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## Department of Theatre and Dance Presents Live Performance of 'The Spoon River Project'

FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance, in partnership with the Cultural Events Series, will present a live performance of "The Spoon River Project" **Thursday, April 8, through Saturday, April 10**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Drama Theatre of the Pealer Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are available to FSU students, faculty and staff only due to COVID restrictions and guidelines.

Directed by FSU's **Mairzy Yost-Rushton**, this beautifully haunting play is based on Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology" and adapted by Tom Andolara. In it, nearly 50 former residents of Spoon River, all of whom have come back from the dead to share the secrets they've taken with them to the grave, examine life and the longing for what might have been. As the citizens reflect on the dreams, secrets and regrets of their lives, they paint a gritty and honest portrait of the town as all of their pasts are illuminated.

"Spoon River Anthology" (1915) is a collection of short free-verse poems that collectively narrates the epitaphs of the residents of Spoon River, a fictional small town named after the Spoon River, which ran near Masters' hometown of Lewistown, Ill. The aim of the poems is to demystify rural and small-town American life.

The creative team of "The Spoon River Project" includes **Grace LaCount** as Sarah Brown, Margaret Fuller Slack, Mrs. Purkapile and Zilpha Marsh; **Kasey Taylor**, featured soloist, as Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Merritt and Daisy Frasier; **Laura Frederick**, soloist, as Elsa Wertman, Mrs. Meyers, Hannah Armstron and Lucinda Matlock; **Luke Vought** as Archibald Higbie, Harry Wilmans, Doc Hill and Searcy Foote; **Brendon Eric McCabe**, featured soloist, as Daniel M'Cumber, Elmer Karr, Hamilton Greene and Fiddler Jones; **Madilyn McManaway** as Flossie Cabanis, Nellie Clark, Mary McNeely and Lydia Puckett; **Christopher Blackwell** as Walter Simmons, Abel Melveny, Clarence Fawcett and Richard Bone; **Brian Records**, soloist, as George Gray, Tom Merritt, Knowlt Hoheimer and Doctor Meyers; **Calaysia Michelé Hamilton** as Dorcas Gustine, Rosie Roberts, Mrs. Kessler and Minerva Jones; and **Andre Mason** as Tom Beatty, Deacon Taylor, Roscoe Purkapile and Eugene Carman. In addition to Yost-Rushton, the production team consists of **Danielle Preston**, costume designer; **George Georgeson**, light designer and sound engineer; **Frank Bowles**, scenic designer; **Gray Walters**, sound designer; **Andrew Geier**, properties designer; **Nicholas Partonen**, production stage manager; **Alexus Niblack**, assistant stage manager; **Chris McCabe**, music director; and **Desiree Witt**, choreographer. Choral singers recorded include Denise Adams, Connor McCabe, Trevor McCabe, Laurel Plitnik and Christian Scott.

Tickets for the live performance are \$7 for FSU students and \$12 for FSU faculty and staff. Reservations for this group only can be made by visiting <https://frostburgtix.universitytickets.com>. Each show has a limited number of tickets to allow for social distancing, and tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-up ticket sales are not available for this production.

For info, call the Theatre and Dance box office at 301-687-7462.

To prevent the spread of the coronavirus, FSU follows state health guidelines requiring the wearing of masks and physical distancing from others. Audience members must visit [www.frostburg.edu/checkin](http://www.frostburg.edu/checkin) for symptom monitoring before attending the production and be prepared to display the "Reduced Risk" badge.

## Help for Students

### Have Issues or Concerns?

Be sure to continue to pass on your concerns to **President Nowaczyk** at [president@frostburg.edu](mailto:president@frostburg.edu) or, for specific academic issues, to **Dr. Michael Mathias** at [provost@frostburg.edu](mailto:provost@frostburg.edu). Students with individual concerns can be directed to resources by emailing [spring2021@frostburg.edu](mailto:spring2021@frostburg.edu). And for the spring 2021 plan and information, visit <https://www.frostburg.edu/spring2021>.

### Do You Need to Report an Incident?

FSU is a vibrant community of scholars and educators. To ensure its values as an institution are promoted, students, faculty and staff are asked to adhere to a set of community standards.

If you observe behavior that is counter to FSU's values, be sure to report the conduct to the most appropriate department using one of the referral forms. If you have questions or concerns about which referral form is most appropriate, contact Carl Crowe, dean of Students, in the Office of Student Affairs at 301-687-4312.

Any member of the University community in need of support can reach out to Counseling and Psychological Services at <https://www.frostburg.edu/student-life/campus-services/caps>, the University Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at <https://www.frostburg.edu/student-life/campus-services/center-for-student-diversity-equity-and-inclusion/diversity-committees.php> or Student Affairs at <https://www.frostburg.edu/about-frostburg/student-affairs/index.php>. **Students can report an incident at <https://www.frostburg.edu/reporting-an-incident.php>.**

### A Message From CAPS

If you are having difficulty taking care of your daily needs and/or notice that your mood has been more depressed or anxious, you are not alone. Help is available at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Counseling is being provided over confidential tele-health programs.

If you are interested in individual counseling or participating in one of the groups CAPS offers, call 301-687-4234.

If you need of immediate support, call 301-687-4234 during business hours or 301-687-4223 in the evening or on the weekend.

Other crisis resources are available at:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

Trevor LifeLine: 1-866-488-7386

Veterans' Crisis Hotline: 1-877-VET2VET (1-877-838-2838)

Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 for free, 24/7 crisis counseling

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## Readings

### CLA to Host Virtual Reading by Bestselling Author Russell Shorto



As part of its Spring Reading Series, FSU's Center for Literary Arts will host a virtual reading by writer Russell Shorto on **Thursday, April 1**, at 7:30 p.m. This semester, readings will be livestreamed to YouTube and will thereafter be available on the CLA channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqtBS9H9vtPSR4Vfd3pudTw>, or search for Frostburg Center for Literary Arts on YouTube.

Shorto is a bestselling American author, historian and journalist. His most recent book of narrative history, "Smalltime," is about his grandfather, a mob boss in Johnstown, Pa. He is best known for his book on the Dutch origins of New York City, "The Island at the Center of the World." Shorto's previous books have been published in 14 languages and have won numerous awards.

In 2009, he was given a knighthood by the Dutch government for advancing Dutch-American historical awareness. In 2018 he was inducted into the New York State Writers Hall of Fame. He is a senior scholar at the New Netherland Institute and a contributing writer at the New York Times Magazine.

Shorto was recently interviewed on NPR's "Fresh Air." The interview can be heard at <https://www.npr.org/2021/02/02/963158398/author-digs-into-family-smalltime-mob-operation-finds-family-secrets>.

For info, contact the Center for Literary Arts at 301-687-4340 or [cla@frostburg.edu](mailto:cla@frostburg.edu).

## Virtual Speaker Series

### CES and Student Activities Present Nat Geo Live's 'Mysterious Seas'



A closeup of a fluorescent eel by David Gruber, left, and a photo by Diva Amon

CES and the FSU Student Activities program will present "Mysterious Seas," a free streaming event from the National Geographic Live Virtual Speaker Series, on **Tuesday, March 30**, at 7 p.m. Through stories and conversation, the live program brings viewers behind the scenes with two leading marine biologists and National

Geographic Explorers who provide a glimpse into the ocean's greatest depths and the fascinating creatures that live there.

David Gruber searches the oceans for bioluminescent and biofluorescent marine species and designs delicate, noninvasive tools to study and interact with deep-sea life. Diva Amon participates in expeditions around the world to study the unusual animals living in a variety of deep-sea habitats and how they are impacted by humans.

The next and final program in the series, "Women and Migration," will take place on **Tuesday, April 13**.

All events in this series require prior registration by visiting [tickets.frostburg.edu](https://tickets.frostburg.edu). For info, contact [ces@frostburg.edu](mailto:ces@frostburg.edu).

## Music

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, musical performances before live audiences of the general public will not be held until conditions warrant. However, the Department of Music is continuing its series of online presentations. Links will be posted at [www.frostburg.edu/concerts](https://www.frostburg.edu/concerts).

Visit [www.frostburg.edu/concerts](https://www.frostburg.edu/concerts) and click an event to be directed to the FSU Localist Events page; click the red "Join Stream" button on the right side of page to join the livestream.

Unless otherwise noted, concerts are free to view online. For info, contact FSU's Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

If you miss the livestreams, Music Department recitals are available for viewing on YouTube: Frostburg Music Department.

### Student Nathan Richards Will Perform Livestreamed Senior Guitar Recital, 'Here, There Be Dragons'

FSU's Department of Music will present **Nathan Richards** in a livestreamed senior guitar recital, "Here, There Be Dragons," on **Friday, April 2**, at 7:30 p.m. He will be accompanied by FSU student **Shawn Zimmerman** and **Dr. Isaac Greene**.

Richards will perform "The Rose in the Garden" by Carlo Domeniconi, "Les Adieux, Op. 21" by Fernando Sor, "Etude, Op. 60, No. 7" by Matteo Carcassi, "Etude 4" from "Estudios Sencillos" by Leo Brouwer, "Partita in A Minor" by Johann Anton Logy, "¡Adelita!" and "Lágrima" by Francisco Tárrega, "Variations on a Sarabande by Handel" by Ferdinand Rebay and "Fantasia of Three Parts" by Orlando Gibbons.

### Dr. Joseph Yungen to Perform in Online Faculty Artist Series Concert

The FSU Department of Music will present pianist **Dr. Joseph Yungen** in a livestreamed Faculty Artist Series concert on **Sunday, April 4**, at 3 p.m. from FSU's Pealer Recital Hall.

Per FSU event guidelines and COVID restrictions, the general public may only attend the online streamed event. The recital is open to 50 members of FSU community – faculty, staff or students – on a first-come, first-served basis.

Yungen will perform "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 860 From 'The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1'" by Johann Sebastian Bach; "Allegro maestoso," "Andante cantabile con espressione" and "Presto" from "Piano Sonata No. 8 in A Minor, K. 310" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; "Allegro inquieto," "Andante caloroso" and "Precipitato" from "Piano Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major, Op. 83" by Sergei Prokofiev; "Mazurka in D-flat Major, Op. 30, No. 3," "Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 17, No. 4," "Mazurka in A-flat Major, Op. 59, No. 2" and "Mazurka in B Minor, Op. 33, No. 4" by Frédéric Chopin, as well as "Scherzo No. 4 in E Major, Op. 54" and "Barcarolle in F-sharp Major, Op. 60," also by Chopin.

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (or simply "Joy") is a piece of music derived from a chorale setting of the cantata "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben, BWV 147" ("Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life") Bach composed in 1723. It is often performed slowly and reverently at wedding ceremonies, as well as during Christian festive seasons like Christmas and Easter.

"The Well-Tempered Clavier, BWV 846–893" is a collection of two sets of preludes and fugues in all 24 major and minor keys, composed for solo keyboard. In Bach's time, clavier (keyboard) was a generic name indicating a variety of keyboard instruments. Book 1 was composed in the early 1720s.

"Piano Sonata No. 8 in A Minor, K. 310" was written in 1778, the first of only two Mozart piano sonatas in a minor key. It was composed in the summer of 1778 around the time of his mother's death, one of the most tragic times of his life.

Prokofiev's "Piano Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major, Op. 83" (1942), which is occasionally called the "Stalingrad," is a sonata composed for solo piano, the second of the three "War Sonatas." The piece was first performed in 1943 in Moscow.

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Over the years 1825-1849, Chopin wrote at least 59 mazurkas for piano, based on the traditional Polish dance. However, while he used the traditional mazurka as his model, he was able to transform his pieces into an entirely new genre, one that became known as the “Chopin genre.” His composition of these mazurkas also signaled new ideas of nationalism.

Chopin composed “Scherzo No. 4 in E Major, Op. 54” in 1842. Unlike the preceding three scherzi, the E-major is generally calmer in temperament, though it still possesses some exceptionally passionate and dramatic moments.

“Barcarolle in F-sharp Major, Op. 60” is a piece for solo piano Chopin composed between 1845 and 1846, three years before his death. Based on the barcarolle rhythm and mood, it features a sweepingly romantic and slightly wistful tone. This is one of Chopin's last major compositions and is often considered one of his more demanding.

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## Department of Music Presents Wind Ensemble in Concert

FSU's Department of Music will present the Wind Ensemble in its concert, “Classics Reimagined,” on **Friday, April 9**, at 7 p.m. at FSU's Upper Quad Amphitheatre. This event is free and open to the campus community.

Maximum capacity at this venue is 100 persons. To reserve your spot, email Dr. Brent Weber at [bmweber@frostburg.edu](mailto:bmweber@frostburg.edu). A 6-foot distance must be maintained between individuals or families, and attendees must maintain a 12-foot distance from the ensemble. In case of rain, the concert will be livestreamed from Pealer Recital Hall, and the audience will be limited to 50 members of the campus community. If this happens, the band members will use PPE (bell and instrument covers) to ensure safety.

The program will include “anti-FANFARE” by Andrew Blair; “Irish Tune” by Percy Grainger; “The Carnival of the Animals” by Camille Saint-Saëns, arranged by Bocook; “Children's March” by Grainger; “Serenade, Op. 7” by Richard Strauss, arranged by Weber; “Shepherd's Hey” by Grainger; “Oblivion” by Astor Piazzolla, arranged by Robert Longfield; and “Powerhouse” by Raymond Scott, arranged by Murtha.

“anti-FANFARE” is a short, exciting concert opener for woodwinds and percussion inspired by Blair's forays into contemporary jazz fusion and electronica.

“Irish Tune From County Derry” is a setting of a now-famous tune from the Irish county of Derry in the north (also sometimes called Londonderry).

“The Carnival of the Animals” (“Le Carnaval des animaux”) is a humorous musical suite of 14 movements by French romantic composer Saint-Saëns.

“Children's March” was scored for band by Grainger in 1919 from a piano solo he had composed between 1916 and 1918. Grainger had a keen interest in folk music and used traditional folk tunes as the basis for many of his works. This folk tune, however, is his original.

“Serenade for 13 Wind Instruments, Op. 7,” from 1881, is the first work of the German composer Strauss to have survived in the concert hall. Although a youthful work, its charm, vivacity and technical assurance makes it a worthy successor of Mozart's “Gran Partita,” upon which it is modeled.

Grainger made several different settings of “Shepherd's Hey,” which is based on a folk tune. The first setting appeared in 1909. The band version came in 1918. The tune itself is a Morris dance, a centuries-old tradition of fluid, group dancing from England.

“Oblivion” is a hauntingly atmospheric piece by Argentine tango composer Piazzolla. Written in 1982, it was used in the soundtrack of Mario Bellochio's film, “Enricho IV.”

“Powerhouse” (1937) is an instrumental musical composition by Scott, perhaps best known today as the iconic “assembly line” music in animated cartoons released by Warner Bros.

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## CES Offering Discounts to MSO Virtual Concert Featuring Guitarist Sharon Isbin

CES at FSU will offer \$9.99 tickets for local residents to attend a Maryland Symphony Orchestra virtual concert featuring multiple Grammy Award-winning guitarist Sharon Isbin on **Sunday, April 11**, at 3 p.m. The event, led by MSO Musical Director Elizabeth Schulze, will be streamed live from the historic Maryland Theatre in Hagerstown, Md.

Acclaimed for her extraordinary lyricism, technique and versatility, Isbin was named by the Boston Globe as “the preeminent guitarist of our time.” She will join the orchestra in a program that includes “Tango!” by Paola Prestini, “Ancient Airs and Dances, No. 3” by Ottorino Respighi, “Guitar Concerto in D Major, RV 93” by Antonio Vivaldi and “Quintetto IV in re maggiore (G. 448)” by Luigi Boccherini.

Remaining virtual events scheduled in the six-concert series include “MSO Pops!” on **Sunday, May 2**, at 3 p.m., and “Brown and Beethoven,” featuring pianist Michael Brown, on **Sunday, June 6**, at 3 p.m.

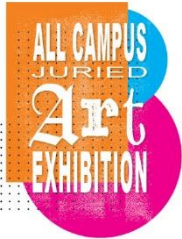
This exclusive offer is made possible through a grant from the Community Trust Foundation's Iris and Peter Halmos Community Fund. Performance tickets of \$29.99 are discounted to \$9.99. FSU students may purchase tickets at a price of \$2.99. Ticket buyers will have access to a recording of the concert for one week after the live broadcast. This offer will be available until all grant funds have been spent.

To acquire the promo code, email [ces@frostburg.edu](mailto:ces@frostburg.edu). For info about each concert or to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.marylandsymphony.org/202021-concerts>.

## Exhibits

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### Department of Visual Arts to Host All-Campus Juried Art Exhibition



FSU's Department of Visual Arts will host the spring 2021 All-Campus Juried Art exhibition, which will open on **Friday, April 2**, at the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts Building. This exhibition, which is free and open to the public, will be on display through **Friday, April 16**.

Work must be picked up on **Monday, April 19**, in the Roper Gallery from 1 to 5 p.m. The juror, **Jennifer Browne**, Department of English and Foreign Languages, will choose who will win the following awards: first place – \$100, second – \$75, third – \$50 and honorable mention – \$50.

For info, contact Lester at [allester@frostburg.edu](mailto:allester@frostburg.edu).

## Points of Pride

### Chamber Singers and University Chorale Named as National Semifinalists for American Prize in Choral Performance



On March 19, the FSU Chamber Singers and University Chorale were named as two of 16 national semifinalists for the American Prize in Choral Performance – College/University division. The American Prize is a national competition showcasing excellence in music. Both choirs are under the direction of **Dr. Scott Rieker** (Music) and feature **Dr. Joseph Yungen** as collaborative pianist.

The FSU Chamber Singers is an auditioned, mixed choir and flagship vocal ensemble of the University. It routinely performs more than a dozen performances a year, providing music to the University community, schools, houses of worship and other collaborative endeavors to bring excellent choral music-making to Maryland and beyond. The University Chorale is open, without audition, to all students, staff and faculty of FSU, as well as community members. The chorale performs four concerts per year and focuses on making quality music through healthy vocal performance.

### FSU Relay for Life Meets Extended Goal!

The FSU student-led Relay for Life met the extended goal, raising \$7,564.10 to support the critical work of the American Cancer Society! The Faculty, Staff and Retirees Team contributed \$1,996 to that total to retain its crown as the No. 1 team of 17. The extended goal of \$1,500 was reached, thanks to a generous contribution of \$200 from **Dr. Greg Latta**. In addition, **JoAnna Skelley's** "In Memory of Mary Ann Chapman" group, which had been listed as a separate team, rejoined the group, which explains the jump in the overall total.

The other top teams are Alpha Sigma Tau (\$1,290), Cumberland Complex Cancer Crushers (\$765), Alpha Phi Omega (\$715) and American Cancer Society On-campus (\$705). And the top five individuals are **Madison Davis** (\$477), Skelley (\$417), **Mary Gartner** (\$367), **Max Hancock** (\$310) and **Erin Mellarkey** (\$310).

Donations can be made online through August 2021 at [www.relayforlife.org/fsumd](http://www.relayforlife.org/fsumd).

### Geography Students Compete in Regional Qualifier for World Geography Bowl

The Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Association of Geographers held a qualifier for the World Geography Bowl on March 12. Two FSU students, **Andrew Burton** (first-year geography major) and **Cassie Conklin** (fourth-year geography major) competed. Conklin placed second among the challengers and will be an official member of the Mid-Atlantic's team during AAG's annual conference on **Thursday, April 8**. Conklin is a previous World Geography Bowl champion, having been on the winning team in 2019.

The team is organized by **Tracy Edwards**, coordinator of the Geography Bowl team for the Mid-Atlantic AAG Region and a lecturer in FSU's Department of Geography. The March 12 bowl was organized by AAG World Geography Bowl coordinators from across the country. To learn more about the bowl, visit [http://www.aag.org/about\\_aag/grants\\_and\\_awards/world\\_geography\\_bowl](http://www.aag.org/about_aag/grants_and_awards/world_geography_bowl).

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## Dr. Sydney Duncan and Andy Duncan on Program of International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts

*Dr. Sydney Duncan* and *Andy Duncan*, both professors in FSU's Department of English and Foreign Languages, were on the program of the 42nd International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, held virtually March 18 to 21.

Sydney did a poetry reading and Q&A on a panel with Regina Hansen, Don Riggs and Kristiana Willsey, while Andy did a fiction reading and Q&A on a panel with John Kessel, Kelly Robson and Veronica Schanoes.

Sydney and Andy also hosted author readings: Sydney for Petra Kuppers and Cumberland, Md., native Jason Baltazar; Andy for James Morrow and David Kopaska-Merkel.

Sydney and Andy also were in the acting ensemble for the Flash Play Festival of one-acts that closed the conference. Both performed in "Date Night" by Joe Haldeman, also starring David Shipko, and Andy performed in "Lockdown" by Laura Goodin, also starring Brett Cox and James Patrick Kelly (as the Thing in the Jar).

For info on ICFA, including a complete program, visit <https://iaffita.wildapricot.org>.

## Global Climate Strike and Cleanup Event Held at FSU

On March 19, student organizers *Laurel Plitnik*, *Will Coburn* and *Cassie Conklin* held a climate strike and cleanup of the FSU Arboretum. The event, which included speeches by Plitnik, Coburn and *Max Hancock*, and was emceed by *Reginald Morton III*, was attended by more than 50 campus and at-large community members. Additional supporters and organizers included *Tracy Edwards* (faculty coordinator for the Sustainability Studies minor) and students *Ismerai Reyes* and *Ariyana Ward*. A recording of the speaking program will be featured during the Focus Frostburg environmental conference in April at FSU.

Following the speaking program, the following people walked to the Arboretum for the cleanup: *Lillian McKenzie*, Coburn, *Grant Roth*, *Dylan "Shaggy" Lynch*, *Molly Dawson*, *Guy Witt*, *Claudia Reynolds*, *Jacob Seabreeze*, *Anna Cullen*, *Andrew Sveitz* and Conklin. The group pulled more than 120 pounds of garbage from the Arboretum, including previously dumped wood pallets, metal fencing and automobile parts.

The event was covered by the Cumberland Times-News: [https://www.times-news.com/news/local\\_news/at-fsu-climate-strike-change-comes-from-action/article\\_4e2569f6-8b3b-11eb-b95f-bb6284713fbb.html](https://www.times-news.com/news/local_news/at-fsu-climate-strike-change-comes-from-action/article_4e2569f6-8b3b-11eb-b95f-bb6284713fbb.html).

## Take Note

### Been Vaccinated?

If you have received a COVID-19 vaccination — first dose, second dose or single shot — through any provider, be sure to log in to the FSU Check-in Portal at <https://itoc.frostburg.edu/checkin>, look for "My Vaccines" in the menu at the top right and record your information (found on your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card).

This information is being added to the several key COVID-19 indicators FSU is monitoring to determine the raising or lowering of University institutional recovery response levels.

### Don't Forget to 'Like' the History Department Facebook Page!

Be sure to "like" the new FSU History Department Facebook page.

It's the "Department of History, Frostburg State University" page at <https://www.facebook.com/HISTFSU>.

### CLC's Virtual Spring Festival of Children's Literature



Online registration for the Children's Literature Centre's virtual 2021 Spring Festival of Children's Literature is live. This year the festival will be held **Friday, April 23**, and **Saturday, April 24**. Attendees can watch author/illustrator prerecorded presentations, then will have the opportunity to join in live Q&A sessions with the authors and illustrators (which will not be recorded). There will be multiple virtual Professional Development Workshops, too. Prerecorded author and PDW presentations will be available for viewing until **Saturday, May 1**.

Those interested in attending can go to CLC's webpage at <https://www.frostburg.edu/childrens-literature-centre/Spring-Festival/index.php> or follow the link <https://forms.frostburg.edu/207> to register and/or view the festival flyer. For info, email [clc@frostburg.edu](mailto:clc@frostburg.edu) or call 301-687-3133.

Note: Due to the virtual platform restrictions, professional development credit will not be offered for the 2021 festival.

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## Just in Case You Missed It

The recording for the most recent Physics and Engineering alumni webinar held on March 22, “Internships and Capstones: Pathways to a Career” with *Sean Black '20*, *Adam Bosley '15/M'16* and *W. Michael Prohonic III '16*, can be found at <https://frostburg.webex.com/frostburg/ldr.php?RCID=fcfc239fa5ae4697b24737fa66b96338>. For info, contact Dr. Eric Moore at [ejmoore@frostburg.edu](mailto:ejmoore@frostburg.edu).

## FSU Lions Club Holding Fundraiser for St. Jude

The FSU Lions Club is holding a St. Jude fundraiser until **Sunday, April 25**. The funds support St. Jude’s lifesaving mission of finding cures for children battling cancer and other life-threatening diseases. By donating, you’ll also be entered into a virtual raffle for a chance to win a \$25 Visa Gift Card.

To donate, visit <http://events.stjude.org/FSUlionclub>. For info, contact Jordan Lyons at [jhlyons@frostburg.edu](mailto:jhlyons@frostburg.edu).

## Bittersweet Literary Magazine Accepting Submissions for Print and Digital Editions

Bittersweet, FSU’s literary magazine, is accepting submissions for the Spring 2021 edition. Creative works for the print edition include poetry, short stories, photography, visual art and creative nonfiction. These works should be between one and five pages. Note: The deadline for submissions has been extended through **Thursday, April 1!** Other creative works, including podcast episodes, audio clips and video submissions, will be considered for online publication on Bittersweet’s website, [www.bittersweetmag.com](http://www.bittersweetmag.com). The Spring 2021 magazine will center around the theme of “Life Under Lockdown” as a way to commemorate the last year amid the coronavirus pandemic; however, creative works on any topic are encouraged.

For info, contact *Phillip Fralin*, the editor, at [bittersweetsfu@gmail.com](mailto:bittersweetsfu@gmail.com). Fralin talked about this year’s Bittersweet magazine during an episode of “The Bottom Line on Air.” Check out the segment at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsZC\\_dY4kNM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsZC_dY4kNM).

The 2021 Bittersweet edition will be available in print on **Saturday, May 1**, with details of an opening reception to follow.

## Leadership Residency Program on Nonprofit Leadership

The annual Leadership Residency program will be held on **Tuesday, March 30**, at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Leadership Studies program and the Department of Management, “Why Not Nonprofit? Three Local Leaders Discuss the Relevance of Nonprofit Leadership Today” will feature a virtual discussion among Leah Shaffer of the Community Trust Foundation, Julie Westendorff of the Allegany Arts Council and Jennifer Walsh of The Greater Cumberland Committee. The leaders will discuss how they became involved and invested in nonprofit leadership, as well as strategies for addressing Zoom fatigue, projecting an engaging presence online, balancing work and life obligations, building a network locally and supporting each other.



Shaffer is the executive director of the Community Trust Foundation, Inc. Since joining the organization in 2017, she has successfully doubled its assets, increased name recognition and helped many philanthropic donors enhance the quality of life in their community. Shaffer’s career has always been guided by her underlying passion for youth development and community wellness. She brings her strong professional experience in small business ownership, grant management and nonprofit work to help make a positive difference in the region. Originally from Bedford, Pa., Shaffer returned to the area after earning her degrees and resides in Mineral County, W.Va.



Westendorff serves as executive director of the Allegany Arts Council. She joined the organization in 2018 after relocating from the Washington, D.C., area, with the specific intention to get involved in a small, rural community. Her career includes more than 15 years of corporate event planning and nonprofit management, as well as several years spent traveling with two lawmakers, where she was responsible for managing logistics around the globe. Westendorff is active in the community and serves on the boards of the Western Maryland Health System Auxiliary and Allegany County Chamber of Commerce.



Walsh is the executive director of The Greater Cumberland Committee. Following law school, she served as a law clerk for Justice Joseph Baca at the New Mexico Supreme Court in Santa Fe, then for Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo at the District of Columbia Superior Court in Washington, D.C. Walsh worked as a legislative assistant at the U.S. Senate for former U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman before moving to Cumberland. She has been practicing law in Cumberland since 2004 and practices part time in the areas of estate and long-term care planning at Geppert McMullen Paye & Getty. She is a fellow in the inaugural 2019-2020 Appalachian Leadership Institute Class.

This annual event is free and open to the public. Register for access to the virtual event link at <https://bit.ly/3qkUE1>. For info, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, professor of Communication Studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies and the Communication Leadership Lab, at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu).

## Nominations for Student Affairs Leadership & Engagement Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the Student Affairs Leadership and Engagement Awards (formerly the Leadership Awards). The award categories have been expanded to highlight the exceptional leadership experienced on campus, as well as excellence in engagement, which often goes together with leadership.

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Do you know a great student leader from your class, a recognized student organization you are involved with or one of your advisees? Do you work with an amazing colleague who has gone above and beyond and deserves to be recognized? Be sure to take a few moments and nominate them for one of the many award categories available.

Nominations are being accepted for the period **April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021**, with a **Wednesday, March 31**, submission deadline for this year's awards. For info on award categories, eligibility information or frequently asked questions, or to submit a nomination, visit the Leadership and Engagement Awards website at <http://involvement.frostburg.edu/LUC/Awards>.

Student Affairs Leadership and Engagement Awards will be held virtually on **Thursday, April 29**, at 6 p.m.

## **Growing a Healthy Food System in a Pandemic World – A Virtual Conference**

The second and third sessions of the 2021 Western Maryland Food Council Virtual Conference will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on **Thursday, April 1**, and **Thursday, April 8**.

Info on these sessions follows:

### **Session Two on April 1**

Theme: "Food is Medicine." This online discussion will address the increasing prevalence of obesity, diabetes and other food-related diseases indicative of a failing food system, as well as techniques for healthy living using mind-body connection strategies.

### **Session Three on April 8**

Theme: "Food Access." The online discussion will address the challenges of making healthy food accessible to vulnerable populations during a pandemic and will include a special community dialogue, "Eat. Learn. Council: A Day of Civility," with guidance from Allegany County's Choose Civility chapter, Allegany College of Maryland's Democracy Commitment Committee and the **FSU Department of Communication's Communication Leadership Lab**.

For info, visit <https://go.umd.edu/2021WMFCConference> or contact Willie Lantz at 301-334-6960 or [wlantz@umd.edu](mailto:wlantz@umd.edu).

**Note:** FSU's Communication Leadership Lab will partner with ACM's Democracy Commitment to facilitate a discussion about what was learned during the three-day WMFC Conference on **Thursday, April 8**, at 2 p.m. as part of Allegany County's Day of Civility 2021.

## **Info Sessions – Ask Anything About NSE**

National Student Exchange colleges and universities welcome you for the summer 2021, fall 2021 and/or spring 2022 collegiate student exchange. To learn more about NSE, join a virtual NSE Info Session where the basics of NSE (tuition, financial aid, course options, housing and research tips) will be reviewed and your questions answered. All you need is a computer or phone with audio.

Dates and times of the sessions are as follows: **Friday, April 2**, from 11 a.m. to noon (Eastern) and **Thursday, April 15**, from 3 to 4 p.m. (Eastern).

For info, contact Amy Shimko at [alshimko@frostburg.edu](mailto:alshimko@frostburg.edu) or visit <https://nse.org/exchange/info/?z=1#homeinfo>.

## **Choose Civility: Allegany County Celebrates Day of Civility**

The annual Day of Civility focuses on spreading kindness, building understanding and strengthening civility throughout the community. Check out the Choose Civility: Allegany County Facebook page for information regarding Day of Civility events happening on **Thursday, April 8**, including a virtual session on Communication Leadership that will focus on civil discourse across differences and how to best define "civility." Participants will explore what communication leadership will look like locally to increase cooperation and collaboration to solve the community's challenges. Details will follow. Other events are already set, so watch for event link information on social media and through available links.

On **April 8** from 2 to 3 p.m., join in a virtual community dialogue, titled "Eat. Learn. Council: A Day of Civility." As part of Western Maryland Food Council's three-day conference dedicated to growing a healthy food system in a pandemic world, this free session will be guided by Allegany College of Maryland's Democracy Commitment Committee and FSU's Communication Leadership Lab and will focus on the discussion of food systems in relation to Choose Civility principals. Information about how to attend this session will be posted to the Choose Civility: Allegany County Facebook page and website, [www.alleganycountylibrary.info/choosecivility](http://www.alleganycountylibrary.info/choosecivility). For info on the Western Maryland Food Council and the annual conference, visit [www.wmdfoodcouncil.com/conference.html](http://www.wmdfoodcouncil.com/conference.html).

On **April 8** from 7 to 8 p.m., join in a virtual Braver Angels college debate, organized and moderated by students from FSU's Debate Team and LEAD 401 Citizen Leadership class. Allegany College of Maryland's Democracy Commitment Committee and FSU's Communication Leadership Lab will co-sponsor the event, guided by Choose Civility principals. Info about how to attend this session will be posted to the Choose Civility: Allegany County Facebook page and website, [www.alleganycountylibrary.info/choosecivilitypartners](http://www.alleganycountylibrary.info/choosecivilitypartners).

## **'Reacting to the Past' Game for Faculty, Staff and Students**

"Reacting to the Past" is an innovative teaching pedagogy that engages students in the learning process by assigning them historic roles for an extended in-class role-play game that encourages them to actively engage with discussion and debate around important



“intellectual collisions.” The Center for Teaching Excellence has sponsored several games in the past (Frederick Douglas, Greenwich Village and Climate Change), and FSU has been an institutional member of this group for many years.

With the support of the University Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the College of Business Dean’s Office, the Center for Teaching Excellence and International Studies Program, the online role-playing game for students, staff and faculty will be held virtually on **Friday, April 9**, and **Saturday, April 10**, and participants should be available that Friday from 3 p.m. to Saturday at 4 p.m. for various sessions. The game will be played in Gather.town, an innovate online teaching tool that provides an interactive classroom space.

This RTTP game is about the presence of the U.S. company, Firestone Tire and Rubber, in the West African country of Liberia in the 1930s. There are 30 roles to be “cast” in the game, so each participant will play a specific role; a variety of issues will be discussed and debated. Roles include W.E.B. DuBois, Harvey Firestone Jr., Marcus Garvey, Winston Churchill and Amelia Earhart, among others.

If you cannot attend the entire event, consider attending a Zoom conversation with Jennifer Worth, the director of “Reacting to the Past,” at 10 a.m. on **April 10**.

For info, contact Suzanne McCoskey at [skmccoskey@frostburg.edu](mailto:skmccoskey@frostburg.edu).

## Focus Frostburg Coming Up April 18 Through 22



Focus Frostburg 2021: “Learn-In” for a Sustainable Future, a week of virtual learning, will be held this year **Sunday, April 18, through Thursday, April 22**. Depending on the pandemic, there will be a limited number of outdoor exhibits – with virtual presentations and discussions.

Focus Frostburg features programs, discussions and hands-on activities highlighting issues of sustainability and climate awareness.

For info, contact Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas at [krogerstomas@frostburg.edu](mailto:krogerstomas@frostburg.edu).

## Undergraduate Research Symposium

This year the FSU Undergraduate Research Symposium will be virtual and will be on **Friday, April 23**, rather than the traditional first Friday in May.

This year’s event will include the work of 81 student presenters and will feature 51 poster and artwork presentations and nine oral presentations. All presentations will be available for viewing between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the Symposium webpage, and there will be an open Q&A session between 1 and 2 p.m.

For info, contact Dr. Karen Keller at [kkeller@frostburg.edu](mailto:kkeller@frostburg.edu).

## Civility Cup Nominations Sought



The Communication Leadership Lab will award the seventh annual Civil Citizen Communicator Award **this May**. This award is given to an FSU student who has, within the previous year, demonstrated communication leadership or a commitment through word and actions to civility and constructive change within an organization or community. This person should have demonstrated communication competence, leadership competence and an awareness of and responsiveness to matters of civility that impact others. This award aligns with the mission of our programs and FSU to support the oral communication competency and leadership development of our students, and it supports regional

development through recognition of efforts linking the campus to community partners.

Do you know someone who fits this description, someone who is committed to changing the University, another organization or society for the better? Is that person you? If so, submit a nomination for the Civil Citizen Communicator Award. Nominations will be accepted until the deadline of **Friday, April 30**.

Nominate a candidate or yourself by emailing Connie Capacchione, administrative assistant of the Department of Communication, at [ccapacchione@frostburg.edu](mailto:ccapacchione@frostburg.edu).

Judges for the award include **Trevor Jones '17**, who works for Baltimore County Councilman Julian Jones; **Renee Mason '16**, of the Allegany County Library System; and **Sherry White**, who works for News and Media Services (Advancement) at FSU.



Throughout his tenure at FSU as a communication studies and philosophy major, Jones secured internships within all three levels of government – local, state and federal. While at FSU, he worked alongside the president of the regional NAACP in Allegany County, Md., as the FSU student liaison and member of the Political Action Committee. Jones was granted TS clearance through Pacific Architect Engineers and spent time working for the FBI as a legal administrative specialist. He works as a legislative aide and communications director for Baltimore County Councilman Julian Jones and plans to attend law school.



Mason is the Arts and Graphics coordinator for the Allegany County Library System. In 2017, she spearheaded the creation of the local chapter, Choose Civility: Allegany County, a grassroots initiative to improve and enrich Allegany County by promoting civil conversations and kindness toward others. Through partnerships with local entities like FSU, ACM, the Women’s Action Coalition, Leadership Allegany, the Class of 2018 and NAACP, the local Choose Civility chapter remains viable and sustainable.



With more than 25 years of experience in communication and media, White is a writer/digital communication specialist at FSU. While she began her career writing and editing for companies such as Simon and Schuster, Houghton Mifflin and Pearson Education, White’s interests and career have evolved toward graphic and website design. She is pursuing a graduate certificate in user experience/user interface design from the University of Baltimore.

For info regarding the award or nomination process, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, professor of Communication Studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies and the Communication Leadership Lab, at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu). A panel of reviewers external to the Department of Communication will rank and determine the award winner, and public announcement will be made **later in May**. Each award winner’s name is etched on the Civility Cup, which is displayed in the Department of Communication. In addition to this public recognition, a formal certificate of acknowledgement will be given to the student who receives this honor.

## Jobs

### CES Is Hiring for the Fall

Do you want an opportunity to work with amazing, professional artists from across the country and around the world? Join the CES Student Production Team!

CES is hiring for the positions of box office customer service. Team members work in the Lane University Center box office throughout the week and serve as front-of-house staff on performance days.

To apply online, go to <https://frostburg.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/19689>.

### Be Part of FSU’s Summer Camps and Conferences Program

Consider being part of the team for FSU’s thriving Summer Camps and Conferences program. Coach Wootten’s Basketball Camp, Camp Hope, Brit-Am Soccer Academy, the Washington Metropolitan Association of Chinese Schools and many other groups call FSU their summer home.

The position includes room and board. More applications are received each summer than there are positions (15 total), but all are welcome to apply. After an initial offer is made, the summer position is contingent on passing a criminal background check. The work varies, and the position requires someone who can think on their feet to solve problems. Hours are not regular.

An online application is available at <http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/confer/conferences-and-events-staff-application> and you can submit it there. For info, contact Tim Arnold, director of Conferences and Events, in Hitchins 322, at [tparnold@frostburg.edu](mailto:tparnold@frostburg.edu) or at 301-687-4021. The deadline for applications is **Friday, April 9**.

Due to COVID-19, a final decision on a summer camps season for 2021 has not been determined, and an offer of employment only stands if summer camps are allowed.

### Summer Positions Available – Tutor/Counselors

Upward Bound seeks tutor/counselors for its summer residential program on FSU’s campus. Upward Bound is a federally funded program that encourages qualified Allegany County high school students to seek education beyond secondary school. The summer residence program provides the main focus and furnishes students with a sample of the college experience. The five-week program runs **from Sunday, June 13, through Friday, July 23**, and the three-week program **from Sunday, June 13, through Friday, July 9** (tentative dates), and includes one week of training. The salary for the three-week tutor/counselor is \$1,250 plus room and board and for the five-week tutor/counselor is \$2,100 plus room and board. Applicant review will begin immediately. The deadline to apply is **Thursday, April 15**. For info, contact the Upward Bound office at 301-687-4994, email [esteele@frostburg.edu](mailto:esteele@frostburg.edu) or visit the Upward Bound website at [www.frostburg.edu/upwardbound](http://www.frostburg.edu/upwardbound).

Due to COVID-19, a final decision for summer has not been determined, and an offer of employment only stands if Upward Bound will be residential rather than virtual.

## UCM

### Upcoming Events

**Holy Week Devo Word From Chaplain Cindy.** Chaplain Cindy will provide a short devotional about each day of Holy Week **through Sunday, April 4**. For info, email [c.zirlott@frostburg.edu](mailto:c.zirlott@frostburg.edu).

**Campus-wide Easter Egg Hunt on April 4.** This is open to the entire FSU community. You can exchange the found eggs from 1 to 6 p.m. at the CCM Newman Center. Come meet the new Catholic Campus Ministry director, **Mark Mergner**. Exchange eggs for prizes and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate.

## FSU-TV3 and ‘The Bottom Line on Air’

### Catch ‘Seven Keys to Baldpate’ and Percussion Ensemble Performance on FSU-TV3 and YouTube



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The Department of Communication, FSU-TV3 and the Department of Theatre and Dance collaborated in the livestreaming of “Seven Keys to Baldpate” held March 4 to 6 and directed by **Darrell Rushton**. **Melanie Lombardi**, cable channel manager, was the executive producer and livestream coordinator. **Dr. Keith Terry**, department chair, **Dr. John Lombardi**, a professor in the Communication Department, **Anthony Farrare**, **Gershawn Mason** and **Cameron Young** were camera operators and crew. If you did not have the opportunity to view the stream or attend the performance, tune in on **Monday, March 29**, at 7 p.m. to watch it. You can also find it on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/rHTHsVg3dd0> and on the FSU-TV3 website at <https://www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/programming-information/programming.php>.

The Department of Communication and FSU-TV3 are collaborating with the Department of Music to livestream select performances to YouTube. Student intern **Shana Thomas**, with assistance from Lombardi and Terry, streamed the Percussion Ensemble concert that was held on March 3. To watch the performance, log on to <https://youtu.be/IJnJM682klo>. The performance will air on FSU-TV3 **Wednesday, March 31**, at 7 p.m.

### This Week on ‘The Bottom Line on Air’



The Bottom Line, FSU’s independent student newspaper, and FSU-TV3, FSU’s educational access channel, will air their weekly news broadcast show on **Wednesday, March 31**, at 8 p.m. The 30-minute show will be available on Facebook, YouTube and basic Comcast cable channel 3. The show is hosted by student **Claire Sullivan**, associate produced by student **Cassie Conklin** and executive produced by **Melanie Lombardi**, cable channel manager.

In celebration of Women's History Month, “The Bottom Line on Air” will chat with **Robin Wynder**, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, about her career advancement journey; student **Carlee Garrity**, president of the LGBTQIA+ student organization Spectrum, about inclusivity; and other special guests.

Watch the show on FSU-TV3’s YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBYNZFo1rDZdpNzDL1ruREQ>, the channel’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FSUTV3> or the FSU-TV3 website at <https://www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/programming-information/programming.php>.

To stay connected with The Bottom Line, go to [www.thebottomlinenews.com](http://www.thebottomlinenews.com) or find it on Twitter at [@BottomLineTBL](https://twitter.com/BottomLineTBL).

## Student Life

### Edgewood Commons Taking Applications for 2021-2022



Edgewood Commons is taking applications for the 2021-2022 school year. As a top on-campus housing option, Edgewood Commons meets the FSU residency requirements for students, offering the only on-campus, apartment-style living experience. Edgewood Commons is a top choice with an array of residential amenities and apartments that include all-private bedrooms, furnished apartments with full kitchens, full-size washers and dryers, and more. Schedule a virtual tour and learn how Edgewood Commons can be your top on-campus housing choice by phone at 301-689-1370 or email at [info@edgewoodfsu.com](mailto:info@edgewoodfsu.com).

Secure your new home and apply today at <http://edgewoodfsu.com>. Check out Edgewood Commons on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EdgewoodCommonsFSU> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/edgewoodfsu>.

## Study Abroad

### Study Abroad: Start Planning Your Experience for Spring 2022!



Bethany Bloom, Morocco, Fall 2019

Join the Center for International Education for an information session to learn more about study abroad. Each virtual session takes place at 3:30 p.m. on the following **Fridays** throughout the semester: **April 2 and 16**.

Email Victoria Gearhart at [vmgearhart@frostburg.edu](mailto:vmgearhart@frostburg.edu) to sign up for the session of your choice.

## Health and Safety Messages

### Avoid the Dangers of Spring Driving



**Be on the lookout for potholes.** Research from AAA indicates that American drivers spend \$3 billion a year repairing damage caused by potholes! Maintain a safe distance behind the driver in front of you. Never swerve to avoid a pothole. Gently brake before it if you can.

**Slow down for spring showers.** Roads are the most slippery when it first begins to rain because the rainwater mixes with oil and grease on the road.

**Watch out for animals.** Animal activity increases during the spring. For some, this is mating season; others are waking up from hibernation. Deer are the most active at dawn and dusk.

**Watch out for pedestrians and children.** Slow down in neighborhoods and pay extra attention at crosswalks.

**Share the road with motorcycles and bicyclists.** Motorcyclists and bicyclists tend to hit the roads in large numbers in the spring. Always check your surroundings several times before changing lanes, turning or backing up.

**Maintain proper tire air pressure.** Underinflated, as well as overinflated, tires can lead to increased wear and poor handling.

**And be sure to keep a pair of polarized sunglasses in your car.**

### Happy, Healthy, Hip Tips From the SAFE Office



Mental Health Monday Tip: Take a Breath

<https://www.healthline.com/health/breathing-exercise>

Tell Yourself Tuesday Tip: Make your Week Count

<https://www.theodysseyonline.com/18-tips-make-your-week-count>

Wacky Wednesday Tip: Try a New Recipe

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes>

Thankful Thursday Tip: Encourage and Congratulate Yourself

<https://enlightenedsolutions.com/encourage-and-congratulate-yourself>

Fun Friday Tip: Spend Time Outside

<https://www.gearhungry.com/benefits-of-being-outside>

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#### 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.

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Align University resources – human, fiscal and physical – with strategic priorities.

To view FSU's Strategic Plan 2018-2023 online, visit [www.frostburg.edu/strategicplan](http://www.frostburg.edu/strategicplan).