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Theatre and Dance Presents Tale of Star-Crossed Lovers With New Spin



Pictured from left are theatre majors Maureen Groff (Rosaline), Habtamu Anderson (Romeo) and Sara Danley (Juliet).

FSU's Theatre and Dance will present a new take on an old favorite with "Romeo and Juliet: Choose Your Own Ending" written by brother-sister team Shawn and Ann Fraistat. Referred to as "whip-smart and hilarious" by The Washington Post and directed by **Mairzy Yost-Rushton**, performances will run **April 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25** at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on **April 18** at 2 p.m., in the Drama Theatre of the Performing Arts Center.

In this creative reimaging of the original tale, the audience gets to play Shakespeare by democratically deciding the direction of the play during the performance, including who will live, who will die and whether or not the young lovers live happily ever after.

With three pairs of lovers, six endings, lots of death and tons of laughs, this isn't the tale of star-crossed lovers you read in high school.

For reservations and info, call Theatre and Dance at 301-687-7462 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students and children and \$12 for the general public. Group reservations are available when booked in advance.

This production is recommended for mature audiences.

Theatre

CES at FSU Closes Season With Broadway Nights



From left, Broadway stars Craig Schulman, Gary Mauer and Rita Harvey

CES at FSU will close its 2014-15 season on **Thursday, April 23**, with the performance of Broadway Nights – Broadway Today, featuring Broadway stars Craig Schulman, Gary Mauer and Rita Harvey. The performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

Schulman, Mauer and Harvey are the stars of musicals like "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Misérables" and "Fiddler on the Roof." The performance will feature solos, duets and trios from some of musical theatre's most popular shows, including "Wicked," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Mamma Mia," "Chicago," "Les Misérables," "South Pacific" and "Company."

Schulman, Mauer and Harvey all have illustrious careers on the New York City stage. Schulman is the only American to have portrayed all three of musical theatre's greatest male roles: The Phantom, Jean Valjean and the title role in "Jekyll and Hyde." Among Mauer's many Broadway credits are the roles of The Phantom and Raoul in "Phantom," as well as the role of revolutionary leader Enjolras in "Les Misérables." Harvey made her Broadway debut in the role of Christine in "Phantom" and was seen as Hodel in Broadway's "Fiddler on the Roof."

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25.50 for youth under 17. Corporate and group discount rates are also available.

For info, contact the CES box office at 301-687-3137 or visit CES' webpage at ces.frostburg.edu.

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 301-687-4109 or visit www.frostburg.edu/music.

Dr. Steven Soebbing in Faculty Artist Series Performance

The FSU Department of Music Faculty Artist Series will present *Dr. Steven Soebbing*, bass-baritone, accompanied by pianist *Dr. Jay DeWire* and guitarist *Patrick Sise* on **Wednesday, April 15**, at 7:30 p.m.

Soebbing will open with "O Ruddier Than the Cherry" by George Frideric Handel, an aria from *Acis and Galatea*, followed by "Frauenliebe und -leben" ("A Woman's Love and Life") by Carl Loewe, an eight-part song cycle. The recital will also feature selections from Italian composer Paolo Tosti. The conclusion will be a set of John Dowland lute songs.

Student Pianist Chen Li to Perform Junior Recital

FSU junior *Chen Li* will perform her piano recital on **Thursday, April 16**, at 7:30 p.m.

Her program will include "Chaconne in G Major (G 229)" by George Frideric Handel, "Sonatine in G Major" by Ludwig van Beethoven, "Impromptu in F minor, Op. 142, No. 1" by Franz Schubert, "Polonaise-Fantaisie, Op. 61" by Frédéric Chopin and "Variations on a Cantonese Folk Tune" by Peixun Chen.

CES at FSU to Present Jazz Songstress Cécile McLorin-Salvant



CES at FSU will present the charismatic jazz songstress Cécile McLorin-Salvant in a LIVE! at StarScape performance on **Friday, April 17**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theatre at 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. **Note: Due to a scheduling conflict, this performance has been rescheduled from Saturday to Friday.**

Nominated for a 2014 Grammy Award and the winner of the prestigious Thelonious Monk International Jazz Award, McLorin-Salvant possesses a soulful voice that evokes the legendary jazz vocalists of the past. The New York Times declared, "If anyone can extend the lineage of the Big Three – Billie Holliday, Sarah Vaughan and Ella Fitzgerald – it is this ... virtuoso," while jazz master Wynton Marsalis praised her, saying, "She has poise, elegance, soul, humor, sensuality, power, virtuosity, range, insight, intelligence, depth and grace."

As part of CES' new Offstage Series with WFWM, an interactive session with the artist, hosted by *Chuck Dicken* of WFWM, FSU's public radio station, will be held immediately following the performance.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 for youth under 17. Corporate and group discount rates are also available.

For info, contact the CES box office at 301-687-3137 or visit CES' webpage at ces.frostburg.edu.

‘Dean of West Virginia Songwriters’ Todd Burge to Appear at MCTA



Singer, songwriter and guitarist Todd Burge will bring his creativity, humor and talent to Mountain City Traditional Arts, at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg, on **April 17** at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$15.

Burge has become one of West Virginia's most intriguing singer/songwriters. His music styles vary from folk to alternative rock but always have the same Burge flair. He has performed in a variety of venues, including New York City's CBGB, the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Kennedy Center and hundreds of smaller venues.

He has appeared many times on NPR's Mountain Stage, where host Larry Groce first called him the "dean of West Virginia songwriters, the best we have."

Burge wrote 13 songs for a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost" in 2014 but is most likely best known for his method of writing songs from the perspective of odd characters, bugs and animals. In March, he released an album of very personal songs, "Imitation Life."

For info, email mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com or call 301-687-8040.

Opera Theatre Presents ‘The Auditionees’

The FSU Department of Music Opera Theatre, directed by *Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter*, will present "The Auditionees" **Friday, April 17**, and **Saturday, April 18**, at 7:30 p.m. Auditionees will be accompanied by *Dr. Jay DeWire*.

The troupe will perform arias and scenes from "The Maid-Mistress" by Pergolesi, "The Elixir of Love" by Donizetti, "The Barber of Seville" and "The Italian Girl in Algiers" by Rossini, "The Enchantress" by Herbert and "The Marriage of Figaro," "The Impresario" and "Bastien and Bastienne" by Mozart.

Vocal Studio Recital No. 2 Coming April 19

The FSU Department of Music will present Vocal Studio Recital No. 2 on **Sunday, April 19**, at 3 p.m.

Students from the studios of **Dr. Karen Soderberg**, **Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter** and **Dr. Stephen Soebbing** will present one or two pieces each, covering a wide range of composers, styles and periods. The vocalists will be accompanied by pianists **Dr. Jay DeWire** and **Dr. Sean Beachy**.

Brass Ensemble Upcoming Concert

The FSU Brass Ensemble will present its concert on **Friday, April 24**, at 7:30 p.m. Works to be performed include David Moore’s “The Calling,” Tylman Susato’s “Renaissance Dances,” John Rutter’s “What Sweeter Music,” Wilke Renwick’s “Dance,” John Cheetham’s “Scherzo,” Johann Pezel’s “Sonata Number 2,” John Tavener’s “The Lamb” and Gustav Holst’s “Second Military Suite in F.”

Chamber and Alumni Choirs to Perform Spring Concert



The FSU Chamber and Alumni choirs will perform their Spring Concert on **Sunday, April 26**, at 3 p.m.

Under the direction of **Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker** and **Dr. Sean Beachy**, assistant conductor, the Chamber Choir will present the music performed on its Italian tour in March. The concert will highlight two U.S. premiers – “Sanctus” by Beachy and “Madrigale Mille” by Italian composer Manolo da Rold, the conductor of Corale Zumellese in Mei, Italy.

Former members of the choir will join forces to perform Eleanor Daley’s “Grandmother Moon,” Z. Randall Stroope’s “Winter” in honor of **Betty Jane Phillips** and Caldwell and Ivory’s “Ask the Watchman,” which will feature alumni **Arnold McNeal** and **Andre Wilson**.

Presentations

Focus Frostburg 2015: ‘Learn-In’ for a Sustainable Future



FSU will be fully focused on its climate action commitment during the upcoming Focus Frostburg event, an annual day of learning on sustainability and climate awareness, on **Wednesday, April 22**, 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.

New this year is the project “Grim Landscape: The Apocalypse Will Be a Peep Show,” consisting of campus trees and saplings wrapped in designs by Graphic Design 207 students, each with a viewing hole that invites the viewer to regard the tree as a rare, noble and exotic creature. Inside, viewers will see logo designs of “spirit creatures” representing endangered, vulnerable or threatened species. (Note: If weather does not permit, the display will be rescheduled.)

Learn all about FSU’s climate action commitment from a wide range of presentations from faculty and students at the Lane Center, including those on the topics of the market economy, sustainability, fracking, environmental activism, culture and art, water purification, community agriculture, biofuels, environmental justice issues and an environmentally sustainable future.

Fracking-related presentations include “Are Fracking Jobs Good Jobs?” (11 a.m.), which will examine working conditions in various “fracking” enterprises in the United States, looking at how this industry affects regional economic development and occupational health, workers’ purchasing power and the labor movement; “Marcellus Shale Listening Project – To Frack or Not to Frack” (1 p.m.), which will feature the work of a two-semester documentation project in partnership with the Savage River Watershed Association; and “Fracking and Health” (2 p.m.), which investigates the health and environmental impacts of fracking and how investment in fracking prevents investing in a sustainable future.

In “Wilderne\$\$: The Market Revolution’s Impact on Nature in the United States” (10 a.m.), presenters will discuss the development of the market economy in early America and how the commodification of nature affected the environment as well as changed conceptions of wilderness. They will also look at the early roots of environmental degradation in the U.S.

“Religion and Environmental Activism” (11 a.m.) will feature the documentary project “Renewal,” the first feature-length documentary film to capture the vitality and diversity of today’s religious-environmental activists.

“Conservation, Sustainability, Culture and Art: An Interdisciplinary Science Center on Campus” (11 a.m.) will show how the Frostburg Science Discovery Center is planning an interdisciplinary collaboration to transform its space into a valuable student learning environment. Come find out about the plans in progress and join the forum to discuss potential opportunities, barriers, suggestions and questions.

“The Water School, Service Learning With the President’s Leadership Circle” (1 p.m.) will highlight the President’s Leadership Circle trip to Uganda in March, the fourth such journey. Students engaged in the service project trip worked with the water school to purify water in some of the local villages. The presentation will feature a compiled video of this project.

“Frostburg Grows: Community Agriculture in Practice” (1 p.m.) will look at the operations and goals of Frostburg Grows. Come learn how Frostburg Grows seeks to tie Western Maryland together through local food initiatives.

“Biofuel Blast: Exploring the Science of and Debate Around Biofuels” (2 p.m.) will cover the uses of biofuels around the world and the points of controversy about their use. This presentation will feature demonstrations with time for questions and discussion. In “Hands-On Workshop – Biofuel Blast: Exploring the Science of, and Debate Around, Biofuels” (3 p.m.), participants will engage in a fun hands-on activity to learn how yeast is used to make biofuels from the sugars in corn.

“A Vision Within – A Documentary” (4 p.m.) created by Michael O. Snyder and FSU, tells the story of a group of students who travel deep into the heart of the Amazon rainforest to meet an ancient culture living in much the same way as they have for thousands of years. The film is an exploration of the critical role that inner visions can play in peoples’ lives, in education and

in awakening a socially just, environmentally sustainable future. “Indigenous Voices for Environmental Justice” (2 p.m.) will present the framework of environmental justice and explore how indigenous peoples all over the world are using social media to fight against cultural and environmental exploitation and abuse.

Sustainability-related presentations will include “A Paperless University: Advantages and Drawbacks” (10 a.m.), which will explore alternative steps to save paper; “Student Sustainability Projects and the Sustainability Student Fee” (noon), which will address how to plan for and fund exciting new student sustainability projects with this new stream of funding; “Student-Designed Sustainability Projects” (3 p.m.), in which students will present results of their class projects, including a native tree-planting and restoration project, alternatives to de-icing salt, and food scraps and composting; “Nifty Shades of Green – Increasing Frostburg’s Sustainability/Resilience” (3 p.m.), which will showcase five current city programs and projects; and “Forever Green” (4 p.m.), an introduction to green burials. In addition, “Focus Frostburg 2015: ‘Learn-In’ for a Sustainable Future, Projects From SUST 455 Seminar in Sustainability Studies” (3 and 4 p.m.) will offer a variety of presentations.

There will be a special planetarium presentation this year at 7 p.m. in the Multimedia Learning Center, room 186 of the Center for Communications and Information Technology. “Dynamic Earth” explores the inner workings of Earth’s climate system. With visualizations based on satellite-monitoring data and advanced supercomputer simulations, this cutting-edge production follows a trail of energy that flows from the sun into the interlocking systems that shape Earth’s climate: the atmosphere, oceans and the biosphere.

The annual Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Poster Contest will be held completely online this year. To view and vote for student-created environmental posters, or for other information about Focus Frostburg, visit www.facebook.com/frostburglglg. People can vote on Facebook **from April 17 to 23** by visiting FSU’s LGLG Facebook page (www.facebook.com/frostburglglg).

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

Come Celebrate Arbor Day!

As part of Focus Frostburg, FSU will celebrate Arbor Day and its third year as a Tree Campus USA on **April 22** at 2 p.m. at the Clock Tower. A tree planting will occur near the gazebo in the Arboretum immediately following the ceremony. For info, contact Dr. Sunshine Brosi at slbrosi@frostburg.edu.

CLAS Undergraduate Research Symposium

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will host the Fourth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on **Friday, May 1**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lane Center. The symposium showcases the research and experiential learning projects of FSU’s undergraduate students and provides participants the opportunity to present their work to their peers and share experiences across disciplines.

The symposium will include poster presentations, oral presentations and physical displays representing work completed during summer 2014, fall 2014 and spring 2015.

For info, contact Dr. Karen Keller at klkeller@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4174, or Linda Steele at lsteele@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4137.

Spring Academic Enrichment Series

Angie Hovatter, director of Student Financial Aid, will present “Financial Aid Changes and Good Practices” on **Monday, April 13**, at 3 p.m. in CCIT 156 and **Tuesday, April 14**, at 4 p.m. in Dunkle 218. Financial aid is changing! Learn about the new sign-on changes happening with the FAFSA form, how to keep borrowing low, how to pay back loans and what to do for next year.

Amy Shimko, director of Student Development in the Career and Professional Development Center, will discuss “Internships” on **Wednesday, April 15**, at noon in Lane 113. This workshop will highlight some of the excellent opportunities available to FSU students as well as the benefits of seeking an internship.

Amy Fynes, assistant director of Student Activities in the Office of Student and Community Involvement, will speak about “Getting Involved Through Bobcat Connect” on **Thursday, April 16**, at 3 p.m. in CCIT 127A. This session will assist students with selecting student organizations that match their interests.

For info, contact the Center for Academic Advising and Retention at 301-687-3404.

Films

FSU to Host Screening and Q&A With Director of “Plastic Paradise”



FSU will host a special Earth Week screening of the award-winning independent documentary film “Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch” and a question-and-answer session with its director, Angela Sun, on **Monday, April 20**, at 6:30 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

“Plastic Paradise” investigates the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, the massive patch of trash and plastic particles collecting in the Pacific Ocean. The film follows Sun to Midway Atoll, the ring-shaped island of coral reef where much of the patch’s debris washes up, as she investigates the devastating effects of trash and plastic on wildlife. Through her investigation, she meets scientists, researchers, influencers and volunteers who shed light on the impacts of the world’s rampant plastic use.

The film has been awarded the Catalina Film Festival Isla Award, the American Conservation Film Festival Broadcast Award, the

San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival Environment Award and others.

Sun’s diverse career as a journalist, newscaster and filmmaker has included a role as host and correspondent for Al Gore’s Emmy Award-winning news channel Current TV, for which she produced, filmed and wrote stories. She has traveled the world, investigating issues like women’s status in China, the controversial coffee trade, terrorism’s effect on tourism in Palawan and the dangers of binge drinking in Europe.

For info, contact Ann Townsell at atownsell@frostburg.edu or 301-687-7794.

Readings

FSU Center for Creative Writing to Host Poetry Slam

In recognition of National Poetry Month, the FSU Center for Creative Writing will host a community poetry slam on **Thursday, April 16**, at 7:30 p.m. at Dante’s Bar, 14 W. Main St., Frostburg, with registration beginning at 7 p.m.

Writers of all experience levels are invited to bring three self-written works of poetry to read for the competition. Contestants will have five minutes to read one poem in each round and may not use props or other aids beyond a digital or printed copy of the poem. While poems will be judged on literary merit, an outstanding performance may also capture the judge’s attention. The three highest-ranked performers after round two will compete in the final round. The first-place winner of the April poetry slam will compete against previous slam winners at the Grand Slam on **Sunday, May 3**, as part of the annual Rock ‘N’ Read event, also at Dante’s.

The slam is open to participants ages 18 and older and has a \$2 cover charge, all of which goes to cash prizes for the winners.

For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter/contests-opportunities/poetry-slam or contact the Center for Creative Writing at 301-687-4340 or at cwcenter@frostburg.edu.

Literature

New Indie Lit Book Group Formed; First Book Is ‘Waiting at the Dead End Diner’

The FSU Center for Creative Writing and the Allegany County Public Library System invite community members to participate in the newly formed Indie Lit Book Group, which focuses on works published by independent presses. The book group’s next meeting is on **Wednesday, April 22**, at 7 p.m. in the Frostburg Public Library at 65 E. Main St. The group is free to join and open to the public.

The April meeting will center on a discussion of Rebecca Schumedja’s “Waiting at the Dead End Diner,” a book of poetry that reads like a novel circling around the comings and goings in the Dead End Diner. Schumedja is the author of several books of poetry, including “Cadillac Men,” “Falling Forward,” “The Map of Our Garden,” “Dream Big Work Harder” and “The Tear Duct of the Storm,” and has works published in numerous literary journals. She teaches at an alternative high school program in New York.

For info, contact the Frostburg Public Library at 301-687-0790 or the FSU Center for Creative Writing at 301-687-4340.

Visual Arts

FSU Creative Writing Center Issues Call for Art and Poetry

The FSU Center for Creative Writing invites students and community members to submit their art and poetry to the third annual Word and Image Project, which will feature selected works in an art exhibition and poetry chapbook. All work should be sent to the Center for Creative Writing by **Monday, April 20**, to be considered for the juried exhibition in May.

Examples of artwork submitted can be sculptures, photographs, paintings or drawings, and should incorporate some or all of the text of a poem. Poetry submitted should be ekphrastic, based on or describing a specific work of art. Poems may be entered for free. Visual artworks may be submitted at \$10 per piece, with the fee waived for students. Mail submissions to the Center for Creative Writing, 101 Braddock Rd., Frostburg, MD 21532; email them to cwcenter@frostburg.edu; or drop off work at the Center at 22 E. Main St. in Frostburg.

Monetary awards will be given for Best in Show, the Student Prize, the 2D Prize and the 3D Prize. The exhibition will be juried by Center Director **Gerry LaFemina**.

For info, contact the Center for Creative Writing at cwcenter@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4340.

Workshops

Teaching Tuesday – ‘Lecturing Better’

The FSU Center for Teaching Excellence will present “Lecturing Better” for its next Teaching Tuesday event on **April 14** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Lane 244 (South Addition).

A trend exists in higher education for instructors to lecture less, replacing lectures with student-centered class activities. But there’s a lot to be said in favor of lecturing better. In this workshop, the group will discuss what makes a lecturer memorable

and engaging. How often should an instructor lecture and for how long? By brushing up on speaking skills, can an instructor captivate his or her students?

Bring lunch and drop in any time for a casual discussion about teaching with faculty and staff. Feel free to leave early or drop in halfway through.

For info, contact Dr. Shoshana Brassfield at srbrassfield@frostburg.edu.

Prepare for the Career and Internship Fair!

On **Wednesday, April 22**, the Career and Professional Development Center will hold its annual Career and Internship Fair. To help students get ready for the fair, the center will host several workshops on topics such as resume writing and interviewing techniques. Watch for upcoming dates and announcements about the fair.

For info, contact Amy Lynn Shimko, director of Student Development, at alshimko@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4403.

Points of Pride

Laura Smith Receives Foundation Scholarship

Laura Smith, a graduate student in the Applied Ecology and Conservation Biology Program, is the recipient of the Richard A. Johnson, M.D., Biology Memorial Scholarship awarded through the FSU Foundation. Smith is from Cumberland and is researching strategies to reduce the impacts of exotic pests on the urban tree canopy of Washington, D.C.

Take Note

Nominations for FSU Annual Leadership Awards Due April 13

Hosted by the Office of Leadership & Experiential Learning, the Leadership Awards Reception will take place on **Thursday, May 7**, at 6 p.m. This event is by invitation only. All eligible nominees are invited to the awards reception.

A nominee can be a student leader, professor, advisor or staff member. To check out award categories and access the nomination form, visit www.frostburg.edu/clife/leadership/leadership-awards/instructions.

Nominations are due **Monday, April 13**.

For info, contact the Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning at 301-687-7013 or email Clarissa Lang at calang@frostburg.edu.

FSU’s A STAR! in Western Maryland Holding Annual Book Giveaway

FSU’s A STAR! in Western Maryland AmeriCorps program will hold its 20th Annual Book Giveaway through **Friday, April 17**, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at City Place, 14 S. Water St. in Frostburg. This event is free and open to the public.

New and gently used books of all genres and for all ages will be available to the public for free. Participants may take as many books as they like. The supply is limited, so those interested are encouraged to arrive early. The giveaway is funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism.

For info, contact the FSU Office of Civic Engagement at 301-687-4210.

Frostburg Association of Education for Young Children Spring Meetings

The Frostburg Association of Education for Young Children will hold its meetings on the following **Wednesdays, April 22 and May 6**, at 5 p.m. in Framptom 117. All majors are welcome to attend.

For info, contact Erin King at ekking0@frostburg.edu.

FSU Spring Festival of Children’s Literature



Appearing at the Spring Festival of Children’s Literature are, from left, authors/illustrators Scott Campbell, Brian Floca, Deborah Hopkinson and Matt Phelan.

Educators in Maryland and Pennsylvania are encouraged to register for FSU’s 33rd Annual Spring Festival of Children’s Literature this month where teachers can earn credit for continuing professional development.

The festival will be held **Friday, April 24**, and **Saturday, April 25**, in the Lane University Center, where teachers, librarians and students will be engaged with the latest techniques to boost literacy and build the passion for lifelong reading. Educators can register at www.frostburg.edu/clc.

The festival provides an extraordinary value with access to experts in the field, breadth of topic areas covered, provided meals and exclusive access to classroom materials just for registering.

Before April 14, registration is \$40 for Friday, \$55 for Saturday or \$70 for both days. Registration made **April 14 or later** costs \$45, \$60 and \$76, respectively.

The 11 professional development workshops will touch on topics that address Common Core, how to evaluate quality and usefulness of books, books for behavior therapy, engaging teens with technology for interactive writing and more.

This year's featured authors and illustrators include Scott Campbell, author and illustrator of "Hug Machine"; Brian Floca, author and illustrator of the Caldecott award-winning "Locomotive"; Deborah Hopkinson, award-winning author of more than 45 books for young readers; and Matt Phelan, illustrator for the Newberry winner "The Higher Power of Lucky" by Susan Patron.

Books by these authors can be reserved for purchase on the festival's website and are available to be autographed at a meet-and-greet session on **April 24**.

To support the Children's Literature Centre, contact the FSU Foundation, Inc., at 301-687-4161 or visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give.

Staff and Faculty Relay for Life Team

The 2015 FSU Staff and Faculty Relay for Life Team is off and walking! Last year the group raised \$2,400 in three weeks to fight cancer. There are many ways to support the caring students who make Relay the biggest campus event of the year – join a team, give to a team, buy luminaria in honor of loved ones with cancer, walk the track or just attend the event with family and friends. Reserve the evening of **Friday, April 24**, now! To join or donate to the team, go to http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15SA?pg=entry&fr_id=64196. For info, contact Jodi Tement at jterment@frostburg.edu or Mary Gartner at mgartner@frostburg.edu.

Town Hall Meeting Series to Connect Students With Democratic Process

Students, community members and public officials are invited to participate in a series of Democratic Engagement Town Hall Meetings focused on local, state and national issues facing students today. The next Upcoming Town Hall Meeting will be held on **Tuesdays, April 28**, and will cover national issues.

The Town Hall Meeting series aims to create a respectful conversation about current issues and how governments and the democratic process can be engaged to create positive change. The series is hosted by FSU's J. Glenn Beall Institute for Public Affairs and the Office of Civic Engagement.

For info, contact Tim Magrath at 301-687-4080 or tmagrath@frostburg.edu, or Patrick O'Brien at 301-687-4210 or pobrien@frostburg.edu.

CMST 355 Political Communication Offered Online in Summer 2015

In Political Communication (CMST 355), students will examine the political communication environment surrounding the women's movement to become informed users and consumers of political communication with the following question in mind: How can the political arena be improved to ensure democracy serves the common good for all and empowers each individual to reach his or her full potential? CMST 355 will be offered during the second six-week session. For info, contact Christine Willingham at cmwillingham@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

It's not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Thursday, May 21**.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 9:30 a.m. and the Colleges of Business and Education at 2 p.m. 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 so that you will receive all the necessary upcoming information and check with the Registrar's Office to ensure everything is set for you to graduate.

A Grad Fair will be held **Wednesday, May 13**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Students will also have the opportunity to pick up their graduation tickets, enter drawings, purchase graduation merchandise and more.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Brittni Kaetzel at 301-687-4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Get Involved

Social Work Alliance Meeting Wednesdays

The Social Work Alliance holds general body meetings every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Guild 111. SWA is open to all majors.

For info, contact Taylor Casey at tlcasey0@frostburg.edu.

Upcoming UCM Events

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308, or at 301-687-7490 or c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

United Campus Ministry events and programs are open to all members of the FSU community.

Special Event

Concert and Talent Show, Friday April 17, 7:30 p.m., Lane Center Loft. UCM is seeking singers, poets, comedians and instrumentalists to perform. Contact Joel Alsrue at jcalsrue0@frostburg.edu if you would like to show off your talents. The Work Week, made up of FSU alumni, is the headline band. There will be a fundraiser bake sale and goodie table, but the concert and talent show are free.

Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities

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. This Lenten season the focus will be on “Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time.”

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Thursdays, 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Cordts PE Center, Hall of Fame Room. 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 current topic is “The Gospel in Six Words.”

Volunteers

Student Street Team

The Allegany Arts Council is putting together a street team to distribute posters and postcards to locations in the Frostburg area. You can earn volunteer hours and receive rewards such as discounted/free memberships, discounted/free tickets to local performances and more! For info, come to Lane 108 on **Thursday, April 16**, at 6 p.m. or contact Mikayla Dodge at mikayleedodge@yahoo.com.

Student Life

Residence Hall Room Selection for 2015-16

For all students currently residing in the traditional residence halls:

If you plan to return for the 2015-2016 academic year, be sure to visit www.welcome-mat.net/frostburg_terms to submit a housing application.

If you want to apply for a single room or a cluster of rooms with friends, you should not reclaim your same room when you complete the application, since this makes you ineligible for the single or cluster processes.

To apply for a single room, you can go to the Residence Life Office any time after your course enrollment appointment to select from available spaces. You need not have actually registered for classes to select a single room, but you must have visited Welcome Mat and applied for a room.

If your enrollment appointment is scheduled after the lottery on **Tuesday, April 14**, you should attend the lottery and select a single at that time. If there are no singles available, you can select a room in a cluster with a group of friends instead and add your name to the singles waiting list.

Remember, if you are selecting a particular roommate, you both must complete a housing application and indicate that you want each other as roommates.

For info, contact your RA, RD/HR or area coordinator.

Off-campus students wishing to move back on campus also must complete a housing application before coming to select a room.

Edgewood Commons Accepting Applications for 2015-16 Academic Year

Apply online at www.edgewoodfsu.com. Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms. Utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable, and air conditioning) are included in the contract fee. For info or to set up a tour, call 301-689-1370.

FSU-TV3



FSU-TV3 Covering Frostburg City Council Meeting

Tune in Friday and next Monday at 6 p.m. to see what’s going on in the city, or log on to www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/programming/original/communityevents to watch the council meeting online.

New Season of “Frostburg Experience”

The first episode of “The Frostburg Experience” is coming soon! Co-hosts **Alexa Nadwodny** and **Mark Langley** will guide viewers through this series featuring outstanding students and activities happening on campus.

This episode will feature an athletic panel discussion with Athletic Director **Troy Dell** and coaches **Dale Luy** and **Carly Sweeney**, as well as students **Priscilla Perez** and **Kayla Johnson** in a “Meet a Bobcat” segment. There will be a segment featuring the

Creative Writing Center’s offerings, *Katrina Gagliano* from the Department of Psychology will read an original poem and *President Gibraltar* will talk about the University’s sustainability efforts during his tenure.

Message Board

FSU-TV3 cablecasts an automated educational and community message channel when not showing video programming. The channel provides information about FSU events, nonprofit organizations and community events.

To advertise an activity, log on to www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/message-request-form, enter the information and click “submit.” A graphic or pre-made message can also be loaded. Submit requests at least two weeks in advance.

For info, contact FSU-TV3 at 301-6873011 or fsu-tv3@frostburg.edu.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Nick DeMichele in Paris in fall 2014

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 can help fund a study abroad experience. For info on programs or scholarships, visit the Fuller House (across the street from the Braddock House), call 301-687-4714 or email Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu. Also, check out the CIE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm.

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.

April showers bring May flowers – and wet driving conditions.



Slow down on slick roads and increase your following distance.

Replace your windshield wipers at least once a year.

Don’t drive faster than your wipers can clear water from the windshield.

Avoid driving through large puddles.

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.

Learn more at www.frostburg.edu/admin/opa/splanning.