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Frostburg State University Commencement Ceremonies Slated for May 21



From left, commencement speakers Emily Mills, Spencer Taylor and Megan Carr

FSU will recognize and celebrate the achievements of its May 2015 graduating class at its 146th commencement ceremony on **Thursday, May 21**, in the Cordts PE Center's Main Arena.

President Jonathan Gibraltar will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises throughout the day. The College of Liberal Arts and

Sciences will start at 9:30 a.m. and the College of Business and the College of Education will begin at 2 p.m. Featured student speakers for the ceremony include **Emily Mills**, College of Business; **Spencer Taylor**, College of Education; and **Megan Carr**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Mills will graduate with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is a member of the Honors Program, the Accounting Association and the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honors Society. She has done accounting internships at businesses in Cumberland and Frederick, tutored students in business mathematics and received scholarships, including the PNC Presidential Merit Scholarship. She is also a volunteer, giving her time to the Western Maryland Food Bank, the "Women to Women" mentoring program and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Upon graduation, she will work as a staff accountant at Sarfino and Rhoades, a CPA firm.

Taylor will graduate with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. Taylor came to FSU at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown from Hagerstown Community College in the fall of 2013. During his college career here, he has been a Dean's List student and a recipient of the Gibney Binkley and the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown scholarships. He has interned at elementary schools in Washington County. He was also the president of FSU at Hagerstown's chapter of the Frostburg Student Education Association during the 2014-2015 school year, and he is an elected member of the Maryland State Education Association Student Advisory Council.

Carr will graduate with a major in ethnobotany and minors in forestry, cultural anthropology and biology. She entered FSU in the fall of 2013 as a non-traditional transfer student. During her time at FSU, she has shone as an example of what a student can do with dedication and drive. She has earned scholarships from the Allegany Soil Conservation District, the International Society of Arboriculture and others; presented her research at national conferences; worked at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources; and much more. With a stellar undergraduate academic career behind her, she has been accepted into the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, where she will pursue her master's in environmental science.

Provost Dr. William Childs; **Dr. Clarence Golden**, dean of the College of Education; **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**, dean of the College of Business; and **Dr. Joseph Hoffman**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will present candidates for degrees during commencement.

The ceremony will be streamed live online. Visit www.frostburg.edu on the day of commencement for the link.

To join in the celebration on social media, share your best Commencement photos on Instagram, Twitter and Tumblr by tagging them #instaFrostburg, and tweet out your congratulations and photos using the hashtag #FrostburgGRAD.

Tickets are required to attend commencement. For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

Faculty Achievement Award Winners to Be Honored at Convocation



From left, Dr. Brent Kice, Gerry LaFemina and Dr. Benjamin Norris

The recipients of the 2015 Faculty Achievement Awards, with top graduating students from every degree program, will be honored at the FSU Honors Convocation on **Wednesday, May 20**, at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

This year’s Faculty Achievement Award recipients are **Dr. Brent Kice**, Department of Communication, for Teaching; **Gerry LaFemina**, Department of English, for Academic Achievement; and **Dr. Benjamin Norris**, Department of Chemistry, for University and Community Service. The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

In addition to the faculty awards, one graduating student per degree program will be honored for academic excellence and leadership.

As an associate professor of communication studies, Kice has demonstrated outstanding teaching performance in his seven years at FSU. He has taught nine different courses during his tenure and has served as his department’s basic course director for the multisection Introduction to Human Communication course. Colleagues appreciate his passion for teaching and his willingness to collaborate – all of which creates a positive atmosphere for student learning. Students appreciate his challenging and rewarding classroom activities that inspire them and his genuine interest in their learning. He is an enthusiastic teacher who continually strives to develop the critical thinking skills of his students in each and every class he teaches.

LaFemina, an associate professor of English, has produced an impressive array of scholarly works in his 11 years at FSU. Since 2004, he has published eight books of poetry, fiction and criticism and a chapbook of poetry, as well as edited or co-edited three anthologies. Recently, he has published a novel, “Clamor”; two full-length collections of poetry, “Notes for the Novice Ventriloquist” and “Little Heretic”; and a book of critical essays on poetry, “Palpable Magic: Essays on Poets and Prosody.” LaFemina is also very active in publishing his work in literary journals and magazines and has produced more than 25 literary publications since 2012. In addition, he has appeared on the national and international scene as a poet and scholar.

As an assistant professor of chemistry, Norris has exhibited an exceptional record of service to FSU and the local community in his five-year tenure. He is the coordinator of the STEM Scholars@Sowers Hall program, an academic residential community for freshman STEM students. He is an original member of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Working Group that has planned the Undergraduate Research Symposium for the past four years. Norris is a member of the Experiential Education Task Force, which has been charged with developing an experiential graduation requirement for undergraduates. As a member of the American Chemical Society, he is actively involved in K-12 outreach and serves as the faculty advisor for the student members of the American Chemical Society.

For info, contact the Office of the Provost at 301-687-4211.

FSU Now 12th Among Affordable Colleges Online’s Top Online MBA Programs



For the second year in a row, Affordable Colleges Online has named FSU one of the Best Online MBA Programs in the country. FSU is listed as number 12 in the ranking of the nation’s 50 Best Online MBA Programs for 2015-2016, placing it in the Top 15.

ACO, an emerging expert on online learning and college affordability, ranked the online MBA programs with the best combinations of quality, cost and student support by collecting and analyzing data from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and the schools themselves.

ACO’s data analysis team and higher education experts worked together to create a brand new scoring system that includes key qualitative and quantitative metrics and that weighs each metric by estimated impact on the online MBA student. Changes this year include only listing not-for-profit colleges and universities as well as analyzing average GMAT score, percentage of full-time faculty with a doctorate and the percentage of international students.

“As the demand for distance learning continues to rise, we’re seeing more and more institutions incorporate online learning into their curricula,” said Dan Schuessler, founder and CEO of Affordable Colleges Online. “We want to recognize these schools for their drive for innovation in higher education and their success in expanding their high-quality programs to the online learning environment.”

Schools included offer students affordable, supportive programming combined with the flexibility and customization of distance learning.

“When it comes to online learning, these schools are at the top of their game,” said Schuessler. “They appeal to prospective business students and working professionals because they provide the same academic excellence in their online programs as their campus courses.”

For info on ACO’s Best Online MBA Programs of 2015-2016, go to www.affordablecollegesonline.org/degrees/mba-programs.

For info about FSU’s MBA program, call the Office of Graduate Services at 301-687-7053, email gradservices@frostburg.edu or visit www.frostburg.edu/grad.

FSU’s Frostburg Grows to Have Sustainable Agriculture Summer Program

FSU’s Frostburg Grows will present a summer training program in sustainable agriculture, with four two-week courses running **from May 31 to Aug. 14**. The program is for anyone who is looking to start, expand or diversify a farming operation.

Much of the program is based on hands-on learning on farms throughout the Western Maryland region. Participants will have the opportunity to tour farms, including Goodness Grows in Bedford, Pa., Backbone Farm in Oakland, Md., Savage River Farm in Lonaconing, Md., and Lavender Farm in Accident, Md., and learn about methods and technologies from experienced farmers. The program also includes in-class courses taught by experts in agriculture and food policy. Course subjects include greenhouse and high-tunnel growing, extending the growing season, vertical growing systems, renewable energy, rainwater collection and irrigation, crop planning and rotation, soil science and composting, business management, entrepreneurship and many more.

In addition to in-class and on-farm courses, participants will go on a weekend camping retreat to New Germany State Park, where they will learn about sustainability leadership. They will also enjoy a dinner and roundtable discussion at Frostburg’s farm-to-table restaurant, Shift. There may be an optional white water rafting trip at Adventure Sports Center International in Garrett County, Md.

The two-week program costs \$2,475 and includes lunches, dinners and lodging at Edgewood Commons, an apartment complex on the FSU campus.

Up to four credits can be earned for the program. Credit hours are billed separately according to the credit rates of the college or university through which students receive credit.

To view the program schedule or to register, visit www.frostburggrows.com. For info, contact Corey Armstrong at 301-687-3136 or charmstrong@frostburg.edu.

Frostburg Grows is a sustainable agriculture training center in Western Maryland. In addition to providing education to local farmers, the Frostburg Grows team grows produce for FSU’s dining service in six high-tunnel greenhouses and grows native tree seedlings in a shade house. It won the 2014 Maryland Sustainable Growth Award and was a national finalist in the Second Nature Climate Leadership Awards.

Music

Faculty Artist Series Performance to Feature Duo Vif

The Department of Music Faculty Artist Series will present a performance by Duo Vif on **Wednesday, May 13**, at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The group, which consists of **Dr. Mark Gallagher** on clarinet and **Dr. Brent Weber** on saxophone, assisted by **Dr. Jay DeWire** on piano, will perform “Duo Sonata” by American composer Gregory Wanamaker, “Pit Band” by American composer William Albright, “Der Hirt auf dem Felsen” (“Shepherd on the Rock”) by Franz Schubert and “Trio in E-flat Major K. 498” (“Kegelstatt”) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

For info, contact the Department of Music at 301-687-4109 or visit www.frostburg.edu/music.

Presentations

Student Poster Presentations

Faculty, staff and students are invited to the IDIS 150 Health in America Student Poster Presentations on **Tuesday, May 12**, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). Those who attend will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

For info, contact Dr. Kelly Rock, assistant professor, Department of Nursing, at kmrock@frostburg.edu.

Mark Your Calendar for the Graduate Research Gallery Walk

Come celebrate the innovative work of FSU’s doctoral and master’s students on **Friday, May 15**, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. This year, over 30 students will present their research on topics ranging from public school consolidation to studies of wildlife and land conservation.

For info, contact Vickie Mazer, director of Graduate Services, at vmmazer@frostburg.edu.

TASTE Conference Coming May 27



The Office of Information Technology is accepting registrations for its 14th Annual TASTE (Technology and Strategies for Teaching Excellence) Conference to be held **Wednesday, May 27**, in the Center for Communications and Information Technology. This is a free conference designed to help move FSU faculty and staff technologically forward to meet the needs of today’s tech-savvy students. By keeping up with current technologies, students will understand that not only does FSU “know its audience” but strives to maintain relevance to respond to their needs.

Vendor collaboration gives everyone a unique opportunity to learn from the experts and discuss questions on site. Sessions will be tailored to up-and-coming technologies. Attendees can explore CCIT, FSU’s newest building, share ideas and collaborate with colleagues, and meet the technology vendors. As always, prize drawings will be held throughout the day. (Winners will be announced periodically on CCIT’s digital signage.)

For registration or to submit a session proposal, visit www.frostburg.edu/computing/training-events/taste-conference.

For info, email taste@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

First Graduates of Employee Development and Leadership Series



Inaugural cohort: from left, top row, John Brewer, Elisabeth Nelson, Don Swogger and Troy Donoway; bottom row, Linda Steele, Brittni Kaetzel, Rob Webber, Rhiannon Morgret, Jodi Welsch and Robert Cooper

The Office of Human Resources, in collaboration with the College of Business Center for Leadership Development, announces the first graduates of the Employee Development and Leadership Series. The high-performing members of the 2014-15 cohort include **John Brewer, Robert Cooper, Troy Donoway, Brittni Kaetzel, Rhiannon Morgret, Elisabeth Nelson, Linda Steele, Don Swogger, Rob Webber** and **Jodi Welsch**.

This initiative program provides up-and-coming leaders at FSU with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in their current roles and to prepare them for potential leadership roles in higher education. The series consists of eight workshops. In addition, participants have the opportunity to learn about the different divisions and structures of FSU and the University System of Maryland through panel discussions and presentations provided by division leaders.

For info on the series, contact Kathy Snyder, vice president, Office of Human Resources, at 301-687-4496 or ksnyder@frostburg.edu.

FSU Leadership Studies Students Attend TEDxFoggyBottom



George Washington University hosted its annual TEDxFoggyBottom event on April 3 with the theme “Be Rebellious.” Thanks to a grant from the Presidential Experiential Learning Enhancement Fund, Leadership Studies students **Nathan Moorhead, Essence Moseley, Wyatt Rudasill** and **Joanna Veras** attended the event with **Dr. Elesha Ruminski**, Leadership Studies coordinator, and **Christine Willingham**, who teaches Introduction to Leadership Studies.

The event included live presenters, representing a variety of fields, and interactive events where attendees could network and meet the presenters. The annual event is one of the largest student-run TEDx events in the United States, with 1,500 participants.

For info on the Leadership Studies minor, go to www.frostburg.edu/dept/lead or contact Ruminski at elruminski@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4480. Willingham, who will serve as the interim Leadership Studies coordinator this fall, can be reached at cmwillingham@frostburg.edu or 301-687-3075.

Moorehead Course Listed on Animals in Society Website

Animals in Human Society, a course taught by **Dr. Daniel Moorehead**, is listed on the Animals and Society Institute website. Moorehead is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology.

In this course, students develop an understanding of how sociological perspectives and theories are used to explore the role of non-human animals in society. Students explore the nature and forms of abuse/cruelty animals are subjected to through interdisciplinary inquiry spanning sociology, criminology, moral philosophy and law and examine institutionalized forms of abuse in research, zoos, hunting, sport/entertainment and food production. The course introduces students to the growing discourse surrounding “sustainability” and sustainable issues. Students also discuss the afterlife of animals.

The Animals and Society Institute develops knowledge in the field of human-animal studies, supports practices to address the relationship between animal cruelty and other violence and promotes action to protect animals through the adoption of ethical, compassionate public policy.

For info, contact Moorehead at dlmoorehead@frostburg.edu or 301-687-7965 or visit www.animalsandsociety.org/pages/has-courses-in-sociology. For info on Animals and Society/Human-Animal Studies courses in other disciplines, go to www.animalsandsociety.org/pages/courses.

Take Note

FSU Adventure Sports Management 2+2 Degree With Garrett College Approved

FSU and Garrett College will offer a new collaborative Bachelor of Science in Adventure Sports Management “two plus two” program starting in fall 2015. Students in the program will have the opportunity to gain expertise in recreation activities while developing the management skills and professional connections necessary to become successful leaders in the tourism industry. The program utilizes the unique natural resource base found in Western Maryland.

The Maryland Higher Education Commission and Middle States Commission on Higher Education have granted final approval for the program.

The program builds on curricula already developed in FSU's Adventure Sports concentration of the Recreation and Parks Management major and in Garrett's two-year program at the Adventuresports Institute. The new "two plus two" program provides a logical extension to the existing programs by adding leadership experiences and professional preparation while maintaining an emphasis on specific adventure sports skills. This model addresses students' need for the advanced knowledge offered by a bachelor's degree and the industry's need for leaders and innovators in the outdoor recreation and tourism fields, a growing component of the economy in Western Maryland and beyond.

Students in the new Adventure Sports Management program will participate in Garrett College's adventure skills classes before honing their leadership and business skills with FSU's adventure sports management classes, all offered on Garrett's campus. A bachelor's degree in adventure sports will open doors to higher-paying, advanced career positions.

Adventure sports and skills courses include experiential classes on snow sports, backcountry living, climbing, paddle sports and biking. Other coursework will integrate critical thinking and creativity to provide higher levels of leadership and practice while developing management and mentoring skills, as well as teach students the fundamentals of starting an adventure sports-related business. Students will receive the B.S. in Adventure Sports Management from FSU on graduation and can transfer their credits back to Garrett College to receive the A.A.S. in Adventure Sports.

FSU and Garrett College have collaborated on adventure sports education since Garrett founded its A.A.S. degree in 1992.

For info about FSU's Bachelor of Science in Adventure Sports program, contact Dr. Robert Kauffman at 301-687-4474 or rkauffman@frostburg.edu or visit www.frostburg.edu/rpm.

USM Raises \$3 Million in Gifts to Support William E. Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation



New Name to Take Effect on Chancellor Kirwan's Retirement

As the culmination of a fundraising effort that secured \$3 million to support its work in academic transformation, the University System of Maryland will name its Center for Academic Innovation to honor the legacy of retiring USM Chancellor William E. Kirwan. The renaming will take effect **July 1**.

Clifford Kendall, former chair of the USM Board of Regents, presented the name of the new William E. Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation on April 18 to an audience of 750 state and USM leaders and friends at a gala that paid tribute to Kirwan's 52 years of service in public higher education.

Net proceeds from the event will support an endowment for the Kirwan Center and its work in the evolving field of academic transformation-universities' efforts to create optimally effective and efficient learning environments that enhance student success.

Kirwan in May 2014 announced that he would step aside as chancellor, a position he has held since August 2002, upon the start of his successor. He will remain as chancellor **through June 30**, when University of Massachusetts System President Robert L. Caret succeeds him.

Under Kirwan's leadership, USM launched the Center for Academic Innovation in late 2012 to increase student success at all campuses.

The center is the first system-level center in the nation designed to meet the coming challenges of higher education head-on. Public colleges and universities increasingly face calls for more transparent accountability, return on investment and creative solutions to challenges such as budget constraints and accommodating the increasingly diverse needs of students.

The center's charge is to capitalize on recent findings from the learning sciences and the capabilities of emerging technologies to increase access, affordability and outcomes of higher education. The center brings together academic change leaders from across the system to identify ways to improve student success and sustain the most promising academic models.

Through these efforts, the center is helping to achieve Maryland's 55 percent college completion goal by identifying strategies to improve student success and implementing those strategies across USM institutions.

To date, the center's initiatives have included work in such important areas as course redesign, online learning, open educational resources, learner analytics, competency-based education and digital badging (digital "tokens" that recognizing the completion of projects within a traditional college program or online learning venue).

Career & Professional Development Center – Like It on Facebook!

Search and Like "Frostburg State University Career & Professional Development Center" to stay updated on the latest internship and job opportunities available for FSU students. The center also has a variety of tips to help optimize one's chances at getting that dream job. For info, call 301-687-4403 or visit 124 Sand Spring Hall.

New Library Display for May

In May, the Ort Library is celebrating the 35th anniversary of the release of "The Empire Strikes Back." The display covers the third, fourth and fifth floors. It highlights facts about the movie as well as resources available in the library on "Star Wars" and includes many materials from the library staff's personal collections.

Upcoming University Store Events

End of Semester Buyback

The End of Semester Buyback will be held **from May 11 through 21**. Visit the store's trailer sitting inside the Center Street parking lot or the buyback window at the University Store Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rental Book Return

Be sure to return your rented books to the store by **May 22**. Bring them to the buyback window along with any books that you want to sell. If you are not sure which books you have rented, store personnel can look them up.

Short-Term Rentals

Any in-stock book may be eligible for a short rental of one day or more. See a store clerk for details.

Thank You for Completing the Child Care Survey!

A big thank you to the students, faculty and staff who completed the FSU Child Care Needs Assessment survey! The research team will complete a preliminary report in the next couple of months to share with the president and Middle States committees. In the fall, the team will welcome invitations to present the report to student, faculty and staff governance groups and continue to solicit input.

For info, contact either of the principal investigators: Dr. Mary Gartner, associate provost emerita, at mgartner@frostburg.edu, or Dr. Julie Hartman-Linck, coordinator of the Women's Studies Program, at jehartman@frostburg.edu.

Attention Honor Society Advisors

Be sure to take the opportunity to recognize those students who have been inducted into the honor societies you advise through FSU's Merit pages (<http://frostburg.meritpages.com>). This is the service FSU uses to recognize student achievements, share them with hometown newspapers and provide students with a positive online profile of their college careers.

To allow your students to be recognized, send the name of the organization, a brief description of the organization, the students' names and their FSU email addresses to news@frostburg.edu.

FSU YouTube Channel Moving Soon; Check for Published Videos

FSU's official YouTube channel will move its home soon in an effort to gain better branding through streamlined Google pages. To help with the transition, your help and cooperation are needed.

Here's how you can help:

- If you have an FSU-produced YouTube video from the FSU YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/FrostburgStUniversit> that is embedded on FSU's website and you still want to use it, email news@frostburg.edu the link and note that you would still like the video to be available for public consumption. Double check your departmental webpages on www.frostburg.edu to see if you have one of these videos on your pages. News & Media Services will provide you with a new link and embed code to use once the video is uploaded to the new channel. Older videos will be marked unlisted, so make sure you keep the link in a handy spot. (Unlisted means you can't go to the playlist and find the video. You must have a link or embed code to view the video.)
- If there is a video on the FSU YouTube channel you want for your own classroom purposes but don't want online anymore, reply with a link, and News & Media will download the video and provide you with the file.
- Subscribe to the new FSU YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjY_FpaAUd9aHy5TbVT-25w. (The goal is to reach 500 subscribers!)
- Follow FSU's verified Google+ Page at <https://plus.google.com/108687482254279177465/posts?hl=en>.

Reply by **Friday, May 29**, with your requests.

CMST 355 Political Communication Offered Online, Summer 2015

In Political Communication (CMST 355), participants 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 we improve the political arena to ensure our democracy truly serves the common good for all and empowers each individual to reach his or her full potential? The course is offered during the second six-week session. For info, contact Christine Willingham at cmwillingham@frostburg.edu.

Consider a Leadership Studies Minor!

Regardless of your field, likely you will find yourself in a leadership capacity at some point in your career. The good news is that leadership can be learned! Further, good leadership makes working with others more effective and pleasurable. The Leadership Studies Minor helps you develop those competencies. If you have completed CMST 102 and LEAD 101, you have already completed half of the core courses required for the minor. The third course in the sequence, LEAD 201 Leadership Studies: Theory and Practice, will be offered in fall 2015. In this course, the class will examine traditional and contemporary leadership theories and their application to current leadership challenges. For info regarding the minor or LEAD 201, contact

Christine Willingham at cmwillingham@frostburg.edu or the Leadership Studies coordinator, Dr. Flesha Ruminski, at elruminski@frostburg.edu.

Community Course in Basic Ceramics



For the first time, the Department of Visual Arts will offer a non-credit community course in basic ceramics this summer on **Tuesdays, from June 2 through July 28**, from 6 to 9 p.m. in room 107 of the Fine Arts Building. The eight-week course will introduce students to the basic ceramic processes, including hand-building and the pottery wheel. The class will be taught by local ceramic artist Bobby Croft. The cost is \$160 plus the cost of clay.

For info, contact the Visual Arts Department at 301-687-4797 or jbrown@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

The 146th Commencement will take place on **Thursday, May 21**, in the Cordts PE Center. 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.

Tickets will be required for admission. The number of tickets is based on the number of graduating students in each ceremony. CLAS graduates will receive six tickets. COB and COE graduates will receive eight tickets.

A letter containing important information, including ticket information, has been sent to students' FSU email addresses and mailed to their home addresses.

Complete the graduation application in PAWS now and check with the Registrar's Office to assure everything is set for graduation in May.

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to all bachelor's and master's degree candidates and may be ordered at the University Store. Orders must be placed as soon as possible. Doctoral candidates will be emailed specific instructions on ordering their regalia.

A Grad Fair will be held **Wednesday, May 13**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Students can also pick up 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 Brittnei Kaetzel at 301-687-4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Deadlines

Graduate Grade Changes

The last day for graduate grade changes, including removal of incomplete grades for the fall 2014 semester and intersession 2015, is **Tuesday, May 12**.

Student Life

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.

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.

Community

Mountainside Baroque Performance on May 17



Mountainside Baroque will perform the final concert of its 2014-15 season on **Sunday, May 17**, at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 300 E. Oldtown Road in Cumberland. There will also be a pre-concert talk at 3:30 p.m.

This concert will explore a variety of Antonio Vivaldi’s works, including his “Magnificat” and the oratorio “Lauda Jerusalem” for orchestra, soloists and choir, as well the lively “Sinfonia in G” for strings and an unusual “Concerto in D Minor” for organ and violin. The Scholars of St. Cecilia and the FSU Chamber Choir will sing the choral portions of the “Lauda” and the “Magnificat.”

Tickets are available at the door or online at www.mountainsidebaroque.org. For info, visit the website, email mountainsidebaroque@mindspring.com or call 301-338-2940.

Wanted! Emergency Medical Services Volunteers

There is a great need for more Emergency Medical Services volunteers in the Frostburg area. A free EMT class will be held at the Frostburg Ambulance Service at 86 W. Main St. beginning on **Thursday, Sept. 3**, and continuing through the fall semester.

For info, contact Jay Stevens at 301-689-1255 or jays032@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.

General Grilling Safety



- **Read the owner’s manual!**
- **Use your grill in a well-ventilated area.**
- **Keep the grill stable.**
- **Use long-handled utensils.**
- **Keep the fire under control.**
- **Place a grill pad or splatter mat beneath your grill.**
- **Once it’s lit, never leave a grill unattended.**

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.