Bringing Learning to Life

Innovative Experiences Are the Hallmark of an FSU Education
From the President

In the business world, it is not uncommon to hear people talk about “the brand.” But zeroing in on exactly what that means can be a challenge, especially for an institution like Frostburg that has changed so many lives in so many ways. Defining that inner feeling is incredibly difficult and yet, in March 2012, we began a journey to redefine Frostburg’s brand, a thorough and intensive process that has included working with a market research firm to conduct focus groups, surveys and thoughtful discussions with our many constituents. We have come to realize that our brand is not a logo or a slogan, though these elements certainly help communicate it. What a brand really is is a connection, a feeling that resonates with everyone when they think about us.

Our marketing research pointed us in some good directions to better identify what that unique connection is. We know that FSU stands out in providing countless opportunities for our students to experience the real world through hands-on research, internships, volunteer work and performances, including opportunities like presenting business strategies to executives at Adobe Systems, Inc., that open the doors to career development (see page 22). We have also come to realize that we need to do a better job of celebrating our greatness. We have so many incredibly bright, talented students, faculty, staff and alumni who make up the Frostburg family. We need to keep raising the bar on our academic excellence, through the ways we promote FSU and recruit students. We will be taking our enrollment in some exciting new directions so that we continue drawing the best students to our University.

As alumni, you play a vital role in helping us better define our brand and share it with potential future Bobcats. Many of you are involved in your communities in important ways; support your alma mater by talking about Frostburg and inspiring new generations of students. Come back to campus to share your success story with our students. Mentor them as they prepare for the job market by offering internships or even by having simple one-on-one conversations with them at FSU events. Tell your local guidance counselors, your neighbors with college-bound kids, the parents you meet at local organizations and your local school boards why you love your alma mater, why Frostburg is a great choice for students looking for larger-than-life learning in a supportive educational environment. Look to your circles of influence and see where you can share Frostburg’s accomplishments and milestones.

As we continue to spread the word about Frostburg, through our new brand and through new recruitment and retention strategies, we need more foot soldiers than ever, and you, our alumni, are so important to that effort. As alumni, you play a vital role in helping us better define our brand and share it with potential future Bobcats. Many of you are involved in your communities in important ways; support your alma mater by talking about Frostburg and inspiring new generations of students. Come back to campus to share your success story with our students. Mentor them as they prepare for the job market by offering internships or even by having simple one-on-one conversations with them at FSU events. Tell your local guidance counselors, your neighbors with college-bound kids, the parents you meet at local organizations and your local school boards why you love your alma mater, why Frostburg is a great choice for students looking for larger-than-life learning in a supportive educational environment. Look to your circles of influence and see where you can share Frostburg’s accomplishments and milestones.

We will be launching our new marketing campaign this fall and developing some strategic new ways to reach prospective students. Thanks for your leadership, involvement and support in sharing our story and ensuring there are even more stories in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter, President

ON THE COVER: For the past two summers, FSU students have participated in Impact China, a program designed by the College of Business to foster in-depth understanding of Chinese business. Increasing study abroad opportunities is one of the cornerstones of Frostburg State University’s experiential learning initiative.

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FSU Achieves STARS Silver Rating for Sustainability Efforts

FSU has achieved a STARS Silver Rating in recognition of its sustainability efforts from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, is a new program that measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

“Through the accurate and up-to-date data provided in this assessment, we demonstrate we've made sustainability a high priority and significant part of our institutional culture, something that is manifested through our educational programs, practices and facilities,” said President Gibralter.

AASHE’s STARS program is the only one of its kind that involves publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university’s sustainability performance. Participants report achievements in these overall areas: education and research; operations; and planning, administration and engagement. The program is open to all institutions of higher education in the U.S. and Canada.

Frostburg’s STARS Silver rating is its latest achievement in maintaining its commitment to sustainability. FSU has been twice recognized in The Princeton Review’s Guide to Green Colleges, which highlights institutions that have demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability through their campus infrastructure, activities, and initiatives. "I look at FSU as a template that FSU can use to build sustainability into the fabric of the University," said Lawrence Gingerich, FSU’s Safety and Sustainability coordinator. "Everyone at Frostburg can look at the STARS information and find areas where their activities have helped already or can help in future efforts. You can see that FSU has come a long way as an institution based on the STARS information, but you can also see where FSU could be in the future.”

FSU ranked High in RecycleMania Tournament

FSU came in among the top fifth of the 273 college campuses that participated in the 2013 RecycleMania Tournament, ranking 58th overall. More than 110,000 pounds of waste were recycled from FSU during this tournament.

This year, FSU placed 12th for paper recycled, 35th for bottles and cans recycled and 66th for the per capita ratio (the combined weight of the recyclables divided by the campus population). FSU ranked above all Maryland colleges and universities except for Frostburg Community College.

Frostburg Named College of Distinction Again

Frostburg has once again been recognized by the Colleges of Distinction organization, chosen for FSU’s continued commitment to and excellence in four key areas: student engagement, quality of teaching, vibrancy of the college community and the success of its graduates. Frostburg is one of just 46 public institutions to have achieved the College of Distinction designation.

“Schools designated as ‘Colleges of Distinction’ are among the very best in the country,” said Tyson Schrter, executive editor of Colleges of Distinction. Among Frostburg’s distinctions is its emphasis on experiential education across all colleges, the strength of its first-year experience including learning communities and themed residence halls, the quality of teaching provided by FSU faculty, the students’ dedication to community service and sustainability, and the clear direction presented in the FSU Strategic Plan.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

TLC-Frostburg Unites University and The Language Company in Bringing International Students to Maryland

The Language Company, an organization that provides English-as-a-second-language instruction and cultural opportunities to individuals seeking educational, professional and personal enrichment, has teamed up with FSU to open TLC-Frostburg, a new branch of the company aiming to bring more international students to the Western Maryland area.

“We seek to provide a substantial and rewarding benefit to our students by giving them an outstanding education along with cultural opportunities,” said Robert Fábear, TLC-Frostburg’s director. “All in the process of helping them prepare for their future educational goals, whether they are seeking a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree or simply to enhance their understanding of the English language.”

TLC-Frostburg’s offerings include programs such as an Intensive English Program and special programs such as Academic Test Preparation and English for Professionals. Students have the opportunity to connect with FSU while attending the intensive English training courses, including working with FSU students as conversation partners and having access to the University library, athletic facilities, athletic events and campus social activities.

“The partnership between Frostburg State University and The Language Company is an important step in our overall effort to internationalize the campus and provide global opportunities for all members of the University community,” said Vice Provost Dr. John Bowman, who oversees international education.

FSU-UMUC Collaboration to Offer Secondary Education to Military in Europe

FSU will team up with University of Maryland University College to offer its undergraduate education program at military installations across Europe, part of a major Department of Defense contract with UMUC. The initial program will present FSU’s secondary education program at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany beginning as soon as January 2014.

The collaboration will offer paths to secondary certification in English, foreign languages, mathematics and social studies for active-duty military, military dependents and civilian Department of Defense employees.

Educational methods courses will be provided by FSU in person or online, with FSU faculty serving as UMUC adjunct faculty. Content courses – the subject matter that will be taught and related courses – will be taught through UMUC’s undergraduate liberal arts program. FSU will be responsible for ensuring that the program meets the standards set by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (which now incorporates the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education) and the Maryland State Department of Education.

UMUC’s choice of FSU for this program is indicative of the respect our teacher preparation programs engender among our University System of Maryland colleagues and their reputation across the state,” said Dr. Clarence Golden, dean of FSU’s College of Education.

The course sequence will allow students to follow the program full time or part time. UMUC, which has been educating U.S. troops overseas since 1949, added teacher preparation in response to a strong interest in the program shown among members of the military, said Dr. Todd Rosa, coordinator of FSU’s secondary education program.
Mumper Presented President’s Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Mary Mumper, professor of chemistry, has received the President’s Distinguished Faculty Award from President Gibralter, an award he established to recognize and encourage those faculty members whose activities move FSU forward by advancing the University’s mission and goals and its strategic planning initiatives.

Dr. Mumper received a monetary award, a medallion and plaque, and was recognized during the University’s spring commencement ceremony.

“I have been most grateful for Dr. Mumper’s leadership and counsel, especially during her four years as chair of the Faculty,” Gibralter said. “Dr. Mumper’s commitment to students is evident not only in how she guides those students who come through her classes, but in her dedication to helping students make a successful transition into college, identify their strengths as they are deciding which path to take in the world, and prepare for their next steps on their way to their chosen profession.”

A member of the FSU faculty since 1997, Mumper had two previous careers, first in elementary teaching and later in inpatient design. A class in organic chemistry was the catalyst to her academic career.

As a teacher, she is known for the combination of high expectations and high levels of support, principles she applies to her first-year students in the Professional Medicine Learning Community, as well as to her advanced students in Organic Chemistry and those planning to go on to advanced education in the medical profession.

FSU now has an enviable acceptance rate of students into medical, dental, pharmacy and veterinary schools, which has enhanced the reputation of Frostburg and its graduates.

Revennaugh Awarded Disability Support Services Award

FSU’s Disability Support Services Office awarded its first DSS award for Exemplary Service to Students With Disabilities to Dr. Lance Revennaugh, a professor in the Department of Mathematics, at a reception this spring.

The DSS office gave students an opportunity to recognize a faculty member who goes “above and beyond” in regard to their accommodations. The other nominees were Dr. Diane Blakenship, Dr. Shoshanna Bronfield, Jennifer Brown, Dr. Robert Forysthe, Dr. Julie Hartman, Kim Kurek, Dr. Christopher Masciochi, Michael McAlexander and Dr. Patricia Santoro.

Peer Education Network Receives Award at Regional Conference

FSU’s BURG Peer Education Network was named Outstanding Regional Affiliate at the annual BURGUS Regional Conference held recently at Elon University in North Carolina. Ben Swogger, director of I.S.E. S.A.F.E. Office, was named Outstanding Advisor, and Dr. Shaun Golden-Llewellyn ’02/M.S., was given the Outstanding Alumni award.

BURG’s bystander intervention program, 8 on 1: Be the Difference, was selected to be presented to the conference and drew numerous positive responses. Swogger and 22 students attended.

2013 Faculty Achievement Award Winners Honored at University Convocation

Four outstanding faculty members were recognized at this spring’s annual University Honors Convocation with faculty achievement awards: Dr. Yan Bao, Department of Accounting, for Teaching; Andy Duncan, Department of English, for Academic Achievement; Dr. Michael P. Martagh, Department of Psychology, and Dr. Eleftheria L. Rumiñski, Department of Communication Studies, for University and Community Service. The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

As an associate professor of accounting, Bao has been rated an outstanding teacher by students and colleagues. She has taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels in face-to-face and online classes. Bao relies on a learning model of conversational and discussion learning coupled with extensive feedback. She has fully embraced technology in her online classes. She has led the highly successful study abroad Impact China Program, which provided a unique opportunity for experiential learning.

Rumiñski, an associate professor of communication studies, has served her University and community with great zeal. She serves as the president of the Board of Directors of the Mountainside Community Mediation Center and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Family Crisis Resource Center. Incorporating her area of expertise and research, she has made significant contributions in the area of awareness about sexual assault and gender-based violence.

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Alumni Excel as Top Educators

Kevin Fitzgerald

‘78 was named Superintendent of the Year for Delaware. He is in his sixth year as superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District. He was also named Delaware’s 2002 Secondary School Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He began his career as a social studies and English teacher. After teaching for 13 years, he moved to Delaware, becoming Caesar Rodney High School’s assistant principal until 1998, then principal until 2007, when he was selected as superintendent. He holds a Doctorate of Educational Leadership from the University of Delaware, a Master of Arts from St. John’s College and a Bachelor of Science degree from FSU.

Melissa Pardy

‘91 was named Teacher of the Year for the upcoming year in their school for their proficiency as teachers and in school administration. For nine years of his teaching career, he has been employed at Northern Garrett High School, where he teaches advanced placement physics, earth science and engineering design and development. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 2002 with a degree in astrophysics and then came to FSU for his Master of Arts in Teaching – Secondary Education. Berger is an accredited instructor in Project Lead the Way, a provider of rigorous and innovative computer technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education curricular programs; a STEM Professional Learning Community Team Leader; and a mentor at the Pulsar Project Lead the Way campus.

Brenda Stewart

‘88 was named Teacher of the Year for Riverside County, Calif., where she is a first-grade teacher at Coronita Elementary School. A teacher for 25 years, she still teaches. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from FSU, then earned a master’s degree in early childhood education from FSU, and then earned a master’s degree in administration and leadership in California. She is a member of the International Reading Association and the California Reading Association, and she is a master teacher at Coronita for several student teachers. Her nominators said she is “passionate, dedicated, caring, supportive and professional teacher. Her students are engaged and learning at a deep and rigorous level,” according to the Phoenix News.

Liza Renee Stallings

T eam Leader; and a mentor at the Pulsar Project Lead the Way, Teaching – Secondary Education. Berger is an accredited instructor in Project Lead the Way, a provider of rigorous and innovative computer technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education curricular programs; a STEM Professional Learning Community Team Leader; and a mentor at the Pulsar Project Lead the Way campus.

Bowman Named College of Business Alumnus of the Year

W. Craig Bowman ‘92, manager of National Security Programs for Adobe Systems, was honored as the College of Business Alumnus of the Year at the annual spring College of Business Honors Reception.

Since Bowman’s graduation in 1992, he has contributed to the nation’s security through his service in the clandestine services and through private industry information systems. “Mr. Bowman is a pure example of a successful alumnus of the College of Business who always speaks very highly of Frostburg State University and the quality of education that he received from our institution,” said Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, dean of the College of Business. “His professional success, as well as his continued commitment and dedication to our students, is a beautiful story, and it was a true pleasure to present him with the 2013 Alumnus of the Year Award!”

At FSU, Bowman studied business administration and was mentored by Dr. Amit Shah. Shortly after graduating, he was recruited into the U.S. intelligence community, where he served in the clandestine services for over seven years. During that time, he also founded ComQuest Corp., an information systems firm specializing in U.S. government consulting. When he sold the firm to DigitalSelect in 1998, he became a business partner and the vice president of the start-up DSL provider, leading it to over 60 employees, before the company was bought by DigitalSelect and Company, and then DigitalGreens, by the Eastern United States. DigitalSelect was then sold to Primus Telecommunications, with Bowman staying on for a year as part of the technical staff.

In 1998, Bowman started another company, DigitalGreens, a digital media company that focused on web-based media coverage of the country’s best golf resorts, growing to include over 100 of the highest-ranking golf destinations in the country. Golf Digest and Dave & Lemon Golf have both used DigitalGreens’ content, and the U.S. Open used DigitalGreens’ material during their coverage of the live event. In the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Bowman transferred ownership of DigitalGreens to his brother-in-law and renamed full-time to the intelligence community. He worked as a manager for Perot Systems, as well as for SACS, where for nine years he led his team of talented IT professionals in preventing terrorism in the U.S.

In November 2010, he accepted a position as Adobe’s account manager of the Intelligence Community. Within a year, he was promoted to his current position as manager of National Security Programs. He leads a team of sales and IT professionals, positioning Adobe’s Enterprise products in the intelligence community to help drive efficiency and accuracy, assisting in the important mission of reducing national security uncertainty.

“Success is not how much money you make. It’s how you react to adversity,” Bowman told the gathering that evening. “Frostburg taught me that.”

Bowman lives in Great Falls, Va., with his wife, Alison Combes ’93. They have two children: Tyler, 7, and Karlina, 2. Bowman and Combes have supported FSU through the Alison Combes and W. Craig Bowman Presidential Merit Scholarship in Music, the Cultural Events Series Endowment and the W. Craig Bowman and Alison Combes Management Leadership Endowment in the College of Business.

June 29 was a day of remembrance and reflection as members of the Class of ’63 marked 50 years since their graduation from what was then known as Frostburg State College. Pictured are, from top, from left, The Hon. Gene Counihan, The Hon. Gene Counihan, Joanne Hull Conley, Terry Phillips Higgins, Elizabeth Lawson Sorensen, Sherry Phillips Hubbard, Mary Teets Williams, Janet Nelson Haden, Dr. Ron Broadwater, Judy Bush House, Lynda Forbes Fulke, Janice Kracht, Wayne Feoito, Ray Detelman Menne and Carolyn Williams Mattson. In the foreground, from left, Dr. John Doolan, John Hussan, James Knight, Gary Wright, Vera MacKenzie Pflum, Sandra Johnson Highsmith, Eva Bourne Weigel, Carol Layton Weis, Dr. Tony Heintz and Pat Robinson. In the back, from left, are Michael Johnson, Dr. Ron Broadwater, Ken Hardin, Lois Tiem, Fred Miller, Kenny Highsmith, John Kornack, Sam Huffer and Dr. Ron Broadwater. The total of the class began with a visit to the new memorial plaza on the Levitt Library dock in honor of their classmate, the late Capt. James A. Graham, a recipient of the Medal of Honor.
Fond Memories and Financial Shortfall Inspire Children's Book About FSU

Every time Rebecca A. Baird '93 drives through Frostburg on her way to her hometown, her daughters ask her to tell stories. When she ran into Naren Ayal, a former colleague and the CEO of Mascot Books, she jumped on the opportunity to write a children's book to tell kids about FSU, as well as the opportunity to pay her school. All of the book's proceeds go to her former Frostburg, an emergency scholarship program for students with the greatest need.

While the book is described as a "book for Frostburg State University fans of all ages," it takes readers on a tour of FSU as it leads students on a campus tour, greeting their friends and remembering the fun things they have done in their time at Frostburg. The book illustrates FSU's major landmarks and is full of facts about the University, such as its elevation (the highest of any university on the East Coast) and when the first buildings, Old Main, opened. It ends with the graduation of Bobbi's friends, "who will always have a special place in their hearts for FSU."

"I paid for college on my own, and I know how hard that can be," says Baird. "I had scholarships, grants, and loans. I've borrowed from friends and worked most of the time I was at FSU. Still, I was short on tuition in my third year." She wrote to the Office of Financial Aid, and they came through for her, providing her with the extra few hundred dollars she needed to pay her tuition.

"I'll never forget that. It was the difference between staying in school and dropping out," she said. Bobbi, the book's cover can be purchased from the FSU bookstore online at macbooks.com.

Founding Father: A Novel

By J. Kenneth Metz '64

While doing historical research online, J. Kenneth Metz, a retired high school science teacher, found some interesting facts about one of our nation's founding fathers, and wrote his first novel about the man's life. Founding Father: A Novel is a historical romance set in 1801 Richmond, Va., that details the life of Judge George Walker as he drives with political enemies and overnight guests in tow. In addition, George style produces to her husband as she gives herself a baby of 26 plus years of being unable to bear a child. This makes it all the more difficult to resist the judge's tempting female relatives, who seem to be living up for a chance with the founding father.

Available from FoundingFather.com and independent bookstores in Allegany County.

Nobody Told Me . . . The Cynic's Guide for New Employees

By Jeffrey Tharp '00

After 13 years in the cubicle wars, Jeffrey Tharp has come back with a guide for the bright-eyed young college graduates who need a crutch. In Nobody Told Me . . . The Cynic's Guide for New Employees, Tharp presents a twisted perspective on work, philosophy and life that prepares workforce fledglings for what they will endure throughout their employment. While some may not answer it, this is a must-read for any grad, as the rule applies to almost any job in any field.

Available from online booksellers.

White Honored for Aircrew Safety Advances

Col. Donald J. White '75 was awarded the 2013 John Ernsting Award during the Aerospace Medical Association's (AAMA) Honors Night Ceremonies in May. AAMA is the largest, most-representative professional organization in the fields of aviation, space and environmental medicine.

White's Armstrong Laboratory work in experimental aircrew life support, cockpit and equipment integration is considered groundbreaking and resulted in significantly improved safety. As chief of the Education Division of the Aerospace Physiology Program, he designed a human performance curriculum and managed an education program that trained over 3,500 students every year. He received the award for his outstanding operational career and the leadership and innovation he contributed to the Aerospace Physiology Program.

Zook Named CEO of VIVUS

Tony Zook '82, previously executive vice president, Global Commercial Operations, forAutoZena and president of Medimup, was appointed in July as CEO of the biopharmaceutical company, VIVUS, Inc., a company that is commercializing and developing innovative, next-generation therapies to address unmet needs in obesity, sleep apnea, diabetes and sexual health.

VIVUS recently began selling the obesity drug Qsymia (phentermine and topiramate extended-release capsules) in the United States. "Obesity is a growing disorder for Americans," Zook said. "Aside from its obvious health costs, it creates economic costs due to associated comorbidities such as diabetes, strokes, heart attacks and depression. Our mission is to ensure that at-risk patients and their physicians know about Qsymia and have the information necessary to determine whether Qsymia can help address this devastating condition."

"We are thrilled to have an executive of Tony Zook's caliber already pushing hard on our goals," said Michael Auerre, VIVUS' chairman of the board.

New Ways for Alumni to Get Involved

The FSU Alumni Association, seeking new ways to engage fellow alumni, has been working to build affinity groups based on locations and interests. Here are the ones that have been formed or are currently in the works:

Regional Affinity Groups

- Appalachian, Md.
- Dallas, Texas
- Frederick, Md.
- Garrett County, Md.
- Houston, Texas
- New York City

Interest-based Affinity Groups

- Black Student Alliance
- D.C. Public Policy and Government Relations
- Frostburg Connections
- MBA- Cumberland, Md.

To learn more about any of these groups, or if you are interested in starting one yourself, please contact Laura McClaugh at 301-687-4068 or lmcclaugh@frostburg.edu.

Hutcheson Honored by Maryland Association of Counties

Former Allegany County Commissioner Robert M. Hutcheson '64/MF '62 received the Martin J. Pfanstiehl Public Service Award, given to individuals recognized by a county-elected board for outstanding service to the county, his or her constituents and the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO).

Hutcheson is a former teacher, coach and administrator, serving as principal of Allegany High School for 19 years. He was an Allegany County commissioner from 2000 to 2010 and held different officer positions for MACO, including first vice president in 2010. He was nominated for the award, which was presented at the MACO Inaugural Ceremony/Awards Banquet in January by the current Allegany County commissioners.

Even With Big Names, Kostbar Keeps Small Feel to Indie Film

Eben Kostbar '00 graduated from FSU with a determination to make it in Hollywood. He moved to Los Angeles and started from scratch; volunteering at a casting office, taking acting classes, then directing an award-winning short film and eventually teaming up with producer Joseph McElhenney to form the production company Film Harvest.

Free Samples, Kostbar's fifth feature film with Film Harvest (his sixth overall), debuted this year: it made its way through film festivals and has been shown in Portland, Los Angeles, and New York. The film stars up-and-coming actress Jess Wender of the horror-comedy Toot. It also features Jesse Eisenberg from The Social Network and Now You See Me and Tippy Hedren from Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds.

For Kostbar, the best part of working on Free Samples was getting to work with its recognizable cast while still maintaining a small-project atmosphere. "It was cool to get a bunch of notable actors and still have a friends-and-family environment," he said.

In Free Samples, a snarky, aimless, low school dropout named Jillian is taking a break from her frantic and (sort of) pursing a career as an artist. Mentally, she drinks. With a brutal hangover one morning, she begrudgingly agrees to fill in at work for her best friend — meaning she has to hand out free samples of ice cream from a truck in a Los Angeles parking lot. Weired by the world she cannot find her place, she dishes out a serving of attitude to all of her quirky customers.

The various encounters throughout the day leave Jillian with a little more perspective on her own life. "People often want to blame everyone else for their problems," Kostbar says. "Free Samples tackles the issues of owning up to one's own mistakes and taking responsibility for the outcomes."

Kostbar's next film, the documentary Fight Church, will be directed by recent Oscar winner Daniel Junge.
Fields of Dreams

April was a month of athletic reunions, reuniting former student-athletes on the fields where they made so many memories, on the golf links, a place to make even more.

Women’s Soccer Alumni Game

It was a beautiful day for soccer in Frostburg, which the 1992 alumni declined was ALWAYS the case. Pictured in the back row, from left, are Sandy Berry Killen ’70, Christine Fitzgerald ’10, Nicole Rieland Seligman, Olivia Winant ’12 and Erin Bryce ’12. In the front row are Christina Conrad ’11, Lauren ’12, Michelle Buckmaster ’12, Kaleigh Herring ’10/’12, students Doriane Gedridge and Elizabeth ’08, Kristin Prochniak ’12, Shera Rowan Chandler ’06/’08, Jacqueline Donahue ’12 and Lauren Russell ’11.

Field Hockey Alumni Game

Pictured at Alumni House they played the 2012 edition in a alumni game in which the current Bobcats won 5-4. Pictured are: front row from left, head coach Kristy Kubanak and Michelle Stier ’92. In the middle row are Michelle Azukaitis ’92, Colleen Joiner ’10, Kaylee LDhappy ’92 and StaciFaculty ’92. In the back row are Leta Mullin ’92, Carrie Durbin ’92, Nicole Rieland Seligman ’92, Kaleigh Herring ’10/’12, head coach Kristy Kubanak and Michelle Stier ’92. In the middle row are Michelle Azukaitis ’92, Colleen Joiner ’10, Kaylee LDhappy ’92, Carrie Durbin ’92, Nicole Rieland Seligman ’92, Kaleigh Herring ’10/’12, head coach Kristy Kubanak and Michelle Stier ’92.

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Senior Send-Off

The Alumni Association wanted to start its newest alumni off right, so during this year’s Springfest, it created a fun Senior Send-Off to record favorite memories of three time at FSU and make some new ones. Pictured doing the latter are Alumni Association Board of Directors member Jason VanSickle ’96, Director of Alumni Programs and Special Events Laura McCullough and Jacqueline Donahue, last year’s Student Government Association vice president.

Alumni Make Love of Tennis a Family Affair

The Killen Family and the Martin Family came through Frostburg State at different times, but tennis is a common generational thread they have.

Terry Killen ’71 was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the Mid-Atlantic Division of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Hall of Fame, the first Maryland tennis professional to be so honored. Terry’s son Terence Killen ’92 followed him into the professional ranks, with the younger Killen being honored as the 2012 Virginia Tennis Professional of the Year for the USPTA Mid-Atlantic Division. Terry works at River Falls Swim and Tennis Club in Potomac, Md., and Terence at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Va.

The Killen men are not the only alumni in the family. There is also Terry’s wife, Sandy Berry Killen ’70, Terry’s daughter, Rendi Dohok Killen ’92, Terry’s granddaughter, Lisa Killen ’94, and former Bobcat T.J. (Terry Joseph), son of Terence and Rendi. All continue to cheer on the Bobcats.

Steve Martin ’87 and his daughter, Megan Martin ’13, have 26 years separating their time on the Bobcat tennis team, but now they are playing together in mixed doubles in the United States Tennis Association. Tennis is a special bond that my dad and I share,” said Martin, the 2013 Bobcat Tennis MVP. “It’s an awesome experience to carry on the tradition 26 years apart.”

When Col. Robert H. Waltemeyer ’83 was inducted in a ceremony at Fort Belvoir in January, he was joined by many of those who were his support in his days as a Frostburg student and ROTC member, including some fellow ROTC members. Pictured, from left, are: Gerald Kennedy ’94, Gregory “Jake” Guckner ’94, Lori Mazza ’83, Janet Aranda, Ramona Stigile Waltemeyer ’83, Robert Waltemeyer, Juan Aranda, Lisa Kennedy, Becky Baugher and Jay Francak ’83

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IT WAS A BANNER YEAR

for FSU’s phonathon, which enlists the help of students in calling alumni to increase support for the University. Under the direction of Liz Nelson ‘01, Frostburg’s annual giving specialist, more than 30 student callers raised over $153,400 in pledges.

But fundraising is just one way the phonathon enriches the educational experience. It is also an opportunity for student-callers to be inspired by alumni success.

“Phonathon callers know and understand the impact of alumni support to the University. They know how important alumni support has always been to Frostburg, and how important it continues to be,” said Nelson, who manages and mentors the student callers. “Callers get the chance to speak to alumni who had the same major, who have jobs in fields that interest them, who were in the same organization. It’s an amazing opportunity to connect with our alumni in a meaningful way.”

Unlike many other colleges and universities, Frostburg does not use an automated software dialing system, which reduces the expenses of the phonathon operation and allows for greater flexibility in calling. Nelson also takes great care to provide information for students to use that clearly explains to alumni how FSU uses funds from the phonathon. The result is greater potential for a thoughtful connection and a deeper conversation between students and alumni, including those who have not yet had the chance to give back to their alma mater.

Many people simply have never been asked and are happy to give once they are,” Nelson said. “As an institution, we strive to increase our alumni participation rate, it’s a true measure of alumni support. … The fact that we passed our goal for alumni participation this year speaks volumes to the alumni response to student callers.”

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The gold watch may be the traditional retirement gift, but when three longtime members of the FSU community retired, the gifts they preferred were those that would allow their life’s work and service to the University to somehow continue after their departure.

After Sharon Robinson spent 40 years changing students’ lives as a professor in FSU’s Department of Accounting, her colleagues in the College of Business were not about to let her retire without a proper celebration. But preferring to avoid a big fuss in her honor, she instead invited her friends and colleagues to make contributions to the Sharon L. Robinson Presidential Merit Scholarship in Accounting, which supports high-achieving junior and senior accounting majors.

“I thought it would be a better use of everyone’s money to help the students,” she said. “You spend your whole career focusing on students, and when you go out, you hope that can continue. I think it is important to focus on giving. … I think the students will benefit from it, and that is what I want.” Dr. Mary Mumper, who retired from the Department of Chemistry this spring after 16 years, wanted to simultaneously assist future students while honoring her parents, who, despite not being able to go to college themselves, put her and her six siblings through college.

She established the Virgil C. and Mildred A. Walters Presidential Merit Scholarship in Chemistry, which supports top chemistry students from Allegany County, the surrounding counties and her home area of Westmoreland County, Pa.

Mumper’s father quit school after the eighth grade to take over his family’s farm, and her mother gave up her nursing career so she could get married.

“They wanted us to have an education because neither one of them finished their education,” Mumper said. “The scholarship was a result of me receiving inheritance money from my parents. … They left all seven of us extremely well provided for, not just monetarily, but with the value they placed on education. They equipped us with being able to do anything we wanted to do. … This scholarship is my way to make sure their names go on forever in education.”

“If somebody had given me a chair or a trip (for retirement), that would have disappeared. … Doing a scholarship is a perpetual gift,” she explained. “I also liked the idea of doing a merit scholarship. Frostburg State University has been the best time of my life; it benefits by getting good students. Good students benefit by being around other people who have the same kind of passion they do.”

Like Robinson and Mumper, Dr. David Gillespie, who retired this summer after nearly 30 years as director of FSU’s Lewis J. Ort Library, used the occasion as an opportunity to solicit funds for the David M. Gillespie Library Endowment, a fund that he and his colleagues have contributed to for a number of years. It supports the maintenance and growth of invaluable items such as historic documents and memorabilia housed in the library’s Special Collections Department.

“Our special collections here at Frostburg are in support of local history, Western Maryland history, genealogy and surrounding areas like Mineral County — the three counties of the Alleghenies,” Gillespie said. However, these unique and sometimes fragile items are often donated without any supporting funds for their care and use, such as in research or exhibitions. The endowment allows for the collections’ appropriate maintenance and use.

“It is not making a contribution to me personally. It is making a contribution to continually adding materials that relate to the cultural heritage of Western Maryland and particularly Allegany County,” Gillespie said. “It is nice that people are making a contribution to honor me, but deep down, it is really to promote special collections and the region.”

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“Retirement Gifts” Demonstrate Dedication to Students, University
PNC’s Support Helps Children Literature Centre Expand Author-in-Residence Program, Literacy Initiatives

by Becca Ramspott

The PNC grant ensured the Children’s Literature Centre was able to bring renowned children’s book author and illustrator Peter Catalanotto to Allegany County, where he spent a day with four local elementary schools. The funding helped the Centre provide children in preschool through grade two at these schools with signed copies of one of Catalanotto’s books, which he used to explain the importance of reading and writing development to parents and caregivers through workshops.

This is the second year in a row that the PNC Foundation has made Catalonotto’s programming possible through funding, and the author-in-residence program support was just the latest development in the many ways PNC has supported the Centre’s efforts.

The Children’s Literature Centre’s mission is “Building a passion for lifelong reading,” said Dr. William Bingman, director of the Centre. “The PNC Foundation has consistently provided resources to help us fulfill our mission in the tri-state area. Thousands of children who have attended Frostburg’s Storybook Holiday have had the opportunity to hear and interact with a noted children’s author/illustrator because of their generosity.”

Bingman continued, “In addition, they helped broaden the importance of literacy and our events by providing funds for the CLC Boat in Frostburg’s Bicentennial Parade. Likewise, PNC-sponsored Catalanotto’s author-in-residence program in eight elementary schools and two junior centers, early child care and family education centers, in Allegany County. In each school he conducted workshops designed to foster early reading and writing development for preschool through age 8 children.” Bingman said, “It is no wonder we are so grateful for their help! Most importantly, however, is the benefit the children received from their assistance. It is invaluable. I am sure the parents and caregivers truly appreciate their sponsorships.”

PNC also participated in the Centre’s annual Pirates Ahoy! summer event with its Grow Up Great Mobile Learning Adventure Tour – an interactive learning experience that includes hands-on activities for young children, fee educational materials and tips and information for parents. Through Grow Up Great, PNC emphasizes the importance of the first five years of life, which research has shown to be critical to long-term achievement, by helping families, educators and community partners provide innovative opportunities that enhance learning and development in a child’s early years.

“Dr. Barbara Ornstein and I attended a PNC function in Washington, D.C., three years ago and had the opportunity to see the Mobile Learning Adventure in action,” Bingman said. “As we watched how excited the young children were as they dressed up as an astronaut, cowboy or physician and then saw them standing in front of a backdrop that matched their career choice to have a picture taken, we knew it was something the children in our area needed to experience. Immediately, we asked if it could be brought to Western Maryland.”

Dr. William Bingman

“Distinctions” Come Alive Through Children’s Literature Festival

Editor’s note: Following her visit this spring, Dr. Anita Voelker ’73 was moved to share with President Gibralter her impressions of the college she had not seen for many years. We persuaded her to also share her reflections with you.

Dr. Gabrielle, This past weekend I attended the Spring Festival of Children’s Literature for the first time. But the campus I left in 1973 has changed! It is quite simply a stunning college! ...B9000 to you and to all who have advanced Frostburg State University into a prestige campus designed for strong student engagement.

When I returned home, the latest edition of the Profile was in my mailbox...As I opened the cover, I learned that Frostburg had been identified as a College of Distinction. The key areas that comprise the award became a mini-checklist for me as I reviewed my recent experience: I saw student engagement as I listened to outstanding graduate students, one from Ireland, brilliantly introduce the authors and illustrators. I was aware of the faculty who mentored five students and worked to produce this Festival for 31 years! I continue to be snooping in on student conversations throughout the conference and heard their thoughtful comments about the speakers. I saw the vibrancy of the community as pancake and grapefruit interacting with the giants at the bake sale, offering assistance, and even providing directions when I was actually lost on campus! Indeed, the first three areas were obvious to me throughout the weekend. What about the last one: the success of graduates? I am a proud Bobcat. I was accepted to graduate school at Johns Hopkins University; I pursued an M.S. and certification as a reading specialist. My teaching career was varied and fulfilling. In 1999, I received the Outstanding Teaching Award at Messiah College. After that distinction, I returned to College Park to study and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in 2006. Today, I am an associate professor of Messiah College. I am passionate about teaching, researching and writing. I know my teaching roots were nurtured at Frostburg State. But this weekend, I was also able to say that Frostburg State is continuing to strengthen me as an education and researcher through stellar experience at the Children’s Literature Festival. I hope that my story is one more example of the fourth quadrant of a College of Distinction. My success is entwined with Frostburg State University…

Thank you, Dr. Gabrielle, for your meticulous work and confidence in Frostburg State University.
Hands-on learning.
Real-world experience.
Experiential education.

The concept has many names, but its importance in today’s educational landscape and among today’s employers cannot be overstated. Internships and study abroad are the first examples that come to mind, and increasing these opportunities is important to Frostburg’s ongoing efforts to expand options for our students. After all, the first of three institutional priorities in Frostburg State University’s strategic plan is “Enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students both inside and outside the classroom.”

Frostburg, however, intends to lead the way in creating an educational atmosphere that allows all students to enrich the knowledge they gain in the classroom with experiences that bring their learning to life. This approach is designed to give students immediate recognition of how what they are learning in college will be applied later on, and it will give Frostburg’s graduates a distinct advantage with future employers seeking employees who are educated and experienced.

On the following pages are just some of the innovative ways that this is being achieved, through the efforts of faculty, staff, alumni and the students themselves.
Science and Humanities Students Study Soil and Water Quality Together

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

In the original project, students installed field equipment and moisture sensors, then on the previous year’s research. Project, which has involved about 120 students involved in a hands-on project that sustainability and the environment. She had real-world experiences, attended Allen’s taught in her technical writing course with ideas to better integrate the principles she applied the theoretical knowledge they present in the classroom to real-world practical situations.

Together they have created a well-developed interdisciplinary project from an experiment to determine the impact on the campus environment from the use of standard pavement deicers, commonly called road salt. Joining elements from a soils class in the Department of Geography with a technical writing class in the Department of English, they construct a single, collaborative project each semester that over time is looking more deeply into road salt’s long-term environmental impact – and transforming their students’ mindset in the process.

“There’s a connectivity created with the project and the data. It shows the importance of the science and the humanities working together,” Duncan said. “When the research is put into a logical progression, it helps the students understand the power of language.”

Duncan, who has been casting about for ideas to better integrate the principles she taught in her technical writing course with real-world experiences, attended Allen’s presentation in 2011 on the initial project, called the Silent Killer Project, at Focus Frostburg, the campus’ annual teach-in about sustainability and the environment. She had been hoping to get her technical writing students involved in a hands-on project that also had a basis in sustainability, and this seemed tailor-made.

They established the FSU Soil Monitoring Project, which has involved about 120 students over the course of two years, with a slightly different focus each year as they build on the previous year’s research.

In the original project, students installed field equipment and moisture sensors, then monitored soil and weather conditions over a nine-week period. The end result was a comprehensive written report recording soil moisture characteristics on campus.

The project has evolved to include a larger “laboratory,” Sand Spring Run, the stream that flows through campus. The Sand Spring watershed includes residential and commercial properties, forests, surface mining operations and agriculture – and all of Frostburg State University, and that water ultimately flows into the Chesapeake Bay.

The student groups work for nine weeks monitoring soil sensors at four locations on campus and conductivity sensors at four locations in Sand Spring Run. The data generated by these sensors is entered into a shared database. The students work together to place the sensors, monitor and record their readings and finally interpret the data into a consultancy report. Allen serves as the client, which includes reporting and writing style specifications typical of the requirements found in the geoscience industry.

“It’s exciting to see the group work it out among themselves, everyone working in collaboration,” Duncan said. “You can see them click with it. They write amazing things.”

The section of the Sand Spring Run study has allowed them to determine if the deicers used on campus are impacting its water quality. It’s a real chance to see how much of an impact we’re having on humans,” Allen said. “It’s a legacy issue.”

The impact of road salt is apparent in corrosion at the bottoms of doors and dead grass near sidewalks, but this study is also looking at changes in water and soils as a result of the salt running off the surfaces it is applied to, and how much remains from year to year.

“Some 500 to 1,000 tons of salt a year are used on campus, and during the spring melt and possibly some summer storms, the salt is washed into Sand Spring Run,” Allen said. This study is the beginning of understanding what kind of impact that runoff may be having at local and regional scales.

**Student Transformation**

Allen and Duncan are excited about the transformation they have seen in their students. “They get their hands dirty and move outside their comfort zone,” Allen said. They have seen students develop a passionate interest in the subject, leading some to change their majors and career paths and achieve impressive accomplishments following the class.

Jade Schramm was a biology major when she took Duncan’s technical writing class in the fall of 2012. Schramm’s passion is to analyze the impact that humans have on the environment. When Allen came to the class to present his change to them, “I was very taken by him and his project. The study was exactly what I had been expecting my classes to be like.”

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“Walking in that room was like being home,” Schoolen said of his first day in the firm’s lab. “I saw testing equipment that I had used for two years in the Department of Geography on the walls with notes of formulas that I had written a hundred times before in my own notebooks in class. While all of the other interns were scrambling to take in all of the information being thrown at them, I was already prepared.” Schoolen was one of a group of students who presented initial results at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Three other graduates from the project, Samantha Cooper ‘12, Christina McCormick ’13 and Jessica Elder, presented a very well-received poster at the conference of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, which discussed ways that FSU has integrated sustainability into the curriculum using these cross-curricular assignments.

Andrew Hathaway ’13 was so enthusiastic about the project that he developed his own campus soil survey study for his Earth Science senior project. This project lasted an entire academic year and, according to Allen, produced a science- and engineering-dissertation. The quality of Hathaway’s work was of such quality that he successfully presented a poster at the Northeastern Section Meeting of the Geological Society of America in March.

“It is amazing to think of our students representing FSU at international conferences,” Allen said.

**The Project Continues**

Since the project began, it has been supported through grants from the Presidential Experiential Learning Enhancement Fund and the Opportunity Grants supported by the FSU Foundation’s Annual Fund. One of the most tangible benefits from the Opportunity Grants came with the replacement of 40-year-old equipment used to collect the data from the soil sensors.

The project will continue, building on what is learned each year. Allen and Duncan also hope to quantify the change in perspective they have seen in their students, especially the increased interest in sustainability.

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**Feature: Experiential Education**

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FSU Students Given Close View of “China in Transition” Discussions

Three Chosen As Student Ambassadors to Forum for Asian Business, Government Leaders

By Liz Douglas-McCaff

Three Frostburg students, two undergraduates and one graduate student, were among just a handful of U.S. student ambassadors for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) China CEO Forum held in July in Beijing, through the U.S. Virtual Trade Mission Foundation.

The U.S. delegation invited three FSU students, Jason Ascher, a political science major with a minor in leadership studies; Christopher Evanoff, an MBA student who works for PharmaCare in Allegany County as the marketing representative and assistant manager for the home medical department; and Eric Paul, a business administration major with a minor in management. APEC is an organization of 21 member nations — both developed and still developing — dedicated to supporting sustainable economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region. It has become a primary vehicle for promoting open trade and practical economic cooperation in the region. Its goal is to advance Asia-Pacific economic dynamism and sense of community.

The CEO Forum focused on the future of China and its role in the global economy, with a theme of “China in Transition — New Leadership, New Prospects.”

One goal of the U.S. Virtual Trade Mission Foundation is to increase the understanding of the challenges and opportunities presented by the new global economy among students, and it has worked with APEC since 1998 to achieve that goal. The students were led by Dr. Lou E. Pelton, chief operating officer of the organization.

The overall nine-day experience for the student ambassadors consisted of three parts, visits to some of Beijing’s primary cultural sites, such as the Great Wall and Tiananmen Square; visits to companies in Beijing, including Caixin Media, the largest business media company in China; and the APEC CEO China Forum.

Evanoff said. By way of example, he described an illustration of the subway lines in China presented at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Beijing. Two years ago that type of mass transit was virtually nonexistent in many cities; today it is ballooning in size so much that it is anticipated that in two years systems should be completed in every major city.

Evanoff found the theme of China in transition particularly interesting in light of Xi Jinping’s rise to the presidency in March following Hu Jintao’s decade of leadership. The format was keynote addresses interspersed with dialogues, in which panels of business and government leaders debated a series of topics relating to the Asia-Pacific economy.

Sustainable development and the need for innovation were threads that ran through many of the topics of the keynote addresses and the panel discussions. Paul noted that the keynote speakers generally avoided creating controversy, but the dialogues took on an entirely different tone. He was impressed by the open and honest debate in which the panel members frankly challenged one another, for example, on whether innovation would simply occur as the need arose, or whether a plan needed to exist for innovation to happen.

The students also had significant opportunities to meet and speak with many of the industry leaders, some at length. Ascher said he talked on every ounce of professionalism he had when he had the opportunity to speak to the industry leaders, including a 15-minute one-on-one conversation with Brian Gallagher, CEO of United Way Worldwide.

Evanoff’s personal highlight was a visit to the APEC CEO China Forum in July.

Students Represent the Bahamas at the Model Organization of American States

FSU sent a delegation of students to the Model Organization of American States, an annual international simulation held at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., which is the culmination of Model OAS 435: Model Organization of American States.

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The delegation met more than 300 students from countries around the Hemisphere, including Argentina, Guatemala, Canada, Colombia and Venezuela. In addition to committee sessions, the weekend experience included a briefing by the second secretary of the Bahamian Embassy, an evening gala at the OAS and opening remarks by the leader of the Bahamian delegation, Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza.

The nature of this journey gave the three students more time to explore on their own, including finding their own way around Beijing and communicating with shopkeepers and taxi drivers despite language barriers. Paul even returned to the Central University of Finance and Economics and got involved in a pick-up basketball game with some of the students.

The students received financial support from the FSU Foundation and the University, but also from the U.S. Virtual Trade Mission Foundation, which was so impressed with the slate of FSU candidates for the student ambassadors that it provided enough funding to allow a third student to have this unique educational experience.

“This is the greatest classrooms on the planet,” Evanoff said.

Everyone is very energized by the New China Dream,” Evanoff said, as they show a desire to respect the past while growing and innovating. A highlight for all three students was a visit with students of the Central University of Finance and Economics, considered the top university for business study in China. They were struck by how hard-working the students are, who face 12 hours of coursework each day and have been studying English since they were toddlers.

Ascher has been in classes with Chinese exchange students at Frostburg, where he has seen a similar drive and learning style, with its advantages and disadvantages. But he knows their example will stick with him the next time he does not want to do something. “I know I need to just suck it up.”

It was Paul’s second time in China, having been there the year before through the College of Business’ Impact China program, part of a

“This three young men were some of the best leaders-in-the-making. I have had the honor of working and learning with. Each has a very good heart, a wonderful way of connecting and observing, and a keen spirit and mind for knowledge seeking.”

— Noel Gould, CEO and founder of the Virtual Trade Mission Foundation

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The delegation met more than 300 students from countries around the Hemisphere, including Argentina, Guatemala, Canada, Colombia and Venezuela. In addition to committee sessions, the weekend experience included a briefing by the second secretary of the Bahamian Embassy, an evening gala at the OAS and opening remarks by the leader of the Bahamian delegation, Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza.”
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That’s what FSU alumna W. Craig Bowman ‘92 discovered after listening to some Bobcats present their findings on Adobe Systems, Inc., as part of Dr. Amit Shah’s Management 845 class. The capstone course, which Shah, a professor in the Department of Management, created 25 years ago, assigns real companies to students, who work in teams to research, analyze and come up with solutions for how to better competitively position the businesses. Students in three sections of the course were asked to research Adobe and get to work directly with Bowman, manager of National Security Programs for Adobe, even sharing their research with him during a series of end-of-the-semester conference calls.

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“It teaches you how to actually interact with business clients,” she said. “It is one thing to sit in the classroom and read and take tests, but you also have to have that communication ability and personality and know how to interact with people.”

Her classmate and fellow group member, Justin Anderson, who is also majoring in business with a concentration in marketing, agreed that the outside-the-classroom experience was invaluable. His main focus was identifying who Life Fitness Management’s customers were within the industry and finding out their wants and needs through the data the group collected.

“We can read as many textbooks as we want, but at the end of the day, it’s all about the ability to apply what we have learned in a real-life situation,” Anderson said. “Having the opportunity to complete a project like this while still enrolled at the college will be very beneficial to us when we complete similar tasks for an employer. Under the guidance of Dr. Gaumer, we were able to receive constant feedback on our project and maintain a level of professionalism with the client that they would expect from an actual marketing team.”

Owens, who earned a master’s degree in counseling psychology from Frostburg, appreciated the opportunity to help out current FSU students. “I was incredibly impressed with the level of education I got at Frostburg, and I’ve lived all over the country,” she said. “I feel it’s important that the students get the support from the community to help further that. … As an alum, you’re even more invested in their success because you want to see them also have a positive experience.”

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“Having the chance to work alongside a professional, as some of our students are doing now, is invaluable in preparing them for what lies ahead,” said Grace Gonzalez ’11, one of the alumni McGreevy invited to help with the summer dance intensive, which has helped her with her own plans. “Working with Jamie gave me the chance to take in possibilities of what a future path could look like, which is especially important for any college student who is still in the process of finding themselves. … It is nice to see more involvement to push our students to not just graduate but really succeed after they leave.”

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The project – and these FSU dancers – will have its World Premiere at FSU on Thursday, Sept. 12, followed by a panel of the students speaking about their experiences over the previous eight months, as well as where those opportunities might lead them.

This project is presented with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Department of Theatre and Dance and is partially supported by a grant from Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, a program developed and funded by the Heinz Endowments; the William Penn Foundation, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency, and the Pew Charitable Trusts; and administrated by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation.
Five new members will be inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame at the annual dinner and ceremony on Friday, Oct. 25, as part of the Homecoming Weekend festivities. This induction brings the Hall of Fame to 180 members, and it marks the fifth straight year with five inductees. Furthermore, the 2013 class is represented by five varsity sports, the first time since the class of 2006 has not been represented twice. Here are the new inductees:

Kimberly Faust Frantz ’03 was an award-winning three-sport standout for the women’s basketball, field hockey and lacrosse teams from 1999 to 2003. In basketball, she was a two-time d3hoops.com All-Region selection, a three-time First Team All-AMCC honoree, a two-time Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) All-Star and named ECAC Player of the Year as a sophomore. She finished her career fifth all-time in scoring (1,624 pts.). In field hockey, Faust was a two-time South Region First Team All-American and is FSU’s single-season record holder in both goals (23) and points (54). In two seasons in lacrosse, she started 25 of 28 games as a defender, scooped up 85 ground balls and posted 20 draw controls.

Steve Forsythe ’84 was a wide receiver for the Bobcat football program and a 1982 American Football Coaches Association Kodak All-American. Forsythe, the second All-American in the program’s history, is 12th all-time in career receptions (86) and receiving yards (1,339). He led the team in both categories as a junior and senior, while posting career highs in receptions (59), yards (773) and touchdowns (4) in his final year as a Bobcat.

Riggleman Managing AAA in Louisville

Jim Riggleman ’74 has spent this season managing the Louisville Bats, the Cincinnati Reds’ AAA affiliate. The 2013 season is the managerial veteran’s second in the Cincinnati Reds organization—he managed the Reds’ Double-A affiliate, the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, last season. It also marks a return to Louisville after serving there with the St. Louis Cardinals’ affiliate.

“It’s great to be back,” Riggleman told milb.com. “He said that the return to the minor leagues after a number of years in the majors has brought him no surprises. “It’s a little more of a grind that you go through and a little bit less comfort,” he said. “But it is a shock for managers less seasoned in the minor leagues than he is, as someone who has spent nearly half of his managerial career nurturing young talent in the minors.”

New Stadium Building Will Soon Be Ready to Serve Bobcats

A new building is rising behind the bleachers at Bobcat Stadium, one of the latest pieces in the ongoing process of upgrading the campus athletic complex that serves multiple sports at all levels. In addition to those uses served by the old building—concessions, rest rooms, a press box and a hospitality suite—the new building will have an athletic training room allowing for quicker and easier treatment of injuries, a locker room for game officials and two team rooms to serve home and visiting teams in soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and track & field. It will also have a second staircase and an elevator to improve safety and disability access.

Another section of bleachers will also be added once the stadium building is complete. The project should be complete around the end of November, a timeline that will require some temporary accommodations to serve the teams this fall.

The project was initiated when several maintenance issues aligned—the need to replace aging bleachers before they became dangerous, the need to replace water and sewer lines in the immediate area and an anticipated change in NCAA rules that would force a new configuration of the track. “Rather than do a quick fix, we chose to do it right” said David Ross, vice president for Administration and Finance. “The project would have cost more overall had it been done piecemeal.”

The improvements are being paid for by auxiliary facilities funds that cannot be used for academic buildings, Rose said. “State funding and tuition money cannot be used for athletics. Some work was done in house to keep costs down, and a newer section of the replaced bleachers was moved to the visitor’s side of the field.”

The results will be a “premier Division III facility,” Rose said, which will be an important tool in recruiting future students. Approximately 17 percent of incoming freshmen play on sports teams, he said.
Spring Sports Wrap-up

Baseball
Record: 25-15, 7-4 Atlantic Capital Conference (CAC)
Highlight: FSU earned a berth in CAC Tournament.
Recap: FSU won 20 or more games for the 10th consecutive season and reached as high as sixth in the DIBaseball.com South Region rankings. The Bobcats placed sixth on the All-AC teams, while junior Kran Keane garnered Player of the Year honors. Keane went on to earn DIBaseball.com All-American and ABCA Region Post Team accolades.

Next Seasons: Kran and fellow Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) All-Star Dylan Shauble headline a returning roster loaded with talent as the Bobcats try to recapture the CAC Tournament Title.

Softball
Record: 33-12, 6-1 CAC
Highlight: School-record 33 wins and ECAC South Tournament Title.
Recap: Frostburg capped one of the most successful seasons in school history in 2013. The Bobcats set a program record with 35 wins, advanced to the CAC Finals for the third consecutive year and rallied to the ECAC South Tournament Title. FSU was one of the scarcest hitting teams in the country, finishing fourth both in the nation in home runs, fifth in slugging percentage, 10th in scoring and 14th in batting average. Senior Taylor Vandenburgh became the program’s first ever MVPIA All-American, while junior Casey Livst won earned Capital One Academic All-American honors for the second straight year.

Next Seasons: Frostburg returns four of its top hitters, along with freshman pitcher Mary Ann Moore, who was 20-30 in 2013.

Women’s Lacrosse
Record: 5-11, 3-3 CAC
Highlight: Bobcats place three players on All-AC team.
Recap: Frostburg State owned a trip to the CAC Tournament and finished the spring season with five wins. Senior Taylor Carusi highlighted three All-AC selections as she led the Bobcats in several statistical categories including points (54) and goals (38). She set the single-season school record with 79 draw controls.

Next Seasons: The team took a hit with the graduation of five seniors, but returns three of its top scorers for the 2014 season.

Men’s Lacrosse
Record: 13-7, 3-3 CAC
Highlight: Bobcats finish runner-up in ECAC Mid-Atlantic Tournament.
Recap: In just its third year as a varsity sport, FSU men’s lacrosse posted 13 wins, earned a trip to the CAC Tournament and finished runner-up in the 2013 ECAC Mid-Atlantic Region Tournament. FSU paced the CAC in saves (158) and finished second in the league in goals (243) and assists (147). Freshman Spencer Love was named the league’s Rookie of the Year, while head coach Ryan Flannery was named Coach of the Year.

Next Seasons: The Bobcats return talent up and down the roster, including eight members of the team who grabbed top-five finishes at the CAC Championships.

Women’s Outdoor Track & Field
Highlight: Bobcats take 10th place at CAC Outdoor Championships.
Recap: Frostburg State capped the outdoor season with a 10th place showing at the CAC Championships. The 4x100 meter relay team of Trinette Barclift, Elisha Young, Tierra Bryant and Amandra Baiswot posted the highest finish at third place in 45.63. The Bobcats closed out their spring schedule with five wins in their final six matches to reach eight wins for the first time since 2006. Senior Megan Martin capped her final year with eight singles victories and 11 doubles.

Next Seasons: With Martin being the only senior, the Bobcats return nearly 50 wins from this year’s roster.

Women’s Tennis
Highlight: Bobcats earn CAC Tournament berth for third-straight season.
Recap: Frostburg State capped an 8-8 season with an 8-0 triumphing of York in the first round of the CAC Tournament last April. The Bobcats closed out their season with five wins in their final six matches to reach eight wins for the first time since 2010-11, and second in points allowed and third in field goal defense in 2010-11, and second in points allowed and first in field goal defense in 2011-12.

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Men’s Tennis
Record: 2-13, 1-4 CAC
Highlight: Bobcats earn spot in CAC Tournament.
Recap: Frostburg State capped the spring season by earning the fifth seed in the CAC Tournament. During the regular season, the Bobcats posted a pair of 7-2 wins over Wesley and Southern Virginia.

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FSU Student Starts Nationwide Campaign in Support of Grieving Lacrosse Team
By Skye Pinney
Moral support for a college lacrosse team that suffered the loss of its coach earlier this year has been pouring in from the nation’s sports communities. Teams from around the country were wearing gold and crimson ribbons and waving banners that say up they “Play 4 Seton Hill” in support of Seton Hill University’s women’s lacrosse team, and Malory Brunett, the FSU student who kick-started the campaign, is thrilled to see it all happen.

Brunett, a junior on the FSU women’s lacrosse team and the incoming president of FSU’s Student Athlete Advisory Committee, heard about the accident on the news and social media. On their way to a game on March 16, the Seton Hill women’s lacrosse team bus crashed into a tree in Carlisle, Pa., resulting in the deaths of the driver, the team’s coach, Kristina Quigley, and Quigley’s unborn son. None of the players was critically injured, but some suffered injuries that would end the lacrosse season for them, and all suffered the painful loss of a beloved coach.

Soon after learning of the accident, Brunett told her cousin, Lindsay Ballack, that she was going to make gold and crimson ribbons for her team to wear during their game the next day. Ballack, a lacrosse player at Marquette University, loved the idea and made ribbons for her team, too. Soon, word of the ribbons got around, and lacrosse players from other schools started following suit. So many teams decided to wear the ribbons that Brunett and Ballack created a Facebook page, “FSU Play 4 Seton Hill,” where players could send pictures of their teams wearing Seton Hill colors. The page, which has nearly 12,000 “likes,” and has reached close to 100,000 people, is now lined with photos of support from teams across the nation. Their effort was mentioned in an article in USA Today. To view the tributes, visit bit.ly/FSUGrief.

“The lacrosse community truly is one big family,” Brunett says. “We had support coming from middle school club teams all the way up to D-I programs. It didn’t matter what level or how good the team was, everyone wanted to support the Seton Hill team.”

Men’s team have also shown their support, lace their sticks with the sticks with the school’s colors and wearing Quigley’s initials on their helmets. The FSU men’s lacrosse team joined the campaign, Brunett made ribbons for their chests.

“Play 4 Seton Hill” has evolved into a fundraising effort for Quigley’s husband and their young son, Gavin, with more than $87,000 raised so far, including proceeds from the sales of T-shirts (featuring a logo that Brunett created) that were sold at all the way up to D-I programs.

“Gavin’s mom works in corporate retail,” Brunett says. “She was home with him and his family when the accident happened. Our team started a GoFundMe.com account so people can contribute to the cause.”

Brunett said that the account raised $87,000 in 10 days. She agreed to go on Good Morning America to speak about the cause and the ribbons. “It’s about standing together and spreading positive energy,” she said.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

11:00 am - Noon, LUC
Retired Employees Luncheon
By invitation only. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 11.
Cost: $20/person, $10/children 12 and under.
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3:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts Center
Pep Rally
Sponsored by Student Government Association
RSVP to alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 am - Noon, Campuswide
Career Expo
For more information, contact Donna Swic, Career Services, at donna2@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4403

3:00 - 5:00 pm, South Addition, LUC
President’s Leadership Circle Reunion
Invitation only. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 11.
For more information, contact Claudia Lang at clang@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4210

5:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts CE Center
Bobcat Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour, Induction Ceremony & Dinner
Join us to welcome five new inductees, commemorate the 40th Anniversary of being nationally recognized by the NFL. Free admission.
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Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Breakfast
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10:00 am, Upper Lobby, LUC
Campus Tour
For more information, contact Kristin Cooper, Student Activities, at kcooper@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4114.

11:00 am - Noon, Room 111, LUC
Step Show
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4:00 - 7:00 pm, Upper Lobby, LUC
Alumni Men’s Basketball Game
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5:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts CE Center
Student Dance
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11:00 am - 12:45 pm, Stadium Lot
Continues and has after the game
Tailgating
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12:45 pm, Bobcat Stadium
United States Military Recognition
In honor of the Capt. James A. Graham Memorial Project, we will acknowledge the dedication of key volunteers and have a moment of silence to recognize the men and women who have and continue to serve our country. In addition, Col. John Graham ’75 will assist in the coin toss.

3:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Football Game
Frostburg State University vs. Alfred University
We will be recognizing the 1973 Frostburg State College Shrine Band, Kinetettes and Majorettes to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of being nationally recognized by the NFL. Free admission.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:30 am, Atkinson Room, LUC
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
For more information, contact Coach Webb-Watson at sukewb@frostburg.edu or 301.687.3093

11:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts CE Center
Alumni Men’s Basketball Game
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11:00 am - Noon, Atkinson Room, LUC
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Don’t forget to check out the Alumni Association website and the Alumni Association Facebook page for your main sources for information on the festivities.

Frostburg State University
PAC – Performing Arts Center
ARMAH – Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall
LUC – Lane University Center

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2012 Craig Albright, Ph.D., is enjoying his new duties as the new principal at Mount Savage Elementary-Middle school.

2018 Michael Bittner ’76 retired after more than 40 years as a teacher and administrator in Baltimore County public schools.

2019 Jon Isaac was named interim CEO for Menno Haven Retirement Community.

2021 Sean Pierce ’97 took on the role of direc- tor for Student Life at the Southwestern, N.C., campus of Stone Brook University. With more than 15 years of working in higher educa- tion, Senior is helping to grow the campus and programs under the campus re-opened for the fall 2012 semester after being closed for four years.

2022 John Isaac was named interim CEO for Menno Haven Retirement Community.
Marriages
1988 Michael S. Kurik married Herman Daniel on May 5, 2013. He is a military officer in the Republic of the Philippines. They eventually moved to Denver, Colo.
2008 Alexandra (Alexis) Schroock married Andrew Freese '07 on April 6, 2013, in Alexandria, Va. (see below.)
2009 Erin Lusth married John Augustyniak '09 on Sept. 29, 2012
2010 Tyler Lancaster M'11 married Abigail Rawlings on Nov. 28, 2011. Tyler is a seventh-grade teacher at Romney Middle School in Romney, W.Va. Why is he a student at FSU, pursuing a degree in visual arts.
2012 David Gorgol married Jenna Mathews on Aug. 11, 2012. Jenna is a student at FSU. They reside in Cumberland, Md.
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2006 Katherine Jean big brother, James Aldan, who is a 24-year-old. The family resides in Richmond, Va.
2008 B. Michael and Jocelyn B. Burke announced the birth of their daughter, Maja. The family resides in Annapolis, Md.
2009 Dustin and Jennifer S. Bland announced the birth of their son, Nolan, on June 18, 2013. The family resides in Washington, D.C.
2010 John Augustyniak '09 and Stephanie L. Karns announced the birth of their son, Tyler, on Jan. 21, 2013. The family resides in Orlando, Fla.
2012 Jeremy Malnar '09 and Stephanie L. Karns announced the birth of their daughter, Kensley, on May 4, 2013. The family resides in Orlando, Fla.
2012 Scott, announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan, on April 4, 2013. The family resides in New York, N.Y.
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Steps in the Right Direction

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One sign: Giant red paw prints leading down Bowery Street toward campus. More than just directional guides to the University, they symbolize pride – pride in Frostburg as a school and a community. So when you see the red paw print, you know you are where you belong.
Cultural Events Series
2013 ~ 2014 Season

Rennie Harris RHAW
World Premiere
Love American Style!
A Hip-Hop American Short Story
Thursday, September 12 • 7:30 PM
Friday, September 13 • 8:00 PM

The Appalachian Festival Capstone Concert
From Ireland to Appalachia
Sean Keane & Friends
with special guests
Al Petteway & Amy White
Saturday, September 21 • 8:00 PM

Maryland Symphony Orchestra
Featuring Time for Three
Friday, October 11 • 8:00 PM

Pedrito Martinez Group
Saturday, October 12
Shows at 1:00 PM, 2:15 PM, 3:30 PM

Julie Fowlis:
Music of the Scottish Isles
Tuesday, October 29 • 7:30 PM

The Two Beans Production presents
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Thursday, November 7 • 4:30 PM

Catherine Russell
Friday, November 22 • 8:00 PM

Vienna Boys Choir
Thursday, December 12 • 7:30 PM

Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, PA
Bernard Havard, Producing Artistic Director
presents
Driving Miss Daisy
by Alfred Uhry
Tuesday, March 11 • 7:30 PM

The Math Maniac Show
with Max Millions
Monday, March 24 • 4:30 PM

Broadway’s Next HIT Musical
Saturday, March 29 • 8:00 PM
Sunday, March 30 • 3:00 PM

Spanish Harlem Orchestra
Saturday, April 12 • 8:00 PM

Robin Spielberg
An Afternoon Brunch With Solo Piano
Sunday, April 27
Brunch 1:15 PM • Music 2:30 PM

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In 40 years of working for Bobcat Athletics and the Department of Physical Education, SUSAN EISEL dedicated her life to caring for generations of student-athletes, serving as confidante, resource and friend to them and the coaches, faculty and staff who mentored them. She was the first FSU staff member honored with the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Award for Exceptional Contribution to the Institution.

Her exceptional contributions did not end with her retirement or the graduation of all those student-athletes, and she intends for her legacy of care to continue for years to come. Susan is a longtime supporter of all of athletics and a member of the Old Main Society. That means she has included FSU in her estate plans, with particular support for the Bob Wells Field to ensure a great experience for future baseball players.

Susan will never stop caring. “I want to be part of the future,” Susan says, adding, “GO BOBCATS!”

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