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FSU to Celebrate Student Successes at 150th Commencement



Commencement speakers, from left, Corey Knipple, Adeline Eisentrout and Trevor Jones

FSU will hold its 150th Commencement on **Thursday, May 25**, celebrating the achievements of the spring 2017 graduating class during two ceremonies in the Main Arena of the Cordts PE Center.

FSU President **Ronald Nowaczyk** will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises throughout the day. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will start at 9:30 a.m., and the College of Business and the College of

Education will begin at 2 p.m. Featured student speakers for the ceremony include **Corey Knipple**, College of Business; **Adeline Eisentrout**, College of Education; and **Trevor Jones**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Knipple, of Cumberland, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing and minors in management and computer information systems. Faculty members describe him as a student who does not settle, and consequently he graduates with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Knipple appeared on the Dean's List each semester and earned numerous academic scholarships. He founded the local chapter of the Phi Sigma Pi national honor fraternity, held leadership roles in business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi and business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma and was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma freshman honor society and Frostburg's Marketing Club. He was a member of the President's Leadership Circle, which led to an experience teaching sanitation practices in Uganda. He also studied in Brazil and regularly volunteered for charitable fundraisers and community service events. Knipple also worked as an intermediate algebra student instructor at FSU and completed a senior internship experience with World Fuel, Inc., in Florida.

Eisentrout, of LaVale, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in early childhood/elementary educations with a minor in French, having completed her degree with a 4.0 GPA. Eisentrout has appeared regularly on the Dean's List and received the Robert and Johanna Weimer Education Scholarship. She served as treasurer for the Frostburg Student Education Association and held membership in the Frostburg Association for the Education of Young Children and the FSU French Club. Since 2014, she has worked as student building manager for the Lane University Center. Eisentrout performed three teaching internships in local schools, two at John Humbird Elementary and the other at West Side Elementary, both in Cumberland. She also regularly volunteered for Children's Literature Centre events. One of Eisentrout's professors said simply, "It is clear that she will be a positive force in the lives of every child that steps into her classroom."

Jones, of Baltimore, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in his double majors of philosophy and communication studies. His professors from both departments praise Jones' intellectual curiosity, social and political awareness, work ethic, natural leadership ability and ability to develop and sustain personal and working leaderships. From leading local community dialogue events and serving as FSU student liaison to the Allegany County NAACP to completing successful internships with Baltimore County 4th District Councilman Julian Jones, U.S. Sen. Benjamin Cardin and Maryland 40th District Del. Antonio Hayes, Jones has already made an important impact on local, state and federal politics. Jones has appeared on the FSU Dean's List every semester and is a member of the Mu Omicron chapter of Phi Mu Delta. The Department of Communication Studies acknowledged his outstanding contributions to public dialogue with its Civil Citizen Communicator award. He has also earned frequent strong praise from Allegany County NAACP President Carmen Jackson for his character, knowledge and ability.

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.

FSU has a special geofilter for commencement. Open Snapchat to find the geofilter, and send commencement Snaps to socialmedia@frostburg.edu or @FrostburgState. Share your best Commencement photos and clips on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by tagging them, #instaFrostburg. Tweet congratulations, photos and best wishes with the hashtag, #FrostburgGRAD.

2017 Faculty Achievement Award Winners Honored at FSU Convocation



Pictured from left are Faculty Achievement Award winners Dr. Amy Branam Armiento, Dr. Justin Dunmyre and Dr. Gregory Wood.

The recipients of the 2017 Faculty Achievement Awards will be honored at the FSU Honors Convocation on **Wednesday, May 24**, at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

This year's recipients are **Dr. Amy Branam Armiento**, Department of English, for teaching; **Dr. Justin Dunmyre**, Department of Mathematics, for teaching; and **Dr. Gregory Wood**, Department of History, for academic achievement. The awards are 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.

In the 11 years that Armiento has taught at FSU, she has consistently received student evaluation scores that exceeded department, college and university averages. As a teacher, she provides avenues for students to engage in unconventional, creative and challenging opportunities outside of the classroom. She has been actively involved in developing classes to support the needs of her department, college and students. She succeeded in adding African American Literature to the Identity and Difference category of the General Education Program, and she developed and taught two learning communities. Armiento received the Outstanding Mentor Award in 2015, which emphasized her commitment to guiding individual students through personal and academic crises, listening to their ideas and concerns and challenging them to venture into new territory. Through her teaching, she fosters student activism and self-directed learning. Her involvement with students in the Brownsville dedication, the African American Studies Minor, the National Coalition Building Institute and other diversity opportunities further emphasizes her determination and commitment to students.

Dunmyre is a caring and highly effective teacher with a strong commitment to student success. He creates a lively and engaging classroom culture where students are comfortable discussing and presenting solutions to peers. He builds rapport with students quickly, is an incredibly innovative teacher and finds creative ways to include research-based strategies to motivate and improve learning. Dunmyre has been involved in the National Science Foundation-funded grant project TIMES (Teaching Inquiry-Oriented Mathematics: Establishing Supports), collaborating with a group of mathematicians to develop inquiry-oriented materials in an evidence-based way to test potential classroom modifications. Dunmyre manages the Mathematics Department's learning assistant program, is involved with the Center for Teaching Excellence and started a very popular social club called The Dead Poets Society, which encourages problem solving and provides additional support for students in a fun atmosphere.

Wood has shown outstanding performance as an educator and scholar at FSU. He has presented and published numerous scholarly works, including conference papers, book reviews, articles, a book chapter and a book. Wood's new book, titled "Clearing the Air: The Rise and Fall of Smoking in the Workplace," is a study that examines how cigarette smoking among working-class men and women shaped labor-management conflicts, the rise of unionization and social reform movements throughout the 20th century. Wood has been an extraordinarily productive member of the History Department. He has served as the director of the Honors Program since 2014, demonstrating outstanding performance and continuously enhancing the quality of and enrolment in the Honors Program.

For info on the Faculty Achievement Awards, contact the FSU Office of the Provost at 301-687-4211.

Presentations

16th Annual TASTE Conference Is Coming Soon!



FSU's 16th annual Technologies and Strategies for Teaching Excellence Conference will be held **Wednesday, May 31**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Gira Center and Lane University Center.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Chris Haskell, a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Educational Technology at Boise State University. Haskell specializes in preparing pre-service teachers in methods and applications of technology integration in the classroom. As a professor and researcher, he focuses on the impact of video games, virtual worlds, social media, mobile devices and digital culture. Haskell and a colleague created the world's first game-based learning management system, 3D GameLab, and his classroom serves as a unique game-based technology and pedagogy lab. Check out his marketing video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjavvwBQGKM&feature=youtu.be>.

All conference sessions are 50 minutes in length. Presentation tracks include:

- Information Technology – Computer Security, Cloud Services, Software Demos and Uses, Hardware Demos and Uses and Internet Safety
- Teaching and Learning Technologies – Gamification, Video, Mobile Devices and Apps, eBooks and Blackboard Learn
- Teaching and Learning Strategies – Accessibility, Game-Based Learning, Open Educational Resources, Quality Matters, Advising, Course Design and Learning Activities

- Collaboration and Online Learning – Virtual Classrooms, Group Collaboration, Texting, Discussion Boards, Document Sharing and Social Media

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

Points of Pride

FSU Students Tom Sheaffer and Bella Kazmarek Organize Bike Trips to Bring Students Together, Promote Local History



Recently, FSU students held two bike trips. One was an 18.5-mile round trip to the C&O Canal on April 30. The second was a 16-mile round trip on the Great Allegheny Passage on May 6, which included a number of international students. The trip provided students with bike rentals, transportation and snacks for the bike ride.

The goal for the student bike activities was to introduce students to a new activity they can access while attending FSU. The activity aims to engage students in learning about the natural history of Allegany County and Western Maryland, bring a diverse group of students together in an outdoor setting and challenge students to step out of their normal comfort zone and practice personal well-being. There is a need at FSU for organized off-campus recreation activities that are promoted and geared toward all students.

These trips were led by and developed by **Tom Sheaffer**. Sheaffer is an undergraduate senior majoring in adventure sports management. This activity was made possible by mentorships under **Doug Baer**, director of Leadership and Experiential Learning; **Clarissa Lang**, program management specialist at the Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning; and **Dr. Thomas Bowling**, vice president of Student Affairs. Sheaffer was helped by co-student trip leader **Bella Kazmarek**, also an undergraduate senior majoring in adventure sports management. This activity was created through an adventure sports graduation project in a course facilitated by **Clemencia Caporale**, a lecturer in the Department of Kinesiology and Recreation.

Department of Communication Recognizes Honors and Achievement



From left, Dr. Sheri Whalen, Phi Epsilon chapter co-advisor; Deanna Lucas, chapter president; Brandon Brock, chapter vice president; Trevor Jones, chapter member; Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, chapter co-advisor; and Randi Watson, new chapter inductee.

An honors ceremony was held by the FSU Phi Epsilon chapter of Lambda Pi Eta and the Department of Communication on May 15 to recognize communication honors achieved by students.

Ethnobotany major **Madison L. Lawrence** was selected as the 2017 Civil Citizen Communicator. This honor is awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated a commitment through word and actions to civil communication leadership within an organization or community. This person should demonstrate communication competence, leadership capabilities and an awareness of and responsiveness to issues of civility that affect others. This award aligns with the mission of the Communication Studies program and the University to support oral communication competency of FSU students, and it supports regional communication leadership through efforts linking the campus to community partners.

This is the third year for the award recognition, and each award winner's name is etched on the Civility Cup, which is displayed in the award case of the Department of Communication. **Dr. Sunshine Brosi**, an associate professor in the Department of Biology, nominated Lawrence for her leadership with the Student Sierra Coalition and her advocacy of environmental sustainability on campus and in the greater Appalachian region. Brosi indicated that Lawrence was an advocate and an organizer of advocates on these issues, including the local antifracking campaign. External judges for this award were Dr. Shavonne Shorter, assistant professor of Communication Studies at Bloomsburg University; Dr. Stephen Kriss, associate professor of Pastoral Studies at Eastern Mennonite University and executive director of the Franconia Mennonite Conference; and Dr. Pamela O'Brien, associate professor and chair of Communication Arts at Notre Dame of Maryland University. For info on the award, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, associate professor of Communication Studies, at elruminski@frostburg.edu.

Additionally, new members of the Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) honors society were inducted: **Matthew Cumblidge**, **Jacob Charles Turskey** and **Randi Watson**. LPH is the National Communication Association's official honor society. FSU's Phi Upsilon Chapter inductees receive a pin, a cord for graduation and an induction certificate. Induction guarantees membership for life. The requirements for LPH induction eligibility are as follows:

- A declared CMST or MCOM major/minor
- At least 60 total credit hours completed
- At least 12 credit hours completed in CMST or MCOM
- A 3.0 cumulative GPA
- A 3.25 GPA in the CMST or MCOM major/minor
- A one-time \$40 membership fee for induction

For info on the communication discipline honor society, contact chapter president Deanna Lucas at dslucas0@frostburg.edu or either co-advisor – Ruminski at elruminski@frostburg.edu or Dr. Sheri Whalen at sawhalen@frostburg.edu.

Take Note

Nationally Known Educator to Serve as FSU's Interim College of Education Dean



Dr. Boyce C. Williams, a nationally renowned educator in the field of public and teacher education, has been named FSU's interim dean of the College of Education.

Williams is currently president and CEO of the National Alliance for Learning, Inc., a higher education consulting agency. Previously, she was senior vice president and chief of staff at the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. Her background also includes working in public school administration in East Lansing, Mich., and in teacher education at Elizabeth City State University, part of the University of North Carolina system.

"I'm at the stage of my career where I want to do things like this to support an institution as it takes itself to the next level," Williams said. "My career has come full circle. This position calls on my many diverse experiences, especially in terms of collaborating and reaching consensus, and brings me back to my roots in supporting students and advancing the vision of an institution."

Williams has also worked in education policy matters on Capitol Hill and in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education and taught at a university in the United Arab Emirates. She was a vice president for the teacher education accrediting body NCATE, and has experience on both sides of the accrediting process.

A recipient of eight honorary doctorate degrees, Dr. Williams earned her bachelor's in English education from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, a master's in urban counseling from Michigan State University and her doctorate in counseling psychology from Michigan State University.

Williams will serve for the coming year as the University conducts a national search for a new dean following the retirement on June 30 of *Dr. Clarence Golden*, who is retiring after 18 years at FSU. Williams will arrive in Frostburg in June and work with Golden in ensuring a smooth transition in the College of Education's departments of Educational Professions and Kinesiology & Recreation, and with the College's many educational partners, especially among regional schools.

For info about FSU's College of Education, visit www.frostburg.edu/colleges/coe.

FSU Announces Improvements to MBA Program Delivery

FSU's College of Business, starting with the fall semester, will change the course session structure in its Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the traditional 15-week semester-long program to two seven-week sessions each semester, complementing two six-week sessions offered in the summer. These improvements were designed to serve student needs by introducing improved scheduling flexibility for working adults, as well as create new entry points for students to join the program.

The changes to the fully online MBA are being implemented as a result of a recent student survey, which received a high response rate, along with other research.

"The students responded in large numbers, and we listened. And we listened and adjusted very quickly," said *Dr. Sudhir Singh*, interim dean of the College of Business and professor of finance.

The choice for course registration now includes two six-week sessions for the summer semester and two seven-week session options in the fall and spring semesters, and students can begin the program with any session. The 15-week course delivery model will no longer be available, with the exception of the capstone course, MGMT 680 Strategic Integration.

"The College of Business faculty has been extremely forward-thinking about this. I believe their commitment to meeting our students' needs is very high, and they should be commended," said *Dr. Vickie Mazer*, director of Graduate Services.

Singh said the improvements to the program are "primarily based on the needs of the working professional, allowing them to focus on one course at a time. It is important to emphasize that this delivery model does not dilute the rigor or change the content. The same course will be delivered over seven weeks."

The MBA program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). This is a distinction held by only 5 percent of the world's business programs. The program has consistently been rated as a Best Buy for AACSB-accredited online MBA programs by GetEducated.com.

"This change is in the spirit of continuous improvement because as an AACSB-accredited institution, we have embraced a culture of investigating opportunities to constantly improve the program and elevate the curricular experience for our students," Singh said.

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

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Stay in touch! We want to stay connected with you and share all the exciting things happening at your alma mater.

It's easy! Go to www.frostburg.edu/admin/alumni/email-opt-in to provide us your new email address and we will update your record.

Welcome to the alumni family!

Get Social, Bobcats!

Help FSU continue celebrating and supporting the Class of 2017 on social media!

FSU has a special geofilter for Commencement! Open Snapchat to find our geofilter, and send your Snaps to socialmedia@frostburg.edu or @FrostburgState.

Share your best Commencement photos of your favorite moments on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter with the hashtag #FrostburgGrad.

The Dominican Republic in Winter 2018



AAST 490 The Slave Narrative will take place during Intersession 2018. This online class features eight days in the Dominican Republic. Trip details can be found at www.efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/1997507NM. For info, contact Dr. Amy Branam Armiento at abranam@frostburg.edu.

Honors Course Opportunities Still Available for Fall 2017

The FSU Honors Program reminds students that with the abundance of valuable and enriching honors courses being offered in fall 2017, next semester is a prime opportunity to take multiple honors classes. As students work toward completion of the program, the fall semester often offers them an array of honors classes to fit a diverse spectrum of academic majors and schedules.

Seats remain available in upcoming honors courses. As students continue to plan and choose their academic schedule for next semester, the Honors Program encourages them to consider signing up for two classes that can count toward their pursuit of graduating with honors.

Students interested in the FSU Honors Program are encouraged to stop by the office in Fuller House.

Graduation Will Be Here Soon!

Commencement will take place on **Thursday, May 25**, in the Cordts PE Center.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 9:30 a.m. and the Colleges of Business and Education will present their graduates at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be required for admission. Liberal Arts and Sciences graduates will each receive five tickets and Business and Education will receive nine tickets.

If you have not applied for graduation, contact the Registrar's Office to submit your application and to ensure everything is in order for you to graduate.

The first of two mailings has been sent to your home and email address. Check your PAWS account to make sure your home address is correct. If you need to update your home address, send an email from your FSU account to the Registrar's Office at reginfo@frostburg.edu.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement webpage at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or clbohn@frostburg.edu, or check out Frostburg Graduation on Facebook and @FrostburgGrad on Twitter.

Student Life

FSU Announces On-Campus Residency Requirement

Beginning in fall 2017, FSU will require all full-time, first-year students to live in one of the 11 residence halls or Edgewood Commons apartments. FSU has developed this policy in an effort to promote continued improvement in student success and retention. This policy applies to all first-time FSU students with less than 13 accumulated college credits on the first day of classes for the fall or spring semester.

This policy will be phased in as follows:

- Students starting in fall 2017 and fall 2018 will be required to live on campus during their first year.
- Students starting in fall 2019 and thereafter will be required to live on campus during their first and second years.

Students may request exemptions to this policy according to the following categories:

- Students living at home with a parent, grandparent, legal guardian or older sibling in Allegany, Garrett, Mineral, Bedford or Somerset County on a full-time basis
- Students who are married or in a civil partnership or who have a dependent child of whom they have legal custody and who will be residing with them
- Students who have reached the age of 21 before the first day of classes
- Students with disabilities who cannot be accommodated within one of the residence halls or Edgewood Commons
- Students who are veterans or currently in reserve status or the National Guard

First-year students must complete a housing application or an exemption request online at www.frostburg.edu/housing. The application for housing at Edgewood Commons is available at www.edgewoodfsu.com.

For info, contact the Residence Life Office at 301-687-4121 or rlo@frostburg.edu.

Graduation/Late Stay Requests

As a reminder, the residence halls officially close on **Wednesday, May 24**, at 7 p.m.

For those students working at or participating in commencement, they must be checked out of their rooms by hall staff two hours after their ceremony has ended on **Thursday, May 25**.

For info, contact Sean McNalley, associate director of Residence Life, at semcnalley@frostburg.edu.

Where Are You Living on Campus at FSU?

Edgewood Commons Contracting for Fall 2017

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the fall semester. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions. 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 find out more, call 301-689-1370.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



FSU student Shantia Hamler in France

The Center for International Education offers a variety of study abroad opportunities to FSU students. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester or a year in Ireland, England, Spain, France, China, Italy, Australia, Peru, South Africa or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships are available. For info, arrange to attend a Study Abroad Information Session by calling 301-687-4747 or emailing Sarah Heilig at seheilig@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

29th Garrett County Celtic Festival to Present Music, History and Children's Recreation Events



Garrett Highlands Pipes and Drums

The Garrett County Celtic Festival (formerly the McHenry Highland Festival) will host multiple Scottish, Irish and Welsh events on **Saturday, June 3**, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Friendsville Community Park on the Yough River. A parade of pipes and drums bands, clans and costumed participants will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Maple and First streets in Friendsville.

Musical events include Aurora Celtic, IONA from Washington, D.C., and the Dublin 5 from Annapolis. Special local guest musicians include FSU Physics and Engineering Professor **Dr. Greg Latta** on Celtic pipes and bouzouki and Lynne Dale and Avalon Folmsbee playing Celtic harps. In addition to the Celtic Marketplace where artisans demonstrate cultural traditions, the festival will host Highland pipes and drums bands from West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland and feature the Great Highland athletic events. Irish and Scottish dancing performances will be followed by guest participation. Sheep-herding demonstrations will be presented by Pipedreams Farms.

The festival speakers will present stories and history culturally important to immigrants of this region: local authors Patricia Hopper and Laura Treacy Bently and speakers Judith Clister, Ina Hicks and John Miles will present lectures on Scottish, Welsh and Irish immigrant history and culture. Three "living history" units will demonstrate military history, armaments and traditional encampments. Clans and associations will present family genealogy and opportunities to meet your kin, serve your community or honor your past.

As a family-friendly festival, the children's area will include Highland games, storytelling, costume and craft activities, acting in a play about the Blarney Stone and building fairy gardens.

Guests are encouraged to wear Celtic attire and enter the costume contest.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. For discounts and info, visit <http://qccelticfestival.com> or call 301-50-.0304.

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.

Have a Safe Summer!



Planning a trip this summer?

Have your car checked out by a mechanic before you leave.

Stay at a reputable hotel.

Pick a room by the elevator or a highly trafficked area.

If you take magazines/reading materials from home, rip off the mailing address label.

Make sure you have copies of all your important documents.

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