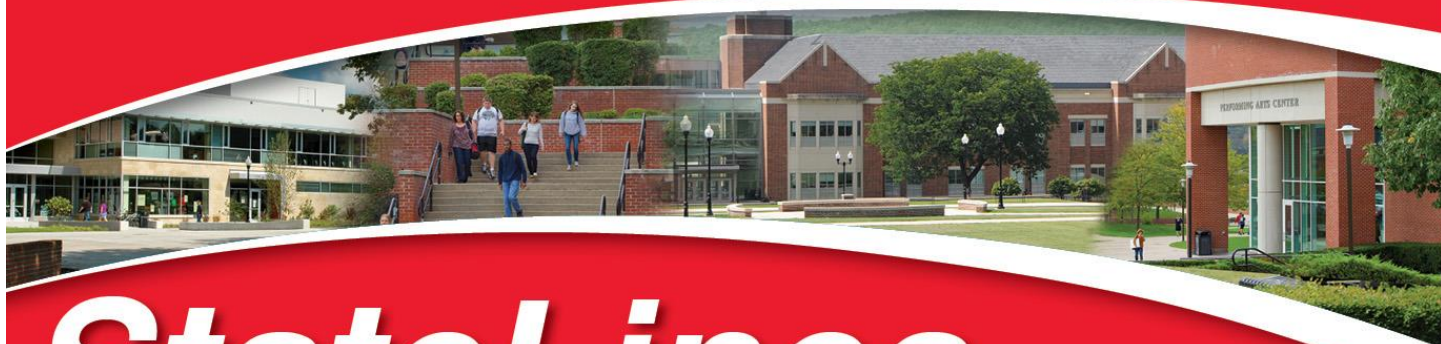




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Welcome, President Nowaczyk!

President **Ronald Nowaczyk**'s first day on the job at FSU will be **Monday, May 9**. He wants to start off with a series of open listening sessions with the campus community in that first week. The three times are **Tuesday, May 10**, from 11 to noon and from 3 to 4 p.m., and **Wednesday, May 11**, from 1 to 2 p.m. All meetings are in Lane University Center room 111 and are open to faculty, staff and students.

FSU to Celebrate Student Successes at 148th Commencement



From left, commencement speakers Alanna Hirshman, Marissa Howk and Caitlin Taylor

FSU will celebrate the achievements of the spring 2016 graduating class during the 148th Commencement ceremonies on **Saturday, May 21**, in the Main Arena of the Cordts PE Center.

Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, president of FSU, will confer degrees on graduates, while **Dr. Thomas Bowling**, vice president for Student Affairs who served as interim president for the last year, will preside over the two ceremonies. The ceremony for the Colleges of Business and Education will start at 9:30 a.m., and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony will start at 2 p.m. Featured student speakers for the ceremonies include **Alanna Hirshman**, College of Business; **Marissa Howk**, College of Education; and **Caitlin Taylor**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Hirshman, of Charlotte Hall, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration with a concentration in human resource management, having completed her degree with a 4.0 GPA. She is president of the local chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, president of the Student Business Leadership Committee, a member of national business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma and a member of FSU's President's Leadership Circle. Hirshman studied in Uganda and Ecuador, during which a faculty member observed her to be "an exemplary 'ambassador' of Frostburg State." She attended Frostburg's Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership Conference and Beta Gamma Sigma's International Leadership Forum in San Diego. She has tutored economics, worked as a research assistant to Dr. Anthony Stair and served as a human resource coordinator for Kimpton Hotels.

Howk, of Andrews Air Force Base, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in athletic training, with plans to pursue a graduate degree at California University of Pennsylvania. According to Tony Zaloga, director of the athletic training education program, in class and in clinical experiences, Howk "exemplifies the qualities and dispositions of an outstanding student." She also possesses excellent interpersonal skills, he said. Howk regularly appeared on the Dean's List, is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and twice received The Michaels Organization's Scholarship of Excellence. She played four years of Bobcat Lacrosse – three as team captain – and appeared on the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association' Academic Honor Roll in 2014 and 2015. She was also named to the Capital Athletic Conference's All-Academic Team in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Taylor, of Waldorf, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in political science with a 4.0 GPA. She served as a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, reporter for The Bottom Line, director of marketing for the History Club and in several executive roles for Residence Hall Council. A professor said Taylor possesses a "keen and engaged analytical mind." She presented her research with Dr. Stephen Hartlaub on Plato's "Gorgias" at the 2015 Northeastern Political Science Association

Conference, attended FSU’s Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership Conference and presented at FSU’s Undergraduate Research Symposium and English Colloquium. She also held two campus jobs, tutoring students at the Programs Advancing Student Success Office and in Artist Hospitality for the Cultural Events Series.

Interim Provost **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**; **Dr. Clarence Golden**, dean of the College of Education; **Dr. Sudhir Singh**, interim dean of the College of Business; and **Dr. Joseph Hoffman**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present candidates for degrees.

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

The ceremony will also be streamed live online. For the livestream link, visit www.frostburg.edu on the day of Commencement.

To join in the celebration, share your best Commencement photos and clips on Instagram, Twitter and Tumblr by tagging them, #instaFrostburg. Tweet your congratulations, photos and best wishes with the hashtag, #FrostburgGRAD.

Faculty Achievement Award Winner Honored at University Convocation



The recipient of the 2016 Faculty Achievement Award and top graduating students will be honored at the FSU Honors Convocation on **Friday, May 20**, at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

This year’s recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching is **Dr. Xunyu Pan** of the Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies. The award is made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

In addition to the faculty award, outstanding graduating students will be honored at the convocation by their departments for academic excellence and leadership.

As an assistant professor, Pan has demonstrated outstanding teaching performance since his arrival in 2012. His overall teaching evaluation rating is the highest in his department. Pan has regularly implemented a more interactive teaching style. He consistently designs his own case studies to allow students to demonstrate mastery of material based on real-world applications. Pan also bridges the gap between his teaching and research, which he views as, “two disciplines that synergistically work together.” His commitment to teaching and incorporation of experiential learning activities is well-documented. Pan’s students and colleagues commend his efforts and accomplishments in teaching.

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

Presentations

Final Watershed Moments Talk – Glaciologist/Geologist Dr. Richard Alley



The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science’s Appalachian Laboratory will present Dr. Richard Alley, a celebrated glaciologist and geologist from Pennsylvania State University, on **Thursday, May 12**, at 6 p.m. in FSU’s Performing Arts Center. His presentation, “Powering the Future: Good News in the Greenhouse,” will be the final spring Watershed Moments event.

Alley has ranged from Antarctica to Greenland to help learn the history of Earth’s climate, and whether the great ice sheets will fall in the ocean and flood our coasts. With more than 250 scientific publications, he has been asked to provide advice to the highest levels of government, and has been recognized with numerous awards, including election to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society. He hosted the PBS miniseries “Earth: The Operators’ Manual,” and has been compared to a cross between Woody Allen and Carl Sagan for his enthusiastic efforts to communicate the excitement and importance of science to everyone.

No reservations are required. For info, call 301-689-7102.

Appalachian Laboratory Spring Visiting Scholar Seminar Series

Alley will also present “Will the Levee Be Dry? Ice Sheets and Rapid Sea Level Rise” on **Thursday, May 12**, 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.

Annual TASTE Conference Coming Soon!



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 and Lane University 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.

For info, email taste@frostburg.edu or call Beth Kenney at 301-687-4244.

Workshops

Geography Department Holding Four GIS-Related Workshops

FSU’s Department of Geography will host a series of four workshops **beginning Monday, May 23**. The workshops are sponsored by the Maryland State Geographic Information Committee and the Maryland Department of Information Technology. The state of Maryland has implemented a statewide geographic information system training program designed to offer state employees with classroom and online delivery of GIS and GIS-related instruction, and FSU has been selected as one of the training sites.

The following workshops will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be held in Gunter 212.

- “Thinking Spatially”
- “Intermediate ArcGIS Online and MD iMAP”
- “Introduction to ArcGIS Desktop and MD iMAP (Day 1 of 2)”
- “Introduction to ArcGIS Desktop and MD iMAP (Day 2 of 2)”

Registration is required (through MSGIC) since seating is limited. For info, contact Dr. Francis Precht at fprecht@frostburg.edu.

FSU’s Center for Literary Arts to Host Nightsun Writer’s Conference



From left, writers Nance Van Winckel, Ethelbert Miller, Andy Duncan and Patricia Henley

FSU’s Center for Literary Arts will host its ninth annual Nightsun Writer’s Conference **from Thursday, July 28, to Sunday, July 31**, in downtown Frostburg.

The program provides participants with workshop opportunities, individualized attention, feedback and craft sessions. The conference is designed to generate new material for publication, hone the craft of creative writing and initiate a larger writing community. The event boasts fine food, friendship, seminars, memorable readings by faculty and participants and the unique opportunity to mingle with special guests as well as to share work.

The conference will feature workshops with Nance Van Winckel (poetry), Ethelbert Miller (nonfiction), Patricia Henley (fiction) and **Andy Duncan** (sci-fi/horror). Duncan is an associate professor in FSU’s Department of English.

The cost of participation in the conference is \$350 plus accommodations and some meals. There is a \$50 discount for returning Nightsun participants. One-on-one faculty conferences will be available for an additional \$25. Discounts, scholarships and opportunities for Continuing Education credit are available. The application deadline is **Friday, July 1**.

For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/cla or contact Gerry LaFemina, director of the Center for Literary Arts, at glafemina@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,” **through May 29** at the Engine Room Art Space, 36 N. Potomac St., in Hagerstown. For info, visit www.robertmhein.com or call 301-687-4354.

Points of Pride

FSU Relay For Life Raises More Than \$37,500 to Fight Cancer



Caregivers for cancer patients take their lap during Frostburg State University’s American Cancer Society Relay for Life on April 29.

Cancer survivors, caregivers and supporters helped raised more than \$37,500, passing a goal of \$35,000, at the annual FSU Relay For Life held Friday, April 29, in FSU’s Cordts Physical Education Center.

The FSU Relay has set a stretch goal of \$40,000 to be raised through August. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

More than 400 participants on 45 teams have worked since the fall semester to raise the funds for the Disney-themed event, with many of the team names reflecting Disney stories.

Among the leading teams, Alpha Sigma Tau’s team, A Tau Story, raised the most with more than \$6,400. The second-place team, Monsters Inc. from Alpha Phi Omega, raised more than \$5,000; the Monsters University team raised nearly \$4,000; and What’s Up Docs, the Pre-professional Medical Society, raised \$2,500.

Donations can be accepted through August by visiting www.relayforlife.org/fsumd, or take donations to the Braddock House, 20 Braddock Road, in Frostburg. For info, contact the FSU Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement at 301-687-4210.

Danielle Dabrowski Advises/Contributes to ‘Camo to Career’

Danielle Dabrowski, Veterans Services coordinator, was selected by College Transition Publishing to review, advise and contribute to “Camo to Career: The Veteran’s Guide to Career Success,” which was released in March. This book covers everything from ways to maximize your time on a college campus to what to expect on the job – as well as how to deal with the unexpected. The book can be previewed at <http://collegetransitionpublishing.com/product/camo-to-career>.

Pete Herzfeld Receives Special International Recognition for Artwork



“Indian” by Pete Herzfeld

Pete Herzfeld, an associate professor in FSU’s Department of Visual Arts, has received two Special Recognition Awards at the “18th Annual Collage, Digital and Mixed Media Juried Online International Art Exhibition” hosted by Upstream People Gallery of Omaha, Neb. This international exhibition received approximately 100 art entries from around the world, and 19 artists were selected by the juror, Laurence Bradshaw, professor emeritus of art at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The exhibition will be featured online during May at www.upstreampeoplegallery.com and continue indefinitely in the archives section of the website.

For info, visit <http://bit.ly/1SJTGk>.

FSU Students Winners in Voice Competitions



From left, David Cook, Cheranjana Thuyacontha, Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter and Sakkara Turner

After winning the State and Eastern Division levels, soprano *Cheranjana Thuyacontha* won third place in the 2016 National level of the Music Teachers National Association Young Artist Voice Competition in San Antonio. Mezzo-soprano *Sakkara Turner* won first place at the National Association of Teachers of Singing MD/DC chapter and Mid-Atlantic Regional, Musical Theater Competition and has qualified to compete in June at the National Level in Chicago. Tenor *David*

Cook won an honorable mention in the Winston Voice Competition at the National Society of Arts and Letters, and in May he will perform in the NSAL winners recital in Washington, D.C. All three students are from the voice studio of *Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter*.

FSU Students Celebrate Tree Campus USA/Arbor Day



FSU students celebrate the planting of an Allegheny Serviceberry tree as part of FSU’s Tree Campus USA and Arbor Day celebration on Wednesday, April 20, during Focus Frostburg. FSU has earned the distinction as a Tree Campus USA for four years in a row for its commitment to effective urban forest management. Students and members of the Campus Tree Advisory Committee also planted more than 30 trees around campus as part of the celebration. From left are *Sarah Kissel, Sierra Reckley, Karen Johnson Heeter, Lindsie Linaburg, Dr. Sunshine Brosi, Sabrina Wasfi, Katrina Chaconas* and *Laura Price*. For info, contact Brosi at slbrosi@frostburg.edu.

Take Note

New Library Displays for May

The Ort Library’s new displays for May celebrate the 50th anniversary of Star Trek. The displays, on the third and fifth floors of the library, highlight resources the library has in its collection on Star Trek and include material from several library staff members’ Star Trek collections. In addition, the library has several Star Trek novels available to be checked out. The displays will be up through the end of August.

Continuing displays include the 40th anniversary of the Ort Library on the third and fourth floors. The displays highlight past incarnations of the library as well as architectural drawings of the library before it was built. These displays will continue through the end of August.

For info, contact Theresa Mastrodonato at tmmastrodonato@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.

Summer Writing Camp for Middle Schoolers Accepting Applications

The FSU Center for Literary Arts is accepting applications for this summer’s weeklong WordQuest: Write a Story, Write a Poem day camp in creative writing for middle school students currently enrolled in grades six to eight. The program will run from **Monday to Friday, Aug. 1 to 5**, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 22 E. Main St. in downtown Frostburg. Participants will study the arts of poetry and story writing from a dynamic group of published writers.

“WordQuest is designed to be both fun and educational, and to help young people develop a love for writing and reading. Students get the opportunity to express themselves and discover the joys of language and creating with language,” said Center Director Gerry LaFemina.

Students will learn to confidently express themselves as they develop and write their own poems and stories, exploring the Frostburg community for inspiration. They will build their works into books, which will be celebrated with a reception and reading at the Center at the conclusion of the camp.

Designed for small student-to-instructor ratios, registration in the program is limited. Cost for the week is \$75, which includes snacks and instruction. Parents must register their children by **Friday, July 15**.

WordQuest is sponsored in part by the Allegany Arts Council, the Maryland State Arts Council and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at FSU.

For info, visit the Frostburg Center for Literary Arts website at www.frostburg.edu/cla, email the Center at cla@frostburg.edu or call 301-687-4340.

National Student Exchange – Study Away Opportunity

FSU is a new member of the National Student Exchange. FSU students can now pay FSU tuition and study at one of 200 colleges in the United States. 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. The priority deadline has passed but there are still more than 100 schools accepting placements for fall 2016-spring 2017. For info, contact Amy Shimko, director of Student Development, at 301-687-4403.

Graduation Is Almost Here!

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 on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

Deadlines

Graduate/Doctoral Grade Changes

The last day for graduate and doctoral grade changes, including the removal of incomplete grades for the fall 2015 and intersession 2016 semesters, is **Tuesday, May 10**.

Internships

Intern in Washington, D.C.!

Deepen your understanding of your chosen career field during a challenging summer or semester immersed in Washington, D.C. With the Washington Center, you can gain confidence, a sense of purpose and be competitive in the global marketplace. There is no better way to launch your career than with a professional internship. For info, contact Amy Shimko at 301-687-4403.

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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. 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. Also, check out the CIE webpage at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm and the Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad.

Community

Donate Your Old Bikes

Have a junky bike in your basement or garage taking up storage space? Want to put it to good use and make a difference? Donate it to the Cumberland Area Bikes for the World collection on **Saturday, May 21**. Bikes will be collected at Canal Place from 10 a.m. to noon. Bikes can also be dropped off at Cumberland Trail Connection at Canal Place two weeks before the event. Your bike donation is tax deductible and can change someone's life! For info, contact Valerie Van Hollen at 301-777-8783 or visit www.bikesfortheworld.org.

Music at Penn Alps to Host Teacher Recitals



This month, Music at Penn Alps will host two teacher recitals. The Jim Lyons and Alison Lyons Studio, consisting of piano, clarinet and voice, will perform **Sunday, May 15**, at 3 p.m. The Karen Fisher Studio, consisting of piano and bassoon, will hold its recital on **Sunday, May 22**, also at 3 p.m.

Music at Penn Alps supports local teachers by subsidizing recitals in the Great Hall at Penn Alps. Attendance is free and refreshments are provided.

For directions, visit www.musicatpennalps.org.

Cumberland Choral Society to Perform 'Elijah'

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, the Cumberland Choral Society will perform "Elijah," a dramatic oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn, abridged version by Robert Shaw, depicting the life of Elijah, the Old Testament prophet, on **Friday, May 20**, at 7:30 p.m. and **Sunday, May 22**, at 3 p.m. Both concerts will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 11 Washington St., Cumberland.

There will be a pre-concert talk about the story of Elijah at 7:15 p.m. on Friday and 2:45 p.m. on Sunday.

Along with the Choral Society are professional musicians from the Maryland Symphony and West Virginia University. The role of Elijah will be sung by baritone Christopher Mooney, of Williamsburg, Va. Other featured soloists are tenor James Kerr, New York City; soprano **Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter**, FSU; and mezzo-soprano Jan Wilson, Leesburg, Va., and New York City.

Admission is \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and younger.

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.

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