be served from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. and the performance will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Named to the prestigious Steinway Artist Roster, Spielberg is a prominent solo pianist and composer who has performed everywhere from Joe’s Pub to Carnegie Hall. Whether playing music that rejoices in the transition of the seasons or revealing delightful new twists on American standards, her concerts intertwine music with stories that inspire laughter and enlightenment.

During her concert at the Lyric, Spielberg will also offer highlights and insights from her new book, “Naked at the Piano Bench: My Adventures in Pianoland.” She will be available for a post-performance book-signing event.

Tickets for the brunch and performance are \$28 for adults and \$23.80 for youth under 17. Tickets for the performance only are \$18 for adults and \$15.30 for youth under 17. Corporate and group discount rates are also available.

For info, contact the CES box office at x3137 or visit CES’ webpage at ces.frostburg.edu.

Evan Schutz to Perform Senior Trumpet Recital

Evan Schutz will perform his senior trumpet recital on **April 27** at 7 p.m. He will be accompanied by *Dr. Jay DeWire*.

In the first part of his program, Schutz will perform “Concerto for Trumpet and Piano” by Alexander Arutunian; “Rain Has Fallen, Op. 10, No. 1” by Samuel Barber; and “Vignettes,” including “Running With Lionel,” “Chuck’s March,” “Max” and “White on White” by James Stephenson. He will be accompanied by *Mike Murphy* on percussion. He will then perform “Fantasie” by James Stephenson and “Blue Rondo a la Turk” by Dave Brubeck and will be accompanied by *Jeremy Johnson* on trumpet, *Geoffrey Westbook* on horn, *Marc Williams* on trombone and *Hunter Martin* on tuba.

FSU Brass Ensemble in Concert May 2

Kevin McManus will direct the FSU Brass Ensemble in its recital on **Friday, May 2**, at 7:30 p.m. The ensemble will perform “Also Sprach Zarathustra” (the theme from “2001: A Space Odyssey”), “Galliard Battaglia,” Ewald’s “Quintet No. 1,” “Simple Gifts,” “Three Pieces” by Pezel, “America the Beautiful” and “A Western Fanfare.”

Readings

FSU’s Center for Creative Writing to Host Readings by Celebrated Authors

FSU’s Center for Creative Writing will host readings by authors Laura McCullough and Suzanne Parker as part of its Spring 2014 Reading Series on **Thursday, April 24**, at 7:30 p.m. in Lane 113. The event is free and open to the public.

McCullough has written several books, including her book of poetry, “Panic,” “The Room and the World: Essays on the Poetry of Stephen Dunn” and her most recent book of poetry, “Rigger Death and Hoist Another.” McCullough has been awarded several honors and scholarships throughout the course of her career, and she has been published in several anthologies and literary magazines and journals.

Parker is the author of “Viral,” a collection of poems. Her recent and forthcoming publications include “Serving House,” “Rattapallax,” “Macguffin” and “Cider Press Review.” Her creative nonfiction work is published in the travel anthology “Something to Declare.” She is a winner of the Alice M. Sellars Award from the Academy of American Poets and was a Poetry Fellow at the Prague Summer Seminars. Parker also co-directs the creative writing program at Brookdale Community College and teaches poetry workshops in Manhattan, N.Y., with the Uptown Writers Group.

For info, contact the Center for Creative Writing at x4340 or cwcenter@frostburg.edu.

Visual Arts

‘Lighter Than Air’ Student Exhibition on Display at Roper Gallery

“Lighter Than Air,” an exhibition of graduating fine arts students, will run **from Saturday, April 26, through Tuesday, April 29**, in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in the Fine Arts Building. The opening reception will be held on **April 26** from 6 to 8 p.m. The show will feature artwork in a variety of mediums by *Amber Haning*, *Linda Magruder*, *Sara Volk*, *Thomas Markowski* and *Dathan Schline*.

Haning specializes in the use of watercolor and ink. Magruder, also a painting student, will display a collection of landscapes. Volk focuses on painting and ceramics. Markowski will display a variety of photographs that delve into the ethereal realm of the human psyche. Schline will show a collection of computer-crafted images ranging from the objective to the abstract.

The Roper Gallery is open Sunday through Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m.

For info, contact the FSU Department of Visual Arts at x4797.

Four New Ort Library Displays for April

The first three displays are on the third floor. The first celebrates National Poetry Month and highlights different types of poetry books. The second highlights personal finance; free copies of “Playbook for Life: The Student’s Guide to Understanding and Planning for Your Financial Future” are available. The third display highlights theatre and includes some items from FSU’s Theatre Department, including playbills and props.

The fourth display, on the fifth floor, highlights the Earth Day 2014 theme, “Go With the Flow: Clean H₂O,” and focuses on the watershed and how to conserve water.

All the displays include books on the various subjects that are available from the library.

For info, contact Theresa Mastrodonato at x4425 or tmastrodonato@frostburg.edu, or MaryJo Price at x4889 or mprice@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

Tanisha Mitchell Presents Research at Honors Council Conference



FSU sophomore *Tanisha Mitchell*, a political science major, presented research at the Northeast Regional Honors Council conference held in early April in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Mitchell’s paper, titled “We Can Do It, Because I Have a Dream: The Controversy of How the Supreme Court Has Never Had an African-American Woman Justice,” focused on the myths many people invoke as reasons why African-American women have not been afforded representation on the nation’s highest court. Her presentation originated from Dr. Amy Branam Armiento’s English 111 Honors Freshman Composition class.

Zumbathon a Success!



The Zumbathon on April 12 attracted a wide turnout and raised \$682! The group is still accepting donations to go along with the money raised for the Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins.

For info on how to make a donation, email Melanie Lombardi at malary@atlanticbb.net.

Take Note

Final Dialogue of Sustaining Campus and Community Series to Focus on Respect in Race Relations

The Frostburg Sustaining Campus and Community Dialogue Series aims to strengthen community relationships and foster civility and collaborative problem-solving in Frostburg. The next dialogue session, “Respecting Each Other: A Dialogue About Race Relations,” will be held **Tuesday, April 29**, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theater at 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. The public session is open to anyone in the Frostburg community interested in discussing this topic.

Supported by FSU, the Maryland Judiciary’s Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office and Mountainside Community Mediation Center since spring 2012, the dialogue sessions convene students, year-round residents, local officials and University leaders to discuss issues and create new opportunities for collaborative problem-solving and coalition-building in Frostburg. In this second year of the series, community members are working toward tangible solutions for deeper-level, sensitive and structurally challenging town-and-gown tensions that bring about safe, secure living conditions and civil relationships between long- and short-term residents in the college town.

For info, contact project manager Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, chair of FSU’s Department of Communication Studies, at elruminski@frostburg.edu or x4480. Details and documentary segments about the project are available at www.frostburg.edu/dept/cmst/dialogue-series.

Sign Up for Summer Session 2014

Registration has begun, and the first summer session starts **Tuesday, May 27**. Undergraduate and graduate courses are offered online or on campus. Payment plans are available for six convenient sessions. A computer lab in Dunkle 125 is available 24/7 for all students during Summer Session. Call x4423 for info or check out www.frostburg.edu/summer.

Participate in the First Annual FSU 5K Run/Walk and Help Local Children



The first annual FSU 5K Run/Walk will be held **Friday, May 2**, at 6 p.m. in Bobcat Stadium. Proceeds will benefit CASA of Allegany County. CASA’s mission is to recruit, train and support volunteers to be court-appointed advocates for abused and neglected children in the court system, and to collaborate with other local agencies in an effort to ensure that all children are in a safe and nurturing home.

All participants may opt to help raise funds for local children via CASA of Allegany County.

A fun kids’ run will also take place on the track (more details to follow).

The entry fee is \$10 for FSU students, \$12 for FSU faculty and staff through **April 21** and \$15 after **April 21**, \$15 for the general public through **April 21** and a pre-registration discounted family rate of \$12 per person in family through **April 21** and \$20 after **April 21**. For info, go to www.frostburg.edu/fsu5k.

FSU, Allegany County Public Schools and Appalachian Lab to Host Western Maryland STEM Festival

FSU will host the annual Western Maryland STEM Festival to reinvigorate the interest of the area’s youth in science, technology, engineering and math, on **Saturday, May 3**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in FSU’s Frampton Hall and Compton Science Center. The event is free and open to K-12 students in public or private schools and their parents.

Students and parents will have the opportunity to learn about various topics, including robotics and forensics, and engage in hands-on, fun science activities such as ping-pong and making bouncy balls and slime.

Event presenters will include professors from FSU and the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory, as well as representatives from local businesses. Sponsors include AES Warrior Run, ATK, Allegany County Federal Teachers Credit Union, Exclamation Labs and Menchavez Pediatrics.

Demonstrations will also be held at the Appalachian Laboratory in Frostburg. A shuttle will be available to transport individuals between the sites. For info, contact Linda Steele at lsteale@frostburg.edu.

FSU Offers Health and Human Performance Lab

The Health and Human Performance Lab featuring body fat testing, flexibility testing, cardiovascular testing, blood pressure screenings and more is free for faculty, staff and students. The lab is in room 110 of the Cordts PE Center. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fridays and weekends are by appointment only. For info, contact Dr. Melody Kentrus, the lab director, at x4415 or mhkentrus@frostburg.edu, or tmrodgers02@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Is Coming Soon!

The Colleges of Business and Education will present their graduates at 9:30 a.m. and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 2 p.m. on **Thursday, May 22**, in the Cordts PE Center. Tickets will be required for admission. The number of tickets will be determined at a later date, based on the number of graduating students.

Complete your graduation application in PAWS now and check with the Registrar’s Office to assure everything is in order for you to graduate in May. This will enable you to receive all the necessary information.

A Grad Fair, where students can pick up caps and gowns and graduation tickets, enter drawings and more, will be held **Wednesday, May 14**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232).

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Brittnei Teter at x4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Get Involved

Fight Cancer With the Faculty, Staff and Retirees Team!

There’s still time to support FSU students as they Relay For Life on **Friday, April 25**, in Bobcat Stadium. There will be music, line dances, games and food, along with the survivors’ first lap at 6 p.m. and the lighting of the luminaries at dusk (about 9:30 p.m.).

Join the Faculty, Staff and Retirees Team and donate to help the students reach their goal of \$68,000 to support cancer research and services. Go to <http://bit.ly/1i0TX82> to join or make a donation online. Checks to the American Cancer Society can be sent or delivered to the Braddock House at 20 Braddock Rd. in Frostburg. For info, contact Captain Mary Gartner at mgartner@frostburg.edu.



Show Us How You Relay With #instaFrostburg!

This #instaFrostburg is by Instagram’s @_pameflap.

FSU invites Bobcats near and far to show how they Relay by tagging pictures and videos they take and sharing them on Instagram, Twitter, Vine, Tumblr and other social media with the hashtag #instaFrostburg.

For info, email efrostburgcomm@frostburg.edu.

United Campus Ministry Events

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308 or at x7490 or c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

Children’s Books Needed. UCM is again sponsoring the Ithanktonwan Learning Camp and collecting children’s books (for ages 5 through 14) for the Native American children who attend. If you have any children’s books to donate, bring them to the UCM Office in Hitchins 308 **before May 15**.

The following weekly United Campus Ministry events are open to the FSU community.

Salvation and Praise Bible Study, Mondays, 7 p.m., Lane 108. This is a student-led Bible study group.

Spiritual Study Break – A Contemporary Vesper Worship Experience, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Lane 108. If interested in joining the Praise team, contact UCM for practice times.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Thursdays, 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Hall of Fame room, Cordts PE Center. This is a student-led Bible study.

Finding True North Bible Study, Sundays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., Library 237. This is a “Bible Meets Life” study and discussion group. The new discussion, “Misconceptions About God You May Have Heard in Church,” continues.

Catholic Campus Ministry Events

For info, contact Kathleen Broadwater at 301-689-5041 or k.broadwater@frostburg.edu.

Programs are open to everyone. Catholic Campus Ministry also offers outings, movie nights and other events.

Bible Study, Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Dinner With a Short Meeting Followed by Game Night, Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Note: On the second Tuesday of every month, dinner will be followed by a series on other religions with guest speakers.

FSU-TV3

Missed the Frostburg City Council Meeting?



Tune in **Monday, April 21**, at 6 p.m. to see what’s going on in Frostburg, or log on to www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/programming/original/communityevents to watch it online.

For info about the meetings for the city, visit www.frostburgcity.com.

International

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?

For info, visit the Fuller House (across the street from the Braddock House), call x4714 or email Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu. Also, check out the CIE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm and the Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad.



Gabby Blassou – Ireland (fall 2013)

The Center for International Education offers various ways for FSU students to see the world. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester or a year in Ireland, England, Spain, France, China, Italy, Australia, Peru, South Africa or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships may help fund a study abroad experience.

Study Abroad in England at Northumbria University – Fall 2014!

Students have an opportunity to study in England for a semester or full year. Tuition and fees are paid to FSU while room and board are paid to Northumbria University. Courses will transfer back to FSU with prior approval. Check out the university at www.northumbria.ac.uk.

Student Life

Edgewood Commons Now Contracting for Fall 2014

Edgewood Commons is **not** raising its rates for fall 2014! All the necessary application forms are available at www.edgewoodFSU.com. You can also pay your \$200 administrative fee online.

Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms.

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 email info@edgewoodFSU.com.

Community

Frostburg Ambulance Service Needs Volunteers!

The Frostburg City Ambulance Service is seeking volunteers. Volunteers need to be certified EMT or higher, at least 18 years of age and of good moral character. They are also required to serve a minimum of three hours per week and must pass background and reference checks.

If interested, stop by 86 W. Main St. to fill out an application. For info, call 301-689-2256.

FSU Events Calendar

For info on FSU events, go to <http://events.frostburg.edu/calendar>.

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

Note: FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301-687-4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1-800-735-2258.

Distracted Driving – Not a Good Idea!



FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Frostburg State University is a student-centered teaching and learning institution featuring experiential opportunities. The University offers students a distinctive and distinguished baccalaureate education along with a select set of applied master's and doctoral programs. Frostburg serves regional and statewide economic and workforce development; promotes cultural enrichment, civic responsibility and sustainability; and prepares future leaders to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

1. Enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students both inside and outside the classroom.
2. Improve facilities so that students live and learn in a modern and technologically sophisticated environment.
3. Increase student quality and improve student persistence to graduation.