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For Second Year, FSU Surpasses Maryland Charity Campaign Goal



Members of the Steering Committee, leadership donors and top building captains met recently for lunch. Seated from left are campaign co-chairs Dr. Shakil Rahman and Jenn Fritz, along with FSU President Nowaczyk. Standing, from left, are Linda Lewis, Justin Keel, Abby Shillingburg, Dr. Sandy Mahalko, Kathy Leck, Liz Nelson, Chief Cynthia Smith and Dr. Tom Bowling.

FSU faculty and staff have surpassed FSU's 2017 fundraising goal for the Maryland Charity Campaign for the second consecutive year and achieved the highest participation in FSU history.

During 2017, the FSU community donated \$20,727 to the campaign, 111.9 percent of the 18,527 goal. FSU faculty and staff also surpassed the 2016 participation rate, from 24.9 to 26 percent. University Police achieved a 100 percent participation rate, employees in the Stangle Building (Facilities) had the highest number of participants and Frampton Hall employees had the largest increase in contributions from the previous year.

The Maryland Charity Campaign is a workplace charitable giving program that offers state employees the opportunity to contribute to charities using the convenience of payroll deduction.

For info, visit mcc.maryland.gov.

Theatre

FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance to Present 'Harry & the Thief'



Jhaneal (Blue) Stoute as Harry (aka Harriet Tubman) and Jasmine Proctor as Mimi in "Harry & the Thief"

The Department of Theatre and Dance at FSU will present its performance of "Harry & the Thief" at 7:30 p.m. **Thursday through Saturday, March 8 to 10**, and **Wednesday and Thursday, March 14 and 15**, with a matinee on **March 10** at 2 p.m. Directed by *Mairzy Yost-Rushton*, the performances will take place in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre of FSU's Pealer Center.

Sigrid Gilmer's play, "Harry and the Thief," is set in two centuries, and it mixes real and fictitious characters, as well as history and science fiction, to take an absurd look at the past while imagining a very different future. Harry is Harriet Tubman, the famed, Maryland-born abolitionist who guided more than 300 slaves to freedom.

In this time-travel comedy, Jeremy, who has a doctorate in physics, has recently constructed a time machine. He blackmails his cousin Mimi, a professional thief, and sends her back to 1863. Her mission: to supply Harry with 21st-century guns and help her establish a free black republic – with Jeremy as emperor. However, this shrewd and mischievous action-adventure comedy is more concerned with the spectacular grit of the black women in its orbit. Chief among them are Harry, a slave named Vivian and Mimi. The cast also includes a narrator named Anita, who's a movie director, and the play we're watching is the movie that Anita is making.

This production contains some adult material and is recommended for those ages 15 and older.

Tickets can be purchased online through University Tickets or at the box office. Visit the website at 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.

CES at FSU Hosting Swiss 'Musicians of Silence,' Mummenschanz, in 'you and me'



CES at FSU will present the famed Swiss performers of Mummenschanz in their production of "you and me" on **Tuesday, March 13**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Center's Drama Theatre.

For more than 45 years, the visionary theatre artists of Mummenschanz have brought myth, mystery and plenty of laughter to audiences around the world, using the universal language of movement to explore the human condition. With their latest production, "you and me," the troupe creates a playful and uniquely memorable experience through the inventive use of shadow, light and creative manipulation of expressive sculptural masks. The result is a visually stunning spectacle of family entertainment that sparks the imagination and transcends cultural barriers. The New York Times has pointed out that "the show is particularly vital to young audiences who've been raised on beeping gadgets and headphones, and rarely experience the extraordinary power of silence."

Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$21.60 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.

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.

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.

Irish Ensemble Téada to Appear at MCTA



Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, FSU's Mountain City Traditional Arts will host the traditional Irish ensemble Téada on **Tuesday, March 6**, 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.

Dedicated to bringing the music of Ireland to audiences around the globe, Téada has appeared as a frequent headliner at major music festivals throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Europe, Africa, Russia, the Middle East and Australia. This performance will feature Oisín Mac Diarmada, fiddle, Séamus Begley, vocals and button accordion, Seán McElwain, guitar, and Samantha Harvey, dance and accordion. Together, they'll deliver an exhilarating performance highlighting the enduring appeal of traditional Irish music and dance.

For info, email MCTA at mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com or call 301-687-8040.

FSU Department of Music Presents Vocal Studio Recitals

The FSU Department of Music will present two recitals by students from its vocal studios, both at 7:30 p.m. Vocal Studio Recital No. 1 will be held on **Monday, March 12**, and Vocal Studio No. 2 will be on **Tuesday, March 13**.

Each performance features music majors from the vocal studios of *Dr. Tory Browers* and *Lawren Hill* who will perform a mix of classical, opera and musical theatre styles.

Pianist Dr. Jay DeWire and Violinist Heather Haughn Set to Perform 'My Roots, Your Roots'



Dr. Jay DeWire, left, and Heather Haughn

The FSU Department of Music will present pianist *Dr. Jay DeWire* and violinist Heather Haughn in a Faculty-Guest Artist Series concert, titled "My Roots, Your Roots," on **Friday, March 30**, at 7:30 p.m.

DeWire and Haughn will play "Violin Sonata, Op. 18" by Richard Strauss, "Suite for Violin and Piano" by William Grant Still, and "Tzigane" and "Violin Sonata No. 2" by Maurice Ravel. In these selections, Strauss and Still embrace their historical classical traditions, while

Ravel moves from the past into the present, creating a more eclectic style incorporating jazz, blues and gypsy modes.

Strauss' "Violin Sonata" was written between 1887 and 1888. It was during this time that Strauss fell in love with Pauline de Ahna, the soprano whom he would later wed, and his amorous feelings can be heard throughout the piece. Although not considered a milestone in violin literature, the piece is notable for its lyrical beauty and the technical demands made on the violinist and pianist.

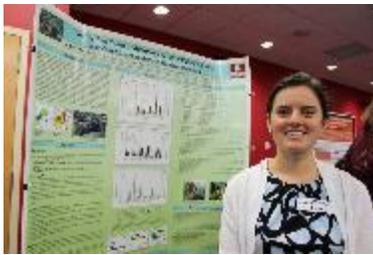
Still, often termed the patriarchal figure in Black music, was the first African-American composer to secure extensive publication and significant performances. His works represent the culmination of musical aspirations of the Harlem Renaissance, in that they “elevated” folkloric materials. “Suite for Violin and Piano,” composed in 1943, demonstrates Still’s attempts at approximating indigenous African music. Musical materials were not available to him, as little scholarly attention had been given to the music of that culture during the 1930s. He had to settle on modal inventions, which, if not authentic, at least gave the flavor of the idiom he desired.

“Tzigane” is a virtuosic, gypsy-inflected vehicle for solo violin and piano. Though Ravel did not complete it until spring 1924, the idea of composing such a work came to him years earlier, when he met the gifted Hungarian violinist Jelly d’Aranyi, who impressed him with her stock of gypsy tunes and bravura technique. The name of the piece is derived from the generic European term for “gypsy,” although the composition does not use any authentic gypsy melodies. The style of the work was rather a kind of popular musical exoticism, and “Tzigane” clearly demonstrates Ravel’s ability to imitate the late Romantic style of violin showmanship.

Ravel composed his “Violin Sonata No. 2” from 1923 to 1927. He was inspired by American music, namely jazz and blues. To Ravel, originality was important, and he was fond of exclaiming, “nobody has done that before” about his own discoveries. Ravel said that his aim in “Violin Sonata No. 2” was to explore the basic incompatibility of violin and piano; this lends an uneasy quality to much of the music. On Ravel’s American tour in 1928, he used the “Blues” movement of the piece to promote jazz as the way forward for American music. The unrelenting finale only confirmed that this was not a typical work of the “Silly Twenties.”

Presentations

Student Erica Duda to Discuss Research on Oak Masting



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.

Philosophical Forum – Author Sarah Chayes Explains Corruption’s Influence



The Spring Philosophical Forum will feature author Sarah Chayes, who will present “Corruption: A Threat to Democracy” on **Tuesday, March 13**, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center’s Hall of Fame Room. This event is free and open to the public.

Chayes is senior fellow in the Democracy and Rule of Law Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The author of “Thieves of State: Why Corruption Threatens Global Security,” she is internationally recognized for her innovative thinking on corruption and its implications. Her work explores how severe corruption can help prompt such crises as terrorism, revolutions and their violent aftermaths, and environmental degradation.

For info, contact Dr. Michael Mathias, chair of FSU’s Department of Philosophy, at 304-687-3094 or mbmathias@frostburg.edu.

Registration Deadline Approaching for CLAS Undergraduate Research Symposium

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.

For the registration form, visit the CLAS webpage at www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Colleges/CLAS/CLAS-URS-Registration-Form-2018.doc or contact Dr. Karen Keller at kkeller@frostburg.edu. Registration forms are due by **Friday, March 16**, and must be

submitted as an email attachment to 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 or 301-687-4137.

Area College Students Invited to Participate in Virtual Discussion on Eating on a College Budget



College students trying to figure how to eat on a small budget and cook in tight quarters are invited to participate in a community dialogue.

FSU's Communication Leadership Lab is partnering with Allegany College of Maryland and SHIFT Farm to Table Eatery to tackle this year's topic, "How to Eat Healthy Food on a College Student's Budget," as part of the third annual Eat Learn Shift session. A community dialogue will take place on **Wednesday, March 14**, from 3 to 5 p.m., with the opportunity for participants to respond to online discussions live.

Students are encouraged to join the event virtually at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/eatlearnshift> and via Instagram @eatlearnshift where discussion topics and meal ideas will be deliberated before, during and after the event. During the event, portions of the discussion will be broadcast live, so participants can ask questions and provide feedback during the event.

Eat Learn Shift will feature food and recipes prepared by FSU mass communication alumna **Jessica Clay**, owner of SHIFT Farm to Table Eatery, and students from both campuses. A cookbook, featuring low-cost, healthy recipes by Clay and students from ACM and FSU, is being created by Dr. Diane McMahon, associate professor of sociology and faculty director of the Service Learning and Civic Engagement Center at ACM, and her students. It will be distributed to participants. **Charles Schelle**, writer/communications specialist at FSU, is furnishing experiential learning opportunities for students by providing guidance for online community engagement.

The session will continue a deliberative discussion from last year using a National Issues Forums guide, titled "Land of Plenty: How Can We Ensure People Have the Food They Need?" The NIF guide resulted from the collaboration of members of a Kettering Foundation learning exchange that **Dr. Elesha Ruminski**, associate professor of communication studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies and the Communication Leadership Lab, participated in when envisioning the Communication Leadership Lab in 2015-2016. The guide will be used again to initiate discussions that can, if sustained over time, lead to individual lifestyle changes and campus and community collaborations; students interns with the Communication Leadership Lab will help facilitate the discussion. The community can join the event virtually at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/eatlearnshift>.

For an overview of FSU's Leadership Residency Program experiences, visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/lead/scholar-in-residence-program. For info on Eat Learn Shift and related programs at FSU, contact Ruminski at elruminski@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4480. For info on the Communication Leadership Lab, go to www.frostburgdialogue.org.

Conference on Public Service and Social Change Coming in April



A conference for FSU faculty, staff and students, titled "Moving Beyond Theory to Practice: Engaging in Social Change," will be held on **Saturday, April 14**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in FSU's Lane University Center. Staged in an interactive and engaging format, guest panelists and FSU alumni will address how their experiences at FSU and beyond have prepared them for lifelong careers in public service and have helped them turn their aspirations into reality. A special guest (to be announced) will deliver opening remarks to set the tone for the conference. Students can also meet and interact with special guests to promote future networking opportunities.

Visit <http://conta.cc/2BUjWz8> to register. The deadline for registration is **Friday, March 30**.

This event is sponsored by the FSU Foundation, Student and Community Involvement's Office of Civic Engagement and the J. Glenn Beall Jr. Institute for Public Affairs.

For info, contact Misty Schurg, conference assistance, at mdschurg@frostburg.edu.

Readings

FSU Groups to Host Feminist Poetry Slam Competition for Women's Day

FSU's Center for Literary Arts and Women's Studies program will cohost a competitive Feminist Poetry Slam to mark International Women's Day on **Thursday, March 8**, at Dante's Bar, 16 W. Main St., in Frostburg.

"Feminist poetry is about expressing the love, sadness, anger, fear and joy of living our lives in the margins and acknowledging our journeys toward social justice," said Dr. Jennifer Earles, Women's Studies program coordinator.

Registration opens at 7 p.m. and the competition begins at 7:30 p.m. This event is open to any poet 16 years of age or older, with no cost to enter or attend. The winning poet will receive a cash prize of \$100.

Competitors should bring three original poems that explore feminist themes, such as the expression of gender, marginalized experiences, misogyny, inequality or any other relevant concept. A panel will judge poets on their reading performance, the quality of their work and its connection to the theme.

For info, contact the Center for Literary Arts at 301-687-4340 or cla@frostburg.edu.

Radio

FSU's WFWM Presents 'The Moth' Radio Hour



On **Saturdays** at 10 a.m., listeners are now able to tune in to "The Moth," a new radio program that offers recordings of stories told live, on FSU's WFWM Public Radio, 91.9 FM.

A modern way of continuing an old tradition, "The Moth" is an hour of storytelling. *Chuck Dicken*, WFWM station director, indicated that the program was a good choice for the station because it "features people telling their stories and addresses many important social issues."

Each episode features stories grouped together by theme and told by everyday people. Michigan listener Cole Tippett commented, "I was just cycling through the radio ... and the first story comes on. ... By the end of the story I was crying. ... It forever changed me. I fell in love with 'The Moth.'" Online listeners can find past segments at <https://themoth.org/radio-hour>.

"The Moth" replaces "Car Talk," a much-loved but now discontinued radio program that combined comedy with automotive troubleshooting.

WFWM is an FSU-sponsored, NPR-affiliate public radio station "committed to programming, both on- and off-air, that positively impacts the quality of life of residents of the Western Maryland region." Its program schedule can be found at www.wfwm.org/wfwm/program-schedule. To tune in to WFWM online, follow the link <mms://192.168.254.206:8080>.

Points of Pride

Courtney Seavolt Accepted to Graduate School

FSU senior *Courtney Seavolt*, an Honors student who is majoring in biology, was recently accepted into graduate school. In the fall, she will enter the Master of Arts in Teaching program, with a focus on secondary education, at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

Take Note

Dr. Sudhir Singh Named Dean of FSU's College of Business



Dr. Sudhir Singh has been named the new dean of FSU's College of Business by Provost *Elizabeth Throop*. Singh has served as interim dean of the College of Business since 2015 and was associate dean from 2010 to 2015. He joined FSU in 1992, with a teaching focus on finance. He has also served as director of the College of Business Center for Leadership Development since 2011.

As interim dean, Singh spearheaded important revisions at the college, including a comprehensive reorganization of the College's advisory board effort to foster greater connections and interactions between experienced business leaders and students. Singh led a series of enhancements to the Master of Business Administration program, including new concentrations in health care management and data analytics, and seven-week sessions that facilitate timely graduation for working students.

Singh's work has been honored by the College of Business and the University System of Maryland. He received an Excellence in Leadership Award from the College of Business in 2003, and a Recognition for Service Excellence in the College's Department of Marketing and Finance in 2009. In 2007, Singh received the Board of Regents' Faculty Award for Public Service from USM.

He has published regularly on business and finance throughout his career, including co-authoring FSU's 2013 study, "The Economic Impact of Frostburg State University Upon Western Maryland, the Surrounding Region and the State of Maryland."

Singh earned a Master of Management Studies in Finance and Marketing from the Birla Institute of Technology & Science in India, a Master of Business Administration in Finance and Accounting from Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga., and a Ph.D. in Finance from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. He is also a member of the current class of Leadership Allegany!

He replaces *Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi*, who was named interim provost of FSU in 2015 and accepted a position at Eastern Washington University in the state of Washington last year.

The FSU College of Business is accredited by AACSB International. The College encompasses four academic departments: Accounting, Economics, Management and Marketing & Finance. For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/college-of-business.

Essays Wanted for Upcoming 'Where Have the Voters Gone?' Conference

Towson University, assisted by the FSU Communication Leadership Lab, will host a conference and conversation event, "Where Have the Voters Gone?" on **Saturday, March 31**, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The conference and conversation will consist of a facilitated discussion on why voter turnout has decreased. There will be several speakers on an open panel for a Q&A session, a breakout discussion session and judging of an essay competition.

Discussion about why citizens aren't voting in local and national elections tends to focus on three issues: structural barriers that make it difficult to register and vote; the information environment, including low levels of civic education and political knowledge among potential voters; and alienation, dissatisfaction, lack of trust and other such attitudes among potential voters.

The essay competition is open to all students, and attendance is not required to submit an essay for the competition. In five to seven pages (1,500 words), with at least three scholarly sources, interested students should briefly respond to these three approaches and explain how they would encourage a revitalization of voter turnout in the United States.

Essays should be organized as follows:

- Introduction to the issue and background (about one page)
- Discussion of the three approaches (about one to two pages)
- A focus on one approach and an explanation of why this is the best option and how it would be applied (about two pages)
- A counterargument or acknowledgement of barriers to this approach (about one to two pages)

Submit all essays to sbertr3@students.towson.edu by **Friday, March 23**, at 11:59 p.m.

For info and/or to arrange for transportation to the conference, contact Francheska Alvarez-Perez, Communication Leadership Lab assistant, at faalvarezperez0@frostburg.edu or Dr. Elesha Ruminski, Communication Leadership Lab coordinator, at elruminski@frostburg.edu.

Need Help With Healthy Choices?

Are you looking for some guidance when it comes to choosing meals and snacks?

There is a free resource on campus.

Allison Lutz is the dietitian at Brady Health Center and is available for appointments with FSU students. She will review the choices you are making now and discuss ways to improve your nutrition status, designing a meal plan specifically tailored to you!

For info or to schedule your appointment, call 301-687-4310.

EAT! Is Here



Welcome to EAT! the new take-home meal program by Frostburg Catering. The chef has prepared a dinner menu consisting of several items to choose from each week.

Pickup and delivery options are available. All orders will be placed in a thermal bag. Bring your thermal bag for your next order to receive a \$2.50 discount per meal on that order. You can pay online with a credit or debit card when you place your order.

For info and/or to place an order, visit <https://www.dineoncampus.com/frostburg/eat-meals-to-go>.

Seeking ORIE 101 Student Success Mentors

The Center for Academic Advising and Retention is looking for student success mentors to help guide new students in reaching their academic goals as they start their new and exciting journey into college life in fall 2018.

SSMs assist first-year students enrolled in FSU's ORIE 101 course with the transition to college. They create an inclusive community by connecting students with different areas of student life such as social activities, clubs/organization and residence life. In addition, SSMs will provide ORIE 101 faculty members with the student perspective, so the program may address the varying needs of first-time college students.

To be considered for the position, you must have completed at least one fall or spring term of study at FSU, have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, be in good academic and student conduct standing and possess excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills. It is recommended that applicants speak to an ORIE instructor with whom they would like to work during the fall 2018 semester, since ORIE instructors have the final say on who is hired to work with their section.

Following the application process, students meeting the minimum qualifications will be invited to participate in a group and/or individual interview. Note that all positions may not be filled until after Preview FSU in the summer.

Online applications may be completed at

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0V75uBggRkKBBA0mdHjTo70LqUsuCTdHrk9rBRlhkrZUNE9PMjZE0jY2NExFV0ZGRUZRQUdISzRLUS4u> through 11:59 p.m. on **Friday, March 9**.

For info, contact Keith Davidson at kedavidson@frostburg.edu.

Nominate a Deserving Bobcat for a Leadership Award



Attention all Bobcats! The 2017-2018 Leadership Awards are just around the corner and nominations for Bobcat leaders are being accepted. Know a great student leader? Had a professor that went above and beyond? An advisor? A staff member? To see the award categories, visit <http://bit.ly/2t4uxo8>, or to directly nominate someone, go to <https://www.frostburg.edu/clife/leadership/leadership-awards/nominate>. The last day to submit nominations is **Monday, April 2**.

For info, contact the Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning at 301-687-7013 or leadership@frostburg.edu.

Food Recovery Update for the Week Ending Friday, Feb. 23



FSU's chapter of the Food Recovery Network recovered **35 pounds** of food from Chesapeake and **66 pounds** from the Lane University Center! FRN donates these collections to the Western Maryland Food Bank.

The grand total so far for the spring semester is **205 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 events for the week are:

- Man Cave, **Tuesday, March 6**, 7 to 8 p.m., Lane 111
- General Body Meeting, **Thursday, March 8**, 5:30 to 7 p.m., 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. Those who pick up orders 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.

Deadlines

Undergraduate Grade Change Forms

The deadline to submit undergraduate grade change forms for fall 2017 and Intersession 2018 is **Friday, March 9**.

Jobs

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**.

United Campus Ministry

Lenten Observances

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

Every Wednesday – through March 21, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall, St. John's Episcopal Church, Frostburg. 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.

Western Maryland Food Bank, **Monday, March 5, Wednesday, March 7, and Friday, March 9**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and **Saturday, March 10**, 9 a.m. to noon, 816 Frederick St., Cumberland. Volunteers are need to bag potatoes. If you can help, call 301-722-2797.

For info, contact Chaplain Cindy Zirlott at 301-687-7490 or c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

Student Life

Satisfaction Survey

Residence Life and Edgewood Commons encourage students to fill out a satisfaction survey by **Thursday, March 15**. The link to the survey will be emailed to FSU student accounts. Students who complete the survey will be eligible for a drawing to win a 32-inch TV, and one resident from each hall will win a \$50 University Store card.

Requests for Access to On-Campus Housing During Spring Break

If you require students to stay beyond the closing date of **Friday, March 16**, at 7 p.m., or a need for them to be on campus during that week (e.g., athletics, working on campus or academic reasons such as working in local schools), requests should be sent to the Residence Life Office at rlo@frostburg.edu by **Monday, March 12**. Make sure you send a complete list, including individual FSU ID numbers and the specific dates they require housing.

Students can also make individual requests using the Housing Self-Service portal to stay during part or all of Spring Break. Residence Life needs to receive all requests by close of business on **Monday, March 12**.

Edgewood Commons Apartments – FSU’s Only On-Campus Apartments – Fall 2018

Edgewood Commons Apartments is accepting applications for the fall semester. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions. Online housing application can be found at www.EdgewoodFSU.com.

Single bedroom apartment layouts include a four-bed/two-bath and two-bed/two-bath apartment. All apartments come with furniture and appliances, including a washer and dryer. Utilities [gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable (HBO)] are included in the contract fee.

Stop by for a tour Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 301-689-1370 to find out about availability.

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.

Community

Audition Dates Set for Mountainside Baroque Academy



Mountainside Baroque Summer Academy violin teacher Brandi Berry leads a string group in June 2017.

Mountainside Baroque’s Summer Academy will take place from **Monday, June 11, through Friday, June 15**, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 15 N. Smallwood St. in Cumberland. Aimed at talented middle, high school and early college students throughout the region, the workshop will provide instruction on string instruments, flutes, keyboards, brass instruments, lute (guitar) and voice.

This year, the last two days of the academy will run concurrently with the “Music in the Mountains Festival,” where many international artists will perform. Academy students will attend some of the concerts and rehearsals and receive coaching from the performers. In addition, select students will be eligible to participate in master classes given by internationally known specialists in voice, Baroque violin and fortepiano (early piano).

Auditions for the Mountainside Baroque Academy will be held on the following dates:

- **Thursday, March 8**, 7 to 9 p.m., St. John’s Episcopal Church, 52 Broadway, Frostburg

- **Saturday, March 10**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cumberland
- **Saturday, March 10**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Taylor's Chapel, 6001 Hillen Road, Mt. Pleasant Park, Baltimore
- **Saturday, March 17**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Taylor's Chapel, Baltimore

Prospective students should select a preferred time and place via the Academy/Audition web page of the Mountainside website at <https://www.mountainsidebaroque.org>. Auditions may also be submitted electronically via YouTube (see the website). Other auditions may be individually arranged if needed.

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.

March Is Eye Safety Month.



Be sure to get an eye exam every year.

Take periodic rest breaks and try to blink often.

Use the 20-20-20 method. After every 20 minutes of typing, stop and focus on an object 20 feet away for 20 seconds.

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.