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FSU Featured in 'The Princeton Review's Guide to 332 Green Colleges'

FSU has been designated one of the 332 most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States and Canada, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company profiled FSU in the fifth annual edition of its free downloadable book, "The Princeton Review's Guide to 332 Green Colleges." This is the third time, and the second year in a row, that FSU has been featured in the guide.

The Princeton Review chose the schools for this guide based on a survey it conducted in 2013 of administrators at hundreds of four-year colleges to measure the schools' commitment to the environment and sustainability. The institutional survey included questions on the schools' course offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation.

"I'm so proud of our Bobcats and everything we're working on together to ensure that our University is upholding its commitment to sustainability," said President Jonathan Gibralter. "Whether it is participating in RecycleMania, deciding our new buildings must be LEED certified or organizing educational events that help our campus community discuss environmental issues, we are making strides to support sustainability every step of the way."

Published April 17, a few days before the April 22 celebration of Earth Day, the 216-page guide can be downloaded at <u>www.princetonreview.com/green-guide</u> and <u>www.centerforgreenschools.org/greenguide</u>.

The Princeton Review created its "Guide to 332 Green Colleges" in partnership with the Center for Green Schools (<u>www.usgbc.org</u>) at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

In the guide's profile on Frostburg, The Princeton Review highlights FSU's completely off-grid Sustainable Energy Research Facility, its annual day of learning on environmental sustainability and climate awareness known as Focus Frostburg, its new Frostburg Grows partnership and FSU's achievement of purchasing at least 15 percent of its electricity consumption from renewable resources, among other accomplishments.

"We are pleased to recommend Frostburg to the many students seeking colleges that practice and promote environmentally responsible choices and practices," said Rob Franek, senior vice president and publisher of The Princeton Review.

Franek noted his company's recent survey findings indicating significant interest among college applicants in attending "green" colleges. "Among 10,116 college applicants who participated in our 2014 'College Hopes & Worries Survey,' 61 percent said having information about a school's commitment to the environment would influence their decision to apply to or attend the school," he said.

The Princeton Review chose the schools based on a survey conducted in 2013 that asked administrators at hundreds of colleges across the United States and Canada about their institution's sustainability-related policies, practices and programs. Using survey data that covered more than 25 fields, The Princeton Review tallied its "Green Ratings" (scores from 60 to 99) for 832 schools and reported them in the school profiles on the company's website and in its college guides in summer 2013. The 332 schools in this guide received scores of 83 or above in that assessment. FSU's rating this year is 93. Information about the company's Green Rating is at www.princetonreview.com/green.aspx.

'Metamorphosis' Spring Dance Concert a Collaboration of Alums/Students



FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance will present its annual Spring Dance Concert, "Metamorphosis," on **Friday, May 9**, and **Saturday, May 10**, at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC Drama Theatre. The concert is a celebration of the past, present and future of dance at FSU.

"Metamorphosis" is a collaboration and creative venture that encompasses a vibrant montage of dance styles, personalities and creative visions. "It is amazing to think that for 32 years dance has been a part of the FSU legacy and continues to evolve with each new class," said *Jamie McGreevy*, FSU class of 2006, who is the coordinator of the dance minor and director of the company. "This is a unique and exciting production. ... Everyone

involved in this semester's production is either an alumnus or current student and is setting, or rather raising, the bar for future students of the program!"

Alongside McGreevy, the department welcomes five returning FSU alumni to share their choreographic visions and insight with the company, as well as three alumni on the production team.

Coty Warn, class of 2006, has been working with FSU Company members on a fun, steamy, musical theater number to Cole Porter's "Too Darn Hot." Warn, who has returned to the region as the owner and director of the Mountain City Center of the Arts in Frostburg, said, "Coming back to FSU and creating movement with Jamie and the FSU dance company has been an exciting, inspiring adventure. I feel so honored to have the opportunity to work with such collaborative, positive, creative artists. Jamie, as well as the dancers, continually renews my love for music and movement exploration."

Elisabeth Collins, class of 2011, returns to the position of choreographer for this concert, presenting a self-reflective contemporary work. "Coming back as an alumna to work with the FSU dance company is both an honor and a pleasure," she said. "I'm thrilled to see the program that was so important to my FSU experience flourishing artistically and professionally."

Other guest choreographers include *Samantha Flowers* and *Caitlin Moore*, class of 2013, and *Danny Durr*, class of 2009. Alums also include Production Manager *Gordon Duguid*, class of 2005; Costume Supervisor *Jennifer Clark*, class of 1999; and Lighting Designer *David Knotts*, class of 2014.

The dance minor at FSU has been providing technical training, performance opportunities and a means of personal expression for students since 1982.

The program is family-friendly. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$12 for the general public. Group reservations are available. For reservations and info, call the Theatre and Dance box office at x7462, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

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 <u>www.frostburg.edu/music</u>.

Jazz Combo Concert Part of Jazz Appreciation Month

The FSU Music Department's Jazz Studies program will present a concert by the FSU Jazz Combos, led by jazz faculty members *Tom Harrison* and *Bill Green*, on **Tuesday, April 29**, at 7:30 PM.

The two combos, consisting of students in the new Jazz Minor Program, will perform music by performers and composers such as Horace Silver, Charlie Parker and Miles Davis.

The department began offering the new Jazz Studies Minor in the fall of 2013, coordinated by **Dr. Brent Weber**, and offers students the opportunity to study fundamental and advanced concepts of improvisation and jazz styles. The flagship ensemble of the program is the FSU Jazz Ensemble, which recently performed at the 2014 Shepherd University Jazz Festival, where the group received a clinic from internationally renowned jazz composer Maria Schneider. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in the FSU Jazz Combos, an ensemble opportunity that allows them to learn how to perform jazz in a small group setting. Courses are also offered in jazz history and music theory in a jazz context.

For info about this or any of the events in this year's Jazz Appreciation Month Celebration, visit www.cumberlandjazz.com.

Seth Carter in Senior Guitar Recital

Seth Carter will perform his senior guitar recital on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. He will be joined by guest guitarists Zach Dodge, Nick Dennison, Charlie Engleka, Casey Stahlman and Robert Wallace.

Carter will perform "Prelude IV" by Heitor Villa-Lobos; "Pavana I" by Luis Milan; "Theme and Variations I-III on Folies d'Espagne" by Mauro Giuliani; "Once Upon a Rainy Day" by Jubing Kristianto; "Intermezzo Op. 118, No. 2" by Johannes Brahms; "Fool on The Hill" by Lennon and McCartney; "Prelude I, BWV 846" by Johann Sebastian Bach; "Divertimento II, K.229" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; "Cancao" and "Faz Hoje um Ano," two Brazilian folk songs; and "Purple Haze" by Jimi Hendrix.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble to Perform Spring Concert

The FSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform in concert on **Thursday, May 1**, at 7:30 p.m. The ensemble, now in its third season, features 12 talented singers accompanied by *Dr. Sean Beachy* on piano, *Mike Murphy* on bass, *Gary Hartman* on drums and Sound Technician *David Kincaid*.

Under the direction of **Dr. Karen Soderberg** and assisted by pianist and Assistant Conductor Beachy, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform in a variety of vocal jazz styles, including swing selections "Muddy Water," arranged by Michele Weir, and "Down at Smoky Joe's" by Ken Kraintz. In Count Basie big-band style, the group will perform Sammy Nestico's "Wind Machine," arranged by Paris Rutherford. Ballads include "Don't Think It's Easy" by Dave Barduhn and the lovely "Before the Rain," arranged by Carey Dyer.

The concert continues with shuffles in William Cantos' "Give Me That Smile," arranged by Dave Cross, and "Just Goofin'," arranged by Rob Hyatt, as well as two rousing be-bops, "Joe's Place" and "Big Benny Be-Bop" by Ken Kraintz. The ensemble will also perform Nancy King's samba, "I'll Sing for You," arranged by Kelly Kunz.

The concert will conclude with "Harold's House of Jazz," arranged by Rare Silk's Todd Buffa, and "Spain" by Chick Corea, Al Jarreau and Artie Maren and arranged for Rare Silk, a well-known vocal jazz group from the 1980s.

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."

Dancing, Drumming and Drama

The FSU Wind Ensemble will perform its final concert of the semester on **Sunday, May 4**, at 3 p.m. The program will feature "Dances From Crete" by Adam Gorb, portraying elements of Greek mythology and the Greek countryside; "Abram's Pursuit" by David Holsinger, inspired by the biblical story of Abram chasing down his nephew's captors; and "Sang!" by Dana Wilson, which incorporates strong jazz influences. Also on the program is "Foundry" by John Mackey, featuring the percussion section of the band; "Fantasia on Greensleeves" by Ralph Vaughan Williams; and "Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger (cash only). No advanced seating or reservations are available.

Clarinet Studio and Ensemble to Perform Recital

FSU's Clarinet Studio and Ensemble, under the direction of *Dr. Mark Gallagher*, will perform a recital on Monday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The studio/ensemble, consisting of *Jasmine Chung, Sierra Green, Mallory Heinrich, Sydney Holtscheinder, Geoffrey Westbrook* and *Heather Wahl*, will perform "Trio in Eb Major" by Jacques-Jules Bouffil, "Concerto No. 1 in Eb Major" by Bernhard Crusell, "Raga Songs" by John Mayer, "Divertimento No. 2 in Bb Major" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, "Rhapsody" by Willson Osborne, "Serenade No. 13" by Vincent Persichetti and "Sonata in F Major" by Georg Philipp Telemann.

Jazz Orchestra to Present 'Something Old, New, Borrowed and Blue'



FSU's Jazz Orchestra, led by **Brent Weber**, will present its final concert of the 2013-14 season on **Saturday**, **May 10**, at 7:30 p.m. The orchestra will perform a collection of tunes representing the old adage "Something Old, New, Borrowed and Blue."

Music made famous by Buddy Rich, Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra will make up the first half of the show featuring two talented student vocalists. Contemporary big band tunes by Pat Metheny, Herbie Hancock and others will demonstrate the direction of where jazz is going today. Fresh off a clinic with composer Maria Schneider in March, the band will perform her composition "Green Piece."

Chamber Choir and University Chorale in Annual Spring Concert

The FSU Chamber Choir and the University Chorale will join forces to present their annual Spring Concert on **Sunday**, **May 11**, at 3 p.m. The concert will include a variety of selections that reflect the entire choral repertoire.

Under the direction of *Dr. Karen Soderberg* and accompanied by *Dr. Jay DeWire* on piano, the University Chorale will present Il Padre Giovanni Battista Martini's "Domine, Ad Adjuvandum Me Festina" featuring soprano *Bailey Kerr*, alto *Jessica Knouse*, tenor *Sean Scriber* and bass *Johnathan Archer*, as well as Daniel Gawthrop's "Three Rossetti Lyrics" for a cappella choir. The chorale will also perform Stephen Leek's "Tunggare and Tunggare Two" (meaning "to sing"), inspired by Australian aboriginal culture; "Irish Mouth Music" by Delores King; and Jacques Rizzo's vocal jazz arrangement of "Go 'Way From My Door."

The FSU Chamber Choir, accompanied by **Sean Beachy**, will perform three madrigals from the Renaissance period, "L'innamorata" by Giovanni Gastoldi and Claudio Monteverdi's "Ohime se tanto, amate" and "Ah, dolente partito." Further selections include Paul Mealor's "Ubi Caritas," performed at the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton; Ola Gjeilo's minimalistic work "Dark Night of the Soul" for piano and string quartet, featuring soprano **Olivia Hartman**; and "Cloudburst" by Eric Whitacre for choir, percussion and piano, featuring narrator **Khalil Bishop**, bass **Zachary Dodge** and soprano **Catherine Mayhew**. The Chamber Choir's performance will conclude with Sydney Guillaume's Haitian Creole number "Kalinda and Ivory" and Caldwell's "Lay Earth's Burden Down."

The concert will conclude with the combined forces of the University Chorale and the FSU Chamber Choir singing Mendelssohn's "Heilig," led by student conductor Mayhew; "O Vos Omnes" by René Clausen, featuring soprano *Mikayla Young* and tenor *Otega Okurume*; and Caldwell and Ivory's "Joshua."

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door (cash only).

'The Persistence of Child Labor in the Cocoa-Growing Regions of Ghana'

Paul Baidoo, a professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, will speak on "The Persistence of Child Labor in the Cocoa-Growing Regions of Ghana" on **Tuesday, April 29**, at 7 p.m. in Compton 226. His presentation is free and open to the public.

Baidoo has completed extensive research on rural and urban development topics in western Africa. This year he is a Fulbright Professor in the Department of Planning and Community Development at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. Baidoo's visit to FSU is supported by the Outreach Lecturing Fund of the U.S. Fulbright Commission and the FSU Department of Geography.

For info, contact Dr. Henry Bullamore at <u>hbullamore@frostburg.edu</u> or x4413.

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. Terri Massie-Burrell, assistant provost, Student Success, in the Office of Student Success and Retention, will speak about "Preparation for Finals" on **Tuesday, April 29**, at 12:30 p.m. and **Wednesday, April 30**, at 5 p.m. in Lane 113.

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

LEAD 401 Students to Hold Social Change Presentation

The students of **Dr. Kathy Powell'**s LEAD 401 course will hold a social change presentation on **Wednesday, April 30**, from 6 to 7 p.m. in Lane 108. Students will discuss what social change is and their efforts to start a social change movement revolving around FSU residence hall conditions.

As a part of the course requirements, the students developed a social change project from the ground up, beginning with the identification of a problem affecting the campus community and then to what actions the students could take to help initiate change. The presentation will sum up the semester's work and discuss the ways in which any individual can help continue the change effort.

Anyone interested in leadership, civic engagement or in helping to improve the conditions of the FSU residence halls is encouraged to attend.

For info, contact Brandon Eyring at <u>bteyring0@frostburg.edu</u>.

Come Experience the Culture of Tanzania



The FSU Science Discovery Center will host "Tanzania Cultural Tourism" on **Wednesday, April 30**, at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the Compton Science Center. This interdisciplinary presentation will include an information session by *Steria Ndaga* about National Park management, with humans as a part of the management plan. The center will also feature a display on the art of Tanzania and a video on the country's national parks.

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

U.S. Olympic Committee's John Crawley to Speak About Culture of Sporting Excellence



"Better: A Conversation About Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Sporting Excellence" will be the topic of presentations by *John Crawley*, the high-performance director of team sports with the Sport Performance Division of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Crawley is FSU's 2014 Wellner Scholar. The presentations will be **Tuesday, May 6**, at 7 p.m. and **Wednesday, May 7**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hall of Fame room of the Cordts PE Center. The event is free and open to the public.

For more than 14 years, Crawley has worked in various sport performance roles with the U.S. Olympic Team, and has served with the USA delegation at multiple Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships and World Cup Events. Most recently, Crawley was a member of the USA delegation at the 2014 Olympic Winter

Games in Sochi, Russia. Crawley was also a member of the USA delegation at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver and the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

Crawley served on the coaching staff at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and served on USA Triathlon's elite coaching staff at several International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Championships and numerous ITU World Cups.

The Wellner Scholar Program was created from an endowment from the FSU Foundation, Inc., to allow the Department of Kinesiology to host a series of lectures by nationally acclaimed scholars. It was named for the late Lillian Wellner, a former FSU registrar and physical education instructor.

For info about the program, call the Department of Kinesiology at x7017. For info about supporting the Wellner Scholarship Program or the FSU Foundation, visit <u>foundation.frostburg.edu</u> or call x4161.

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 <u>klkeller@frostburg.edu</u>.

Appalachian Laboratory Spring Seminar Series

Dr. Scott Goetz, Woods Hole Research Center, will present "Rapid Change in the Arctic and the Tropics: Vulnerabilities and Opportunities" on **Thursday, May 8**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. For info, go to <u>www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule</u>.

Workshops

Hands-On High-Tunnel Construction Workshop



If you want to build a high-tunnel greenhouse but are not sure how, this will be the workshop for you. The classroom session, on **Friday, May 2**, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Compton 237, will cover the types of high tunnels, construction methods and typical modifications. During the building session, on **Saturday, May 3**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Frostburg Grows site, participants will help with the construction of a basic high tunnel.

In addition to assisting with the construction of a typical high tunnel, participants will be able to see firsthand many modifications that are being used at the Frostburg Grows site. Frostburg Grows is a unique and innovative five-acre food and native plant nursery production, demonstration and teaching facility. The facility has three 30-foot by 120-foot high tunnels that will be in production this spring with tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers and a nursery shade house growing native plants from seeds and cuttings. The facility is unique in that it is being constructed on a reclaimed strip mine site.

To register for the workshop, contact the Garrett County office of the University of Maryland Extension at 301-334-6960. There is a \$25 fee that can be paid at the time of the workshop.

Points of Pride

FSU Celebrates Arbor Day, Tree Campus USA Recognition



Pictured, from left, are students Megan Carr Kerry Messick, Juliana Hong (holding the banner), Justin Bower (behind tree), Gabriel Echeverri, Mitch Hall, Laura Smith and faculty member Dr. Sunshine Brosi. Planting the tree, from left, are Greg Partsch from FSU's Facilities Department, student Michael McCampbell and Don Galliher, also from Facilities.

FSU held an Arbor Day celebration and recognition of its Tree Campus USA designation, on Wednesday, April 23, the centerpiece of Focus Frostburg, the annual day of learning on sustainability and climate awareness.

The Arbor Day celebration included poetry and music with tree-related themes, planting of a flowering dogwood tree in the clock tower plaza and more native trees planted in the campus Arboretum. This is the third year FSU has held the Arbor Day celebration and the second straight year it has earned Tree Campus USA designation.

FSU achieved the Tree Campus title by meeting Tree Campus USA's five standards, which include maintaining a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and a student service-learning project. FSU continues to be the only campus in Maryland that has adopted a standard of planting native trees and shrubs. Tree Campus USA is a program of the Arbor Day Foundation and sponsored by Toyota.

For info, contact Dr. Sunshine Brosi at x4213 or slbrosi@frostburg.edu.

Thanks for Relay For Life Contributions!

Many thanks to all the faculty, staff, retirees and especially students who participated in the 2014 Relay For Life to raise research and service funds for the American Cancer Society. Whether you donated money or encouraged others to donate, purchased luminaria or encouraged others to honor those with cancer, walked or encouraged others to walk, baked pies or ate pies, your contribution is important and most valued.

The total raised and the team and individual contest winners will be announced in the next few days. But know you can still donate, with credit to the FSU Relay event, **until August 2014**.

Go to <u>http://bit.ly/1i0TX82</u> to make a donation to the Faculty, Staff and Retiree team. 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 <u>mgartner@frostburg.edu</u>.

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.

Students from the Student Communication Studies Association will have information at a table in the Lane University Center for the week, including a banner expressing hope for those affected by the recent violence at Franklin Regional High School that you can sign.

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 <u>elruminski@frostburg.edu</u> or x4480. Details and documentary segments about the project are available at <u>www.frostburg.edu/dept/cmst/dialogue-series</u>.

Divisional Realignment, Freshman Advising System

As an important step in creating a sustainable and well-integrated retention, academic advisement and student success model for FSU, the University will implement a focused freshman advising system this fall under the Division of Academic Affairs and FSU's provost, **Dr. William Childs.** This move comes in concert with the previously announced change of Enrollment Management (Admissions and Financial Aid) returning to the supervision of Academic Affairs, as well as the concurrent move of the Registrar's Office to Academic Affairs.

The realignment is supported by findings from FSU's in-house Student Success and Retention Ad Hoc Committee and by Noel-Levitz consultants, who are assisting with the University's recruitment practices and advising FSU on its efforts to improve student success and retention. This move is also more in line with cutting-edge organizational practice at many regional comprehensive universities, including those within the University System of Maryland.

The following offices and personnel will be transferred to Academic Affairs: PASS (including the Tutoring Center, Developmental Math and Academic Skills Development), Disability Support Services, Student Support Services and the Registrar's Office. The personnel in these groups will not change, but some titles will be revised to reflect the change in division. Specifically, the title for **Dr. Jay Hegeman**, who will direct these offices, will change from associate vice president to associate provost. The functions of the Advising Center, ORIE, Upward Bound and the Regional Math and Science Center will also be overseen by Hegeman.

Wray Blair, associate vice president for Enrollment Management, will become associate provost for Enrollment Management.

This realignment is the beginning of a coordinated, aggressive effort to improve FSU's retention and graduation rates. By making use of intensive advising and improvements to FSU's online early-warning capacities in Beacon, the University will address issues with first-year students' educational adjustment well before the mid-term warnings. Childs has stated, "It is our ethical responsibility, as well as our mandated duty, to become a partner in guiding our students to success."

These moves are tied directly to Goal 3 in the University's Strategic Plan – Increase student quality, institutional retention and graduation rates while encouraging baccalaureate students to graduate within a four-year time frame – but more importantly, they are tied directly to FSU's reason for being – to serve and educate its students.

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 <u>www.frostburg.edu/summer</u>.

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, \$15 for FSU faculty and staff and \$20 for the general public. 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 <u>lsteele@frostburg.edu</u>.

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 mkentrus@frostburg.edu, or tmrodgers02@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Is Almost Here!

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. **College of Business and College of Education graduates will receive eight tickets. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences graduates will receive six tickets.** See the website below for more info on ticket details.

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).

If you haven't applied for graduation for May, go to the Registrar's Office to complete your application and ensure that everything is in order for you to graduate.

Commencement will be STREAMED LIVE. The link will be provided on the front page of the FSU website, <u>www.frostburg.edu</u>.

An informational mailing has been sent to your home address and FSU email account. You can also find it, along with many other details about the ceremony, on the Commencement website at <u>www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement</u>. For any other questions, contact Brittni Teter at x4423 or <u>bkteter@frostburg.edu</u>.

Get Involved

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 Ihanktonwan 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.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Peer Minister/Assistant Chaplains

United Campus Ministry is taking applications for peer minister/assistant chaplains for the next fall semester. The application deadline is **Wednesday**, **May 14**. Anyone interested in developing his or her leadership skills should contact Chaplain Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308 or at x7490 or c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

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 www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm and the Facebook Page at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm and www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm and <a href="http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdya



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 <u>www.edgewoodFSU.com</u>. 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

MCMC to Serve Western Maryland From New Location in Cumberland

Mountainside Community Mediation Center will hold a grand opening celebration on **Sunday, May 4**, from 2 to 4 p.m. at its new office location at 56 S. Centre St. in Cumberland. The event is open to the public. The celebration will be an open house offering an opportunity to interact with MCMC leadership and mediators to learn about training and volunteer opportunities.

Supported by Maryland's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office, MCMC offers free, neutral mediation services that can assist with interpersonal and organizational conflicts and relationship management. The mission of the organization is to educate, train and mediate, as well as support, alternative dispute resolution in the region. MCMC currently co-sponsors the Sustaining Campus and Community Dialogue Series in Frostburg. MCMC was awarded with the Program of the Year award, along with Community Mediation Maryland and the 17 other community mediation centers in Maryland, during the 2013 Maryland Judiciary awards ceremony. The new office location returns the center to Cumberland, where it had its home base before moving to Frostburg.

For info, contact program coordinator Jerilyn Jackson at <u>mountainsidemediation@gmail.com</u> or 240-727-0408, or visit <u>www.moutainsidemediation.org</u> and like the Mountainside Community Mediation Center Facebook Page.

Fundraiser for MCMC

A fundraiser will be held on **Wednesday**, **April 30**, at 7 p.m. at Wild Things at 113 E. Main St. in Frostburg. There will be food/drink specials and a 50/50 raffle for anyone who comes to support MCMC. Also, it is Wild Things trivia night, so you will be able to test your knowledge and play for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to the establishment.

For info, contact Mike Baker at mountainsidemediation@gmail.com.

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.

Keep liquids away from electrical items, including TVs, VCRs and computers.



They could spill and cause dangerous shocks and fires!

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.