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FSU MBA Program Adds Concentrations in Health Care Management, Business Analytics

FSU has received approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission to offer concentrations in its online Master of Business Administration program. In addition to a management concentration, which is similar to FSU's current MBA, approval has been granted to offer concentrations in health care management and in business analytics.

The added concentrations are designed to better meet the needs of the business community. FSU consulted two primary regional employers, one in data analytics and another in health care, to gain deeper insights into the employment market and to seek input into the curriculum. Both employers agreed that these specialized skill sets will enhance the marketability of FSU's MBA graduates and are needed to keep pace with the growing demand for graduates with deep analytical skills, given policy changes in the health care field and the dynamic environment of management overall.

"These concentrations demonstrate the commitment of Frostburg State's faculty to provide a relevant educational program for the professional adults interested in advancing their careers," said FSU President Ronald Nowaczyk. "Health care management and business analytics are two of the highest demand areas in today's economy."

"This is one of the most exciting and consequential revisions to Frostburg's MBA program," said Dr. Sudhir Singh, dean of FSU's College of Business. "The new concentrations address regional and national workforce needs and elevate the College's positioning significantly within the landscape of graduate business education."

The current curriculum provides a general MBA degree to prepare students in management, along with coverage in functional areas that include accounting, economics, finance, human resources, leadership, marketing and strategic planning.

"Dr. Singh's leadership has been vital as he and the College of Business faculty worked quickly to build these new concentrations and gain their approval," said FSU Provost Elizabeth Throop. "These two new areas of focus build on FSU's existing curricular strengths in health sciences and informatics."

The redesigned program, starting in fall of 2018, will continue with eight core courses taken from the current program, adding four specialized courses each for concentrations in business analytics, health care management and management. The length of the program will remain the same: 36 credits if the student studied business as an undergraduate major and 42 credits for those from other majors, with two three-credit "essentials" courses providing those students with the background necessary for the remaining program.

"The new concentrations prepare our graduates for careers in a more discerning knowledge economy that continues to confer a premium on specialized education across a diverse set of work contexts," Singh said.

FSU's MBA is offered completely online, with all classes except the final capstone course offered in 6- or 7-week sessions, allowing students to focus more closely on a single topic with each session. All FSU business programs are accredited by AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). Frostburg's MBA has been rated among U.S. News & World Report's Best Online Programs, and is also consistently rated as a Best Buy for AACSB-accredited online MBA programs by GetEducated.com.

For more information about FSU's MBA, visit www.frostburg.edu/academics/majorminors/graduate/ms-business-administration/index.php or call the Office of Graduate Services at 301-687-7053.

Dance

FSU's Theatre and Dance to Present Dance Concert, 'Just Venus: Celebrating the Female'



Former Dance Company members and FSU graduates Alex Stewart and Krysten Gutrich perform a piece of choreography.

The FSU Dance Company will present its 2018 dance concert, "Just Venus: Celebrating the Female," on **Thursday and Friday, Feb. 15 and 16**, at 7:30 p.m. and **Saturday, Feb. 17**, at 2 p.m. in the Drama Theatre of the Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center. FSU's energetic dancers, under the guidance of FSU faculty member **Jamie McGreevy**, will showcase their disciplined technique, as well as their spirit and dedication to artistic excellence and innovative dance.

"Just Venus: Celebrating the Female," features six student-choreographed and student-directed pieces by company members **Jala Edwards**, **Alyssa Adams**, **Lauren Lynch**, **Lauren Williams** and **Sarah Polkabila**. In addition, student **Blue Stoute** and McGreevy will present their collaboration of spoken work and movement.

Edwards, a sophomore, has choreographed a sassy jazz dance to Christina Aguilera's rendition of "It's a Man's World." In this piece, the dancers are female office workers with a rather powerful male boss who gives them degrading tasks because they're women. Fed up with this patriarchy, the women confront the boss in a rant about who really makes the world go round.

Adams' "Soldier of Love" displays female strength and typifies her belief that "to overcome anything that was or still is in your way, you must be able to keep pushing even when you feel you lost."

Lynch's dance, "Make It Rain," is about women overcoming the struggles of being treated as if they are incapable of being on the same level as men. "Men may be bigger physically," she noted, "but women are the conquerors of the world."

Williams choreographed "Radioactive," a piece that embodies the rage every female has felt at one time or another. "Women aren't really allowed to express the harsh anger that they feel because when we do, our actions are deemed 'unladylike,'" she said. "I wanted to be sure that my piece was just that."

Polkabila, a senior company member, based her piece on "If I Should Have a Daughter," a spoken-word poem by Sarah Kay that artfully yet powerfully addresses the complexities of the mother-daughter relationship. "It reflects on a woman's thoughts about when she will have a daughter," Polkabila remarked. "It addresses the personal mother-daughter relationship and how that will affect one's future relationship with her daughter."

Lynch and Edwards teamed up to choreograph the group dance "Body Love," which is about self-image and loving oneself. "Many people often struggle with accepting how their bodies look and how other people view them, but it is important not to," they assert. "Love yourself and the skin you are in."

The collaboration between Stoute and McGreevy joins the voice-in-movement and movement-in-voice aspects of performing. McGreevy will perform an improvised contemporary modern movement in conversation with Stoute as she voices her original work, "Sweet Honey in the Fire."

This concert is family-friendly, but some of the music contains adult language.

Tickets can be purchased online through University Tickets or at the box office. Visit the website at www.frostburg.edu/TheatreDance and click "Buy Tickets" to make an online reservation (service fees apply). Or, for more information about the show and to make group reservations, call the box office at 301-687-7462 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for students and youth and \$15 for the general public.

Theatre

CES at FSU to Host Qurrat Ann Kadwani in On the EDGE Performance of 'They Call Me Q'



The On the EDGE series at FSU will present New York-based actress and playwright Qurrat Ann Kadwani in "They Call Me Q" on **Thursday, Feb. 15**, at 8:15 p.m. in the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall of FSU's Lane University Center. The performance features informal table seating, comfortable couch and armchair seating, and food and beverage options.

This one-woman play follows the story of a girl from Bombay growing up in the Bronx who gracefully seeks balance between cultural pressures and wanting acceptance into American culture. Along the journey, Kadwani effortlessly transforms into 13 characters that have shaped her life: her parents, Caucasian teachers, Indian and African-American friends, and Puerto Rican classmates. Laden with heart and abundant humor, "They Call Me Q" speaks to the universal search for identity experienced by immigrants of all nationalities.

Tickets are \$18. Member and group discount rates are also available. Tickets may be ordered online by visiting <http://ces.frostburg.edu> or by calling 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For all CES performances, students can guarantee their seat by purchasing the discounted ticket price listed on promotional materials, or they can pick up free tickets at the door if any are available.

Music

Musical Group Josephine County to Appear at MCTA



FSU's Mountain City Traditional Arts will host acoustic powerhouse Josephine County on **Friday, Feb. 23**, at 7:30 p.m. at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. The live entertainment is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$15.

Josephine County offers a bit of everything, including French Canadian, bluegrass, Irish, country music and more. Featuring award-winning fiddler and singer Erica Brown Shipman, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Matt Shipman, traditional Irish flute player and singer Hanz Araki and guitarist, bodran player and singer Colleen Raney, Josephine County combines the talents of four powerful traditional musicians into one exceptional musical experience.

Erica Shipman dedicated herself to traditional music at a very young age. Her talent for combining the precision of classical music with the spontaneity of country and bluegrass fiddle makes for a fun-filled performance.

Matt Shipman's love of traditional music is apparent in his mastery of bluegrass, country and Irish styles of playing. His detailed and thoughtful guitar, mandolin and banjo playing captivates and delights audiences nationwide.

Araki is known worldwide for his fresh and innovative approach. His musical sensibility, inspired as well as disciplined, has made him a household name from the U.S. to Japan.

Among the finest interpreters of traditional songs of her generation, Raney brings warmth and authenticity to music from Ireland, Appalachia, Scotland and beyond.

For info, email MCTA at mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com or call 301-687-8040.

U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note to Perform as Part of FSU's Third Annual Jazz Festival



As part of the FSU Department of Music's third annual Jazz Festival, the U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note will perform on **Saturday, Feb. 24**, at 4:30 p.m. in the Pealer Center's Pealer Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 4:15 p.m., and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Airmen of Note is the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Air Force. Stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., it is one of six musical ensembles that comprise The U.S. Air Force Band. Created in 1950 to continue the tradition of Major Glenn Miller's Army Air Corps dance band, the current band consists of 18 active duty Airmen musicians, including one vocalist.

Through the years, the Airmen of Note has presented its own brand of big band jazz, as well as more contemporary forms of jazz, to audiences via annual tours across the United States, deployments around the world and local performances throughout metropolitan Washington, D.C. For smaller, more intimate venues, the Airmen of Note Combo and various individual musicians perform apart from the full band to support military and civilian ceremonial and diplomatic events.

Their commitment to musical excellence has earned the respect of the foremost jazz artists from around the globe, leading to many collaborative performances and recordings with such luminaries as Dizzy Gillespie, Joe Williams, Sarah Vaughan and Doc Severinsen. In 1990, the Airmen of Note established the Jazz Heritage Series, featuring the "Note" in concert with legendary icons of jazz. The Jazz Heritage Series is broadcast to millions over National Public Radio, independent jazz radio stations, satellite radio services and the Internet. In addition, the "Note" produces and delivers recorded music to millions of fans worldwide through hundreds of media outlets. One of the group's recent holiday recordings, "Cool Yule," reached No. 2 on the JazzWeek jazz chart.

For info on the U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note, visit www.music.af.mil/Bands/The-United-States-Air-Force-Band/Ensembles/Airmen-of-Note.

For info on the FSU Department of Music concert series, call 301-687-4109.

Presentations

Ambassador Lauri Lepik to Highlight Estonia-Maryland Cooperation



The Ambassador of Estonia, Lauri Lepik, will present a speech, "Estonia 100 Years – So Much to Celebrate," on **Wednesday, Feb. 14**, at 9:30 a.m. in Gira Center 397. Lepik will speak about Estonia's past and future challenges and the development of e-society as well as highlight Estonia-Maryland cooperation.

For info, contact the Center for International Education at 301-687-4714.

Author Daryl Davis to Speak on Meetings With KKK



The Martha T. and Ralph M. Race Western History Lecture Series will present acclaimed blues musician, author, actor and activist Daryl Davis on **Monday, Feb. 26**, at 7 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Davis will discuss his book, "Klan-destine Relationships" (1998) about his meetings with Ku Klux Klan members over the years in an effort to understand their perspective.

"Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race and America," a documentary about Davis' interviews with Klan members, aired on PBS on Feb. 13, 2017.

For info, contact Dr. Amy Branam Armiento at abranam@frostburg.edu.

Workshops

'Local Activist Leadership' Focus of FSU Leadership Residency Program

The annual FSU Leadership Residency Program, titled "Local Activist Leadership," will take place on **Thursday, Feb. 22**. The residency will feature Dr. Joy Kroeger-Mappes of the Allegany County Women's Action Coalition, Carmen Jackson of the Allegany County NAACP and Nina Forsythe of Frack-Free Frostburg, who will participate in classroom discussions as well as a special program for those interested in local activist leadership.

The campus program will begin with a networking reception at 5:30 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall 133 B-C, followed by a forum discussion and facilitated action-planning workshop.

The forum will feature leaders discussing how each organization is working locally on justice activism and how they are joining forces to build and strengthen coalitions. Topics to be explored will include current organizing approaches and plans, building and strengthening coalitions and collaborations, leadership and diversity, and strengthening communication networks that intersect standpoint concerns and organizing efforts.

The interactive workshop portion of the program will bring these groups together with campus leaders to explore intersections of campus and local organizing efforts.

This event, which is open to the local community, is being organized through the Communication Leadership Lab and is co-sponsored by the Leadership Studies and Women's Studies minor programs and the Center for Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Refreshments will be served.

For info, contact **Dr. Elesha Ruminski**, associate professor of Communication Studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies and the Communication Leadership Lab, at 301-687-4480 or elruminski@frostburg.edu. For info about the Leadership Studies minor and residency program, visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/lead. For info on the Communication Leadership Lab, visit www.frostburgdialogue.org.

Information Sessions

For info, contact Amy Shimko at 301-687-4403.

National Student Exchange Program

Study away through the National Student Exchange program! Pay your tuition here at FSU but study at one of almost 200 campuses nationwide. You could spend a semester in Colorado or a year in Alaska, even Hawaii!

Come to an information session on **Tuesday, Feb. 6**, at 3:30 p.m., **Wednesday, Feb. 7**, at 3 p.m., **Monday, Feb. 19**, at 3 p.m., **Monday, Feb. 26**, at 3 p.m., or **Tuesday, Feb. 27**, at 3:30 p.m. All sessions will take place in Lane 109. Take new and exciting courses, see new places and meet new people with NSE!

Disney College Program: MAGIC + \$ = Internship

Learn how you can work for Mickey Mouse, earn college credits for an internship and make a few dollars in the process! The Disney College Program is a perfect opportunity to gain some great experience with a Fortune 100 company. Students in any major can apply and earn up to 18 credits while working for the "most magical place on earth"!

Join Amy Shimko on **Thursday, Feb. 8**, at 3:30 p.m. in Lane 113 to learn more about how to apply for this opportunity. The deadline for fall internships is quickly approaching.

Points of Pride

FSU Named Military Friendly for Seventh Straight Year



Victory Media, which serves military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named FSU to its coveted Military Friendly® Schools list for the seventh year in a row. The Military Friendly® Schools list honors colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that go above and beyond to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"We are honored to serve our veteran and military service men and women. We are committed to helping them make a smooth transition into our University community and then to move forward in their civilian careers

following their service,” said FSU President Ron Nowaczyk. “We will continue to welcome them into our student body, as it is our privilege to serve those who have served us.”

Each year, the list of Military Friendly® Schools is provided to service members and their families, helping them select the best college, university or trade school where they can receive the education and training needed to pursue a civilian career.

FSU is home to a Veterans Center that serves as a base for student veterans and dependents of veterans and helps ensure they receive the resources, representation and academic benefits they have earned. The Veterans Center hosts the Veterans Services Office and the Student Veterans of America organization and offers a lounge, kitchen and outdoor area for veterans to use, and a Veterans Affairs counselor is on-site weekly. Members of the Student Veterans Association additionally perform numerous community and alumni outreach through fundraisers and programs.

FSU is also home to a chapter of SALUTE, the first national higher education honor society for student veterans and military service members.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using public data sources and responses from Victory Media’s proprietary survey. For the first time, student survey data was taken into consideration for the designation. More than 1,300 schools participated in the 2018 survey; 849 were awarded with the designation.

Ratings methodology, criteria and weightings were determined by Victory Media with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution’s survey scores with the assessment of the institution’s ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

FSU will be showcased along with other 2018 Military Friendly® Schools in the annual “Guide to Military Friendly® Schools,” special education issues of “G.I. Jobs®” and “Military Spouse” magazines, and on www.militaryfriendly.com.

For info about services to military and veteran students and their dependents at FSU, contact the FSU Veterans Affairs office at 301-687-4409 or vets@frostburg.edu.

Local Fifth Graders Participate in FSU-Evergreen STEAM Fair



Local students learn about Renaissance painting at the STEAM Fair.

CES at FSU and the Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) joined forces in November to present an exciting school day full of arts and science activities. The program, featuring educational activities in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) subjects, involved 80 fifth-grade students from Accident and Bel Air Elementary schools.

The school-day event began when students arrived at the FSU campus to attend a CES performance of “From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler” presented by the professional New York City-based theatre company, ArtsPower. Based on the Newbery Award-winning book by E.L. Konigsburg, the enchanting musical depicts a mysterious museum adventure surrounding a statue that may or may not be the work of Italian Renaissance artist

Michelangelo.

Following the performance, the children immersed themselves in Renaissance culture with a series of fun, hands-on learning experiences that reinforced the themes of the ArtsPower performance.

The 90-minute Renaissance STEAM Fair, directed by Janice Keene of EHC, featured three educational stations. With “The Science Behind the Paint,” children learned about the paint used by Renaissance artists. Using traditional tools and methods, they worked in egg tempera to grind and mix dry pigment from natural minerals. The “Renaissance Inventions” station allowed children to learn about Leonardo Da Vinci and other masters who invented the printing press, parachute and hoisting gear. They then explored scenarios to create their own inventions. With “Hide and Seek in the Museum,” children experienced dance improvisation set to Renaissance music while exploring a museum-style setting.

STEAM Fair teaching artists included Shelby Herbert of Mountain City Center for the Arts; Elaine Raesly, EHC Education director; Maggie Pratt, EHC Arts Education director; and EHC instructors Allison Boyd, Marta Fiscus and Sandra Salevsky.

For more information, contact Susan Manger at smanger@frostburg.edu.

Take Note

Health Department Satellite Clinic Now at Brady Health Center

The Garrett County Health Department now has a satellite clinic at the Brady Health Center two days a week to offer family planning services to FSU students at a reduced cost or free. These services include annual women’s exams, Pap smear tests, birth control, STI testing and vaginal exams, as well as male STI testing. The Health Department schedules these tests. Do not schedule through the Brady Health Center or Brady Health Patient Portal. **Contact the Garrett County Health Department for scheduling and questions.** Call 301-334-7770 to schedule an appointment, or go online to <https://garretthealth.org/family-planning-program> to leave your email and/or phone number, and someone will contact you with appointment information.

Free CES Tickets Available to FSU Students!

FSU students can guarantee seating at CES performances by purchasing advance tickets at the rates listed below.

- On the EDGE performances: \$3
- Moscow Festival Ballet: \$10

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- All other CES performances: \$5

However, if an event is not sold out, students may procure free tickets 30 minutes before the performance.

For info, contact Susan Manger at smanger@frostburg.edu.

New Display at Ort Library

Inspired by the character Harry Potter, the Lewis J. Ort Library is displaying books that have, as the main character, an orphan. Titles such as "My BFG" by Roald Dahl, "Anne of Green Gables" by Lucy Montgomery and, of course, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling will be among the many titles on display. Located on the second floor of the library, the display will run **through February and March**.

Spring 2018 Diversity Retreat

The Center for Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (CSDEI) announces that applications are now available for the FSU Spring Diversity Retreat. The retreat is scheduled for **4 p.m. Friday, March 9, through 1 p.m. Sunday, March 11**. The retreat theme is "Building Community Through Self-Awareness." The retreat will include a diversity/inclusion workshop and other related activities intended to increase participants' awareness, knowledge and skill levels in diversity, equity and inclusion.

Participants are challenged to explore their experiences and feelings about their own groups as well as the groups to which others belong. Skill training and action planning are included, so that the participants return to campus better prepared as change agents in creating and maintaining a safe and welcoming environment at FSU. This is an excellent opportunity to develop relationships with students from various identity groups that reach beyond the surface.

Applications will be available in CSDEI, located in Hitchins 116, and at the Lane information desk. Completed applications must be submitted by **Monday, Feb. 19**.

For info, contact Robin Wynder at 301-687-4050.

Focus Frostburg – Call for Presentations



Focus Frostburg, FSU's annual day of learning on sustainability and climate awareness, will be held this year on **Wednesday, April 18**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with an evening program to be scheduled, in the Lane University Center. The event is free and open to FSU students, faculty, staff and the community.

Student presentations would make a great class activity. Poster presentations are welcome. Hands-on activities, workshops and demonstrations are strongly encouraged.

To participate, email Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas at krogerstomas@frostburg.edu and submit a presentation/workshop title and one- or two-sentence abstract of a topic. Topics may be varied but should cover a sustainability, environment or climate awareness issue. All presentations should span a maximum of 50 minutes, since the normal MWF class schedule will be followed. If more time is needed, content can be carried over into a second session. In your response, indicate if there is a preferred time of day when you would like to present. Room space for presentations is limited. Be sure to confirm your interest by **Friday, March 2**.

Faculty, if your course covers related themes, consider having your class meet for one of these sessions. As in previous years, faculty may want to have students, as appropriate, attend a Focus Frostburg session in lieu of class attendance or to make any of the seminars and activities an extra-credit assignment.

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 2019.

Those interested should complete the FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant Request Form (<https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/forms/opportunity-grant-request>), which includes a line item budget. All applications must be limited to two pages. A third page is only permitted for the line item budget. After you complete 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 midnight on **Sunday, March 11**. Applicants will be notified of the awards following the **June** Foundation Board meeting.

Projects may be funded from the following:

- **FSU Foundation Opportunity Grants** for projects that support FSU's institutional priority to enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom
- **Al and Dale Boxley Faculty Award/Student Research Award** to support faculty or student projects
- **J. Frederick Gibraltar Regional and Cultural Arts Funds** to support regional and cultural arts programs at FSU
- **Jonathan Gibraltar Presidential Leadership Fund for Alcohol Awareness and Education** to support educational programs, social programs and/or community service-related programs geared toward alcohol awareness and the importance of responsible behaviors and decision making

- **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Award** to support faculty development initiatives for faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Catherine R. Gira Campus-to-Community Awards** to support students or student projects that demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, critical thinking skills and a determination to be successful
- **Woodward and Virginia Pealer Faculty Development Award** to support student scholarships and faculty development initiatives for stipends/funding and travel expenses for visiting scholars, lecturers, artists, performers and programs; recognition and promotion of these activities; equipment purchases in conjunction with these activities; and outreach/professional development programs for Allegany County
- **Stephen M. Spahr Student Activism Award** to provide financial assistance to student organizations, classes or informal groups of students needing funds to travel to programs or to centers of governmental activity to experience, firsthand, the workings of the democratic process
- **Marlene Weimer Memorial Scholarly Endeavors Fund** to support scholarly endeavors in the area of innovative mathematics faculty development initiatives and/or scholarship support for outstanding mathematics students, depending on the area of greatest need as determined annually by the Mathematics Department

For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give/annual-fund/opportunity-grants.

FSU to Offer Summer Music Academy for Classical Music

FSU will host its third annual Summer Music Academy **from Sunday, July 22, through Sunday, July 29**, featuring guest instructors and artists from top musical ensembles. The academy promotes classical music education, and the goal is to develop individual musicianship for string, woodwind, brass, piano and voice in a supportive environment.

Those who are ages 14 and up are encouraged to enroll. All skill levels are welcome.

New this year is the SMA International Competition for participants between the ages of 14 and 19. The competition, with an award of more than \$1,000, will consist of a single round, which will take place on **July 22**.

During the one-week workshop, each attendee will experience instruction from world-renowned guest artists, including members of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, The Flute Academy, Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Washington, as well as FSU music department faculty members. The academy will be no larger than 60 students.

Academy activities will feature masterclasses, evening faculty performances, chamber music coaching, the Alexander Technique and exposure to internationally renowned musicians, soloists and teachers, as well as outdoor activities in the beautiful setting of the Allegheny Mountains.

Faculty are not only accomplished performers, but are also skilled instructors. They include cellist Charlie Powers, a founding member of two critically acclaimed chamber ensembles, the Teiber String Trio and The Phillips Camerata, as well as the recently formed Pittsburgh Cello Quartet; Jacob Shack, fourth chair viola of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; **Dr. Shu-ting Yao**, principal second violin at the National String Symphonia; **Dr. Kristin Bacchiocchi-Stewart**, the director and founder of The Flute Academy in Bergen County, N.J., principal flute with The New Jersey Wind Symphony and a member of the Lyra Ensemble who has also taught at FSU; **Dr. Mark Gallagher**, an associate professor of clarinet and music theory at FSU; **Dr. Brent Weber**, an assistant professor of saxophone at FSU; Dr. Huai-En Tsai, the assistant principal trombonist for the Symphony of the Potomac and Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Greater Washington, D.C.; Pianist **Joseph Yungen**, a lecturer at FSU and a founding member of the faculty and administration of the New Jersey Young Artist Piano Competition; **Dr. James M. Reddan**, a director of Choral Activities and Choral Music Education at FSU; and First Associate Concertmaster Nathan Cole, of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, who is also on the faculty at the Colburn School for the Performing Arts. Cole will be playing his 1716 Stradivarius "ex-Milstein" at FSU.

SMA International Competition performers must participate in all required SMA events throughout the week. Repertoire requirements for instrumentalists include one movement of a concerto or sonata and one contrasting piece of the participant's choice. Vocalists must perform two operatic arias of contrasting styles and languages and two art songs of contrasting styles and languages.

A variety of price and residency options is available. For info or to register for the academy, visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/music/summer-music-academy or contact the director, Dr. Karen Lau, at klau@frostburg.edu.

The FSU Summer Music Academy is supported in part by the FSU Foundation. To support the FSU Foundation, call 301-687-4161 or visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

It's not too early to be thinking about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Thursday, May 24**, in the Cordts PE Center. The Colleges of Business and Education will be held at 9:30 a.m., and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be required for admission. The number of tickets allotted per graduate will be announced at a later date.

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 in May.

The first of two Commencement mailings will be sent in mid-March to your local and permanent addresses. Check your PAWS account to make sure your home address is correct. If you need to update your home address, you may send an email from your FSU account to the Registrar's Office at reginfo@frostburg.edu.

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to all graduates and may be ordered online at <http://bookstore.frostburg.edu>. Your order must be placed by **Monday, March 19**.

A Grad Fair will be held **Tuesday, May 15**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the University Store in the Lane Center. If you have ordered your cap and gown and selected pick up at the Frostburg Main Campus, it will be available for pickup at the Grad Fair. Orders picked up at the fair will receive a coupon for 30 percent off one apparel item at the University Store. You will also have the opportunity to pick up your graduation tickets, enter drawings, purchase graduation merchandise and more.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or clbohn@frostburg.edu.

Volunteers

Exciting Career-Boosting Opportunity for Students!

Make a difference in your college community while building connections and skills that will last throughout your future career! The P-20 Afterschool Connection Program seeks volunteers to work with sixth, seventh and eighth graders throughout the county. Even volunteering just one three-hour shift per week will make a huge difference in kids' lives and give your resume an interesting edge. You'll be supervising fun activities and playing a crucial role in the students' academic enrichment!

For info, contact Amber Ketterman in Lane 234, or at alketterman@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4191.

Study Abroad

For info, contact Sarah Heilig at 301-687-4747 or seheilig@frostburg.edu.

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Zachary Cunningham in Thailand (summer 2017)

FSU students have the opportunity to study abroad all over the world. Financial aid can be used for overseas experiences during the fall and spring semesters. There are also exchange programs available that allow students to pay FSU tuition prices.

Study Abroad and International Fair

Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the Study Abroad and International Fair on **Tuesday, March 13**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Representatives from various study abroad programs and former study abroad students will be available to answer questions about overseas opportunities. In addition, FSU's international students will exhibit displays of their countries and will be available to talk about their cultures. There will also be drawings for free prizes! Faculty are encouraged to attend to learn more about faculty-led study abroad trips.

Student Life

Edgewood Commons Contracting for Spring 2018

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the spring 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 about Edgewood Commons, call 301-689-1370.

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.

Flu symptoms include fever, chills, muscle aches, cough, congestion, runny nose, headaches and fatigue.



If you get sick with the flu:
Get anti-viral drugs in the first 24 to 48 hours.
Avoid contact with people.

VALUES AND VISION: FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

CORE VALUES

- Frostburg State University is a place where every student can experience a myriad of opportunities both in and out of the classroom, fostered by a sense of inclusion and close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff.
- Frostburg State University is committed to developing cultural competence and cultivating understanding of and respect for a diversity of experiences and world views that encourage each person's ability to "take the perspective of the other."
- Frostburg State University is committed to a system of shared governance that allows faculty, staff and students to learn about the issues the University confronts and that provides a structure for meaningful input into University decisions.

OUR VISION FOR FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

Frostburg State University is a regionally acclaimed and nationally recognized academic institution that provides distinctive programs to support state and regional workforce needs. Faculty, staff and students foster collaboration in a welcoming and inclusive campus culture.

Students value the opportunities open for them at FSU and form close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff, who are committed to their success and well-being. Students apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to internship, civic engagement, study abroad and research experiences to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

The University is integrated into the fabric of the community as a valued and respected regional asset. We are committed to making changes that secure our future while celebrating the values that reflect our history.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Focus learning on the acquisition and application of knowledge.
- Provide engaging experiences that challenge our students to excel.
- Expand regional outreach and engagement.
- Align University resources – human, fiscal and physical – with strategic priorities.