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FSU to Offer New In-person Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

FSU, starting in **fall 2018**, will offer a four-year, face-to-face bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree, established in partnership with Allegany College of Maryland, to create the only four-year program of its kind available in Western Maryland.

"Until now, Western Maryland students who wanted the four-year college experience and to pursue a four-year degree in nursing had to leave the area to do so," said FSU President Ronald Nowaczyk. "The region and nation are facing a significant shortage of nurses, and FSU is expanding the pathways to that profession."

This new program marks the third way that regional students can earn an accredited BSN. FSU offers an online bachelor's degree in nursing program for students who are already registered nurses. In addition, local student enrolled in ACM's Associate Degree Nursing Program also have the option of dual enrollment in FSU's BSN program. These students can begin taking online courses in nursing through FSU during the ACM Nursing program. Once the Associate of Science Degree is awarded at ACM, students must take and pass the nursing licensure exam, the NCLEX-RN, and then continue coursework at FSU to complete the BSN.

"A bachelor's degree in nursing prepares students for positions that require a BSN, such as leadership and community health positions," said Dr. Heather Gable, chair of FSU's Department of Nursing. "FSU's nursing courses focus on evidence-based practice, research, informatics and leadership aspects of being a baccalaureate-prepared registered nurse."

In addition to taking courses at FSU, students will take clinical nursing courses through Allegany College of Maryland's registered nurse program. At the conclusion of the program, students will be able to graduate with both an associate and bachelor's degree in nursing.

Students in the new FSU nursing curriculum will also have the option of joining a Living Learning Community in Allen Hall. The living arrangement clusters nursing majors together as they take courses together, receive additional mentoring opportunities, attend lunch-and-learns and shadow nurses on the job within their specialty at Western Maryland Health System.

"The opportunity to be on campus at FSU while earning a bachelor's in nursing also provides an opportunity for students to declare a minor, such as psychology, to help them stand out," Gable said.

The on-campus BSN program will be limited to 50 students for fall 2018.

The program aims to contribute to reducing a nursing shortage throughout the country and to answer the call of the Institute of Medicine to have 80 percent of nurses with a BSN by 2020.

"The type of student who is going to complete this program is a first-year student who is coming to Frostburg State and wants to leave as a baccalaureate-prepared nurse," Gable said. Baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses are in demand at hospitals recognized as having Magnet status through the American Nurses Credentialing Center, which signifies that about half of nurses involved in direct patient care have a BSN.

FSU also offers four options for nurses to pursue graduate degrees, the accredited, fully online Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with tracks in administration and nursing education, and the new Nurse Practitioner master's program, with concentrations in Psychiatric and Mental Health practice and Family practice.

The FSU baccalaureate degree in nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation), as is the MSN. For info about FSU's nursing programs, email nursing@frostburg.edu.

Theatre

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



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

This holiday season, step inside the studio of a 1940s live-radio broadcast as FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance and WFWM 91.9 FM Public Radio host a production of "World War II Radio Christmas." Directed by *Mairzy Yost-Rushton*, performances will take place in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre of the Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center on **Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2**, and **Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 7 through 9**, at 7:30 p.m., with two matinee performances on **Dec. 3 and 9** at 2 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Entertainment

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



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

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

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

Music

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

Brass Studio Recital Coming Up Nov. 30

The FSU Department of Music will present a concert by the Brass Studio on **Thursday, Nov. 30**, at 7:30 p.m.

The Brass Studio program will feature students from the studios of *Joshua Long*, trombone, euphonium and tuba instructor; *Jay Moon*, trumpet instructor; and *Cecilia Buettgen*, French horn instructor. The group will be accompanied by pianist *Joseph Yungen*.

Performers will include *John Sommerfeld*, on the trumpet, performing "Adagio" from "Concerto for Trumpet in B-flat" by Joseph Haydn and "The Heavens Declare" by Benedetto Marcello; *Ashlee Gojeski*, on the French horn, performing "Nocturno, Op. 7" by Franz Strauss; *Hanna Livingston*, on the French horn, performing "Concerto No. 1, Op. 11" by Richard Strauss; *Chris Kennedy*, on the tuba, performing "Introduction and Dance" by J.E. Barat, edited by Glenn Smith; *Mark Sebright*, on the trombone, with electronic recording, performing "A Doll" by Jim Snidero; *Maakeh Boayue*, on the trombone, performing "Morceau Symphonique" by Alexandre Guilmant; and *DeAndre Cook*, on the trombone, performing "Trombone Concerto" by Launy Grandahl.

CES at FSU to Present 'Christmas With the Annie Moses Band'



CES at FSU will present the Annie Moses Band in a performance of beloved Christmas carols and holiday favorites on **Saturday, Dec. 2**, at 7:30 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall.

The Emmy Award-winning folk band is well-known for fiery string playing and soulful renditions of beloved American songs. From the spirited renditions of "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," "Deck the Halls" and "The Sussex Carol" to the breathtaking beauty of "O Holy Night," "Christmas With the Annie Moses Band" promises an evening of invigorating and reverential music.

The Annie Moses Band has wowed audiences throughout the United States with an original sound that fuses American roots, folk rock and jazz. Named for their great-grandmother, the all-sibling, Juilliard-educated ensemble enchants with stirring instrumental flair and shimmering layered vocals. Three popular concert specials on PBS have earned praise from a diverse fan base of classical connoisseurs, roots enthusiasts, jazz aficionados and bluegrass buffs.

Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$25.20 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.

Dr. Mark Gallagher, Marka Gustavsson and Frank Corliss Performing in Faculty-Guest Artist Series Concert

The FSU Department of Music will present *Dr. Mark Gallagher*, Marka Gustavsson and Frank Corliss in a Faculty-Guest Artist Series concert on **Sunday, Dec. 3**, at 3 p.m. Gallagher will play the clarinet, Weber, the viola, and Corliss, the piano.

The program will include "Trio in E-flat Major, K. 498" ("The Kegelstatt") by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, "Märchenerzählungen ('Fairy Tales') in B-flat Major, Op. 132" by Robert Schumann, "Homage à Robert Schumann, Op 15/d" by György Kurtág and "Eight Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano" by Max Bruch.

The "Kegelstatt Trio, K. 498" is a piano trio for clarinet, viola and piano. Mozart wrote it in Vienna in 1786 and dedicated the piece to one of his students, Franziska von Jacquin. The German word Kegelstatt means "a place where skittles are played," akin to a duckpin bowling alley. This clarinet-viol-a-piano trio was written when the clarinet was still a relatively new instrument and helped increase the instrument's popularity.

One of the last works to come from Schumann's pen before his attempted suicide in 1854, the "Märchenerzählungen ('Fairy Tales')" is nevertheless lighthearted, though tinged with a disturbing agitation. Compared to the earlier "Märchenbilder ('Fairy Pictures')," "Märchenerzählungen" embraces a greater balance between Schumann's inclination for literature-inspired music and the absolute music of the Classical era. In "Fairy Tales," he draws closer to his solo pianistic roots.

Kurtág is an award-winning Hungarian composer of classical music, and a pianist. He was an academic teacher of piano at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music from 1967, later also of chamber music, and taught until 1993. "Homage à Robert Schumann" was written in 1990.

Bruch composed his "Eight Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano" in 1909, at the age of 70, for his son Max Felix, a talented clarinetist. The "Eight Pieces" favor rich, mellow instrumental hues in the alto range of the instrument and an autumnal maturity of expression, deeply felt but purged of excess. In this composition, the clarinet and viola are evenly matched, "singing" together in duet or "conversing" in dialogue, while the piano serves as an accompaniment partner.

A dedicated chamber musician, Gustavsson has performed across Europe, Canada and the U.S., as well as in China, the Philippines, Japan and Israel. She has been a frequent guest artist of chamber music festivals and has appeared as a guest of the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society, on WQXR's Showcase Concerts and with the Yale Faculty Artists' Series. Gustavsson serves as faculty at Yellowbarn's YAP sessions in Putney, Vt., and holds a teaching position at Bard College and Conservatory, where she oversees the chamber music program and performs as a member of the Bardian Ensemble.

A faculty member at the Bard College Conservatory of Music, Corliss is a frequent performer on the Boston Symphony Prelude Concert series. In addition to his duties at the BSO and Walnut Hill, Corliss has worked as a musical assistant for Yo-Yo Ma. He can be heard on Yo-Yo Ma's Grammy-winning Sony disc "Soul of the Tango," as well as the Koch International disc of music by Elliott Carter for chorus and piano with the John Oliver Chorale.

Woodwind Studio in an Evening of Saxophone, Flute and Clarinet music

FSU's Department of Music will present the Woodwind Studio in an evening of saxophone, flute and clarinet music on **Sunday, Dec. 3**, at 7 p.m. The concert will also feature the FSU Saxophone Quartet. Accompaniment will be provided by pianist *Joseph Yungen*.

The program for *Dr. Brent Weber*'s saxophone studio includes "Allegro" from "Sonata for Alto Saxophone and Piano" by Lawson Lunde, performed by *Jonathan Kidwell*; the well-known "Prelude" from "Suite No. 1, BWV 1007" by Johann Sebastian Bach and arranged by Ramon Ricker, performed by *Caitlyn Rund*; and the lively and technically challenging "Allegro con moto" from "Concertino da Camera" by Jacques Ibert, performed by *Eric Foreman*.

The FSU Saxophone Quartet will perform "Introduction et Variations sur une Ronde Populaire" by Gabriel Pierné, one of the most "complete" of the French composers, who was able to evoke many shades of emotion and feeling, and "Ulla in Africa" by Heiner Wiberny, a German jazz saxophonist and flutist.

The program for *Marla Nistico*'s flute studio includes "Syrinx for Solo Flute" by Claude Debussy, performed by *Jennafer Stevey*. The short flute solo "Syrinx" was composed in 1913 to accompany a scene in Gabriel Mourey's play "Psyché," in which the Greek mythological character Pan dies. Also on the program are "Ballade for Flute and Piano" by Albert Péroilhou, performed by *Alexandra Hill*, and "Sunday Morning for Flute and Piano" by Ian Clarke, performed by *Shefali Shah*.

The program for *Dr. Mark Gallagher*'s clarinet studio includes "Sonata in B-flat Major, Op. 167" by Camille Saint-Saëns, performed by *Carmen Grimes*; "Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano" by Malcomb Arnold, performed by *Joshua Bittinger*; "Romanzen, Op. 94" by Robert Schumann, performed by *Elizabeth Munger*; "Piece en Sol Mineur" by Joseph Barat, performed by *Linda Bryson*; and "Trois Pieces, Op. 20" by Rene de Boisdeffre, performed by *Patience Loscomb*.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presentations

Academic Enrichment Series

Michelle House, an academic counselor in the Center for Academic Advising and Retention, will present "Preparing for Finals" on **Wednesday, Nov. 29**, from 3 to 3:50 p.m. and on **Monday, Dec. 4**, from noon to 12:50 p.m. (bring your lunch!). Both sessions will be held in Lane 113.

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

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

Points of Pride

State Health Department Names FSU to List of 'Healthiest Maryland Businesses'



FSU's new mile-long Bobcat Walking Trail starts and ends near the Clock Tower in the center of campus.

FSU's focus on health in the workplace has led Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to recognize the University on its newest list of "Healthiest Maryland Businesses."

DHMH issues the recognition to employers that invest in employee health and worksite wellness. Focusing on health helps employers and employees thrive, according to DHMH, as healthier employees tend to have reduced healthcare costs and absenteeism and increased productivity and performance.

"People are our most important resource here at Frostburg State University, and like any institution, we function best when our employees strive to remain healthy and fit," said Lee Ann Nightingale, manager of Benefits and the Wellness Program at FSU. "I'm so proud to see FSU recognized for our efforts to create a healthy, vibrant workplace. I look forward to working with DHMH's specialists to identify even more ways of encouraging the well-being of our employees."

A new initiative among many healthy living activities offered at the University is the mile-long campus Bobcat Walking Trail. It was inaugurated on Wednesday, Oct. 4, by about two dozen faculty and staff who embarked on group walks with their colleagues. More than 60 workplace walks took place that day across the state to mark Walk Maryland Day 2017.

FSU also hosted a Health Fair in coordination with the Allegany Health Department on Thursday, Nov. 16, featuring healthcare providers from across the county.

FSU's Healthiest Maryland Businesses recognition brings access to a series of statewide learning events and regional trainings from DHMH and other health agencies, as well as free technical assistance from DHMH's Worksite Wellness Specialists. Those specialists provide science-based health resources and help employers develop annual worksite health improvement plans.

As a recognized Healthiest Maryland Business, FSU will also submit annual Worksite Health Scorecards, helping DHMH assess existing strengths and identify areas where it can offer additional support.

FSU currently offers a broad range of activities, events and policies designed to promote healthy lifestyle choices. Frostburg's non-smoking campus encourages the cessation of tobacco use. Dining Services at FSU lists calorie counts and serving sizes on its website for each dish at every dining location, as well as guides to healthy eating. The Activities for Life program offers a variety of health-oriented classes such as water aerobics, group exercise and cardiovascular fitness classes, dance-based exercise classes and a thrice-weekly Masters Swimming Class with FSU's swim team coaching staff.

Staff and faculty can use the Cordts PE Center's gymnasiums, weight rooms, climbing wall, running tracks and more. The new Bobcat Walking Trail adds a convenient 1-mile walking path through FSU's scenic campus.

The start of the Bobcat Walking Trail, marked by a series of red signs, can be found at the FSU Clock Tower, heading northwest toward University Drive. There, the trail follows the road west past Bobcat Stadium. The trail then turns south through the FSU Arboretum, parallels Braddock Road to the Pealer Performing Arts Center, before looping back toward the Clock Tower and ending behind the Hitchins Administration Building. The Bobcat Walking Trail is open to the public free of charge.

To learn more about wellness at FSU, visit www.frostburg.edu/wellness. For info about the Healthiest Maryland Businesses initiative, visit www.healthiestmdbusinesses.org.

Don Swogger Presented With Outstanding Mentor Award at FSU



FSU's Outstanding Mentor Award was presented to *Don Swogger*, the director of the S.A.F.E office and an advisor for the BURG Peer Education Network, for his genuine support for students and for being a positive role model. He was recognized on at this year's Career Expo Luncheon in October.

Swogger has worked at FSU with BURG for more than 20 years. In addition to his dedication to BURG and S.A.F.E, he is an adjunct faculty member in the Recreation and Parks Management program.

"I truly believe that Don Swogger is a real-life definition and embodiment of servant leadership, both here on campus and within his own community. He is not fixated on winning or getting recognition; he sincerely just wants to see each and every one of us succeed," wrote Mark Freeman, a 2011 graduate and former member of BURG.

Swogger encouraged students that he mentored to constantly strive for progression in their leadership skills, Freeman said.

"Don has taught me so much about life. He taught me how to care for people unconditionally, how to take healthy risks and the true meaning behind servant leadership. I cannot even begin to imagine what type of person I would be or where I would be had it not been for the S.A.F.E office, the BURG Peer Education Network and Don Swogger," he wrote.

Swogger has a Master of Education degree from FSU, with a concentration in health and psychology. As a hobby, he coaches high school baseball.

Swogger was also recognized in 2015 as a BAACHUS Initiatives/NASPA Outstanding Peer education advisor.

The Outstanding Mentor Award is presented by the FSU Career and Professional Development Center. For info, call 301-687-4403.

Take Note

FSU Children's Literature Centre Hosts 14th Annual Storybook Holiday



Young storybook fans can meet and be assisted by elves like these from last year's Storybook Holiday, from left, Kevin Keh, Michael Tartt, Andy Wall and Jennifer Schofield.

FSU's Children's Literature Centre will begin its season of cheer with its 14th annual Storybook Holiday celebration on **Saturday, Dec. 2**, in downtown Frostburg. The festivities begin at 8 a.m. and end with a holiday-themed movie, "Holiday Inn," starting at 7:30 p.m.

The event is welcoming to all ages and features a parade, cookie decorating, storybook readings, trolley rides and many more family-friendly activities. In addition, attendees get the chance to meet Santa and authors/illustrators Joan Waites and Lezlie Evans.

The day of events begins with Breakfast With the Elves at 8 a.m. at Hotel Gunter. Tickets are \$6 per person and are sold in advance at the hotel. After a delicious breakfast, some of the elves will battle one another in the Elf Olympics at the Broadway parking lot at 9:30 a.m. When the friendly competition ends, attendees can view the Mountain City Center for the Arts kickoff performance before the parade in front of Gunter Hotel. The fun run, Run Your Bells Off for Autism, will start the parade at 10:30 a.m.

Following the parade, from 11 a.m. to noon, Tail Waggin' Tutors will provide storybook readings at the Frostburg Community Library. There will also be readings from noon to 1 p.m. at United Methodist Church and from 1 to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, both on Main Street. At 11:30 a.m., the Frostburg Dance Academy will perform at the Broadway parking lot.

In addition, a variety of high-spirited seasonal activities will take place at City Place, 14 S. Water St., from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the Elves' Secret Workshop, letter writing to Santa, photos with elves and a miniature train display. Trolley rides will be available during the event.

Waites and Evans will begin their presentations at 11:30 a.m. at the Frostburg Community Center. Later, from 2 to 3 p.m., they will host book signings at City Place. Waites is the author of "An Artist's Night Before Christmas"; Evans is the illustrator of "Finding Christmas."

Free cookie decorating and a cookie contest will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Gunter Hotel. At 4 p.m. in the Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St., the children's play "A Storybook Holiday Mystery," written by Ann Buskirk and directed by Josh Mallow, will be presented. Admission is free.

As the activities of the day come to an end, the Festival of Trees takes place at City Place from 5 to 6 p.m. Celebrators will meet Santa, cookie contest awards will be announced and live entertainment will be presented. The last activity takes place at the Palace Theatre at 7:30 p.m., with a showing of the 1942 movie classic "Holiday Inn," featuring the music of Irving Berlin and starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. Tickets are being sold in advance at Main Street Books and cost \$5 per person.

For info, call 301-687-3133 or email clc@frostburg.edu. Updates can also be found at www.facebook.com/clcfsu.

FSU Foundation Raising Funds to Support WFWM Public Radio and Annual Fund on Giving Tuesday

Every year, Americans sit down with friends and families on the third Thursday in November for Thanksgiving. For the past six years, on the following Tuesday, the international community has also celebrated Giving Tuesday, a day when people support participating charities around the world.

For 2017, Giving Tuesday falls on **Nov. 28**, and the FSU Foundation, Inc., will take part for the first time, raising funds for two causes that benefit students and residents in Western Maryland, WFWM Public Radio and the FSU Annual Fund.

WFWM, Western Maryland's local source of NPR programming, plays an important role in the regional community. From its eclectic variety of music and news from around the world, to its community calendar, live musical events throughout Western Maryland and much more, WFWM is "always good company." As a public radio station, WFWM relies on financial contributions from listeners to provide the first-rate programming that Western Marylanders have come to enjoy.

The FSU Foundation will also raise funds to support Frostburg's Annual Fund, which gives the University flexibility to meet unexpected needs and fund new programs and initiatives.

The Annual Fund makes a major impact in Frostburg by responding to emerging needs of the University community. Since 2009, the Annual Fund has issued 220 Opportunity Grants to support student and faculty initiatives. Those grants, totaling more than \$650,000, have funded numerous meaningful programs and experiences. Just one example is the annual College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium. In May, 221 students from 13 academic departments presented 137 unique research projects to an audience of faculty, staff, students and community members.

To make a gift in support of either of these initiatives, visit www.frostburg.edu/makeagift and select WFWM Public Radio or Annual Fund from the drop-down list of designations, or call 301-687-4068.

To learn more about the FSU Foundation, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation. To learn more about the international Giving Tuesday movement, visit www.givingtuesday.org.

Food Recovery Update for the Week Ending Friday, Nov. 10



FSU's chapter of the Food Recovery Network Chapter recovered **170 pounds** of food from Campus Dining for the week – **39** from Chesapeake and **131** from the Lane Center! FRN donates these collections to the Western Maryland Food Bank.

The grand total so far for the fall 2017 semester is **1,022 pounds!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE DO CALL 301-687-4000, OPTION 2, or check the FSU website at www.frostburg.edu.

Local Radio/TV Stations

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

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

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

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It

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

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

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

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

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

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Jessica Smith in France (summer 2017)

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

For info, contact Sarah Heilig at 301-687-4747 or seheilig@frostburg.edu.

Volunteer and Study Abroad in Peru in Spring 2018



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

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

The approximate cost for travel is \$1,670 (which includes flight, accommodations, meals and insurance). The application deadline is **Friday, Dec. 15**. For info, contact Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4747.

Student Life

Edgewood Commons Contracting for Spring 2018

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

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.

Go Green for the Holidays!



Take your own bags on shopping trips.

Conserve energy when shopping by combining several trips in one.

Purchase gifts that are fair-trade, locally made or grown, or organically grown, or make your own gifts.

Give gifts that are durable, energy-efficient, recyclable or made of natural products.

Donate to a charity or service organization in the name of a friend or relative who supports that cause.

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

INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

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

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