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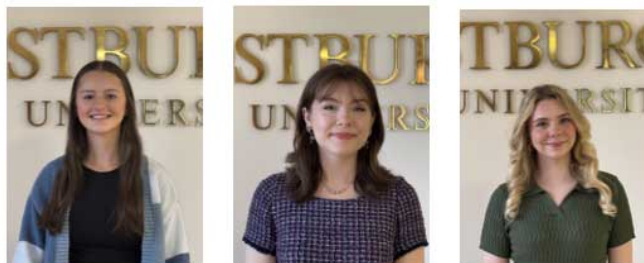
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Frostburg State University Celebrates Achievements of Spring 2025 Graduates



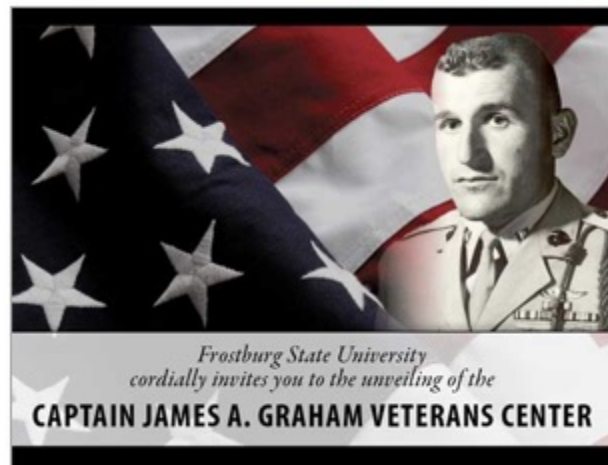
Frostburg State University will celebrate the student achievements of its Spring 2025 graduating class at the 166th commencement on Thursday, May 22, in the Cordts Physical Education Center Main Area. The ceremonies for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences and the College 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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FSU to Hold Honorific Naming Ceremony of Captain James A. Graham Veterans Center

Frostburg State University will unveil the Captain James A. Graham Veterans Center at an honorific naming ceremony and reception on May 12 at 11 a.m. in the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall located in FSU's Lane University Center. Secretary Anthony Woods of the Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families will be a special guest at the ceremony.

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FSU's Christina Burke-Poland Recognized by The Daily Record as Health Care Hero

The Daily Record has announced the 2025 Health Care Heroes, and Frostburg State University's director of the Student Health Center, Christina Burke-Poland, is among the list of individuals and organizations being recognized for the impact they are making on health care within Maryland.



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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 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 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



ADAPT Community Conference Series June 4

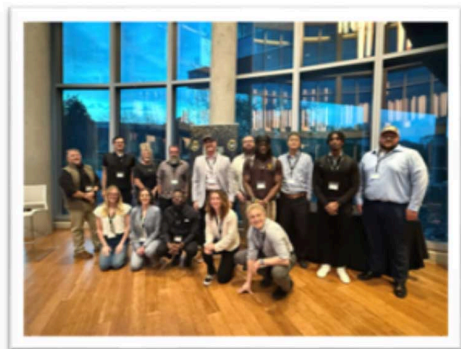
Are you an administrative professional looking for a career glow-up? Frostburg State University has everything you need to get where you're going!

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

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Frostburg State University Represents at 2025 Accelerate Innovations Forum

A team from Frostburg State University, including five faculty members, eight students, and the director of Summit Station, Stacy Wassell, recently attended the 2025 Accelerate Innovations Forum at Bowie State University. The event brought together innovators, educators, students and entrepreneurs from across Maryland for a day of networking and exploration in the fields of innovation and technology-driven entrepreneurship and builds on Frostburg's growing reputation as a hub for innovation, with several recently awarded grants supporting entrepreneurship and tech transfer across campus.



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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.

- Creation, Adaptation, & Delivery of OER: Tuesday, May 13 @ 4 p.m.
- Supporting Diverse Learners: Monday, May 19 @ noon
- Concerns of Social & Economic Impact: Wednesday, May 28 @ 3 p.m.
- Attribution and Student Practice: Tuesday, May 6 @ 3 p.m. or Thursday, May 15 @ noon
- 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.

Thank a Teacher Week!

Send a Thank-a-Gram May 5 – 9, 2025

The Center for Teaching Excellence invites FSU students and the campus community to celebrate **Thank a Teacher Week** (May 5-9) by sending Thank-a-Grams to your favorite teachers, mentors, or teaching/learning assistants who have helped you learn and made a difference to you. Handwritten postcards are available to submit at locations across campus including the library, Lane Center, and Help Desk.

To submit online, fill out the form at <https://forms.office.com/r/WLqP4ryb2e>
Submit your Thank-a-Grams by May 9.

Thanked teachers will receive their Thank-a-Gram with your message after the exams and grading period has completed.

For more information, contact the FSU Center for Teaching Excellence at cte@frostburg.edu

Senior Show “BFA Expo”

The Department of Visual Arts at Frostburg State University announces the opening of the Spring 2025 Senior Exhibition, “BFA Expo”. The opening of the exhibition will be held on Saturday, May 10 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building, FSU and will run through Friday May 16. Gallery Hours are Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m

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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.



Carl Orff's Masterwork "Carmina Burana" to be Presented at FSU!

On the weekend of May 9 - 11, the Frostburg State University Department of Music, in conjunction with B'er Chayim Congregation in Cumberland, the FSU Departments of Visual Arts and Theatre and Dance, the Butterfly Ridge Elementary School Chorus, Allegany County Public Schools, FSU faculty and alumni, and professional musicians from around the country, will present Carl Orff's masterwork, "Carmina Burana", his evocative—and almost primal—setting of secular medieval poetry from the region now called Germany.

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FSU ADAPT Hosts Administrative Professionals Day Panel Discussion

Frostburg State University's Administrative Development and Professional Training (ADAPT) program hosted a panel discussion on April 23, Administrative Professionals Day, titled "In Conversation: Real Talk with Real Admins." The event provided the current cohort of ADAPT participants and graduates of the program the opportunity to engage in a candid conversation with their administrative peers in the community to discuss topics, challenges and best practices related to the profession.



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FSUPD is Hiring

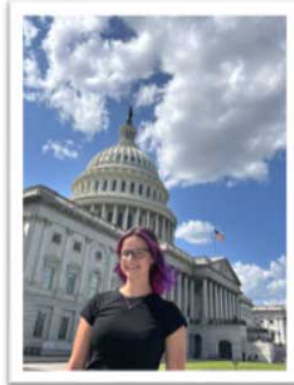
The University System of Maryland benefits package includes: 112-200 hours of accrued annual leave based on years of employment; 128 hours of holiday time; 24 hours of annual personal leave; 120 hours of accrued sick leave; 120 hours of military leave; excellent health and life insurance; ample overtime 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 >>](#)

April is Internship Season at FSU

At FSU, internship season is in full swing with numerous opportunities that give students professional growth in all majors. The University partners with many organizations such as Northrop Gruman, The Appalachian



Laboratory and First United Bank and Trust. These internships offer experiences in business, science and the arts. Some other program partnerships include The Washington Center, which funds internships in Washington, D.C., and the Disney College Program, which offers paid experiences in hospitality and business operations in Orlando, Fla.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING!**

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Starting Police Officer / Annual Base Salary
UP TO \$15,000 BASED OFF OF
\$1,000 PER YEAR CREDIT.

**A GREAT PLACE
TO WORK!**

Lateral Transfers are Encouraged to Apply!
Lateral Transfer's Salary Based on
Years of Service at Other Agencies.

Spring Career and Internship Fair

FSU recently hosted the spring Career and Internship Fair. More than 60 organizations were in attendance, with more than 30 of them currently employing FSU alumni. FSU's Career and Professional Development Center works tirelessly every semester to bring in professionals who offer diverse opportunities for students. "It's an excellent opportunity for our Frostburg students to engage and network with regional professionals," said Amy Shimko, director of the Career and Professional Development Center.



The Ensemble Sangineto Will Perform at Mountain City Traditional Arts

Frostburg State University's Mountain City Traditional Arts will present The Ensemble Sangineto on Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. All concerts are open to the public with a suggested donation of \$15.

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Office of Sponsored Programs Successes/News



- On 16 April 2025, Troy Dell (Athletic Director) was awarded \$7,319 by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) - Division II of Institutional Equal Distribution Funds.
- On 16 April 2025, project director Kumudini Munasinghe (Biology) was awarded \$9,858 by the Battelle Memorial Institute, Pacific Northwest Division for the project, Learning about the Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE-SC) research portfolio.
- On 1 April 2025, project director Jacob Ashby (Executive Director, USMH) was awarded a \$20,000 University System of Maryland Quasi Endowment grant.
- On 1 April 2025, project director John Short (VP, University Advancement) was awarded a \$50,000 University System of Maryland Quasi Endowment grant.
- On 20 March 2025, project director Yuechen Chen (Computer Science and IT) was awarded a \$63,830 Maryland Industrial Partnerships (MIPS) award by the Maryland Technology Enterprise Institute (MTECH), University of Maryland for the project, Novel Digital Telehealth Platform.
- On 20 March 2025, project director Jason Litten (W. Md Regional GIS Center) was awarded \$9,714 by the Friends of Blackwater for the project, Railroad Mapping.
- On 4 March 2025, project director Jodi Broadwater (SBDC) was awarded \$25,529 by the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland Small Business Development Center Lead Center for FY2025. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides outreach, review, and assistance in business plan and financial proposal preparation, marketing strategies, procurement related certifications, and strategic planning based on the client's stage in the business lifecycle.
- On 3 March 2025, project director Jodi Broadwater (SBDC) was awarded \$50,000 in Federal Small Business Administration funds by the University of Maryland, College Park, in support of the Western Region Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for FY2025. The SBDC provides outreach, review, and assistance in business plan and financing proposal preparation, marketing strategies, procurement related certifications, and strategic planning based on the client's stage in the business life cycle.
- On 12 February 2025, project director Stacy Wassell (Regional Development & Engagement) was awarded \$187,000 by the Maryland Innovation Initiative (MII) for the project, FSU Intellectual Property Disclosure, Validation, Technology Transfer and Commercialization Program.

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Town Square

As a reminder, Town Square on the internal faculty and staff portal is a place where faculty and staff can post information and engage in productive dialogue all while giving users the capability to set their individual channel subscription preferences.

There are several channels currently available on Town Square. Subscribe to specific channels to receive email updates based on your preferences. To subscribe to a channel, click the "subscribe" button in the top right-hand corner - the dropdown menu will let users set their preferences to none, instant, daily or weekly.

We encourage all faculty and staff to utilize this space for sharing information. After logging in to the portal, Town Square can be located on one of the tiles available on the main page. You can also search "town square" using the search function in the upper right-hand corner.

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Do you have an information you'd like to include in StateLines? Please email StateLines@frostburg.edu. Please submit your information by Wednesday, April 30 at noon.



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