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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Bobcat Alums, Parents and Friends,

The one thing that keeps many students from the dream of a college education is simply being able to afford it. As an alum or friend of Frostburg State University, you should take pride in FSU's commitment to keeping a college education affordable, especially for Maryland residents. This year's undergraduate resident tuition increase of 1.5 percent is the lowest in the University System of Maryland. Yet many of our students and their families still find the increasing cost of higher education difficult to manage.

I can recall paying off my student loan of \$5,000 as I began my college teaching career in the late '70s. Scholarships helped keep that loan manageable for me. Gallup's research finds that in today's world, the "tipping point" for student loans is five times my loan, \$25,000. Students with loans under \$25,000 think their education was worth it. Those with loans over \$25,000 are often not so sure or have negative opinions about the value of their degree. The most recent data for FSU shows that 59 percent of our students take out loans, and the average debt upon graduation is \$21,499, below that tipping point.

I offer my thanks to the many of you who have contributed financially through our FSU Foundation to provide scholarship assistance to students in need. One example is the FSU Foundation's "Unfinished Business" scholarship. These scholarships have been very successful by providing micro-awards to successful juniors and seniors who have unforeseen complications arise and need that small financial help to complete their education.

I ask that you consider designating a contribution to the FSU Foundation to support our scholarship efforts. One of the best ways to ensure the long-term benefit of your contribution is through a named scholarship endowment. The income earned from named scholarships provides an annual award to deserving students based on criteria you develop in collaboration with the Foundation. Annual contributions may also be directed to a pool of dollars we distribute in the form of need-based and merit-based scholarships to incoming or continuing students who are academically successful.

These students are our society's future and the future Frostburg State legacy. Please consider furthering the FSU success story through today's students and tomorrow's alums. Your commitment to Frostburg State's students can help make a difference. Go Bobcats!

Cordially,

Ronald Nowaczyk, Ph.D.

President



On the Cover

Since spring, a new Bobcat has been on the prowl at FSU, watching over the campus from the plaza in front of Compton Science Center. The Student Government Association wanted a statue to serve as a rallying point for Bobcat pride on campus and spearheaded the project, which was crowdfunded by students, alumni, faculty and staff.

Cover Photo Sherry White



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Finding Friends at the Ends of the World

FSU Receives One of Largest Gifts in School History

BY ROBERT SPAHR '13

To private people, privacy can be in short supply in small towns like Frostburg, where everyone seems to know one another. Anonymity is more easily found a little farther from home.

James A. Jeffries, who passed away on June 6 at the age of 91, somehow managed to maintain that privacy while dividing his time between traveling the world and returning each year to his Frostburg hometown.

With his final earthly act, he surprised almost everyone: Ten years ago, he had named the FSU Foundation as the beneficiary of an investment account. In the end, that gift amounted to nearly \$1.5 million, one of the largest cash gifts FSU has ever received.

It was a stunning, but welcome, development.

"The FSU Foundation is honored and sincerely appreciative that Mr. Jeffries entrusted part of his legacy to us," said **Kenneth Oldham, Jr. '98**, president of the FSU Foundation. "We look forward to putting these funds to great use in support of our beloved FSU, its faculty and its students."

Jeffries' friends say he was a brilliant man, a globetrotter who was fluent in five languages

who grew up and lived just blocks from the University.

"For somebody who never finished high school, I'd put his mind up against any college-educated person's," said one of those friends, Darlene Frye, with whom Jeffries worked decades before. "He taught himself four languages from old vinyl records!"

He ended his days no less privately or enigmatically than he had lived them. A very brief death notice was all that was published. No service was held. He was quietly laid to rest in his family's burial plot. And that's precisely what Jeffries intended, at least according to his closest friends.

Frye, who was employed at FSU from 1981 to 1999, first met Jeffries when they worked for a Cumberland wholesale business that Jeffries' uncle ran. They remained close friends even after Jeffries took to spending his winters and summers traveling the world. Each time Jeffries returned to town, Frye looked in on her reclusive friend, always marveling at his encyclopedic knowledge of world history and current events.

It was Frye who helped Jeffries handle the details to ensure that his wishes to support the

University would be carried through, according to another friend, Jeff Kirk, who is Jeffries' estate administrator.

"Jimmy had good intentions, but she made sure it happened," Kirk said. "The only thing he said to me was that the University was getting a big chunk. He never told me any more than that, and Jimmy was one of those people – you didn't ask him questions!"

Jeffries was a regular and generous supporter of WFWM, FSU's public, NPR-affiliated radio station, but officials from the FSU Foundation had otherwise no contact with Jeffries.

"When we attempted to thank Mr. Jeffries for his gifts to WFWM, we never heard back. So it was therefore a complete surprise when we were informed of his estate gift," said John Short, vice president for Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation.

That's how he wanted it, according to those few close friends who understood how much he prized his privacy.

Frye and Kirk knew Jeffries shied away from personal questions, but he delighted in talking with his friends at great lengths about almost anything else, including his extensive

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travels and countless stories about dear friends overseas and the adventures they took together.

Two of his interests led to his first adventure overseas. Jeffries was an aviation buff who had kept a small Cessna airplane at Cumberland Airport in the 1950s. He was also a prolific photographer who made space for a private darkroom, slide projector and pull-down projection screen in his home.

Immediately after World War II ended, then-19-year-old Jeffries packed his camera and crossed the Atlantic to backpack through Europe, shooting pictures of downed and abandoned warplanes, his friends said.

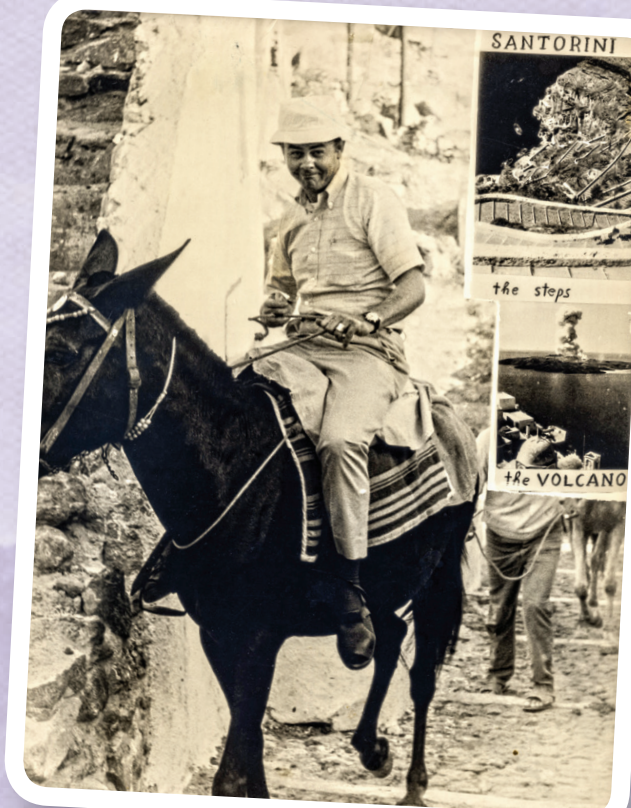
Along the countless journeys that followed, Jeffries' camera remained his constant companion. When Kirk and Frye began sorting through his effects, they found many boxes packed with slides in carousels – each box containing hundreds of images from 70-plus years of world travels. They've already begun looking into archiving Jeffries' innumerable images at Frostburg's Lewis J. Ort Library.

Jeffries' lifelong travels took him to nearly every country on earth.

"He was in a nearby country, and he was going to go to Russia, and he was told, 'Sir, you probably shouldn't go. It's not safe right now,'" Kirk said. "Apparently, there was a lot of kidnapping going on then. But that was literally the only place in the world he never went. When you own clothes for safari and the Arctic, then you've probably traveled a lot."

Among other noteworthy moments, Kirk remembered Jeffries' stories of drinking in a Havana bar just before the Cuban Revolution with armed soldiers moving through the streets.

Even late in his life, Jeffries maintained an international "snow-birder" pattern he'd established before Kirk met him in the 1980s. Starting each June, Jeffries spent his summer in Davos, Switzerland. Then each November, 60 days after returning home from Switzerland, he traveled to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, for the winter. It was a pattern Jeffries maintained until this spring, not long before his death, when he cut his Mexico trip short. Frye and Kirk couldn't remember their friend coming home early before.



On the Greek island of Santorini

In those two destinations, worlds away from his hometown, Jeffries apparently counted a handful of other very close friends. From Davos, he would spend time each year with friends who lived just over the Alps in Germany. In San Miguel, Jeffries spent five decades returning to the same hotel, which he saw pass down through three generations of one family, all of whom he considered good friends.

After Jeffries passed away, Kirk reached out to those people overseas to see if they knew any more about their mysterious common friend. Jeffries' friends at the ends of the world, apparently, knew no more than Frye or Kirk did. But they, in turn, had heard countless stories about Jeffries' dearest friends – two lovely people from Western Maryland he reunited with every time he returned home.

None of his friends, it seems, were ever very far from Jeffries' heart. With his generous final gift to FSU, it appears that he likewise cared deeply about the many college students just a few blocks from his home of 90-plus years.



With friends in Heidelberg, Germany (at center)

“Embrace the Uncertainty,” Astronaut Arnold Tells Grads

NASA Astronaut **Ricky Arnold '85** returned to the FSU campus in May, 34 years and 3,354 Earth orbits after his first graduation. While here, he shared his amazing journey in education and space exploration with middle-school students, brand-new teachers and FSU's newest alumni. He left with an Honorary Doctor of Science degree.

“NASA has told me that I have been around this planet 3,345 times,” Arnold told the graduates. “. . . I am pleased to confirm that the Earth is round.”

With his lighthearted comment, Arnold was making a serious point about science and the planet. “As you set forth from this place, remember that opinion isn't fact, and data does not have an agenda. . . . The same process, the scientific method, that enabled us to learn how to launch rockets, cure diseases and post selfies on Instagram is the exact same process that tells us how we are changing our world in ways that are frankly hard to fathom,” he said.

Yet, despite his serious concerns about how humans are stewarding the planet, Arnold said he is still an optimist.

“The reason I am an optimist is because of places like this and the principles it has instilled in each of us, this university that chooses to celebrate and honor service rather than notoriety and wealth. I am an optimist because of the remarkable journey that starts for each of you today and the job this place has done to prepare you for that journey,” he said.

Arnold became an astronaut after more than a decade as a science and mathematics teacher at schools around the world.

He reminded graduates that when he was sitting in those seats in 1985, he had no idea that he had the gifts for the paths he ended up following — teaching



Clockwise from top: University System of Maryland Chancellor Robert Caret and President Nowaczyk present Ricky Arnold '85 with an honorary Doctor of Science degree at commencement. The day before, Arnold spoke about his seven months on the International Space Station with about 1,600 area middle-school students. Arnold meets a new Bobcat.

and space exploration — but he accepted those challenges as they came.

“Take some chances. Embrace the uncertainty, exhilaration and sense of wonder that comes with casting off the lines and venturing toward that uncharted shore,” he said.

His address at commencement rounded out two days of presentations. The day before, Arnold spoke to about 2,000 people during three events. In the morning, he spoke to nearly 1,600 area middle-school students about his seven months in space, a program

he repeated in the evening for the general public. In the afternoon, he spoke to students soon to graduate from the College of Education about the role of teachers and the inspiration of Teacher in Space Christa McAuliffe.

Arnold has spent 209 days in space and conducted five spacewalks over two missions. He also completed a mission as an aquanaut in a joint NASA-NOAA mission on NEEMO 13, living and working in and around Aquarius, an undersea laboratory.

5-Year BS in Exercise and Sport Science/ MS in Athletic Training First in Maryland

This fall, FSU will begin offering a combined Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science/Master of Science in Athletic Training, a program that can be completed in just five years.

Beginning in 2022, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) mandates that all athletic training education programs make a transition to a master's degree to allow its graduates to take the Board of Certification Exam.

FSU has been approved to offer the only program of its kind in the state of Maryland, allowing students to meet the CAATE requirement in five years of study. Frostburg is discontinuing its bachelor's degree in athletic training.

FSU has also created a two-year master's program for students who already have a related undergraduate degree to transition to the new standards. The combined degree, however, will save new students time and money.

“The combined program in Exercise and Sport Science/MSAT is a dual-degree program where a student starts out as an exercise and sport science major and completes a degree in about three years. Upon graduating, they transition into the



An athletic trainer works with a patient in FSU's athletic training facility.

athletic training master's program, which takes an additional two years,” said **Dr. Jacqueline Durst '06**, assistant professor of kinesiology. “They are finished in five years, saving both time and money compared to the traditional path.”

Frostburg's New Physician Assistant Program Welcomes Students

In May, the ribbon was cut at the Agnita Stine Schreiber Health Science Center, which will house FSU's new Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies, offered through the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown. Later that month, the program welcomed its first students, the culmination of a six-year process to establish the program.

“Support and enthusiasm for this program came from our campus and community,” said **Dr. Beth Smolko**, the program's director. “All of this support has led to today, and the promise of what can happen when so much hard work and good intentions come together.”

“This is a program that's going to reach out into the community and make a difference in this region's health care,” said President Nowaczyk. “It was a combination of community, local government, state government and federal government to make this happen.”

The program is thanks to the partnership of Meritus Health System, which has provided the facility for the program; the Appalachian Regional Commission; and local philanthropists who provided funding to assist with the renovation and equipment purchase and create scholarships for local students.

Local donors have contributed more than \$1.4 million through the “Building a Legacy of Care” campaign to fund renovations, equipment and scholarships.

“The support of our community partners has truly set this program in motion for success because it is built on a foundation of partnership and a mission to develop PAs who want to serve rural and medically underserved communities,” said Smolko, who is president-elect of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.



Above, Lab Manager Cameron McMahon demonstrates the Anatomage table. At right, PA student Zach Schreiber speaks at the ribbon-cutting.

The first group of 25 students, including three FSU alumni, was chosen from more than 400 applicants, she said.

One of those students, **Zach Schreiber** of Hagerstown, works in the local emergency room, where his community's need is very much on display.

“The whole idea of this program is to serve a rural and medically underserved community like this,” he said, but an added advantage is those with ties to the region do not have to look elsewhere for advanced medical study.

Photos by Kevin G. Gilbert

CAMPUS ACCOLADES



Bowling Honored With University Medallion, Lifetime Leadership Award

Dr. Thomas Bowling, vice president for Student Affairs, who retired this summer after 43 years at FSU, was lauded with two significant awards to round out a distinguished career.

At commencement, President Nowaczyk surprised Bowling with the University Medallion, FSU's highest honor that recognizes an outstanding individual who holds the highest standards and who serves as a role model for students and all of humanity.

Earlier, at the Leadership Awards Reception, Bowling was honored with the first-ever Lifetime Leadership Award, recognizing an individual who has made significant and tangible leadership contributions to the campus community over a lifetime of service.

"He has been the driving force for many initiatives at this institution, including experiential education, living-learning communities and things that involve the students here getting involved outside the classroom, which you will find very valuable throughout your career," Nowaczyk told the assembled graduates.

"He was also the first director of the Honors Program, and prior to my coming, he served as interim president. He is a valued colleague and friend."

For the Lifetime Leadership Award, tributes were read from colleagues and students whom Bowling mentored over the years. They praised him for his wisdom, humility, patience, strength and empathy, and for building a culture of care and helping students find their voices and accomplish their goals.

Bowling started at Frostburg in 1976 as assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs, later becoming associate vice president. He has been vice president since 2006.

Bowling helped launch the Learning Communities program and advocated to require Introduction to Higher Education for first-year students. Bowling led several key initiatives, including online alcohol education, civic engagement programs, international educational opportunities and StrengthsQuest.



Rankin Presented With President's Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Jennifer Rankin '96/M'01, an associate professor of Educational Professions, was presented the President's Distinguished Faculty Award in May.

The award recognizes a faculty member who has provided exceptional service to the University and has helped to advance its mission, goals and priorities. Rankin is recognized for her extensive outreach efforts that connect area students to FSU and engage them in active learning.

Rankin organized the first LEGO League Qualifier event at FSU, enabling 20 teams of school-age children and their families to discover the University while demonstrating their robotic skills.

She is collaborating to bring students from seven elementary schools to campus for STEM field trips this summer and to obtain and design a STEM bus that will visit schools and parks, connecting underserved children with technology and hands-on activities.

Rankin was also a key to the successful NASA Day in April 2018, in which area middle school students participated in a live downlink with astronaut **Ricky Arnold '85** from the International Space Station. Then this May, she helped arrange for 1,600 middle school students to hear him in person. (See story, page 4.)



Faculty Achievement Award Winners

The recipients of the 2019 Faculty Achievement Awards were honored at the annual Honors Convocation.

This year's recipients are **Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages, for academic accomplishment; **Dr. Heather Hurst**, Educational Professions, for teaching; and **Dr. Michael Monahan M'91**, Management, for university and community service.

Duncan is a Nebula Award-winning writer whose seventh collection of stories, *An Agent of Utopia*, was published in November 2018. The book's title story is also nominated for another Nebula Award. Colleagues say Duncan's writing provides exceptional contributions to the discipline, bringing an unmistakable voice, style and perspective to creative writing. He is a three-time leader at the prestigious Clarion writing workshop.

Hurst has taught students from undergraduate to doctoral level, creating or redesigning eight courses,

four at the doctoral level. In her online teaching, she has focused on maintaining social presence by creating multiple ways for students to interact. Her students praise her teaching, her knowledge of the subject matter and her willingness to mentor them. Hurst is program coordinator for the Educational Leadership Ed.D. program.

Monahan is the long-time chair of the Department of Management and chaired the College of Business dean search committee. Monahan has served as the faculty advisor to the Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) since 2005, taking students each year to compete at SAM's International Conference. In the community, Monahan is secretary of the Foundation for Frostburg and co-authored a report on the \$15 minimum wage for the Maryland legislature.

Puffinburger Named Newman Civic Fellow

Senior **Jenna Puffinburger** has been chosen by Campus Compact as a 2019 Newman Civic Fellow, which acknowledges motivation and potential in leadership. She is the third FSU Fellow in three years.

Puffinburger is an Honors Program business administration major. She is the president of the Student Government Association and a student representative of the Excellence in Academic Advising Steering Committee.

As SGA vice president, Puffinburger led the project that raised more than \$7,000 to bring the Bobcat statue to campus. This project brought together students, faculty, staff and alumni, and she hopes that the statue will become a unifying feature.

"My focus on campus is unifying students and spreading empathy across campus," Puffinburger said.

FSU Marketing Club Has What it Takes to Compete in Today's Business World

Competing against universities like Yale and Syracuse, FSU's Marketing Club proved that they have the ideas and the skills to compete in today's business world.

The group won First Runner-Up and Crowd Favorite at the One Day Immersion conference in New York last fall. The conference included a multimedia competition in which students pitched their ideas to a jury of media executives and online viewers.

The team pitched an idea that would serve students like them, a mobile app that would help them find and swap textbooks safely.

"Our idea for the book swap app was about creating a safe hub where you can go in and search by your location to see who might have books that you need. Then you can save on shipping and just go pick it up at a designated safe place," said **Haley Coleman**, Marketing Club president.

"We can see it being more than just books. . . . It could even include multiple campuses," explained **Ben McClanahan**, the group's vice president.

Preparing for the competition involved weeks of planning and included marketing research, defining the target market and budgeting.

"Every Thursday we'd be brain crunching at our meeting, but we also did a lot of out-of-meeting-work to get it done," he said. "It was a real-world example of what we're getting into after we graduate."

Once they determined the scope of the project, the Marketing Club created a video that landed them the finals. At the conference, the students pitched their idea in front of the jury and a Facebook Live feed.

"Pace University, Syracuse — that was our competition; it was a daunting line up, but it was really cool," Coleman said. "We got Crowd Favorite for the online voting and First Runner-Up from the judges."



The Marketing Club is open to all students regardless of major. Coleman and McClanahan agreed that added to the success.

"You get people from all different majors, so you get all different ideas for things," said Coleman. Added McClanahan, "I was really proud of the group, everyone putting their minds together, and everybody had a cool little piece of the puzzle."

Karalewitz Receives President's Distinguished Staff Award

Bridgette Karalewitz, administrative assistant for Student Support Services, was presented with the President's Distinguished Staff Award during the May commencement.

This award recognizes a staff member who has provided exceptional service to the University and has helped to advance its mission, goals and priorities.

"Bridgette's love of public service is woven through all aspects of her life," said President Nowaczyk.

Karalewitz recognized the growing issue of food insecurity among college students long before it gained national attention.

Partnering with the Student Lions Club, Karalewitz formed a committee of students, faculty and administrators to establish PAWS Pantry, a campus food pantry serving all students.

Involved in every aspect of PAWS Pantry, Karalewitz conducted research on the issue of food inadequacies on campus and developed the policies and procedures to put the pantry in place. Karalewitz led a workgroup to secure a location, gain funding for a part-time AmeriCorps member and collected food items and monetary donations to stock the pantry.



ALUMNI NEWS

From the Alumni Association Board President

Dear Fellow Bobcats:

I hope you have enjoyed the summer. The Alumni Association Board and Office of Alumni Relations have been busy since my last communication, holding three board meetings, numerous committee meetings and several alumni and student events. I wanted to share some quick facts with our alumni.

Did you know:

- **Number of states where alumni reside:** 50 (along with Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico)
- **Number of countries where alumni reside:** 44
- **Number of FSU alumni:** 42,855
- **Percentage of alumni participating in an event:** 2.01%
- **Percentage of alumni who are active donors** (not counting those active in other ways): 4.7%

As you can see, we have some work to do to get more alumni active with their alma mater. Here are just a few ways that we as alumni can help support FSU.

- **Make a gift.**
- **Share your experience with current and prospective students.**
- **Be a mentor.**
- **Ask your employer to sponsor an intern or interns from FSU.**
- **Help with a college fair in your area.**
- **Come and visit campus. Homecoming is always a great choice!**

If you have questions, always feel free to contact me or any member of the Alumni Board.

Sincerely,
Jason VanSickle '98



From left, President Nowaczyk, Larry Boggs M'80 and College of Business Dean Sudhir Singh

Boggs Named Frostburg State University College of Business Alumnus of the Year

Larry Boggs M'80, a nationally recognized financial advisor, was named the College of Business 2019 Alumnus of the Year. At the same reception, he received the Service to Alma Mater Award from the Alumni Association.

A member of the master's in management class of 1980, Boggs has more than 45 years of experience in the financial services industry. He is the managing director and investment officer with Wells Fargo Advisors.

But as Boggs reminded students at the reception, "Make sure you give back to your community." And Boggs does just that. Away from the office, Boggs serves in a variety of roles serving close to home and across the state of Maryland.

He is the chair of the Investment Committee for the Endowment Fund and the Operating Fund for the University System of Maryland Foundation Board and a member of the Western Maryland Health Systems Foundation Board. He was honored in 2018 with the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Community Service award. Boggs is also the treasurer of The League, which supports special-needs children, and he is greatly involved in the autism community in support of a grandson who has autism.

As a non-traditional graduate student, Boggs did not have a typical on-campus experience. Rather, he says he relates more to current online students who take advantage of the opportunities that Frostburg State offers to reach their goals.

"When I came to Cumberland, I just opened an office, was married and had a new baby. I took one to two courses a semester," Boggs said. "Frostburg State was a vehicle to accomplishing my goal, to getting my master's degree, even with everything that was going on in my life."

Recently, he was named one of the Best-In-State Advisors by *Forbes Magazine* in 2018 and *Financial Times'* Top 400 Advisors in the U.S. in 2016 and 2017. Boggs was named Barron's Top 100 Brokers in the U.S. in 2005 and 2006 and has been one of Barron's Best-In-State Advisors every year from 2007 to the present.

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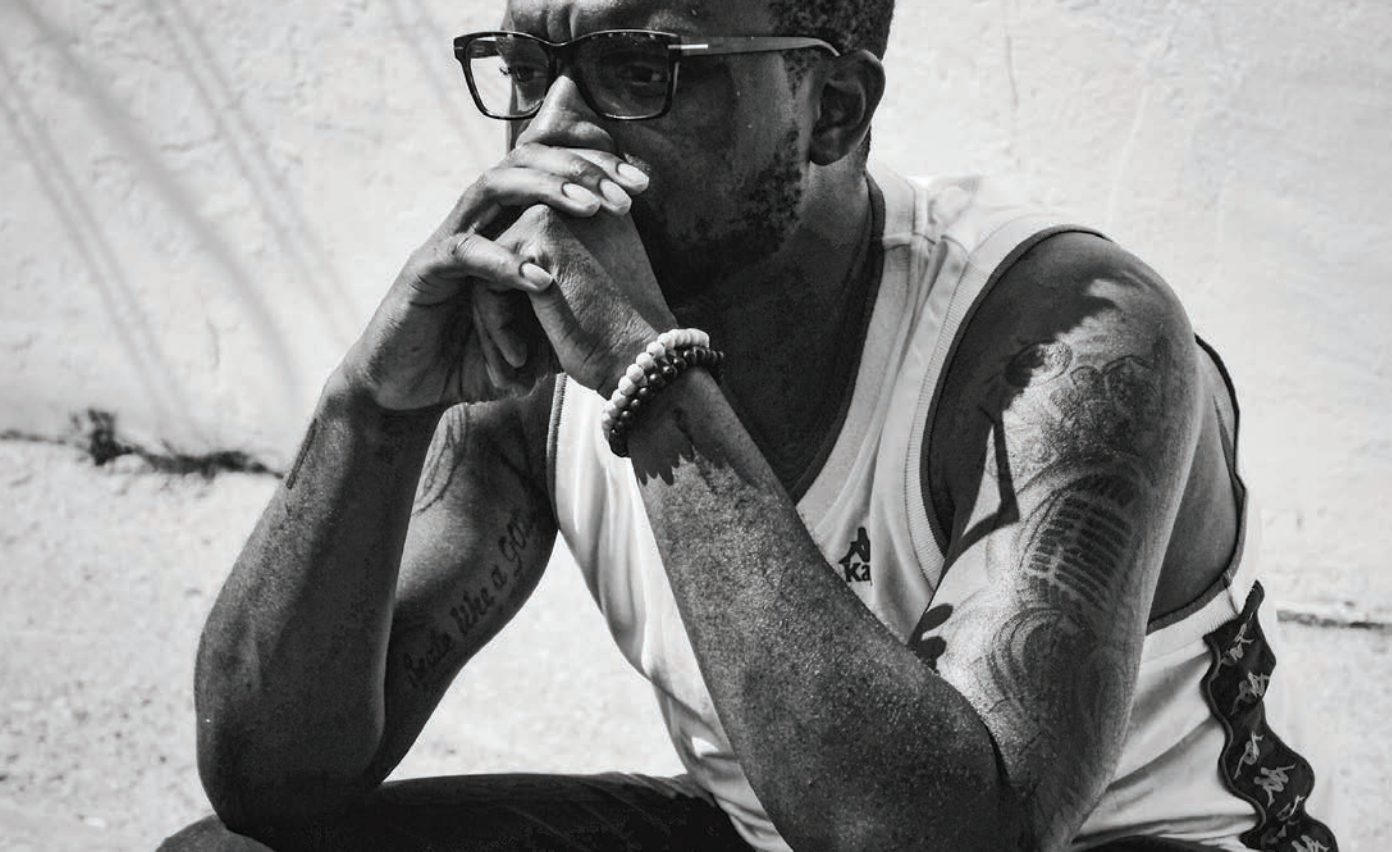


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Scott's "Thoughts" Carry Him on a Theatrical Journey of Discovery and Development

BY SHERRY WHITE

Who am I? A central question that we all ask. Playwright and Frostburg State alum **Keenan Scott II '09** chose to take on just that quintessential question from the perspective of today's black man in his play, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, a project born while he was a student at FSU.

A modern-day mix of poetry, music and dance, *Thoughts of a Colored Man* is about black men from various backgrounds pushing the boundaries of racial and cultural identity to become the best version of themselves.

"I wanted something poetic and emotional. Eventually, my play became a personification of all these emotions," said Scott.

Scott's play is now set to debut at Baltimore's Center Stage this October, but his labor of love has taken years of networking, workshopping and self-production to get there.

"The project started while I was majoring in theatre at FSU. It started as a personal project that I then decided to propose for my senior theatre project," Scott explained about the origins of his play. "Unlike now, back then, there were very few black contemporary works."

The play debuted at Frostburg in 2009 as *Thoughts of a Colored Man on a Day When the Sun Set Too Early*. The work opened with great success, selling out all three nights in roughly two hours. The play was presented at FSU again in 2011 through the sponsorship of the Black Student Alliance.

Once Scott left the Frostburg community, he began networking, attending workshops and festivals to expose his work to audiences and potential producers.

Contacting multiple colleges and universities throughout Maryland, Scott workshopped the piece at Howard University for several years, using various actors from the Howard University Fine Arts Department.

After Howard University, Scott took *Thoughts of a Colored Man* back to his hometown, New York City. Through more readings, networking and the interest of a particular associate, the piece landed on the desk of Taye Diggs, a renowned American actor known for his roles on stage and screen.

Diggs, looking for a shift in his own career, took note of the play and reached out to Scott. A collaboration ensued that included a reading for alumni at Diggs's alma mater, Syracuse University. Diggs's endorsement of the piece catapulted *Thoughts of a Colored Man* to the next level, gaining the attention of commercial producers.

"I decided to create my own door rather than knocking on others," Scott said about his journey from the stage at Frostburg State to Baltimore's Center Stage.

Set to debut at Baltimore Center Stage Oct. 10, *Thoughts of a Colored Man* is co-produced by Brian Moreland of Broadway's *The Lifespan of a Fact* and Tony award-winner, Ron Simons, currently producing the Tony-nominated *Ain't Too Proud — The Life and Times of The Temptations* now showing on Broadway.

Scott attributes his current success in part to his Frostburg State roots.

"FSU was integral to this whole process. I was an acting major, not writing or directing," explains Scott. "The faculty gave me the tools, space and support I needed to step outside of acting. Through that opportunity, I could also direct and produce my original work. I wouldn't be where I am today if they hadn't given me the support they did during my time at Frostburg."

For information and tickets for *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, visit www.centerstage.org.

The Office of Alumni Relations is in the process of planning an event in conjunction with the play's run at Center Stage. If you are interested in participating, please email alumni@frostburg.edu, and details will be shared with you when they become available.



Go Bobcats! 

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

- 1 **Orioles Outing**
Bobcats of all ages gathered at Oriole Park at Camden Yards for a pregame spread of ballpark food and suite seats to watch the O's in action.
- 2 **Faculty & Staff Alumni Mixer**
In May, the Alumni Association hosted a mixer for alumni who are also FSU faculty or staff members, celebrating their pride in their work for their alma mater.
- 3 **Wisp Family Snow Tubing**
The Wisp Resort at Deep Creek Lake was the center of snow-tubing fun for some Bobcats (and future Bobcats) in March. After hitting the slopes, they warmed up in the lodge with a pizza party. Pictured in the back row, from left, are **Dabney Sheetz**, **Shane Sheetz '01**, **Hilary Renner '10**, **Lacy Dickel '06**, **Nathan Sheetz**, **Connor Sheetz**, **Addison Durst**, **Deborah Devlin '12/M'16**, **Bill Devlin**, **Brock Durst** and **Dr. Jackie Durst '06**. In the front row, from left, are **Cash VanSickle**, **Jason VanSickle '98** and **Karla Schoenly '99/M'01**.
- 4 **CLC Alumni Mixer**
Before the annual Spring Festival of Children's Literature, the Children's Literature Centre's signature event, kicked off in April, the Alumni Association hosted a mixer for all Bobcats attending the weekend. It's always great to mingle with our professional education alumni!
- 5 **Annapolis Alumni and Legislative Reception**
In February, alumni and campus representatives mingled with members of the Maryland General Assembly to celebrate the accomplishments of FSU. Pictured, from left, are **Mary Clapsaddle '83**, **Chad Clapsaddle** and **Del. Tony Bridges '00**.
- 6 **COB Network@Nite**
The College of Business hosted a group of alumni for the College of Business Network@Nite event in April, where they participated in a panel discussion and networked with students, offering advice and covering a range of topics, including career and personal accomplishments.
- Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership**
Annually the Sloop Institute of Excellence allows the opportunity for alumni to come back to campus and share their professional experiences and lessons with students.
- 7 Keynote speaker **Wayne Scott '89** was tremendous with his advice to students on the importance of emotional intelligence.
- 8 This year's speakers included, from left, **Dr. Ryan Kentrus '04/M'07**, **Col. Barry Holder '84**, **Mary Biscoe-Hall '12**, and **Phil Rodeheaver '92/M'01**.

ALUMNI AWARDS



1. Distinguished Alumni: From left, Rick Rando '00, Jim Richardson '66, Liz Rhodes '86 and Dr. Larry Smith '89/M'96 2. Honorary Alumni: From left, Brooke Kirchner, Lynn Fike and Wray Blair 3. Service to Alma Mater: From left, Paul Reutershan, Shannon Gribble '98 and Ryan Graves '05 4. Young Alumni: From left, Coty Warn Forno '06 and Blair Bedford '11, John Densmore '05

The third annual Alumni Awards Banquet honored those with a passion and commitment to FSU.

Honorary Alumni

This designation recognizes special friends to the University who have made consistent and noteworthy contributions to the advancement of FSU through their time, talents and treasures.

Wray Blair, associate vice president for Enrollment Management, was honored for his enthusiastic support of FSU and his promotion of initiatives that support students and alumni. Many alumni attribute their initial commitment to FSU to an early interaction with him.

Lynn Fike, a 22-year FSU Foundation Board of Directors member, was honored for her extensive service, especially as a community liaison, calling on her local ties, knowledge of real estate and enthusiastic promotion of FSU in the region. Fike is a Bobcat at heart.

Brooke Kirchner, FSU alumni relations and events specialist, was honored for her efforts to increase the Alumni Association's social media presence, reorganize the Student Alumni Ambassadors and make alumni feel welcome. She works tirelessly to build the alumni community.

Service to Alma Mater

This award is presented to those who show exceptional contributions to assisting, advancing and promoting FSU; consistent involvement; demonstrated success in encouraging other alumni to take an active role; selfless commitment of time and talent augmented by a willingness to enhance FSU's financial welfare; and attainment of achievements, awards, honors and distinctions.

Ryan Graves '05, Watkins Mill High School assistant principal, advocates for FSU in his role as an educator and administrator. A member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity and the Alumni Association Board, Graves encourages alumni to stay engaged. He advocates for FSU on social media and in fundraising to expand the student experience.

Shannon Gribble '98, director of FSU Alumni and Donor Relations, is a tireless force for her alma mater. She uses her student experience to mold her approach to alumni relations, and is always seeking ways to better serve the alumni community, such as the monthly Facebook chats to update the alumni network. Bringing Frostburg alumni together is clearly her passion.

Paul Reutershan, a senior sales executive with Pipedream Products, created Fifty Shades of Frostburg, a private Facebook group that has attracted thousands of alumni. Reutershan created a space that fosters engagement, encouraging alumni to stay connected to each other and to FSU, and generating financial support for FSU and local Frostburg organizations.

Young Alumni Achievement Award

This award recognizes emerging leaders under age 40 who have used their FSU experience to make significant impacts in their professions, communities, service organizations and professional associations.

Blair Bedford '11, a program planning associate with National Geographic Channels, is a member of the Alumni Association's Board and former co-chair of the Student Outreach Committee. She is a devoted community volunteer and established a fund to support experiential learning for Mass Communication students.

John Densmore '05, a freelance camera operator, is a three-time Emmy Award-winner for his work filming high-profile sporting events, including the 2016 Rio Olympics and the 2017 Super Bowl. Densmore makes time to speak with Mass Communication students at Homecoming and over Skype.

Coty Warn Forno '06 is co-owner of Mountain City Center for the Arts, a business that in five years has grown to more than 300 students, helping young minds explore their creativity. She was named one of Maryland Daily Record's Leading Women and awarded the Freddie G. Fellowship.

Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award

This award is presented to alumni who demonstrate an interest in FSU; advanced educational background and contributions made as a student; community involvement; special achievements, awards, honors and distinctions; and a philanthropic commitment to their alma mater.

Liz Rhodes '86, is the owner of Coldwell Banker in Cumberland and other local businesses, former chair of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, and serves many community and professional groups. She is a past College of Business Alumna of the Year and a new member of the FSU Foundation Board of Directors. She established a scholarship to honor her parents.

Rick Rando '00, owner and president of Kick Masters Karate and Rando Speaks, is an inductee into the U.S. Martial Artist Association Hall of Fame and a 6th-Degree Black Belt — one of the world's youngest. Rando is in demand around the globe as a keynote

motivational speaker, invigorating people to find purpose and serve. Kick Masters has grown to several hundred students.

Jim Richardson '66, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam, earned a law degree upon his return and served as a judge-advocate of Marines and a military judge. Following a 41-year career in federal service, the much-decorated Richardson was awarded the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service medal. He is an advocate for veterans, including FSU's student veterans. He helped endow a scholarship in honor of his class.

Dr. Larry Smith '89/M'96 was a first-generation college student who now inspires numerous high school students to pursue and complete college. Among his honors are a Teacher of the Year designation, a Maryland State Board of Education commendation and a gubernatorial citation for leadership and teaching excellence.

Bobcats Lend Helping Hands Across Maryland

On May 4, Bobcats lent their hands to a series of charitable projects as part of the second annual Bobcat Helping Hands at three sites in Maryland. (A fourth project, with Katie Kares in Baltimore, was cancelled because of inclement weather.)



1 For Beautify the Burg in Frostburg, alumni and Student Alumni Ambassadors joined hundreds of other volunteers to clean and beautify our community. In the front row, from left, are Gwen Schemm, Becca Philips, Sarah Dignan, Emma Duncan, Brenna Bohn, Allison Paul and Olivia Berge. In the second row, from left, are JoLecia Crowe '94, Sarah Sprouse and Jenna Puffinburger. In the third row, from left, are Hayden Crowe, Blake Geatz and Ben Forrest. Volunteers not pictured include Alexander Ramsey '14, Jessie Wismer '13 and Jimmy Wilkes '14.

2 In Cambridge, Bobcats volunteered at a rest stop during a charity race, where they even met up with some Bobcats participating in the race! Pictured, from left, are Ellen Engle '17/M'18, Kirk Engle '90, William Wygal '16, Amy Engle '90, Chloe Curstin, Jacob Stephens '17 and Robert Carpenter '02.

3 In Annapolis, alumni and some future Bobcats helped organize and beautify the Mary E. Parker SPCA Animal Shelter.

FOUNDATION NEWS



New Named Funds

(as of June 3, 2019)

- Thomas F. and Irene M. Albright Family Scholarship
- Quincy Crawford Men's Basketball Scholarship
- R. Patrick and Elizabeth R. Friel Scholarship
- Optimizing Industrial Hemp Growth for Western Maryland Fund
- Dorothy L. Norris Art Scholarship
- Race to the Finish Scholarship
- Save the Memory of Brownsville Project

Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

Steve Beauregard '87
Santa Monica, Calif.

Beauregard — a serial entrepreneur, disputer, advisor and investor — is partner and chief revenue officer at Blog, Inc., and founder and chair at GoCoin. His keen eye for emerging technologies and business instincts have served to position companies in the sweet spot of each new tech wave.

Beauregard founded GoCoin in 2013, and it is now the world's highest volume Blockchain payment and loyalty processing platform. He brought the company from concept to profitability in under two years. GoCoin processed more than \$100 million in cryptocurrency payments on four Blockchains and emerged as the highest transaction volume processor in the world. He gained unparalleled insights into cryptocurrency spending behaviors, secure wallet management, global banking, coin trading and arbitrage, merchant acquisition and the worldwide cryptocurrency regulatory landscape.

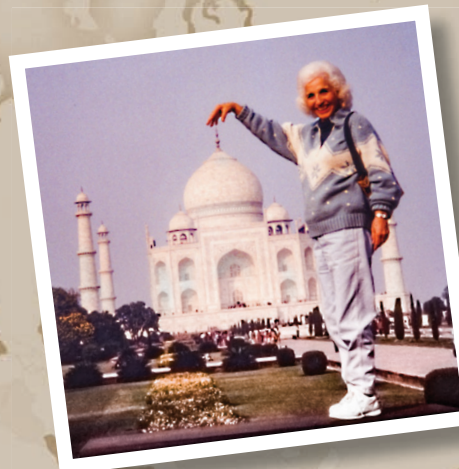
His 25 years of pioneering technologies include internet, messaging, mobile, eCommerce and Fintech solutions for consumer, enterprise and government applications. Beauregard has been COO of a publicly traded eCommerce business, conducted due diligence and made countless angel investments into startups and acted as strategic advisor to Fortune-50 C-level executive teams.



Mary Biscoe-Hall, Esq. '12
Baltimore, Md.

Biscoe-Hall earned her juris doctor from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in May 2015. She is a litigation associate at Semmes, Bowen & Semmes, PC. She focuses her practice on defending individuals and companies in litigation involving construction defects, professional malpractice and complex personal injury. Previously, she served as an assistant state's attorney with the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. She also served as a judicial law clerk to the Hon. Lawrence P. Fletcher-Hill of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

She serves on the board of directors for the Alumni Association and is president of the Baltimore Teacher Supply Swap Board of Directors. She also serves as the risk management advisor for FSU's chapter of Delta Zeta National Sorority. Her hobbies include traveling the world and personal training/teaching bootcamp classes at SOLDIERFIT in Columbia, Md. In 2018, Biscoe-Hall was honored with the Young Alumni Achievement Award.



CARRYING ON THE LEGACY OF A GLOBETROTTING TRAILBLAZER

BY ROBERT SPAHR '13

Study abroad offers students an eye-opening, immersive exposure to another culture. Yet for many, it is an opportunity priced beyond reach. At Frostburg, study abroad just got a little more affordable, thanks to the memory of a beloved student affairs administrator who grew up yearning to see the world.

Frostburg's **Dr. Alice R. Manicur** Study Abroad Scholarship is open to any study abroad student, favoring those whose finances might otherwise prevent them from studying abroad. The award was created by friends, colleagues and former students of the school's very first dean of students, recognizing her passion for world travel and cultural exploration.

"Alice changed my life, and I want the same thing for the kids," said **Gladys Faherty '55**, a longtime friend who went on 15 trips with Manicur starting in the mid-1990s. "... When you travel, you learn that the world goes on with or without us, and you learn to appreciate things that are different."

Manicur's frequent travels took her to Antarctica, the North Pole and destinations in between, fulfilling a girlhood dream. Born into an impoverished coal-mining family in West Virginia's southernmost county, Manicur developed a thirst for exploration from the pages of *National Geographic*.

Her first chance to travel wouldn't arrive until she was a student at Berea College in Kentucky.

"She had met a family that was traveling, and they asked her to travel with them. That was her first opportunity," Faherty said. "I believe she said they went to Japan. ... She met the right people who gave her that opportunity, and then as soon as she could, she used her own money to [continue exploring]."

For **Victoria Gearhart '12/M'15**, director of FSU's Center for International Education, a heartbreaking part of her job is when finances keep students from studying abroad.

"I love my job, but it's so hard to have a student sitting across from me saying, 'Victoria, I don't think I'm going to be able to make it work. I'm going to have to withdraw my application.' And I have a whole file cabinet full of students who had to withdraw due to financial reasons," Gearhart said. "Awards like the Manicur Scholarship literally open up the world for students — what an incredible gift!"

"She might be mad at us for calling the scholarship the Alice Manicur Study Abroad Scholarship," Faherty said about her friend who did not like the spotlight, "but I think she'd be very happy with the fact that it's going to help kids go."

Once Manicur got a taste of travel, exploring the world became her passion. She often ventured off the beaten path. Faherty wasn't always comfortable with where Manicur's travel plans would lead, but she had faith in her friend and tagged along, resulting in some remarkable experiences.

Their first trip together, in 1997, took them to Johannesburg, South Africa, just three years after the fall of apartheid. Over the next two decades, their travels took them to Vietnam and Cambodia, Norway, Panama, Costa Rica, Aruba, Tunisia, China and Eastern Europe just after Sept. 11, 2001. No matter where they went, Manicur never shied from striking up a conversation.

"Alice was a very curious person, talking with everyone that she met, and she was a joy to travel with because of that," Faherty said.

That intellectual curiosity, her global experiences and her humble origins imbued her with the empathy and perspective needed to serve the students of Frostburg for 47 years. Especially for the first-generation college students from similarly humble beginnings, Faherty said, Manicur showed young people how to find success in the world. Now those close to her have found a way to open up the world for future generations of students.

To make a gift in support of the Alice R. Manicur Study Abroad Scholarship, visit www.frostburg.edu/Manicur or call 301.687.4068.



Top photos from left: Dr. Alice Manicur in India, at Petra in Jordan with Sharon Robinson, at the Taj Mahal and, right, on the Canary Islands with Gladys Faherty '55.

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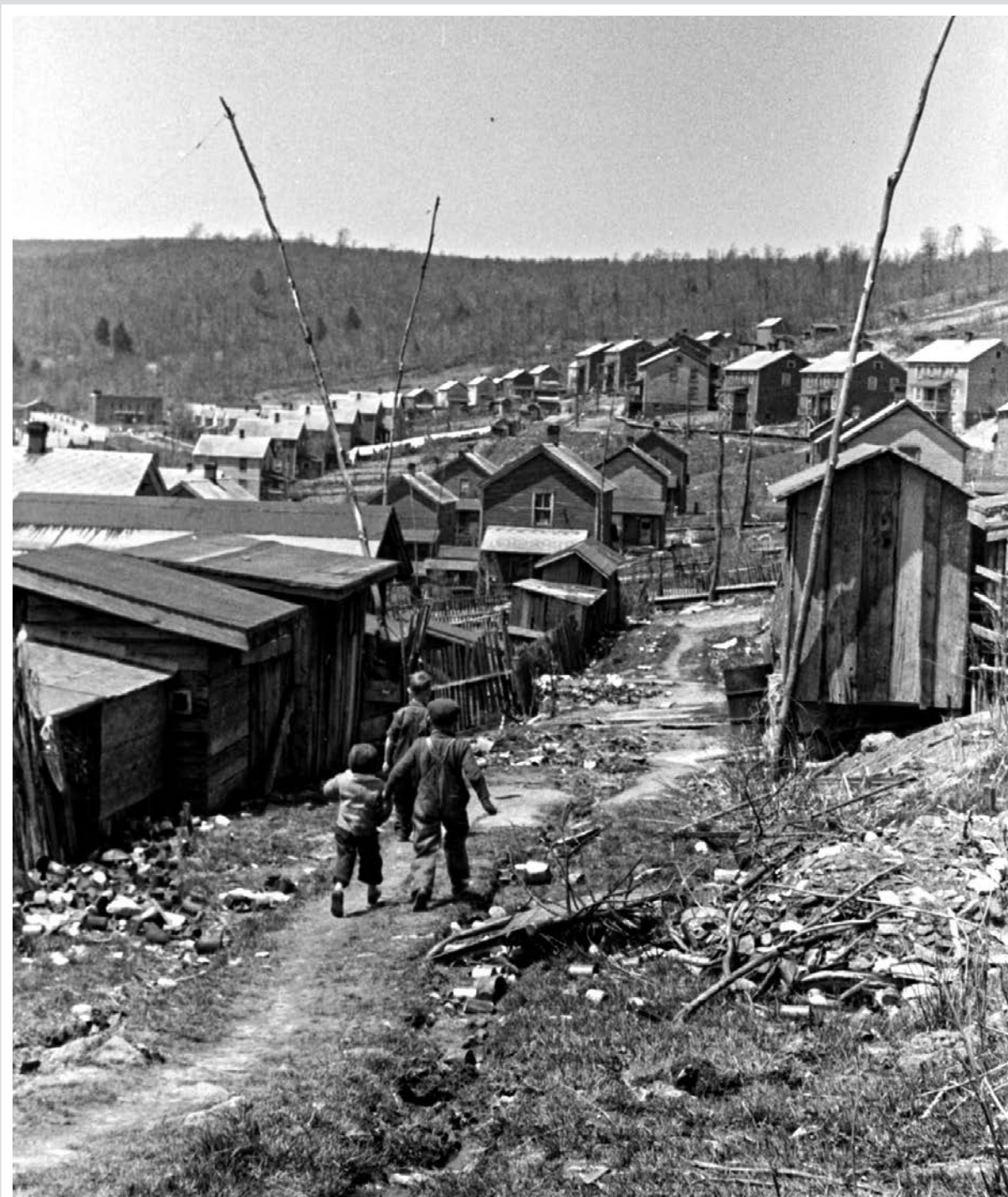


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Ghost Town

Telling a New Story of the Past and Highlighting a Threat to the Future



Students and faculty from Frostburg's Department of Geography ventured into the field this year to try to uncover how people really lived in an Appalachian coal town in the first half of the 20th century. What they discovered told a richer story than the prevailing narrative of the Appalachian region in those years. Meanwhile, a related venture looks at a continuing threat left nearly 70 years after the Kempton mine closed. These ongoing projects, which are giving students close-up, hands-on experience, have the potential to reshape the view of the region's past – and its future.



The U.S. Farm Security Administration took photos of Kempton from 1939, in many cases seeking out scenes of poverty, at left, along with everyday scenes like the post office photo above. Photo credit: Library of Congress.

Revising the History – and Future – of a Coal Company Ghost Town

“We have photographs of Appalachia that are usually designed to exploit a narrative of poverty. They are looking for indigent people in scenes and not so much what a regular person would have in their house.”

– Dr. Jonathan Flood

BY ROBERT SPAHR '13

Pictures might be worth a thousand words, but photographers choose those images to tell specific stories. Many of the most iconic pictures of Appalachian life were taken long ago by photographers chronicling American poverty. Their work forged America's lasting image of Appalachia's coal towns: exploited miners breaking their backs to eke out a living, disheveled children left to play in the dirt.

“We have photographs of Appalachia that are usually designed to exploit a narrative of poverty,” explained Dr. Jonathan Flood, assistant professor of geography at Frostburg. “They are looking for indigent people in scenes and not so much what a regular person would have in their house.”

Flood and his students are re-examining that version of everyday Appalachian life through the Kempton Historical Archaeology Project (KHAP), which began in Flood's Surveying and Field Techniques class.

“I thought we'd excavate and see what kinds of goods they actually had in their

houses, and let their material culture tell the story of their domestic life to give voice to a group of people who were definitely overlooked by history,” said Flood.

Kempton was built as a coal company town in 1913 at the southwestern-most corner of Garrett County, Maryland, bordering West Virginia. It grew to nearly 900 people in the 1930s, the mine operator calling Kempton its “model company town.” When the mine closed unexpectedly in 1950, Kempton's residents moved on. Today, just a handful of households remain.

The remnants of the miners' homes in Kempton are mostly now overgrown, leaving a site ideal for archaeological exploration. The students mapped out the foundations hiding just beneath the surface using the remote sensing method of LIDAR, and the archaeological excavation began last fall. After exploring just one home site, the project's findings are already challenging conventional wisdom about life in towns like Kempton.



Listening to the Past

“**I** imagined things would be starker than they were,” Flood said. “One of the first things we found on the surface was a gas-powered washing machine mount – a luxury item. We didn’t find a washboard that somebody would be slaving over. A lot of the material we recovered in the house is sort of pointing in that (more prosperous) direction.”

Some discoveries were toys, like a child’s horse and rider, chess pieces or a Japanese-made spinning top. Others pointed to pride in appearance, like a shoe polish tin, the shank from a high-heeled shoe, a lapel pin, shards of pottery and finely made buttons.

Digging into the past resonated with Flood’s students.

“On my first day working at Kempton, I located the back wall of the home we were digging up – a major find,” said senior earth science major **Louis Walden**, who also helped **Dr. Matt Ramspott**, assistant professor of geography, survey the site by drone. “It was pretty neat to gain some drone experience as well. Overall, the project was an amazing experience. Archaeology should be a permanent part of FSU’s Geography Department.”

For **Shealee Brown**, a senior geography major, there was something special about connecting with the people who’d lived there through the items they’d left behind.

“The experience of unearthing artifacts of someone’s life was indescribable,” Brown said. “The first thing I discovered was a rusty nail. While that seems so little now, it was exhilarating to have found something. It made me realize I had the ability to tell the story of the residents with these discoveries.”

This spring, Brown returned to Kempton to interview current residents, assembling their recollections and passed-down memories about the roles of women in daily life during the mine’s heyday. She will eventually combine those interviews with the uncovered artifacts and research into other Appalachian mining towns to retell the everyday history of Kempton.

Unlike the Depression-era photographers on “poverty safari,” those involved in the Kempton research intend to let its findings speak for themselves.

“Archaeology is not a science of ‘I want to find this,’ and then you discover it. You just



1) and bottom of page: Artifacts collected in the excavations at Kempton tell the story of domestic life in this Appalachian coal town in the first half of the 20th century. 2) Members of one group that participated in the excavations are, from left, Shealee Brown, Tianna Rhett, co-project director Rachel Dewan, Sarah Sprouse, Aerial Oncita, Summer Roen, Elizabeth Myers, Kirsten Hedrick, Thomas Phillips, Dr. Jonathan Flood, Lou Walden and Phillip Hogan. 3) and 6) The home sites they excavated were overgrown foundations from the company town that once numbered 900. 4) Potential site of a museum to tell Kempton’s story. 5) Katherine Soltysiak and Dominic Scurrah sift through soil at the excavation site.

have to present what you find. What we’re finding is painting a different story than has been painted for these people,” said Flood. “That’s pretty neat.”

Flood’s students found the experience pretty neat, too.

“I had never been exposed to archaeology before Dr. Flood’s class,” Walden said. “I had a great time volunteering on the Kempton project and definitely gained some knowledge in archaeology that could be used on my resume.”

For Brown, the experience convinced her to explore a career in archaeology.

“Working on this project helped me discover that this is what I want to do with my life,” said Brown. “This opportunity means that

I now have tangible experience in archaeology, which will help me get into my future career.”

Flood highlighted the importance for Appalachian people to reclaim their own stories, rather than believing those historical depictions of their culture that largely came from outsiders visiting Appalachia.

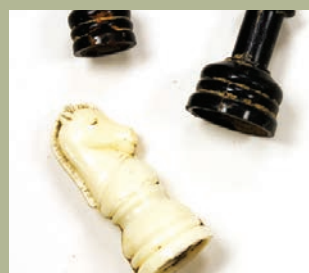
“Maybe we need to be careful of believing the story when the source hadn’t taken into consideration what people’s lives actually look like. ... There was a lot more to the story,” said Flood. “To think of yourself as less-than or impoverished is something Appalachia has had to grapple with for a long time. This seems like a good way to rewrite that narrative through what was left behind.”

Kempton’s Future

There is much work still ahead for the Kempton Historical Archaeology Project. Flood hopes to establish a museum in Kempton to house the artifacts found on site and tell the story of the townspeople. He also hopes to raise awareness of an ongoing environmental hazard in Kempton – the problem that first brought Kempton to Flood’s attention – acid mine drainage (see related story).

The project’s volunteers hope their work, in addition to telling a more complete story of Appalachian coal town life, will also educate people about the aquatic health of the Potomac River and move them to act and advocate to mitigate acid mine drainage in the North Branch.

To learn more about both projects, visit www.Kemptonarchaeology.com.



The Long Dark Shadow of Coal: Acid Mine Drainage in Kempton



“For us, you have this plume of trace metals that by themselves might not make you so upset, but if you spend a lifetime drinking a little bit of arsenic every day, that could end up being a pretty big deal!”

— Dr. Jonathan Flood



1) The precipitate remnants of acid mine drainage coat this wetland. 2) and 3) Upper-level geography students visited the site in the fall of 2018 to take measurements and collect samples. 4) Two openings from the long-closed Kempton mine, an air shaft and a bore hole, shown at left, still pour about a billion gallons of acid mine drainage yearly into Laurel Run, which runs into the Potomac River.

Photos from the field provided courtesy of Dr. Jonathan Flood.

BY ROBERT SPAHR '13

Like many American coal towns, Kempton boomed and busted decades before the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 began regulating active and abandoned coal mines to protect the environment.

One ridge north of the Kempton excavation, the town's long-abandoned reason for existing still shapes the ecological health of Laurel Run, a tributary of the North Branch of the Potomac River. Every year, an equipment borehole and an airshaft from the mine discharge about a billion gallons of acid mine drainage.

“The borehole constantly flows at a pretty regular rate because of the diameter of the orifice,” said Dr. Jonathan Flood. “The larger orifice is the airshaft. It's one of the first things you see and what Maryland's Department of

the Environment is actively treating. That flow fluctuates seasonally. Right now its discharge is really high because we've had a rainy year. Every time we've gone out, the pH is between 3.1 and 3.3.” The pH of pure water is seven.

Each semester, Flood has his students brainstorm remediation strategies. They test their proposals in small-scale on campus and around Western Maryland. Numerous research projects have been presented at Frostburg's annual Undergraduate Research Symposiums, exploring various strategies to affordably raise the alkalinity of acid mine drainage to a more neutral pH – somewhere between six and eight.

“So far, those haven't quite materialized,” said Flood. “Everything has a negative consequence that we wouldn't want to play out at a landscape scale.”

The current treatment regimen partially raises the pH, removing iron and aluminum as sludgy deposits that stain the streambeds and banks, leaving traces of more hazardous contaminants in suspension.

“In that matrix of low-pH water, metals will stay in solution and travel. Those are metals like arsenic, thallium, cadmium, cesium – a lot of trace metals love low pH,” said Flood. “Those metals are traveling pretty far downstream when they should be locked into the carbonate mineral matrix of the coal.”

Instead, that pollution disrupts the delicate balance of a once-vibrant ecosystem.

“The incredibly low pH dissolves the carcasses of the benthic organisms that should provide the base for the broader ecosystem. Laurel Run is lost,” said Flood. “Once the acid

mine drainage hits, you don't see benthic bugs. It creates an impoverished ecosystem where you should have these ‘Stories of the Serengeti’ predator-prey relationships with big trout coming in to eat them. That's heartbreaking to begin with.”

Those predatory creatures seek out more bountiful waters, leaving Laurel Run barren. Though the polluted waters won't hurt people instantly, they aren't healthy.

“For us, you have this plume of trace metals that by themselves might not make you so upset,” said Flood. “but if you spend a lifetime drinking a little bit of arsenic every day, that could end up being a pretty big deal!”

Complicating matters, although Kempton's acid mine drainage runs into Maryland, the contamination largely originates elsewhere.

“For an interstate problem, you can see Maryland is getting the short end of the stick,” Flood said. “The mine complex itself is really under West Virginia, but the drain is unfortunately in Maryland.”

Vexingly, Flood says Kempton's acid mine drainage could be completely fixed.

“About four miles away, Mettiki is still operating a deep mine. They have a plant that removes the metal, raises the pH and discharges good water, but it costs money,” he said. “So far, out here we've had very temporary, halfway solutions. A dam like Jennings Randolph or a water treatment plant would fix the problem completely. ... Or maybe Mettiki could be subsidized to treat Kempton's water.”

In addition to the project's educational benefits, Flood hopes the increased visibility of

the problem will inspire a call to action among citizens, business and government to address the environmental damage in Laurel Run and the North Branch of the Potomac.

“There's certainly a distance decay. It'd be nice to be able to say that people down at the lower reaches of the Potomac notice the impact of the Laurel Run discharge directly, but no,” said Flood. “But they are getting an indirect effect. The healthier the streams are up here, the better the water coming from upstream, the better their water is going to be there.”



Students Have a Hand in Designing and Building Theatrical Puppets

BY SHERRY WHITE

When we think puppets, different images come to mind. From *Sesame Street* to Broadway's *The Lion King* and *Avenue Q*, puppets still make an impression in today's high-tech world.

Theatre 407 is a special topics class designed to teach various production techniques. This spring, the technique was puppetry.

"Although I'm a theatre major here at FSU, acting is not my expertise. I prefer to work behind the scenes on the technical side and stay out of the spotlight," said **Grace Easterday**, a student in the special topics class. "Puppetry allows for a nice middle ground for the two sides to meet. The puppet takes the audience's attention away from the individual playing the character and becomes its own entity."

The class appealed to students from various majors and incorporated an interdisciplinary approach. Students not only designed and built their puppets but were also responsible for writing scripts.

"The students were divided into two groups. English majors helped with scripts, theatre majors helped with performances, so collaboration was a large part of the class," said **Gordon Duguid '05**, production manager and

technical director for the Department of Theatre and Dance and co-teacher of the class.

In addition to the interdisciplinary nature of the coursework, faculty and staff from several departments played roles in this production. An idea for years in the Theatre Department, all the parts came together to make the class possible.

"There were so many people working to bring this together. The Theatre Department considered this class for years," said **Dr. Gerald Snelson '65**, professor of English. "I've had a lifelong interest in puppets, but I couldn't have done this without Gordon, **Nicole (Mattis)**, **Mairzy (Yost-Rushton)** and **Darrell (Rushton)**."

While many may think of puppets as a rather old-fashioned form of theatre, Hollywood

is full of unlikely characters, often causing audiences to wonder if they are costumed actors or computer animations when, in fact, they are puppets.

"Look at Disney and such with animatronics, in parks and on the screen – they're puppets essentially," said Duguid. "In the movies, where they use digital characters, they have to build a puppet first, so they can model it, even if you never see it on screen."

The final performance was a private show on the last day of class.

"I'm really proud of what we did here," said Snelson. "We had good kids and with good kids you can do great things!"



Right: Grace Easterday and friend.

Demystifying Paint Color With the Tap of an App

BY ROBERT SPAHR '13

Dr. **Xunyu Pan** and his student, **Johnathan Tripp '18/M'19**, caught the attention of some tech industry giants this year with a new research paper they co-authored: "Paint Code Identification Using Mobile Color Detector," based on an app that Tripp developed in Pan's Multimedia and Internet Communications course.

Pan, an associate professor of computer science and information technology at FSU, presented that research in San Francisco at the Society for Imaging Science and Technology's 2019 International Symposium on Electronic Imaging Science and Technology. The paper described the development of an application that identifies automobiles' paint codes through the mobile device's camera.

Representatives from one of the biggest names in tech quickly realized the app's potential to help with an even more complex challenge: autonomous driving.

"Color is a very important factor for vehicle detection with autonomous driving," said Pan. "This could be one feature feeding their neural network for machine learning to help detect vehicles. That actually has a lot of potential!"

Tripp first envisioned a mobile app that would look at painted surfaces and return product information about the paint. Given their limited time and nearly limitless number of paint colors, Pan suggested a narrower, practical goal: identifying automotive paint codes.

"Within any manufacturer's vehicle, they have paint code identifiers for their specific paint," Tripp said. "The typical consumer isn't aware of what those codes are, so when they want to purchase touchup paint or repaint their vehicle, they won't know what the specific code is. The purpose of this app was to make that process easier."

Even that narrower goal presented challenges. Objectively measuring color is tricky. Color, after all, is the human perception of light wavelengths that a surface reflects. A color's perceived appearance varies based on the source of light. With Pan's guidance, Tripp developed a method to detect color codes even under varying lighting conditions.

The users enter a vehicle's year, make and model, which limits the available color codes. They next take a picture of their vehicle and tap the screen to tell the app which color to match. The app samples the image, converts it to hexadecimal color strings and averages the color data from the selected region, producing an estimated color. It ranks that estimate against the possible paint codes, listing them in order of closest match. Users can visually confirm the match's accuracy.

The project was a serious learning experience for Tripp, who encouraged other students to seek out opportunities to put their classroom lessons to work in practical ways.

"As they are learning things, they are applying it to something concrete. They figure out how to apply these skills as they go,

instead of being pushed into the job market and having to figure it out," he said. "I had to learn things that I hadn't been exposed to. ... It really pushed me to dive deeper and get a better understanding."

Tripp's research and design experience have already helped him land a software engineering position with a major retailer.

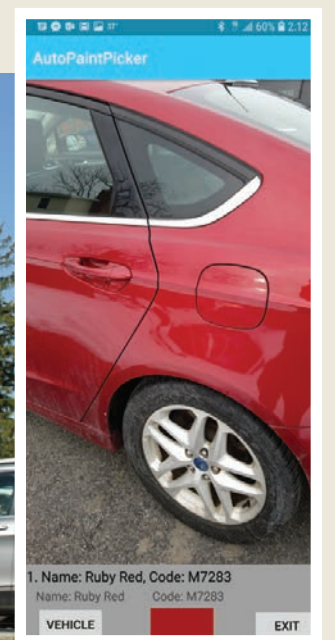
"This is certainly a project I highlighted on my resume," Tripp said. "Companies that I talked to were very interested in it because it tackles a problem that requires some innovative thinking and research, and it actually has a meaningful impact."

Pan said that feedback on the paper will help future students refine and improve the project, providing more learning experiences as Tripp's successors further automate the app, expand its paint code database into the cloud and add paint codes from other industries.

"This entire process helps students learn how we do research, where we start, how we improve, turn in research and present it to the outside world," said Pan. "This, I think, is a very good experiential learning process for students, and Johnathan is an excellent example!"

Pan and Tripp's project was supported in part by an FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant, which supports innovative and unique student, faculty and staff projects.

Johnathan Tripp '18/M'19 and **Dr. Xunyu Pan** test out the app (shown at right).



BOBCAT SPORTS

Nunley Named to Lead New Acrobatics & Tumbling Program

Katie Nunley will become the first head coach of FSU's newest sport, acrobatics & tumbling. FSU announced in March that acrobatics & tumbling would become its 22nd varsity sport. In June, the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics announced that they are recommending that acrobatics & tumbling be added to the NCAA Emerging Sport for Women Program.

"We are extremely excited to be part of the sport of Acrobatics & Tumbling," said Director of Athletics, Troy Dell. "Katie is no stranger to this movement, having been a member of the inaugural team at Alderson Broaddus."

Nunley will build the program from the ground up. She comes to Frostburg after serving as an assistant acrobatics & tumbling coach at Adrian College.



Weinberger Captures Second Google Cloud Academic All-American Honor

Frostburg swimmer **Maddie Weinberger '19** captured her second consecutive Google Cloud Academic All-American award when she was named to the 2018-19 Division III Women's At-Large Second Team by College Sports Information Directors of America.

Weinberger, a third-team honoree last year, is one of 49 student-athletes named to the three Academic All-America teams and one of 19 with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

She was also Frostburg's NCAA Woman of the Year honoree.

A four-time CAC All-Academic honoree, Weinberger capped her career with five All-CAC medals, including two gold. She is the only swimmer in program history to earn Academic All-American honors, and she is just the fourth female student-athlete in Frostburg history to win multiple Academic All-American awards.



DII Status Drives Leadership Changes in Athletics



Rubin Stevenson



Guy Robertson



Eric Seifarth



Emma Gerhold



Crystal Redinger

In anticipation of FSU's switch to NCAA Division II, Director of Athletics **Troy Dell** has announced a number of changes to the department.

Associate Athletic Director **Rubin Stevenson** has been promoted to senior associate director of Athletics for Internal Operations, while Assistant Athletic Director **Guy Robertson**, who was also head baseball coach, has been named associate athletic director for External Operations.

Last fall, **Eric Seifarth** was hired as assistant athletic director for Compliance & Certification. This spring, **Emma Gerhold**, assistant coach for track & field and an intern assisting with the DII application process, was promoted to assistant athletic director for Student Development & Success. Last summer, assistant athletic director for Budget and Finance/senior woman administrator (SWA), **Crystal Redinger's** duties were adjusted to align with NCAA's recent recommendation for SWAs.

Stevenson will continue to direct the facilities and game management operations, as well as oversight for departmental operation in Dell's absence. Stevenson has served as associate athletic director since 2007 and head football coach from 2000 to 2007. He has worked at FSU for more than 25 years.

He has overseen several upgrades to the Cordts Physical Education Center, including complete renovations to the

Men's Lacrosse Nets First ECAC Championship

The men's lacrosse team took home the program's first Eastern College Athletic Conference win this season, defeating Westminster 10-8 on May 12. This was the team's third ECAC Finals appearance.

Sophomore **Michael Thorne** was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, winning 33 of 41 faceoffs, picking up 18 ground balls and scoring a goal.

With the victory, the Bobcats ended their season with a 12-8 record, the most wins the program has had since the 2016 season.

pool and weight rooms, the tennis courts and women's locker rooms.

In Robertson's new role, he will become the University's first fundraiser dedicated primarily to athletics. He will oversee the cultivation of external relationships and revenue streams for the Athletic Department and building strategies to grow support of athletics.

Seifarth returns to his native Allegany County from the Compliance Office at South Carolina State University. His responsibilities include monitoring the eligibility of all student-athletes as well as interpreting NCAA rules and regulations.

In Frostburg's effort to achieve DII status, Gerhold gathered documents for the application process and produced manuals, handbooks and the department's strategic plan.

In her new role, she will monitor and support student-athletes' academic performance, oversee study hall policies, serve as Student Athlete Advisory Committee advisor and develop leadership and career preparation programs to create a stronger student-athlete experience.

Redinger will oversee the management of financial activities. As SWA, she will assume senior level leadership for both men's and women's sports, as well as heading up gender equity and diversity initiatives.

Spring Sports by the Numbers

15	All-CAC selections
5	All-Region award winners
1	All-ECAC selection
3	CoSIDA Academic All-District honorees
1	ECAC Championship

2019 Bobcat Hall of Fame Class Announced

'99 Volleyball Team, Founding of Volleyball and Women's Soccer Programs to Be Honored



Billye Hollister '07



Julie Jaeger '94



Brian Leiter '09



Sumer Rohrs '09



Raymond Toppins '18

Five former student-athletes will be inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 4. The 2019 induction class is represented by three track & field All-Americans, an All-American baseball pitcher and one of the top scorers in women's lacrosse history.

The 2019 Hall of Fame will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of the volleyball and women's soccer programs, as well as the 20th anniversary of the 1999 volleyball team.

Billye Hollister '07, baseball, capped his impressive Bobcat career as an American Baseball Coaches Association Second Team All-American as a senior in 2006, while guiding the Bobcats to NCAA tournaments in his final two seasons. A three-time All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) selection, Hollister was twice named the AMCC Co-Player of the Year and finished his career with 26 wins on the mound in 35 career starts. In his final two seasons, Hollister struck out 160 batters in 169 innings pitched and helped the Bobcats to 58 wins.

Julie Jaeger '94, women's lacrosse, was a four-year letter winner from 1990-93 and one of the top scorers in the history of the program. As a junior in 1992, she was a Brine Regional All-American, a USWLA All-American and voted as the team's most outstanding attack. That same season, she helped lead Frostburg to the NCAA Elite Eight in the program's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Over her four-year career, Jaeger scored 157 goals with 69 assists, and she ranks fifth all-time with 226 career points. She also helped the Bobcats to 47 wins, including a season-record 15 in 1992.

Brian Leiter '09, track & field, was a four-time All-American and eight-time All-Mason Dixon Conference selection, and he was a two-time All-AMCC selection in cross country. Leiter captured all four of his All-American awards over his final two seasons, and he holds the most outdoor All-American honors in mid-distance events in school history. Leiter holds five school records, and he capped his impressive career with a third-place showing in the 1,500-meter run at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in 2009. He remains Frostburg's only All-American in the 1,500.

Sumer Rohrs '09, track & field, is one of the most decorated athletes in the history of the storied Bobcat track & field program. Rohrs' accolades include six National Championships, nine All-American awards, nine ECAC Championships and 16 All-ECAC awards. She capped her final outdoor season with national titles in the 100- and 400-meter hurdles and set

DIII's fastest time in both events following the NCAA Championships. She was also named the USTFCCCA Division III National Outdoor Athlete of the Year and the Outdoor Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Raymond Toppins '18, track & field, is Frostburg's fourth most-decorated athlete across all male sports, with seven All-American awards. He finished his impressive career by capturing the Bobcat program's only triple jump National Championship. Toppins captured at least one All-American honor in each of his four years. He holds the indoor school record in the triple jump at 49 ft., 2.75 in. and earned the national title as a senior during the outdoor season as the only competitor in DIII to jump more than 15 meters that spring. He helped lead the Bobcats to team national titles during the 1986 and 1987 outdoor seasons, as well as the team National Championship during the indoor campaign in 1985-86.

Marking Milestones in Women's Sports

The Hall of Fame will mark some important anniversaries in the history of Bobcat women's sports:

The volleyball and women's soccer programs mark 25th anniversaries, having been established in 1994.

The 1999 Volleyball Team will be marking the 20th anniversary of that stellar year. In that year, the team, coached by **Jennifer Bowman**, tied the school record — 36-5 overall and 12-0 in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, made the first NCAA tournament appearance in school history, won its third straight AMCC tournament title and won 14 straight matches.



Dr. Bob Lewis reunites with Charlie Butler '81.

Brush With Greatness: Meeting Jesse Owens

BY LIZ DOUGLAS MEDCALF M'17

It's not often you get to meet a legend. But for **Charlie Butler '81** and other members of the track team, it happened the day they met Jesse Owens, the African American hero of the 1936 Berlin Olympics whose mastery — plus four gold medals and three world records — ruined Adolph Hitler's plan to use the games to showcase what he deemed the Aryan "master race."

On Feb. 20, 1979, some 43 years after that triumph, Owens came to Frostburg State as part of a Black History Month presentation. Butler said Owens spoke about his Olympic experience, but he also had some motivational advice: "Be yourself. Trust yourself. Give to others," Butler recalled.

Following his presentation, Owens stayed to speak to individuals and sign autographs. Butler brought along a relay baton, one his coach, **Dr. Bob Lewis**, had given him to carry everywhere, a technique Lewis used to make runners comfortable with handling batons.

"I told him I was on the track team and asked him to sign my baton. Which he did, with 'Jesse Owens,' and the '36 Olympics under it. Which was just fabulous, because I was a track person," Butler said. "So having him put 1936 Olympics on it made it even that much more special."

The next day, Owens visited with members of the track team for more than an hour, where he chatted and offered advice to help them achieve athletic success.

"I love Coach Bob Lewis, but that doesn't compare," Butler said with a laugh. "Jesse Owens telling you things . . . I was like, 'Oh, yes, OK, I'll follow that!'"

One piece of advice that stuck with Butler was the importance of being relaxed while running, being in control and aware of form, lessons he had heard from other coaches, but hearing it from Owens drove the point home even more.

Butler now works for Montgomery County recreation in therapeutic recreation and inclusion services, helping create accommodations for persons of all ages with a wide range of disabilities, as well as organizing specific programs and camps.

After keeping the baton around his house for the past 40 years, Butler wanted to donate it to the University. The day he delivered it to Ort Library's Special Collections, he also met with students from a kinesiology class and a recreation class, hoping to offer some useful advice just as Owens did:

"Know what you really want to do, or at least explore that while you're here," Butler told them. "Once you make your mind up, really try to put yourself into thinking about your career, about the kind of things that will help you to move along. Take advantage of meeting people in your field. This is the time to start reaching out and getting that experience."

Tennis Center Court Dedicated in Memory of Coach Athey



Family and friends of the late tennis coach **Lonnie D. Athey** gathered on April 6 between matches to dedicate the Center Court of FSU's newly refurbished tennis facility in his memory. From left are his mother, Dixie Athey, sister Lee Ann Yenchenko '87, friend and former student-athlete Chip Carr '93, widow Paula Athey '86/M'97, son-in-law Brandon Harr and daughters Katie Athey Harr and Natalie Athey.

Friends, family and former players of the late FSU tennis coach **Lonnie D. Athey** gathered on April 6 between matches to dedicate the Center Court of the newly refurbished tennis facility in his honor.

Athey, who passed away in 2006, coached the FSU men's team from 1989 to 2001, and the women's team from 1997 to 2001. The men's team had a 123-55 record during Athey's tenure, including an undefeated season in 2001. He was named Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2001.

"The really special coaches are the ones that do a lot more than coach, and that was Lonnie," said **Chip Carr '93**, a member of Athey's team whose generosity made the dedication possible. "Outside of our families, these coaches that we have in college are our first glimpse into what it means to be a leader. . . . The best of them really lead in life."

Carr, Athey's widow, **Paula Athey '86/M'97**, and other members of the Athey family cut the ribbon and unveiled the sign marking the courts.

"He was more dedicated as a coach, but it extended beyond the coaching hours. He was always available," Carr said of his mentor. "He was always keeping up with us and making sure we were taking care of ourselves."

Athey's wife and daughters emphasized how much he cared for his players, caring for their development as an individual as well as an athlete. The relationships that he built continued for many years, they said.

"He made every player a part of our family," Paula Athey said. "He wasn't just a good coach. He was a great husband, great father, great son, brother and friend."

Carr said that patience was the key quality he learned from Athey, who worked to make sure his players would slow down so they could take in what's going on in a match. "It applies to life as well. You have to take time to understand what's going on around you," Carr said.

"Having him in our lives made us all better. . . . The world's a better place because of Lonnie Athey," Carr said.

— LDM



Athletic Team Reunions

- Football Golf Outing & Reunion**
The 12th Annual Football Golf Outing and Reunion took place at Rocky Gap Casino & Resort in June. This year's event featured record attendance of alumni and friends of the football program.
- Swimming & Diving Alumni Meet**
Coach Bryan Christiansen hosted **swimming and diving alumni** for a competitive meet and reception in April.
- Field Hockey Alumni Game**
In April, 13 **field hockey** Bobcats came back to campus to take part in the annual alumni game and reception.



Bobcat Named Offensive Coordinator of Bryant University Bulldogs

Bryant University has named **Darrius G. Smith '95** offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach for Bulldogs Football. Smith joins the school's NCAA Division I Football Championship Series coaching

staff after 20 years as a college football coach.

Smith's coaching career began in Frostburg as a student assistant following four years as a Bobcat defensive back during the storied years of 1990 to 1993 — the most dominant era of FSU football history until last year.

Smith moves to Bryant from UMass Amherst, where he spent four years as running backs coach and then offensive recruiting coordinator. Prior to UMass, Smith coached for eight seasons at Villanova (including the FCS National Championship-winning 2009 team) after coaching stops at Northeastern, James Madison, Idaho, Indiana (Pa.) and New Mexico Highlands.



Copenhagen Towers Sign All-American Sewell

The Copenhagen Towers, the Danish defending champions in American-style football, have signed a Bobcat, All-American defensive end **William Sewell**.

Sewell played four seasons at Frostburg, where he was voted a DIII All-American twice and led the team in tackles, tackles for loss and sacks for three straight

years. Over his four-year career with the Bobcats, Sewell recorded 235 tackles, 56.5 tackles for loss and 24 sacks.

Towers' defensive coordinator **Victor Andersen** spent a season coaching at Frostburg in 2014.

"I remember Will being extremely dedicated and coachable, and so I've been trying to get him to the Towers ever since," Anderson said. "I remember him best for his amazing personality and hard work."

The Towers will rely on Sewell's versatility. He has played tight end and has a pedigree to go along with it. His cousin is Washington Redskins tight end Vernon Davis, and they spent summers together working out.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Noon, ARMAH, LUC

Retired Employee Luncheon

RSVP Deadline: September 25

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 a.m. – Noon, Campuswide

Career Expo – “Challenge”

For more information, contact Dr. Robbie Cordle or Donna Sivic, Career and Professional Development Center, at 301.687.4403.

9:00 a.m., Registration – Rocky Gap Casino & Golf Resort

10:00 a.m., Shotgun Start

Baseball Golf Invitational

Cost: \$120/person – includes 18 holes of golf, your cart, lunch on the course, your ticket for the Jim Anderson Baseball Brunch and a gift to the Baseball program. For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Guy Robertson at 301.687.4414 or gsrobertson@frostburg.edu.

RSVP Deadline: September 25

5:00 p.m., Cocktail Hour, Upstairs Lobby, LUC

6:00 p.m., Dinner, ARMAH, LUC

Bobcat Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner

Join us to welcome five new inductees, commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Women's Soccer and Volleyball programs, and celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the 1999 Volleyball team.

Cost: \$30/adult, \$12/children 12 and under. CASH BAR.

RSVP Deadline: September 25

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6:00 p.m., Auxiliary Gym, Cordts PE Center

Volleyball Match

Bobcats vs. West Liberty Hilltoppers

7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building

Photography by Geoff Delaney

Delaney is a visual artist whose work includes photography and video installations.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 a.m., Men's Soccer Locker Room,

1st Floor, Cordts PE Center

Locker Room Dedication

In memory of Coach Ken Babcock (1946-1965) and in recognition of Russ '68 and Penny Youngers.

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Lobby, LUC

Alumni Welcome Center

Refreshments, games and activities for kids! Update your contact information, leave a note for fellow alumni and register to win prizes.

We will also be in the tailgating lot with giveaways, taking pictures and more!

10:00 a.m. – Noon, ARMAH, LUC

Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Brunch

Cost: \$20/adult, \$10/children 12 and under.

Co-sponsored by the Frostburg Baseball Alumni Association

RSVP Deadline: September 25

10:00 a.m., MLC, 1st Floor, Gira Center

Sky Tour and “From Earth to the Universe”

This show features a tour of the night sky followed by the 35-minute full-dome movie.

10:30 a.m., Stadium Lot

Tailgating

Cost: \$10/space

Parking on a first-come, first-served basis.

For a complete list of rules and regulations, visit www.frostburg.edu/homecoming.

11:00 a.m., Upstairs Lobby, LUC

Walking Campus Tour

Grab your classmates and explore campus – some new things to see!

Noon, Bobcat Statue, Compton Plaza

Dedication of Bobcat Statue

Join the Student Government Association as they officially dedicate the Bobcat statue, welcome this newest member to the FSU campus, and acknowledge individuals who made this project possible.

Share your weekend memories with the Office of Alumni Relations by tagging your photos with our official Homecoming hashtag:

#HomesweetBurg

For more information:

alumni@frostburg.edu | 301.687.4068 | www.frostburg.edu/homecoming

1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building

Photography by Geoff Delaney

Delaney is a visual artist whose work includes photography and video installations.

1:00 p.m., Bobcat Stadium

Football Game

Bobcats vs. Urbana University Blue Knights

Join us to cheer on the Bobcats!

Cost: \$5/person

2:00 p.m., Auxiliary Gym, Cordts PE Center

Volleyball Match

Bobcats vs. Wheeling Jesuit University Cardinals

2:00 p.m., MLC, 1st Floor, Gira Center

Sky Tour and “Solar Superstorms”

This show features a tour of the night sky followed by the 35-minute full-dome movie.

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., ARMAH, LUC

All-Alumni Reunion

Are you part of an alumni group that wants a place to gather during Homecoming? If so, this is the event for you! Groups such as SGA, the Accounting Association, and others have already reserved their tables – contact us at alumni@frostburg.edu to reserve a space today! We will also have areas for class years ending in 4 and 9 – make plans to join us!

Cost: \$5/person. CASH BAR and appetizers.

RSVP Deadline: September 25

5:00 p.m., Cocktail Hour, 1st Floor Lobby, Gira Center

6:00 p.m., Dinner, Room 397, Gira Center

Golden Anniversary Reunion

A celebration of the Class of 1969 and before.

Cost: \$25/person. RSVP Deadline: September 25

10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m., 2nd Floor, LUC

Bobcat Bash

Cost: \$15/person. DJ, food and CASH BAR provided. Open to individuals 21 years and older. Must have ID for admittance and security check. Advance ticket purchase is encouraged.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m., Room 397, Gira Center

Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting

All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RSVP deadline: September 25

10:00 a.m., Auxiliary Gym, Cordts PE Center

Men's Basketball Alumni Game

Join other alumni to take on the current team in a friendly game! For more information, contact Coach Sean Brown at sebrown@frostburg.edu or 301.687.3241.

Noon, Lobby, LUC

Student Government Association Big Event

Join our students to clean up the streets of Frostburg!

1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building

Photography by Geoff Delaney

Delaney is a visual artist whose work includes photography and video installations.

ARMAH – Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall

LUC – Lane University Center

MLC – Multimedia Learning Center

ALL-ALUMNI REUNION

SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 2019

4:30-6:30 PM

ARMAH, LANE UNIVERSITY CENTER

\$5/person • Cash Bar Available

Fee includes appetizers



SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 2019

10 PM - 1 AM

2ND FLOOR, LANE CENTER

\$15/person | Cash Bar Available

Fee includes DJ entertainment and appetizers

*Must have ID for admittance and security check.
Advance ticket purchase is encouraged.

To RSVP for any event

(DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 25)

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations and register by one of the following options:

Online: www.frostburg.edu/homecoming

Phone: 301.687.4068

Email: alumni@frostburg.edu

Find additional information on social media at Frostburg State University Alumni Association.



CLASSNOTES

ClassNotes listed are those received as of June 11, 2019.

1966

Ed P. Mullaney was recognized by *Allegany Magazine* as one of the 20 Most Fascinating People in 2019. He is the manager of the Windsor Castle Events Centre in Cumberland.

1969

J. Ron Hennings is completing his 50th year in education as chair, M.Ed., Educational Leadership Program, Professional Programs at Prescott College in Prescott, Ariz. He retired from K-12 education in 2012, after serving 37 years as principal, director of curriculum, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He is a past president of the Alumni Association and Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award recipient.

1973

Terry W. Sterner has watched his students at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, Md., accomplish great things, including having a film released in theatres, serving as a show-runner on *Criminal Minds*, managing Fox 45 in Baltimore, and one, **Annie Danzi**, who is an assistant professor of communications at FSU.

1975

Craig J. Poff has been engaged in private practice law since 1979 and recently became certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court as a family court mediator. He is located in Beaufort, S.C.

1979

Rita L. Knox has retired from the C&O Canal National Historical Park after 34 years. She was an interpretive park ranger and was the face that welcomed thousands of visitors to Cumberland each year.



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1980



Diane Carter Richardson, Women's Basketball head coach at Towson University, has been named Coach of the Year for the Colonial Athletic Association and Eastern College Athletic Conference. She took the Tigers to their first NCAA Tournament appearance following one of the best turnarounds in the nation.

1982

Kelly L. Moran was named one of the 20 Most Fascinating People for 2019 by *Allegany Magazine*. She is taking architecture courses, is a published author and artist, and a builder of homes. And she is a grandmother to three lovely girls who live in Australia.

1984

Judge Mark S. Chandlee has been elevated to the administrative judge position in the Circuit Court of Calvert County, Md. He will oversee the administration of the court, budget and procurement functions, as well as trial calendars.

Martha L. Danner has been appointed the director of the Division of Parole and Probation within the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

1987



James E. House, Jr., is the recipient of the John E. and Susanne D. Roueche Excellence Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College. Jim is an associate professor and chair of Allegany College of Maryland's Computer Technology Department.

2002

Sara L. Younkin Wilhelm M'18 has been appointed the director of the Office of Sponsored Programs at FSU.

2004

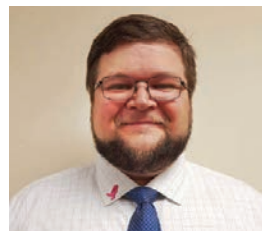
Dr. Heidi J. Frazee Fletcher was awarded the 2019 Lucas-Hathaway History of Teaching Excellence Award at Waynesburg University in Waynesburg, Pa., where she is an associate professor of chemistry.

Michael H. Thompson had three photographs accepted into the Cumberland Valley Photographers Exhibition at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown. His piece, "Lake House," won Best in Show. Additionally, his piece, "Koolwink," won Best in Show at the Mansion at Strathmore in Bethesda, which also used his piece, "Night Swim," in the marketing materials to promote the show.

2006



Clarissa A. Sowers Lang has been appointed the director of Leadership Programs at FSU.



Jeremy S. Roman joined the staff of Susan G. Komen Maryland as the volunteer manager in August 2018. He is responsible for recruiting, training and leading volunteers in the D.C., Columbia and Ocean City walks, which help raise millions of dollars for breast cancer research, community outreach and education grants in Maryland.



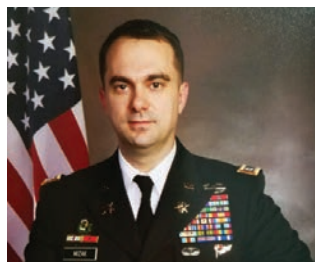
Elizabeth E. Barry Stahlman M'13 has been appointed the city administrator for Frostburg. She was formerly the city's community development director.

2007

Jerilyn A. Jackson Durst is a rehabilitation specialist for BACHS Healthcare, serving the mental health needs of Maryland.



Michele N. Giuliano has been promoted to marketing manager at the nonprofit Government Employees' Benefit Association. She will be responsible for managing all marketing for GEBA and GEBA Wealth Management.



Maj. Daniel P. Mizak graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and earned a Master of Science in Education from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., in June of 2019.

2009

Sandra L. Beachy Coluzzi M'14 is a National Board-certified teacher in the area of early childhood: generalist as of December 2018.



"Koolwink," award-winning photograph by **Michael Hunter Thompson '04**.

2010

Eli C. Baker has joined Southeast Missouri State University as a human resources technician.

Alex L. Haslacker has been promoted to firefighter with the Baltimore City Fire Department.

2011

Jen Gover Haslacker joined RoamRight as an account manager in April 2019. In addition, she received the Quarter 1 Innovation Award from United Healthcare Global.

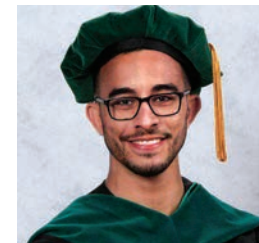
2012

Seth D. Loar received the 2018 Esteemed Associate of the Year award from Coldwell Banker Professional Real Estate Services. In addition, he received the Coldwell Banker International Presidents Elite Award for 2018, placing him in the top 5 percent of all agents internationally. In 2018, he led the market with more than \$6 million in sales.

2015



Nicole Absher was awarded the National Tour Association's Young Professional Award for exhibiting leadership and passion for the travel and tourism industry. She is the sales manager for Destination Gettysburg.



Devin Francillon graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree. He plans to enter an anesthesiology residency at University of Toledo Medical Center in Ohio.

2016

Zachary T. Heeter M'16 has joined Goucher College in Baltimore as a Giving Society officer.

2018

David Shuster D'18 has been named chief executive officer for Horizon Goodwill Industries, Inc. He credits his doctoral degree from FSU as one of the factors that influenced his selection for this position.

2019



Kevin C. Grimm has been promoted to senior associate with SEK, CPAs & Advisors, working in the Hagerstown office. He provides tax, payroll, financial statement preparation and accounting service work to clients.

MARRIAGES

2005



Shannon M. Graham M'06 married Jonathan Stryker on March 10, 2018. Several Bobcats traveled to Loudoun County, Va., to witness the union, including former HallSTARS and sisters of the Gamma Psi chapter of Alpha Xi Delta.

2007

Jerilyn A. Jackson Durst married Thomas Durst in November 2018.

2012



Joseph C. Bohrer married **Nora J. Grider '14** on Oct. 5, 2018.

2015



Kiersten P. Butler M'17 and **Montana C. Bradley '16** were married on Aug. 18, 2018.

FAMILIES

1982



Richard A. Brindle, Jr., and his wife, Dee, welcomed their first grandchild, Norah Faye Brindle, on April 1, 2019.

2000



Sara Beth James Bittinger D’17 and her husband, Zachary, welcomed their son, Jonas Jameson, on May 1, 2019. He joins big sister, Lavada.

2001



Jamie C. Kelly welcomed her son, Austin, in the summer of 2018.



Leslie Nazelrod Reynolds and her husband, Jason, welcomed their son, Trenton Kalix, on Nov. 9, 2018.

2003



Josalyn M. Grier welcomed her daughter, Jurnee Nyssa, on Feb. 8, 2019.

2004



Amanda Skilling Biggart and her husband, Steve, welcomed their daughter, Clara Michelle, on Dec. 21, 2018.

2006



DeAnna Qualters Houston and her husband, David, welcomed twin sons, Dominick and Kaiden, on Dec. 31, 2018.

2007



Kelly S. Emery Romer and her husband, **Chris ’07**, welcomed their first child, Kensie Grace, on April 27, 2019.

2008



Jennifer M. Cook Hall and her husband, Robert, welcomed twin girls, Brielle and Brinley, on March 20, 2019. They join big sister, Amelia.



Amanda M. Baldwin Kremnitzer and her husband, **Matthew ’08**, welcomed their third baby Bobcat, Nicholas James, on May 9, 2019. He joins big brothers, Andrew and Nolan.

2011



Elizabeth Carrington and **Chauncey D. Mason IV ’12** welcomed their son, Chauncey, on Oct. 28, 2018.



Jared J. Chambers and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their son, Carson John, on April 6, 2019.

2012



Kristin Prochniak Carloss and her husband, Greg, welcomed their daughter, Margot, on April 6, 2019.



Kelly A. Taylor Davenport and her husband, **Allen ’11**, welcomed their son, Taylor James, on Sept. 24, 2018.



Mollie Downey Simonetti and her husband, Zachary, welcomed their son, Had Downey Simonetti, on Jan. 12, 2019.

2014



Ben Bolyard and his wife, Katie, welcomed their first child, Ellie Anne, in January 2019.



Kelsey A. Reid welcomed her son, Elliott, on March 9, 2019.

Kaitlin R. Shinham welcomed her son, Robert Ayers, on Nov. 27, 2017.

2015



Brooke Dolan Kyriacou and her husband, **Marcus ’15**, welcomed Calix on Sept. 27, 2018.

2017



Kevin Akindana welcomed his daughter, Aniya, on Dec. 23, 2018.

CELEBRATING TOP TEACHERS

As has been the case for more than a century, many of the region’s best teachers learned their craft at Frostburg. Here are some alumni who have recently been honored for making a positive impact in the region’s classrooms.

Jennifer Cord ’98, a fifth-grade teacher at White Marsh Elementary School, was named St. Mary’s County’s Teacher of the Year. She was caught completely by surprise when school officials interrupted her and her class during a computer lab to present the award.



Amy Cowgill ’00/M’02, a math teacher at Frankfort High School in Ridgeley, W.Va., was chosen as Mineral County Teacher of the Year. She calls her students “my biggest accomplishment.”



Sarah Llewellyn ’04/M’12, a third-grade teacher at Westernport Elementary School, was selected as Allegany County’s 2019-20 Teacher of the Year. She is known for preparing her students to enrich their communities through real-world lessons and practicing what she teaches, such as the recycling program and native pollinator garden she helped start for the school.



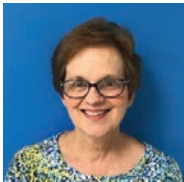
Amy Rowan ’02, a language arts and special education teacher at Northern Middle School, has been named 2019-20 Garrett County Teacher of the Year. In just five years, Rowan has served as department leader for special education, service learning coordinator for seventh graders and response-to-intervention specialist/compliance coordinator.



Ashley Vascik ’08/M’09, a social studies teacher at Boonsboro High School, won the Daughters of the American Revolution’s Outstanding Teacher of American History in Maryland for 2019, and placed second in the national-level competition. Vascik, who was the first Washington County teacher to earn national board certification, was also nominated as a finalist for Washington County Teacher of the Year — her fourth year as a final candidate for the award.



This spring, **Kathleen Zamagias ’89**, a first-grade teacher at Bishop Walsh School in Cumberland, was presented with the Bishop Walsh Teacher of the Year Award.



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

Frostburg State University wishes the following faculty and staff the best of luck in their retirements:

Dr. Yan Bao, associate professor, Department of Accounting, joined FSU in 2002.

Dr. Thomas Bowling, vice president for Student Affairs, joined FSU in 1976.

Dr. Paul Charney, associate professor, Department of History, joined FSU in 1998.

Dr. William Childs, professor, Department of Educational Professions, joined FSU in 2001.

Randy Galliher, high-speed copier operator, Mail and Printing Services, joined FSU in 1985.

Kevin Geary, auto shop supervisor, Physical Plant, joined FSU in 1983.

Beth Hoffman, director of ADA/EEO and Immigration Compliance, joined FSU in 1995.

Dr. Mary Ann Lutz, professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, joined FSU in 1988.

Dale Luy, head track & field coach, Athletics, joined FSU in 2007.

Dr. Kevin Peterson, professor, Department of Psychology, joined FSU in 1992.

Dr. Kathleen Powell, professor, Department of Social Work, joined FSU in 1991.

Cpl. Michael Rodano, University Police, joined FSU in 2014.

Darlene Smith, director of Health Services, Brady Health Center, joined FSU in 2005.

Peggy Thomas, accounting clerk III, University and Student Billing, joined FSU in 2008.

Charlene Vassallo, library services specialist, joined FSU in 1985.

Pamela Williams, associate director for User Services, Ort Library, joined FSU in 1985.

Retirements from March to July 2019

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH!

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Edward G. “Ned” Boehm, Jr. ’64, who died June 23, 2019, capped off a distinguished career in higher education as the longest-serving president of Keystone College, an institution he is credited with saving from closure. As a student, he was class president for three years, a soccer and track student-athlete and a brother in Tau Kappa Epsilon. He was deeply involved in every community where he lived, and he stayed connected to his alma mater, which honored him with the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. (See back cover for more.) He is survived by his wife, Regina, and sons, Evan and Andrew.



Dr. James Cotton, who died April 2, 2019, was a professor emeritus of geography and the first dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences. He twice served as acting vice president for Academic Affairs. Cotton, who worked at FSU for 38 years, was also mayor of Frostburg, a 25-year member of the Allegany County Planning and Zoning Commission, a member of the Cumberland-Allegany County Industrial Foundation and a



veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and son, **David ’91**. He established the James Cotton Faculty Development Fund (www.frostburg.edu/cotton) to support faculty in the Department of Geography.

The Hon. John Hafer, Jr., who died June 5, 2019, was a retired Maryland state senator and owner of the Hafer Funeral Homes. He represented Western Maryland’s District 1 for 16 years, serving on numerous committees, including the Senate Finance Committee. He also served on the boards of local organizations, and was a Potentate of the Ali Ghan Shrine Temple. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. He was preceded in death by his son, **Douglas Hafer ’86**. He is survived by his wife, Lorene, and children, John III and **Nancy Hafer DeVore ’82**.



Dr. Al Rose, who died April 14, 2019, was a professor emeritus of English, teaching from 1968 to 1989 and honored with the Faculty Achievement Award for University and Community Service. “He was a mentor to



a whole generation of faculty members, particularly in the English, history and philosophy departments,” said Dr. Tom Mappes. After FSU, he became a Roman Catholic deacon, serving in prisons and a hospice, and advocated for those with learning and developmental disabilities. “He always was looking out for those people . . . who were not being treated fairly, not being represented,” said Dr. Joy Kroeger Mappes. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He is survived by his wife, Abbie, and children, Dean and Scott.

Dr. Lee Ross, who died June 2, 2019, was a professor emeritus of psychology, teaching at FSU for 31 years and developing classes in Death and Dying; Social Psychology; Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues; and Crisis Intervention, as well as one of the first learning communities. He was named Outstanding Mentor in 2000. He also served the first-responder community as a member of the Maryland Critical Incident Stress Management Team and in disaster areas following hurricanes. In 2018, he was named to the Region I EMS Hall of Fame. He lived with Parkinson’s Disease for 29 years. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, and children, Kim and Teri.



ALUMNI

- 1936 Althea Ross Carrick March 13, 2019

1938 Frances Hunter Loughney Jan. 3, 2019

1942 Rachel Carey McKenzie March 8, 2019

1949 Mary “Ruth” Fazenbaker Llewellyn March 14, 2019

1950 Peggy Ann Carter M’60 April 12, 2019

Amy G. Meek March 28, 2019

1952 David W. Lewis April 7, 2019

Dr. Eileen Brinker Steele * April 21, 2019

1955 Arra Marie Bishop Feb. 9, 2019

1961 Robert Crowe Oct. 29, 2017

1963 Francis L. Garlitz March 31, 2019

Robert E. Scarcelli M’65 June 2, 2019

1965 Elizabeth J. Hoffman Hess Feb. 25, 2019

Frank L. Krug Jan. 8, 2019

1966 Irene C. Kuykendall May 24, 2019

1967 Marilyn D. Welsch Beachley May 16, 2019

Elizabeth A. Hesselton Hanson March 14, 2019

1968 Virginia Delawder Feb. 23, 2019

Lois J. Walker Sluss Jan. 31, 2019

1970 C. Thomas Gartrell Oct. 8, 2018

1971 Louis R. Newcomb, Jr. April 22, 2019

1972 Patricia Scheer May 23, 2019
- 1973 H. Colleen Burke M’73 Oct. 22, 2017

1974 Marshall J. Sandene April 18, 2019

John Steiner May 30, 2019

1976 Herbert H. Howe, Jr. March 30, 2019

Robert E. VanLaningham M’76 March 21, 2019

1977 David H. Berry April 22, 2019

1979 David B. McDonald M’79 Feb. 9, 2019

Dr. Michael K. Smith April 12, 2019

1980 Dale R. Hauprich April 14, 2019

1981 Susan A. Athey March 2, 2019

Kim L. Hawvermale March 6, 2019

1985 LaVerne F. Pitman M’85 March 2, 2019

1988 Crystal A. Filer-Ogden M’91 March 21, 2019

1989 Doris G. McKinney Calvert March 24, 2019

1990 Billie Jean Robosson Snyder April 4, 2019

1991 Richard A. Bittner Jan. 21, 2019

1992 Eliza Lee Myers April 6, 2018

1995 Paul H. Toothman May 22, 2019

1998 Kimberly D. Bailey Kautz April 12, 2019

Stacey L. Raley Morgan M’99 April 25, 2019

2001 William J. Clark March 3, 2019

2013 John W. Keating, Jr. April 12, 2019

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

- Mary L. Shuttleworth Bowman Feb. 2, 2019

James O. Croston Feb. 25, 2019

Joan Darnell * May 22, 2019

John H. Davis, Jr. * April 16, 2019

Laura Dawn Hollis March 7, 2019

James A. Jeffries June 6, 2019

Samuel C. Jones April 27, 2019

Jason Lease Lehmann Jan. 29, 2019

John A. Parsons March 29, 2019

Ellen Petersen Richards Jan. 26, 2018

Jason D. Warnick April 30, 2019

Lonny H. Weaver March 23, 2019

Colleen Taylor Zaloga April 23, 2019

* Former faculty or staff member

BOOKS BY ALUMNI

Pleased to Meet Me: Genes, Germs and the Curious Forces That Make Us Who We Are

Dr. Bill Sullivan ’92

An award-winning professor of pharmacology and microbiology at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Sullivan has a unique understanding of what affects the human body. In his new book, Sullivan describes in witty, everyday language how we are all affected by DNA, germs and our environments. Sullivan, who studies genetics and infectious disease, describes how genetics, epigenetics, microbiology and psychology work together to influence personality and actions, sharing intriguing insights into just what all makes each of us who we are.



Published by National Geographic Books.

Join the Conversation!



Join **Shannon Gribble ’98** and **Brooke Kirchner** via Facebook for **Thursday Night LIVE** from the Alumni Center at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month.

Ask questions, share comments or just watch for an update on what’s going on at FSU.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- AUGUST 24

Men’s Soccer Alumni Game

Bobcat Stadium, FSU Campus

2 p.m.

AUGUST 24

Student Move-In Day Cookout

Clock Tower Quad

5 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7

Alumni Crab Feast

Martin’s West, Baltimore, MD

\$55/person

7:30-11:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 3-6

Homecoming Weekend

FSU Campus

See schedule pages 28-29

OCTOBER 10

Class of 1966 – 75th Birthday Party

Prospect Bay Country Club

Grasonville, MD

\$30/person

11:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 21

A Celebration of the Life of President Emerita Catherine R. Gira in Honor of her 87th Birthday

1:00 p.m.

Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall

Lane University Center

Reception to Follow

NOVEMBER 2

WFWM Donor Reception

Lyric Theatre

20 E. Main St., Frostburg, MD

5 p.m.
- JANUARY 25

Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

USMH, Hagerstown, MD

9 a.m.

MARCH 7

Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership

Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall

Lane University Center

FSU Campus

5 p.m.

APRIL 18

Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

FSU Campus

9 a.m.

APRIL 18

Alumni Awards Banquet

Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

FSU Campus

5 p.m.

JUNE 5-6

Football Golf Outing & Reunion

Rocky Gap Casino Resort

Cumberland, MD

For more information on events

visit the University Master Calendar at events.frostburg.edu or the events tab on the Alumni Association Facebook page.

To RSVP for any event above or for more information

call 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu.



Dr. Catherine R. Gira 1932-2019

President Emerita Catherine Gira was a master of words, so it is only appropriate that she have “The Last Word.”

Her scholarly effort focused on literature – words in their most graceful form – especially the works of William Shakespeare. Her speeches, articles, letters – even emails – were often enhanced with literary references.

Her words helped lead a campus through a period of growth and change in the years following the transition to a university, as well as through lean times when state appropriations were cut 10 times in a row. Her strengths sustained and inspired the campus community, and her influence on what she called “this idyllic mountain place” continues.

Her mark is on the campus physically – in the Compton Science Center, which she shepherded to completion – and Edgewood Commons. Her name is on the Catherine R. Gira Center for Communications and Information Technology, the groundwork for which was laid during her administration.

FSU’s reputation bears her imprint as well. The College of Business and the College of Education achieved accreditation during her years of leadership. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education, when it reaffirmed FSU’s accreditation in her final year on campus, noted that, over the previous decade, FSU had evolved from a comprehensive college to a regional university.

Her influence also impacted the lives of thousands of students and graduates. Not only those who were here and moved on during her tenure from 1991 to 2006, but also those who followed, who benefited from the improvements in infrastructure and curriculum.

That influence continues through the Catherine R. Gira Campus to Community Fund, which she established through the FSU Foundation to fund student experiences that embrace leadership, alumni connections, community service, internships and study abroad.

She will be long remembered in her “idyllic mountain place.”

A celebration of the life of President Emerita Catherine R. Gira, in honor of her 87th birthday, will be held Monday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. in the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall. A reception will follow. To make a gift in Dr. Catherine Gira’s memory, visit www.frostburg.edu/Gira or call 301.687.4068.

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CES Main Stage Series

Johnny Peers & the Muttville Comix
A comedy dog show
In Association With DCA Productions
Saturday, Sept. 14 | 3 & 6 PM

Appalachian Festival Capstone Concert
Dom Flemons
Saturday, Sept. 21 | 7:30 PM

Cirque Mei
Elite Circus Artists and Acrobats
From the Hebei Province, China
Tuesday, Oct. 8 | 7:30 PM

Maryland Symphony Orchestra
The American Symphony
Sunday, Nov. 17 | 3 PM

Terry Barber
Christmas Presence
Wednesday, Dec. 4 | 7:30 PM

Cirque FLIP Fabrique Presents
BLIZZARD
Tuesday, March 3 | 7:30 PM

A Columbia Artists Production
Direct from Moscow, Russia
Russian National Ballet
Company of 50 *Don Quixote*
Wednesday, March 11 | 7:30 PM

LIVE! at StarScape

Thomas Pandolfi
Into the Night With Gershwin
Friday, Feb. 14 | 7:30 PM

Ghost-Note
Friday, March 27 | 7:30 PM

The Brubeck Brothers Quartet
Celebrates Dave Brubeck's Centennial
Friday, April 3 | 7:30 PM

Veronica Swift
Friday, May 1 | 7:30 PM

on the EDGE

Malamanya
Thursday, Sept. 26 | 7:30 PM

Derek Brown
Featuring the
FSU Jazz Orchestra & Jazz Faculty
Thursday, Oct. 24 | 7:30 PM

Crys Matthews
Thursday, Feb. 27 | 7:30 PM

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Thursday, April 16 | 7:30 PM



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Be Like Ned

Dr. Edward "Ned" Boehm, Jr. 1942-2019

Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., graduated in 1964, yet over the 55 years that followed, his heart never left Frostburg. "Ned" was a gentle soul, beloved educator and friend to all who spent a lifetime embodying the Bobcat ideal.

Ned was a natural leader as a student and throughout his distinguished career in higher education. And he applied those leadership skills in his support of his alma mater.

Ned led the alumni in his class – and every Bobcat – to give back to the institution that shaped them and uplift the students following in their footsteps. He helped create the Class of 1964 Presidential Merit Scholarship and guided the FSU Foundation as a former member of the Board of Directors.

He also remained connected personally, reconnecting at the yearly alumni crab feast.

As a member of Frostburg's Old Main Society, designated for those who include the FSU Foundation in their estate plans, even the final act of Ned's life will help his beloved Bobcats.

In recognition of his lifelong impact on Frostburg students, Ned received FSU's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award and an Excellence in Leadership Medallion from FSU's Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership.

Ned never forgot the people, places or experiences that made him such a success. Be like Ned.



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