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FSU Ranks Nationally for Low Student Debt and High Scholarship Funding



With American college students and graduates now owing a collective \$1.4 trillion in outstanding student loan debt, researchers and students are closely examining the costs of various institutions, as well as the debt held by graduates.

FSU ranked among America's best in several studies by LendEDU.com, which examined Peterson's financial aid data for the Class of 2016 across 1,161 colleges and universities offering sufficient data for analysis, the most recent data available. FSU also ranked well in a study by an unrelated group, StudentLoans.net, "Public Colleges Where Students Earn the Most Scholarship Funding," which analyzed the same Peterson's data for 500-plus public, four-year American institutions.

FSU ranked number 39 in the nation on LendEDU's list of "The Top 50 Colleges With the Best Financial Aid Counseling Programs." This ranking recognized FSU's institution-wide commitment to counseling students effectively on the financial obligations of student loans, and a Financial Aid Office that issues federal grants and scholarship awards, which do not require repayment, before issuing students loans, which must be repaid with interest.

FSU students also have access to a significant amount of education in personal finance throughout their college careers. All first-time students at FSU enroll in an "ORIE" class, most of which include a unit on financial education. Hundreds of first-generation and Pell-eligible students receive in-depth financial and economic literacy education through TRiO Student Support Services each year. FSU offers a range of free financial management courses online for all interested students. Each FSU student who borrows a Federal Stafford Loan must complete Stafford Loan Exit Counseling before departing the University.

FSU was named one of America's best small public colleges for keeping student loan debt low by LendEDU. Frostburg ranked number 54 in America on LendEDU's list of "The 100 Small Public Colleges With the Least Student Loan Debt per Borrower."

Even among all of America's colleges and universities studied by LendEDU, FSU stood out.

LendEDU's "Student Loan Debt Rankings for Public 4-Year Colleges and Universities" ranked FSU number 147 among all four-year public institutions in America. FSU was ranked number four in the state of Maryland for lowest average debt per borrower.

Likewise, StudentLoans.net identified the 250 American public colleges and universities that gave undergraduates the most scholarship funding.

Frostburg ranked number 158 in the country on StudentLoans.net's study of "Public Colleges Where Students Earn the Most Scholarship Funding." For the class of 2016, FSU provided more than \$1.62 million in overall scholarship aid, which averaged \$380 per undergraduate. StudentLoans.net's study averaged the overall scholarship aid across all of an institution's undergraduate students. Since not all FSU undergraduates received scholarship aid, the average FSU scholarship recipient received a larger award than the average indicated in the study.

According to LendEDU, for the class of 2016, America's average student loan debt per borrower was \$27,975. Maryland's average student loan debt per borrower was \$27,241. In the U.S., Maryland ranked 22 in terms of average student loan debt per borrower. FSU's average borrower graduated with \$25,347 in student debt – more than \$2,500 less than the average American borrower, and almost \$2,000 less than the average Maryland borrower.

For info about Financial Aid at FSU, visit www.frostburg.edu/admissions-and-cost/financial-aid/index.php.

Theatre

V-DAY Frostburg/FSU to Present Benefit Reading of ‘The Vagina Monologues’



On **Friday, Feb. 23**, V-Day Frostburg/FSU will present a one-night-only benefit reading of Eve Ensler’s award-winning play “The Vagina Monologues” at 6:30 p.m. in the Drama Theatre of the Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center. An information festival will begin at 6 p.m. in the lobby.

Readers will include *Brandie McIntyre, Candace Scott, Christian Thomas, CJ Johnson, Ciara Payne, Daizy Parker, Jamie McGreevy, J. Gourdin, Kendra Brill, Liz Milam, Mykia Washington, Maddie Pierce, Najah James, Stacey Utley-Bernhardt* and *Robin Wynder*.

Over the past two decades, tens of thousands of communities and college campuses have staged V-Day benefit performances of “The Vagina Monologues” – and other artistic works, campaigns and risings – in more than 200 countries and territories. V-Day activists have raised consciousness, changed laws to protect women and girls, funded rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters (which often kept them from closing), educated their communities and raised more than \$100 million in urgently needed funds for groups doing the essential work of ending violence and serving survivors and their families.

The New York Times called “The Vagina Monologues” “probably the most important piece of political theater of the last decade.” The play – first performed Off-Broadway and in locations around the world by Ensler – dives into the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement in women’s experiences. V-Day grew out of the play that exploded onto the scene in 1998, breaking taboos about women’s sexuality and shattering silence around violence done to women and girls.

For its 20th anniversary, V-Day is calling on activists around the world to Rise, Resist and Unite. V-Day has been active at FSU since 2002, raising more than \$50,000 for grassroots causes.

Tickets are \$3 for students, \$7 for FSU employees and \$10 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased at the door, at the Diversity Center (Hitchins 116) or at the Department of Theatre and Dance (Pealer Center 302) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Credit/debit card purchases are not available for this performance.

All proceeds from this benefit production will support The Dove Center and Family Crisis Resource Center, two local organizations working to support victims and end violence in the community.

For info, contact Wynder, FSU director of Diversity, at rwynder@frostburg.edu.

Music

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.

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.

For info, email MCTA at 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.

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.

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. 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 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.

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!

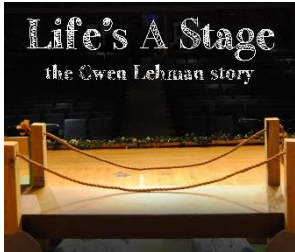
Disney College Program: MAGIC + \$ = Internship

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.

Films

Frostburg Film Premiere – ‘Life’s a Stage’



Annie Danzi, an assistant professor in FSU’s Department of Communication, will premiere “Life’s a Stage,” the 45-minute film she produced and directed, on **Friday, March 2**, at the Frostburg Palace Theatre at 31 E. Main St. The red carpet event will be at 6:30 p.m. and the film screening at 7 p.m., with a question-and-answer period following at 7:45 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

“Life’s a Stage” is a documentary that explores the importance of performing arts education through the extraordinary work of educator Gwen Lehman. As public high schools across America suffer from lack of support for the arts, one school on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Stephen Decatur High School, thrives because of the dedication and vision of one exceptional educator. For almost 50 years, Lehman gave her

all to the theatre program that she built from scratch and to the students who have become her legacy.

This film was crewed entirely by FSU undergraduate students. Danzi created this film production as an experiential learning opportunity for her students.

The film will also be publically screened on **Friday, March 9**, at 7 p.m. at the Ocean City Film Festival.

For info, visit <https://facebook.com/lifesastagedocumentary> or email Danzi at amdanzi@frostburg.edu.

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.

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. Elesha Ruminski**, associate professor of Communication Studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies and the Communication Leadership Lab, at 301-687-4480 or 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. For info on the Communication Leadership Lab, visit www.frostburgdialogue.org.

Presentations

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.

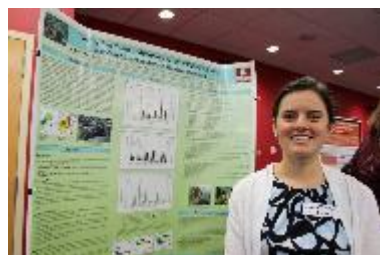
The Growing Opioid Epidemic and How Chemistry Can Be Used to Fight It

In the United States, overdose deaths from opioids have nearly tripled in the last 15 years. In 2016 alone, opioids claimed more than 30,000 lives.

Join the Western Maryland Section and Student Members of the American Chemical Society on **Tuesday, Feb. 27**, from 6:45 to 8 p.m. in Compton 327 for a special broadcast that will explain what makes these compounds so addictive, cover the treatments and medications being used to help those who suffer and profile the work that chemists are doing to make prescription painkillers safer and harder to abuse. Come and interact with an expert panel of medical experts and chemists to discover why this problem has become so widespread and how the power of chemistry can be used to fight the rising tide of addiction.

Additional info can be found at <http://bit.ly/2Brouwu>.

Student Erica Duda to Discuss '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.

Appalachian Lab Presents Bill Hubrick of Maryland Biodiversity Project

The Appalachian Laboratory of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science will welcome Bill Hubrick of the Maryland Biodiversity Project as the next speaker in the Watershed Moments Community Learning Series. This event will take place on **Thursday, March 8**, at 6:30 p.m. at 301 Braddock Road in Frostburg. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hubrick will share breathtaking nature photographs and stories about the project's efforts to catalog the plants and animals of Maryland. Find out how you can be part of the Maryland Biodiversity Project and its mission to document Maryland natural history. A photography display during the event is also tentatively planned.

For info, contact Rhonda Schwinabart at 301-689-7102 or rschwinabart@umces.edu.

Eat Learn Shift III



An interactive event featuring food samplings from SHiFT: A Farm to Table Eatery will be held on **Wednesday, March 14**, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Allegany College of Maryland, 12401 Willowbrook Road in Cumberland, in the Continuing Education Building (CE12, 13 and 14). The event will be followed by a deliberative dialogue focusing on "How Can a College Student Eat Healthy Food on a Limited Budget?" guided by National Issues Forums. Recipes will be shared!

Space is limited and RSVPs are due by **Friday, March 2**, to dmcMahon@allegany.edu. You can also participate live on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/eatlearnshift>.

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 klkeller@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 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 lsteele@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4137.

Points of Pride

Selena Burke Accepted Into Doctoral Program



Selena Burke '17, Karen Heeter '16/M'17 and Dr. Sunshine Brosi

Selena Burke, a December 2017 graduate and commencement speaker for CLAS, has been accepted into a doctoral program in plant sciences at the University of California, Riverside. Burke's acceptance into the program makes her the fourth former ethnobotany student currently in a fully funded doctoral program. She joins **Karen Heeter '16/M'17**, who is at the University of Idaho; **Laura Smith '14/M'16** at the University of Tennessee; and former commencement speaker **Megan Carr '15**, who earned her master's from Yale University in 2017, at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Dr. Sunshine Brosi and Karen Heeter Receive DNR Grant



Dr. Sunshine Brosi and Karen Heeter '16/M'17

Dr. Sunshine Brosi, an associate professor in the Department of Biology, and **Karen Heeter '16/M'17**, who earned her master's in applied ecology and conservation biology, received a \$10,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife and Heritage Service. Their project will involve undergraduate student research on tree-ring analysis of old growth forests on public lands in Western Maryland. This project documented the oldest known Table Mountain pine found in the Dan's Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

Take Note

Reminder – Health Immunization Records Due

The Brady Health Center reminds all new and transfer students of the required health information that must be on file in the health center – an immunization record with documentation of two doses of the MMR vaccine and a Td/Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) vaccine within 10 years, plus completion of the Tuberculosis Screening Form and any required follow-up. If this information is not received and complete, a health hold will be placed on the new student's PAWS account, blocking any future class registration. More info is available at <https://www.frostburg.edu/brady-health/student-info/index.php>.

Bernard Wynder Legacy Fund to Receive Proceeds From 'Being Black in Brownsville'

Professor Lynn Bowman has earmarked proceeds from the third edition of "Being Black in Brownsville: Echoes of a Forgotten Frostburg" for the Bernard Wynder Legacy Fund. This fund is dedicated to supporting FSU's Diversity Center's initiatives, including programs and excursions.

Bowman's book weaves together the histories of Frostburg and Brownsville, a community that began in 1866 with Tamar Brown's purchase of land on what is now FSU's Upper Quad.

If interested in purchasing a copy, contact Dr. Amy Branam Armiento at abranam@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4293. The cost is \$15 per copy, and there are four remaining.

Girl Scout Cookies for Sale

Local Girl Scout Troop 40178 will sell cookies on **Monday, Feb. 19**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Lane University Center. The cost is \$4 a box; specialty boxes are \$5.

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 krogersthomas@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.

FRN Begins Spring Recoveries



Following a very successful fall with 1,355 pounds of food recovered, FSU's Food Recovery Network has begun its spring recoveries.

For the week ending Friday, Feb. 2, FRN recovered 37 pounds of food from the Lane University Center, and for the week ending Feb. 9, 67 pounds of food.

The grand total so far for the spring semester is 104 pounds.

For info, contact Hudson Howard, FRN vice president, at hudsonrhoward0@frostburg.edu or Tracy Edwards, FRN chapter advisor, at tedwards@frostburg.edu.

Upcoming BURG Events



BURG's General Body Meeting will be on **Thursday, Feb 22**, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Lane 113.

For info, contact Jessica Cebula at jlcebula0@frostburg.edu.

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.

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. For info, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or clbohn@frostburg.edu.

Jobs

Upward Bound Tutor/Counselors

Upward Bound is seeking tutor/counselors for its summer residential program on FSU's campus (three- and six-week programs). Upward Bound is a federally funded program that encourages qualified Allegany County high school students to seek education beyond secondary school. The summer residence program provides the main focus and aims to provide students with a sample of the college experience.

Tentative dates for the three-week program are **Sunday, June 10, through Friday, July 6**, and for the six-week program are **Sunday, June 10, through Friday, July 27**. One week of training is included. The salary for a three-week tutor/counselor is \$1,150, plus room and board, and for a six-week tutor/counselor is \$2,000, plus room and board. The deadline to apply is **Thursday, March 1**.

For info, contact the Upward Bound office at 301-687-4994, email esteele@frostburg.edu or visit www.frostburg.edu/UpwardBound.

Pass Office Seeks Student Instructors

FSU's PASS Office is looking for student instructors for its fall 2018 Developmental Math Program. Earn \$800, receive 3 Educational Field Experience credits and build your resume! Student instructors help their peers improve basic math skills by implementing learning programs in pre-algebra and intermediate algebra courses.

Dependable students with strong math, communication and organization skills are encouraged to apply.

For info and/or application materials, contact Kim Kurek at kmkurek@frostburg.edu. Applications are due **Friday, March 16**.

FSU-TV3

Season 7 of 'The Frostburg Experience' Is Now Online



Join hosts *Ray Sorenson* and *JJ Jones* and their studio guests to discuss topics such as resources available through the Career and Professional Development Center and getting involved with Student and Community Involvement, as well as learn about climatology with members of the Department of Geography.

To watch, log on to <https://www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/programming/the-frostburg-experience/season-7>.

Follow FSU-TV3 at <https://www.facebook.com/FSUTV3>, <https://twitter.com/fsutv3> and <https://instagram.com/fsutv3>.

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.

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. 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

Note: Lenten Prayer Journey Devotionals are available in the UCM office or on request.

- Every Wednesday – **Feb. 21 through March 21**, 6 p.m., 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.
- "Be Warm" Service Saturday, **Feb. 24**, 11 a.m. to 2. This involves giving out gift bags to the homeless in downtown Cumberland. Each bag includes a gift certificate from McDonalds. To donate gift cards or help hand them out, contact Chaplain Cindy.

Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities Open to the FSU Community

- Monday through Friday: Prayer and Meditation Stations, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cook Chapel. Guided prayer and meditation stations are available. Each week a new station is added.
- Mondays: Salvation and Praise Bible Study, 7 p.m., Compton 224, and United Through Christ Bible Fellowship, 7:45 p.m., Ort Library 237. These are student-led Bible study groups.
- Wednesdays: Bookworm Study Hall, 7:30 p.m., 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., Gira Center 155. This is a student-led group.
- Sundays, Circle of Prayer, 6:30 p.m., Cook Chapel. This is a time for prayer and meditation. Self-guided prayer stations are available.

Student Life

Edgewood Commons Contracting for Fall 2018

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the fall semester. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions. All the information about Edgewood Commons is available at 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.

Study Abroad

For info, contact Sarah Heilig at 301-687-4747 or 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.

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.

Turn Around, Don't Drown!



**Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down,
and 1 foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.**

**If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving,
abandon the car and move to higher ground.
Do not leave the car and enter moving water.**

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.

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- Provide engaging experiences that challenge our students to excel.
 - Expand regional outreach and engagement.
 - Align University resources – human, fiscal and physical – with strategic priorities.