Meet Ron Nowaczyk

Frostburg’s 15th President Brings Perspective, Experience and Enthusiasm
From the President:

Frostburg State University Is a Special Place!

I am truly honored to serve as Frostburg State’s 15th president. Much of my time since arriving in Frostburg has been spent learning about FSU’s rich history and importance through the views and thoughts of our students, faculty and staff and the memories and stories of alumni and community members.

The one constant in each of these encounters is that FSU is an institution of higher learning that is an important part of so many people’s lives. It is clear the faculty, staff and students are the heartbeat of today’s Frostburg State University. Its lifetime includes nearly 40,000 alumni, as well as friends, citizens and community organizations across our great state and nationwide.

The discussions I have had reinforce FSU as “A World of Experiences.” The common theme is that FSU is life-changing. FSU challenges its students to achieve, to discover abilities they didn’t see in themselves and to reach meaningful goals that contribute to society and lead to a rewarding life.

Frostburg State University is poised to continue its service to the region and state in tribute to the many local miners and other citizens who sacrificed what they could to help make FSU a reality in 1898, as well as the efforts and dedication of those that have followed.

I am committed to continue our focus on student success and create more stories like those I have heard from our alumni. This success means students graduating on time – with little or no debt – with a portfolio of accomplishments that positions our students for successful and rewarding lives. It also means supporting faculty and staff development as they educate our students.

I also hope to help enhance Frostburg State University’s partnerships in the region to support economic and community growth. In addition to the economic impact FSU has in the region, we have the “human capital” to support regional initiatives to enhance the quality of life in Western Maryland. These partnerships, where students gain real-life experience, position them for success while making the region a better place.

This coming year will be an exciting time as we engage the FSU community, alumni, friends and the greater region in developing our next strategic plan. That plan will guide our actions for the coming years. I’ll provide updates as we proceed throughout this process.

My family – Maureen, my wife, and Jake, our son – is most excited about being part of the Bobcat family and living in Western Maryland. To those we have yet to meet, we look forward to the opportunity to meet and listen to your stories about FSU. I welcome your thoughts and ideas and ask for your support in reaching our common goals as we make Frostburg State University even better in the future.

Cordially,

Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk
President
**14 MEET PRESIDENT NOWACZYK**
Frostburg State University’s 15th president took the helm just a couple of weeks before graduation, and he’s busy learning all he can about FSU. Here’s your opportunity to learn more about him.

**2 SGA’S BET ON GREEN**
Frostburg’s green attitude is catching! Students recently approved a new fee to fund sustainability-focused projects, and the fruits of that dedication are starting to show.

**22 TOUCHING LIVES AROUND THE GLOBE**
FSU students returned once more to work with Water School Uganda, the most recent step in a mission to bring clean water and good hygiene to rural Uganda. This year, the group widened its focus on water sanitation to include brightening up Pagwaya Primary School with a fresh coat of paint.

**24 THE FROSTBURG FIVE**
Diana, Eric, Erin, Ian and Maureen Groff got to experience life as individuals rather than as “The Quintuplets” when they all enrolled at Frostburg State. They found majors that appealed to them and worked hard to shine on their own, even while they kept close as siblings.

**28 LOVE STRONG**
Even cancer couldn’t hold back Spenser Love ’16, a star FSU lacrosse player. With the help of his enthusiastically supportive teammates, Love finished his treatment and jumped right back into the sport he loves, leading the team in points, goals and assists.
Students seldom vote to create new mandatory fees for themselves, but when the process is clear and personally important, they do so gladly. Thanks to the foresight of Student Government Association leaders, student-focused sustainability projects have been receiving grant funding from the FSU President’s Advisory Council for Sustainability (PACS). The funds were raised through FSU’s Student Sustainability Fee, a $15-per-semester mandatory fee instituted by SGA in May of 2014. The funded projects address various sustainability needs, including increasing awareness, performing environmental research, presenting research at academic conferences and making direct environmental impacts on campus. About half of the funded projects were proposed by students. The initial funding round sought proposals for projects focused on the theme of “Sustainability Awareness.” Many of the funded projects will be noticeable to students on campus. The second funding cycle sought faculty-sponsored proposals for student experiential learning activities focused on sustainability to be carried out during the fall 2016 semester. “The only criteria for the awards this year is the projects need to be student-led and student-driven,” said Dr. Kara Rogers, SGA’s vice president of finance. “We received over 30 projects, and about half of them were approved.”

For the spring semester, the PACS Office will fund an educational tourism program for FSU students as they travel deep into the heart of the Amazon rainforest to meet the Achuar people—an ancient “dream culture” living today in much the same way that they have lived for thousands of years. It can be viewed at waythattheyhave livedformillennia.com. FSU students will be accompanied by FSU Documentary Winner of Multiple Awards

The FSU documentary The Vision Within, part of a series on the profound international experiences of the FSU President’s scholarship recipients (related story, page 2/S), was honored as Best Documentary Feature at the Blackbird Film Festival, Best Environmental Film at the Canada International Film Festival and the Early Edmund Hillary Award-Winning Environmental Film at the Mountain Film Festival. It has been selected for more than a dozen other film festivals. Michael O. Snyder of Independent Pictures directed. It follows FSU students as they travel deep into the heart of the Amazon rainforest to meet the Achuar people—a “dream culture” living today in much the same way that they have lived for thousands of years. It can be viewed at waythattheyhave livedformillennia.com.

The FSU documentary The Vision Within, part of a series on the profound international experiences of the FSU President’s scholarship recipients (related story, page 2/S), was honored as Best Documentary Feature at the Blackbird Film Festival, Best Environmental Film at the Canada International Film Festival and the Early Edmund Hillary Award-Winning Environmental Film at the Mountain Film Festival. It has been selected for more than a dozen other film festivals. Michael O. Snyder of Independent Pictures directed. It follows FSU students as they travel deep into the heart of the Amazon rainforest to meet the Achuar people—a “dream culture” living today in much the same way that they have lived for thousands of years. It can be viewed at waythattheyhave livedformillennia.com.

The FSU documentary The Vision Within, part of a series on the profound international experiences of the FSU President’s scholarship recipients (related story, page 2/S), was honored as Best Documentary Feature at the Blackbird Film Festival, Best Environmental Film at the Canada International Film Festival and the Early Edmund Hillary Award-Winning Environmental Film at the Mountain Film Festival. It has been selected for more than a dozen other film festivals. Michael O. Snyder of Independent Pictures directed. It follows FSU students as they travel deep into the heart of the Amazon rainforest to meet the Achuar people—a “dream culture” living today in much the same way that they have lived for thousands of years. It can be viewed at waythattheyhave livedformillennia.com.
Doctoral Candidates Paving a Smoother Road From High School to College

Four candidates from the inaugural Doctor of Education cohort in Hagerstown recently published an important paper in College & University Journal, a publication of the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers.

“Paving the Road for Student Success: Building a Case for Integrated Strategic Planning” aims to ease the difficult transition today’s high school students will face when enrolling in a college or university. The thesis is straightforward: To best smooth students’ transitions, K-12 and higher education administrators must work together in joint strategic planning sessions.

“Administrators representing both groups must understand their colleague’s goals and objectives and ensure that they stay connected for the benefit of the students,” the authors wrote. Over half of students entering two-year colleges and about 20 percent of students entering four-year universities require remedial courses. Existing initiatives address this need, but the authors found the issue.

Jarrett Kealey is the associate director of operations for Undergraduate Registrars and Admissions Officers. Kristin Waters D’16 is the senior business analyst of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at UMBC. Thompson D’16 is the associate director of operations for Undergraduate Admissions at UMBC. Peterson D’16 is the English teacher for the past two decades.

Engineering Students Gaining Experience With NASA

Frostburg engineering students are working alongside NASA experts to beam photos from FSU’s draw into space.

Engineering students Vernon Lipscomb ’16, Stephen Linnenkamp ’16 and Felix Bruno built a data acquisition subsystem using off-the-shelf hardware to take photos and capture environmental data that will be beamed into space through NASA’S Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System. The project was part of their coursework in FSU’s electrical engineering program at the Arundel Mills Regional Higher Education Center. They visited Frostburg during the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium to take photos of their booth that will eventually be beamed into space and scan QR codes to start the process.

The experiment is part of NASA’s Shirt Head Around the World project, designed to automatically capture data in remote areas. It’s part of a continuing partnership between FSU’s Arundel Mills-based engineering program and NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt.

It was a really good experience to work with not just one, but five or six NASA engineers and computer science workers,” Linnenkamp said.

The project helped students understand the basics of working with a NASA satellite system and how a transmitter works, cycling redundancy methods, data randomization for transmission, programming a router and switch and the唇comb explained.

Students in a capstone course in spring 2017 will complete the project, correcting the antenna, aiming the station at the satellite and training on what to do with the data received.

— Charles Schelle

Disney Latino “High School Musical” Actress Embraces American Experience

Exchange student Sofia Agiiero Petros wanted to see how everyday Americans live. The Argentinean chose Frostburg over the hubbels of schools in New York and Boston because life there wasn’t all that different from Buenos Aires.

“Choose a small town because you can make a lot of friends easily and quickly,” is the advice she offered other exchange students. “You can know the real culture. When I went to New York and Chicago, it was not so different from Argentina, but here it’s so different.”

Besides, if Agiiero Petros’ dreams come true, she’ll likely spend the rest of her life acting and singing in major cities.

She has quite the head start. At 18 years old she figured out how to excel outside of hers.

That opportunity led her to star in High School Musical: La Selección (The Selection), in Argentina. Disney Latino awarded her the role of Sofi, who in the American version is the band’s composer Kelsi Nielsen, played by Olesya Rulin. The Argentinean performer is just as talented behind the scenes.

Ariello Petros was very involved on campus as part of the Social Marketing Team, Dance Company, University Chorale and a capella groups. The Bolivia native is being able to be involved in performing arts ensembles, not possible at her home institution, was part of FSU’s draw.

She also appreciates the diverse atmosphere at Frostburg and how anyone can pursue their dreams.

“Here, everyone is themselves,” she said. “They are who they are, and they don’t care. And that’s so cool because you don’t have to be someone.”

To achieve her dreams of starring in American roles, she worked on her English pronunciations and voice acting with Associate Professor Nick Pentola in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Even though she’s had this successful career already in Argentina, she still wants to grow. “Here, everyone is themselves,” she said. “They are who they are, and they don’t care. And that’s so cool because you don’t have to be someone.”

To achieve her dreams of starring in American roles, she worked on her English pronunciations and voice acting with Associate Professor Nick Pentola in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

“Even though she’s had this successful career already in Argentina, she still wants to grow. “Here, everyone is themselves,” she said. “They are who they are, and they don’t care. And that’s so cool because you don’t have to be someone.”

To achieve her dreams of starring in American roles, she worked on her English pronunciations and voice acting with Associate Professor Nick Pentola in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

“Even though she’s had this successful career already in Argentina, she still wants to grow. “Here, everyone is themselves,” she said. “They are who they are, and they don’t care. And that’s so cool because you don’t have to be someone.”

To achieve her dreams of starring in American roles, she worked on her English pronunciations and voice acting with Associate Professor Nick Pentola in the Department of Theatre and Dance. Sofia Agiiero Petros

Around the World in 80 Days

Ank/Wrigg, adapted by Lauren Zork

OCTOBER 4–6, 2016

Roald Dahl’s James and the Giant Peach Jr.

Words and Music by Disney/Pixar and Justin Paul

Book by Timothy Allen McDonald

November 2–4, 2016

Fall Dance Concert: Double Play

Choreography by Jennifer McMenamy

November 10–12, 2016

A Christmas Carol

Adapted from the novel of Charles Dickens

By Tony Rock

December 2–11, 2016

Father Comes Home from the Wars, Parts 1, 2 & 3

By21st Century Theatre

March 3–12, 2017

She Stoops to Conquer

By Oliver Goldsmith

April 14–22, 2017

Spring Dance Concert: Legends

Featuring the FSU Dance Company

May 12 & 13, 2017

Information & Reservations

Theatre Box Office

M–F, 9 am – 12:30 pm  |  1:30 – 3 pm  |  301.687.7462

www.frostburg.edu/TheatreDance

CAMPUS PSYCHOLOGY 2016

www.BestMastersInPsychology.com, an online independent guide, recently ranked Frostburg State University number 11 of the 49 most affordable small colleges in the United States for a master’s in counseling psychology for 2016.
Combes and Hobbs Honored With Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards

FSU presented one of its most prestigious honors, the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, to Alison Combes ’93, CEO of Cathedra Choir, and Lois Hobbs ’66, an accomplished educator now serving on the board of trustees of Delaware State University, at the May commencement ceremonies. Combes was hired as CEO of Cathedra Choir in 2013, a professional ensemble under the direction of Maestro Michael McCarthy, music director of Washington National Cathedral. Her career began as administrative assistant for the Washington Chorus, where she rose to deputy director in under a decade. She sang on the recording for which the group won a Grammy Award for Best Choral Performance in 2000, and continues to perform with them. Combes told the graduates that life is about connecting with people around you. “It’s amazing to me how many people will help you if you only ask, particularly when you are fresh out of college.” She and her husband, Craig Blonemeyer ’92, benefited from scholarships at FSU. “We’ve both been extremely lucky in our individual careers to have the resources to pay it forward through Frostburg scholarships and awards and support some of you in your journeys. … You don’t have to be wealthy to pay it forward, you just have to live generously.” Hobbs has worked as an independent education consultant since retiring in 2006 as superintendent of Delaware’s Indian River School District after four decades as an educator. Her career began in an elementary classroom in Prince George’s County Public Schools shortly after graduating. She worked as an instructional supervisor and curriculum specialist, as principal to several schools and as assistant superintendent before rising to her final position. Over her career, Hobbs received nearly 30 local, state and national honors or awards for her teaching or for schools she supervised. During her acceptance speech, Hobbs contrasted her experience with that of today’s students, and passed along some timeless advice. “Take time to think, question and listen. Keep good people around and leave the naysayers behind. Give yourself permission to dream and work your dream.” Hobbs told the graduates. “Remember the advice your professors and family members gave you while you were here at the University because I am certain that someday you will hear an echo, and that echo will be you giving the same advice to your children.”

Books by Alumni

Zebulon Pike: Jefferson's Agent for Empire
By George R. Matthews ’72
Challenging the 1800-0 expedition led by Zebulon Pike across the American continent, this休假 book addresses the explanatory and character-defining purposes of Pike’s journey. Matthews challenges the conventional notion that Pike unwisely ventured into Spanish-held territory, arguing instead that he sought out the Spanish city of Santa Fe in accordance with Thomas Jefferson’s quest to build an American “empire for liberty.” Matthews’ previous books include America’s First Olympics (2005) and When the Cubs Won (2009).

Jefferson’s Agent for Empire
By George R. Matthews ’72

Forty-Seven Days: How Pershing’s Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army in World War I
By Dr. Mitchell A. Spahr ’13
From the perspective of General John “Black Jack” Pershing and his successor, Rockefeller reveals new details and insight into the final days of WWI, the deadliest clash in American history, when a million U.S. soldiers forced the surrender of the battle-hardened German Army in France. In just 47 intense days of bloody combat, Pershing’s American Expeditionary Force accomplished a goal that British and French forces had sought for more than three years.

Books by Alumni

Zebulon Pike: Jefferson’s Agent for Empire
By George R. Matthews ’72
Challenging the 1800-0 expedition led by Zebulon Pike across the American continent, this休假 book addresses the explanatory and character-defining purposes of Pike’s journey. Matthews challenges the conventional notion that Pike unwisely ventured into Spanish-held territory, arguing instead that he sought out the Spanish city of Santa Fe in accordance with Thomas Jefferson’s quest to build an American “empire for liberty.” Matthews’ previous books include America’s First Olympics (2005) and When the Cubs Won (2009).

Jefferson’s Agent for Empire
By George R. Matthews ’72

Forty-Seven Days: How Pershing’s Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army in World War I
By Dr. Mitchell A. Spahr ’13
From the perspective of General John “Black Jack” Pershing and his successor, Rockefeller reveals new details and insight into the final days of WWI, the deadliest clash in American history, when a million U.S. soldiers forced the surrender of the battle-hardened German Army in France. In just 47 intense days of bloody combat, Pershing’s American Expeditionary Force accomplished a goal that British and French forces had sought for more than three years.

Golden Moments for the Class of ’66
For the first time, the Golden Anniversary weekend was held in conjunction with Commencement, creating a connection between the Class of ’66 and FSU’s newest alumni. This year’s Golden Anniversary class had the additional treat of being introduced by a ceremony of the same name by one of our System of Maryland Regent Tom Slater, and then watching with pride as their classmate Lois Hobbs was presented the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award (see related story, opposite page). In all, it was a weekend of friendship and celebration, including celebrating the endowment of the Class of 1966 Scholarship (see page 10).

Mattingly Named College of Business Alumnus of the Year
The College of Business has honored Brian Mattingly ’83, owner and president of Golden & Stafford, LLC, a Washington, D.C.-based excavation and demolition company, as its 2016 Alumnus of the Year.

Brian Mattingly ’83 has meant so much to me. I love the school, the people and the mountains of Western Maryland. Coming back to Frostburg is like coming home,” said Mattingly upon receiving the honor.

After graduating with an accounting degree, Mattingly worked as a controller for an excavation company in Prince George’s County and, eight years later, spent another year as project manager for a development company in Hyattsville. Since 2007, Mattingly has been sole owner and president of Golden & Stafford, LLC. He joined the firm full-time only months after its 1992 founding.

His self-assurance and capacity for hard work were evident very early,” said Dr. Sudhir Singh, executive dean who presented Mattingly with the honor at the annual College of Business Honors Reception. “Work has it that when interviewing for the project manager’s job at his current firm, he told the principals, Golden and Stafford, that he would one day become their business partner.”

Mattingly’s bold assertion would come true less than a decade later, when he became part-owner of the firm, which has participated in the construction of buildings on university campuses, hospitals, naval facilities, hotels, office buildings and more. Mattingly has likewise made his mark at Frostburg. After graduating with an accounting degree, he went on to serve as president of the Accounting Society, as its 2016 Alumni Achievement Award recipient, as well as its 2016 Golden Alumni Award recipient. In the third row, from left, are Bob Grimm, Bill Roy, Tom Slater, Lois Hobbs, Bob Young, Richard Richardson, Margaret Morley Yates and Lois Hobbs.

In the front row, from left, are Noël Kuniski M’74, Bob Walker, Dennis Baker, Judith Greamley-Thompson Patterson, Lois Hobbs, Staine Stonecipher Bair, Margaret Merley Yates, Bob Lakenam, Joe Russo, Kathy Turner Richardson, Narda Anderson and Joe Bowling Baker. In the second row, from left, are David Schwindel, Joe Weinikam, Bob Grimes, Ray Ewing, Clark Sharpless ’72, Tom Sarver, Bob Young, Wayne Wharton, Bill Ray and Paul Hove. In the third row, from left, are Robert Duprey, Rich Wiley, Leland Otto, James Nolan, Ronald Myers, Ken Brown, Bill Westworth, Charles Grace and Jon Richardson.

Wayne Miller ‘77
Alumni featured in Vietnam Documentary
By Robert Spahr ’13
Before enrolling at Frostburg, Wayne Miller ’77 served as a Marine infantryman in Vietnam from December 1964 to July 1965. He recounted his harrowing experience for Maryland Public Television’s documentary, Maryland Vietnam War Stories.

Miller was wounded by a mortar shell during his first year in Vietnam. The blast left Miller with shattered in his arms, legs, chest, back and spinal cord. He paralyzed from the neck down just at 18 years of age.

“I was going to play baseball. I was going to be a performer. I was going to have a home and a job and everything, and it all went….”

“I worked real hard to learn how to walk again. I didn’t know what it was, but something just crawled up me and said ‘You’re not going to be an invalid. You’re not. You’re gonna do something because God took away the paralysis.’”

Miller now works for the Department of Veterans Affairs, helping other wounded veterans overcome their physical and mental injuries. Miller taught himself to dance on one leg and meet his future wife on the dance floor. The Millers married in 1980, and they have two daughters and grandchildren. He also performs on occasion. The Baltimore Orioles invited Miller to sing the “Star Spangled Banner” at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in 1986, and he performed the “Star Spangled Banner” and “God Bless the U.S.A.” at L2 Maryland, an NFL event honoring Maryland’s Vietnam veterans.

Miller’s experiences are also featured in the HPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans Traveling Exhibit, which has been displayed across Maryland.

You can review Miller’s contribution to the HPT documentary at veterans.mpt.org/profiles/miller. Links to other parts of the documentary project are also available at that site.

A Cloower* of Bobcats!
Some workplaces are lucky enough to have multiple Bobcats in their workforce. FSU is starting to reach out to them. In June, University Advancement visited Claflin University in Cambridge for the first in a new Alumni Networking Lunchbox Series, including, at left, from left, Jonathan Hill ’14, Meghan Casuald-Hildreth ’05, Ruth Karline Chiarenza ’90/M’94, Jenny Alderton Krampf ’93 and Jonathan Hutchinson ’93.

Also in June, Alumni working at Orbital ATK and IBM in the Allegheny Robotics Laboratory complex in Rocket Center, W.Va., met for a reception at FSU. In the bottom photo are, from left, Eric Mall ’94, Chuck Strain ’85, Les Mall ’95, President Ron Nowaczyk, Tim Scilatica Habra ’99 and Bob Madeo ’94.

Does your organization have five or more FSU alumni working together? Would you like to hear from you and tell you about this new program? Please contact Shannon Gebbie, director of Alumni Relations, at shg@frostburg.edu.

*Payage of blowfish is clover. clover a cloower.
Meet Your New Alumni Board Members

As the Alumni Association Board of Directors plans its upcoming outreach to FSU alumni, we wanted to introduce you to four of the newest members of the Board.

ASHLEY DANIELS '11
Program Officer, Maryland Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism
Accomplishments/Activities: While at FSU, I was involved with the ECHOSTARS, AmeriCorps, Service to Human Needs Management, College Board, Center for the President’s Leadership Council and the Student Center for Volunteerism. I also received the Class of 1959 Award. Since graduating, I completed another term of service with AmeriCorps and graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with my master’s degree in Student Affairs at Higher Education in May 2015. I currently work with the Governor’s Office on October 2015.

What is your favorite FSU memory? My freshman and sophomore years, we used to go to the dining hall with at least 15 or 20 people. We would all meet in the lounge or one of our rooms and walk over together. I'm not sure why we always had such a large group, but we could never find a table large enough to fit us all so we would leave the tables and chairs. I'm sure the staff hated us because I doubt we were conscious enough as 18-year-olds to move them all back.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a Board member? I hope to help alumni and students feel more connected to each other. We all share a common bond in Frostburg and I want to use that to bring everyone together to better FSU, the community and support one another in general.

DOMINIC MCAULIFFE '12
Legislative Aide, Maryland General Assembly
What is your favorite FSU memory? Having lunch with Mr. (Bernard) Wynder and friends in the cafe. Joining Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., in 2011. Helping to launch the Late@Lane program.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a Board member? I hope that I will be able to strengthen the Frostburg alumni network and to build an even better relationship between the University and alumni. I also want to ensure that my fellow Bobcats are as excited about Frostburg as I am.

LACY DICKEL '06
First-grade Teacher, Prince George’s County Board of Education
Accomplishments/Activities: Kappa Beta Gamma International Executive Board Member, Kappa Beta Gamma Sorority’s KIClub Founding Charter Member at FSU

What is your favorite FSU memory? Spending many moments with my Greek Life family participating in numerous events.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a Board member? I hope to be able to spread awareness of events the Alumni Association is hosting and help alumni give to the University who haven’t before.

KIRK ENGLE '90
Environmental Health Specialist, Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene
Accomplishments/Activities: Twenty-five years with various offices and programs. Currently oversee the dairy farm inspection program and milk transportation program and serve as a state resource for due dairy processing operations statewide. Outside of work, I am a volunteer baseball coach and president of Sykesville Baseball.

What is your favorite FSU memory? All of them. … The personal growth experiences and caring/supportive faculty and staff at FSU. Mattress sledding in a blinding snowstorm …

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a Board member? I hope to continue to promote Frostburg as the top university in the entire region and to improve alumni outreach and participation in anything Frostburg.

$504,780
FSU Relay for Life has raised more than half a million dollars in the fight against cancer since the activity began at FSU in 2002, including a goal-busting $39,080 so far this year. Donations can be accepted through August by visiting www.frostburg.org/relay.

Alums Help Preserve Endangered Mammal That Outlived the Dinosaurs

At FSU, Adam Brando ‘08/M’10 and Jess Brando M’10 both studied applied ecology and conservation biology, combining two academic fields: genetics and wildlife management, which for them bridges the gap between working in the lab and in the field.

“The guidance and support of the FSU faculty and community have allowed us to pursue further education and careers doing the research that we are passionate about,” explained Jess, a Ph.D. candidate in animal science at the University of Illinois. The Brandts specialize in conservation and population genetics of wildlife. They have partnered with researchers in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic to investigate the Hispaniolan solenodon, a unique enigmatic mammal endangered by human encroachment.

Their team sequenced its mitochondrial genome, filling the last major missing branch among placental mammals on the genetic tree of life. They determined that the solenodon, which looks like a large shrew, diverged from all other living mammals 78 million years ago.

“It’s just impressive it’s survived this long,” said Adam, now an assistant professor of biology at St. Norbert College. “It survived the asteroid, it survived human colonization and the rats and mice humans brought with them that wiped out the solenodon’s closest relatives.”

They hope their discoveries will help preservation efforts. CNN and other media outlets featured their work this spring.

“Ultimately, that is why we are interested in studying this animal,” Adam said. “Sound wildlife management requires a solid understanding of their genetics.”

— Robert Spahr ’13

Go-o-o-o-o BOBCATS!

The spring athletic season was full of Bobcat spirit as alumni and families gathered to cheer on their favorite teams.

Alum Named 2016 Best Warrior in Military Police Competition

In February, 33 Army reservists from 16 states competed to be named the 200th Military Police Command’s “Best Warrior.” At the end of three grueling days, Sgt. Joan Bullough ’12, a wheeled-vehicle mechanic, emerged victorious. Through 12 contests of physical and mental endurance and skills, Bullough won five. During the Ruck March, competitors in full gear hauled rifles and 45-plus pound ruck-sacks over a challenging 10-mile course. Bullough finished in just over two hours, some 40 minutes faster than his nearest competitor.

Bullough also aced the intellectual challenges, handwriting the best essay at 4 a.m. in a frigid mess hall and conquering the Oral Board, answering tough questions on current affairs and military policy. 4
After their graduation in 1966, “(Class president) Charlie Bell and I decided to have a reunion of the Class of 66 every five years. We said that even if no one else showed up, we would be here. Fortunately, some of our classmates joined in to plan each reunion,” said Lois Hobbs ’66, the class treasurer.

When the reunion committee began planning the 2016 Golden Anniversary a year earlier, it was their first meeting without Bell. He had passed away in October of 2014, and his absence was conspicuous. Hobbs had previously discussed the idea of starting a scholarship with Bell and other alumni friends.

“As our reunion committee, I brought it up as one of our business items. It wasn’t very difficult to get the committee to agree,” Hobbs said. “We’ve lost a lot of classmates in our class. We felt like it would honor them and also help students in need.”

Deciding to create the scholarship was only the tip of the iceberg. The committee members knew that the real challenge would be raising $10,000 to endow the scholarship. “I thought, ‘Let’s put this idea out there and slowly we’ll grow to the endowment,’” Hobbs said.

In March of 2016, the reunion committee sent a letter to their classmates, asking them to help establish and endow the new Class of 1966 Scholarship, supporting students with need in the Department of Educational Professions or other educational professions who are also active on campus and in the community.

“Let me be candid,” said Jim Richardson ’66, a fellow member of the reunion committee. “I thought we would raise maybe half of what we needed (with the first letter).”

Hobbs and Richardson understated their classmates’ response. “By May, just a few weeks after sending their letter, the Class of 1966 Scholarship had been officially endowed,” Hobbs said.

For the Class of 66, it was important to pay it forward. Despite the many challenges their generation faced years ago, Hobbs and Richardson figured today’s graduates have a rougher road ahead.

“In a way, they have probably more challenges than we did,” Hobbs said. In 1966, “if you promised you would teach in Maryland for two years, your tuition was free … That helped a lot of first-generation students go to college.”

In Richardson’s estimation, the biggest struggle facing students today goes beyond the undergraduate debt that many of their classmates could avoid. “They ticked off other obstacles, including the incredible cost of graduate degrees and an average starting teacher’s salary. Richardson shook his head at the total of the problem. “I think the whole issue is simply enoughment prospects,” he said. “We came out at a time when you were alive, breathing and had a certificate, you were going to get a job as a teacher.”

Even with the potential issues awaiting them, Richardson said today’s class seemed academically better-prepared than many of his peers. “Just looking at the number of folks in that (2016) class who were graduating with some form of honors, it was impressive.”

With the Class of ’66 Scholarship now endowed, Hobbs thinks she and her classmates can do even more. “My feeling is I want to keep going. It’s important to give a student in need help to get their college education,” she said.

To support FSU scholarships, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give. To create a new scholarship, call the FSU Foundation at 301.687.4161.

Reunion Sparks New STEM Scholarship

By Robert Spahr ’13

For Edward F. Herold, Jr., ’83, enrolling at Frostburg was his first chance to get away from his parents and his four siblings, to experience life on his own. “I did a lot of growing up there,” Herold said.

He found himself revisiting those college memories in 2013, when Herold and his classmates returned to Frostburg State University for their 50-year reunion. That visitkindled a notion that grew into the new Herold Family Scholarship, an award supporting full-time Frostburg STEM undergraduate students with financial need and a 3.0-plus GPA, renewable for up to four years.

“I was hanging out with a bunch of friends and walking around campus and we passed [FSU’s] Wall of Honor. We were checking out dorms where we used to live, and I saw the wall and realized I hadn’t thought about a lot of the people who aren’t around anymore,” he said. “That wasn’t the day that I thought of the scholarship, but I was trying to figure out some way to give back to Frostburg.”

The independence Herold found at Frostburg has served him well throughout his career. Following stints with several small CPA firms, he earned a master’s degree in taxation and went to work for a large corporation. By 1991, Herold had opened a CPA firm of his own, which has catered to individuals and small businesses ever since.

“One is a man-band,” Herold said. “I’ve got a couple of bookkeepers who help me out part-time, but primarily it’s just me. And I like doing tax work, so that’s kind of where I’m focused. There’s always something going on in the tax world.”

Thanks in part to frequently changing federal and state tax policies, Herold’s business has prospered. With that success came a desire to give back to others.

“Over the last five or 10 years, I’ve been trying to make an effort to get a little more involved in different charities. … I get the idea of making a living and having a job and all that stuff, but I’d like to think there’s more to life than just doing that.”

As Herold was pondering how best to give back, he read an article about a new scholarship. It was just the inspiration he needed.

“It reminded me of what I’d gone through,” Herold said. “I remember the challenge of paying for everything.”

He’d worked during the summers in high school, and his father frequently brought home scholarship applications to fill out. Herold applied for everything he could. The scholarships he earned reduced the cost of school, but he continued working multiple jobs as a Frostburg student.

“Education was a big thing in my family. My parents were both big on getting to school and staying in school. You’re always learning something throughout your life.”

Herold hopes his family’s new scholarship will help future generations of students find their own paths through life—perhaps even a student determined for something great.

“Who knows, maybe one of those kids will cure cancer someday, or they’ll do something important,” he said. “And they might not remember it years later, but they’ll have gotten a scholarship from my family.”

To support the Herold Family Scholarship, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give. To create a new scholarship, call the FSU Foundation at 301.687.4161.

Real People. Real Impact.

Senior Alexa Bashaw, left, is the 2016-17 recipient of the Robert and Joanna Werner Scholarship, presented to her by Shannon Griffis ’98, director of Alumni and Donor Relations, at the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership. This scholarship is specifically for participants in the Sloop Institute who have a financial need, with a preference given to students in the Department of Educational Professions and/or enrolled in leadership studies. Alexa is studying to become a music teacher.

To date, through the efforts of graduates from the 1960s, more than $80,000 has been raised to date for this scholarship. Alexa is one of the hundreds of students each year who receive assistance with the cost of their education thanks to gifts to the FSU Foundation from people like you. On behalf of Alexa and all of these students, we say THANK YOU!

Sarah Grace Guthrie ’06 Memorial Scholarship Helps Others Fulfill Alumnus’s Dream

Some people naturally seem to conquer every challenge life throws at them. According to one of her oldest friends, Sarah Grace Guthrie ’06 had always been one of those people until she passed away in 2010 at the age of 26.

Life for Sarah brought plenty of challenges, including growing up with her twin, Elijah, while finishing a full-time undergraduate at Frostburg.

“I think it’s a testament to her overall work ethic and the type of person she was,” said a longtime friend, Jeremy Durst ’95. “They’re done, they drop out of school, they don’t go any further, and that’s life. She kept pushing and worked through it.”

For Sarah’s mother, Deborah Guthrie, the sudden loss was devastating. Caring for Elijah helped distract her from her grief. She has made a point of sharing stories with Elijah about Sarah.

In 2011, Deborah created the Sarah Grace Guthrie Memorial Scholarship at FSU, which supports graduating student studying to become reading teachers. The recipients of Sarah’s award will also carry on her life’s mission: spreading a love of reading to children.

“When Sarah passed away, I needed to do something to remember her. It helped me in my grief, and I thought it would help students here . . . And it did help me get through it.”

At the time Sarah passed away, she was raising Elijah while teaching at Elk Garden Elementary School. She had also started pursuing her master’s degree at FSU.

“She was a great mom,” Deborah said. “Her son was six when she passed, but I’m not letting him forget.”

By Robert Spahr ’13

Paying It Forward: The Class of 1966 Scholarship

Some alumni classes are more closely knitted than others. For a few, the Golden Anniversary—50 years—is the first time classmates reassemble as a group after commencement. When the Class of 1966 celebrated its Golden Anniversary during FSU’s 140th commencement ceremony, it was their 10th reunion.
Pfluger Family Accounting Scholarship at FSU.

An accounting graduate and a CPA, Pfluger provides CFO consulting for small businesses and volunteering with the local United Way. In 2011, he began his career at Deloitte in 1981 as a CPA for Seta & Co., a small accounting firm, which he helped grow from 12 to 1,200 employees by 2001, when the company was sold. He has served on the boards of multiple foundations and charities in Virginia. In 2010, Pfluger and his wife, Marley, established the Pfluger Family Accounting Scholarship at FSU.

Introducing Your New Foundation Board Members

**Cindy McFarland Diamond**

'90/M'15

Frostburg, Md.

A psychology and education graduate, Diamond is co-owner of The Gourdeau Agency and owner-operator of McFarland Gardens, both in downtown Frostburg. She also teaches FSU graduate-level school counseling courses at OSU-Herbertstown. Previously, Diamond worked for Baltimore-based Associated Catholic Charities, Villa, Md., in roles including housing manager, counselor, and administrative assistant. She has served the American Red Cross, the Frostburg Garden Club, St. Michael’s Church Parish Council and local clubs.

**R. Patrick Friel**

'B8

Williamsburg, Va.

An urban geography and cartography graduate, Friel is managing partner of LogLinx Partners, an executive search firm. Previously, he served as managing partner of search firm Hendrick & Strugger's Washington office. His career began in planning and urban development. Friel serves on FSU College of Business Advisory Board. As a career began in land planning and economic development.

**Joseph P. George**

'B2

Cambridge, Md.

A business management graduate, George is president and national director of Select Services, Select Commercial Lines, Personal Lines, and Claims for the Property and Casualty Insurance Division of CBIZ Insurance Services, having joined the company through an intern program. As an active citizen, he serves the Allegany County Human Resource Development Commission, Friends, Awake, the American Heart Association, the Cumberland Kiwanis Club, the Leadership Allegany Steering Committee and the Maryland Chamber of Commerce board among others.

**Kurt A. Pfugger**

'B0

An accounting graduate and a CPA, Pfugger provides CFO consulting for small businesses and volunteering with the local United Way. In 2011, he began his career at Deloitte in 1981 as a CPA for Seta & Co., a small accounting firm, which he helped grow from 12 to 1,200 employees by 2001, when the company was sold. He has served on the boards of multiple foundations and charities in Virginia. In 2010, Pfugger and his wife, Marley, established the Pfluger Family Accounting Scholarship at FSU.

**Robert Spahr**

'13

As he began contemplating life after college, she learned that she had been diagnosed with cancer.

“Receiving the Strong Scholars award... the weight of a substantial amount of financial stress and strain was lifted from my shoulders. As a result, I was able to fully confidently pursue my master’s degree in reading at Frostburg.”

“It allowed her to study abroad, where she observed and taught in Irish schools. "Without this scholarship, having that experience most likely would have been out of reach," she said.

As a recent graduate, Terry counts herself blessed to have a classroom of her own. "I can have manipulatives for my students?" Beyond those interactive classroom supplies, the award helped Carr afford certiﬁcation exams, take a summer science course at FSU, now supporting six students each year.

As a recent graduate, Terry counts herself blessed to have a classroom of her own. "I can have manipulatives for my students?" Beyond those interactive classroom supplies, the award helped Carr afford certiﬁcation exams, take a summer science course at FSU, now supporting six students each year.

**Chelsea Carr**

'15 transferred into the Early Childhood Education program at Frostburg State University as an independent, non-traditional student with two associate degrees. She worked while she attended classes, and against her professors’ warnings, she kept working during her ﬁeld work placements. In 2009, when my fellow classmate was leaving school at 4 p.m. and going home to plan for the next day, I was going up to 9:30 p.m. and then going home to plan for the next day.”

“Nobody has looked at where in a mouse Borrelia burgdorferi stage and powerful imaging software, the students captured clear images of Borrelia burgdorferi throughout the mouse’s spleen. Their images demonstrated the distribution of bacteria throughout the mouse’s spleen. Borrelia burgdorferi was evident. They were curious. Mice carry the bacteria, but why don’t they exhibit signs of illness? Scientific literature had no answers. ‘Nobody has looked at where in a mouse the bacteria hide,’ Taylor said.

‘It’s amazing that undergraduates did this research,’ Taylor said, who teaches the technologies required for detailed microscopic research in her Advanced Microscopy course at FSU. The students presented their ﬁndings at the spring Undergraduate Research Symposium. This spring, FSU formally named the DelSignore Foundation, Inc., Microscopy Suite. Spahr

In scientific inquiry, answers are not always found in expected places. In the fight against Lyme Disease, undergraduates may have opened an unexpected door with research performed in Frostburg’s newly named Carl DelSignore Foundation, Inc., Microscopy Suite.

**Frostburg’s Strong Scholars Dely Obstacles to Become Educators**

By Robert Spahr ‘13

Over 300,000 Lyme Disease cases are diagnosed each year. Lyme is caused by Borrelia burgdorferi, a bacterium transmitted by blacklegged ticks, which reside on white-footed mice. Across the lower elevations of Maryland, diagnoses are frequent.

A group of undergraduate biology students studying under Dr. Rebekah Taylor and Dr. Karen Keller ’09 recently investigated whether Lyme Disease is likewise present in Western Maryland.

First, they collected ticks and blood samples from white-footed mice in Allegany County. Then they extracted and ampliﬁed DNA to check for Borrelia genes and tested for Borrelia antibodies in the blood samples. Their suspicions were conﬁrmed: Borrelia burgdorferi was evident.

The students were curious. Mice carry the bacteria, but why don’t they exhibit signs of illness? Scientific literature had no answers. “Nobody has looked at where in a mouse the bacteria hide,” Taylor said.

‘It’s amazing that undergraduates did this research,’ Taylor said, who teaches the technologies required for detailed microscopic research in her Advanced Microscopy course at FSU. The students presented their findings at the spring Undergraduate Research Symposium.

This spring, FSU formally named the Carl DelSignore Foundation, Inc., Microscopy Suite in recognition of the Strong Foundation’s support for its students, Robin Tanner, Strong Foundation executive director, and her staff were invited to dinner and a reception at FSU where they met many of Frostburg’s Strong Scholars in person for the ﬁrst time and unveiled a plaque in Franklton Hall, honoring the Strong Foundation for its dedicated support for students in the College of Education. From left are Dr. Roger Dow, associate dean of the College of Education; Tanner; Dr. Sally Stevenson, director of Educational Partnerships; Lynn Kettelman, University Advancement; and John Short, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation.

In recognition of the Strong Foundation’s support for its students, Robin Tanner, Strong Foundation executive director, and her staff were invited to dinner and a reception at FSU where they met many of Frostburg’s Strong Scholars in person for the first time and unveiled a plaque in Franklton Hall, honoring the Strong Foundation for its dedicated support for students in the College of Education. From left are Dr. Roger Dow, associate dean of the College of Education; Tanner; Dr. Sally Stevenson, director of Educational Partnerships; Lynn Kettelman, University Advancement; and John Short, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation.

**Fred Nyachieo**

'B16

Experiencing the Unseen World:
Inside the DelSignore Foundation Microscopy Suite

The FSU Foundation has given $100,000 to name the Tools for the First Time and unveiled a plaque in Franklton Hall, honoring the Strong Foundation for its dedicated support for students in the College of Education. From left are Dr. Roger Dow, associate dean of the College of Education; Tanner; Dr. Sally Stevenson, director of Educational Partnerships; Lynn Kettelman, University Advancement; and John Short, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation.
Ron Nowaczyk is the grandson of Polish immigrants, the first in his family to complete college — or even high school — and the holder of a Ph.D. in human experimental psychology who has worked with NASA engineers on teamwork. Now he’s Frostburg State University’s 15th president, and he’s ready to apply those perspectives and a wealth of experience to the service of FSU, its students and its region.

Dr. Ronald H. Nowaczyk, Frostburg State University’s 15th president, has a good feeling about his new place.

“When you take on a new position, you always wonder, did you make the right decision,” he said. “With confidence, I can say I did. I’m very happy being at Frostburg State University and honored to be its president.”

His initial months on the job have been spent getting to know his students, the faculty and staff, his new community and the concerns and dreams each group has about the future of the institution. Within days of his arrival on campus, he set up open listening sessions to introduce himself and to hear ideas. He’s created a University Council to bring more voices to the leadership of the University. He has made the rounds of numerous community and state organizations and is setting the stage to establish a solid plan to follow for the coming years.

In return, he has seen plenty of “expressed pride in the institution” and been treated to true Bobcat hospitality.

“I have been impressed with how welcoming and friendly everybody has been,” he said. “People have been very open, warm and genuine.”

While his May 9 start date gave him a short window of opportunity to get to know students before the semester ended and the Class of 2016 graduated, he’s excited about what he’s observed so far.

“They’re exactly the students I would have hoped to have seen. These students see the value in college and are trying to do well,” he said. “They show strong respect for the campus and the community.”

And as he is getting acquainted with FSU and its people, here is your chance to get acquainted with him.

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

As he is getting acquainted with FSU and its people, here is your chance to get acquainted with him.

“I have been impressed with how welcoming and friendly everybody has been,” he said. “People have been very open, warm and genuine.”

While his May 9 start date gave him a short window of opportunity to get to know students before the semester ended and the Class of 2016 graduated, he’s excited about what he’s observed so far.

“They’re exactly the students I would have hoped to have seen. These students see the value in college and are trying to do well,” he said. “They show strong respect for the campus and the community.”

And as he is getting acquainted with FSU and its people, here is your chance to get acquainted with him.

His Origins

Nowaczyk grew up on the south side of Chicago, the eldest of four sons, in a neighborhood known as “Back of the Yards” for its proximity to the city’s famed stockyards.

All of Nowaczyk’s grandparents came from Poland. His father dropped out of high school after just one year to serve in the military during World War II, then came back to Chicago to work in a meat-packing plant. He eventually worked his way up to a supervisory position.

Neither of his parents finished high school, but they were determined that their sons would attend college. As part of that commitment, Nowaczyk was sent to a Jesuit high school in Chicago that was known for sending its graduates on to higher education.

“At my dad hadn’t pushed me in that direction, I would have never gone to college,” Nowaczyk said. “I would have been with a lot of my friends who never attended college.”

That school was a place that changed everything. “It opened my eyes. I remember my dad telling me, ‘We can help you with high school, but we can’t help you with college. We don’t know anything about college.’”

He was accepted to the prestigious Northwestern University, which he had to navigate on his own.

“It was a lonely experience at first,” he said. “Now that I reflect on it, I can relate to our first-generation students and their families. I had no idea what credits were, no idea about general education and major requirements. I was learning ‘about’ college while I attended college.

He attributes his success at Northwestern to a couple of opportunities. During his freshman year, he moved into an academically oriented fraternity house, where he found peers who could help him learn what it took to be a successful college student. Then, in his junior year, he was invited to work in the lab of Dr. Ben Underwood, a psychology professor who was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a rare distinction for a psychologist.

“That changed my direction, got me excited about psychology and about research. That’s what led me to graduate school,” Nowaczyk said. “It’s a story that everybody tells. There’s always somebody who made a difference for them in college. That was the professor who made a difference for me.”

His Career

With that boost, Nowaczyk went on to graduate school at Miami University of Ohio, where, in quick succession, he earned his master’s degree and doctorate, both in experimental psychology. He had his Ph.D. by age 25.

As he was pursuing those degrees in human experimental psychology, his interests changed from basic research to applied research, how psychology impacts real-life living and learning. After initial research in short-term memory and understanding those mechanisms, his interests turned toward practical questions, such as how do people learn to program computers, how to make those computers easier for people to use and how to help engineers collaborate better on teams.

“That was a pretty interesting turnaround for me as an individual, because once I got out of graduate school, it didn’t take long before I realized I didn’t want to keep studying people’s memory in a lab, in an artificial environment,” he said. “I was much more interested in understanding how people do things, how they learn things in their daily lives.”

It was a direction that he continued as he progressed through his faculty and administrative career, and which will have an influence in his leadership at Frostburg.

After completing his degrees, he joined the psychology faculty at Clemson University, where he taught for 21 years.

“I think I was viewed as a no-nonsense faculty member,” Nowaczyk said. “I wanted students to learn and I had standards. I think I held the standards, but
at the same time I was willing to work with students individually to help them overcome whatever struggles they were having.

He specialized in the statistics and research methods classes, "courses people dreaded," he said. "For me it was actually fun. It was special for me to teach those courses because I knew the students found the material challenging, and the question was, how could I make it interesting and enjoyable for them." Although he's been in administration for more than 15 years, he made it a point to continue to teach whenever he can, and he recognizes that teaching styles have changed.

"Teaching today, the two biggest differences would be students working more in teams and in an active classroom involvement," he said. "In many of today's careers, students will need to work in teams," he said. "... On a team, students often end up teaching each other. That's a powerful learning method."

The concept of teams is a theme he has revisited in his career, but in particular in two visiting consultant opportunities, one with AT&T Bell Labs and the other with NASA, in which he focused on ways that engineers could collaborate better.

Drawing on the connections among those experiences will serve him as he takes on the leadership of Frostburg State University with two key themes in mind – student success and ensuring that FSU meets its role within its region.

**FROM THE FIRST YEAR TO FROSTBURG 2023**

The first goal is to make a plan. Following the adage of "the best way to predict the future is to create it," Nowaczyk looks toward 2023 and what FSU should look like then.

"We want to figure out where we're going in the next six to seven years. What I am keeping in mind is out 125th anniversary in 2023. Where do we want to be in 2025 as a university?" Nowaczyk said.

"We have to intentionally decide what is it we want to be and work backwards. How do we get to that point? That's what my goal is right now. What do we want to see this place look like in 2023? And to get to that place, what does it have to look like in 2022, 2021 and so forth," he said.

"I do know that to get to our 125th anniversary, we have to have a plan, so that's what this upcoming year is about." That will involve developing the University's next strategic plan. "The strategic plan builds on the strengths of the University, identifying what it is using data to continuously advance its operations and is building a culture of university-wide assessment and improvement." The second focuses on the general education program – the core courses required of all students. Middle States wants FSU to show that it is using data to continuously advance and improving that program.

The reports are due in March of 2017, and as efforts to address these three standards have already begun, Nowaczyk is confident that FSU will meet Middle States expectations. Along with the guidance from the Middle States assessments, Nowaczyk is seeking to clarify the shared vision for FSU's future.

He will be seeking ways to ensure that FSU is viewed as a school of "value," which means that it is affordable and a place known for its students succeeding, in their education and afterward. He's keen on identifying the factors that get in the way of graduating on time, which raises the cost of a degree. And he wants students to have valuable experiences along the way that will serve them not in that first job out of college, but in whatever career path they take, including those two fields that don't even exist today.

"We are not only educating people for a job or a career, but to be meaningful and engaged citizens in our country. We need that kind of leadership going forward. "Breadth" of education is critical to ensure that Frostburg State University helps students achieve their goals," he said. "We should position our graduates to be broadly educated, risk-takers and be willing to take on the challenges as leaders in tomorrow's world."

And Nowaczyk sees students acquiring those skills through experiences as part of the "human capital" that will serve Frostburg State University's region well, part of the ongoing partnerships with the people, businesses and organizations of the area.

He says his passion for economic and community development ties back to his career-long interest in the application of knowledge and his work in North Carolina. That was where he helped East Carolina University students and faculty engage with regional organizations and businesses to improve the quality of life in that area. "As part of the region, FSU should apply – again, that's the word – apply its faculty expertise and expand its student engagement to enhance the communities in the region."

"What's in His Office?"

Sometimes the items a person keeps nearby can provide a window into a personality. Here are some of the things you'll find in Ron Nowaczyk's office.

A photo of Jake, hanging out with the University of New Haven marching band when he was about three years old.

An N-scale Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive, reflecting the 1,716 of the things you'll find in Ron Nowaczyk's office. A gift in recognition of Nowaczyk's role in building the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarion University, where he oversaw an expansion of ROTC offerings.

A gift in recognition of Nowaczyk's role in building the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarion University, where he oversaw an expansion of ROTC offerings.

A gift in recognition of Nowaczyk's role in building the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarion University, where he oversaw an expansion of ROTC offerings.

A gift in recognition of Nowaczyk's role in building the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarion University, where he oversaw an expansion of ROTC offerings. An N-scale Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive, reflecting the 1,716 of the things you'll find in Ron Nowaczyk's office. A gift in recognition of Nowaczyk's role in building the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarion University, where he oversaw an expansion of ROTC offerings.

What's in His Office? Sometimes the items a person keeps nearby can provide a window into a personality. Here are some of the things you'll find in Ron Nowaczyk's office.

A photo of Jake, hanging out with the University of New Haven marching band when he was about three years old.

An N-scale Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive, reflecting the 1,716 of the things you'll find in Ron Nowaczyk's office. A gift in recognition of Nowaczyk's role in building the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarion University, where he oversaw an expansion of ROTC offerings.

A gift in recognition of Nowaczyk's role in building the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarion University, where he oversaw an expansion of ROTC offerings. An N-scale Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive, reflecting the 1,716 of the things you'll find in Ron Nowaczyk's office. A gift in recognition of Nowaczyk's role in building the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarion University, where he oversaw an expansion of ROTC offerings.

A gift in recognition of Nowaczyk's role in building the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Clarion University, where he oversaw an expansion of ROTC offerings.
Cultural Events Series Celebrates 60 Years of Professional Performing Arts

On Oct. 2, 1956, Frostburg State Teachers College hosted a performance by the Joffrey Ballet as part of the dance company’s historic first tour. In the 60 years since, the Joffrey Ballet has become world-famous, and Frostburg State University continues to make a name for itself as a venue for high-caliber artists from around the world. Here are just a few of our favorite performances from across the years!
A FITTING RELATIONSHIP

By Charles Schelle

Amy Schwab Owens M’02 has built her life and business around helping others. Her LaVale gym, Life Fitness Management, not only helps her clients find a path to better lives, but she and her co-owners are doing the same by building relationships with Frostburg students, faculty and staff.

“The students that I have that come out of the program know their stuff. They’re impressive,” Schwab Owens said. “They can back up what they’re doing and why they’re doing it, which is really key when you’re working with somebody in this field.”

Schwab Owens, along with co-owners Brenda Owens, Greg Dull and Dr. Stephen Owens ‘71, have made FSU an important part of their business and fitness community through offering internships, field trips and partnering with various FSU departments.

Thirteen of 15 Life Fitness Management employees have a degree from Frostburg State. Also, Dull attended FSU for several years, and Stephen Owens, Schwab Owens’ husband, is a professor emeritus from FSU’s Department of Computer Science.

Dull appreciates what Frostburg State’s presence is able to do for the gym.

“Frostburg State plays a huge role in our success. I believe that,” Dull said. “I get the opportunity to interview potential employees, work with them for 400 hours and decide to hire them. You can’t get better than that from an employee standpoint. It’s been extremely successful.”

Exercise and Sport Science major David Cooper ’16 is one of the many interns who walked through LFM’s doors. He wants to become a nutritionist and a personal trainer. He interned at the front desk in the spring, learning LFM’s approach to customer service and leading clients through exercises, then he returned after graduation to become an employee.

“Right when you come through the door, everybody has a smile on their face. It’s pretty much like a home,” Cooper said. “If you’re in a bad mood, they try to cheer you up.”

It wasn’t an intentional strategy to use FSU students and alumni when the business opened 10 years ago. A relationship of convenience evolved into one of trust at the expansive LFM club.

Schwab Owens earned her master’s degree in clinical psychology from Frostburg, finding a way to combine her passion for helping people break through mental barriers with her love of fitness and design. Working with Dull, everything seemed to align when she earned her master’s from FSU.

“I came out of that program feeling like I accomplished a goal,” she said. “At the same time, I’m working with Greg. I’m thinking as we’re working out, ‘You know, the industry is really missing the psychological piece of what’s happening, the mental piece of the puzzle.’”

As with many gym people, Cooper would join in January and stop showing up by March. They wanted to end that cycle and create an inviting atmosphere both physically and psychologically.

Frostburg students in the Exercise and Sport Science Program have a good grasp on that concept, better preparing themselves for work or an internship at LFM, the owners said.

“We want to affect as many people in health and fitness as possible, one person at a time,” Dull said.

Service With a Smile

Dull and company affect one FSU student at a time through immersive internship programs that help the students understand LFM’s philosophy, along with offering sage career advice.

“There is a baseline that we do for everyone, and that is customer service,” Dull said.

“Anything they do is going to be with people. Understanding and working with people in that capacity is hugely important.”

The service is predicated on understanding where the customers are in life and what their fitness needs are. One person may train for a triathlon while the next is recovering from heart surgery and another wants to lose 100 pounds and has joint issues.

“The hardest exercise for some people is to walk up those steps and in the front door,” Schwab Owens said. “It’s easy when you’re young to not think about that.”

Understanding the basics is a necessity of the Exercise and Sport Science Program. Students are required to have three credits of field experience prior to the nine-credit internship during their senior year, said John Wright, an associate professor in the program. Students are fortunate to have LFM and Energy Health and Fitness, also in LaVale, as local sites that provide these field experiences and internship opportunities. Energy Health is owned by Mike Love ‘11, a graduate of the Exercise and Sport Science Program who also teaches courses at FSU.

Graduates in the program are eligible to test and become certified under the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a personal trainer and/or certified strength and conditioning specialist in addition to becoming a certified health fitness instructor through the American College of Sports Medicine.

During the internship, students have to complete a group exercise educational program as well as work one-on-one with a client during an entire semester under the supervision of a manager and provide the client with a yearlong program, whether that’s weight loss or strength and conditioning, Wright said.

“(The students’) clients are able to get a free personal trainer and our students get the opportunity to work in a one-on-one program,” Wright said.

Other duties in the internship include shadowing at a corporate wellness program to learn how to execute outreach events and the business of fitness.

“Those lessons are being passed on to employees like Durrell Deal ’14. Deal rose from intern to employee, and he wants to manage or own his own gym one day. Deal is observing how to build rapport with customers.”

“I’m learning how to be more assertive in engaging people,” said Deal, who’s pursuing his MBA at FSU. “That’s part of a business, but it’s not a part of making money. It’s a skill that’s necessary to addressing people.”

Schwab Owens loves to see the progress FSU students make from intern to employer, like Deal.

“Darrell has a bright future ahead of him, and anybody would be lucky to have him,” Schwab Owens said. “I like to think we had a role in him appreciating what this industry could do for him and what he could do for it.”

Even marketing students at FSU have shared their knowledge with LFM. Multiple classes through the years chose to perform a marketing study for LFM as part of a capstone project. The reports helped reinforce the need to expand on social media and use a different approach to social media marketing, Schwab Owens said.

“They’re always surprising,” she said. “They shop your competition, which you can’t help but be curious about. They also do their own analysis and feedback. Sometimes you agree with them and sometimes you don’t, but it’s always interesting and informative and done very professionally.”

A Lasting Partnership

Without Frostburg State in the community, LFM would have to look to institutions or cities an hour away or more to find the students with the necessary education and personal trainers who have a certification – which is required at LFM.

Life Fitness Management hasn’t had to face that problem since starting eight years ago.

“Frostburg provides us with a whole cadre of potential employees,” Schwab Owens said. “It’s been such a privilege and an honor to have the relationship with Frostburg that we have,” Schwab Owens said. “They’ve been great partners helping us be successful at what we do.”
It was not the sight of elephants in the fields, or the hippos lounging in the Nile River or even the baboons sitting by the roadside that were the most memorable experiences that six students brought back from their journey to Uganda this spring. It was the children at Pagwaya Primary School who captured their hearts and changed their lives.

In March 2016, six young women, all members of FSU’s President’s Leadership Circle, traveled to Uganda, continuing a five-year partnership between Frostburg State University and Water School Uganda. Water School Uganda’s mission is to bring hygiene education and safe drinking water methods to rural schools and villages and reduce the incidence of disease and illness in the population of those areas.

The students spent several days at Pagwaya Primary School, a full day’s drive from the capital city, Kampala. The school serves just over 900 students and is situated at the Nile River, the primary source of water for the villages in the area. Both humans and animals use the Nile, making the water anything but potable. Enter Water School Uganda, which promotes the drinking water sanitation method known as SODIS, which stands for solar disinfection. River water is poured through a cloth filter into clear plastic bottles. As long as the spread fingers of the person holding the bottle can be seen from the other side of the bottle, the water is safe to use, not disinfected using the SODIS method. The bottles are set to lie in the sun for a day (two days if it is cloudy), and the UV rays of the sun kill organisms in the water that cause illness in humans. The SODIS method only works between 35 degrees north and south of the equator.

In 2015, Frostburg State University students visited Pagwaya Primary School and built a corral for the SODIS racks in the schoolyard, as well as “sippy taps,” simply constructed outdoor water stands positioned close to three block of latrines for the students to use for handwashing. They also provided bottles for water for all the pupils, donated games and sports materials, taught the pupils how to brush their teeth well and discussed feminine hygiene with the girls in the school. Since then, the school and immediate area have been dubbed “Frostburg Village” in acknowledgement of the connection to a university half a world away.

The FSU students brought pencils and pens, as well as some playground toys, to give to the children. For this visit from Frostburg, the students’ main project was painting the inside and outside of one of the large classroom buildings. Although the work was difficult and dirty, the heat was intense, the students soon recognized how beautifying the building would enhance the children’s educational experience.

“I never would have thought that painting a school building would be something that would transform a village community,” said Elle Wilson ‘16.

Many buildings in Uganda are painted in bright colors, with one color on the upper half of the building and another on the lower half. The building’s look improved simply when the school’s walls were primed with white paint. Then, both inside and outside walls were painted a light orange on the top half and light blue on the lower half. By the end of the project, students and teachers were eagerly helping the Frostburg students beautify their classrooms. The FSU women also performed another service at Pagwaya School, teaching a lesson on feminine hygiene to the older girls. The goal was to help girls understand the natural processes of menstruation and how to maintain their feminine hygiene.

Sarah Deprey-Severance ‘16 echoed the need to continue support of Water School Uganda because “Frostburg State University has a family [in Uganda] and needs to help any way we can.”

“They took us all in like family, and they have loved each of us since,” said Gabrielle Cousino ‘16. “I can’t wait to go back.”

This kind of transformative experience was not limited to the most recent group of travelers. Past President’s Leadership Circle members have returned from serving in Uganda with a passion for service.

Sheena Willison Buskirk ’13 was questioning her desire to pursue a career in medicine just prior to her graduation. While in Uganda, she connected with Water School Uganda’s team, along with other professionals working in medicine and the nonprofit sector. As a result, her desire to serve was renewed, and she is now a student at West Virginia University School of Osteopathic Medicine pursuing her doctorate in Osteopathy. Following her recent marriage to David Buskirk ‘12, the pair donated funds in honor of their wedding guests to Water School Uganda.

Tara Deweese ’13 realized her passion for public health from her Uganda service. She recently graduated from the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Public and International Affairs and works as an HIV/AIDS and infectious disease senior program coordinator at Johns Hopkins University.

Other FSU women have used their experiences in Uganda to influence future career paths. Sheena Willison Buskirk ’13, a postgraduate research fellow at the Johns Hopkins University, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Public and International Affairs and works as an HIV/AIDS and infectious disease senior program coordinator at Johns Hopkins University.

Micayla Bowman ‘12, a double major in biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame; Tara Deweese ’13, a postgraduate research fellow in biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame; and she is now a student at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine pursuing her doctorate in Osteopathy. Following her recent marriage to David Buskirk ‘12, the pair donated funds in honor of their wedding guests to Water School Uganda.

The partnership between FSU and Water School Uganda began five years ago with hopes of providing transformative experiential learning opportunities. Doug Baer, FSU director of Leadership and Experiential Learning, who has worked closely with Water School Uganda to continue the activities, would like to see the partnership continue “to help provide such amazing life-changing experiences to our students here and at Pagwaya Primary School.”

Warm Welcome
When the FSU students first arrived at Pagwaya School, they were delighted to be greeted by smiling children so excited to meet them, surrounding them with their joy and love. The brightness of the children’s smiles, however, was in sharp contrast to the dreariness of the two classroom buildings. Several hundred children sat on wooden benches behind long tables in rooms with dirt floors and dark, unpainted walls. The shortage of space in the classroom left the younger children to gather under trees in the yard for their lessons.

Every child had his or her own water bottle, but books and writing utensils were few. The FSU students brought pencils and pens, as well as some playground toys, to give to the children. For this visit from Frostburg, the students’ main project was painting the inside and outside of one of the large classroom buildings. Although the work was difficult and dirty, the heat was intense, the students soon recognized how beautifying the building would enhance the children’s educational experience.

“I never would have thought that painting a school building would be something that would transform a village community,” said Elle Wilson ’16.

Many buildings in Uganda are painted in bright colors, with one color on the upper half of the building and another on the lower half. The building’s look improved simply when the school’s walls were primed with white paint. Then, both inside and outside walls were painted a light orange on the top half and light blue on the lower half. By the end of the project, students and teachers were eagerly helping the Frostburg students beautify their classrooms. The FSU women also performed another service at Pagwaya School, teaching a lesson on feminine hygiene to the older girls. The goal was to help girls understand the natural processes of menstruation and how to maintain their personal cleanliness. An equally important goal was to help them understand that they could choose to continue attending school even after they began menstruating.

The children of Pagwaya Primary School-Frostburg Village are benefiting from the lessons they have learned about hygiene and safe drinking water as well as a much more inviting school, thanks to their friends from Frostburg. They have no idea, however, how much the FSU students have learned from and been inspired by them in return.

Gabrielle Cousino ’16 is surrounded by Pagwaya students. Getting to know these children was the highlight of each Frostburg student’s experience.

Transforming Lives and Opening Eyes
Improving Lives and Opening Eyes

By Harriet Douglas M’96

It was the children at Pagwaya Primary School who captured their hearts and changed their lives.

Elle Wilson ‘16 bonds out school supplies to students at Pagwaya Primary School.

Sarah Deprey-Severance ‘16 applies primer to the school’s interior wall.

From left, Elle Wilson ‘16, Jocelyn Williams ‘16, Katie McCarron ‘16, Gabrielle Cousino ‘16, Sarah Deprey-Severance ‘16 and India Lacey ‘16 show off their paintwork at Pagwaya Primary School.

Papaya District women collect drinking water from the Nile River that will be sanitized through solar disinfection (SODIS). To watch a Simpler Way, an award-winning documentary highlighting the beginnings of this partnership, visit www.frostburg.edu/ses-uganda.

To learn more about the mission and activities of Water School Uganda, visit www.waterschool.com/uganda.

Getting to know these children was the highlight of each Frostburg student’s experience.
Quintuplets Forge Their Own Paths at FSU

It might be understandable for quintuplets — three sisters and two brothers — to choose different colleges after being together from the womb to 12th grade. Being called simply "Groff" in their high school hallways — not being different colleges after being together from It might be understandable for quintuplets here," Diana said. "Maybe that's from being their bachelor's degree this past academic year.

Being recognized as an individual was important, so we could still come home and have their support." The three sisters led the way to Frostburg. "Frostburg" happened to have majors we were all interested in," Diana said. Ian and Erin were considering art schools elsewhere, but decided they liked what Frostburg had to offer, beyond being near their sister. The expense of the other schools was a particularly moving aspect of art, said. "People know me without knowing my

The decision turned out better than expected for a family trying to provide for five children born at once. After learning about their situation, FSU also provided a multi-child discount to help ease the burden. "We were thrilled they were all going to Frostburg," Teresa said. "We were just glad to have them in one place because, logistically, that would be easier.

Even better — FSU had a major for each of them. "We were thrilled they each could major in something that Frostburg offered," Dad Bill said. "If they had been at two or three different colleges, that would have been rough.

"I had a lot of AP credits from high school, and I took a couple of extra classes my senior year to graduate a little earlier," Diana said, which allowed her to leap ahead. "I just wanted to be in the real world as soon as I could to see what it's like.

She's thankful FSU prepared her for her first job. "Throughout college I was changing my mind what I wanted to study or what I was thinking about. I got into nursing, then research," she said. "My professors were really helpful telling me about programs at [the National Institutes of Health] and FDA.

Eric and Ian saw a lot of each other, both being fine art majors with illustration concentrations. Eric focused on fantasy illustration, refining the detail of his characters. As part of a public art project, he created a series of miniature robots that were placed on Frostburg businesses downtown. He also worked alongside acclaimed graphic novelist Dennis Calero for an independent study, which helped prepare him for the business side of art. Eric wants to publish his own graphic novel, sell his prints online and do commissioned pieces.

"I was really interested in comics, and I wanted to get better at my own making of them. I didn't know where to take that or how hard I would have to work to get there," Eric said. "Listening to (Calero's) life story, it gave me a lot of confidence that I was heading in the right direction.

Ian also specializes in fantasy and science fiction but prefers paint where Eric focuses on printmaking. "I really grew as a person and as an artist learning about the field, and I think I can be successful afterward," Ian said. Ian also worked alongside Calero. "We did several pages of penciled work, and then we learned how to ink the pencils we drew," Ian said. "Dennis guided us through the whole process and how to successfully draw and what not to do.

Maureen Groff starred in a number of theatre productions in her FSU career, including Pindaloula's Musical! "The story was so known and loved. People had expectations for it, and that was kind of daunting," she said.

"I think it would be cool to be one of the people working toward learning what

Eric Groff won the opportunity to create public art, themed tributes displayed on downtown Frostburg businesses.

"I had a lot of AP credits from high school, and I took a couple of extra classes my senior year to graduate a little earlier," Diana said, which allowed her to leap ahead. "I just wanted to be in the real world as soon as I could to see what it's like.

She's thankful FSU prepared her for her first job. "Throughout college I was changing my mind what I wanted to study or what I was thinking about. I got into nursing, then research," she said. "My professors were really helpful telling me about programs at [the National Institutes of Health] and FDA.

Eric and Ian saw a lot of each other, both being fine art majors with illustration concentrations. Eric focused on fantasy illustration, refining the detail of his characters. As part of a public art project, he created a series of miniature robots that were placed on Frostburg businesses downtown. He also worked alongside acclaimed graphic novelist Dennis Calero for an independent study, which helped prepare him for the business side of art. Eric wants to publish his own graphic novel, sell his prints online and do commissioned pieces.

"I was really interested in comics, and I wanted to get better at my own making of them. I didn't know where to take that or how hard I would have to work to get there," Eric said. "Listening to (Calero's) life story, it gave me a lot of confidence that I was heading in the right direction.

Ian also specializes in fantasy and science fiction but prefers paint where Eric focuses on printmaking. "I really grew as a person and as an artist learning about the field, and I think I can be successful afterward," Ian said. Ian also worked alongside Calero. "We did several pages of penciled work, and then we learned how to ink the pencils we drew," Ian said. "Dennis guided us through the whole process and how to successfully draw and what not to do.

Diana's field trips, support Diana and Erin with them," Diana said. "We all try to support each other as much as we can," Maureen said.

Separate Ways

As each of the Groffs prepared to receive their degrees at commencement, they realised that the ride of being together in one place was ending. The uncertainty is bittersweet. "I think we're pretty close as far as siblings go, and I really want to have this with them," Diana said. Erin's soil conservation work will likely land her at a government agency, and could see her stay in the region in or near Washington, D.C. Diana has settled in her new jobs in Frederick, just up the road from the family home in Jefferson.

Ian wants to work for a comic book publisher, which could take him anywhere, and he wants to publish his own work. And Eric has plans of his own to sell his artwork and pursue a comic book publishing career, too.

Maureen's career could take her to New York or Los Angeles, but she's focusing on establishing herself in the region first, hoping to land roles with a nearby theatre troupe. She said it's a little scary that this ride has come to an end.

"I consider myself really lucky because friends can come and go, but family is always here," Maureen said.

There's still a possibility another Groff could attend FSU. Their little brother Duncan is 15. The budding artist and video producer is keen on looking at colleges.

"We tell him, 'Of course it's your choice, but you're going to Frostburg, right?'" Maureen said.
Lowery’s Spring Throwingdown

Junior thrower J.R. Lowery posted an outdoor season to remember this spring for the Frostburg track & field team. Lowery finished off his spectacular outdoor season by taking 19th place at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the shot put and 18th in the hammer throw.

In total, Lowery set the outdoor record in the shot put four times and the hammer throw on two more occasions. In late April, Lowery was invited to the historic Penn Relays, the longest uninterrupted collegiate track & field meet in the country. Lowery didn’t just perform well, but he proved he can compete with top-notch Division I athletes. He took fifth in the shot put at 16.95 meters, outdistancing every DIII competitor and nearly 20 Division I throwers.

Lowery’s Spring Throwingdown

Junior thrower J.R. Lowery posted an outdoor season to remember this spring for the Frostburg track & field team. Lowery finished off his spectacular outdoor season by taking 19th place at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the shot put and 18th in the hammer throw.

In total, Lowery set the outdoor record in the shot put four times and the hammer throw on two more occasions. In late April, Lowery was invited to the historic Penn Relays, the longest uninterrupted collegiate track & field meet in the country. Lowery didn’t just perform well, but he proved he can compete with top-notch Division I athletes. He took fifth in the shot put at 16.95 meters, outdistancing every DIII competitor and nearly 20 Division I throwers.

Lowery’s Spring Throwingdown

Junior thrower J.R. Lowery posted an outdoor season to remember this spring for the Frostburg track & field team. Lowery finished off his spectacular outdoor season by taking 19th place at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the shot put and 18th in the hammer throw.

In total, Lowery set the outdoor record in the shot put four times and the hammer throw on two more occasions. In late April, Lowery was invited to the historic Penn Relays, the longest uninterrupted collegiate track & field meet in the country. Lowery didn’t just perform well, but he proved he can compete with top-notch Division I athletes. He took fifth in the shot put at 16.95 meters, outdistancing every DIII competitor and nearly 20 Division I throwers.

Lowery’s Spring Throwingdown

Junior thrower J.R. Lowery posted an outdoor season to remember this spring for the Frostburg track & field team. Lowery finished off his spectacular outdoor season by taking 19th place at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the shot put and 18th in the hammer throw.

In total, Lowery set the outdoor record in the shot put four times and the hammer throw on two more occasions. In late April, Lowery was invited to the historic Penn Relays, the longest uninterrupted collegiate track & field meet in the country. Lowery didn’t just perform well, but he proved he can compete with top-notch Division I athletes. He took fifth in the shot put at 16.95 meters, outdistancing every DIII competitor and nearly 20 Division I throwers.

Lowery’s Spring Throwingdown

Junior thrower J.R. Lowery posted an outdoor season to remember this spring for the Frostburg track & field team. Lowery finished off his spectacular outdoor season by taking 19th place at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the shot put and 18th in the hammer throw.

In total, Lowery set the outdoor record in the shot put four times and the hammer throw on two more occasions. In late April, Lowery was invited to the historic Penn Relays, the longest uninterrupted collegiate track & field meet in the country. Lowery didn’t just perform well, but he proved he can compete with top-notch Division I athletes. He took fifth in the shot put at 16.95 meters, outdistancing every DIII competitor and nearly 20 Division I throwers.
Lacrosse runs in Spenser Love's family and he played since he was 6 years old. When the 2012 Winters Mill graduate and Frostburg State men's lacrosse player was diagnosed with testicular cancer in early June 2015, it took a swing at Love's ability to stay energized.

Once the diagnosis came, he had surgery within a week of his initial discovery. After the surgery, Love had multiple follow-up procedures and began chemotherapy treatments that lasted for about six weeks.

“I was scared at first, but I could see the fear in my parents' eyes, and no parent ever wants to hear that their child has cancer,” Love said. “I flipped a switch and said I would beat this.”

Spenser Love, a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to rally behind him.

One of their senior teammates designed a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to stay energized.

“My coach puts things into perspective for the disease. “It was tough and none of us believed that could beat cancer it would be him because he's one of the toughest kids I know.”

Love Awarded CAC Medal of Inspiration

The Capital Athletic Conference honored former Frostburg men’s lacrosse standout Spenser Love ’16 as one of the league’s Medal of Inspiration award winners.

This past spring, Love became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer and was named to the All-CAC Second Team. The league honored Love, however, for what he overcame away from the playing field, being diagnosed with testicular cancer, then undergoing surgery and chemotherapy, yet still returning to play lacrosse for the Bobcats during his senior year.

Love was determined to end his senior year on a high note. He led Frostburg in points (61), goals (34) and assists (27), added 53 ground balls and posted a team-best four-man-up goals.

After all, it was the last year Love would get to play lacrosse before he lost so much. Cancer couldn’t possibly get in the way of that.

“I really wanted to get back to work. It just made me want to work harder, and it gave me an edge to be the best that I can be.”

Spenser Love ’16

Spenser Love had multiple follow-up procedures and began chemotherapy treatments that lasted for about six weeks.

For Peace, that was the most frustrating.

“The guys weren't together, so there wasn't anything we could do right away,” Peace said. “I reached out to him individually, and the guys on the team immediately asked what they could do for him. He was home with his friends and family, and we knew that if we showed our support in any way we could, he would know and feel that.”

When word of Love's diagnosis spread, Michael Kibler, his longtime best friend and teammate, said the Bobcats used a group email to figure out ways they could rally behind him.

“Spenser's uniform number) to also raise awareness and never wanted to portray himself as a victim.

During Spenser’s recovery process, his family did everything they could to remain light-hearted.

“I was scared at first, but I could see the fear in my parents' eyes, and no parent ever wants to hear that their child has cancer,” Love said. “I flipped a switch and said I would beat this.”

Spenser Love, a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to rally behind him.

One of their senior teammates designed a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to stay energized.

“My coach puts things into perspective for the disease. “It was tough and none of us believed that could beat cancer it would be him because he's one of the toughest kids I know.”

Love also became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer (131) and was selected to the All-Capital Athletic Conference Second Team. He helped the Bobcats to a 15-4 overall record, the nation’s No. 15 national ranking and a spot in the CAC Tournament semifinals. In June he was one of two Bobcats named as U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association’s Division II Scholar All-Americans.

Lacrosse runs in Spenser Love's family and he played since he was 6 years old. When the 2012 Winters Mill graduate and Frostburg State men's lacrosse player was diagnosed with testicular cancer in early June 2015, it took a swing at Love's ability to stay energized.

Once the diagnosis came, he had surgery within a week of his initial discovery. After the surgery, Love had multiple follow-up procedures and began chemotherapy treatments that lasted for about six weeks.

“I was scared at first, but I could see the fear in my parents' eyes, and no parent ever wants to hear that their child has cancer,” Love said. “I flipped a switch and said I would beat this.”

Spenser Love, a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to rally behind him.

One of their senior teammates designed a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to stay energized.

“My coach puts things into perspective for the disease. “It was tough and none of us believed that could beat cancer it would be him because he's one of the toughest kids I know.”

Love Awarded CAC Medal of Inspiration

The Capital Athletic Conference honored former Frostburg men’s lacrosse standout Spenser Love ’16 as one of the league’s Medal of Inspiration award winners.

This past spring, Love became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer and was named to the All-CAC Second Team. The league honored Love, however, for what he overcame away from the playing field, being diagnosed with testicular cancer, then undergoing surgery and chemotherapy, yet still returning to play lacrosse for the Bobcats during his senior year.

Love was determined to end his senior year on a high note. He led Frostburg in points (61), goals (34) and assists (27), added 53 ground balls and posted a team-best four-man-up goals.

After all, it was the last year Love would get to play lacrosse before he lost so much. Cancer couldn’t possibly get in the way of that.

“I really wanted to get back to work. It just made me want to work harder, and it gave me an edge to be the best that I can be.”

Spenser Love ’16

Spenser Love had multiple follow-up procedures and began chemotherapy treatments that lasted for about six weeks.

For Peace, that was the most frustrating.

“The guys weren't together, so there wasn't anything we could do right away,” Peace said. “I reached out to him individually, and the guys on the team immediately asked what they could do for him. He was home with his friends and family, and we knew that if we showed our support in any way we could, he would know and feel that.”

When word of Love's diagnosis spread, Michael Kibler, his longtime best friend and teammate, said the Bobcats used a group email to figure out ways they could rally behind him.

“One of their senior teammates designed a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to stay energized.

“My coach puts things into perspective for the disease. “It was tough and none of us believed that could beat cancer it would be him because he's one of the toughest kids I know.”

Love also became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer (131) and was selected to the All-Capital Athletic Conference Second Team. He helped the Bobcats to a 15-4 overall record, the nation’s No. 15 national ranking and a spot in the CAC Tournament semifinals. In June he was one of two Bobcats named as U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association’s Division II Scholar All-Americans.

During Spenser’s recovery process, his family did everything they could to remain light-hearted.

“One of their senior teammates designed a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to stay energized.

“My coach puts things into perspective for the disease. “It was tough and none of us believed that could beat cancer it would be him because he's one of the toughest kids I know.”

Love also became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer (131) and was selected to the All-Capital Athletic Conference Second Team. He helped the Bobcats to a 15-4 overall record, the nation’s No. 15 national ranking and a spot in the CAC Tournament semifinals. In June he was one of two Bobcats named as U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association’s Division II Scholar All-Americans.

During Spenser’s recovery process, his family did everything they could to remain light-hearted.

“One of their senior teammates designed a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to stay energized.

“My coach puts things into perspective for the disease. “It was tough and none of us believed that could beat cancer it would be him because he's one of the toughest kids I know.”

Love also became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer (131) and was selected to the All-Capital Athletic Conference Second Team. He helped the Bobcats to a 15-4 overall record, the nation’s No. 15 national ranking and a spot in the CAC Tournament semifinals. In June he was one of two Bobcats named as U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association’s Division II Scholar All-Americans.

During Spenser’s recovery process, his family did everything they could to remain light-hearted.

“One of their senior teammates designed a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to stay energized.

“My coach puts things into perspective for the disease. “It was tough and none of us believed that could beat cancer it would be him because he's one of the toughest kids I know.”

Love also became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer (131) and was selected to the All-Capital Athletic Conference Second Team. He helped the Bobcats to a 15-4 overall record, the nation’s No. 15 national ranking and a spot in the CAC Tournament semifinals. In June he was one of two Bobcats named as U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association’s Division II Scholar All-Americans.

During Spenser’s recovery process, his family did everything they could to remain light-hearted.

“One of their senior teammates designed a T-shirt, and the Bobcats sold them on a swing at Love's ability to stay energized.

“My coach puts things into perspective for the disease. “It was tough and none of us believed that could beat cancer it would be him because he's one of the toughest kids I know.”

Love also became Frostburg’s all-time leading goal scorer (131) and was selected to the All-Capital Athletic Conference Second Team. He helped the Bobcats to a 15-4 overall record, the nation’s No. 15 national ranking and a spot in the CAC Tournament semifinals. In June he was one of two Bobcats named as U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association’s Division II Scholar All-Americans.
Join us for a weekend celebrating FSU! Meet up with friends and faculty, enjoy some great food and festivities, and check out what’s new around campus. Don’t miss all the Homecoming athletic events, and top it all off with our late-night party, the Frostburg Finale!

**October 20-23**

**Homecoming ’16**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**

- **9:00 am - Noon, Campus-wide**
  - Career Expo - “REACH!”
  - For more information, contact Dr. Michelle Garofalo or Donna Swat, Office of Career Services, at 301.687.4403.

- **9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building**
  - Art Exhibit: Robert Ladislas Derr Photography

- **5:00 pm, Lane University Center**
  - Bobcat Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Dinner
  - Cost: $10/adult, $5/children 12 and under.
  - CASH BAR. No walk-ins admitted.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

- **7:30 pm, Drama Theatre, PAC**
  - Department of Theatre students present
  - Around the World in 80 Days
    - By Jules Verne, adapted by Laura Eason
    - 57 students, 54 general public
    - Tickets go on sale Sept. 19, Box Office, 301.687.7462
    - 8:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

- **9:00 am - 9:30 pm, Lobby, LU C**
  - Alumni Welcome Center
  - Refreshments, games and activities for the kids!
  - Update contact information, learn more about your fellow alumni and register forawesome prizes.
  - 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, ARMAH, UUC

- **11:00 am**, Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Brunch
  - Cost: $20/adult, $10/children 12 and under.
  - No walk-ins admitted.
  - Co-sponsored by the Frostburg Baseball-Alumni Association.

- **10:00 am, Multimedia Learning Center, Giro Center**
  - Solar Superstorm
    - $10/adult, FREE under 18 years of age.
    - CASH ONLY at door.
    - Please arrive five minutes prior to show.
    - Show runs approx. 40 minutes.

- **5:00 pm, Multimedia Learning Center, Giro Center**
  - Solar Superstorm
    - $10/adult, FREE under 18 years of age.
    - CASH ONLY at door. Please arrive five minutes prior to show.
    - Show runs approx. 40 minutes.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

- **9:00 am - Noon, Room 107, Giro Center**
  - Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
  - All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu.

**CHRIS TUCKER**

**Friday, Oct. 21 - 8 PM**

**Main Arena, Cordts PE Center** (see info below)

**FROSTBURG FINALE**

**Saturday, October 22**

- **9:00 PM - 1:00 AM, LU C**
  - Join fellow Bobcats for a fabulous night of music, games and great times!
  - DJ | Karaoke | Dueling Piano Bar
  - Photo Booth and more!
  - Complimentary Snacks and CASH BAR
  - Cost: $10 FU student, $15 FU Alumni
  - Valid ID required to enter, security check
  - For more information: alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20**

- **9:00 am - Noon, Campus-wide**
  - Bobcat Tent for giveaways and refreshments.
  - By invitation only.
  - For more information, call 301.687.3137, visit the Box Office in the LU C or online: w w w .frostburg.edu/studenteventstix

- **5:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium**
  - Pep Rally
  - Sponsored by the Student Homecoming Committee

- **6:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium**
  - Men’s Soccer Game
  - Bobcats vs. Marymount University
  - FREE Admission

- **7:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium**
  - Women’s Soccer Game
  - Bobcats vs. Marymount University
  - FREE Admission

- **7:30 pm, Bobcat Stadium**
  - Men’s Basketball Alumni Game
  - For more information, contact Coach Webb Ranch at whranch@frostburg.edu.

**To RSVP for any event**

- Unless otherwise noted, to RSVP for any event, contact the office indicated.
- To register online, go to: w w w .frostburg.edu/homecoming.
- LUC – Lane University Center
- ARM AH – Alice R. Macurcik Assembly Hall
- PAC – Performing Arts Center
- #homesweethome
2016 Dorothy Wilson Workman was elected to the town council in 2013 and is a candidate for election to the West Virginia State Senate. She previously served as a delegate in the West Virginia House of Delegates (2011-2014) and has been persuaded to return to duty.

2017 Larry D. Kump is a candidate for election to the Maryland Board of Education. He has been a member of the Maryland House of Delegates (1967-1974) and has been persuaded to return to duty.

2018 Dr. Margaret Dowell received the Faculty Excellence Award Honoring Adjunct Faculty from the College of Southern Maryland. She has taught a related subject at Deltech. All information about Adjunct faculty. The Adjunct and Art concept utilizes artwork to promote needed dialogue about addiction and recovery.

2019 Dr. Mary Beth Hinkle Groves was named assistant superintendent of the Spring Grove Area School District in York County, Pa.

2020 Christopher Busky was named chief executive officer at the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), which represents healthcare professionals who specialize in heart rhythm disorders.

2021 Matthew Kowalski became the Virginia Water Restoration scientist for the Chincoteague Bay Foundation. He helps landowners and farmers use best-encouragement techniques to protect and conserve their local streams.

2022 Troy Raines was elected as a board member of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. He also is a director of the Allegany County Department of Social Services Board.

2023 Lorie Warner Boudreaux was named the 2016-17 Garrett County Teacher of the Year. Lori was the 2016-17 Garrett County Teacher of the Year who began teaching in Garrett County Schools in 1998. She has taught fourth grade, seventh-grade language and math, and currently teaches sixth-grade science. Lori is a Maryland Association of Student Councils advisor, FIRST LEGO League coach and FIRST Robotics competition manager. “The greatest contribution I can make is empowering young students,” she said.

2024 Diane Fike Emory is promoted to controller at First United Bank & Trust in Oakland, Md. Diane has more than 20 years of experience in the accounting industry and has been with First United since 2006. In August 2015, Diane completed the three-year Maryland Banking School, graduating with honors and receiving two distinguished awards for service to the community.

2025 Angela Kosanek Ripley was nominated by President Obama for membership on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers. The ACR has been the head of the VA/Biovision Insurance Service since 1990, and she has served as national director for the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America since 2014.

2026 Dr. John Mullis is being honored as the recipient of the 2015 Service to Humanity Award by the National Association of Certified Public Accountants.

2027 Dr. Carlos Salicrup, president of the Aerospace Medical Research Division; Dr. Dwight Holland.

White Receives Goldenheart Award
Retired Air Force Col. Donald J. White ’75, center, received the Walter and Sylvia Goldenheart Award, presented to a member of the Aerospace Medical Association who has made the most significant contribution in the field of aerospace physiology, at the organization’s Annual Scientific Meeting. White was recognized for his exceptional leadership directing research, engineering, transformation and modernization of the USAF Aerospace and Operational Physiology Program. As an associate corps chief and surgeon's consultant, he integrated the program's historic patient training foundation with enhanced human performance and human factors applications. Proudly guided the Air Force chief of staff to establish a lead command, training system program management and designation as a non-aircraft weapon system. He has had an operational career that included assignment experience in acquisition, research, development, test and evaluation, education, aerospace training, operational physiology and operational safety.

Pictured with White, center, are, from left, Dr. Edward M. Ricart, FAA Aerospace Medical Research Division; Dr. Carlos Salicrup, president of the International Association of Military Flight Surgeons P.S. Dr. Eddie Tamhura, a geophysicist; and flight test engineer Dr. Dwight Holland.

2017 Larry D. Kump is a candidate for election to the West Virginia State Senate. He previously served as a delegate in the West Virginia House of Delegates (2011-2014) and has been persuaded to return to duty.

2018 Dr. Margaret Dowell received the Faculty Excellence Award Honoring Adjunct Faculty from the College of Southern Maryland. She has taught a related subject at Deltech. All information about Adjunct faculty. The Adjunct and Art concept utilizes artwork to promote needed dialogue about addiction and recovery.

2019 Dr. Mary Beth Hinkle Groves was named assistant superintendent of the Spring Grove Area School District in York County, Pa.

2020 Christopher Busky was named chief executive officer at the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), which represents healthcare professionals who specialize in heart rhythm disorders.

2021 Matthew Kowalski became the Virginia Water Restoration scientist for the Chincoteague Bay Foundation. He helps landowners and farmers use best-encouragement techniques to protect and conserve their local streams.

2022 Troy Raines was elected as a board member of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. He also is a director of the Allegany County Department of Social Services Board.

2023 Lorie Warner Boudreaux was named the 2016-17 Garrett County Teacher of the Year. Lori was the 2016-17 Garrett County Teacher of the Year who began teaching in Garrett County Schools in 1998. She has taught fourth grade, seventh-grade language and math, and currently teaches sixth-grade science. Lori is a Maryland Association of Student Councils advisor, FIRST LEGO League coach and FIRST Robotics competition manager. “The greatest contribution I can make is empowering young students,” she said.

2024 Diane Fike Emory is promoted to controller at First United Bank & Trust in Oakland, Md. Diane has more than 20 years of experience in the accounting industry and has been with First United since 2006. In August 2015, Diane completed the three-year Maryland Banking School, graduating with honors and receiving two distinguished awards for service to the community.

2025 Angela Kosanek Ripley was nominated by President Obama for membership on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers. The ACR has been the head of the VA/Biovision Insurance Service since 1990, and she has served as national director for the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America since 2014.

2026 Dr. John Mullis is being honored as the recipient of the 2015 Service to Humanity Award by the National Association of Certified Public Accountants.

2027 Dr. Carlos Salicrup, president of the Aerospace Medical Research Division; Dr. Dwight Holland.
Farewell and Thank You

Frostburg State University wishes the following faculty and staff the best of luck in their endeavors.

Dr. Catherine Ashley-Cotleur, professor of English and Foreign Languages, joined FSU in 1993. She is survived by her husband, Howard, and their son, Bryce.

In Memoriam

Marriages 1962

Robert Wiley and his wife, Carolyn, will have been married 50 years on Dec. 26, 2016.

2010

Lisa Green married Ben Crowder on June 13, 2010, in Frostburg, Md., where they all began.


2009

Jacob and Nicole Unstom Schenewald on June 12, 2009, the births of Max and Madalynn, on April 26, 2010.

Families

2010

Adam and Robin Platte Fitzpatrick announce the birth of their son, Rex Joseph, on April 29, 2010. They also have another son, Bryce.

Stacy Ludwig Novotny and Tim Novotny ’04 announce the birth of their son, Bryan Ludwig, on May 3, 2015.

2016

Dr. Megan Bradley, who died at the age of 46 on April 20, 2016, after a brief illness, had been a professor of psychology at Frostburg State University since 1999. Over the course of her career, Bradley was honored with the FSU Faculty Achievement Award for Academic Accomplishment and the USM Board of Regents Faculty Award for Teaching, and she was a National Center for Academic Transformation Redesign Scholar. Her ongoing work served to enhance FSU’s approaches to student mentoring, research and service-learning to improve student comprehension. Bradley was also involved in the community through her service to Court Appointed Special Advocates of Allegany County, which trains volunteers as advocates for abused and neglected children. She is survived by her wife, Cindy Hay, a member of FSU’s Office of Information Technology, and their son, Bryce.

Dr. Stephen D. Lazudder, who died June 12, 2016, was a professor of physics and engineering at FSU from 1990 to 2007. Lazudder advised the Society of Physics Students and led the Sigma Pi Sigma physics honors society induction ceremony each year. After retiring, he remained active in the American Association of Physics Teachers, the Potomac Conference and the Cumberbland Astronomy Club, serving numerous leadership roles in each organization. Lazudder and his wife, Dr. Hong Yardung-Lazudder, an associate professor of engineering and physics at FSU, co-directed numerous successful Maryland Summer Centers in Wind and Solar Energy for gifted and talented middle-school students. He also shared his gifts as a teacher with the TOPPS program, which helps Maryland teachers gain science and math strategies when teaching physical science to students in grades 5 to 8. In addition to his wife, he is survived by their daughter, Madeleine. His wife has established the Dr. Stephen Lazudder Memorial Scholarship at FSU.

Dr. Marc E. Routhier, who died March 4, 2016, served for 10 years on the Maryland State Medical Health Clinic in Cumberland. VanNewkirk was an active citizen of her adopted hometown, serving on the Board of Education for several years after working for the Frostburg Historic District Commission, leading efforts to save the Palace Theater and serving as a volunteer curator for the Frostburg Museum for many years. VanNewkirk’s love of local history led her to establish her longstanding weekly column in the Cumberland Times-News, “From the Museum.” She wrote several books about Western Maryland, two featuring selections from her columns.

Dr. Edward E. Stepp, who died Feb. 6, 2016, was a professor of police studies at Frostburg State University from 1960 to 1991 and served as the chair of the department for many years. His colleagues remembered his keen sense of humor and his dedication to meaningful student advising, particularly during summer orientation sessions, where he worked to ensure that prospective physics students had a realistic sense of the requirements of the demanding major.

Mary E. “Betty” VanNewkirk, who died April 1, 2016, had resided in Frostburg since 1949, when her husband, William, began a teaching career with Frostburg State Teachers College. She served as an adjunct professor of English at Frostburg State for several years after working for the Maryland State Mental Health Clinic in Cumberland. VanNewkirk was an active citizen of her adopted hometown, serving on the Board of Education for several years after working for the Frostburg Historic District Commission, leading efforts to save the Palace Theater and serving as a volunteer curator for the Frostburg Museum for many years. VanNewkirk’s love of local history led her to establish her longstanding weekly column in the Cumberland Times-News, “From the Museum.” She wrote several books about Western Maryland, two featuring selections from her columns.
James Weston Foster ’16 arrived at the 148th Commencement with a selfie stick and left with a diploma and a special memento. The social science major extended a steady hand and a smile to capture this selfie with Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Tom Bowling while on stage.

Foster then posted his selfie, left, on social media to show the world how this FrostburgGrad has BobcatPride! Looks like MissionAccomplished.
The Cultural Events Series is supported by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. Funding for the 60th Anniversary season is supported in part by the City of Frostburg and the FSU Foundation. The engagement of Troker is funded in part by a Southern Exposure grant from the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. The engagements of Gravity and Other Myths and Cyrille Aimée are funded through the Mid Atlantic Tours program of Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. The engagement of Dr. Lonnie Smith is made possible through the Jazz Touring Network program of Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. The engagement of the Mystical Arts of Tibet is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Persons with disabilities may request accommodation through the ADA Compliance Office: 301.687.4102 (VRO 1.800.735.2258). Frostburg State University is a smoke-free campus.
Big Opportunities in the Big Apple & Baltimore

FSU Marketing Club members experienced firsthand how to land their dream jobs in New York City and Baltimore thanks to generous gifts to the Annual Fund:

- Practical professional development at the 59th Advertising Career Conference
- Rubbing elbows at the famous J. Walter Thompson ad agency
- Landing interviews from global companies at the American Marketing Association Baltimore Job Workshop

The Marketing Club creates signature experiences that would not be possible without the assistance from a FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant, which is supported by the Annual Fund.

“The trips to New York and Baltimore gave me insight into what to do post-graduation. I enjoyed the trips and made great connections.”

— Rosemary Rosser ’16

YOU CAN HELP create experiences like these with a gift to the Annual Fund. Use the enclosed envelope, call us at 301.687.4161 or make a gift online at www.frostburg.edu/makeagift.