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FSU Named to MONEY's 2017-18 'Best Colleges for Your Money'

FSU has again been ranked one of the "Best Colleges for Your Money" by MONEY Magazine in its "uniquely practical analysis" of America's 711 best-performing colleges for 2017-18. The University appeared on MONEY's inaugural ranking last year and moved up more than 100 places in the new ranking.

"From our founding, Frostburg has focused on delivering a quality, affordable education. We continue to honor the legacy of our founders by remaining affordable and launching our graduates to successful and satisfying lives," said FSU President Ronald Nowaczyk. "MONEY's ranking really highlights the tremendous value our students find in Frostburg."

MONEY studied about 2,400 four-year colleges and universities, eliminating two-thirds of the schools in its initial cut. Each of the remaining 711 schools merited placement on the Best Colleges for Your Money list, where they were analyzed and ranked.

MONEY wrote in its accompanying article, "You've heard of the Ivy League? Nowadays, bragging rights are going to colleges in what we'll dub the 'Paycheck League' – schools that the real numbers show provide a boost in the job market."

FSU ranked 506 on MONEY's 2017-18 list, an improvement of 100-plus places over the previous year's list, which saw the University tied at 622 of 705.

MONEY's analysis examined 27 unique data points in the categories of quality, affordability and alumni success, which surveys show are the most important metrics for today's parents and students. For each category, at least one "value-added" metric was used, revealing a "school's performance after subtracting the impact of its average student's test scores and percentage of low-income students." That methodology allowed MONEY to examine a school's impact on its students rather than measuring the impact of incoming students on their schools.

FSU's ratings page can be viewed at time.com/money/best-colleges/profile/frostburg-state-university. To view the complete ratings page, visit time.com/money/4846024/best-colleges-for-your-money-2017.

Celebrate Region's Unique Culture and Resilience With Appalachian Festival



FSU's much-anticipated Appalachian Festival will return for its 12th year **from Thursday, Sept. 14, to Saturday, Sept. 16**. The free, family-friendly event brings together artists and craftspeople to celebrate all that makes the region unique – its history, culture, music, food and more – with performances, workshops, displays, discussions and activities.

The capstone of the festival is the concert, "An Evening of Appalachian Music – Old-Time, Blues and Bluegrass," on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre at 31 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Three masterful ensembles will be featured, including Back Porch Blues, an all-star, down-home acoustic trio consisting of the incredible guitar and vocal work of Eleanor Ellis, the blues harmonica virtuosity of Jay Summerour and the percussion talents of Eric Selby; the Critton Hollow String Band, who with fiddle, hammer dulcimer, banjo and guitar, tend a stable of songs from the first settlements of Appalachia to the best of contemporary American folk music; and The Church Sisters, a duo whose mesmerizing music chronicles their childhood with a haunting sound and bluegrass twist. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for FSU students and youth 18 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

This year's festival focuses on "Sustaining Community and Community Wealth Building," featuring stories of community-based economies and socially responsible benefit corporations.

Exploration of the topic will begin Thursday with the film "Look and See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry" at 7 p.m., also at the Palace Theatre. "Look and See" is a cinematic portrait of the changing landscapes and shifting values of rural America in the era of industrial agriculture, as seen through the mind's eye of writer, farmer and activist Wendell Berry. Afterwards, there will be a discussion of the film by organic farmer Anthony Flaccavento.

On Saturday, the Session/Jam Tent returns again this year. Musicians of all levels can gather on the Upper Quad throughout the day and play their instruments to the tune of Appalachian genres, including bluegrass, mountain music mix, Celtic and old-time.

Also on Saturday, two stages will host a variety of musical groups from across the region. Blue Hill Bluegrass, Dearest Home, Highland Grass, Brush Creek Bluegrass, the Davis & Elkins College Appalachian Ensemble, Black Diamond Bluegrass, New Creek Station, Old Pitch, and the Barnstormers and RockCandy Cloggers will perform on the Compton stage. On the Thomas Subaru stage, the Rev. Frankie; Time Travelers; Rachel Eddy and Ken Kolodner; Cory and Heather Wharton; Sparky and Rhonda Rucker; Loretta Hummel and Paul Dix; Amy Lough Fabbri; Dakota Karper, Pete Hobbie and Steve Ritz; Jay Smar; Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer; and Carrie and Michael Kline will appear. In addition, the Garrett Highlands Pipes and Drums and Frostburg Arion Band will perform on the grounds.

Chapel Happenings will include a Community Singalong focusing on songs of hope, peace and healing at 11:30 a.m. in Cook Chapel. Those interested in stories and music can check out Storytelling in the chapel from 12:30 to 3:15 p.m. Accomplished storytellers Adam Booth, Thomas Burnett, Katie and Otto Ross, Stas' Ziolkowski, Jo Ann Dadisman and Ray Owen will enchant the audience with stories and lore inspired by their Appalachian upbringings. Then at 4:15 p.m., join capstone performers The Church Sisters for an interactive harmony-singing workshop.

Throughout the day, attendees can visit the Explorations Tent. Featured are Preservation Maryland, dedicated to preserving Maryland's historic buildings, neighborhoods, landscapes and archaeological sites; Scales to Tales, an educational program using non-releasable birds of prey and reptiles; a discussion of refugee resettlement in Appalachia; Adventure Capital, an economic initiative launched through the nonprofit advocacy group Engage Mountain Maryland; the Allegany County Women's Action Coalition, which works to help local communities thrive; and Stop the Potomac Pipeline, dedicated to stopping fracked gas from being piped from Pennsylvania to West Virginia.

In the Folkways Tent, festivalgoers can learn how to play the dulcimer or join a dance workshop, as well as learn about smaller-scale local food production and the ballad traditions of the area.

In addition to plenty of food and entertainment for all ages, the festival will provide activities and programming specifically for children, who can enjoy an interactive performance by Grammy Award winners Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer; join in singalongs with multi-instrumentalist Ray Owen; join the Sunnyland Band and play along on spoons, jugs, washboards and all kinds of instruments from other countries; paint goat-shaped silhouettes at the Capering Kids 4-H Goat Club display; and make traditional Appalachian toys at Hands-on Arts.

A variety of artisans are also featured throughout the festival, offering tatting, mountain dulcimers, pottery, jewelry, knitting, baskets, portrait art, nature photography, decorative gourds, fiber arts, multicultural arts, sassafras root beer, woodworking, pewter and botanical drawings. Also on the grounds are the Heishman HoneyB Hut, the Nettle Patch, the Western Maryland Chapter of the Archeological Society, Engage Mountain Maryland, Appalachian Mountain Books, Wynter's Haven, the Frostburg Museum Association, Yellow K Records, the Allegany County Women's Action Coalition, the Allegany and Garrett County Bird Club and the Appalachian Laboratory.

Appalachian Festival Symposium to Highlight Community Wealth Building



Author Anthony Flaccavento

A discussion of building a healthy local economy will lead off FSU's symposium on "Sustaining Community and Community Wealth Building" on **Friday, Sept. 15**, as part of the annual Appalachian Festival. The symposium will provide the community with an opportunity to engage in productive and positive discussions about the region's obstacles as well as its opportunities.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. on FSU's Upper Quad with a presentation by Anthony Flaccavento, author of "Building a Healthy Economy From the Bottom Up." Flaccavento is a nationally recognized sustainability thought leader who will introduce the audience to the innovators who are creating thriving, locally based economies and provide a road map for others interested in doing the same. He will demonstrate that, despite the success of local initiatives like farmers' markets and clean energy cooperatives, true and lasting change of this type stalls without appropriate discussion and implementation of public policies that define their lasting impact. He will show how active citizens can spur essential changes, generate community capital, increase civic dialogue and foster sustainability efforts.

Following his talk, at 10 a.m., Katie Parker, a research associate at The Democracy Collaborative, will present "Community Wealth Building: Strategies That Invest in People and Place." Her work focuses on how hospitals and health systems can leverage their business practices to support inclusive economic development. Parker is the co-author of the "Hospitals Aligned for Healthy Communities" toolkit series and conducts research on promising practices in the field of anchor institution strategies.

At 11 a.m., Mike Battle, senior vice president and chief operating officer for EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc., PBC, will present "Embracing Conscious Capitalism," focusing on EA's journey to becoming a public benefit corporation and its alignment with the company's environmental mission, employees' interest in supporting their communities and EA's commitment to corporate social responsibility.

Friday's events will also feature roundtable discussions with community leaders at noon, giving participants the opportunity to apply relevant case studies to regionally based economic development scenarios. Topics include anchor institutions, adventure capitalism and geo-tourism, local foods initiatives, co-ops and benefit corporations, Maryland State entrepreneurial opportunities and more. At 2 p.m., symposium leaders will offer an overview of the roundtable discussions and work with participants to develop a potential path for moving forward and following up on these ideas.

The symposium will conclude at 3 p.m. with a tour of what was once Brownsville, the home of Frostburg's African-American community, on what is now the upper part of FSU's campus. From 1927 through the 1950s, the state purchased property and homes in Brownsville to expand State Normal School No. 2, FSU's original name.

For info on all Appalachian Festival activities, visit www.frostburg.edu/events/afestival or contact Kara Rogers Thomas at 240-522-7635 or krogerstomas@frostburg.edu.

Entertainment

CES to Open Season With Canine Performance of 'Mutts Gone Nuts'



CES at FSU will open its 2017-18 season with two hilarious performances of "Mutts Gone Nuts" on **Sunday, Sept. 17**, at 2 and 6 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center.

Deemed "a must see" by The Washington Post, "Mutts Gone Nuts" is a comedy show featuring a cast of talented rescue dogs that astonish with feats of jumping, flipping, "talking" and tightwire walking. The delightful show promotes the adoption of rescue animals; one dollar from each ticket purchase will benefit the Allegany County Animal Shelter.

"Mutts Gone Nuts" was created by seasoned comedy duo Scott and Joan Houghton. Together, the pair has brought their unique blend of physical comedy and circus arts to audiences from Las Vegas to Tokyo, including three years with country star Lee Greenwood at his Tennessee theatre, and seven years as the featured comedy act at Dolly Parton's theaters in Branson, Mo., Orlando, Fla., and Myrtle Beach, S.C. This program marks a homecoming of sorts for *Joan Houghton*, who graduated from Frostburg in 1983.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for youth under 17. Member and group discount rates are also available. For info, contact the CES box office at 301-687-3137 or visit CES' webpage at ces.frostburg.edu.

Theatre

CAST Presents 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at FSU



The Cambridge University American Stage Tour (CAST) will entertain at FSU again with its performance of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on **Monday, Sept. 18**, at 7:30 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall.

This romantic Shakespearean favorite surrounds the planned arranged marriage of Hermia and Demetrius. Hermia's father asks the Duke to punish his daughter to the fullest extent if she disobeys the arranged marriage, but she elopes to the woods with her true love, Lysander. While in the woods, Puck, a servant of the King of Fairies, creates chaos when he uses a magic potion on his queen and another couple. The magic potion leads to a frenzied love circle, creating many entertaining complications among magic folk and mortals alike.

CAST began 17 years ago, and every September the group of Cambridge University students travels to the U.S. to perform Shakespeare's plays. CAST hosts educational workshops in addition to its performances.

Tickets are \$6 for students and \$12 for general admission and will be available at the door. For info, call 301-687-4221.

Dance

CES at FSU Presents Tango Buenos Aires in 'The Spirit of Argentina'



CES at FSU will host the spectacular dancers and musicians of Tango Buenos Aires in a passionate performance of "The Spirit of Argentina" on **Sunday, Sept. 24**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Drama Theatre of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center.

The dancers and musicians of Tango Buenos Aires are celebrated for impeccable technique, dramatic flourish, unbridled passion and authentic interpretations of the Argentine tango. The Washington Post praised their "swirling, fast-paced tapestries of movement, laced with proud postures and sensual couplings."

In "The Spirit of Argentina," the company pays tribute to "The King of Tango," Carlos Gardel, a forerunner in the early 20th-century Argentinian tango scene. Featuring a live orchestra, "The Spirit of Argentina" showcases the unbridled passion and emotion that have made tango a cultural phenomenon.

On **Thursday, Sept. 21**, at 7 p.m., CES will offer a free tango workshop taught by professional ballroom teacher and performer Jennifer Christophel. The workshop will take place in the Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Attendance is limited and prior registration is requested. To register, email ces@frostburg.edu or call 301-687-3137.

Performance tickets are \$29 for adults and \$26.10 for youth under 17. Member and group discount rates are also available. Tickets may be ordered online by visiting ces.frostburg.edu or 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

Faculty Artist Series – Joseph Yungen to Perform Famous Sonatas



FSU's Department of Music will present pianist *Joseph Yungen* in a Faculty Artist Series concert on **Sunday, Sept. 24**, at 3 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall. The recital is free and open to the public.

The program will include a variety of famous sonatas.

Ludwig van Beethoven's "Piano Sonata No. 26 in E-flat major, Op. 81a," known as the "Les Adieux" sonata, was written during 1809 and 1810 after Napoléon Bonaparte's attack on Vienna forced Beethoven's patron, Archduke Rudolph, to leave the city. Beethoven titled the three movements "Lebewohl" ("The Farewell"), "Abwesenheit" ("The Absence") and "Wiedersehen" ("The Return") and reportedly regarded the French "Adieux" (said to whole assemblies or cities) as a poor translation of the feeling of the German "Lebewohl" (said heartfully to a single person). The sonata is one of Beethoven's most challenging because of the mature emotions to be conveyed throughout. It is also the bridge between his middle and later periods.

"Piano Sonata in A Minor, D. 784" is one of Franz Schubert's major compositions for the piano. He composed the work in February 1823, perhaps as a response to his illness the year before. The D. 784 sonata, Schubert's last to be in three movements, heralds a new era in his output for the piano, and is a profound and sometimes almost obsessively tragic work.

"Piano Sonata No. 4 in F-sharp Major, Op. 30" was written by Alexander Scriabin in 1903. It consists of two movements, "Andante" and "Prestissimo volando," and is the shortest of the composer's sonatas (about 8 minutes). The sonata is written in a post-Romantic style, similar to Scriabin's other works of the time. The first movement is expressive and calm, and the second, celebratory and climatic.

Sergei Prokofiev's "Piano Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major, Op. 83" (written in 1942 and occasionally called the "Stalingrad") is the second of the three "War Sonatas," which contain some of Prokofiev's most dissonant music. It has been suggested that after forcing himself to compose a cheerful evocation of the nirvana Stalin wanted everyone to believe he had created, Prokofiev subsequently, in these sonatas, expressed his true feelings. It was therefore ironic that Sonata No. 7 received a Stalin Prize (Second Class).

For info on Yungen, visit www.josephyungen.com. For info about the concert series, contact the Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

MCTA to Present Folk Singer Aoife Scott in Next Celtic Music Series Concert



FSU's Mountain City Traditional Arts will continue its Celtic Music Series with a performance by Dublin-based folk singer Aoife Scott on **Sunday, Sept. 24**, at 3 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.

A product of two of Ireland's most treasured singers, Frances Black and Mary Black, Scott carries on the family tradition with a sublime voice that is fragile and ethereal one minute and strong and vibrant the next. She has become an up-and-coming force on the Irish folk and traditional scene, and her evocative singing was featured on the Independent Film and Television Alliance award-winning TV series, "1916 Seachtar na Casca."

The final act in the series will be the trio Barrule on **Thursday, Oct. 19**, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Presentations

Internationally Known Storyteller Kendall Haven to Speak Sept. 14



Kendall Haven, an internationally known storyteller who shares his knowledge of the cognitive science of story, as well as its structure and architecture, will speak on **Thursday, Sept. 14**, at 4 p.m. in Gira Center 397. The presentation is free and open to the public.

A West Point graduate who also holds a graduate degree in oceanography, Haven turned to a career as a performing storyteller more than 30 years ago. His experience and research culminated in two books that have revolutionized our understanding of the relationship between the human mind and the elements of effective story structure,

"STORY PROOF: The Science Behind the Startling Power of Story" and "STORY SMART: Using the Science of Story to Persuade, Inspire, Influence and Teach."

Haven will also speak at the South Cumberland Library on **Saturday, Sept. 16**, at 2 p.m. as part of its reopening celebration.

For info, call the Children's Literature Centre at 301-687-3133.

Is Christianity the White Man's Religion?



Frostburg CRU will host the Rev. Michael Crawford, who will present "Is Christianity the White Man's Religion? A Discussion of Race and Religion" on **Thursday, Sept. 28**, at 8 p.m. the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall of FSU's Lane University Center. The event is free and open to the public.

For info, email cru@frostburg.edu.

Academic Enrichment Series

Dr. Bob Doyle, professor emeritus of FSU, will give a presentation, "Promoting Student Learning in Intro Courses: One Approach," on **Monday, Sept. 11**, from 1 to 1:50 p.m. in Lane 113.

Are you taking an intro course this semester? Do you need tips for improving your learning skills in your courses? Learn how to study for exams, gain test taking strategies and much more!

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

Readings

CLA Kicks Off Fall Reading Series With Author Charley Henley

FSU's Center for Literary Arts will present author Charley Henley on **Tuesday, Sept. 19**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theatre at 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. This event is free and open to the public.

Born in Maryland, Henley bounced around as a child, living everywhere from a back-to-the-land community in eastern Washington to rural Rankin County, Miss., disparate locales with people who have fueled his stories. He attended the University of Montana, studying philosophy, working in restaurants and wandering in the woods. He did his graduate work at the University of Alabama and Florida State University. His fiction has appeared in "Best New American Voices," "The Greensboro Review" and "Copper Nickel," among other publications. Currently, he lives with his wife and children in the Seattle area. He teaches at the University of Cincinnati. "The Deep Code" is his debut collection of short stories.

Visual Arts

Visual Arts Presents Exhibition by Thomas Kerr



FSU's Department of Visual Arts will present an exhibition by artist Thomas Kerr, including drawings, sketches, lines and satire, through **Tuesday, Oct. 10** in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery (118) of the Fine Arts building. This event is free and open to the public.



Kerr is a professional illustrator who has worked in the New York area for 30 years. He is a graduate of the Alberta College of Art and Design and earned a master's in visual journalism from the School of Visual Arts. Kerr has been published widely in the United States, and his editorial illustrations have been featured in *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Newsday*, *The Village Voice*, *The LA Times* and *The San Francisco Chronicle*. His work is syndicated by Now What Media via the INX group. Kerr is a tenured professor at St. John's University, where he teaches illustration and contributes to *The Wave*, Rockaway Beach's local newspaper.

The gallery is open Sunday through Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m.

For info, contact Dustin Davis at ddavis@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

Three Employees Honored With Staff Awards for Excellence



Pictured from left are Sgt. Thomas Bevan, FSU President Ronald Nowaczyk, Lisa Toni Clark and Jeffrey Pfister.

FSU honored three outstanding employees, **Lisa Toni Clark**, **Sgt. Thomas Bevan** and **Jeffrey Pfister**, at its recent State of the University Presentation. The annual Staff Awards for Excellence recognize exceptional service to the institution. Recipients are nominated and chosen by their colleagues. This year's award winners have served FSU for a combined total of 41 years.

Clark, director of A STAR! AmeriCorps, was honored in the Exempt (salaried) employee category.

An FSU employee for 22 years who is based at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown, she serves as an FSU ambassador, FSU recruiter, community leader, peace crafter, mentor and artist. Clark is a true servant leader for the University and the community, and she has served FSU and Western Maryland with distinction. Her constant contributions in her areas of involvement make her a worthy recipient of this award as one of her letters of support attests – "I have a home, car and a real-life dream because of Mrs. Lisa Clark, and every day when people tell me they are proud of me, I thank God for introducing me to Lisa Toni Clark."

Bevan, of University Police, won the award in the Nonexempt Employee category. He was first hired as a student working in the summer for the FSU Facilities Department, and in 2005, he became an FSU groundskeeper. In February of 2010, Bevan was hired as a University Police Officer I. In addition to his duties as the evening shift supervisor, he also serves as the first aid training coordinator, assists with supervision of the body-worn camera program and serves as the FSU Fire Department liaison. In 2016, Bevan distinguished himself working with FSU's Student Leadership Conference. Through his participation in this initiative, he was able to dispel negative perceptions some students have about police officers. He has also been a volunteer firefighter for more than 20 years and serves on the Board of Trustees as a member of Frostburg Fire Department No I.

Pfister was recognized in the Nonexempt Employee/Facilities/Maintenance category. A carpenter in the University's multi-trades shop since October 2010, he is approachable and always willing to help with whatever needs to be done. In addition to his fine work on campus, Pfister has been also involved in the volunteer fire service for more than 32 years. He serves as the assistant fire chief for the Shaft Volunteer Fire Department.

This year marks the 20th year the Staff Awards for Excellence have been presented. To date, 57 employees have been honored.

Award recipients are given a plaque, a certificate commemorating their dedication and a monetary award. Staff Awards for Excellence are funded by the FSU Foundation's Annual Fund Campaign.

Take Note

Celebrate Constitution Day With Ben Franklin!



The Ort Library will celebrate the 230th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on **Monday, Sept. 18**, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come meet Ben Franklin, one of the original signers of the Constitution, who will join the celebration!

Stop by and pick up a copy of the U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It at the Ort Library's circulation desk (on the third floor). Be sure to visit the Constitution Day display on the fourth floor of the library. You can even get a Constitution crossword puzzle while you're there!

Be sure to go to the [Constitution Day Guide](#) web page, where you'll find links to:

- A [podcast](#). The Constitution Center has just launched a new series, "The Candidates and the Constitution." The first episode, "[Article II and the Powers of the President](#)," will air on **Friday, Sept. 15**.
- The [Interactive Constitution](#) app
- Videos, such as the PBS series, "Constitution USA" on the [Kanopy Videos](#) tab (available until **Sunday, Oct. 15**)

International Day of Peace Programming

Each year, the world observes **Sept. 21** as the International Day of Peace. For 2017, FSU will bookend "World Peace Day" with programs celebrating the promotion of peace and the work of world-renowned peacemaker Mahatma Gandhi.

On **Wednesday, Sept. 20**, at 6 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center Hall of Fame Room, attend a screening of Richard Attenborough's "Gandhi," winner of the 1982 Academy Award for Best Picture.

On **Friday, Sept. 22**, join with the campus community at 1:30 p.m. between the Gira Center and Compton Science Center to dedicate Frostburg's "Tree of Peace and Humanity" in honor of Gandhi's lifework.

Following the tree dedication, at 2 p.m. on **Friday**, participate in "Planting Seeds of Peace," an interactive public presentation by Srimati Karuna, director of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Center in Washington, D.C.

For info, contact Dr. Elesha Ruminski at elruminski@frostburg.edu.

Questions About the Honors Program?

If you have questions regarding the University Honors Program, come by the office in Fuller House. The office hours of **Dr. Gregory Wood**, an associate professor in the Department of History and director of the Honors Program, are 9 to 11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There are also student assistants available throughout the week. For info, email program.honors@gmail.com.

Take Over the @FrostburgState Snapchat Account!



Do you know a current FSU student who would be interested in sharing his or her FSU experience with the @FrostburgState Snapchat? Hey, maybe that's you! Show us how you're all about that Bobcat life. Visit <http://bit.ly/FSUSnap> and we'll evaluate your Snapchat Takeover idea and contact you to set up a meeting with our team to discuss being featured as one of our "Takeover Tuesday" students. Be sure to respond by **Wednesday, Sept. 13**.

For info, email socialmedia@frostburg.edu. Other requests for event takeovers will also be considered.

Required Employee Training – Intersections

In support of FSU's commitment to maintain a positive, productive work environment that is free from any form of harassment and to provide all employees with the knowledge and skills needed to fulfill their responsibilities, FSU is implementing a required online training program, Intersections.

Intersections discusses the ways employees can identify harassment, discrimination, retaliation and related misconduct, prevent their recurrence and report such instances to the appropriate department.

All full-time employees and contractual faculty members are asked to complete this training program. The deadline for completion is **Friday, Oct. 13**.

For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/titleix/education-and-training/online-education.

Fall 2017 Annual Diversity Retreat

FSU students interested in diversity issues have another opportunity to participate in the Annual Diversity Retreat, scheduled from 4 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 27, through Sunday, Oct. 29**, at 1 p.m. This year's theme is "Building Community Through Self-Awareness," and the retreat will include a diversity workshop and other related activities intended to promote student awareness and empowerment in diversity, equity and inclusion issues, and coalition building.

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 prepared to become part of the work of creating and maintaining a safe and welcoming environment at FSU. This is an excellent opportunity to spend quality time with students from various identity groups to develop relationships and understandings that reach beyond the surface.

Applications will be available in the Center for Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Hitchins 116, and at the Lane Information Desk. Completed applications must be submitted by **Friday, Oct. 13**, for the October retreat. Participation is limited and there is a selection process based on information provided in the application. Applicants are advised to submit a thoughtful response to the paragraph prompt. Those selected to participate will be required to complete additional forms to confirm the commitment to attend and participate.

This annual event is coordinated by CSDEI. FSU faculty and staff members are encouraged to promote this program to their students and consider making participation an option for class assignments, as appropriate.

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

SSA Offers Study Hall



Hey Bobcats! The Secular Student Alliance at FSU invites you to its Secular Study Hall again this semester. This is a quiet place to study, chat and meet others. Group information and light snacks will be available also. The study hall is held **Wednesdays** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Gira Center 157. For info, search Frostburg SSA on Facebook, Bobcat Connect and Twitter or email frostburg@secularstudents.org.

Upcoming BURG Events



BURG events for the week are as follows:

- S.T.A.R., **Tuesday, Sept. 12**, 7 to 8 p.m., Lane 113
- Suicide Prevention Table, **Thursday, Sept. 14**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lane Center
- General Body Meeting, **Thursday, Sept. 14**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Compton 224

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

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. The number of tickets will be determined at a later date, based on the number of graduating students.

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.

Follow @FrostburgGrad on Twitter or follow Frostburg Graduation on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

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.

United Campus Ministry

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

'Hygiene Kits' Needed for Hurricane Victims

Hurricane season is not even halfway done and already two major storms are leaving destructive paths. Many are asking how they can help. The United Methodist Committee on Relief, a disaster relief organization, is requesting "Hygiene Kits," which are very easy to make and include needed personal hygiene supplies. Perhaps your department or organization would like to help? UCM will collect these kits on campus until **Friday, Sept 15**. Check your email for information on how to make them or contact Chaplain Cindy. You can drop kits off at the following locations: Ort Library, Lane Center Information Desk or Hitchins 308.

Community Spirit Nights at Bob Evans

Community Spirit Nights will be held at Bob Evans **Thursday, Sept. 14**, and **Thursday, Sept. 21**, to benefit FSU student campus ministry groups. You will need a flyer to submit at the time of checkout, and Bob Evans will give 15 percent of your check for student events and activities on campus. For a flyer, contact Chaplain Cindy.

UCM Events

"A Circle of Prayer Service," a contemplative worship experience, will be held every **Sunday** from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in Cook Chapel (the basement of Frost Hall). This event is open to everyone in the community and will provide unique opportunities with guided meditation each week.

Cook Chapel is open for personal prayer, meditation and reflection **Monday through Friday** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you want!

Student Life

Where Are You Living on Campus at FSU?

Edgewood Commons Contracting for Fall 2017

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.

FSU-TV3

Did You Know That FSU-TV3 Has Science and Technology Programming?



Here's a sample of the channel's shows on the subject:

- "Future Talk" examines the global impact of technology, both for good and bad, and tries to see where it is leading us. Tune in **Sunday through Saturday** at 3 p.m. and at other times, too.
- "Peak Moment: Locally Reliant Living" is a show that features grassroots effort exploring locally reliant lifestyles. Tune in **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays** at 10 a.m. and at other times.
- "SEA-Inside Pacific Northwest" is a TV journey to meet the neighbors who live below the surface of Pacific Northwest waters. Tune in **Monday through Friday** at 3:30 p.m. and at other times.

To find out more about the channel's lineup, log on to www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/programming/sciencetechnology. Follow FSU-TV3 on Social Media – on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FSUTV3>, Twitter at <https://twitter.com/fsutv> and Instagram at <https://instagram.com/fsutv3>.

Community

Mountainside Baroque Opens Season With 'Totally Telemann'



Baroque flutists Kathie Stewart (left) and Sarah Lynn will perform with Mountainside Baroque.

Mountainside Baroque's seventh season, "Festive Baroque: The Power of Music," will open with a performance titled "Totally Telemann" on **Sunday, Sept. 17**, at 4 p.m. at the Shrine of St. Peter and Paul in Cumberland. The concert marks the 250th anniversary of the death of Georg Philipp Telemann, the most prolific, revered and famous composer of the first half of the 18th century.

A small sampling of Telemann's many thousands of works will be featured. Foremost will be "Suite in E Minor for Two Flutes and Strings" from his famous 1733 composition, "Tafelmusik," with Kathie Stewart and Sarah Lynn as soloists. Also on the program will be two of his sacred choral works – "Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn" and "Schaffe in mir Gott."

Tickets are available at the door or in advance at www.mountainsidebaroque.org. For info, visit the website or call 301-338-2940.

Study Abroad

The Dominican Republic in Winter 2018



AAST 490/ENGL 490 The Slave Narrative will take place during Intersession 2018. This online class will feature eight days in the Dominican Republic where you will explore the area's rich biodiversity while learning how reforestation and ecotourism efforts have significantly helped replenish the land. As you're immersed in the local culture, you'll work together with nonprofits and community members to build sustainable solutions to the conservation, economic and social challenges they face. A \$400 discount is available for those who register by **Friday, Sept. 15**.

Trip details may be found at www.efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/1997507NM. For info, contact Dr. Amy Branam Armiento at abranam@frostburg.edu.

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.

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.

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