Yet he has a future as a medical researcher, a drug and alcohol counselor, an Army physician’s assistant, a physical therapist, an athletic trainer and a baseball coach. Lewis Ort, who made his mark on the world with the invention of diet bread, also left a legacy through his years of philanthropy. That legacy continues to shape the lives of Frostburg State University students, including the six recent Ort Scholarship recipients whose aspirations are listed above. These dreams are being sustained by the scholarships he established to support the study of science, graduate study in physical education and athletics management or simply access to education for academically strong, but needy, students in Frostburg’s immediate region.

Live for others. Live through others. Create a legacy.

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LEADERSHIP
LEARNING
LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE
I t truly seems like just yesterday when I arrived in Frostburg and climbed up to my third floor apartment in the Gunter Hotel, but it was actually five years ago, August 2006, that I became president of Frostburg State University. The Gunter was to be home during the next 15 months during the construction of our house in Frostburg.

Looking back over these five years at Frostburg State University, I feel pride in the accomplishment of meeting so many of the goals we established since I arrived. In 2006, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education report, completed not long after my selection as president, presented a number of issues to address that quickly became my marching orders: enrollment, strategic plan, regional economic development, fundraising and institutional identity.

Five years later, I believe we can look with pride at what we have accomplished:

- Record enrollments and improving student credentials
- A strategic plan process that engages the campus community and provides for transparency and a clear path toward our goals
- A fully occupied FSU Research Center in the Allegany Business Center at Frostburg State University, a positive presence on Main Street and thriving new programs designed to meet workforce needs
- A successful comprehensive fundraising campaign and a robust new philanthropic spirit
- A clearer and more positive University brand and reputation, including growing recognition of FSU as a national model in the fight against binge-drinking, which is starting to counter the false, low-standard/party school image that FSU has had to battle

Regular readers of Profile have been introduced to many of the accomplishments highlighted above. Still more achievements will be detailed in this issue. But while anniversaries tend to lead to reflection, my focus is forward, on that work that remains to be done. We are continuing to raise our academic standards, improve our retention and graduation rates, and expand our focus on experiential and service-learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Construction of our long-awaited Center for Communications and Information Technology building will begin within the year, and we are planning for a new College of Education and Health Professions as well as a new residence hall. Our initiatives in sustainability and personal wellness through CHILL (Creating Healthy, Informed, Lasting Lifestyles) are beginning to take off. And each year we get an influx of new students who constantly re-introduce us to the transforming possibilities inherent with higher education.

I want to thank all of our alumni for your care and consideration toward your alma mater and for the opportunities I have had to get to know you as well as I have. Thank you also for the enormous value that you bring to our University every single day by continuing to advance our good name in your own communities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter
President

From the President

President Gibralter congratulates SGA President Ian Spears at May’s commencement. Read more about Spears on page 16.
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Leading by Example

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Is That Call From FSU?

To help you identify whether a telephone call is bogus or legitimately from our student phonathon callers, here is a guide: For a legitimate call, your Caller ID should show Frostburg State University and the number 1.866.241.3296. You may also ask the caller to put a supervisor on the line to provide additional verification. Anyone with concerns is urged to call us at 301.687.4161.

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**Frostburg State University wins National Climate Leadership Award**

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**Wind and Solar Energy Program Highlighted in New ARC Report**

FSU was one of six institutions recognized by the Appalachian Regional Commission in the report Green Schools and Sustainability in Appalachia: Case Studies in Rural Practice, which illustrates how they are providing critical leadership and training for the emerging green energy industry and helping communities develop markets for green products and services. The publication highlights best practices in Appalachian colleges that are environmentally sustainable themselves and foster education-community partnerships to support local economic growth.

According to the report, research indicates that energy-efficiency investments could create 77,000 new jobs in Appalachia by 2030 while curtailing projected energy use by 24 percent.

Highlighted was FSU’s Wind-Solar Energy (WISE) excellence in the support of students, faculty and staff in organizing and delivering E(LG), the only-known magazine on sustainability that is 100 percent written and edited by college students. FSU is also home to a wind-solar energy system and offers renewable energy workshops to the community. FSU was recognized in The Princeton Review’s Guide to 286 Green Colleges, which highlights institutions that have demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability through their campus infrastructure, activities and initiatives.

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FSU Receives National Recognition for Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) announced that Florida State University (FSU) has been awarded the 2010 Honor Roll of Community Service Award for its commitment to community service.

FSU was named to the list of 256 award recipients for its efforts to engage students, faculty, and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community. The Corporation for National and Community Service, which has administered the Honor Roll since 2000, admitted a total of 661 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth.

FSU was previously a member of the 2008 Honor Roll, and in 2000, was awarded the first-ever Higher Education Award for Leadership in National Service by the CNCS. “Congratulations to Frostburg State University and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities,” said Patrick A. Corvino, chief executive officer of CNCS.

“We salute all the Honor Roll awardees for embracing their civic mission and providing opportunities for their students to tackle tough national challenges through service.”

Verdi’s “Requiem” at FSU a Five-Year Labor of Love

In a project that was first germinated in 2006, the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, FSU University Chorale and the Cumberland Choral Society joined forces this spring to perform Giuseppe Verdi’s 90-minute masterpiece, “Requiem da Requiem,” a program of the FSU Cultural Events Series and led by MSO Conductor Elizabeth Schulze.

It was a long time dream of Dr. Karen Soderberg Samaker, professor of music, to have the University Chorale perform the sacred piece. Over the course of five years, organizers pulled together the resources, funding, schedules and artists to create what Mary Jane Plummer, director of CESS, called “a labor of love.”

The FSU Cultural Events Series is best known for its live performances, but it also has a strong focus on educational outreach and experiential education.

“This collaborative project exemplifies the best of all three,” Plummer said. “Requiem was first performed in 1874 in the church of San Marco in Milan, Italy, and was conducted by Verdi himself. The large orchestra sound of the MSO complemented the classical “Requiem,” which is a Roman Catholic funeral mass written in commemoration of the Italian warrior, Alessandro Manzoni. Written for four vocalists, double choir and orchestra, 120 choral musicians from the University Chorale and the Cumberland Choral Society were accompanied by the MSO. Guest artists were soprano Lisa Williamson, mezzo-soprano Maria Dolan Barnes, tenor Jonathan Hudson and baritone Eugene Guile.

Relay for Life Raises Record-Breaking $52,000

In its most successful year so far, Frostburg State University’s annual Relay for Life raised $52,470, making a total of more than $250,000 raised for the American Cancer Society since FSU’s Relay began 10 years ago.

In advance of the Friday-evening-to-Saturday-morning event, 825 people — students, faculty and staff — had registered to walk, with another 50 registering on-site that evening. A total of 61 teams participated, with the What’s Up Doc? (Primary Medical Society) team raising the most, $6,167. “Relay for Life is the campus’ largest single volunteer effort each year, and the best-attended event of the year,” said President Gibson.

“I cannot imagine being more proud of our students for this effort,” said President Gibson, who participated in the relay. “I have not seen as much engagement and activity as I saw this year as we walked around the track. Every club and organization that was present was working hard to raise money.”

It’s still possible to contribute to help FSU’s Relay reach a “stretch goal” of $54,000. To contribute, visit www.neveralways.org.

The stage of the Performing Arts Center’s Pealer Recital Hall accommodated 200 performers at once for the choral and orchestral performance of Verdi’s “Requiem.”
LaFemina Presented With USM Award for Public Service

Gerald LaFemina, an assistant professor in the Department of English, was honored by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents with the Regents’ Faculty Award for Public Service. The award is the highest honor that the Board bestows to recognize exemplary faculty service. LaFemina’s honor marks the fourth time in the past five years that an FSU faculty member has been honored by the Regents.

LaFemina’s nomination highlighted his work piloting the Frostburg Community Writing, a literary arts outreach program developed within the Department of English and sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. LaFemina created partnerships with the arts, educational and business communities; developed quality education and community programming; and promoted the economic impact of arts programming to the community at large. He facilitated the move of the center to Main Street in Frostburg where they now serve as a partner in Arts Walks and other downtown activities. Under his direction, the center has served over a thousand writers during the past three years through such innovative programs as their veteran workshops, the Visiting Writers series, the One Act Playwriting, and many other activities.

In his nomination letter, Stephen M. Spahr, chief of staff and vice president for Economic Development and Government Relations, said that LaFemina is “an efficient and intelligent attorney able to cut quickly to the heart of an issue, proposing creative and effective solutions.” As a member of the Allegheny County Board of Education, the LaFemina native attended meetings “...has made many significant contributions to the community, but also has always preserved collaborations between the school system and the University, recognizing the importance of improving and increasing the education of the workforce in a county where most people do not have a college degree.”

Treber, an FSU employee since 1997, recently helped develop and strongly supported a new collaboration between the University and the Board of Education that creates a new path for students to take and receive credit for FSU courses while still in high school. She continues to encourage the board and the University to add courses to the roster so more high school students may be exposed to university-level work and earn credits. Within the FSU Department of Educational Professions’ curriculum, she also helped establish several class sessions where students visited teacher candidates to talk about issues of importance to parents and role play parent-teacher conferences. These classes exposed teacher candidates to an aspect of education they do not normally receive in regular classroom training—how to work with parents.

Other present community activities include serving as board member and chair of the Family Support Committee for Allegany County; board member, Allegany Law Foundation; board member, Foundation for Frostburg; board recording secretary, Soroptimist International – Frostburg Club; volunteer, Allegany Community Symphony Orchestra; treasurer and executive committee member, Friends Committee on National Legislation; and AFS-USA area chapter president.

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2011 Faculty Achievement Award Winners Honored

Three outstanding faculty members were honored at the annual University Honors Convocation held this spring. Karen A. Treber, Dr. Scott P. Johnson, and Dr. Yan Bao, all professors in the Department of Economics, were honored for Academic Accomplishment. Dr. Scott P. Johnson, the chapter president.

Aside from his expertise on economic policy, Anderson’s teaching ranges from helping new freshman majors to challenging graduate-level students; his ratings have been consistently high. As one of his colleagues states, Anderson is “hardworking, determined and always willing to go the extra mile to get the job done effectively.”

Over the past few years, Johnson, an associate professor of political science, has produced an impressive collection of scholarly work, the most prominent being a two-volume encyclopedia titled Trials of the Century: An Encyclopedia of Popular Culture and the Law. This work contains a chronological summary and analysis of over 100 American trials and is quickly becoming a valuable reference work for high school and college libraries around the country. Johnson has authored articles on Supreme Court decisions and criminal evidence in law journals and instructors manuals and study guides for two leading textbooks on criminal justice; he has also given numerous conference presentations on constitutional law and criminal justice. Johnson has been instrumental in mentoring FSU students, many of whom have gone on to law school and successful legal careers. Bao, an associate professor of accounting, has been involved in several projects with the U.S. Department of Commerce, the American Accounting Association, and the American Economics Association. She has been involved in the initiation of a program aimed at improving the University’s participation in the National Science Foundation’s grant program. She has also been involved in the development of several textbooks and study guides for two leading textbooks on accounting in high schools and college libraries around the country.

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Day Honored for Service to Alma Mater

The FSU Alumni Association honored Sandy Day ’67 with the Service to Alma Mater award for her consistent dedication to the advancement of FSU.

Day, the former president of the FSU Alumni Association and a current member of the FSU Board of Visitors, has received numerous accolades to serve on the Alumni Association board, has helped the University’s admissions office with new student recruitment and has advocated for FSU to legislators in Annapolis. Day has also been instrumental in establishing the Alpha Xi Delta Scholarship, which supports FSU students with a preference given to members or those with family who are members of the national sorority, as well as those who reflect the group’s values of education and service.

Day is a retired educator, serving for 32 years as a teacher and counselor in Montgomery County, Md., public schools. She is a singer for the national Christian Choir and has been a volunteer teacher in her church. This award recognizes alumnae who, through their consistent involvement and dedication, have made exceptional contributions to the advancement of FSU and have encouraged other alumnae to take an active role in supporting their alma mater.

Robin Wynder and Tony Zook Honored With Alumni Awards

Robin Wynder and Tony Zook ’80/M’87 were honored with the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award at the 11th commencement ceremonies in May.

Zook was honored at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony. He is executive vice president of Astrazeneca’s Commercial Operation responsible for worldwide marketing and sales activities, including the development of strategic marketing and pricing strategies designed to improve the health and quality of life of patients around the world. Prior to this role, Zook directed Astrazeneca’s largest market—North America—and headed Astrazeneca’s Global Marketing function. He was also president of Astrazeneca’s biologics business MedImmune. Zook joined Astrazeneca in 1984 as assistant marketing manager. He started her FSU career in 1986 as advisor/mentor for Student Support Services. After taking time to care for her family, Wynder returned in 1999 as assistant director for the Diversity Center; she is the Director. As a consultant in diversity and cultural competence, she has conducted workshops for schools, colleges, businesses and civic groups. Wynder is a trained facilitator of the National Coalition Building Institute and serves on the leadership team for the National Black African Heritage Constellation of NCBI. She founded “Sister to Sister,” a program mentoring females of color from elementary to college age and co-founded Preventing Premature Pregnancy Prevention Summer Camp program after learning that few local African-American children had prepared for or taken the PSAT or SAT exams. Wynder and her husband, Bernard ‘78/M’84, have two children and three granddaughters.

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed upon FSU Alumni. Consideration is based on outstanding professional career growth, community involvement, demonstrated interest in their alma mater, philanthropic commitment, community-service, academic background, which includes honors and involvement in special activities.

Robin Wynder and Tony Zook ’80/M’87 honored with endowed gifts to FSU. This award recognizes alumni who, through their consistent involvement and dedicated efforts, have made exceptional contributions to the advancement of FSU and have encouraged other alumnae to take an active role in supporting their alma mater.

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Lane University Center Rededicated

The renovated Lane University Center was rededicated in a special gathering in front of the new atrium waterfall. Student leaders, members of the Lane Center staff and other friends gathered for a ribbon-cutting by President Gibralter and Sam Griffith, immediate past president of the FSU Foundation, as well as those who had made gifts to have their name or the name of a loved one permanently associated with the student center building. A number of offices and rooms have already been named:

- The Bottom Line Office, named for Gladys Wessel Faherty ’55
- University Programming Council Office, named for Brian ‘81 and Connie Mattiogly
- Student Government Association Office, named for Ruby Riley, who was the SGA secretary from 1967 to 1998, through a gift from her son, Dan
- Fitness Center, named for AstraZeneca and its executive vice president Tony Zook ’82.

For information about other naming opportunities through gifts starting at $10,000, contact B.J. Davisson II ’81 at 301.687.4161 or bjdavisson@frostburg.edu. Commitments can be fulfilled over the course of up to five years.

Hunan University of Commerce, FSU Sign Letter of Intent

A delegation of officials from the Hunan University of Commerce, Changsha, China, visited FSU in March, signing a letter of intent that the first building block in working together to promote exchange and collaboration in education and research.

HUC Chancellor Dr. Yang Weisheng led the delegation, which included the University’s Vice President Lei Houjian and members of the faculty and administration. They met with President Gibralter, Provost Stephen Simpson, College of Business Dean Ahmad Toossan and other officials responsible for welcoming international students.

“it was our pleasure to host the delegation from Hunan University of Commerce,” Gibralter said. “This new friendship will help both of our institutions expand our international education and research opportunities.”

The HUC delegation came to Frostburg to begin the process of building a relationship. The two institutions have mutual academic and educational needs, and the letter of intent will allow them to work together in the future to promote exchange and collaboration in education and research, including exchanging students, faculty and programs. HUC and FSU, in particular, want to achieve an active exchange of students and faculty in the undergraduate Business Administration and graduate Master of Business Administration programs. Discussions will continue on the details and program requirements.

FSU’s new online MBA rated a national BEST BUY!

Frostburg State University’s new online MBA is already ranked ninth nationally as a “Best Buy” among online MBA programs with AACSB International accreditation by GetEducated.com, a computer website that reviews and ranks online programs.

Whether you pursue your MBA online or in class, be assured that FSU’s MBA program will help you advance your career and boost your earning potential.

Correction

In the last issue of Profile the photo and caption with the following story contained errors. Here is the correct version:

From left are Brian ‘81 and Connie Mattiogly, their four children (partially hidden in second row), Gladys Faherty ’55, incoming SGA President Mary Biscoe, President Gibralter, Sam Griffith, Dr. Jack Riley, Ruby Riley and (partially hidden) their son, Dan Riley.

Three Couples Swim Into Love

Valerie Stork Marrapodi ’01 & Benjamin Marrapodi ’04 Fairlee, Vt.
Jessica Bley Ryan ’03 & Kelly Ryan ’03 Westport, Md.
Melody Hanna ’05 & Ryan Kenzers ’04/M’07 Frostburg, Md.

“We have a unique tale to tell about a love story at FSU that starts in an unusual place – the FSU Swimming Pool. The Frostburg State University Swim Team may be the best matchmaker yet! From 2000 to 2005, six FSU swim team members have met on the FSU swim team, dated and become husband and wife. All six FSU alumni went on the swim team at the same time and remain – to this day – best of friends.

Three Couples Swim Into Love
Honors Program Celebrates 30 Years of Excellence

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very state wants to hold onto its best and brightest students, and Maryland is no exception: Back in the 1980s, education leaders realized that many of Maryland’s most promising scholars were leaving to seek their college degrees elsewhere. So the Board of Trustees for Maryland’s state colleges gave each state college funding to start honors programs.

In the fall of 1981, under the direction of Dr. Tom Bowling, who is now FSU’s vice president for Student and Educational Services, Frostburg launched its University Honors Program with Dr. Tom Bowling, who is now FSU’s vice president who directs the FSU Honors Program, Dr. Maureen Connelly, a professor of social work who directs the FSU Honors Program and who taught its first course years ago. “A hallmark of honors education is that it is a collaborative learning process.”

FSU honors students can do everything from co-facilitate the freshmen orientation course to serve on the Honors Program governing committee and as equal partners in the program’s curriculum and requirements.

Today, Maryland’s superstar students enrolled in Frostburg’s Honors Program are leaving the state for a much better reason. More often than not it’s because they’re embarking on a special project as part of an undergraduate research opportunity stipend or traveling to a nearby region to examine issues and ideas firsthand, as part of their studies.

There are just two ways that the Honors Program, which just celebrated its 30th anniversary and has grown to around 250 students, is helping FSU students and educators work hand in hand in developing a dynamic, interdisciplinary community focused on academic leadership and independent learning.

“If you walk by an honors class, you can feel an energy and mutual enjoyment,” said Dr. Maureen Connelly, a professor of social work who directs the FSU Honors Program and who taught its first course years ago. “A hallmark of honors education is that it is a collaborative learning process.”

Honors Program Celebrates 30 Years of Excellence

Amanda Kimble ’10

The small, seminar-style format of honors classes also supports an active, engaged learning experience, where faculty encourage and expect participants to contribute to discussions and do simulation exercises. These classes often focus on outside-the-classroom learning and include a variety of timely topics, such as “Environmental Issues in Ecuador,” “The International Human Rights Movement,” “Belief in God and Mainstream Science” and “Cars, Homes and Jobs: Building Sustainable Communities.”

“When I started at Frostburg, I wanted to do anything I could to further my academic success,” said Cumberland, Md., native Amanda Kimble, who completed her accounting degree in December 2010 and will begin working on her MBA at Frostburg this fall. “I knew that by joining the honors program, I would be challenged academically and I would be able to give myself a competitive advantage.”

Michaela Halsey ’11

“Everyone challenged each other to learn together,” said Valenta, who is a dental student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. “We’re performing research on an undergrad that may help develop tomatoes that are more resistant to insects, reducing the need for pesticides.”

FSU honors alumni Michaela Halsey ’11 did research with FSU biology professor Dr. Thomas Lambert while completing her major in wildlife and fisheries.

“He has offered me opportunities that I didn’t think I would get at my level in school, such as a publication,” she said. “Working in Panama with him has sealed my interest in neotropical fauna. It has been a gratifying experience that I would wholeheartedly do again.”

Originally from Covington, Va., Halsey was one of the top students at her high school and said she really wanted “to continue my academic success at the University.” In addition to the draw of the honors program’s academic enrichment through special course-work and research opportunities, Halsey was also attracted to other perks, including the accommodations (honors students can opt to live in two special honors dorms, Frost and Cambridge halls, which include covered single-occupancy rooms) and priority registration, which enables honors students to register early for classes before other students.

“Housing in Frost Hall is great because it is designated solely for freshmen honors students. It is easier to get help from other students because they are living in the same dorm and may be in the same honors classes,” said Deja Darden ’11. “In Cambridge there is a greater sense of independence to allow the students to mature, but it still allows the honors students to reside close to one another and to network through events.”

Honors students can also take advantage of other opportunities to band together, both academically and socially. First-year students can participate in the Honors FSU Connections learning community. The Honors Program also gives students Cultural Pasportos, which provides them with free tickets to University events. Honors Program participants must also complete a thesis as a capstone requirement, something that motivates them to do independent and in-depth research in their discipline or area of interest with the help of faculty mentors. They must select a thesis sponsor and form a thesis committee, much like students in graduate school pursuing master’s degrees.

According to Connelly, these strong support networks lead to academic excellence both at Frostburg and long after graduation.

“I think that the University Honors Program and FSU in general do a fantastic job of raising the bar for first-generation students,” she said. “Students who might have had doubts about attending college all of a sudden realize they have the intellectual ability to excel in graduate or professional school. ... We don’t have the precise data, but probably half go on to graduate or professional school right away. There is nothing more exciting than seeing students become excited about having an intellectual life.”

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Honors students can also take advantage of other opportunities to band together, both academically and socially. First-year students can participate in the Honors FSU Connections learning community. The Honors Program also gives students Cultural Pasportos, which provides them with free tickets to University events. Honors Program participants must also complete a thesis as a capstone requirement, something that motivates them to do independent and in-depth research in their discipline or area of interest with the help of faculty mentors. They must select a thesis sponsor and form a thesis committee, much like students in graduate school pursuing master’s degrees.

According to Connelly, these strong support networks lead to academic excellence both at Frostburg and long after graduation.

“I think that the University Honors Program and FSU in general do a fantastic job of raising the bar for first-generation students,” she said. “Students who might have had doubts about attending college all of a sudden realize they have the intellectual ability to excel in graduate or professional school. ... We don’t have the precise data, but probably half go on to graduate or professional school right away. There is nothing more exciting than seeing students become excited about having an intellectual life.”

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By Becca Ramspott
Foundation Plans Its Next Steps Following “Staking Our Claim”

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

On June 30, Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg successfully wrapped up, surpassing its $15 million goal by $1.7 million for a campaign total of $16.7 million. Now the FSU Foundation is looking to harness the momentum and progress of these campaign years to meet the needs and goals of the University and its students in the years to come.

This campaign has transformed the way we approach fundraising at Frostburg,” said President Gibralter. “Raising this University’s profile and building a robust philanthropic spirit were my early goals when I arrived at FSU. Now, with all of the USM institutions conducting campaigns simultaneously, I’m happy to report that FSU was one of the few to hit its goal early and significantly exceed that goal.”

Some significant milestones of the campaign include gifts from 5,611 donors who had previously never given to FSU, including 580 gifts of more than $1,000 each; a significant increase in donors paying by credit card, online or automatically through electronic funds transfer; and 40 new members of the Old Main Society, nearly doubling the size of that group. “The Old Main Society recognizes those people who have included FSU in their estate planning,” said B.J. Davison, ’81, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of FSUF. “This reality has required a change in culture and mindset not just from the board members and Advancement staff, but from alumni and friends of the University, from all FSU faculty and staff, and from students.”

Now FSUF is committed to raising $3 million to $3.5 million each year going forward, Davison said, with a goal of doubling the current endowment of $15 million. State funding, which during Frostburg’s history had long provided all or most of operating expenses, now covers only about a third. The bulk of that not covered through philanthropy must be paid by students.

The following are some of FSUF’s priorities and goals:

• Raising $2.5 million in merit scholarships by 2015, a goal set by the Foundation Board, as a way to respond to Gibralter’s call to recruit more academically strong students and free up more institutional funding for students with need.

• Increasing financial support of FSU athletics, an important part of college life, but one that cannot use state funding or tuition money to operate, only student fees and private giving.

• Doubling the membership in the Old Main Society to emphasize the increased importance that planned giving will have on FSU’s long-term financial stability.

• Raising $300,000 annually in unrestricted gifts, those that provide the University with the flexibility to address its most pressing needs and challenges.

Sam Griffith, president of the Foundation since 2006 and throughout the public phase of the campaign, offered praise for the Foundation’s Board of Directors, which built on a long-term, talented core of people with an infusion of strong new members.

“This group of remarkable individuals stepped up their involvement and commitment of time and effort to ensure that the goal was met,” Griffith said. “It is significant to note that each board member made gifts during the campaign, with a total of $1.4 million contributed by this group over the seven-year course of the campaign.”

Griffith, who stepped down as president with the end of the campaign, continued, “Moving forward, the board will need to continue to be responsive, as it will play a significant role in implementing FSU’s new strategic plan.”

Griffith served as president throughout much of the campaign, including its entire public phase.

Gibralter expressed praise and gratitude for Griffith’s leadership. “The amount of time and care he has offered – and the thoughtfulness of his approach to this board’s leadership – has been truly transformative. His impact is evident in the clarity of the board’s mission and the commitment of time and resources from its members,” he said. “To have devoted so much time and effort to this institution despite not being an alumus or, before his Foundation involvement, having no real affiliation with FSU is a testimony to the kind of person he is.”

Operating a fundraising campaign during the dramatic shifts in the economy over the past seven years illuminated a truth that has guided the board and the Advancement staff: “Regardless of financial resources, station in life and daily schedule, one will ultimately find the time and money for causes deemed important,” Davison said.
Six Members Join Board; New Slate of Officers Take Helm

Now that the FSU Foundation has wound up the successful Staking Our Claim—the Campaign for Frostburg, a new slate of officers and the board, including a handful of new directors, will lead the group’s next steps to build on the campaign’s momentum.

The new officers are Quincy Crawford ’65, president; Mary Clapsaddle ’83, vice president; Lynn Flke, secretary; Joe Pace, treasurer; Sandra Saville, assistant treasurer; Director-at-Large Gladys Wensel Faherty ’55. Sanford Day ’67 and Ken Oldham ’91 have been immediate past presidents. Scott Griffin. Joining them on the 36-member board will be a top pharmaceutical industry executive, an airport CEO, a former FSU education professor, a technology procurement manager, a demolition and excavation company executive and a retired Air Force colonel and military analyst.

“Tremendous State and national support has allowed the Staking Our Claim steering committee to fulfill the quality of the board. ‘I’m pleased and proud to be involved in one of the most active and involved foundation boards in the University System of Maryland,’ said Stokes. ‘I’m excited by what the future holds.’

The new board members, all alumni of FSU, are Tom Clapsaddle ’82, Jeff Fegan ’76, Dr. Mary Kay Fiman M’81, Brian Mattlyy ‘83 and Tony Zook ’82. Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Ronald Forrester ’67 also joined in November. Creament, a political science graduate, is manager of Technology Consulting and Data Analysis within Marriot’s Technology Management Center, with responsibility for the processes and procedures that result in the expenditure of more than $40 million annually. Before moving into technology procurement in the private sector, Gaument started his career working for several members of Congress, initially as a legislative aide and progressing to systems manager for the computer networks that were then becoming part of congressional offices.

Fegan, a geography graduate, has been CEO of the Delaware-Fort Worth Airport since 1994; he joined DFW in 1994 as chief planner. Fegan is past chairman of the Board of Directors of Airports Council International – North America. He is an accredited air- port executive and a member of the American Association of Airport Executives. He also earned a Master of City Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology and completed the Stanford Executive Program at Stanford University.

Finan, who earned a master’s degree in education, is a lifelong educator, starting her career at Flintstone School, and joining the faculty of the FSU College of Education in 1991. She is now a professor emerita. She continues to be active professionally, serving as a member of the Maryland State Board of Education. Her commu- nity involvement includes serving on the board of the Allegheny Valley League for Children and the Archdiocese of Baltimore’s Independent Review Board on Child Abuse.

Forrester, a history graduate, is a senior military analyst for Science Applications International Corp., supporting the Department of Defense’s full-service intelligence, dem- ination and site preparation contractor whose projects include university facilities; hos- pitals and projects for the mili- tary; and private concerns such as hotels, condos and office build- ings. Previously, Mattlyy was project manager for Quad Group of America and vice president of Administration for Haas & Broyles Excavators, Inc.

Zook, a biology graduate, is execu- tive vice president of AstaZeneca’s Commercial Operation responsible for worldwide marketing and sales activities, including the development of strategic, marketing of prescription medicines designed to improve the health and quality of life of patients around the world. Prior to this role, Zook directed AstaZeneca’s largest market – North America – and headed AstaZeneca’s Global Marketing Function. He was also president of AstaZeneca’s biolog- ics business MedImmune. Zook joined Astra USA in 1997 as vice president – Marketing and Sales, two years before the merger of Astra AB and Zeneca Group PLC in 1999. Zook earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from FSU and an associ- ate degree in chemical engineering from Penn State University. Zook was a member of the board for First Snow Foundation, the National Christmas Tree Association and the Board of Trustees for the Healthcare Leadership Council.

Matthews, an accounting graduate, is the president/president of Goldin & Stafford, LLC, in Large, she is responsible for the design, dem- ination and site preparation contractor whose projects include university facilities; hos- pitals and projects for the mili- tary; and private concerns such as hotels, condos and office build- ings. Previously, Matthews was project manager for Quad Group of America and vice president of Administration for Haas & Broyles Excavators, Inc.

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LEADING BY EXAMPLE

MAKING LEADERSHIP A HALLMARK OF THE FROSTBURG EXPERIENCE

FSU has drafted a new mission statement that reads, in part, “Frostburg … prepares future leaders to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.” While the teaching of leadership at Frostburg is nothing new, it has grown in importance and scope. In this issue, read about how some recent grads discovered the challenges of su

S everal years ago, if you had told Ian Spears, Rob Kesler and Kenisha Boone that one day they each would be asked to stand before hundreds of their college classmates and share their insights, they may not have believed you.

Before he arrived at Frostburg, Spears was an introvert who didn’t see himself doing anything other than graduating from FSU as quickly as possible. “I was more close-minded, not willing to go out of my comfort zone,” he said.

Kesler was living in Hawaii with his dad, having failed out of Frostburg with a 1.3 GPA after using alcohol and partying to distract himself from his mother’s losing battle with cancer. Boone was the child of parents struggling with addiction and enrolled in what she describes as “statistically the worst school district” in Maryland. She dreamed of college as her escape to a better future but was uncertain how she could afford it.

Yet on May 21, 2011, Kesler and Boone stepped forward and proudly took their turns at the podium as the student speakers representing their respective colleges for FSU’s 138th Commencement, an honor that belongs to the best and brightest graduates, nominated by professors. Spears sat listening among the orderly rows of graduates, having already made his way before his fellow students many times as the president of the Student Government Association, offering them words of inspiration, even comfort, at critical moments of his college career.

How does this kind of transformation happen? What does it say about how Frostburg is doing as an institution committed to providing unique and life-changing educational experiences for students?

LEARN LEAD

STUDENTS DISCOVER TRUE STRENGTHS THROUGH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

By Becca Rampott

“Pathways of Engagement”

Bill Mandicott witnesses transformation every day through his work as assistant vice president for Student and Community Involvement.

“You can come in here and be a student leader on top of your game or a student leader who is not quite sure where you’re headed, and you can discover yourself at either end of the spectrum,” he said. “We’ve found what Frostburg does provide is a foundation … preparing and teaching and developing the civic leader of the future.”

An advocate of incorporating leadership and service-learning into the college experience since he joined FSU’s staff more than 20 years ago, Mandicott and his colleagues have been working steadily over the past decades to build up the University’s student engagement opportunities. They recently took an inventory of the programs that give students what he calls “pathways of engagement” to discover their abilities as leaders. The compilation resulted in a 24-page document, the heft of which demonstrates how far FSU has come in growing and expanding its leadership programming.

“I’ve worked at institutions three times our size, and they’re not doing what we’re doing,” Mandicott said. “I have colleagues at other universities who are so jealous because, while as an institution we may not have the rich cash resources like some of the larger schools out there, we do have the working relationships and students who want to be engaged. We have unique programs that we’ve developed.”

For example, upon arriving at FSU, freshmen have the opportunity to join the Community Involvement Ambassadors learning community, which helps them refine their leadership skills by working with University programming, attending cultural performances and learning how to effectively manage student organizations. They can also get involved in FSU’s many volunteer and service-learning programs, including ECHOstars (formerly HallSTARS) and AmeriCorps. Every fall, new student leaders are invited to participate in the office of Leadership & Civic Engagement’s Leadership Retreat, which gives them the information and skills they need to kick off the year in a positive and proactive way. It’s the beginning of what can be a multi-year journey in leadership learning at Frostburg, leading up to two capstone experiences, the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership (see related story page 20) and President’s Leadership Circle (PLC), a year-long experience. Students must be nominated for Sloop and the PLC. Leadership is also built through academic experiences, especially in the leadership studies minor, academic programs in which students are practicing and learning leadership. “We look at their leadership development training as part of scholarship,” Mandicott said.

Inspiration to Move Forward

In a process common to many FSU students, Spears, Kesler and Boone discovered their own leadership qualities through the experiences in their educational journey at Frostburg. “It wasn’t my plan to get involved in anything, really,” Spears said. “I was planning on just being a regular college student, enjoying the regular college life. But that got boring really fast.”

Following the advice of a friend who said networking and giving back to the campus were key to enjoying college to the full-
Kesler, after falling out of Frostburg, worked as a director of a preschool and after-care program, eventually joining one of the largest elementary schools in Hawaii. The vice principal there took an interest in Kesler’s aspirations, something that would advance with a college degree. Kesler decided to return to FSU so he could “better understand my challenge that entailed writing appeal letters to be readmitted and starting out on academic probation. Kesler decided to make it right if FSU would give him a second chance.

Kesler had never tried or applied himself the first time around,” he said. “I really wanted to put my efforts into being a great student and making my time at Frostburg all it could be. Getting straight As was one of my major goals.”

Kesler ended up achieving that, maintaining a 4.0 after he returned, something he attributes to the newly committed environment but also to the great mentors he met at Frostburg, including President Gibralter; Dr. Amy Branam, assistant professor in the Department of English, who had the pleasure of advising Kesler, whose passion for books and sharing them with others spilled over into her love for learning as she pursued her English degree; “As a professor, watching students discover a new way of thinking and writing with literary interpretation is particularly gratifying, especially when I get to work with a mind as astute as Kenisha’s,” Branam said. Kesler was devoted to the fine arts, who sought out many writing opportunities to get involved in student organizations like the Latin American Student Organization and the BSA. Through scholarship and hard work, she eventually returned to the Tutoring Center, this time as a writing tutor.

“My heart goes out to the kids being trained to sit there and sit still for hours on end and try to process this information, and they’re being tested on it endlessly. … If the kids aren’t getting it, it doesn’t do anyone any good,” Kesler said. Teachers who want to adjust what they’re teaching in response to their students’ interest or need are faced with red tape and an unresponsive system, he said.

“You have to do what you’re told and teach what you’re supposed to teach, what the district says,” he said.

It was studying abroad as part of her double major in Spanish and criminal justice that changed Kesler’s perspective on life. “It was life-changing for sure. It changed my outlook,” she said. “I think I would have been a leader, but my perspective is a lot different today.”

Kesler is returning home to pursue a graduate degree in nonprofit management so she can one day run an organization specializing in aiding inner-city youth.

“For her, living a successful life is not a focus on money or fame, but to become a leader who lives her life ideally,” Gibralter said. “Just about every single College of Education professor has had an impact on me,” she said. “Dr. Barbara Omstein … you come to her class and you just know you’re going to take something meaningful, every time. She is one of the best storytell- ers; she always starts a lesson with a class with a story. … That’s one of her teaching strate- gies that I plan to use. … There have been days where it’s had everyone laughing because that they’re crying and days people are literally crying because her stories are very touching,” he said.

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SLOOP INSTITUTE DRAWS ON NAMESAKE’S INSPIRATION TO CULTIVATE CARING LEADERS

by Liz Douglas Medcalf

When Bill Mandcott is feeling low on inspiration, he returns to a photo tacked to the wall next to his computer. It’s of Dr. Richard Sloop.

“He watches over me,” said Mandcott, assistant vice president for Student & Community Involvement. “He speaks to me sometimes, to remind me about why we’re here.”

Even four years after his death, Sloop continues to be an inspiration. It started with “the boys,” ’70s-era alumni and Tau Kappa Epsilon members whom Mandcott had mentored and supported since they were freshmen. He and others said students and members who were drawn to the warmth and respect that the Sloop leadership model fostered, with an equal part of reflection, challenge and inspiration.

Today, students are drawn to the Institute for Excellence in Leadership, impressed by the foundation that bears his name, the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership.

In Leadership empowers Frostburg State University students, through an intentional, comprehensive leadership program, to make a difference in their local and global communities and engage in positive social change. The Sloop Institute endorses the values of self-knowledge, self-awareness, integrity, empowerment, collaboration, equality, citizenship and a service ethic.

When the founding alumni first proposed honoring their mentor, Dr. Alice Maniscus, then-vice president for Student and Educational Services, changed Mandcott with creating an leadership development experience for students, with an emphasis on the tenets that Sloop stood for.

As the program has evolved over the years, the endowment supporting it has grown to around $200,000. The program has increasingly brought together students and alumni from many eras, adding valuable depth and perspective to the sessions, and building bridges between alumni legacy and current students.

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When the founding alumni first proposed the Institute, Jeff Fegan ’76, CEO of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, was the keynote speaker, discussing the role of leadership in business and educating the students to surround themselves with good people, care about the people around them and have confidence in the people they are surrounding.

The students were encouraged to be a pre-retreat orientation to take advantage of the knowledge their dinner companions could share. At each of the dinner tables, students asked insightful questions of the alumni and key FSU employees they were paired with.

The rest of the weekend’s sessions were equal parts reflection, challenge and inspiration, seasoned with humor and fun to keep the conversations lively.

“Sloop is not just a weekend, not just an intensive weekend opportunity, is one of the strongest cornerstones of FSU’s growing, comprehensive leadership program. Its mission reads: “The Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership empowers Frostburg State University students, through an intentional, comprehensive leadership program, to make a difference in their local and global communities and engage in positive social change.”

The idea of leadership stems from the tenets that Sloop stood for. In Leadership, alumni and students work together to create an environment where students can learn about themselves and their communities.

Students are encouraged to find their place in the world and to make a difference in their local and global communities.

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William Webster '98
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Ian Spears'11 with Webster at the International Youth Leadership Conference in Prague in 2010

From left: Webster, Jennifer Chambers, co-founder of the International Youth Leadership Network, Spears, and FSU Dr. Tom Bowling

ALUM NURTURING COMMUNITY-BASED LEADERSHIP GLOBALLY

By Boca Ranssott

Like many college students, William Webster '98 studied abroad during his time at FSU. A history major who minored in international relations, he spent a year at the University of Schwabisch Gmünd, Germany, and a semester at FSU’s long-time partner institution, Mary Immaculate College, in Ireland.

But Webster also found ways to learn about the world right in his backyard. To pay for college, he worked as a delivery driver for Frostburg’s Peking House, and when he wasn’t making deliveries and washing dishes, he was trying to know his Chinese co-workers. “I got really close to the Chinese staff and was even invited to New York for the owner’s wedding,” he said.

Webster’s ability to make meaningful connections with people and become part of different cultures and communities has served him well: He’s now a global social entrepreneur, co-founder and executive director of his own nonprofit, Civic Concepts International, which focuses on providing youth leadership and development conferences that are held in locations such as the Czech Republic, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates. These conferences typically bring together 25 to 30 young people from around the world to participate in debates, discussions and simulations of real-world international leadership experiences, like United Nations meetings and an International Criminal Court Mock Pre-Trial.

To date, eight FSU students have had the opportunity for life-changing experiences at the conferences: three in Prague and five in China, at a special China International Youth Festival. “Sometimes you’ll have more in common with someone halfway around the world than with someone down the street,” Webster said. He didn’t figure out how to start and grow his own nonprofit by trying to meet other people’s expectations and goals they had for him. “If you want a career, sometimes it’s like there are all these checkboxes, things you’re supposed to do to get that career. But that’s missing the point,” he said. “It’s about the journey, not necessarily the destination.”

Following his graduation from Frostburg, Webster worked as a faculty advisor for the Congressional Youth Leadership Council in Washington, D.C., and became inspired by the concept of internationalizing the conferences, crafting an innovative, global leadership opportunity for young people. He explored this idea further. He volunteered and taught English in Prague and worked for the Youth Leadership Forum to support himself while gaining more experience in conference organizing. He raised about $15,000 for his first conference but realized he didn’t have enough money to cover all the expenses. “Instead of admitting failure, I pulled out my credit card and paid for the remaining conference expenses myself,” he said. His lesson: “If you start to learn how to fundraise easily, it can open so many doors.”

Running Civic Concepts International has also taught Webster about his own leadership style. He describes himself as a “people-based leader.”

“People are who make things happen. … If we want to make a project work, we have to drive it, but we also have to allow people to do it with us,” he said. “Instead of a bigger piece of pie, let’s make the pie bigger.” It’s also about trusting your own intuition and believing in what you want to be. “When you graduate from college, it’s an interesting and difficult time of your life. Grab those opportunities with both hands and find the passion that drives you.”

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FSU HAILED AS “NATIONAL MODE” IN BATTLE AGAINST BINGE-DRINKING

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Just in the first half of 2011:

• Gibralter was named to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism’s (NIAAA) 10-member College Presidents Working Group, a group charged with bringing significant attention to the binge-drinking issue and making relevant recommendations to college administrators across the country.

• FSU was visited by a team of top administrators from NIAAA, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Health and Human Services’ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. The team requested the meeting to learn more about FSU’s broad-based effort from those on the front lines, calling FSU a “national model” and commending those present for the “courageous conversation” they’re having on the issue.

• FSU was invited to join the national Learning Collaborative to Address High-Risk Drinking, an enterprise launched this spring at Dartmouth College and involving 32 U.S. colleges and universities, all taking a public health research-based approach to addressing college binge-drinking.

• FSU was awarded a National Collegiate Athletic Association Grant designed to better integrate athletics and Greek organizations into campuswide efforts to reduce alcohol abuse. With the grant’s funds, FSU will launch the three-year CHILL CHOICES project.

• FSU’s efforts were featured in an article in Social Work Today called “Culture of Intoxication – College Binge-Drinking.”

While FSU has shown a significant decrease in dangerous drinking behaviors, including a 27 percent decrease in reported binge-drinking between 1997 and 2009, the issues persist, and many of those behaviors still mirror the national average. Gibralter has set an ambitious goal to reduce the binge-drinking rate by another 25 percent by 2015. “There’s evidence that binge-drinking affects academic performance, affects attrition and increases the risk of sexual assault. There’s a tangible cost in dollars to institutions, as well as a cost to their academic reputations,” Gibralter said.

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For more information about Civic Concepts International, visit www.civicconcepts.org.
Leadership & Homecoming Weekend
October 20-23, 2011

Feeling nostalgic for a little Bobcat spirit? Recapture the fun and camaraderie of your days at the ‘Burg when FSU celebrates Leadership & Homecoming Weekend! Pull out your Frostburg sweatshirt and gather up your friends. We’ll be waiting!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011

Noon Retired Employees Luncheon
Atkinson Room, LUC
By Invitation Only

5:30 – 7:00 pm Pep Rally
Sponsored by Student Government Association
Join us to crown the Homecoming King & Queen
Main Arena

7:00 pm Air Band
Co-Sponsored by Student Activities and Greek Life
Bring a canned good to benefit the Frostburg Food Pantry.
Admission is FREE
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011

9:00 am – Noon Career Expo Luncheon
Campuswide
Career Expo 2011 – “Navigating Your Future”
The Office of Career Services invites alumni to share their life experiences with our students, and it’s a great way to reconnect with your alma mater. For more information, contact Donna Sivic at donna2@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4403.

Noon Career Expo Luncheon
Atkinson Room, LUC
By Invitation Only

5:00 pm Bobcat Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour,
Induction Ceremony & Dinner
2011 Inductees: Jay Heegeman ’73/W’87, Victoria Proctor ’86, Steven Schlegier ’91, Greg Sheedy ’63 and Patrick Sweeney ’68. Cost: $30 per person, $55 for children 12 and under. RSVP is required to attend. RSVP deadline: October 14
Main Arena Cost: $7 students, $10 non-students

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Making Connections and Networking Workshop & Reception – Sponsored by Black Student Alliance
The Greenhouse, LUC Cost: $15 per person, $8 children 12 and under
RSVP is required to attend. RSVP deadline: October 14

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ARNAH – Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall

1:00 pm Alumni Welcome Center
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Main Arena Admission is FREE

3:00 pm Alumni Welcome Center
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7:00 – 9:00 pm Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Breakfast
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011

9:00 am Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
A session will be held to adopt a list of bylaws that governs the Board of Directors. To review, visit www.frostburg.edu/admin/alumni/board-of-directors/
RSVP is required to attend. RSVP deadline: October 14
All alumni are welcome – please join us!

Noon Student Government Association Big Event
Join our students to clean up the streets of Frostburg!

To RSVP to any event listed, please contact the Office of Alumni Programs, phone 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu
To register online, go to www.frostburg.edu/admin/alumni/

Don’t forget to check out the Alumni Association website or the Alumni Association Facebook page, your main sources for information on the festivities.

Go Bobcats!
classnotes

F U N W I T H T H E C L A S S O F ‘ 6 1

1951
Mary Ann Oslund has been teaching a writing class, “Why You Like Story,” for the past 23 years. Before that, she taught elementary school for over 38 years.

1962
Carolyn Brooks McCrossin is still enjoying the great weather in Florida and misses her fellow FSU alumni to “c’mon in, the water is great!”

1963
Charlie Adcock was named Male Senior Citizen of the Year by the Jacksonville-Duval County Council on Elder Affairs and the Jacksonville Mayor’s Office for his volunteer work with the United Way of Northeast Florida.

1964
John Brant retired as a colonel from the Florida National Guard after 25 years of service including two tours in Vietnam and 27 years as a volunteer with the United Way of Northeast Florida.

1965
Donna Kennedy Brosnan enjoys being a grandma to three FSU Bobcats and three FSU Seminoles. Before that, she taught in the State of Ohio Board of Building Standards for 38 years.

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Jacqueline Miller Young was a volunteer with the United Way of Northeast Florida for 30 years. She currently serves on the Board of Directors.

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1975
Judith Rhine Haines was the teacher representative at the October 2010 classnotes.

1981
Anita McRae-Greene was named Woman of the Year by the Tri The Magazine. Greene is the outreach program director at The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, a component of the National Institutes of Health.

1982
Chris McGowan was hired as controller for Chernoff Industries, where he will provide financial planning and leadership, debt financing, and budget management for the company.

1985
Cathy Rucki Kelly was awarded Teacher of the Year by Holy Family Elementary School in Jackson, N.J., where she has been a physical education teacher for seven years.

1989
Jerry Price was named the Maryland State Department of Education Pride Award Winner for 2011.

1990
Beth Choute Burge is the associate publisher for Adventure Parent Magazine in Wilmington, N.C.

1991
Paul Drayn has been awarded the professional insurance designation Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter by the American Institute for CPCU. He is an auto claims representative with State Farm Insurance. He and his wife, Sheila Cunningham ‘90, reside in Frederick, Md.

1992
Eric Anderson was named director of Communications for Ashley Communities, Inc., in Germantown, Md.

1993
Eleni Giannakopoulos Swengler has joined Carroll Community College as director of Marketing and Creative Services.

1994
Doug Kustida recently completed a run as Leo in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat for the Phoenix Festival Theatre. He appeared as Leo in a series of commercials for Private Eye Software. He is in his 15th year of teaching and teaching at Parkway High School.

1996
Nathan Saunders (not pictured) and Donna Kennedy Brosnan (not pictured) were the 16 classmates from 1961, from left, Ronald Young, Wanda Hill Zink, Barbara Carbough Young, Kay Branch Chappell, Mary Angle Kuebler, Beverly Sparkler Kline, Ellen Hoepengartner, Wilma Stanley Valinetti, Judy Long, Robert Long, Kay Nelson, Jane Miller, David Williams, Joan Guard Fox, Arthur Scarpelli and Kayough Citron.

1999
Karen Stavros is a New York-based photographer who has photographed two former FSU students as part of a project for 10 years. Her photos of Mike Schmidt and Ty DeMartino have been featured in various publications, including Sports Illustrated and ESPN The Magazine.

2010
Ryan Wagner ‘02 has been spending the summer as a caveman. And he’s living the dream – the “MLB Dream Job,” that is.

The theatre grad is spending the summer as a caveman, a Manhattan storefront studio known as the MLB Fan Cave, where he and Mike O‘Hara will watch at least 2,454 Major League Baseball games. In addition to being “in-display” to people walking by on the street, they are chronicling their experiences and sharing their viewpoints on baseball and pop culture through Facebook, Twitter, a blog on MLB.com, custom videos and regular appearances on MLB Network.

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Alumni in the Spotlight

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Celebrating 50 Years of Sisterhood
The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta celebrated the chapter's 50th anniversary at a gathering in Westminster, Md., in May. More than 150 sisters attended to reminisce about their fraternity days, and to honor the charter members of the group. In the front row, from left, are Nadine Roberts ’62, Evelyn Walker Doerk ’63, Darleen VanRoon Miller ’62 and Sally Kelly Stillwagon ’62/M’72. In the second row are Carol Lydon Howie ’63, Mary Ellen Cunningham South ’63, Mary Katherine Reddick Preikszas ’64, Judy Marshall McIndoe ’64, Ann Swoboda Meyer ’62 and Rosita Lazris ’63.

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SAE creed of “the true gentleman” is what drew him and his friends to SAE when they were among a group of six “modern gentlemen” members of national SAE. Passman said that the engineering major/ police lieutenant and executive officer of the Anne Arundel County district. As much as his goodnatured outgoing personality was for the public, his willfulness and his commitment to doing the right thing was an example for his family. He was quite a goodnatured person.

Heather Wendie Petrello was recently appointed the inaugural Student Affairs and Assessment dean for the new College of Pharmacy at the University of South Florida. She is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership/higher education administration at Barry University.

2003
April Lueben earned her Master of Science degree in organization development from American University in December 2003.

2004
Melissa Warren Bolling became a licensed clinical professional counselor in August, allowing her to practice independently in Maryland. She continues to work as a therapist at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore.

Lee Chisholm has been promoted to branch manager of the Snow Hill office of Taylor Bank. He started with the bank as a teller in 2004.

2008
Christine Gane was crowned America’s Most Maryland 2011 on Jan. 8, 2011. She works in the emergency department at Western Maryland Regional Medical Center.

Marriages
1962
Colleen Nes Garrett and husband, Dan, celebrated 47 years of marriage. Gullan is retired after 30 years in education, and the couple resides in Woodbridge, Md.

1981
Suzie Simon Karlhein and her husband, David, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in April. They also celebrated the graduation of their son, Chris, from FSU in May 2010.

1982
Reginald Charlot married Dr. Teddie Woods at the Ridgeland Town Hall in Ridgeland, Miss., on April 29, 2011. Charlot is the director of tourism development for nine European markets for NCA & Co., New York City’s tourism promotion agency.

1999
Jawna Greer married Patrick Melcher ’99 on Sept. 7, 2009. On April 6, 2009, they welcomed daughter, Courtney Nicole, and they are expecting their second child.

1999
Kelly Yasami and husband, Ralph, welcomed daughter, Alexandra Mary, on Feb. 23, 2010. The couple married, John Christian (5). The family resides in Scandle, N.Y., where Kelly has her own business, Kelly Yasami Photography.

2000
Bryan Greenberg and wife, Lauren, welcomed their son, Benjamin Michael, on Feb. 25, 2011. The family resides near Atlanta, Ga.

2001

2003
Julie Bowen Hauhn and her husband, William, announce the birth of their son, Evan William, on Dec. 12, 2010. Heather Douglas Papp ’06 and her husband, Adam ’07, announce the birth of their son, Jonah, on Sept. 10, 2011.

Births
1995
Jonathan Alley and his wife, Sarah, recently welcomed son, Samuel William Jazoulian, who is vice president and product manager at Wells Fargo Bank, and appointed him to the Citizen- General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee for the City and County of San Francisco. Jonathan’s family is continuing the Frostburg tradition with his brother, Andrew Sherman, and a number of the FSU class of 2014.

2004
Julie Schibbeler Bland M’09, and her husband, Rick ’00, announce the birth of their son, Lawson David, on July 19, 2010. Julie is an associate director in the Office of Admissions at FSU and Rick is owner and president of Kick Masters Karate in Frostburg. The family resides in Loxale, Md.

2005
Laura Matthews Cooke and her husband, Andrew ’05/M’09, announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Faustina, on May 5, 2011. The couple lives in Staley, N.C.

Retirements

(September 1, 2011) Reyinaldo Azi, Jr., professor in the Department of Educational Professions, joined Frostburg in 1978.

Rose Berry, housekeeping supervisor, joined Frostburg in 1988.


David Deen, professor in the Department of History, joined Frostburg in 1972.

Kevin Pearson, webmaster, University Police; joined Frostburg in 1998.

Paul Lyons, professor in the Department of Management, joined Frostburg in 1970.

Linda McCalloch, professor in the Department of Behavioral Science; joined Frostburg in 1986.

Patrick Mclean, housekeeper, joined Frostburg in 1995.

Steven Ornstein, director, Telecommunications and Networking; joined Frostburg in 1986.

Marc Bousfield, professor in the Department of Communication Studies; joined Frostburg in 1979.


R. Vaughn Snyder, associate professor in the Department of Educational Professions; joined Frostburg in 1998.

Timothy Stevens, webmaster, University Police; joined Frostburg in 1991.

Lillian Taylor, administrative assistant, Departments of Marketing and Finance; joined Frostburg in 1996.

Ken Winner, Associate, College of Education; joined Frostburg in 1989.

60’s-era Sig Tau Returns to Campus

About a dozen brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma from the 1960 moved their annual beachfront development from American University in December 2000.

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director of Career Services, at

2007

2009

2011
In Memoriam

Alumni

1938 Sarah C. Secrest Zimmerman Sept. 27, 2010
1941 Mildred Largest Shockley Oct. 17, 2009
1943 Helen L. Browne April 25, 2011
1945 Eva A. Cook Rockwell May 4, 2011
1946 Mary G. Rollsia Strautz Dec. 26, 2010
1947 Shirley Mae Rose April 27, 2011
Sarah Lee Stotler Troutman Jan. 26, 2011
1949 Christiane Glennanne May 8, 2011
1950 Bernadette Palasz Jan. 29, 2011
1957 Dr. Thomas E. Rowan Jan. 25, 2011
1962 Lionel Baker May 11, 2011
1964 Mary Louise Goetschius May 30, 2011

1965 Mary C. Yann Lancaster Jan. 22, 2011
2004 Dr. Hugh F. Malamphy Jan. 30, 2011
1966 Shirley Mills Workman May 14, 2011
1967 Marilyn Schara Simmons May 3, 2011
1969 Elizabeth Baron Weisman April 16, 2011
1971 Catherine M. Reed Candiff April 11, 2011
1974 Anne R. Kielbule July 7, 2010
Kenneth E. Okler Nov. 5, 2010
Martha E. Williams Shaw May 18, 2011
1976 Robert L. Cypher June 20, 2011
Melissa R. Leff Feb. 20, 2011
1977 Anna J. Shaulis Simpson March 26, 2011
1979 Karl Jemer Smith July 7, 2009
1982 Alan R. Hijib Dec. 16, 2010
1984 Terrance Frederic Rouch Oct. 11, 2010

Friends of the University

Elmo A. Alderton April 28, 2011
Ann Allen Dec. 27, 2010
Margarita E. Roudfield Beatty March 1, 2011
Martha L. Howe Cadle March 30, 2011
Margaret Biersenger Gowan May 26, 2011
John T. Drummond Dec. 27, 2010
Betty Turner Garlitz Feb. 16, 2011
C. Nancy Gustin April 22, 2011
Patricia A. Kelly March 20, 2011
Joan Carol Barnard Kroll Oct. 23, 2010
Patricia White June 2, 2011
Shirley Mills Workman Apr. 28, 2011

Correction:
In the spring issue of Prepliek alumnus Donald S. Faezell ’73 was incorrectly listed as deceased. We are happy to report that he is alive and well, and we sincerely apologize for the error.
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is just doing what comes naturally.

By David Driver

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Washington Redskins, professional boxers, the top athletes in the world. He has lent
in baseball, Philbin was a trainer to some of
before he got the job, with limited experience
me. It kind of became my career.”

was an NCAA DIII All-American decathlete
during his sophomore year.

athlete and physical education major vol-

“15 minutes of fury.”

Philip Kushin

Follow the Bobcats!

Five to Join Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame

The five Bobcat alumni who will be inducted into the 41st class of the Bobcat Athletics Hall of Fame span nearly four decades of athletic excellence.

Two inductees represent track & field, while men’s soccer, football and baseball are represented with
one inductee each, bringing the total number in the Hall of Fame to 170.

This group will be honored at the annual dinner and induction ceremony on Oct. 21 as part of the Leadership and Homecoming Weekend festivities, as well as the next day during halftime of the football game against Alfred University.

Dr. Jay Hegeman ’73/M’81 was an out-
standing student and coach for the Frostburg
men’s soccer program. He is the all-time wins
leader after guiding the program to a 191-
183-15 overall record during his 16 years at
the helm.

Postseason play became a staple of Hegemans soccer program as the Bobcats appeared in two NCAA, nine Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and five All-Region tournaments. He won three ECAC and AMCC tournament titles each and was voted the AMCC Coach of the Year three times.

As a player, Hegeman was named the team’s Most Valuable Player in 1970 and led the Bobcats to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District
Championship in 1970-72, including the finals in 1972.

Victoria Prosctor ’86 was a seven-time All-
American for the Bobcat women’s track & field team. She was a virtual part of the 4x100- and 4x400-meter relay teams that were annually two of the best
in the country.

Prosctor, voted the Most Outstanding Runner three years straight, was a three-time
All-American as a sophomore and helped
the 4x100-meter relay team earn a national
championship in both the indoor and out-
door seasons as a senior in 1986. That same
championship team also holds the school
record in the 4x400-meter relay (3:48.60),
set in 1986.

Steve Schleguppe ’91 was a four-time
All-American and 16-time All-Mason
Dixon Conference sprinter for the Bobcat
men’s track & field team. As a freshman in 1988, Schleguppe was a member of the national
campionship 4x100-meter relay team and
earned All-American honors. In 1990, Schleguppe received three NCAA Division
III All-American recognitions for his perfor-
mances in the indoor and outdoor champi-
onships in the 4x100-meter relay along with
the 55- and 200-meter dashes.

Schleguppe kicked off his track & field
career with FSU in stellar fashion, by help-
ing the 4x100-meter relay team win a
national championship during the indoor
season in 1988.
Winter Sports

Frostburg State Women’s Basketball
Record: 12-14 overall, 9-7 CAC
Highlight: Finshed tied for fourth and earned a bid to the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament in the school’s first year in the conference.
Recap: The team won seven of eight conference games in January and early February to earn the tournament spot. Senior center Emily Sharp was named the CAC Second Team, averaging 10.9 points and 9.9 rebounds in 26 games, while posting seven double-doubles. Freshman Elaina Hummel also averaged double digits in scoring (10.2 points per game) while shooting 67.7 percent from three-point range.
Next Season: The backcourt of Hummel and Stephanie Straka will lead the Bobcats into action in 2011-12.

Men’s Basketball
Record: 11-14 overall, 6-10 CAC
Highlight: Pride of Maryland Tournament Champions for the first time in school history.
Recap: The men’s team got off to an amazing start to its 2010-11 season with back-to-back victories, 90-76 over St. Mary’s, 64-54 against Pace. Guard Andrew Knowles earned CAC second team honors and surpassed 1,000 career points. He averaged 14.1 points and nearly four assists and two steals per game. Darian Antoine and Mauro Williams both averaged double digits in scoring.
Next Season: After losing a handful of close games in 2010-11, Antoine and Williams will try to lead Frostburg into the top half of the CAC.

Men’s Swimming
Record: 3-10 overall, 6-6 CAC
Highlight: Won the Yellow Jacket Invitational at Randolph-Macon.
Recap: Sophomore Caleb Star led the way for the Frostburg men, capturing 19 wins in 12 varsity events. Four of those wins came in CAC action, while two more came at the Yellow Jacket Invitational (YJI). Despite the Bobcats not earning an official CAC win on the season, they defeated CAC opponents’ Head and Mary Washington at the YJI.
Next Season: The Bobcats look just one senior, Bill Fred, from their roster as they head into their second year of CAC action.

Spring Sports

Baseball
Record: 28-15 overall, 11-7 CAC
Highlight: Wins CAC Tournament and earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament.
Recap: The Frostburg State women’s softball team gained tremendous individual performances from sophomores Samantha Murosky and JessicaNeece. Murosky went 19-11 in 2010-11, including multiple wins against Gallaudet and Pitt Bradford. Neece went six with six, with two coming against Gallaudet. The FSU baseball team had an uphill battle from the start of the season, but in the end, the Bobcats conquered every obstacle on their way to the Capital Athletic Conference tournament title. The Bobcats not only finished a tough schedule their first year in the conference, but had to battle poor weather, which limited them to just a handful of games on their home field. The team proved up to the challenge by defeating Mary Washington in the CAC title game and advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2007. FSU won 10 of 11 games during the stretch prior to the NCAA Tournament and finished 29-15 overall. Individually, freshman overall was selected to All-CAC teams while Head Coach Guy Robertson was named the League’s Coach of the Year for guiding the team to the title. Senior Greg Ross (see related story) was honored with numerous awards, including being selected to a pair of All-American teams.
Next Season: Frostburg lost a host of contributors in its senior class, but still has the makings of a team primed for a very strong season in 2011-12.

Women’s Indoor Track & Field
Highlight: Senior Chassey Mann won the 200-meter dash five times while qualifying to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships in two events.
Recap: Although he finished eighth at the ECAC, Mann posted his best time of the season at that event (22.35). He was also the only one of the 60-200 meter relay team that qualified for the ECAC with a pair of wins to close out the season.
Next Season: Mann will be back for his senior season as he looks to capture a berth in the ECAC and NCAA championships.

Women’s Outdoor Track & Field
Highlight: Senior Emily Furr qualified to the NCAA Championships in the triple jump.
Recap: Furr hit the NCAA provisional mark twice during the season. Those marks, along with a third ECAC qualifying jump, allowed her to finish third at the ECAC championships before entering the NCAA’s. Junior Amy Brennan also earned a win and a few top-five finishes in sprint races.
Next Season: Brennan leads the group of returning women in the outdoor season as the Bobcats look for a new NCAA qualifier.

Women’s Tennis
Record: 5-9 overall, 2-3 CAC
Highlight: Earned a berth to the CAC Tournament.
Recap: Senior Stacy Stafford posted an impressive 8-4 record in her final season as a Bobcat, while freshman Amber Bedenick went 4-5 in her rookie year. Those two helped lead Frostburg State to the CAC Tournament in its first year as a member of the conference.
Next Season: Bedenick will look to improve on her freshman season as she joins a host of returners for the Bobcats.

Women’s Lacrosse
Record: 4-13 overall, 3-5 CAC
Highlight: Freshman Malory Brunett and Calessa Lawrence earned All-CAA honors.
Recap: Although the team managed just four wins on the season, a group of promising freshmen have the Bobcats feeling favorably toward the future. Brunett, the CAC Rookie of the Year, scored in each of the Bobcats’ 57 games, finishing seventh in the CAC in goals with 36. Lawrence made the CAC second team, finishing fifth in the CAC in caused turnovers (25) and 19th in goals (33). She led the Bobcat defense in both categories and finished third in the nation with 14 draw controls. Freshman goalie Caroline Miller finished 10th in the nation in saves.
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Men’s Outdoor Track & Field
Highlight: Eight men earned selections into the CAC Championships.
Recap: Continuing his success from the winter indoor season, junior Chassey Mann qualified for the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the ECAC’s. Sophomore Jason Beamer joined him in the 100-meter field. Those two combined to earn a 4x100-meter relay team, and the 4x400-meter relay team also made the qualifying mark. Junior Wes Jacobs competed on that team along with the 800-meter team.
Next Season: The Bobcats will look for this group of ECAC qualifiers to take the next step and become NCAA contenders in 2012.

Men’s Tennis
Record: 6-8 overall, 4-4 CAC
Highlight: Two All-CAC performers and a fifth seed in the CAC Tournament.
Recap: Junior Mike Stevenson and freshman Aaron Littlejohn led the Bobcats to a berth in the CAC Tournament in their first year in the conference, while picking up CAC second team honors in the process. Stevenson was 8-4 in an individual and teamed up with Littlejohn to go 9-4 in doubles. As a team, the Bobcats shook off a sluggish start to win six of their last eight matches.
Next Season: With Stevenson and Littlejohn returning, the Bobcats look to have a solid base on which to build a for a CAC move in 2012.

Men’s Lacrosse
Record: 6-11 overall, 1-7 CAC
Highlight: After 33 years, the program was restored for the 2012 season.
Recap: The Frostburg State men’s lacrosse team began its highly anticipated season with a win over Shenandoah in its season opener back in April. The Bobcats hope to pick up where they left off last spring, eighth in the CAC in goals with 36. Lawrence made the CAC second team, finishing fifth in the CAC in caused turnovers (25) and 19th in goals (33). She led the Bobcat defense in both categories and finished third in the nation with 14 draw controls. Freshman goalie Caroline Miller finished 10th in the nation in saves.
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With that, Ross fulfilled a dream. “I figured there was going to be a chance,” he said. “I didn’t know when. I thought later in the draft it could happen. But it didn’t happen. And I wasn’t even going to the 10th round.”
Ross becomes the third Bobcat to be drafted by a major league club, and the first since 1979. “John Eldred” was selected by the New York Mets that year, while former Washington Nationals manager Jim Riggleman ’74 was picked by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1974.
“Being drafted – you look at Jim Riggleman, a manager in the big leagues, – it makes a team of a very good. It’s fun,” Ross said.
His 2011 stats and accolades strongly warranted a selection. The right-handed player posted a 3-1 record with a 1.49 ERA in a team-high 90.2 innings. He also had a team-low opponents’ batting average of 196.
The senior finished with a single-season record of 112 strikeouts, breaking the old mark of 105 set in 1972. Those numbers earned him selections to the American Baseball Coaches Association-All-America First Team and the D3Baseball.com All-America Second Team. He was also named the ABCA/Academic All-District Pitcher of the Year, Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year and was also a CAC First Team selection.
“You look for good, easy arm action, little effort in a delivery, where not a lot is a bit that has to be fixed. And this young man fits it. I can guarantee you that,” said Kerns, who also scouted Riggleman in the early 1970s when Kerns was hitting his peak for the Kansas City Royals.
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Ross Drafted by Atlanta Braves
Frostburg State pitcher Greg Ross was chosen, and rightly so. He’s been contend- ing for one of the last Major League Baseball clubs in the lead-up to the 2011 amateur draft. But as he followed along with the draft’s progression online, he was unaware that his internet connection had flun- g somewhere during the 10th round.
Fortunately, his head coach, Guy Robertson, was following along at home when Ross’ name popped up when the Atlanta Braves made him their 18th-round selection on June 7. Robertson even beat Braves player scout Gene Kerns to the punch when he called his star pitcher to con- gratulate him.
“At the same time I was talking to coach, Gene was call- ing me,” Ross said. “I saw the number come up, and I said, ‘Oh my God, isn’t that Atlanta?’ ”
“I was complete-astonished,” Robertson said. “To ‘Frostburg State University’ and one of your players’ names pop up that early in the draft, it was unbelievable.

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Barry Beal
Legacy ...

Poor choices and partying led to Robert Kesler ’11 failing out of Frostburg the first time around. But thanks to Frostburg’s friends and supporters, he was able to prove he was a worthy investment for FSU after he lobbied to be readmitted. It was an opportunity he earned through commitment, dedication and a 4.0 GPA – and one he was able to afford because of the Dennis and Dawn Thomas Presidential Leadership Scholarship.

“Talking with Mr. Thomas, I learned he himself went through a phase like the one I went through, where he really wasn’t focused on school . . . but then he ended up working in the White House,” Kesler said. “It gives me the feeling that I really need to give back. The Thomases’ whole philosophy has really struck a chord with me . . . the belief in second chances.”

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Yet he has a future as a medical researcher, a drug and alcohol counselor, an Army physician’s assistant, a physical therapist, an athletic trainer and a baseball coach.

Lew Ort, who made his mark on the world with the invention of diet bread, also left a legacy through his years of philanthropy. That legacy continues to shape the lives of Frostburg State University students, including the six recent Ort Scholarship recipients whose aspirations are listed above. These dreams are being sustained by the scholarships he established to support the study of science, graduate study in physical education and athletics management or simply access to education for academically strong, but needy, students in Frostburg’s immediate region.

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