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



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

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

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

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

## Dance

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Music

### Musical Group Josephine County to Appear at MCTA



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

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

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

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

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

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

For info, email MCTA at [mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com](mailto:mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com) or call 301-687-8040.

### Dominican Musician Joan Soriano in a LIVE! at StarScape Performance



FSU's Cultural Events Series will present Dominican musician Joan Soriano in a LIVE! at StarScape performance on **Saturday, Feb. 24**, at 7:30 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. The club-style event includes table and bar service and a menu of appetizers and desserts.

Praised by National Public Radio for his "clean, feathery guitar sound," Soriano has played a major role in popularizing bachata, the soul music sometimes called the "Dominican blues." Bachata is essential to Dominican culture, drawing from a variety of musical influences from Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Born in the countryside near Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, Soriano fashioned his first guitar from fishing line and a discarded metal box. Today he is known as "El Duque de la Bachata" – the Duke of Bachata. The Miami New Times proclaimed that he "seems to embody the very history of his music." By blending Afro-Dominican sacred traditions with bachata, he infuses his music with down-to-earth spirit, punchy guitar-based rhythms and gutsy, street-born attitude.

Before the performance, Soriano will present a free, public workshop from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). Participants will experience firsthand the distinctive bachata dance and music style of traditional Dominican culture. The workshop is limited to 30 participants. Prior registration is requested.

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Immediately following the performance, CES will join forces with FSU's own WFWM-FM to present the Offstage Series With WFWM, when station director **Chuck Dicken** joins the artists onstage for a lively interactive discussion with the audience.

Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$19.80 for youth under 17. 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.

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Soriano and his bachata music can be heard on WFWM Public Radio's "WFWM Sounds Eclectic," which airs Mondays from 9 p.m. to midnight and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m.

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



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

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

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

The performers' commitment to musical excellence has earned the respect of the foremost jazz artists from around the globe, leading to many collaborative performances and recordings with such luminaries as Dizzy Gillespie, Joe Williams, Sarah Vaughan and Doc Severinsen.

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

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

### Join the Conversation at the FSU Jazz Festival

On **Feb. 24** at 3:15 p.m., clinics for each section of the jazz ensemble for high school students and music educators will take place in various locations in Pealer Center. If you are a saxophonist, trumpeter, trombonist, pianist, bassist, drummer, guitarist or vocalist, join in the conversational setting, discussing topics related to your instrument and/or voice with members of the Airmen of Note. Contact **Dr. Brent Weber** at [bmweber@frosburg.edu](mailto:bmweber@frosburg.edu) to reserve your seat!

Tickets are free at the door, and available to pick up in advance at Main Street Books, 2 E. Main St. in Frostburg, and the Music Department Office on the second floor of Pealer Center.

## CES at FSU to Present Irish Band Danú in LIVE! at StarScape Event



CES at FSU will present the traditional Irish musicians of Danú on **Friday, March 2**, in Lane Manicur Hall. The 7:30 p.m. event features table and bar service and a menu of appetizers and desserts.

With a buoyant style described by The Washington Post as "a vibrant mix of virtuosity, energy and empathy," Danú has emerged as one of the world's foremost Irish music ensembles. Hailing from Counties Waterford, Cork, Dublin and Donegal, the spirited ensemble has performed to enthusiastic audiences around the globe for more than two decades, earning praise for its virtuosic use of traditional instruments such as the flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion and bouzouki, accompanied by exquisite vocals.

Immediately following the performance, CES will join forces with FSU's own WFWM-FM to present the Offstage Series With WFWM, when station director Chuck Dicken joins the artists onstage for a lively, interactive discussion with the audience.

To celebrate Irish-American Heritage month, the Lewis J. Ort Library highlights the Great Hunger that affected Ireland from 1845-1852 and the contributions these new immigrants made to the United States in a display from the library's collections.

The music of Danú can be heard on WFWM Public Radio, where it is often featured on Ceol Ceilteach agus Craic, an hour of traditional Celtic music, which airs on Monday evenings at 8 p.m., and during the Celtic music hour of Just Plain Folks, Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Performance tickets are \$22 for adults and \$19.80 for youth under 17. 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.

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## Presentations

### Ambassador Lauri Lepik to Highlight Estonia-Maryland Cooperation



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

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

### Author Daryl Davis to Speak on Meetings With KKK



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

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

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

For info, contact Dr. Amy Branam Armiento at [abranam@frostburg.edu](mailto:abranam@frostburg.edu).

### Student Erica Duda to Speak on 'Oak Masting: A Tale in Tree Rings'



*Erica Duda*, a graduate student in FSU's Department of Biology, will present "Oak Masting: A Tale in Tree Rings" on **Thursday, March 8**, at 7 p.m. in Compton 327. This event is free and open to the public.

Duda is using tree rings to help explain the history of oak masting (acorn production) in Western Maryland. Generally oak trees of the same species will mast synchronously across a landscape. Each oak group (black and white) will often alternate mast years so that species from the black oak group will not mast at the same time as species from the white oak group. What causes these events is not fully understood, and Duda will present the current hypotheses of this

phenomenon, as well as preliminary findings of a mast signal within tree rings. If a mast signal can be found in the tree rings, then that information can be used to study trends of the historic ecology of forests to help better manage forests in the future.

### CLAS Undergraduate Research Symposium Coming on May 4

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will host the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on **Friday, May 4**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lane University Center. The symposium showcases the research and experiential learning projects of FSU's undergraduate students and provides participants the opportunity to present their work to their peers and share experiences across disciplines. The symposium will include poster presentations, oral presentations and physical displays representing work completed during summer 2017, fall 2017 or spring 2018.

Registration forms are due by **Friday, March 16**, and must be submitted as an email attachment to Dr. Karen Keller at [kkeller@frostburg.edu](mailto:kkeller@frostburg.edu). The registration form can be found on the CLAS webpage at [www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Colleges/CLAS/CLAS-URS-Registration-Form-2018.doc](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Colleges/CLAS/CLAS-URS-Registration-Form-2018.doc) or by contacting Keller. Full project descriptions/abstracts will not be due with the registration form but will be due by **Friday, April 6**, as a separate email attachment to Keller.

For info, email Keller or call 301-687-4174, or contact Linda Steele at [lsteale@frostburg.edu](mailto:lsteale@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4137.

## Workshops

### 'Local Activist Leadership' Focus of FSU Leadership Residency Program



Local leaders *Dr. Joy Kroeger-Mappes*, *Carmen Jackson* and *Nina Forsythe*

FSU's annual leadership residency program will focus this year on "Local Activist Leadership." The public program will begin on **Thursday, Feb. 22**, with a networking reception at 5:30 p.m. in Room 133 B-C of Lane Manicur Hall, followed by a forum discussion and facilitated action-planning workshop, lasting to approximately 8 p.m. The program is free and open to the local community.

The forum will feature local leaders *Dr. Joy Kroeger-Mappes* of the Allegany County Women's Action Coalition, *Carmen Jackson* of the Allegany County NAACP

and *Nina Forsythe* of Frack-Free Frostburg. Together, they will discuss how each organization is working locally on justice activism and how they are joining forces to build and strengthen coalitions.

Kroeger-Mappes is a founder and member of FSU's Women's Forum, and will attend the forum representing the Allegany County Women's Action Coalition. She is an FSU professor emerita of philosophy.

Jackson worked at FSU for 28 years, 15 of those years as director of Residence Life and five as assistant to the vice president of Student and Educational Services and director of the Diversity Center.

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Forsythe is a founding member of Frack-Free Frostburg and was on the board of Citizen Shale during the campaign to ban fracking in Maryland. She is active in the Allegany County Women's Action Coalition and the No Potomac Pipeline campaign.

Topics to be explored include current organizing approaches and plans, building and strengthening coalitions and collaborations, leadership and diversity, and strengthening communication networks that intersect standpoint concerns and organizing efforts. The event is being organized through the Communication Leadership Lab and is co-sponsored by Leadership Studies, Women's Studies and the Center for Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The guest speakers will also participate in classroom discussions throughout the day. The interactive workshop portion of the program will bring the membership of these groups together with campus leaders to explore intersections of campus and local organizing efforts.

For info, contact **Dr. Flesha Ruminski**, associate professor of Communication Studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies and the Communication Leadership Lab, at 301-687-4480 or [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu). For info about the Leadership Studies minor and residency program, visit [www.frostburg.edu/academics/majorminors/bachelor/leadership-studies-program-frostburg-state-university.php](http://www.frostburg.edu/academics/majorminors/bachelor/leadership-studies-program-frostburg-state-university.php). For info on the Communication Leadership Lab, visit [www.frostburgdialogue.org](http://www.frostburgdialogue.org).

## Information Sessions

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

## National Student Exchange Program

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

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

## Disney College Program: MAGIC + \$ = Internship

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

Join Amy Shimko on **Tuesday, Feb. 20**, at 3:30 p.m. in Lane 108 to learn more about how to apply for this opportunity. The deadline for fall internships is quickly approaching.

## Points of Pride

### Dr. Evan Offstein Selected to Participate in USAWC National Security Seminar



This past week, a total of 160 executives, senior public officials and leading academics were notified of their selection to the U.S. Army War College's National Security Seminar. **Dr. Evan H. Offstein**, a professor in the Department of Management, was one of those 160. The U.S. Army War College first established the National Security Seminar to invite and encourage discourse surrounding pressing national security issues among and between thought leaders across the nation. The four-day event involves a series of distinguished lectures and roundtables with an overriding focus on the instruments of national power: diplomatic, informational, military and economic. The setting is in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. – the home of the U.S. Army War College, where senior military officers prepare themselves for senior command positions. Study here is considered a must as senior officers approach the rank of

general officer. Offstein, a three-time book author and consultant for Fortune 500 firms, was selected based on his research on leadership and ethics, safety in high-hazard organizations and his contribution to national energy policy – particularly that related to commercial nuclear operations.

### Dr. Sunshine Brosi and Karen Heeter to Present at American Foresters Meeting



**Dr. Sunshine Brosi**, an associate professor in FSU's Department of Biology, and **Karen Heeter '17** will present their research at the Allegheny Society of American Foresters 2018 Winter Meeting from Feb. 21 to 23 in Gettysburg, Pa.

Heeter will be part of a panel on Career and Graduate School Opportunities at FSU and about going on for her doctorate. She earned her Master of Science degree in Applied Ecology and Conservation Biology in December.

Brosi will discuss several research projects that involve focusing on the cultural elements of forest management. These include cultural resource plantings of tree species important for Cherokee basketry, habitat distribution modeling of cultural keystone tree species and prioritizing urban tree plantings based on socio-ecological factors.

Additional info can be found at [www.alleghenysaf.org/events](http://www.alleghenysaf.org/events).

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## Dr. James Saku and Andrew Boch Publish Paper on Land Claim Agreements

*Dr. James Saku*, chair of the Department of Geography and a professor in that department, and *Andrew Boch '16* had their paper, "Aboriginal Land Claim Agreements: The Case of Nunavut Land Claim Agreement in Canada," published in the spring/summer 2017 edition of *The Pennsylvania Geographer* 55:1. Boch majored in geography at FSU and is a student in U.S. Air Force training. An FSU Foundation Faculty-Student Research Grant and the FSU Honors Program's Undergraduate Research Opportunity Stipend supported the research.

### Take Note

## New Display at Ort Library

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

## Spring 2018 Diversity Retreat

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

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

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

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

## Focus Frostburg – Call for Presentations



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

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

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

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

## FSU Foundation Opportunity Grants



The FSU Foundation is once again seeking funding proposals from faculty, staff and students for Foundation Opportunity Grants and several other awards for fiscal year 2019.

Those interested should complete the FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant Request Form (<https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/forms/opportunity-grant-request>), which includes a line item budget. All applications must be

limited to two pages. A third page is only permitted for the line item budget. After you complete the form, you must submit it online at [www.frostburg.edu/foundation/forms/opportunity-grant-request](https://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/forms/opportunity-grant-request). No paper or emailed applications will be accepted.

The deadline for proposals is midnight on **Sunday, March 11**. Applicants will be notified of the awards following the **June** Foundation Board meeting.

Projects may be funded from the following:

- **FSU Foundation Opportunity Grants** for projects that support FSU's institutional priority to enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom
- **Al and Dale Boxley Faculty Award/Student Research Award** to support faculty or student projects

- **J. Frederick Gibraltar Regional and Cultural Arts Funds** to support regional and cultural arts programs at FSU
- **Jonathan Gibraltar Presidential Leadership Fund for Alcohol Awareness and Education** to support educational programs, social programs and/or community service-related programs geared toward alcohol awareness and the importance of responsible behaviors and decision making
- **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Award** to support faculty development initiatives for faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Catherine R. Gira Campus-to-Community Awards** to support students or student projects that demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, critical thinking skills and a determination to be successful
- **Woodward and Virginia Pealer Faculty Development Award** to support student scholarships and faculty development initiatives for stipends/funding and travel expenses for visiting scholars, lecturers, artists, performers and programs; recognition and promotion of these activities; equipment purchases in conjunction with these activities; and outreach/professional development programs for Allegany County
- **Stephen M. Spahr Student Activism Award** to provide financial assistance to student organizations, classes or informal groups of students needing funds to travel to programs or to centers of governmental activity to experience, firsthand, the workings of the democratic process
- **Marlene Weimer Memorial Scholarly Endeavors Fund** to support scholarly endeavors in the area of innovative mathematics faculty development initiatives and/or scholarship support for outstanding mathematics students, depending on the area of greatest need as determined annually by the Mathematics Department

For info, visit [www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give/annual-fund/opportunity-grants](http://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give/annual-fund/opportunity-grants).

## Save the Date for the FSU Leadership Faculty/Staff Development Conference

The fifth Annual FSU Leadership Faculty/Staff Development Conference, "Answering the Call to Action: EVERYONE Can Lead," will be held on **Tuesday, April 17**, in the Lane University Center. Sessions in leadership, professional and personal development will be available. The conference is open to all FSU faculty and staff.

This event is sponsored by the Office of Human Resources with financial support from SECU and is organized by the Learning and Organizational Development Committee.

Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

## Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

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

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

If you have not applied for graduation, contact the Registrar's Office to submit your application and to ensure everything is in order for you to graduate in May.

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

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

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

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

## Volunteers

### Exciting Career-Boosting Opportunity for Students!

Make a difference in your college community while building connections and skills that will last throughout your future career! The P-20 Afterschool Connection Program seeks volunteers to work with sixth, seventh and eighth graders throughout the county. Even volunteering just one three-hour shift per week will make a huge difference in kids' lives and give your resume an interesting edge. You'll be supervising fun activities and playing a crucial role in the students' academic enrichment! For info, contact Amber Ketterman in Lane 234, or at [alketterman@frostburg.edu](mailto:alketterman@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4191.

## UCM

United Campus Ministry groups are open to all and members are encouraged to bring friends. For info, contact Chaplain Cindy Zirlott at 301-687-7490 or [c.zirlott@frostburg.edu](mailto:c.zirlott@frostburg.edu).



### New Student Chaplain – Terra Shepherd

UCM has a new student chaplain this semester, *Terra Shepherd*.

Her office hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## ‘Faces of Rural Poverty’ Is Theme of Alternative Spring Break

The focus this year for alternative spring break is “The Faces of Rural Poverty.” The group will be doing home repairs for a week at flood damage service projects in the southern West Virginia area. This experience is open to FSU students, faculty and staff. Registration is due **Monday, Feb. 12**, with a \$25 registration deposit (refundable if your situation changes by **Thursday, March 1**). Brochures and applications are available by contacting Chaplain Cindy Zirlott.

## Service Opportunity – Pennies Into Potatoes

Bagging potatoes for the Western Maryland Food Bank warehouse at 816 Frederick St. in Cumberland will take place **Monday, Feb. 12**, **Wednesday, Feb. 14**, **Friday, Feb. 16**, and **Monday, Feb. 19**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact the WMFB warehouse at 301-722-2797 if you or your group would like to help.

## Community and Campus 2018 Lenten Observances

- Ash Wednesday Worship Event, **Feb. 14**, 7 p.m. in Cook Chapel (basement of Frost Hall on College Avenue). Special music, imposition of ashes and more are part of this worship event.
- Every Wednesday – **Feb. 21 through March 21**, 6 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. A free Lenten community dinner will be followed by a brief worship service and prayers presented by Frostburg Ministerium clergy. The Lenten offering taken during these worship events will go to the Flood Relief UCM project.

## Chinese New Year Celebration

Celebration of Chinese New Year, **Friday, Feb 16**, 7 p.m. in Ort Library 237. Free food will be available as well as a variety of games at this Chinese-themed event. If you own a dog, bring a picture. The group will create a dog poster to celebrate the Year of the Dog.

## Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities Open to the FSU Community

- Monday through Friday: Prayer and Meditation Stations, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Cook Chapel. Guided prayer and meditation stations are available for you to use.
- Mondays: Salvation and Praise Bible Study, 7 p.m. in Compton 224, and United Through Christ Bible Fellowship, 7:45 p.m. in Ort Library 237. These are student-led Bible study groups.
- Wednesdays: Bookworm Study Hall, 7:30 p.m. in Compton 224. Shooting for an A — need help or prayers? UCM has got you covered.
- Thursdays: God’s Love Bible Study, 7 to 8:15 p.m. in Gira Center 155. This is a student-led group.
- Sundays, Circle of Prayer, 6:30 p.m. in Cook Chapel. This is a time for prayer and meditation. Self-guided prayer stations are available.

## Study Abroad

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

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



Zachary Cunningham in Thailand (summer 2017)

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

## Study Abroad and International Fair

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

## Student Life

### Edgewood Commons Contracting for Spring 2018

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the spring semester. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions. All the information about Edgewood Commons is available at [www.edgewoodFSU.com](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.

### This Valentine's Day – Share the Love, Not the Info!



**Once you share private information, that data is out of your hands,  
and out of your control.**

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