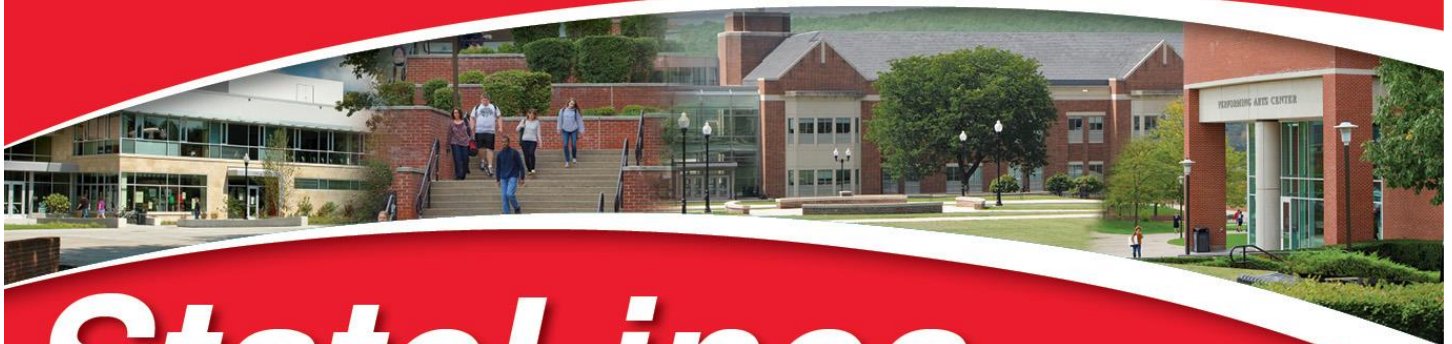




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## FSU to Focus on Sustainability and Climate Awareness at Focus Frostburg



FSU will once again be fully focused on sustainability and climate awareness during the upcoming Focus Frostburg event, an annual day of learning, on **Wednesday, April 20**, 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.

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 access to quality food, environmental justice issues, deforestation, environmental activism, student activism, wildlife rehabilitation, bio-retention systems, environmental policy, renewable energy, resource conservation, green burials and fracking.

As part of an Art 207 Graphic Design project, "Trees: Bearing Witness," the trees on campus this Earth Day will bear witness to their lives, their perspectives and their aspirations. Throughout campus, these three-dimensional works of art comprise, as a whole, a site-specific installation designed to transform the perception everyone may have concerning the trees of Western Maryland. During Focus Frostburg, tree planting will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. There will also be a Tree Campus USA Arbor Day Celebration at noon.

Everyone is invited to come learn about how Frostburg Grows is trying to tie Western Maryland together through local food initiatives at 1 p.m. and take a look at community agriculture in practice. Also, at 3 p.m., participants can join ethnobotanist Suzy Snow for "Food Seasons: An Intro to In-season Sustainable Eating" as she offers suggestions to incorporate seasonal foods into one's diet and provides a few ways to easily and economically save food as seasons change.

"Indigenous Voices for Environmental Justice" at 10 a.m. explores how indigenous peoples all over the world are using social media to fight against cultural and environmental exploitation and abuse. Then, at 11 a.m., "Religion and Environmental Activism" features "Renewal," the first feature-length documentary to capture the vitality and diversity of today's religious-environmental activists. Another documentary, "Groundswell Rising: Protecting Our Children's Air and Water," a special presentation at 6 p.m., concentrates on the growing opposition by ordinary citizens whose health and well-being have been adversely affected by fracking well pads near their homes and schools. It will be followed by a Q&A led by Craig Stevens, one of the citizen activists featured in the film.

In "Syrian Refugees on the Greek Island of Lesbos" at 1 p.m., members of the Spring Valley Community will explain what refugees have to go through to get from their countries to Europe through the Island of Lesbos. Those interested in environmental advocacy careers or activities can come to "Climate Chronicles: Experiences With Activism and the Oxfam Action Corps" at 2 p.m. to hear the story of professor Catherine Vrentas' experience with climate change and food policy advocacy as a community organizer.

Study abroad and volunteerism are highlighted in "Water School Uganda and the President's Leadership Circle" at noon. Find out how FSU students helped out at Pagwaya Primary School in northern Uganda by teaching children how to sanitize water with plastic bottles using the UV rays from the sun. "Working in Wildlife Rehab in South Africa" at 1 p.m. is about a three-week internship in 2015 at a wildlife rehab center in Thabazimbi, South Africa. In "100 Percent Pure" at 3 p.m., FSU students will focus on the resource conservation practices of New Zealand they witnessed during their summer 2015 study abroad experience.

Come to a hands-on project, "Campus Rain Gardens to Reduce Runoff Into the Chesapeake Bay," at 1 p.m. and learn about a bio-retention system that can provide aesthetic appeal while providing ecological benefits such as capturing runoff, reducing pollution and preserving water systems. At 2 p.m. in "Renewable Energy: Current and Future Innovations," Tau Kappa Epsilon

presenters will discuss methods for capturing energy that leave a minimal carbon footprint, methods currently in use and the problems various current methods face.

The annual Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Poster Contest will be held completely online. To view and vote for student-created environmental posters, or for other information about Focus Frostburg, visit [www.facebook.com/frostburglglg](http://www.facebook.com/frostburglglg). People can vote on Facebook by visiting FSU's LGLG Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/frostburglglg](http://www.facebook.com/frostburglglg)). Winners will be included in FSU's LGLG promotional campaigns.

Sustainability 155 students will present their work in a poster session on display all day in the Lane Center. Students will be available to discuss their work from 3 to 4:15 p.m.

Also at 3 and 4 p.m., students in SUST/IDIS Intro to Sustainability Studies will present the results of their class projects covering a native tree planting and restoration project, impacts of and alternatives to de-icing salt, improved recycling on campus, food scraps and composting, and media and promotion of the Angela Sun film, "Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch," and campus sustainability.

Other highlights include a fashion show gallery featuring garments created using recycled materials at 11 a.m., a round table discussion at noon about student sustainability fee projects and how to create a successful funding proposal and a presentation on green burials as well one on a multistate research project led by FSU professors on possible solutions to reverse an Allegheny woodrat population decline, both at 4 p.m.

For info and a schedule, visit [www.frostburg.edu/lglg/focusfrostburg.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/lglg/focusfrostburg.htm).

## Local Opinions on Access to Quality Food Sought During FSU Concern-Gathering Event

As part of a national data-gathering project on citizens' concerns about access to quality food, members of the local community are invited to a "concern-gathering" session at FSU on **Wednesday, April 20**, at 10 a.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). The program is part of FSU's daylong Focus Frostburg annual day of learning on sustainability issues.

The region's citizens have a unique opportunity to shape the national conversation on the topic of access to quality food, and diverse perspectives are being sought. Participants will be asked to describe what the topic means to them and to share their concerns. Results will be compiled into a National Issues Forum national issue guide.

This endeavor is part of 18-month-long learning opportunity for *Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski* and *Christine Willingham*, faculty in FSU's Department of Communication, with the Kettering Foundation to learn best practices as moderators of citizen discourse with the goal of using deliberative processes to put the work of the community in the hands of citizens, as opposed to top-down solutions.

The ultimate goal of these efforts is to create a communication leadership lab at FSU, envisioned as a hub of project activity that enables students, faculty and regional citizens to navigate collectively the complexities and contradictions of the changing world through access to expert, developmental and technological resources on dialogue, deliberation, collaboration and communication leadership.

The Kettering Foundation focuses on research and facilitation that supports "democracy working as it should through the alignment of citizens who are civically engaged and can make sound choices about their future; communities of citizens acting together to address common problems; and institutions with public legitimacy that contribute to strengthening the work of citizens." For info on the Kettering Foundation, visit [www.kettering.org](http://www.kettering.org).

For info or to share perspectives if you cannot make this session, contact Ruminski, associate professor of Communication Studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies, at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4480.

## Films

### FSU Documentary 'The Vision Within' to Be Shown on Earth Day



The multiple-award-winning FSU documentary "The Vision Within" will be screened at the Palace Theatre, 31 E. Main St., in Frostburg on **Friday, April 22**, to help celebrate Earth Day. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the screening of the 38-minute film will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"The Vision Within" is part of a documentary series that follows the profound international experiences of students in the FSU President's Leadership Circle program. In "The Vision Within," a group of college students travel deep into the heart of the Amazon rainforest to meet the Achuar people – an ancient "dream culture" living today in much the same way they have for thousands of years.

As they return home from their journey, the students must find ways to integrate their experiences into meaningful, engaged lives in service of their own inner visions and the future of the planet. The film is an exploration of the critical role that inner visions can play in people's lives, in education and in awakening a socially just, environmentally sustainable future.

The film was produced in partnership with Interdependent Pictures and the Pachamama Alliance. Michael O. Snyder of Interdependent Pictures directed the film.

The screening is free, but donations to support the Palace Theatre and the FSU Foundation are welcomed at the door.

A moderated panel discussion will follow with the director and producers, students and FSU sustainability leaders. A trailer for the next documentary in the series that takes place in India, “Dharamsala,” will also be shown at the screening.

The first installment of the series, “A Simpler Way,” was released in 2012 and followed students helping to provide clean drinking water to communities in Uganda. That film can be viewed at [www.frostburg.edu/ses-uganda](http://www.frostburg.edu/ses-uganda). Members of the President’s Leadership Circle have returned to Uganda to work with the Water School every year since.

“The Vision Within” has won multiple awards at film festivals and was an official selection at 10 film festivals around the world. The film was honored with Best Documentary Feature at the Blackbird Film Festival in Cortland, N.Y.; Best Environmental Film at the Canada International Film Festival in Vancouver; and Best Short Documentary at the Cayman International Film Festival in the Cayman Islands. Snyder was also nominated for Best Director at Blackbird Film Festival.

For info, contact the FSU Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning at 301-687-7013.

Entertainment

Zuzu African Acrobats to Perform in On the EDGE Series



The On the EDGE series at FSU will present the Zuzu African Acrobats on **Thursday, April 21**, at 8:15 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall.

Hailing from Mombasa, Kenya, the Zuzu African Acrobats are fast-paced and full of energy. The group’s lively and astonishing performance includes pyramid building, limbo, contortion, bottle balancing, tumbling, chair stacks and balancing. They have been featured on “America’s Got Talent” and “The Late Show With David Letterman” and have performed at three Super Bowls.

On the EDGE is an exciting new underground club series presented as a collaboration between Student Activities and CES at FSU. On the EDGE features cutting-edge performers who stretch the boundaries of their art forms. Patrons will enjoy informal table seating, comfortable couch and armchair seating, and food and beverage options. Patrons are encouraged to stay after the show as the venue transitions into the relaxed social environment of The After Room.

Tickets for On the EDGE performances are \$15 and may be ordered by calling 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137 or by visiting <http://ces.frostburg.edu>.

Theatre

Hilarious Musical (About Making a Musical) Takes Stage at FSU



From left, back to front, Alex Hemphill (Susan), Maddie Bohrer (Heidi), Joshua Mooney (Hunter) and Matthan Potts (Jeff)

Theatre and Dance at FSU will present the unusually named theatrical hit “[title of show],” a hilarious and energy-packed musical, **Thursday through Saturday, April 21 through 23**, at 7:30 p.m. in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre of the Performing Arts Center.

Directed by **Mairzy Yost-Rushton** with musical direction by local musician Chris McCabe, “[title of show]” gets inside the creative minds of Jeff and Hunter, two struggling writers desperate to get a piece into the New York Musical Theatre Festival, which is just three weeks away. With the help of friends, the duo embarks on an artistic and humorous journey of self-expression as they write a musical ... about writing a musical. Described by Elisabeth Vincentelli as a “true Broadway geek fest,” and by the New York Times as “delectable entertainment,” this Great-White-Way-inspired one-act is a tribute to the joy of collaboration and a love letter to that distinctly American art form called musical theatre.

The musical is a post-modern homage to the grand tradition of backstage musicals like “Babes in Arms,” “Kiss Me, Kate” and “A Chorus Line.” With music and lyrics by Jeff Bowen and the book by Hunter Bell, “[title of show]” received a Tony Award nomination for Best Book of a Musical in 2009.

For reservations and info, call the Theatre and Dance box office 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 \$12 for the general public. Group discounts are available when booked in advance. This production is recommended for mature audiences.

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.

Percussion Ensemble in Spring Concert

The FSU Percussion Ensemble will present its spring concert on **Monday, April 18**, at 7:30 p.m. The program, under the direction of **Dr. Ronald Horner**, will begin with a selection that presents an aural image of the capital of Colombia’s mountainous Antioquia province. “Backroads of Medellin,” by Chris Brooks, captures the energy and grandeur of the region surrounding the “City of Eternal Spring.”

The next selection, “Six Slick Stix Click Licks” by Paul Goldstaub, is as challenging for the players to perform as it is to pronounce. Composed for three snare drums, it is a fugue – a compositional form that develops a theme through imitation. That will be followed by a transcription of a ragtime favorite by Charles Johnson, “Dill Pickles.” Originally composed for piano in 1906, it has been arranged for percussion ensemble by Ed Argenziano. The program will continue with members of this



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semester’s Percussion Methods class performing the Latin-flavored “A la Samba” by percussionist and composer Mitchell Peters. Different timbres of the percussion family are at the center of “Teamwork” by Lynn Glassock. This composition, originally commissioned by the North Carolina state chapter of the Percussive Arts Society, highlights the melodic and harmonic capabilities of the percussion family.

The concert will conclude with “Sweet Rio” by Arthur Lipner, which invites the audience to get on their feet and enjoy the Rio Carnival experience through this energetic samba.

## Guitar Ensemble Concert to Feature Video Game Music

The FSU Guitar Ensemble, under the direction of *Patrick Sise*, will present its spring concert, “Super Guitar Ensemble: Video Game Music,” on **Tuesday, April 19**, at 7:30 p.m.

The ensemble consists of *Alexa Bashaw, Daniel Bedwell, Rasheed Billy, Matthew Borleis, Tanner Fagan, Eric Gontrum, Greg Hays, Corey Snowden, Grant Stryckning* and *Garrett Yoder*.

They will perform works by Koji Kondo, who is best known for his involvement in numerous song titles in the “Mario” and “The Legend of Zelda” series of video games; Nobuo Uematsu, a video game composer best known for scoring the majority of titles for the “Final Fantasy” series; Jeremy Soule, an American composer of soundtracks for film, television and video games; Marcin Przybyłowicz, a Polish composer and sound designer best known for his work in video games like “The Witcher” saga and “The Vanishing of Ethan Carter”; and Percival Schuttenbach, a Polish band known for its work on “The Witcher” saga.

## Music Majors to Perform Saxophone and Bassoon Solos and Duets

FSU’s Saxophone and Bassoon Studio Recital will take place on **Thursday, April 21**, at 7:30 p.m. Pianist *Dr. Jay DeWire* will be the accompanist.

Selections will include “Six Studies in English Folk-Song” by Ralph Vaughan Williams, with *Joseph Spittler* on bassoon; “Concerto for Alto Saxophone” by Pierre Max Dubois, with *Eric Foreman* on alto saxophone; “A Doll” by Jim Snidero and “Misty” by Eroll Garner, with *Marcus Steele* on bassoon; “Le Tombeau de Couperin” by Maurice Ravel, with *Zee Mollon* on alto saxophone; “Sonate I for Two Bassoons” by Joseph Bodin de Boismortier, with Spittler and artistic director *Dr. Brent Weber* on bassoons; and “Konzertstucke for Two Alto Saxophones” by Paul Hindemith, with Mollon, Foreman and Weber on alto saxophones. Weber will also perform “Blue Caprice” by Victor Moroso. The concept of “Blue Caprice” evolved from the composer’s conclusion that the proper companion to “Sonorities” should be a virtuosic solo similar to a Paganini caprice but based on the blues, hence “Blue Caprice.”

## Ensemble Presenting Evening of Brass Chamber Music

The FSU Brass Ensemble, under the direction of *Kevin McManus*, will present its concert on **Friday, April 22**, at 7:30 p.m. Works will include “The Calling” by David W. Moore, “Galliard Battaglia” by Samuel Scheidt, “Three Pieces” by Johann Pezel, “What a Friend We Have” by Charles C. Converse and “Gonna Build a Mountain” by Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse. The recital will also feature the following FSU brass students performing solo works: *Alexandria Blank* and *Jeremy Johnson* on trumpets, *Ashlee Gojeski* on the French horn, *Deandre Cook* on the trombone, *Maame Agyekum* on the bass trombone, *Ayauna Andrews* on euphonium and *Jeb Cliber* on the tuba.

## Jazz Band The Hot Sardines to Appear in LIVE! at StarScape Performance



CES at FSU will present a LIVE! at StarScape club performance of the boisterous crowd-pleasing band The Hot Sardines on **Saturday, April 23**, at 7:30 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall.

Led by “Miz Elizabeth” Bougerol on vocals and bandleader/pianist Evan “Bibs” Palazzo, The Hot Sardines present a riotous marriage of early-American jazz with a mischievous twist of French culture. The eight-piece group even includes a tap dancer, Edwin “Fast Eddy” Francisco, whose stellar footwork serves as part of the band’s feverish rhythm section.

The Hot Sardines’ high-energy performances led Forbes Magazine to dub them as “one of the best jazz bands in New York today,” and a live broadcast from New York City’s famous Joe’s Pub on WFUV-FM stated that their style is “old-time jazz with new-time energy and style ... magic on stage. There is no other band playing live quite like The Hot Sardines.”

The evening performance will be followed by a meet-the-artist interactive session as part of the Offstage Series with WFWM, FSU’s NPR-affiliate public radio station.

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 <http://ces.frostburg.edu>.

## IO Ensemble in Faculty-Guest Artist Series

FSU’s Department of Music Faculty-Guest Artist Series will present the IO Ensemble in recital on **Saturday, April 23**, at 7:30 p.m. The IO Ensemble serves to highlight the flute through the performance of a wide variety of repertoire and the use of various historical and modern instruments. This concert will feature FSU flute instructor *Keith Hanlon* and guest artist Amara Guitry on flutes. Additional guest artists include *Gary Phillips*, percussion, and *Dr. Sean Beachy*, piano, as well as two members of the FSU Flute Studio, *Cris Dohler* and *Susan Zoller*. The recital will include works by Georg Philipp Telemann, John Luther Adams, Friedrich Kuhlau, Robert Maggion, Daniel Dorff and Franz Doppler.

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## Katie Hendrix to Perform Senior Recital

Soprano **Katie Hendrix** will perform her senior recital on **Sunday, April 24**, at 3 p.m. She will be accompanied by **Dr. Jay DeWire** on piano, **Dr. Mark Gallagher** on the clarinet, **Dr. Keith Hanlon** and Amara Guitry on traverse, Lyle Nordstrom on theorbo, **Alex Kooker** on the trumpet and Carolyn Hendrix on the cello.

Selections will include “Lagrima Mie” from “Diporti di Euterpe, Op. 7” and “Miei Pensieri” from “Ariette a voce sola, Op. 6” by Barbara Strozzi; “Ei! Wie Schmeckt der Kaffee Suse” and “Heute Noch, Lieber Vater” from “Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht, BWV 211” (“Coffee Cantata”) by Johann Sebastian Bach; “Let the Bright Seraphim” by George Frederic Händel; “Wiosna” and “L’oiselet” by Frédéric Chopin; “The Shepherd on the Rock” by Franz Schubert; and “Panis Angelicus” by César Franck.

## Sakarra Turner in Senior Recital

Mezzo-soprano **Sakarra Turner** will present her senior recital on **Sunday, April 24**, at 7 p.m. She will be accompanied by **Dr. Jay DeWire** on the piano.

Her program will consist of “Gia il sole dal Gange” by Alessandro Scarlatti, “Chi vuol la zingarella” by Giovanni Paisiello, “Per pieta bell’idol mio” by Vincenzo Bellini, “Si j’etais jardinière” by Cecile Chaminade, “Coh” by Sergei Rachmaninoff, “Mit Einem Gemalten Band” by Ludwig von Beethoven, “Il vecchiotto cerca moglie” from “Il barbiere di Siviglia” by Gioacchino Rossini, “Serenata Gitana” by Miguel Sandoval, “Clouds” by Ernest Charles, “Loveliest of Trees” by John Duke, “Must the Winter Come So Soon” from “Vanessa” by Samuel Barber, “Green Finch and Linnet Bird” from “Sweeny Todd” by Stephen Sondheim, “Meadowlark” from “The Baker’s Wife” by Stephen Schwartz, “Ain’t It Good” from “Children of Eden” by Stephen Schwartz and “The Wizard and I” from “Wicked” by Stephen Schwartz.

## ‘Flood by the Foot’ to Present ‘A Bohemian Ride’

The FSU Flute Studio and Flute Ensemble, “Flood by the Foot,” will present their concert, “A Bohemian Ride,” on **Thursday, April 28**, at 7:30 p.m. This concert will feature members of the flute studio and flute ensemble performing solos, chamber works and large ensemble compositions by Nicole Chamberlain, Robert Maggio, Geoffrey Westbrook, Ian Clarke, Gabriel Fauré, Claude Debussy and David Loeb.

## Jazz Orchestra Spring Concert a ‘Tribute to Duke Ellington’



Duke Ellington with his orchestra

FSU’s Jazz Orchestra will present its spring concert, titled “Tribute to Duke Ellington,” on **Friday, April 29**, at 7:30 p.m. Directed by **Dr. Brent Weber**, the concert will feature guest artist Sal Lozano on the saxophone, clarinet and flute, as well as the FSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble directed by **Dr. James Reddan**.

Selections will include “Things Ain’t What They Used To Be,” “Chelsea Bridge,” “Take the A Train,” “Prelude to a Kiss,” “Magnolias Dripping With Molasses,” Don’t Get Around Much Anymore,” “St. Louis Blues” and “Abide.”

Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available at the door (cash only).

## ‘Dean of W.Va. Songwriters’ Todd Burge to Play Twice at MCTA



Witty singer-songwriter and guitarist Todd Burge returns to Mountain City Traditional Arts, 25 E. Main St., Frostburg, on **Saturday, April 30**, for a children’s concert at 4 p.m. and a concert for his adult fans at 7:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$15.

Over the past three decades, Burge has become known as one of West Virginia’s greatest singer-songwriters. The self-styled troubadour draws musical inspiration from a rich tapestry of life experiences, weaving humor and socially conscious lyrics with immense talent. Burge’s musical style varies from folk to alternative rock and beyond. Many of his songs are performed from unexpected perspectives, including bugs, animals and inventive human characters of Burge’s imagination.

Burge’s 2015 album, “Imitation Life,” was produced in collaboration with Grammy winner Tim O’Brien, and his newest album, “Live on Mountain State 2006-2015,” featuring recordings across a decade of live performances on NPR, will be released in May.

For info, contact [mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com](mailto:mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com) or call 301-687-8040.

## Presentations

## Holistic Life Foundation Presenting ‘Breathing Love Into Our Campus Community’

Guest speakers from the Holistic Life Foundation will present “Breathing Love Into Our Campus Community” on **Monday, April 18**, at 7 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall.

The event will feature the three founders of the Holistic Life Foundation, which is headquartered in Baltimore. In addition to learning about their transformative work that introduces students in Baltimore City (and elsewhere) to contemplative practices,

the program will provide attendees an opportunity to come together as a campus community to discuss issues surrounding diversity, equity and inclusion. This program is also an opportunity to create an environment in which concerns surrounding these issues can be expressed as well as to develop tools to more effectively communicate with one another.

For info, contact Robin Wynder, director of the Diversity Center, at [rwynder@frostburg.edu](mailto:rwynder@frostburg.edu).

## R. Margaret Hamilton Children’s Hour Held as Part of Spring Festival of Children’s Literature



Authors Peter Brown, Bryan Collier, Barb Rosenstock and Gary Schmidt

On **Friday, April 29**, area children are invited to spend time with award-winning authors and illustrators as they talk about their works. Through a partnership with the Children’s Literature Centre, Allegany County Public Schools and the Allegany County Public Library System, each speaker will hold a Children’s Hour session at locations around the county. All sessions will be open to the public.

Peter Brown, an author and illustrator, will appear at the South Cumberland Library at 10 a.m. The author of “My Teacher Is a Monster,” has won the E.B White Honor and Award several times. Bryan Collier will speak at FSU at 10 a.m. in Gira Center 397. His most recent Coretta Scott King (illustrator) award was in 2016 for his artwork in “Trombone Shorty.” Barb Rosenstock will be at Bel Air Elementary at 10 a.m. Her book, “The Noisy Paint Box,” was a 2015 Caldecott Honor book, ALA and CLA Notable book, a CCBC Choice and an ILA 2015 Teacher’s Choice. Gary Schmidt will appear at Braddock Middle School at 12:45 p.m. In 2010, his novel, “Okay for Now,” was a National Book Award finalist.

For info, contact Dr. Jodi Welsch at 301-687-3096.

## Appalachian Laboratory Spring Visiting Scholar Seminar Series

Dr. Laura Leites, Pennsylvania State University, will present “Climate Adaptation in Forest Trees: Lessons From Provenance Tests” on **Thursday, April 21**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. All sessions are free and open to the public. For info, go to [www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule](http://www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule).

## Workshops

### Ort Library – ‘Tips and Tools for Managing Your Money’



As part of Money Smart Week, the Lewis J. Ort Library will offer the workshop, “Tips and Tools for Managing Your Money” on **Tuesday, April 26**, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Wednesday, April 27**, from 1 to 2 p.m., both sessions to be held in the Library Instruction Center on the third floor. This workshop is open to all and will provide a variety of tips and ideas for managing your money as well as online tools and resources.

Money Smart Week was created in 2002 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Since then, the Federal Reserve has teamed up with libraries, schools, businesses and other organizations to help consumers manage their personal finances. A variety of financial literacy and money management resources can be found on the Money Smart Week guide at <http://libguides.frostburg.edu/moneysmartweek>.

For info, contact Lisa Hartman at [lahartman@frostburg.edu](mailto:lahartman@frostburg.edu).

## Visual Arts

### Robert Hein to Hold Photography Exhibit

**Robert Hein**, an associate professor in FSU’s Department of Visual Arts, will have a solo photography exhibit, titled “Stillness Between,” **May 5 through 29** at the Engine Room Art Space, 36 N. Potomac St., in Hagerstown. There will be an opening reception on **Friday, May 6**, from 5 to 8 p.m. For info, visit [www.robertmhein.com](http://www.robertmhein.com) or call 301-687-4354.

## Points of Pride

### Dr. Heather Gable Recognized Friday With USM Award for Teaching



**Dr. Heather Gable**, chair of FSU’s Department of Nursing and an associate professor, has been awarded the Regents’ Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest honor that the University System of Maryland Board of Regents bestows to recognize exemplary faculty achievement. She was honored at the April 15 meeting of the board.

Gable’s honor marks the eighth time since 2007 that an FSU faculty member has been honored by the regents.

Gable began her academic career at FSU in the fall of 2009 as an adjunct faculty member. Shortly thereafter, she stepped into the role of program coordinator of FSU’s online RN-BSN Nursing Program, which had been created in 2009. Gable developed and implemented all aspects of the program, including student recruiting, marketing, course design, curriculum development and the assessment plan to meet the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice in preparation for accreditation.

In 2014, the team in the Department of Nursing, under Gable’s leadership, received approval to implement a new master of science in nursing program, scheduled for initial accreditation in spring 2016. She serves as a critical member of FSU’s Health Sciences team that is planning further programs for development.

Gable has worked to ensure the highest standards for the online nursing courses, achieving Quality Matters certification for all courses in the RN-BSN program. She works with the nursing faculty to ensure they are systematically building and evaluating the courses based on rigorous, research-based standards.

In support of efforts to develop nursing curricula, the Nursing Department, under Gable’s leadership, has secured more than \$3.5 million in funding from the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Gable is also an outstanding teacher and works to ensure that her students are able to apply what they are learning to their work environments, allowing for “real-world” application.

Take Note

## A STAR! Annual Book Give Away

FSU’s A STAR! in Western Maryland AmeriCorps program will host its Annual Book Give Away **through Wednesday, April 20**. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at City Place at 14 S. Water St. in Frostburg each day. Members of the community are encourage to come out and look through more than ten thousand books ranging from children’s books to mystery novels and more. All books and items are free. For info, contact the AmeriCorps Read to Succeed coordinator, Erin Lewis, at 301-687-4191.

## Communication Honor Society Eligibility Deadline for Graduating Seniors

Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) is the official communication honor society of the National Communication Association. FSU’s Phi Upsilon Chapter inductees will receive a pin, a cord for graduation and an induction certificate. Induction guarantees membership for life. For info on LPH, go to [www.natcom.org/lambdapieta](http://www.natcom.org/lambdapieta).

To be eligible for LPH induction, students must be a declared CMST or MCOM major or minor, have at least 60 total credit hours completed, have at least 12 credit hours completed in CMST and MCOM, have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and a 3.25 GPA in the CMST or MCOM major/minor and be an active member of their department with good academic, professional and collegial standing.

There is a one-time \$40 membership fee for LPH induction. To be inducted this May, qualifying students should consult with their academic advisors and then contact one of the chapter co-advisors by **Monday, April 18**. Details on induction will follow. For info, contact Dr. Elesha Ruminski at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu) or Dr. Sheri Whalen, Department of Communication chair and assistant professor of mass communication, at [sawhalen@frostburg.edu](mailto:sawhalen@frostburg.edu).

## Last FAEYC Spring Meeting

The Frostburg Association for the Education of Young Children is an organization that provides opportunities for students to learn, interact and develop skills and information needed for teaching young children. The last meeting of the spring semester will be held on **Tuesday, April 19**, at 4:30 p.m. in Framptom 114.

## National Student Exchange – Study Away Opportunity!

FSU is a new member of the National Student Exchange. FSU students can now pay FSU tuition but study at one of 200 colleges in the U.S.! They can continue to make progress toward their FSU degree program while studying in a new place, meeting new people and enrolling in specialized courses that might not be available at FSU. Join Amy Shimko, NSE coordinator, in Lane 111 for information sessions on the following dates: **Tuesday, April 19**, at 3:30 p.m. and **Thursday, April 21**, at 12:30 p.m. The priority deadline has passed but there are still over 100 schools accepting placements for fall/spring 2016-2017. For info, contact Shimko at 301-687-4403.

## Secular Student Alliance to Meet April 20



Secular Student Alliance at FSU will hold its regular weekly meeting on **Wednesday, April 20**, at 5 p.m. in Lane 110. The business meeting will be followed by a discussion and videos. The purpose of SSA is to organize, unite, educate and serve students and student communities, and to promote the ideals of scientific and critical inquiry, democracy, secularism and human-based ethics. For info, contact Leigh Abraham, SSA’s treasurer, at [ldabraham0@frostburg.edu](mailto:ldabraham0@frostburg.edu).

## University Store Offers Rentals and Buyback

The University Store offers short-term rentals of most books it has in stock. If you need a book for reference, or just for a short period of time, simply ask one of the associates about availability.

The University Store conducts textbook buyback daily in the store from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are finished with a book for the semester, or if you have some old books that you want to get rid of, bring them into the store and see if they have any value.

## Nominations Sought for Civil Citizen Communicator Award

The Communication Studies program will award its second annual Civil Citizen Communicator Award this **May**. This award will be given to a student who has demonstrated a commitment through word and actions to communication leadership within an



organization or community. This person should demonstrate communication competence, leadership capabilities and an awareness of and responsiveness to civility issues that impact others. The nomination process is open to any major on campus.

Nominations will be accepted until **Monday, April 25**. Nominate a candidate, or yourself, by emailing Connie Capacchione at [ccapacchione@frostburg.edu](mailto:ccapacchione@frostburg.edu). Nominations should include the nominee’s full name, major/minor and intended graduation date; a brief rationale (500 words or less) supporting why the nominee fits the criteria above; and additional supporting info for that nomination (photos or videos of speeches or events, event or promotional materials, letters of acknowledgement, etc.). For info, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4480. A panel of external reviewers will determine the award winner, and the award announcement will be made at the Second Annual Frosty Awards **Saturday, May 7**.

## Beautify the 'Burg

Frostburg will host its annual Beautify the 'Burg event on **Saturday, May 7**. The event will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Michael’s Courtyard and end at City Place at noon for lunch. During this event, FSU students and Frostburg community members come together to volunteer in the local community, completing beautification projects to prepare Frostburg for its tourism season. This year the event is sponsored by FSU, the City of Frostburg, Frostburg First and Frostburg Dining Services. To volunteer, or for info, contact the VOICE AmeriCorps Volunteer coordinator, Patrick Travers, at 301-687-7598.

## Don’t Forget to Register for TASTE!



The Office of Information Technology will host the 15th Annual TASTE Conference on **Wednesday, May 25**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Gira Center. TASTE is a prominent technology conference in Western Maryland that is free and open to anyone. The conference is designed for sharing ideas and best practices in teaching excellence and technology initiatives.

To register or to submit a session proposal, go to [www.frostburg.edu/computing/training-events/taste-conference](http://www.frostburg.edu/computing/training-events/taste-conference). For info, email [taste@frostburg.edu](mailto:taste@frostburg.edu) or call Beth Kenney at 301-687-4244.

## Upcoming BURG Peer Education Network Events



The General Body Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 21**, at 6:30 p.m. in Gira Center 156. For info, contact Gavin Mangolas at [gmmangolas0@frostburg.edu](mailto:gmmangolas0@frostburg.edu).

## Kappa Pi to Hold Paint Night

FSU’s Kappi Pi Art Fraternity will hold a Paint Night event on **Wednesday, April 20**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lane South Addition. The price is \$10. Tickets are available at the box office. For info, contact Jessica Prejean at [jprejean0@frostburg.edu](mailto:jprejean0@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 **Saturday, May 21**, in the Cordts PE Center. 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. Tickets will be required for admission. **Each Colleges of Business and Education graduate will receive nine tickets, and each College of Liberal Arts and Sciences graduate will receive seven.**

If you haven’t done so, contact the Registrar’s Office to complete your graduation application and check that your home mailing address is accurate in PAWS, so you’ll receive all the necessary upcoming info.

Follow [@FrostburgGrad](https://twitter.com/FrostburgGrad) on Twitter or [www.facebook.com/commencementatfrostburg](https://www.facebook.com/commencementatfrostburg) on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

## FSU-TV3

## Have Federal Work-Study or Need Upper Division Electives?

FSU-TV3 has openings for non-linear video editors, graphic designers, public relations specialists and assistant program directors for the fall semester. If interested in any of the positions, apply online at [www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/staff-application](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/staff-application) or email [fsu-tv3@frostburg.edu](mailto:fsu-tv3@frostburg.edu).

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## Student Life

## Edgewood Commons Contracting for 2016-2017

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year. All the information about Edgewood Commons is available at [www.edgewoodFSU.com](http://www.edgewoodFSU.com). 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. To set up a tour or for info, call 301-689-1370. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions.



# Study Abroad

## Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Tori Modlin – London (Spring 2015)

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to experience 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 and student loans and scholarships are available. For info, visit the Fuller House (across the street from the Braddock House), call 301-687-4714 or email Victoria Gearhart at [vmgearhart@frostburg.edu](mailto:vmgearhart@frostburg.edu). Also, check out the CIE webpage at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm) and the Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad](http://www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad).

# Community

## Arts Walk in Downtown Frostburg – More Than 40 Participating Artists



Art, music and dance will decorate downtown Frostburg’s Arts and Entertainment District during the Arts Walk on **Saturday, April 23**, from 3 to 8 p.m. Designed as a walking gallery tour, artists will display works in businesses and community spaces. Visit each location for chances to win raffles of gift certificates and pieces of artwork.

Arts Walk will begin with a dedication ceremony for FSU student *Shea Crumbly*’s literary-themed public art on the front of the Frostburg Public Library. Following the dedication, enjoy live performances in Saint Michael’s Courtyard by Mountain Ridge Jazz Ensemble, Mountain City Center for the Arts, Chloe Wildman, and Karen and Zach Heeter. Michael Long of Duncansville, Pa., will conduct a live chainsaw wood-carving sculpture demo in the Broadway parking lot.

Move from business to business to enjoy reception and view paintings, photography drawings, pottery, handcrafted items and more! Children’s activities include Painting With Peyton, Face Painting by Heather and Arts Bus Crafts With Clare.

For a full list of artists with links to pictures and videos, visit [www.downtownfrostburg.com/arts-walk](http://www.downtownfrostburg.com/arts-walk). For questions about the event, contact FrostburgFirst at 301-689-6900 or [frostburgfirst@gmail.com](mailto:frostburgfirst@gmail.com).

## DAV to Offer Mobile Service Office

The nonprofit Disabled American Veterans will offer counseling and claim-filing assistance to veterans through its Mobile Service Office on **Monday, April 25**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cumberland VA Medical Center at 200 Glenn St. and on **Tuesday, April 26**, also from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hagerstown VA Outpatient Clinic at 1101 Opal Court, Suite 210. This service is free to all veterans and members of their families. For info, contact Lamarr Couser at 410-230-4440.

# 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.

## Watch Out for Animals!



Some are emerging from hibernation, and others are entering mating season.

Many animals, especially deer, are most active at dawn or dusk.

### 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.

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Learn more at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/opa/splanning](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/opa/splanning).