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## Frostburg State University Middle States Accreditation Reaffirmed

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education has reaffirmed FSU's institutional accreditation, meaning that the University – including at all of its off-campus instructional sites – continues to meet the requirements put in place by the Commission in its Characteristics of Excellence.

"The meticulous process of self-study and outside examination involved in reaccreditation is very helpful to Frostburg State University's goal of continuous improvement," said FSU President Ronald Nowaczyk. "We are extremely pleased to be notified of our continuing accreditation."

The next evaluation visit from Middle States will come in the 2024-2025 academic year.

As a regional accreditor, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education examines the entire institution, including its educational programs and curricula, student achievement, faculty, facilities and equipment, student support services, recruiting and admissions practices, the institution's financial condition, administrative effectiveness, governing boards and several other aspects of the institution.

In addition to Middle States accreditation, numerous individual programs at FSU are also accredited by specifically targeted agencies, including the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for College of Education programs and AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) for College of Business programs. Other program accreditations may be found at [www.frostburg.edu/why-fsu/accreditation.php](http://www.frostburg.edu/why-fsu/accreditation.php).

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (3624 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104-2680; 267-284-5000) is a voluntary, non-governmental, peer-based membership association dedicated to educational excellence and improvement through peer evaluation and accreditation. For info about Middle States, visit the website at [www.msche.org](http://www.msche.org).

### President's Holiday Reception

**Wednesday, Dec. 13**

1 to 4 p.m., Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall of  
Lane University Center

**The FSU Chamber Singers**, directed by  
**Dr. James Reddan**, to perform at 2 p.m.

This year's featured charity –  
**Maryland Charity Campaign**  
Make your donation to MCC at the party!

**"Most Outlandish" Holiday Sweater Contest** returns!  
Winner to be announced **Monday, Dec. 18.**

## Theatre

### Theatre and Dance and WFWM Public Radio Foster Spirit of Togetherness With 'World War II Radio Christmas'



Pictured from left are FSU student actors Jasmine Proctor, Carl McManus and Jayna Raines.

This holiday season, step inside the studio of a 1940s live-radio broadcast as FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance and WFWM 91.9 FM Public Radio host a production of "World War II Radio Christmas." Directed by *Mairzy Yost-Rushton*, performances will take place in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre of the Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center **Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 7 through 9**, at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on **Dec. 9** at 2 p.m.

In this heartwarming and family-friendly production, fun jingles, live sound effects and period songs fill the airwaves between moving, true-life stories of male and female soldiers and the families and communities affected by their absence. Sponsored by Vaseline Hair Tonic and Ipana Toothpaste – as well as FSU's own WFWM Public Radio – "World War II Radio Christmas" reminds everyone of the importance of coming together for the holidays.

"World War II Radio Christmas" is recommended for ages 6 and older.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting [www.frostburg.edu/TheatreDance](http://www.frostburg.edu/TheatreDance) and clicking "buy tickets." For info, call the Theatre and Dance Box Office at 301-687-7462.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for FSU employees and senior citizens and \$7 for students. During this performance, there is a special rate of \$7 for veterans of the U.S. Armed Services. Veterans and senior citizens should call the box office for tickets.

## Entertainment

### CES' On the EDGE to Present 'Best of Acrobats of Cirque-tacular'



CES' On the EDGE series at FSU will present the Acrobats of Cirque-tacular on **Thursday, Dec. 7**, in Lane Manicur Hall. The 8:15 p.m. performance features informal table seating, comfortable couch and armchair seating, and food and beverage options.

The Acrobats of Cirque-tacular feature aerialists, acrobats, contortionists and illusionists who bound from one breathtaking, death-defying feat to another. Repeatedly praised by critics for its "mind-boggling artistry and athleticism," Cirque-tacular's elite roster of artists includes world record holders, Olympians and veterans of Broadway and Las Vegas stages.

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.

## Music

Unless otherwise noted, recitals and concerts will take place in Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

### 'Sway,' an Evening of Jazz, Features FSU Jazz Orchestra, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Faculty Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Guitar Combo and Jazz Combo



FSU's Department of Music will present its Evening of Jazz, titled "Sway," on **Tuesday, Dec. 5**, at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature the FSU Jazz Orchestra, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Faculty Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Guitar Combo and Jazz Combo.

The program will open with the FSU Jazz Orchestra, led by director *Dr. Brent Weber*, and will feature the music of Charles Mingus, an American jazz double bassist, pianist, composer and bandleader. His compositions retained the hot and soulful feel of hard bop, drawing heavily from black gospel music and blues, while sometimes containing elements of Third Stream, free jazz and classical music. Tunes will include "Ecclusiastics," "Better Get Hit in Your Soul," "Fables of Faubus" and "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming."

Under the direction of *Dr. James Reddan*, the FSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform "Linus and Lucy," a popular jazz piano composition from the "Peanuts" animated television Christmas special, written by Vince Guaraldi and arranged by Roger Emerson; "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," arranged by Molly Ijames; "Blue Skies" by Irving Berlin, arranged by Steve Zegree; and "Sway" ("¿Quién será?") by Pablo Beltran Ruiz, arranged by Kirby Shaw, a bolero-mambo that has become a standard in the pop and jazz repertoire.

The FSU Faculty Jazz Ensemble, consisting of Weber on saxophone, *Tom Harrison* on keyboards, *Jim Roderick* on bass and *Marc Lawrence* on drums, will perform music by Michael Brecker, a Grammy-winning American jazz saxophonist and composer; Jeff Lorber, an American keyboardist, composer and record producer; and more.

Next, the FSU Jazz Guitar Combo, directed by *Anthony Ambroso*, will perform the jazz classic "Cold Duck Time" by Eddie Harris and two pieces by Freddie Hubbard – "Red Clay" from the soul/funk-influenced hard bop album of the same name recorded in 1970 and the jam tune "Povo."

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Last up is the FSU Jazz Combo, directed by Harrison. The group will perform classic and contemporary jazz standards by Chick Corea, an American jazz and fusion pianist, keyboardist and composer; Horace Silver, an American jazz pianist, composer and arranger, particularly in the hard bop style that he helped pioneer in the 1950s; and Herbie Hancock, an American pianist, keyboardist, bandleader, composer and actor.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and members of the military, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available at the door. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

## FSU Chamber Singers and University Chorale to Present 'A Journey of Hope for the Holidays'



The FSU Chamber Singers, left, and the University Chorale

The FSU Chamber Singers and University Chorale will present their winter choral concert, "A Journey of Hope for the Holidays," on **Friday, Dec. 8**, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature many works examining the theme of hope through various cultures, history and society, including hope in love, strife and the season.

Under the direction of FSU's director of Choral Activities, **Dr. James Reddan**, and accompanied by pianist **Joseph Yungen**, the FSU University Chorale will begin the concert with "Non moriar" by Michael Praetorius, followed by "Behind the Closed Eye" by Michael McGlynn, featuring **Dr. Brent Weber** on saxophone. Next is the traditional spiritual "Great Day" arranged by Howard Helvey, conducted by FSU student **Zee Mollon**. The Chorale will then perform "The Snow" by Edward Elgar and "O Notte" by Z. Randall Stroope and will finish with another spiritual, "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel" by William Dawson.

The FSU Chamber Singers will perform a varied repertoire of choral works beginning with "Est ist ein Rose Entsprungen" ("Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming") by Michael Praetorius and "O Maria" by McGlynn. These will be followed by the Slovak folksong "Prší, Prší" ("Rain, Rain") arranged by Miroslav Hroněk; "Hodie, Christus Natus Est" from "Quatres motets pour Noel" by Francis Poulenc; and the highly rhythmic "Double, Double Toil and Trouble" by Jaakko Mäntyjärvi, based on Shakespeare's "Macbeth." The ensemble will then premiere Reddan's new arrangement of the calypso piece "Shut de Do," followed by Jake Runestad's extremely timely and poignant piece "Please Stay." The ensemble will finish its whirlwind performance with "Yonder, Come Day," the traditional, and hopeful, Georgia Sea Islands song arranged by Paul John Rudoii.

Admission is \$10 for general admission, \$5 for seniors and member of the military, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available at the door. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

## Wind Ensemble in a Performance of 'Celebrations and Dances'



The FSU Department of Music will present the Wind Ensemble in a concert titled "Celebrations and Dances" on **Saturday, Dec. 9**, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by **Joshua Long**, the ensemble will perform a range of pieces, including some seasonal selections.

The "William Tell Overture" is the overture to the opera "William Tell" ("Guillaume Tell"), composed by Gioachino Rossini. "William Tell" premiered in 1829 and was the last of Rossini's 39 operas. The overture is in four parts, each following without pause. There has been repeated use (and sometimes parody) of parts of this overture in classical music and popular media, most famously as the theme music for "The Lone Ranger."

Ralph Vaughan Williams was an influential British composer and folk-song collector. His powerful and expressive orchestral music is notable for its very "English" sound, and his works for wind band form a foundation for the serious literature in that medium. "Toccata Marziale" is a masterpiece of counterpoint and instrumental color, and a unique and important work in the wind band repertoire. Written in 1924 for the Commemoration of the British Empire Exhibition, it was only Williams' second work for wind band.

"Appalachian Spring" is a composition by Aaron Copland that premiered in 1944 and has achieved widespread and enduring popularity as an orchestral suite. The ballet was created for choreographer and dancer Martha Graham. The story tells of a spring celebration of the American pioneers of the 19th century after building a new Pennsylvania farmhouse, and broadens out to become a parable about Americans conquering a new land. Copland based his ending variations on "Simple Gifts," sometimes referred to as the "Shaker Hymn."

"National Emblem" is an American march composed in 1902 by Edwin Eugene Bagley. It became the most famous of Bagley's marches and is a standard of the American march repertoire. The U.S. military uses the trio section as ceremonial music for the color guard when presenting and retiring the colors.

The "William Byrd Suite" showcases the talents of two composers: William Byrd, an English Renaissance composer, and Gordon Jacob, a 20th-century British composer who is known as an early champion of the wind band and a skilled composer in the medium. Jacob assembled the suite in 1923, most likely as part of the festivities for the tricentennial of Byrd's death.

"The Eighth Candle: Prayer and Dance for Hanukkah" was written in 1997 by Steve Reisteter, an American musician and composer. Alluding to the story of Hanukkah, this work begins with an extended hymn-like section followed by an exciting dance of celebration.

"Sleigh Ride" is a popular light orchestral Christmas music standard composed by Leroy Anderson. The composer had the original idea for the piece during a heat wave in July 1946 and finished the work in February 1948. It was originally an instrumental piece; the lyrics, about someone asking another to come for a ride in a sleigh, were written by Mitchell Parish in 1950.

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## FSU Musical Ensembles Join Forces to Present Festive Holiday Concert

A colorful collection of ensembles and musical groups from the FSU Department of Music will join forces to present their annual Holiday Concert on **Sunday, Dec. 10**, at 3 p.m. A reception will follow this event.

The Wind Ensemble, conducted by **Joshua Long**, will perform "March of the Toys/Toyland" from the 1903 operetta "Babes in Toyland" by Victor Herbert, arranged by Tom Wallace; the deeply moving, emotional work "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Gustav Holst, arranged by Robert W. Smith; "Patapan," an ancient French melody, arranged by Tom Wallace; and the holiday classic, "Carol of the Bells," arranged by Chip Davis and Robert Longfield.

The Chamber Singers, led by **Dr. James Reddan**, have chosen the Slovak folksong "Prsi, Prsi" arranged by Miroslav Hronek and Paul John Rudoi's arrangement of "Yonder Come Day," the traditional Georgia Sea Islands spiritual. **Samantha Donaldson** will be the featured soloist for "Yonder Come Day."

The University Chorale, also conducted by Reddan, will perform the beautiful, evocative piece, "The Snow," by Edward Elgar and the classic William Dawson version of the American spiritual, "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel," which will feature a solo performance by **Zee Mollon**.

The String Ensemble, conducted by **Dr. Karen Lau**, have selected "Romanian Folk Dances" a suite of six short pieces composed in 1915 by Béla Bartók, arranged by Arthur Willner, and "Waltz" from the sentimental comic ballet "Coppelia," with music by Léo Delibes, arranged by Jeff Manookian.

The Piano Ensemble, under the direction of **Dr. Jay DeWire**, will perform a two-piano, eight-hand arrangement of "Danse macabre," written by the French composer Camille Saint-Saëns as an orchestral tone poem based on a French superstition about Death appearing every Halloween at midnight. When "Danse macabre" first premiered in 1875, the public initially rejected it as too dark and demonic, but since then, the piece has steadily gained popularity. The work has been performed in concerts throughout the world and has been choreographed for dance performances and used in film and television programs.

The Guitar Ensemble, directed by **Patrick Sise**, will present Albert Hague's "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," a children's Christmas song that was written and composed for the 1966 cartoon special "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" The song's lyrics describe the Grinch as being foul, bad-mannered and sinister, using increasingly creative put-downs, metaphors and similes, beginning with the opening line, "You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch."

An audience sing-along will conclude the concert, as the Wind Ensemble and University Chorale will lead the easy holiday medley for band and choir, "A Holiday Sing-Along," arranged by John Moss and Audrey Snyder.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and members of the military, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available at the door. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

## FSU Student Madison Sibley in Senior Flute Recital

FSU student **Madison Sibley** will present her senior flute recital on **Monday, Dec. 11**, at 7:30 p.m. She will be accompanied by **Joseph Yungen** on the piano. The recital is free and open to the public.

Sibley's program will consist of "Sonata No. 3" by Johann Sebastian Bach, "Fantasie" by Gabriel Fauré, "Lookout" by Robert Dick and selections from "Suite Antique" by John Rutter.

Bach was a German composer, organist, harpsichordist, violist and violinist whose sacred and secular works for choir, orchestra and solo instruments drew together the strands of the Baroque period and brought it to its ultimate maturity. He completed his "Sonata No. 3" in 1720.

Fauré was a French Romantic composer, organist, pianist and teacher. He was one of the foremost French composers of his generation, and his musical style influenced many 20th-century composers. His elegant "Fantasie," originally dedicated to the celebrated musician Paul Taffanel, has some beautiful melodic lines and is Impressionistic in form and harmony.

Dick is a flutist, composer, teacher and author. His musical style is a mix of classical, world music, electronic and jazz. "Lookout" is his most popular piece. Commissioned for the 1989 National Flute Association's High School Flute Soloist Competition, "Lookout" is a tonal, melodic rock solo for flute that uses singing, playing and easy multiphonics. Inspired by 1960s and '70s rock, "Lookout" is the first in Robert's series of solo flute pieces inspired by American popular music.

Rutter is an English composer, conductor, editor, arranger and record producer. In 1979, he was commissioned to compose an instrumental piece for a musical festival in Berkshire. Inspired by Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 5," which was on the program, he chose to honor Bach's chosen musical forces in this piece, as well as the forms and styles of Bach's day. "Suite Antique" is one of Rutter's most popular orchestral works and pays homage to a variety of early dances and lyric styles.

## Visual Arts

### MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans



Made possible in part by Maryland Relay and the SunTrust Foundation, the MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans Traveling Exhibit continues to make its way around Maryland to celebrate the military service of Marylanders during the Vietnam War. This compelling exhibit has already visited dozens of locations throughout Maryland and the District of Columbia. The exhibit will be at FSU in the Lane University Center **from Tuesday, Dec. 5, through Sunday, Dec. 31**.

The exhibit features current-day and wartime images of 16 men and women along with their recollections of incidents from the war.

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Also included is an opportunity for children to color pages as a way to thank veterans, as well as stationery for visitors to use to craft messages to veterans or share their own stories.

For info, contact Danielle L Dabrowski at [dldabrowski@frostburg.edu](mailto:dldabrowski@frostburg.edu).

## Workshops

### Mini-workshop on Lace to Be Held at MCTA

Mountain City Traditional Arts will host a mini-workshop on lace identification on **Saturday, Dec. 9**, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. This mini-workshop will help the layperson in the identification of ancestral pieces. Bring along a piece of lace to show!

Carolyn Groves, a tatter, knitter, crocheter and lace enthusiast, will lead the workshop. She has collected pieces of lace for more than 30 years and participates in period craft shows demonstrating tatting.

For hundreds of years people have embellished clothing, linens or furniture with some form of lace. The Victorian era went a bit overboard and draped lace over every conceivable surface! It was common to re-use a piece of lace for several generations of clothing.

In many cases, the history of a piece was passed down orally, and often the origin and type of lace were misidentified. For historians, the mystery of a piece of lace can present a puzzle as to the type of lace, the maker, the country of origin and, in some cases, whether the lace is hand- or machine-made.

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

## Presentations

### Come Learn About Social Work Opportunities!

Are you interested in a career that involves helping others, advocacy work or social justice? FSU's Social Work Alliance will host a unique leadership and professional development opportunity, "Who We Are: The Call to Social Work," on **Saturday, Dec. 9**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Gira Center 397. Staged in an interactive and engaging format, this event will include personal testimonies from guest panelists and a brief luncheon experience to promote student interaction with industry leaders. Students can learn about the field of social work and the diverse disciplines within the field; get information about internships and volunteer opportunities; and gain knowledgeable insight, realistic advice and inspirational motivation to encourage further study.

Although the event is open to all students, it will be particularly beneficial for social work, psychology and sociology students.

For info, contact Mykia Washington at [mawashington0@frostburg.edu](mailto:mawashington0@frostburg.edu).

### Academic Enrichment Series

**Michelle House**, an academic counselor in the Center for Academic Advising and Retention, will present "Preparing for Finals" on **Monday, Dec. 4**, from noon to 12:50 p.m. (bring your lunch!). Both sessions will be held in Lane 113.

This workshop will cover how to plan ahead, assess your schedule, develop a study plan, utilize campus resources, prepare for tests and organize assignments. Join the group to learn effective ways to get ready for finals!

For info, contact the Center for Academic Advising and Retention at 301-687-3404.

## Points of Pride

### Andy Duncan's Play, 'Prof,' Performed in Chicago

"Prof," a one-act play by **Andy Duncan**, an associate professor in FSU's Department of English, was performed Nov. 12 at the Public House Theatre in Chicago as part of the 2018 Paragon Festival, produced by Otherworld Theatre to promote new science fiction and fantasy plays. "Prof" is about a personal-advice robot and its two developers, who need a lot of personal advice. This is the second production of "Prof," which premiered in March 2017 at the International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts in Orlando, Fla. For info on the Paragon Festival, visit <https://www.otherworldtheatre.org/paragon>.

### Student Katie Soltysiak and Dr. Sunshine Brosi Assist With Owl Research



On Nov. 12, FSU ethnobotany student **Katie Soltysiak** and **Dr. Sunshine Brosi**, as associate professor in the Department of Biology, assisted the High School Envirothon Team from Northern Garrett High School in catching a saw-whet owl. This project is part of ongoing research by Keven Dodge from Garrett College, with assistance from undergraduate biology students.

### Biology Students Help City With Annual Tree Care Day



On Nov. 14, students in **Dr. Sunshine Brosi's** Dendrology Course (BIOL 405) spent several hours assisting the city of Frostburg with their annual Tree Care Day. Students mulched and pruned trees on Frost Avenue, Main Street and Bowery Street. They worked with Brian Vought, the director of Parks and Recreation, and Elizabeth Stahlam for the city, along with Becky Wilson, Western Region coordinator, Urban and Community Forestry, Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources. This service project is part of the University's requirements for recognition as a Tree Campus USA.

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## Dr. Sunshine Brosi and Karen Johnson-Heeter Present at Society of American Forester's Meeting



*Dr. Sunshine Brosi* and *Karen Johnson-Heeter*, a graduate student in Applied Ecology and Conservation Biology, presented at the Society of American Forester's Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., on Nov. 17 and 18. Johnson-Heeter's scientific talk was titled "Dendrochronological Evidence of Disturbance Dynamics in Old-Growth Forests in Western Maryland" and was the culmination of her master's research. Brosi presented two talks – "Dendroecological Evaluation of Gypsy Moth Impacts in Western Maryland" and "Including the Culture in Forestry: Appealing to the Broader Student Demographic" – as part of the Diversity and Inclusion Panel.

## Majors Fair Winners

At the recently held FSU Majors Fair, many participants showed enthusiasm and creativity while showcasing their academic areas. Prizes of \$100 have been awarded in three categories: Recreation and Parks Management for Best Overall Display, the Sustainability/Food Resource network for Most Informative Display and the Society for Human Resources Management for Most Engaging Crew.

## Take Note

### Ort Library to Offer Extended Hours

The Lewis J. Ort Library will offer extended hours of service for the last week of classes and final exam week beginning **Monday, Dec. 4**. Dates and hours are listed below. They are also posted online at <http://libguides.frostburg.edu/libhours>.

- **Monday, Dec. 4, through Thursday, Dec. 7** – 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 8** – 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 9** – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 10** – 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- **Monday, Dec. 11, through Thursday, Dec. 14** – 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 15** – 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 16** – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 17** – 11 a.m. to midnight
- **Monday, Dec. 18** – 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 19, through Thursday, Dec. 21** – 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 22, through Monday, Jan. 1, 2018** – Closed

Weather-related closures and delays will be posted via the regular University-wide announcement systems.

For info, contact the Circulation Desk at 301-687-4395 or the Reference Desk at 301-687-4424. The library also offers a 24/7 online chat reference service through Maryland AskUsNow! at <http://www.askusnow.info>.

### Ort Library Celebrating 50 Years as Federal Depository

The Lewis J. Ort Library has been a member of the Federal Depository Library Program since 1967. Come join the library staff on **Monday, Dec. 4**, at 3 p.m. to celebrate this anniversary with cake and refreshments! Anniversary cake will be available in the Government Documents area on the second floor until 5 p.m. (or while it lasts).

### Social Gathering for Honors Students Dec. 6

All Honors students are invited to a social gathering on **Wednesday, Dec. 6**, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Fuller House. Join other Honors students before the start of exams. *Dr. Greg Wood*, director of the Honors Program and an associate professor in the Department of History, will be there to welcome everyone.

### Honors Students Invited to Present at Maryland Collegiate Honors Conference

Honors students working on original research, either as a paper or a poster, are invited to present their work at the upcoming Maryland Collegiate Honors Conference to be held at FSU on **Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3, 2018**. Let your research work for you in terms of adding a line to your resumes! Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors are all welcome.

Abstracts for papers or posters are due on **Friday, Dec. 8**. For info, contact Dr. Greg Wood at [gwood@frostburg.edu](mailto:gwood@frostburg.edu).

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# SALUTE Induction and Graduation Reception Open to Faculty and Staff

The FSU Veterans Services Office invites all FSU faculty and staff to the SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Graduation Reception to be held on **Monday, Dec. 18**, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room. Those interested in attending should RSVP by **Sunday, Dec. 10**, to [vets@frostburg.edu](mailto:vets@frostburg.edu). For info, contact Danielle Dabrowski at [dldabrowski@frostburg.edu](mailto:dldabrowski@frostburg.edu).

## Food Recovery Update for the Week Ending Friday, Nov. 17



FSU's chapter of the Food Recovery Network Chapter recovered **64 pounds** of food from the Lane Center! FRN donates these collections to the Western Maryland Food Bank.

The grand total so far for the fall 2017 semester is **1,086 pounds!**

For info, contact Hudson Howard, FRN vice president, at [hudsonhoward0@frostburg.edu](mailto:hudsonhoward0@frostburg.edu) or Tracy Edwards, FRN chapter advisor, at [tedwards@frostburg.edu](mailto:tedwards@frostburg.edu).

## It's Snowing! Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Make sure you know how to find out if FSU will be closed, have a delayed opening or close early on bad weather days.

The most reliable information regarding delayed openings and cancellations will be available at the MAIN UNIVERSITY NUMBER (301-687-4000, option 2) after 6 a.m. Notification of delays or closures will also be made through these outlets:

- Via Burg Alert text and email alerts (Registration information is below.)
- Through campus email
- On top of the main page of the FSU website
- Via Twitter at [twitter.com/frostburgstate](https://twitter.com/frostburgstate)
- On the FSU Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity](https://www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity)
- Through local radio stations
- Via School's Out at <https://www.schoolsout.com/schools/79> (Emails and text alerts are available.)

Everyone should sign up for Burg Alerts, which, in addition to weather notifications, will be used to alert the campus in any kind of emergency. Alert can be sent as text messages to your cell phones (standard texting rates apply) and as free emails. To sign up, click <https://www.frostburg.edu/computing/fsualert> or click the Emergency link at the bottom of the FSU front page. Look for "Burg Alerts" on the right side of the page. Follow the instructions, using your FSU user name and password to access the site.

You have the option of having alerts sent to two cell numbers and six email addresses, for example, if you want your family members to be informed. (They cannot sign up without your input.) This option is found under "Services" when you sign up. Make sure to follow the validation steps to activate your choices.

Unless an FSU closure is announced on the outlets above, WE ARE OPEN. Likewise, the message under option 2 at the main University number will announce the closure or announce, "There are no delays or closures at this time." (If you are a student at a facility outside of Frostburg, officials from that facility will determine closures for those locations.)

FOR FACULTY/STAFF: Personnel compensation for closures or delays will be based on the appropriate cancellation/delay message as presented on the FSU voicemail system. A reminder: Essential personnel are required to report to work in the event of any cancellation or delay. These individuals have been notified of their "essential" status by their department heads. If you are unsure of your status, check with your supervisor.

If, in your judgment, it is not safe for you to come to work or to class while the University is still open, you must contact your supervisor and provide this information. In the event that liberal leave is announced for employees, it is expected that everyone will make an effort to report to work and class. Employees who take liberal leave will be charged for the appropriate leave time. The announcement of liberal leave DOES NOT cancel classes, nor does it relieve essential employees of their need to report to work during inclement weather.

FOR STUDENTS: The announcement of liberal leave for employees DOES NOT cancel classes. If you have concerns about your ability to make it to class in bad weather, discuss them with your faculty members before the weather turns nasty.

Depending on the severity of the weather, the Lane University Center and the Cordts PE Center may open with limited hours and services on days when classes are cancelled. This service is for students living on campus and within walking distance. Do not attempt to drive to campus if the weather is severe enough to warrant closing the University, for your own safety and for the sake of those who must work to clear parking lots and sidewalks. When it is determined that it is safe to open these buildings, announcements will be made via student email and the front page of the FSU website.

If you use SafeRide, there's a new way to stay informed in case SafeRide does not run in bad weather. Text the word "saferide" to 79516. You will receive a confirmation text that tells you that you have signed up successfully. (You must have already signed up for Burg Alerts to use this service.)

FOR ALL: The final decision regarding your personal safety resides with you. Stay warm and be safe.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL UNIVERSITY POLICE OR THE COMPUTER HELP DESK FOR WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PLEASE DO CALL 301-687-4000, OPTION 2, or check the FSU website at [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu).

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## Local Radio/TV Stations

The following local radio/television stations will be notified in the event of a closing or delay:

- WFRB (105.1 FM/560 AM)
- WCBC (1270 AM/107.1 FM)
- WTBO/WRQE (1450 AM/106.1 FM)
- WVMD – The Wolf (100.1/99.9 FM)
- WDYK – Magic (100.5 FM)
- WCMD – ESPN (1230 AM)
- WZDN – (99.5 FM)
- WMSG – (1050 AM) Oakland
- WKHJ – (104.5 FM) Oakland
- WWHQ – (92.3 FM) Oakland
- WKLP – ESPN (1390 AM) Keyser
- WQZK – (94.1 FM) Keyser
- TV: WDVM-TV Hagerstown

NOTE: If there are mixed messages in the media (one station says we're open, another says we're closed), call the University number (301-687-4000, option 2) for clarification. That number will always be the FINAL authority in case of confusion from other sources.

## Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It

It's not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Tuesday, Dec. 19**, in the Cordts PE Center.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Colleges of Business and Education will all present their graduates at 2 p.m. **Tickets will be required for admission. Each graduating student will receive five tickets.** This number is based on the number of graduating students and fire code capacity restrictions.

If you haven't yet done so, contact the Registrar's Office to complete your graduation application and check that your home mailing address is accurate in PAWS, so you'll receive all the necessary upcoming info.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

For info, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or [clbohn@frostburg.edu](mailto:clbohn@frostburg.edu). Follow [@FrostburgGrad](https://twitter.com/FrostburgGrad) on Twitter or follow [Frostburg Graduation](https://www.facebook.com/FrostburgGraduation) on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

## Study Abroad

### Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Jessica Smith in France (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.

For info, contact Sarah Heilig at 301-687-4747 or [seheilig@frostburg.edu](mailto:seheilig@frostburg.edu).

### Volunteer and Study Abroad in Peru in Spring 2018



All majors are welcome to apply for a unique experience in Peru! Interested students will enroll in SOCI 490 or SOCI 395 and earn 3 credits during the spring 2018 semester. The focus is on service learning through guided action while traveling in Peru. The class will meet once a week throughout the semester, then students will volunteer in Peru during spring break (**Saturday, March 17, through Saturday, March 24**).

Volunteer work will include construction or renovation in a needy region of Peru. Building skills are not necessary – training is available on site.

The approximate cost for travel is \$1,670 (which includes flight, accommodations, meals and insurance). The application deadline is **Friday, Dec. 15**. For info, contact Victoria Gearhart at

[vmgearhart@frostburg.edu](mailto:vmgearhart@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4747.

## 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](http://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.

### Keep Your Home Merry and Bright – and Safe – for the Holidays!



**Carefully inspect holiday light strings each year and discard any with frayed cords or loose connections.**

**Always turn off holiday lights when you leave the house or go to bed.**

**When purchasing light strings, look for the certification mark of an accredited certification organization such as CSA International, UL or ELT.**

**Never connect extension cords together.**

**When hanging outdoor lights, keep electrical connectors off the ground and away from metal rain gutters.**

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#### FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Frostburg State University is a student-centered teaching and learning institution featuring experiential opportunities. The University offers students a distinctive and distinguished baccalaureate education along with a select set of applied master's and doctoral programs. Frostburg serves regional and statewide economic and workforce development; promotes cultural enrichment, civic responsibility and sustainability; and prepares future leaders to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

#### INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

1. Enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students both inside and outside the classroom.
2. Improve facilities so that students live and learn in a modern and technologically sophisticated environment.
3. Increase student quality and improve student persistence to graduation.

Learn more at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/opa/splanning](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/opa/splanning).