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CollegeValuesOnline.com Lists FSU's Bachelor's Degree in Recreation and Parks Management Among Top 30 Best Value Recreation Programs



CollegeValuesOnline.com, an online independent guide to selecting the best college for each individual, recently ranked FSU number 16 of the 30 top schools that offer parks, recreation and leisure studies bachelor's degrees in the United States for 2016. FSU offers a major in recreation and parks management.

The programs included in this ranking were chosen from a pool of nearly 150 schools offering parks, recreation and leisure studies bachelor's degrees. The ranking includes programs from a broad section of the parks, recreation and leisure field and includes degrees in hospitality and tourism. Points were awarded based on four categories: low tuition, high return on investment, a high percentage of students receiving financial aid and the number of minors, concentrations or areas of emphasis offered within the program. The return on investment figures were sourced from Payscale.com and the tuition and financial aid information from the National Center for Education Statistics College Navigator Database.

The bachelor's degree in recreation and parks management at FSU offers students concentrations in community program delivery, adventure sports, hospitality management and tourism, and therapeutic recreation. Students of this program have taken advantage of internships at the YMCA, Disney resorts, state parks, and local parks and recreation departments. Adventure sports students have the opportunity to take classes in outdoor adventures, whitewater kayaking and cross country skiing. CollegeValuesOnline.com calculated FSU's tuition at \$7,982, the average 20-year return on investment at \$193,500 and the number of students receiving financial aid at 87 percent and noted the number of concentrations, tracks or minors for FSU's program is four.

FSU also offers a bachelor's degree in adventure sports management and a fully online master's degree in recreation and parks management.

For info about the award and to view the ranking in its entirety, visit www.collegevaluesonline.com/rankings/best-value-bachelor-degrees-in-parks-recreation-and-leisure.

Presentations

'The Dakota 38: Remembering the Civil War as an Indian War'



FSU's Department of History will host Dr. Ari Kelman, who will present "The Dakota 38: Remembering the Civil War as an Indian War," on **Wednesday, Feb. 17**, at 7 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). This event is free and open to the public.

On December 26, 1862, federal authorities dispatched to the frontier outpost of Mankato, Minn., oversaw the largest public execution in U.S. history: the hanging of 38 members of the Dakota tribe. This explosion of violence on the borderlands was the pivotal event in what later became known as the Dakota War, a multiyear fight that left hundreds of soldiers, settlers and Native Americans dead and millions of dollars' worth of property in ruins. Kelman, a historian at Penn State University, will place the Dakota War in the context of the

American Civil War, suggesting that these two conflicts, long understood as entirely separate, were actually inextricably intertwined – part of a broader struggle over the relationship between empire and liberty in the mid-19th century.

Kelman is the McCabe Greer Professor of History at Penn State University, where he teaches a wide range of courses. He is the author of “Battle Lines: A Graphic History of the Civil War” and “A Misplaced Massacre: Struggling Over the Memory of Sand Creek.” He is the recipient of the Antoinette Forrester Downing Book Award, the Avery O. Craven Award, the Bancroft Prize, the Tom Watson Brown Book Award, the Robert M. Utley Prize and the Abbott Lowell Cummings Prize for his book “A River and Its City: The Nature of Landscape in New Orleans.” Kelman’s essays and articles have appeared in Slate, The Christian Science Monitor, The Nation, The Times Literary Supplement, the Journal of Urban History, The Journal of American History and many others. Kelman has also contributed to a variety of public history projects, including documentary films for the History Channel and PBS’s “American Experience” series. He is working on a book tentatively titled “For Liberty and Empire: How the Civil War Bled Into the Indian Wars.”

For info, contact Dr. Sally Boniece at sboniece@frostburg.edu.

Academic Enrichment Series – Technology Week

Librarian **Theresa Mastrodonato** will give a presentation, “Search in eBooks,” on **Thursday, Feb. 4**, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Friday, Feb. 5**, from noon to 1 p.m. in room 127A of the Gira Center.

Technology is amazing! Books can be downloaded right to mobile devices, and FSU’s library offers this great tool with electronic books (ebooks). This session will show students how to search for ebooks using OneSearch and how to download these books to mobile devices. In addition, students will be shown tips and tricks on how to use OneSearch for all their research needs, including finding electronic articles.

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

Appalachian Laboratory Spring Visiting Scholar Seminar Series

Dr. Hali Killbourne, UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, will present “Reconstructing Tropical Climate Over Recent Centuries: Adventures of a Coral-Paleoclimatologist” on **Thursday, Feb. 4**, 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.

Theatre

FSU’s Theatre and Dance to Stage ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’

Theatre and Dance at FSU will present a theatrical performance of Harper Lee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel “To Kill a Mockingbird” on **Friday, Feb. 26**, and **Saturday, Feb. 27**, and **Thursday, March 3, through Saturday, March 5**, at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on **Feb. 27** at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in the in the PAC Drama Theatre.

Scout is a young girl in the summer of 1935 when her sleepy Alabama town erupts in a storm of intolerance, anger and fear. Tom Robinson – a poor black man – has been accused of attacking a white woman, and it is up to Scout’s father, Atticus Finch, to defend him against the charges.

Adapted for the stage by Christopher Sergel and directed by Jennifer Goff, “To Kill a Mockingbird” is a courtroom drama, a coming-of-age story and a reminder to us all that the hard and important work of human decency is never over.

Tickets are \$6 for all students and \$12 for the general public. Group discounts are available when booked in advance.

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.

Literature

Harry Potter Book Extravaganza to Return to FSU

The Children’s Literature Center at FSU will hold its second annual Harry Potter Book Extravaganza on **Thursday, Feb. 4**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lewis J. Ort Library. The extravaganza, a series of activities celebrating J.K. Rowling’s beloved wizarding world, is free and open to Harry Potter fans of all ages.

The evening of fun will include a Hogwarts house sorting ceremony, magic classes, Quidditch lessons, games, quizzes, readings, screenings and more. Fans of the book series can show off their knowledge and meet other Harry Potter enthusiasts, and newcomers to the magical world will get an introduction like no other. All attendees, magical or Muggle, are encouraged to wear their favorite wizarding outfit and compete in a costume contest.

FSU’s Harry Potter Book Extravaganza is held in conjunction with Bloomsbury Books’ Harry Potter Book Night, a worldwide celebration of all things Harry Potter.

For info, contact the Children’s Literature Center at 301-687-3133 or email clc@frostburg.edu. Information on the event worldwide can be found at HarryPotterBookNight.com.

Visual Arts

Comic Artist to Display Works at FSU



FSU will host an exhibit featuring illustrations by Dennis Calero, a prolific comic artist whose works have appeared in publications by DC, Marvel and Dark Horse Comics. The exhibit will open with a reception on **Saturday, Feb. 6**, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery of FSU’s Fine Arts building. Beginning at 2:30 p.m., Calero will discuss his artwork and answer questions. This event is free and open to the public.

The exhibition will be on display **through Sunday, Feb. 28**, with the Roper Gallery open Sundays through Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. Artwork featured will include digital prints and inked originals.

Calero is an award-winning writer and artist who helped develop “Xmen Noir” for Marvel Comics, as well as worked on DC and Dark Horse Comics. He has worked on entertainment projects for CBS Films, Weed Road Pictures and famed horror writer Stephen King. He also adapted “The Martian Chronicles” by Ray Bradbury as a graphic novel for Hill & Wang and has created illustrations for “Dungeons & Dragons” and “Magic: The Gathering.” Calero is writing two projects for Dark Horse Comics that he will illustrate.

For info, contact FSU’s Department of Visual Arts at 301-687-4797.

Points of Pride

Robots Designed by FSU Student Popping Up in Frostburg



Eric Groff is pictured here with his robot sushi chef.

Visitors to downtown Frostburg will be able to spot a series of miniature robots created by a senior FSU Art & Design major.

Eric Groff of Jefferson designed three robots applied to brick walls on Main Street businesses to give visitors a little treat when they stroll through town. The robots were unveiled Wednesday, Dec. 16. Each robot is designed as an ode to the business where they appear.

The robot at a Place to Eat, 30 W. Main St., sports a sombrero and poncho as a nod to the restaurant’s Tex-Mex food. The Main Street Books robot, at 2 E. Main St., is toting reading material. And the robot at Zen-Shi Sushi Bar and Grill, 104 E. Main St., is a robot sushi chef holding chopsticks and a sushi roll.

“I’ve always been a science fiction fan,” Groff said. “I thought incorporating robots in a way that the public could relate to through a 1950s design could put my interest out there and at the same time, create something the public would like.”

Groff had painted the robots, then scanned the paintings and sent them to a company that printed the robots on a heat-applied material, similar to the vinyl wraps applied to cars.

The robots are the second in a series of public art projects designed by FSU students working in cooperation with the City of Frostburg, FSU and FrostburgFirst – the city’s Main Street Maryland program. The first, a mural at 19 S. Broadway painted by student **Parris Ashley** of Frostburg, was unveiled in October. Literature-themed art designed by student **Shea Crumbley** of Cumberland is expected to appear on the Frostburg Public Library’s brick columns in the spring.

Students designed, budgeted and proposed the art projects to city officials for approval. In Groff’s case, he had to earn approval from businesses and landlords, too.

“Most towns do much better when they have a public arts initiative,” said FSU Assistant Professor Jamison Odone. “When people can go to the town to specifically see the art, it’s adding another level to the destination that is Frostburg.”

The robots are expected to be displayed in Frostburg for the next two years.

For info about FSU’s Department of Visual Arts, visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/art.

Take Note

FSU Promotes Student Achievement Through Merit



FSU students don’t need to keep track of major awards, accomplishments and involvement to eventually build a resume. The University does it for them on a personalized, public Merit page.

Used by more than 300 colleges in the United States, Merit allows institutions to recognize and promote accomplishments and connect those achievements back to tailored audiences that have a vested interest in each student. Every student has a Merit page automatically created online, which is then updated by the Office of News & Media Services when they make the dean’s list, earn a scholarship, win an award or are inducted into an honor society.

If a student wants to enhance his or her Merit page with additional activities, awards or internships, that student can further customize this self-building resume. Ultimately, students’ Merit pages become a collaborative, verified record of success they can share with potential employers.

With more than 70 percent of recruiters in the U.S. reporting that they’ve rejected candidates because of information they found online, Merit gives students a hub for positive information about themselves. Plus, because updates to students’ Merit

pages also reach friends and family via social media and other channels, the success of FSU's students helps the University tell its story in a personalized way.

"At Merit, our goal is to make every student's Merit page a place where their verified achievements and affiliations tell the story of their success in college and beyond," said Colin Mathews, CEO of Merit, which launched in 2013 and now includes more than 3 million students with Merit pages.

New students' names were uploaded to Merit in November and they would have received an email from FSU News. If you have a directory restriction on your PAWS account, your name was not uploaded, but you can be added by emailing news@frostburg.edu and giving us permission. Other students can still opt out of the Merit service through the link in the email they receive from Merit or by emailing news@frostburg.edu. Returning students who already have claimed their Merit pages don't need to do anything else.

Upcoming BURG Peer Education Network Events



The only event scheduled for this week is the General Body Meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 4**, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. in room 156 of the Gira Center.

For info, contact Gavin Mangolas at gmmangolas0@frostburg.edu.

Visual Arts to Again Host All-Student Art Show

FSU's Department of Visual Arts will once again host the All-Student Art Show, a great opportunity for students to put their art on display and compete for scholarships.

Artwork entered in the competition should be delivered on **Sunday, Feb. 28**, or **Monday, Feb. 29**, from noon to 3:30 p.m. to the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts building. Entries may include paintings, illustrations, sculptures, prints, photographs, graphics and ceramics. There is an entry fee of \$3 per entry. Works selected for the show will be on display in the Roper Gallery starting on **Saturday, March 5**, with an opening reception, and ending on **Friday, March 25**. Artwork not accepted may be picked up on **Tuesday, March 1**, from noon to 3:30 p.m.

FSU students competing for departmental scholarships are encouraged to fill out an online scholarship application before dropping off artwork. In the essay section, indicate that your artwork will be submitted to the All-Student Art Show. Online scholarship applications must be filled out by 4 p.m. on **Feb. 29**.

Area high school art students in their senior year may exhibit artwork and compete for Talent in the Arts scholarships. Both scholarships are for the 2016-2017 academic year.

For info, contact Dustin Davis at ddavis@frostburg.edu.

FSU Foundation Opportunity Grants



The FSU Foundation is once again seeking funding proposals from faculty, staff and students for Foundation Opportunity Grants and several other awards for fiscal year 2017.

Those interested should complete the 2017 FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant Request Form that includes a line item budget. Applications must be limited to two pages. A third page is only permitted for the line item budget. After completing the form, you must submit it online at www.frostburg.edu/foundation/forms/opportunity-grant-request. No paper or emailed applications will be accepted.

The deadline for proposals is **Sunday, March 6**. The campus community will be notified of the awards following the June 2016 Foundation Board meeting.

Projects may be funded from the following:

- [FSUF Foundation Opportunity Grants](#)
- [Al and Dale Boxley Faculty Award/Student Research Award](#)
- [Jonathan Gibraltar Presidential Leadership Fund for Alcohol Awareness and Education](#)
- [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Award](#)
- [Catherine R. Gira Campus to Community Awards](#)
- [Woodward and Virginia Pealer Faculty Development Award](#)
- [Stephen M. Spahr Student Activism Award](#)
- [Marlene Weimer Memorial Scholarly Endeavors Fund](#)

Proposals should be submitted online at www.frostburg.edu/foundation/forms/opportunity-grant-request by midnight on **Sunday, March 6**.

The application, award descriptions and a list of previously supported projects can be accessed at www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give/annual-fund/opportunity-grants.

Special Note

The FSU Foundation Board of Directors sets aside a small portion of the Unrestricted Annual Fund dollars to fund extremely worthy projects that come up outside the typical award cycle. If you have a project where funds need to be expended before **Friday, July 1**, submit it on the attached 2016 FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant Special Request Form. You will be required to write why you were unable to make this request during the previous award cycle.

Advertising Campus Activities via WFWM

Did you know that you can advertise campus events through FSU's public radio station WFWM? Many campus events are of interest to the community and can go on WFWM's "Community Calendars." Time is also reserved every evening for "Campus Calendar" events on XFSR, the FSU student intranet radio station (that WFWM also assists and maintains). All you have to do is send the information to Kenny Heath at wfwfm2@frostburg.edu.

Harlem Globetrotters Return to FSU



The Harlem Globetrotters, who are celebrating 90 years of ball-handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment, will return to FSU on **Monday, March 7**, at 7 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center Bobcat Arena.

To buy tickets, go to <http://tktwb.tw/1RUzcN3>.

First Call for Presentations for Focus Frostburg



FSU's Focus Frostburg 2016: "Learn-In" for a Sustainable Future will take place on **Wednesday, April 20**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lane University Center. Focus Frostburg is the University's annual Day of Learning on sustainability and climate awareness that is free and open to FSU students, faculty, staff and the community. The event is sponsored and organized by FSU's Learning Green, Living Green Sustainability Initiative and the President's Advisory Council for Sustainability.

As in previous years, faculty may want to have students, as appropriate, attend a session in lieu of class or to make any of the seminars and activities an extra-credit assignment. Student presentations make a great class activity. Poster presentations are welcome, and hands-on activities and demonstrations are strongly encouraged.

To participate as a presenter, submit a presentation title and one-or-two-sentence abstract about a topic to Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas at krogersthomas@frostburg.edu. Topics may be varied but should cover a sustainability, environment or climate awareness issue. Presentations should span a maximum of 50 minutes, since the normal MWF class schedule will be followed. Be sure to indicate if there is a preferred time of day when you would like to present. Room space for presentations is limited, so confirm your interest by **Tuesday, March 1**!

Deadlines

Deadlines on Drop/Add, Refunds/Exchanges

The deadline to drop or add a class has been extended to **Wednesday, Feb. 3**.

The last day to receive a full refund on textbook purchases made this semester will also be **Feb. 3**. The last day to make textbook exchanges on purchases made this semester will be **Wednesday, Feb. 10**. A receipt is required for either transaction.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Upward Bound Tutor/Counselors

Upward Bound seeks tutor/counselors for its summer residential program on FSU's campus. Upward Bound is a federally funded program that encourages qualified Allegany County high school students to seek education beyond secondary school. The summer residence program provides the main focus and aims to provide students with a sample of the college experience. Tentative dates are **from Sunday, June 12, to Friday, July 29** (includes five days of training). Tutor/counselor salary is \$2,000. Room and board are provided. The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, March 1**. For info, contact the Upward Bound office at 301-687-4994, email Elena Steele at esteele@frostburg.edu or visit the Upward Bound website at www.frostburg.edu/UpwardBound.

Educational Assistant for FSU Regional Math/Science Center

The FSU Regional Math/Science Center is looking for an educational assistant to help plan and implement its summer and academic year study skills and college prep curriculum. This is a part-time position (20 to 35 hours a week) that will run for a number of months. The successful candidate will begin this spring by helping to design the summer program, work with students directly during the summer and follow up with students in the fall. For info, email rmsc@frostburg.edu, call 301-687-4295 or visit www.frostburg.edu/clife/mscenter.

Activities for Life

Lifeguard Certification

An American Red Cross lifeguard certification class will be offered **Feb. 26 through 28** and **March 2, 4 and 5** in the Cordts PE Center swimming pool and in room 110-1.

Lifeguard students are required to have strong swimming skills and should be proficient in the front crawl (freestyle), sidestroke and breaststroke. They should also be able to complete a series of prerequisites, including a 300-yard continuous swim using front crawl and breaststroke; two minutes of treading water using only legs; and the following activities in sequence – a 20-yard swim, a feet-first surface dive, a brick retrieval from 12 feet, a swim back to poolside and an exit from the water.

The class will be held at the following times: **Friday, Feb. 26**, 5 to 9 p.m.; **Saturday, Feb. 27**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; **Sunday, Feb. 28**, noon to 6 p.m.; **Wednesday, March 2**, 5 to 9 p.m.; **Friday, March 4**, 5 to 9 p.m.; and **Saturday, March 5**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants must be present for all class dates. Josh Fitzwater will be the instructor.

Full certification and recertification will be offered. A minimum of seven participants is needed to have this class, which is limited to 10 participants. Participants must be 15 years old.

Payment in full is due at registration, held in Cordts PE Center room 177, Monday through Thursday between 3 and 11 p.m. and Friday between 2 and 10 p.m. Cash, checks and money orders are accepted. Refunds will not be given after the start of class.

For info and registration, contact Amy Nazelrod at 301-687-7934 or anazelrod@frostburg.edu.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Emily Llewellyn in Amsterdam (fall 2014)

The Center for International Education offers a variety of 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 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. Also, check out the CIE webpage at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm and the Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad.

Study Abroad in New Zealand, Summer 2016



Led by **Dr. Natalia Buta**, an assistant professor in FSU's Department of Kinesiology and Recreation, this three-and-a-half-week experiential program will examine resource conservation and the natural, and related social, history of New Zealand. The focus is on learning through guided action while traveling throughout the South Island and North Island of New Zealand. Students will spend about 75 percent of their time exploring the stunning national parks, forests, wildlife reserves, coastlines and islands and learning from local experts and practitioners, government officials, iwi (Māori tribes) and scientific research bodies.

Students will earn 3 credits. The dates are **Sunday, May 22, through Thursday, June 16**. The application deadline is **Tuesday, March 1**. Check out the Facebook Page at facebook.com/FrostburgNewZealandStudyAbroad or www.BobcatsDownUnder.org.

Art in China Trip, Summer 2016



Students and alumni are invited to join the Art in China trip. It will run from **Sunday, June 5, to Thursday, June 16**. The group will get to visit Shanghai and Beijing.

Students will receive credit for Art 490. For info, contact Dr. Harlowe Hodges in the Department of Visual Arts at hhodges@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4231.

Community

'Seeds of Time' Is First Event in Watershed Moments Community Learning Series for 2016

By taking a multidisciplinary approach, the Appalachian Lab offers adults the opportunity to learn more about the pressing environmental issues of the day from regionally and nationally known experts and artists. These events are free and open to the public.

The Appalachian Laboratory, the Evergreen Heritage Center and Frostburg Grows will host a special screening of the film "Seeds of Time" and a silent auction on **Saturday, Feb. 20**, at 7 p.m. at the Palace Theatre in Frostburg.

The film follows agriculture pioneer Cary Fowler as he races against time to protect the future of the planet's food. Seed banks around the world are crumbling, crop failures are producing starvation and rioting, and the accelerating effects of climate change are affecting farmers globally. Communities of indigenous Peruvian farmers are already suffering those effects and are

trying desperately to save more than 1,500 varieties of native potato. With little time to waste, Fowler and the farmers embark on passionate and personal journeys that may save the one resource Earth cannot live without – seeds. Check out the trailer at www.seedsoftimemovie.com.

Proceeds from a Silent Auction will benefit the Appalachian Lab, the Evergreen Heritage Center and Frostburg Grows. A panel discussion featuring Dr. Gary Kinard, seed bank expert and research leader of the USDA’s National Germplasm Resources Lab, will follow the screening.

This event is an activity of the University System of Maryland Foundation, Inc.

For info, call 301-689-7102 or email events@al.umces.edu.

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.

Tips on Driving on Icy Roads



Get winter tires for your vehicle.

Tomorrow never dies. It’s always best to postpone your trip when roads are slippery.

Slow down!

**Get out of grooves made by other cars as much as you can.
Grooves are much more slippery than other spots on the road.**

For extra momentum, accelerate from the bottom of a hill.

Should you spin along the way, don’t panic. Release pressure on the accelerator.

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