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## **Frostburg State University Celebrates Achievements of Spring 2025 Graduates**



*Pictured: Abby Derham, Hailey Unger, Taylor McCloskey*

Frostburg State University will celebrate the student achievements of its Spring 2025 graduating class at the 166<sup>th</sup> commencement on Thursday, May 22, in the

Cordts Physical Education Center Main Area. The ceremonies for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences and the College of Business, Engineering, and Computational & Mathematical Sciences will be held at 9:30 a.m., and the ceremony for the College of Education and Health & Natural Sciences will be held at 2:00 p.m.

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## 2025 Faculty Achievement Award Winners to be Honored at Convocation

Five recipients of the 2025 Faculty Achievement Awards will be honored at the Frostburg State University Honors Convocation on Wednesday, May 21 at 6 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center. The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc. In addition to the faculty awards, outstanding graduating seniors will also be recognized by their departments for academic excellence and leadership.

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## FSU Hosts 2025 Leadership and Engagement Awards Celebration



On Wednesday, May 7, Frostburg State University students, organizations, faculty and staff were honored at the 2025 Leadership and Engagement Awards reception for their dedication and contributions leadership, community building, service, co-curricular excellence and student life.

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## Teachers of Promise



*Pictured: Allison Motayne, Kimberly Dominesey, Leah Kline, Mackenzie Coyne, Fiona Gonzalez Medina, Natalie Anders, Taylor Howell, Sarah Chapman, and Ed. Professions faculty member Dr. Christina Durham*

On May 2 a group of eight senior undergraduate and graduate MAT students, selected by the faculty in the Department of Educational Professions, were honored at the Annual Teachers of Promise Institute in Columbia, Md., sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Independent Colleges and Universities Association. These education students joined other education students from 17 Maryland colleges and universities at this Institute to interact with and learn from top educational professionals, including Teachers of the Year and other award-winning educators. The students met mentors who will guide them throughout the spring and summer until the new graduates are placed in their schools in the fall.

## FSU Students Present at the Annual Deans' Student Colloquium

Frostburg State University's dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences, dean of the College of Education and Health & Natural Sciences, and dean of the College of Business, Engineering, and Computational & Mathematical Sciences recently hosted the Annual Deans' Student Colloquium and dinner.

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## PAWS Pantry Community Garden

The PAWS Pantry community garden is officially open for the season! Students, staff, and faculty can rent a plot for \$45!

All necessary supplies, from seeds to tools, will be provided for your gardening needs. To register for a plot, click this [LINK](#) or email the pantry at [pawspantry@frostburg.edu](mailto:pawspantry@frostburg.edu) for more information!





## PAWS Pantry Hours

- Monday: noon to 4:30 p.m. & 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: CLOSED
- Wednesday: noon to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday: noon to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday: noon to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays & Sundays: CLOSED

If the pantry's regular hours do not work for you, please email [pawspantry@frostburg.edu](mailto:pawspantry@frostburg.edu) to schedule an appointment.

## Save the Date for Homecoming & Family Weekend!



## Commencement Checklist

1. Complete our application for graduation through the Registrar's Office and make sure all of your PAWS info (address, etc.) is accurate.
2. Once you've been approved to graduate, check your FSU email for an email inviting you to set up a login with FSU's Tassel site. After setting up your login, you can access your Tassel page any time. This is where you can access your tickets and more. **This is REQUIRED to attend the ceremony.**
3. **Order your cap and gown** through the link provided on the Tassel registration page. You can choose to ship to the University Store, Hagerstown campus, or to your home (for a fee). Full details will be on the cap and gown ordering page.
4. **Continue to check your FSU email** for important updates and further details.
5. Bring your cap & gown to commencement with you on **Thursday, May 22 to line up in the practice gym in PE Center no later than one hour before your ceremony.** Your name card (and gold honors tassel, if applicable) will be given to you upon arrival at the practice gym. You must have this name card to hand to the name reader as you cross the stage.

Questions?

Email [commencement@frostburg.edu](mailto:commencement@frostburg.edu)

## ADAPT Community Conference Series June 4

Are you an administrative professional looking for a career glow-up? Frostburg State University has everything you need to get where you're going!



Tickets to this year's ADAPT Community Conference Series are on sale now.

[Read more >](#)

## Calling All Open Education Champions & Innovators

Help us chart a course for the future of artificial intelligence in open education! DOERS OER Sustainability for Student Success is looking for educators, librarians, instructional designers, and administrators to participate in a series of targeted focus groups exploring how AI intersects with open educational practices. Your feedback will contribute to a final report to be published by DOERS.

Your Voice Matters! Whether you're experimenting with AI in your teaching or navigating concerns around copyright, privacy, and equity, we want to hear from you!

Each topic has been scheduled twice to allow flexibility. Register for up to three sessions that best match your work and interests.

- Concerns of Social & Economic Impact: Wednesday, May 28 @ 3 p.m.
- Institutional Policies: Tuesday, May 27 @ noon or Thursday, June 5 @ 1 p.m.

Please consult the [focus group overview](#) for details and [register](#) for one or more topics today! Questions may be directed to [Meredith Jacobs](#) and [Will Cross](#), the co-facilitators of this effort.

## University System of Maryland Launches Funding Opportunity

The University System of Maryland (USM) Launch Fund is a gateway to early-stage support for building, creating, and innovating. It provides access to resources, mentorship, and capital, bridging critical gaps in the startup journey. Collectively led by all USM institutions, the program proudly supports a diverse range of USM-affiliated ventures, both for-profit and non-profit. Individual students and employees can receive microgrants through their institution. Microgrant funding varies by institution, so please visit the site to learn more about who they support. Grant funding up to \$15,000 is available for ventures. Register by June 15. Apply by June 30. More info: <https://www.usmd.edu/launch/>.



Please visit the link for more information plus register for any of the upcoming informational sessions.

## FSUPD is Hiring

The University System of Maryland benefits package includes: 112-200 hours of accrued annual leave based on years of employment; 128 hours of holiday time; 24 hours of annual personal leave; 120 hours of accrued sick leave; 120 hours of military leave; excellent health and life insurance; ample overtime opportunities; tuition remission for the employee and immediate family based on established criteria; LEOPS retirement eligibility after 25 years of service; boot allowance and shift differential.

[More information >>](#)



## End of Semester Library Hours

The Ort Library will offer additional hours of operation to support our academic community in closing out the Spring 2025 semester. Please see the full listing of our end-of-semester hours below. Online resources remain accessible 24/7. For questions about services, hours, or operations, check out our Frequently Asked Questions, send an email to [libref@frostburg.edu](mailto:libref@frostburg.edu), or call the Library Services Main Desk at 301-687-4395. You can also chat with a librarian or schedule a research consultation to help with final assignments.

Day	Date	Hours Open
Mon-Tue	5/19-5/20	8:00 a.m. to Midnight
Wed-Fri	5/21-5/23	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sat-Mon	5/24-5/26	Closed

The library will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Summer hours begin on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. The library will be open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the summer.

## Office of Sponsored Programs Successes/News

- On 29 April 2025, project director Troy Dell (Athletics) was awarded a \$63,191.75 Strategic Alliance Matching Grant by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II, for the position of Director of the Adams/Wyche Center for Academic Success.
- On 25 April 2025, project director Kris McGee (Education Professions) was awarded \$5,000 in Nora Roberts Foundation funds from the Frostburg State University Foundation for the FSU PALS program.
- On 15 April 2025, project director Kris McGee (Education Professions) was awarded \$25,000 by the Washington County Board of Education for the University PALS Summer 2025, Judy Center Early Learning HUB Program.

[See more OSP successes/news >](#)

## Music at Penn Alps

For its 33rd season, Penn Alps will be hosting a variety of string quartets, piano trios, and bands. They accept donations and contributions by mail or at the door. Tickets start at \$20. Those 19 and under are admitted free.

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## StateLines

Do you have any information you would like to include in StateLines? Please email [StateLines@frostburg.edu](mailto:StateLines@frostburg.edu). **Please note that this will be the last edition of StateLines until the start of the fall semester.**



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