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From the President

In fall 2012, FSU was named a College of Distinction because of how we stand out in four key areas: **student engagement, the quality of our teaching, the vibrancy of our college community and the success of our graduates.** It is an honor that in many ways affirms the quality educational experience we have provided for years. But it is also an honor that inspires us as we think about who we want to become in the years ahead.

In this issue, we take a closer look at how we excel as a College of Distinction. When it comes to student engagement, as you read through this issue, you'll discover that our students are proud of Frostburg and bring that pride to everything



Frostburg State University students joined President Gibalter in Annapolis, where FSU was recognized on the floors of the House and Senate as a College of Distinction. Pictured are, front, Student Government Association President Jerica Bennett and Gibalter, displaying the resolutions. Behind them from left are Edwina Rogers, Jessie Wismer, Max Green, Morgan Bauer and Geovonye Parker.

they do, whether it is taking the initiative to create a scholarship to support excellence in the College of Business (*see page 16*) or reaching new goals as student-athletes. The latter, in particular, is a huge source of pride as we mark the anniversary of Title IX and celebrate the outstanding contributions of women athletes through the years (*see page 20*).

FSU's quality teaching has long been a hallmark of what makes our institution great and speaks to our beginnings as a teachers college. In celebration of our excellence, we asked our faculty how they define quality teaching and explore how that legacy in educational excellence is something that begins with the dedication and commitment of our professors and goes on to shape future teachers as it did in the case of **Deborah Wiles '12** (*see page 18*).

FSU's vibrant community, something we support through lectures, performances, exhibitions and speakers, is also growing in new directions. We are pleased to welcome **Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas**, our vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation, whose vision will strengthen our marketing and branding initiatives and philanthropy. We are also pleased to have a new director of Alumni Programs and Special Events, **Laura McCullough**, whose role will be to ensure our alumni feel connected to the vibrant community Frostburg provides and connected to each other through new affinity groups.

And as with every issue of *Profile*, this issue is full of updates about our incredibly talented and inspiring alumni whose success, without a doubt, communicates to the world that Frostburg is a distinct institution. Whether they are publishing new books or starring in Broadway shows, our alumni are a source of inspiration.

As you read through our magazine, I invite all of you to think about your individual roles and contributions that will support Frostburg's continued excellence as a College of Distinction. Will you volunteer at one of our events this year? Perhaps there is a get-together happening in your area that will be a great way for you to meet new Bobcats and enjoy catching up with old friends. Whatever it may be, know that your involvement matters so much to us in how we continue to grow in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibalter, President



RECOGNITION FOR WHAT FSU DOES BEST

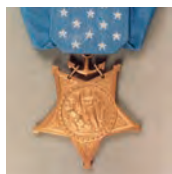
Engaged students. Great teaching. Vibrant community. Successful outcomes. Frostburg State University has been recognized for excellence in these four distinctions, each of which reflects values that have long been at the core of a Frostburg education. Stories throughout this issue are labeled according to which distinctions are best exemplified.



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GetEducated.com Again Ranks FSU's Online MBA a Top-10

For the second time, GetEducated.com, the consumer guide to online higher education, has ranked Frostburg's **online MBA program** a top-10 Best Buy nationally among online business schools that hold AACSB International accreditation.

"GetEducated.com's ranking reflects the extraordinary value that FSU's online MBA program represents," said President Gibraltar. "We consistently strive to offer our students a quality education, as evidenced by our AACSB accreditation, while making it as affordable as possible for them to reach their goals."

FSU moved up one step to number eight in the rankings, which come out every two years.

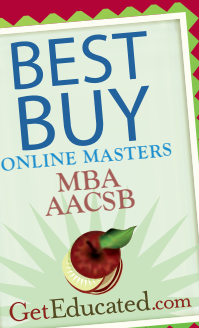
"FSU's rating as a Best Buy among online MBA programs honors the university as a nationally ranked leader in the field of online education," said Vicky Phillips, founder of GetEducated.com. "Their online master's in business administration program offers a top-quality education not just to the residents

of Maryland but also to all online students nationwide. The College of Business at Frostburg is a laudable model for how public universities can, with leadership and determination, combine the quality of a traditional residential university with cutting-edge technology to better serve America's business professionals."

"I am proud to say that the faculty of the College of Business is committed to excellence in the quality of our online MBA program," said **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**, dean of FSU's College of Business. "We follow numerous steps to ensure that issues and concerns of students and faculty are addressed. Our graduate faculty also receive support to further their knowledge of online teaching techniques, and they regularly share this knowledge and ideas for improvement with one another."

FSU's MBA was offered fully online for the first time starting in fall 2010. All courses are still available in face-to-face format as well. Since the fully online option has become available, enrollment in FSU's MBA program has nearly tripled to 313 in fall 2012.

All programs offered by FSU's College of Business are accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. For more information about FSU's MBA program, visit www.frostburg.edu/grad. ■



Gibraltar Named Co-Chair of College Presidents Working Group to Address Harmful Student Drinking

President Gibraltar, who has emerged in recent years as a national leader in efforts to reduce the culture of high-risk drinking among college students, is continuing in that role in a new position as co-chair of the College Presidents Working Group to Address Harmful Student Drinking of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). NIAAA is one of the 27 Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health and the lead federal agency for research on alcohol, including college drinking.



Gibraltar was invited to join the group when it was formed in 2011. He was selected as co-chair following the resignation of former Dartmouth College President Jim Yong Kim when Kim was named president of the

World Bank. Gibraltar's co-chair is Dr. Robert Carothers, president emeritus of the University of Rhode Island.

"It is important that college and university presidents take a leadership role in describing the impact of high-risk drinking, just as we have a role to play in speaking out on any topic that affects the well-being of our students," Gibraltar said. "I'm proud that this appointment highlights the success that FSU has achieved through our broad-based and research-supported efforts."

FSU has seen a significant decline in high-risk drinking in recent years. Based on the national Core Drug and Alcohol Survey, administered to FSU students every three years since 1997, the percentage of students who reported binge-drinking (five or more drinks at a sitting) within the previous two weeks fell from 59 percent in 1997 to 41 percent in 2012, below the national average of 43.1 percent. Similar decreases were reported among those students who reported drinking anything at all for the previous 30 days. Perhaps most telling, the average number of drinks students reported consuming per week dropped from 9.5 in 1997 to 3.9 in 2012; the majority of that decrease has occurred since 2006.

Gibraltar and FSU have both been recognized nationally for this leadership. In 2008, Gibraltar was given the first-ever Presidential Leadership Award from a group of seven major

higher education organizations for his success in promoting a vibrant intellectual and social campus climate that de-emphasizes the role of alcohol. In 2011, FSU was invited to join the Learning Collaborative on High-Risk Drinking, housed at Dartmouth, a group predominantly populated by flagship state universities or Ivy League schools.

Gibraltar has spoken at numerous conferences and presented workshops about FSU's efforts and the importance of presidential leadership in fighting alcohol abuse. He was a featured contributor on the topic in the spring 2012 issue of *The Presidency*, the American Council on Education's magazine.



National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

The NIAAA College Presidents Working Group to Address Harmful Student Drinking was formed to help bridge the gap between research that continues to identify promising interventions and the development of real-world campus programs to address alcohol-related problems. The 10 presidents in the invitation-only group advise NIAAA on both the types of information they need and the ways they want to receive it.

One practical remedy under development by the NIAAA is an idea promoted by the presidents group: an interactive, user-friendly, online "decision support system" to help colleges and universities select appropriate strategies to meet their alcohol intervention goals. The ultimate goal is to share science-based information in accessible and practical ways to provide college administrators with a planning foundation. ■



Students participating in FSU's ECHOSTARS student service-learning program pose at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore before the Dec. 2 game pitting the Baltimore Ravens against the Pittsburgh Steelers. M&T Bank, the Ravens and the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism honored the ECHOSTARS students for their service with tickets and recognition on the RAVENVISION video screen during the game.

FSU Honored for Community Service for Third Consecutive Year



The Corporation for National and Community Service has honored FSU for its support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement, admitting FSU to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the third consecutive year, the fourth overall.

"I'm proud that Frostburg State University students are so deeply engaged in service to others," said President Gibraltar. "The commitment shown by them and by FSU's faculty and staff contributes greatly to the vibrancy of this campus community, enhancing the educational experience and the lives of all they serve."

FSU students' service covers a wide range of activities, including tutoring children, helping with tax returns, cleaning streets and shoveling snow, raising money for charities, helping rebuild New Orleans, performing environmental projects and serving areas of need in the Western Maryland region.

FSU students collectively average more than 30,000 hours of service yearly through programs such as ECHOSTARS (Empowering Communities, Helping Others – Service Through Action, Resources and Sustainability), a first-year living-learning-serving experience, and the VOICE (Volunteer Opportunities in the Community Environment) Clearinghouse, supported by FSU's A STAR! in Western Maryland AmeriCorps program. Relay for Life, FSU's best-attended annual event, with over 1,000 participants, raised more than \$56,000 for the American Cancer Society in 2012. ■

FSU Continues as a Military Friendly School

Victory Media, Inc., has recognized FSU for the second straight year as a Military Friendly School, which honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"I am very pleased that Victory Media has recognized FSU as a Military Friendly School. Our service members deserve no less," said President Gibraltar. "I only hope that we show our gratitude to them by doing everything we can to facilitate their participation in the educational process. It is our honor to serve them."

Now in its fourth year, the 2013 list was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. Each year, schools are held to a higher standard than in the previous year. ■



FSU Named One of Sierra Magazine's "Coolest Schools"

Alumni have always known that FSU was "cool," but now *Sierra* magazine has made it official, including Frostburg in its sixth annual ranking of the nation's "Coolest Schools," a salute to U.S. colleges that are helping solve climate problems and making significant efforts to operate sustainably.

FSU ranked 66th alongside schools like the University of Montana, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Florida Gulf Coast University. The University of Maryland, College Park, a fellow University System of Maryland institution, also made the list at 73.

The complete ranking, along with stories about the winning schools' environmental efforts, are online at www.sierraclub.org/coolschools. *Sierra* is the official publication of the Sierra Club.

"We are honored by the Sierra Club's recognition," said President Gibraltar. "FSU is committed to making sustainability a part of our institutional culture. I feel confident our students, faculty, staff, community members and partners will continue making great strides in supporting sustainability at Frostburg."

While researching the schools that are making a difference for the planet, *Sierra* evaluated actions taken toward improving sustainability across many realms, including energy sourcing, infrastructure, transportation and academics.

"Over the last six years, *Sierra* has been privileged to connect with and learn from traditional institutions evolving in nontraditional ways," said Bob Sipchen, *Sierra* magazine's editor-in-chief. "These schools are channeling the enthusiasm of their students, who consistently cite climate disruption and other environmental issues as the most serious challenges their generation must confront, while demonstrating leadership for other civic institutions."

To learn more about FSU's focus on sustainability, visit www.frostburg.edu/lglg or the "Learning Green, Living Green at FSU (LGLG)" Facebook page at facebook.com/frostburglglg. ■



Study Shows Economic Impact of FSU at \$173 Million

Research Examines Operations, Student and Employee Spending

A comprehensive study looking at the economic impact of FSU's operations, employees and students on the state of Maryland and its immediate region determined that FSU has an impact conservatively estimated to be \$173 million across Maryland, \$121 million in Allegany County alone.

The study examined both the direct and induced impacts of money spent by students and employees, as well as purchases made by the institution within the local and regional economy. A follow-up to the study is tentatively planned to estimate the impact of capital costs, such as from construction projects, and of visitors who come to Western Maryland because of FSU activities.

"For every dollar received from the state's General Fund, FSU puts more than \$4 into the regional economy of Western Maryland, providing a much-needed boost to these communities," said President Gibraltar. "This economic impact study is an incredibly important source of data that will assist us in strengthening our relationships with our community partners. We are proud to work with them in helping our area succeed, and we value the collective efforts we are building together."

As a testament to the status FSU holds in the local business community, the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce

named Frostburg State University its 2012 Business of the Year for its positive economic impact on the community, including significant contributions to the community's growth and well-being.

Among the specific findings, based on the state appropriation to FSU of \$31.6 million in fiscal 2012, FSU generates an annual "return" on the state's investment of nearly 450 percent.

Launched in April 2012 with the aim of taking an economic "snapshot" based on a model standardized by the American Council on Education, the study surveyed students, faculty and staff on their spending locally and outside the region, not counting what students paid to the University for tuition, room and board and related expenses.

The study examined purchases FSU made as part of its operations. Businesses that were members of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce were surveyed on their employment of alumni and students, including their attitudes about the value of that pool of potential employees, as well as the impact of changes in FSU's enrollment and access to its faculty's expertise on their businesses.

Total annual expenditures reported by FSU students are estimated to be \$55.7 million. Faculty and staff reported spending \$32.1 million. Employees spend an average

ANNUAL EXPENDITURES BY GROUP	
<i>estimated, in millions</i>	
STUDENTS	\$55.7
FACULTY & STAFF	\$32.1
UNIVERSITY	\$100.9

of \$2,845 per month, with housing, food, beverage and automobile expenses topping the list of monthly expenses. For students, average monthly spending was \$1,289, with housing topping this list as well, followed by food and transportation.

The University itself spent \$100.9 million, 60 percent of which covered employee salaries and benefits. University spending in the form of purchases of goods and services from Maryland vendors in fiscal 2012 amounted to \$25 million.

FSU is the second largest employer in Allegany County. The University's workforce consisted of 939 full- and part-time employees (369 faculty and 570 staff) in fiscal 2012. This represents 2.7 percent of the total civilian labor force in Allegany County.

FSU can be credited for generating additional jobs for businesses and service organizations. Estimated expenditures made by students, faculty, staff and the University support approximately 1,685 jobs in the state of Maryland, 1,150 of which are within Allegany County.

To read the entire study, visit tinyurl.com/FSUEconImpact or view the executive summary here: tinyurl.com/FSUEconImpactSum. ■

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— President Jonathan Gibraltar



FSU Reception at General Assembly Draws Large Crowd

Frostburg State University students, supporters and staff mingled with Maryland state government leaders and aides during an FSU legislative reception held Feb. 12 in the Miller Senate Building in Annapolis.

More than 150 friends of FSU attended the reception, which featured brief remarks by President Gibraltar.

"I am very grateful to Sen. George Edwards for hosting this reception and to the entire Western Maryland delegation for their support," said President Gibraltar "The Annapolis reception was a powerful reflection of the support our University has in Annapolis and around the state of Maryland. I was extraordinarily impressed with the turnout and the goodwill that was extended to Frostburg."

"The reception itself was really a way to showcase not only our University and president, but it allowed our current students to interact with elected officials, key staff members and alumni and friends in the Annapolis area," said Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation, Inc.

"This participatory opportunity exemplifies the FSU commitment to experiential learning and bringing meaningful chances to learn in real-life settings affecting real-life decisions," said Stephen M. Spahr, FSU chief of staff and vice president for Economic Development and Government Relations. "Each of these students has gained immeasurably from the opportunities to learn the meaning of the democratic process through action rather than only in a classroom."

More events to bring together different generations of FSU friends and supporters are being planned.

Gibraltar was recognized on the floors of both the House and Senate the day following the reception, where proclamations were read commending FSU for its commitment to academic excellence and for being named a national College of Distinction for 2012-13. (See inside front cover.)

The proclamations were sponsored by members of the local delegation, Edwards (R-1st), Del. Wendell Beitzel (R-1A), Del. Kevin Kelly (D-1B) and Del. LeRoy Myers, Jr. (R-1C).



President Gibraltar greets Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot.



▲ Kari McCumber, Dr. Rosemary Thomas and Jeremy McCumber '00

◀ President Gibraltar, center, is joined by Maryland lawmakers, from left, Del. Galen Clagett '64/M'72, Del. Wendell Beitzel '78/M'88, Sen. George Edwards and Del. Kevin Kelly '75.



THE FSU FOUNDATION, INC.

New Named Funds

As of January 16, 2013

Alumni SECU Sponsorship

Lady Bobcats Title IX Fund

Buckheit-Ketterman Family Scholarship

Amigos de Garcia Scholarship in Mass Communication

Dr. Jonathan C. and Ms. Laurie Gibraltar Presidential Merit Scholarship

Beverly A. & Charles H. Long Memorial Presidential Merit Scholarship

Bill Miller Equipment Sales, Inc., Scholarship

Guy G. Shaffer Family Presidential Merit Scholarship

Student Band and Choral Music Assistant Scholarship

Student Pride College of Business Scholarship

Lauren Weller Sidorowicz Memorial Scholarship ■





Lane Center Earns LEED Gold

FSU's renovated **Lane University Center** has been awarded LEED Gold certification. LEED is the nation's pre-eminent program for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings.

"Obtaining LEED Gold status for the Lane Center renovation is very rewarding," said John Brewer, FSU's assistant director of facilities, who helped spearhead the certification efforts. "At Frostburg State University, we always try to be a regional leader in everything we do. It is no different when dealing with facilities. Having a LEED Gold building on our campus shows that we are leaders committed to mitigating climate change."

"This is an important milestone in FSU's ongoing sustainability efforts and our commitment to creating a more sustainable campus," said President Gibraltar.

FSU's Lane University Center achieved LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use, as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies into its redesign. A number of green design and construction features were incorporated to positively impact the project itself and the broader community. These features include:

- A white reflective roof that doesn't absorb heat, reducing the building temperatures in the summer months and reducing the use of air conditioning
- Native plants and shrubs, which require less water and do not require an irrigation system
- Low-flow toilets and faucets, to reduce water use
- Low VOC (volatile organic compound) materials such as paint, adhesives and sealants, which reduce harmful emissions
- Energy-efficient heating, cooling and lighting systems and green cleaning products and equipment.

By using less energy and water, LEED-certified buildings save money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community. ■



From left, Frostburg Mayor Robert Flanigan '92, U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett and President Gibraltar "pull the plug."



Sustainable Energy Research Facility Symbolically "Unplugged" From Electrical Grid

As Superstorm Sandy was bearing down on the Eastern Seaboard last October, FSU was symbolically "unplugging" its **Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF)** from the electrical grid.

The completely off-grid building in the Allegany Business Center at Frostburg State University (ABC@FSU) will serve as a living laboratory in which faculty and students will work side by side to test many facets of generating renewable energy, including solar energy, biodiesel, hydrogen and wind. The goal is to bring in small companies to develop new technologies in this building, as well as invite post-doctoral fellows to work side by side with our faculty and students.

"SERF may be off the grid, but it puts Frostburg State University very much on the map as a national leader in renewable energy research, which opens the doors for us to welcome visiting researchers, consultants, companies and other partners who wish to further the study of renewable energy," said President Gibraltar. "It will greatly help Frostburg raise its visibility and uphold sustainable education in important ways."

The approach of twin storms from opposite directions – Hurricane Sandy and a winter storm – was not lost on the dignitaries in attendance. U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.), whose advocacy was an essential step in getting the SERF project off the ground, remarked that he had been to openings of several large solar arrays, but all were tied to the electrical grid, which meant they couldn't be used if the grid went down.

The 6,300-square-foot building itself will be a demonstration and test center, as it will be powered and heated with all renewable sources. The building also features a variety of conservation and energy storage options and will continue to develop as new technologies are added.

The facility is believed to be the nation's only totally off-grid building dedicated to the research of renewable energy generation. Individual homeowners, farmers or small businesses located in the Appalachian region or regions with similar geographic features are expected to benefit from its research.

Bartlett said that the solutions that may come from SERF will serve the goals of three very diverse advocacy groups that are often at odds with one another: those concerned with climate change and the increase of the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, those concerned with the national security risk inherent in the United States being so dependent on imported oil and those concerned that oil is a finite resource that will be increasingly difficult and expensive to retrieve.

The construction, equipping and staffing of SERF have been supported by two grants from the U.S. Department of Energy totaling nearly \$1.6 million, obtained with the assistance of Bartlett. Additional support has come from FSU, Constellation Energy and Maryland Industrial Partnerships.

More information about SERF and renewable energy research at Frostburg can be found at www.fsuwise.org/renewable/SERF. ■

Meet the new VP for University Advancement

Hello, Frostburg State University alumni and friends!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Rosemary Thomas, and I have been given the privilege of serving as vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation.

When I visited during Leadership and Homecoming Weekend, I was immediately impressed with the students, faculty and staff I met. Since my arrival in December, I have gotten to know many more folks from across the campus, throughout the community and volunteers serving the Foundation and the Alumni Association, and I realize that same quality and commitment are a long-standing feature of Frostburg's history and are part of the fabric of this tremendous place.

Frostburg State was recently named a College of Distinction for excelling in the areas of engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant community and successful outcomes. As I have seen repeatedly in the past few months, and as you can see through the stories in this issue of *Profile*, these distinctions are already a deeply ingrained part of FSU's culture and are what make a Frostburg State education so valuable.

Great things are happening here at FSU, and I firmly believe that this University is poised for even greater success moving forward. I am committed to doing all I can to "advance" Frostburg, particularly with FSU's ongoing marketing and branding initiative and in further building a robust spirit of philanthropy to ensure opportunity for future students. I believe this will strengthen the institution itself and increase the positive national attention for the great work of our campus community.

Let me share a little of my background: I earned my bachelor's degree in political science from Clemson University, my Master of Public Administration degree from the University of South Carolina and my Doctor of Education degree from West Virginia University. I also pursued post-doctoral work at Harvard. I have held similar positions at Florida Gulf Coast University, Salisbury University and Glenville State College, and I am very pleased to be returning to the University System of Maryland. On a personal note, as a native of Fairmont, W.Va., this return to the mountains feels very natural to me.

I look forward to getting to know more of you at events on-campus and off. We certainly count on our many alumni and friends



Rosemary M. Thomas, Ed.D., Vice President for University Advancement

to support our advocacy and fundraising efforts to ensure the future success of this outstanding institution.

Thank you for your continued interest, dedication and generosity. Go Bobcats!

Sincerely,
Rosemary M. Thomas, Ed.D.



From left, First United Bank and Trust officials Mary M. Bond and Allen Shapiro, Thomas and Alicia White '85, FSUF director of Finance and Administration, mark the endowment of First United's \$25,000 scholarship fund.



Thomas and Col. Ron Forrester '67, president of the FSU Alumni Association, participate in December's commencement ceremony.



From left, Sandy Day '67, President Gibraltar, Thomas and FSUF President Quincy Crawford '65 gather at a legislative reception in Annapolis (see page 5).

honors



Bill Mandicott



Ann Townsell



Micheal McAlexander



April Baer

Mandicott Elected to National Board of State Art Agencies

Bill Mandicott has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, the membership organization for state and jurisdictional arts agencies. He was one of five people elected following a rigorous national nomination process.

Mandicott has 30 years of professional experience in student affairs administration. He is assistant vice president for Student and Community Involvement at FSU and is former chair and current artistic curator of FSU's Cultural Event Series. Appointed to the Maryland State Arts Council by Gov. Martin O'Malley in 2007, Mandicott served as chair from 2010 to 2012 and continues to serve as a council member. He serves as the chair of the Maryland Presenters Network and on NASAA's Development and Nominating committees. Mandicott completed post-masters coursework in educational leadership at West Virginia University and has a master's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in counselor education/student personnel services and a bachelor's degree in economics from State University of New York, College of Arts and Sciences at Geneseo.

USM Board of Regents Honors Ann Townsell

Ann Townsell '87, FSU's director of Publications, was recognized for extraordinary public service to the University and greater community with the 2012 University System of Maryland Board of Regents Staff Award, the highest honor bestowed on USM staff employees.

"The success of the University's publication, marketing and rebranding efforts would not have been possible without her," said Colleen Stump, associate vice president for University Advancement. "Her dedication and commitment to FSU's success, her professionalism, creativity and her support of the arts and the environment combine to make her an outstanding member of the University and surrounding communities."

Townsell has undertaken numerous projects for FSU's Learning Green, Living Green Executive Committee.

For the local community, Townsell has served on the Allegany Arts Council Board of Directors from 1998 to the present (as president in 2006 and 2007). She has chaired the annual Will's Creek Survey, a national juried art exhibition, for the past 13 years and serves on the advisory board to the Frostburg Center for Creative Writing One-Act Play Festival.

Over the years, she has generously donated her time and graphic design talent to support local, nonprofit organizations and has supervised and coached dozens of graphic design student interns.

McAlexander Wins BEA Best of Festival

Micheal McAlexander, an assistant professor in the Department of Mass Communication, has won the Broadcast Education Association's Festival of Media Arts best of festival award for his screenplay "Space Race."

"Winning this award means that my peers, other broadcast professionals and writers, have reviewed my work and have said it's really good," McAlexander said. It is the highest award received at this festival hosted by BEA, the professional association for professors, industry professionals and students who are

interested in teaching and research related to electronic media and multimedia enterprises

In addition to his faculty role, McAlexander is a feature film director and screenwriter. His screenplay "Space Race" is about a young, down-on-his-luck flying instructor who teams up with a group of adrenaline-pumped Cal-Tech grad students racing against a ruthless billionaire to launch the first commercial astronaut into space. He calls it a mix of "Fast and Furious" and "Apollo 13."

April Baer Among Daily Record's '20 in Their 20s' Honorees

April Baer, FSU's coordinator for University Wellness, has been named to The Daily Record's "20 in Their 20s" list of Marylanders who are successful by or before the age of 30. Selected by The Daily Record staff, honorees are chosen on the basis of professional accomplishment, civic involvement and impact of achievement.

In her association with University Wellness, Baer has engaged students in the CHILL (Creating Healthy, Informed, Lasting Lifestyles) program, which provides preventative student health screenings, promotes wellness and develops campuswide activities and educational outreach that encourage exercise and nutrition. Through her grassroots efforts with CHILL, FSU has been recognized by the American Heart Association as a Gold Standard Workplace winner. She led the campaign to make FSU a smoke-free campus and is a part of FSU's team partnering with the National College Health Improvement Project, a national collaborative working to curtail trends in high-risk drinking.



Gary Robinette, Linda Brumage and Patrick Deasy

Deasy, Brumage, Robinette Recognized

Frostburg State University honored three outstanding employees, **Gary Robinette**, **Linda Brumage** and **Patrick Deasy**, at the Fall Convocation. The annual Staff Awards for Excellence recognize outstanding service to the institution, and the recipients are nominated and chosen by their colleagues. This year's award winners have a combined 107 years of service to FSU.

Robinette has been employed at FSU for 23 years. Although his official title is "carpenter," the Department of Theatre and Dance has always referred to him as their "Scene Shop Supervisor." He has taken on a supervisory role for some 30 students per semester, mentoring them in set construction, safety and other aspects of scene construction, working on over 130 productions. Robinette is deacon and volunteer custodian at Little Meadows Baptist Church.

An employee at FSU for 43 years, Brumage has been a stenographer and office secretary, and for the past 19 years, executive administrative assistant to four deans of the College of Education. She is involved with the Western Maryland Health System Auxiliary, the Allegany County Commission for Woman and the Cumberland Business and Professional Women.

Employed by FSU for the past 41 years, Deasy serves as a clinical counselor in the Counseling and Psychological Services Department, as well as the coordinator of Veterans Affairs. Deasy volunteers at com-

mencement ceremonies, serving as a student judicial board member and helping the Allegany County Combined Crisis Response Team in times of local or regional disaster.

Staff Awards for Excellence are funded by the FSU Foundation's Annual Fund Campaign.

Nicole Mattis Named a 2012 Leading Woman

Associate Professor **Nicole Mattis**, chair of the FSU Department of Theatre and Dance, has been honored as a 2012 Leading Woman by The Daily Record. This award recognizes 50 Maryland women under the age of 40 who display professional achievement, commitment to community service and who inspire change.

Mattis teaches acting, voice and movement and directs for the Theatre and Dance production season at FSU. She is a member of the Women's Studies Steering Committee, for which she initiated V-Day@FSU, part of a global movement to end violence against women and girls. She advised V-Day activities at FSU from 2002 to 2009, and she continues to advise production of "The Vagina Monologues." She has served on the FSU committees of the African American Studies Program and the National Coalition Building Institute. Locally, she is the chair of the Family Crisis Resource Center's Board of Directors and serves on the board for the Allegany Arts Council.

Mattis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and English from Northern Michigan University and a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a member of the Voice and Speech Trainer's Association and the Actors' Equity Association, and she is a certified associate teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework. ■



Nicole Mattis



Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas

USM Board of Regents Recognizes Rogers Thomas

By Candis Johnson

Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas, an associate professor in the Department of Sociology, will be honored with the Regents' Faculty Award for Public Service at the spring meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.

"Dr. Rogers Thomas demonstrates great talent, creativity and passion for traditional arts

and culture of the Appalachian region," said President Gibralter.

Among her contributions are the development of the annual Appalachian Festival that celebrates all that makes the region unique, including its history, culture, natural environment, musical and artistic traditions, and food, and Mountain City Traditional Arts, which developed as an outgrowth of the festival and her participation on the original steering committee for Frostburg's Arts and Entertainment District designation.

Rogers Thomas has been successful in cultivating a strong relationship with the Maryland State Arts Council, which supports many of her programming efforts, and the Maryland Humanities Council. She has twice partnered with the latter to host a traveling Smithsonian Exhibit. In 2008, she brought "Key Ingredients" to the Frostburg Science Discovery Center and, in 2011, served as the coordinator of "Between Fences" hosted by the Spruce Forest Artisan Village in Grantsville, Md.

She is a founding member of the Appalachian Independent, a not-for-profit

online news source dedicated to the promotion of citizen journalism. As the editor of the Appalachian Culture section, in 2011 she served as the chief advisor for a Mountain Traditions Film Project documenting those who carry on local traditions.

Students enjoy her emphasis on experiential learning, field trips, projects and outreach activities that introduce them to Appalachian culture and folklore. Rogers Thomas is also a successful grant writer who receives thousands of dollars to support her projects.

"Kara has proven herself to be a dedicated community servant committed to preserving the traditions of culture and folklore in Western Maryland," notes Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. In all of her community endeavors, Rogers Thomas encourages residents to celebrate and find value in the culture and heritage of Appalachia while simultaneously striving to address its challenges and improve the quality of life for those residing in the region, he said. ■



Most of the 500-plus Kappa Alpha Psi members who converged on Frostburg from Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Bermuda gather for a group photo on the stairs leading to Compton Science Center.



FSU Kappa Alpha Psi members, current students and alumni, pose at the Kappa Tree in the Upper Quad. From left are DeMario McGhee, Kevin Watkins, Josef Epps, founding member Marlon Sharpe '83, Shafiq Hinton, off-campus adviser Antonio Hayes '00, Dominic McAlilly '12, Dwight Jones '12, Terrance Martin and Jason Baccus.

Kappas Converge on FSU

The Eastern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. chose Frostburg State University as the location for its C. Rodger Wilson Conference, bringing about 500 of its members to Frostburg last fall. The Frostburg event was the only province conference, out of 12 worldwide, attended by the century-old organization's international Grand Polemarch William "Randy" Bates, Jr., who came in from Texas.

Among the attendees were current FSU student members and **Marlon Sharpe '83**, one of the Lambda Mu chapter's founders from its initial recognition in 1983. ■



Col. Robert Golden III represented the Marine Commandant.



Janice Clark '64 and her husband, Ben, Col. John Graham '85 and his wife, Kathryn '87, and Col. Jennifer Graham.

Graham Memorial Project Honors Medal of Honor Recipient

In 1967, U.S. Marine Corps **Capt. James A. Graham '63** gave his life in Vietnam

following a series of heroic actions that were later found worthy of recognition with the

Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military honor. In October 2012, the FSU Alumni

Association launched the Graham Memorial Project, a living memorial to the fallen hero.



Medal of Honor recipient Capt. James A. Graham '63, USMC

The project began with the dedication of the deck of the Lewis J. Ort Library in Capt. Graham's honor and the unveiling of a plaque there, but it will continue with the interdisciplinary educational project, "Memorializing Vietnam." The educational project is a semester-long advanced colloquium that will examine the historical, political, social and economic aspects of the Vietnam War. As part of that study, FSU students will work in teams to conceptualize the design of a memorial honoring Graham, while taking into account all they have learned about the conflict in Vietnam and its impact on the nation and world.

At the dedication ceremony, following the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" by members of Phi Mu Alpha, one of FSU's music fraternities, two Vietnam-era CH46 helicopters from Marine Helicopter

Squadron One flew over the campus in a tribute to Graham.

Among those in attendance were Graham's widow, **Janice Clark '64**; their two children, retired USMC **Col. John Graham '85** and retired USAF Col. Jennifer Graham; and Col. Robert Golden III, Marine Corps Recruiting Command chief of staff, representing the Marine Commandant.

An honor guard from the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 172 presented colors. The event closed with the singing of "God Bless America" and the Marines in attendance singing the "U.S. Marine Corps Hymn."

A number of James Graham's Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity brothers were there, as were several Marines who had served with him in Vietnam. John Graham noted the number of people present who had known his father for just a few years, yet "he left indelible images on people that he did not know very long, and here you are 45 years later."

"Frostburg was extremely important to Dad," John Graham said. It was where he met his wife, where he found his Sigma Tau Gamma brothers and where he found his faith. "This is where it all changed for Dad here. ... That's why it's so

fitting that Frostburg is the place to tell Dad's story," John Graham said.

Retired USAF **Col. Donald White '75**, who chairs the project's steering committee, said the group is determined to follow the wishes of the Graham family that this project be about establishing a living memorial "that will instill traditions within the student population: lifelong learning, personal core values of community selflessness, integrity, excellence, service before self and an understanding that humility is an important personal trait."

James Graham was honored for his heroism when, in June 1967 against heavy odds, he led a unit of Marines in attacking two machine-gun nests in the Quang Tri Province. With the group under heavy fire, Graham ordered his men to retreat, remaining behind with a wounded soldier unable to be moved.

"The one thing that you could count on with Jim Graham was that you could count on Jim Graham," his son said.

The memorial is a project of the FSU Alumni Association. The FSU Foundation has two scholarship funds honoring Graham. For more information on supporting the Graham Memorial Project Fund or the scholarship funds, contact the FSU Office of University Advancement at 301.687.4161. ■



◀ Marine Helicopter Squadron One flies over the FSU campus.



Chinese Alumna Bringing Mandarin Language to American Kids

By Becca Ramspott

It was not hard for **Tang La M'12** to decide to travel halfway around the world to enroll in the Master of Education program at Frostburg State University. Tang, who first experienced FSU as an exchange student from Hunan Normal University in 2008 and who goes by the name Mandy Tang here, loved how Frostburg's faculty really got to know her and cared about how she was doing.

"When I was in Frostburg, it was all really small classes and professors really know about you. ... I was a person, not a number," she said.

Tang worked as a graduate assistant at FSU's Center for International Education, organizing fun events like a Chinese New Year celebration and working closely with international students, parents and local community members. In addition to learning more about international education, Tang also thought a lot about teaching Chinese.

"I always wanted to be a teacher. My undergraduate program was teaching English as a second language," she said.

Tang's advisor, **Dr. Thomas Palardy**, a professor in FSU's Department of Educational Professions, arranged for her to do an independent study with FSU instructor **Yanling Fan**, where Tang taught one session of Chinese a week. The night before Tang graduated from Frostburg, she heard Allegany County was starting a Chinese immersion program to help children learn Mandarin and Chinese culture and get a head start on global education and community. Her experience teaching, along with her work with the Center for International Education, made Tang a compelling candidate, and she got the job. Today, she teaches kindergartners at West Side Elementary School in Cumberland how to speak Mandarin.



It was not easy at first, as many of the children were scared and uncertain. But Tang knew how to put them at ease.

"On the first day of school I told them, 'Let's play a game. It's called Back to Babies. You just pretend you're babies,'" she said.

She compared what they were hearing when she spoke Mandarin to when their baby brothers or sisters cried. They did not understand what the babies wanted, but crying is



Tang returned to FSU to earn a master's degree after participating in an undergraduate exchange program. Provost Stephen Simpson adjusts her master's hood during the commencement ceremony.

the babies' language, and it's up to the students to try to figure out what the babies wanted.

"And Chinese is the language we're using here," Tang told them. "Here we speak Chinese, and you have to guess what I want you to do."

The children have learned quickly and are doing well. At a Chinese restaurant in New York, Mindy Thoele's son, Jude, one of Tang's students, started talking to the wait staff in Mandarin.

"At first it caught them off guard, ... then they asked him a couple of questions. Pretty soon the owners come over and start pushing Jude to see what he can do," Thoele said. "And the owner says, 'This is unbelievable! This child has no accent.'"

Thoele, who is on the steering committee for Allegany County's Chinese immersion program, is very excited about the program and Tang's role in its success.

"The depth of the gratitude I feel that Jude is learning Chinese is boundless," she said. "Regardless of what profession he goes into, this will only be an asset. It probably means he will never in his life be without a job unless he chooses to be."

Tang is equally in awe of the kids she teaches and what they can do.

"I feel like sometimes it's not what I teach them ... it's what they show me that's really amazing," she said.

Tang is also grateful to the teachers who have inspired her as a student along the way, particularly those she met at Frostburg.

"I feel like they're still next to me," she said. ■



Jeff Rosedale '02, WFWM news director, and Emily Thomas of the Allegany Arts Council go on the air during a recent fund drive.



Station Director Chuck Dicken '96

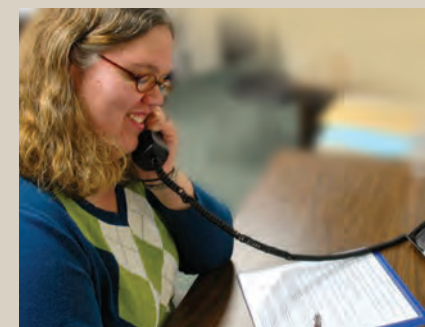
Live, from Frostburg, it's WFWM!

Promoting cultural enrichment is part of Frostburg State University's mission, and WFWM, Frostburg State University's public radio station, is an important piece in that effort.

WFWM's signal reaches throughout Allegany and Garrett counties, as well as north into Pennsylvania and south into West Virginia. In addition to National Public Radio programming, WFWM broadcasts locally originated news, weather and unique programs featuring classical, jazz, big band, blues, Celtic, bluegrass and alternative music.

WFWM serves its community listeners, but it also serves FSU's students, providing internship and volunteer opportunities for those interested in learning about radio, voice-over work or sound engineering, either on WFWM or XFSR, the student-run station that broadcasts over the campus intranet.

Increasingly, listeners and friends of WFWM have been showing their support, with WFWM showing a 15 percent increase in fundraising in 2012, thanks especially to a dedicated group of volunteers, including those who answered phones or went on-air during the fall fund drive. Last spring, supporters helped raise the money needed to replace WFWM's 20-year-old transmitter to ensure the station's future.



Liz Nelson '01, Annual Giving administrator, takes a call from a listener during the fund drive.

Help WFWM continue to bring music and information to the community and opportunity to students by making a tax-deductible gift today.

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This 50th anniversary celebration of Alpha Xi Delta's Gamma Psi chapter – along with a little healthy competition with the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity – gave rise to the new scholarship.

Bonds of Sisterhood Build Futures Through Scholarship

As a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority at Frostburg State College, **Norma Sue Morgan '65** learned the value of service early. Though her involvement with AΞΔ, she read to students at the old Lincoln School, collected money to fight cancer and participated in numerous service projects with her sorority sisters, experiences that helped her forge friendships that would last a lifetime. She also learned the value of having help paying for college.

“When we went to school, they were trying to get teachers in Maryland,” Morgan said, who taught for 34 years after she graduated. “We were able to go to college with no tuition. We all worked hard for an education, and now we know it’s even harder.”

In 2011, Alpha Xi Delta was planning a big celebration of the 50th anniversary of their Gamma Psi chapter. The timing of this anniversary, along with some healthy Greek competition, inspired Morgan and her sisters to consider how they could help current Frostburg students pay for their education.

“The biggest impetus for us was that Sigma Tau Gamma was talking about setting up a scholarship,” Morgan said. “And ‘scholarship’ was always stressed very heavily by

our national sorority. They gave awards for scholarship and recognized scholarship at national conventions.”

Working with the FSU Foundation, Morgan and 10 of her sorority sisters set up the Alpha Xi Delta Scholarship, reaching out to their strong network of Frostburg AΞΔ alumnae and organizing a table with information about the scholarship at the 50th anniversary celebration.

“I am a person who doesn’t like to ask for anything, but I believed in this scholarship, and everyone I asked agreed,” Morgan said. “It was a very positive experience for me.”

“Our purpose in doing this was to help someone ... hopefully a lot of someones ... to get an education.”

— Norma Sue Morgan '65

Soon Morgan and her sisters had raised enough to make the Alpha Xi Delta Scholarship available to Frostburg students. The scholarship, open to sophomores or juniors enrolled full time at FSU with an overall grade point average of at least 3.0, reflects the cornerstones of the sorority: scholarship, leadership and service. Preference is given to applicants who demonstrate involvement and leadership through campus experiences and organizations and those who participate in activities that promote AΞΔ ideals of valuing

education to achieve personal goals, supporting others through shared experiences and giving understanding and service to those less fortunate. Strong consideration is also given to applicants who have a relationship with AΞΔ through membership or who are family members of a sorority member or alumna.

“Education is very important. ... I see students working 40 hours a week and still going to school. I don’t know if I could have done that, and I admire them,” Morgan said. “Our purpose in doing this was to help someone ... hopefully a lot of someones ... to get an education.”

To learn more about how to support the Alpha Xi Delta scholarship and the FSU Foundation, visit foundation.frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4161. ■

By Becca Ramspott

Theatre Scholarship Ensures Alum’s Passion for Stage Lives On

By Becca Ramspott

If you ask those who knew and loved **Jennifer Leigh Johnson '04** what they remember most about her and her time at Frostburg State University, the answers inevitably revolve around one of her greatest lifelong passions: anything and everything that had to do with theatre. Though that passion and her other wonderful qualities were lost when she died of a brain aneurysm in 2008, the friends she made at Frostburg will never let the world forget how theatre shaped her life and theirs.



Jennifer Leigh Johnson '04

“Jenn loved the art, there is no doubt,” said FSU alumnus **Tim Elliott '01**, who studied communication and theatre at Frostburg. “She was deeply committed to it. But I think that what she really loved was the family. We lived at the Performing Arts Center, and we were so emotionally invested in each other’s lives. She was such a terrific friend.”

That family to which Elliot and Johnson belonged included professors such as **Linda McCulloch**, who met Johnson during her more than 24 years teaching in FSU’s Department of Theatre and Dance and its women’s studies program. McCulloch once cast Johnson in a cross-dressing role as an “upper-class dandy” in the 19th-century melodrama “Under the Gaslight.”

“Jenn was tall, thin and had such an elegant carriage. I knew it would work, and it did. She had so much fun absorbing and conquering all

the right techniques to become ‘dandified,’” McCulloch said. “In another production, I had her play five very different roles, each of which she executed with aplomb. ... As a director, that was the thing I loved most about Jenn – she would try anything!”

That theatre family also included **Nicole Mattis**, associate professor and chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. Johnson was one of the first activists to

they love acting, and they want to act during college. Just someone who loves theatre for theatre’s sake. That was Jenn,” John said. “She acted in several productions after she got out of college. She didn’t get paid for it. She didn’t care. To find young people who loved theatre through high school and who are totally enthralled by theatre in their hearts ... just to help someone do that in college. ... That’s all we want.”

“We would just like to help anyone who wants to become an actor or actress ... To find young people ... who are totally enthralled by theatre in their hearts ... just to help someone do that in college. ... That’s all we want.”

— Cynthia and John Johnson, parents of Jennifer Johnson

work with Mattis on V-Day, FSU’s part in the global movement to end violence against women. The two also participated together in the March for Women’s Lives in Washington, D.C.

“Jenn was so honest and down to earth. ... She cared about people, and she cared about issues ... especially groups who didn’t have a voice,” Mattis said. “Jenn was very dear to me and my colleagues.”

To honor Johnson’s memory and help others succeed on the stage, her parents, Cynthia and John Johnson, established the Jennifer Leigh Johnson Theatre Scholarship, which supports FSU theatre majors who have an overall grade point average of 3.0.

“We would just like to help anyone who wants to become an actor or actress ... if

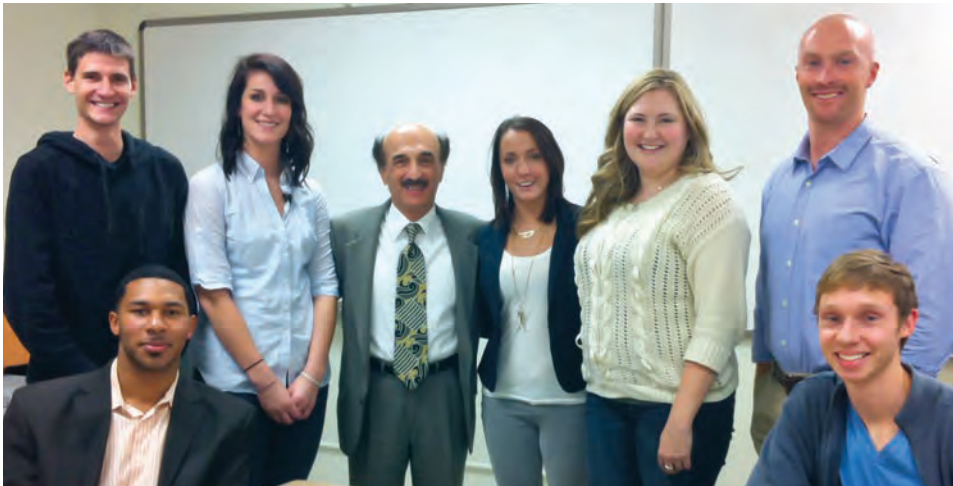
◀ Jenn in the FSU production of “The Bald Soprano.”



And like all generous acts that celebrate the life of someone, the scholarship simultaneously helps current students and stands as a reminder of the person Johnson was for those who miss her.

“I’m struck by how in sync with Jenn’s spirit the scholarship is. Jenn gave so selflessly to her fellow artists and her friends. And she was truly a hard worker. I like to think her desire to be of love and service is so strong that she cannot help but continue to give, even when she’s no longer with us,” Elliott said.

To learn more about the FSU Foundation and supporting FSU, visit foundation.frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4161. ■



▲ Jessica Hair gestures to her presentation on the Student Pride Scholarship.
◀ Seated are committee members Aaron T. Webb, left, and Brad H. Miller. Standing, from left, are Trevor W. DeVore; Jessica R. Hair; Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, dean of the College of Business; Megan N. Kinsinger; Ashley E. Swinford; and adviser Ryan Kentrus.

Student Pride Scholarship Paves the Way for Culture of Giving

It is Friday afternoon, and several College of Business students are gathered in Framptom 318, discussing a PowerPoint presentation they are putting together.

Though their voices get louder with excitement as they discuss what should be included, they are not preparing this material for a course. The presentation they are working on will help them convey the importance of the Student Pride College of Business Scholarship to classmates and alumni. They are all members of the College of Business Student Pride Committee, and their goal is to make the scholarship an endowed fund by raising \$10,000.

Once the scholarship is endowed, applicants for the Student Pride College of Business Scholarship must be juniors or seniors enrolled full time at FSU with a major in the College of Business, with an overall grade point average of at least 3.0. A key part of the application is writing a personal statement that answers the question, “How do you personally represent student pride within the College of Business?”

The enthusiasm that FSU senior **Aaron Webb**, a business administration major, has

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Trevor W. DeVore

about the scholarship is contagious. A few months earlier, he and a few other members stood before College of Business faculty, explaining what the scholarship meant to the student committee.

“I’ve always wanted to create a scholarship program,” he told them. “Before I came to this school, I didn’t know how I was going to develop it and everything, but this is definitely going to be a springboard. ... From day one, we came here because we know that we have student pride. Whether it’s being involved or coming to class on time, turning in projects, even things that are small, we have that pride, and we want to move it forward.”

Now in the more advanced stages of planning, more students are involved, and members are busy planning their next steps. **Lynn Ketterman**, FSU’s Development research analyst and stewardship coordinator, sits nearby, calmly watching the students organize their ideas, occasionally chiming in with feedback.

“They are so committed to this,” she said. “When I first got invited to join these meetings, we listened to them and realized they didn’t know what philanthropy and fundraising were.”

As part of her involvement with the group, Ketterman taught them why bake sales would not help them reach their fundraising goal, but asking for gifts could. “How many brownies would you have to sell to raise \$10,000? ... Giving is not as difficult or unreasonable as they think,” she said.

During her meetings with the group, Ketterman showed them how spending money on things like cable and coffee added up. “When they see the smaller numbers and realize that could go to a gift they believe in, it opens their eyes.”

Ryan Kentrus ’04/M’07, a lecturer in the Department of Management, is the adviser for the student committee.

“We want to take this out to the student body and get them to become a part of this. ... Our goal is to create a culture of giving in the College of Business and to try to get students to have pride in their school, as well. Make them proud to be Frostburg State students,” he said.

“There’s a bigger lesson here, which is having that mentality that the world is not just about us, it’s about every one of us,” Kentrus continued. “And when people get out into the real world, those are the difference makers. Those are the people who are going to go out there to make the world a better place. Not necessarily just to enrich their own lives, but to enrich other people’s lives along with that. I think that’s part of what we’re trying to teach here.”

To find out how to support the Student Pride College of Business Scholarship, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give or call 301.687.4161. ■

By Becca Ramspott



The “I Swim For Bob” fundraiser, organized by Norr’s teammates and friends, featured a water polo match.

FSU Foundation Seeks to Reward Deserving Students With Presidential Merit Scholarships

Bob Norr’s Example Inspires One Such Fund

When **Bob Norr**, an FSU junior and Recreation and Parks Management major, died while kayaking in January of 2012, his family, friends and teachers decided in their grief to support other students like him as a way to celebrate his life.

“Passionate about his future in his chosen degree, he brought vitality, energy and creativity to the classroom, and shared with others his personal zeal for outdoor recreation,” said President Gibralter at a fundraiser organized by his friends, classmates, swim teammates and **Dr. Diane Blankenship**, one of his professors. “I Swim for Bob” is now an annual event with the next to be held April 21.

The list of criteria for the scholarship in his memory describes recipients, majors in Recreation and Parks Management, as students who demonstrate “leadership and volunteerism through involvement on campus and in the community. The recipients will emulate Robert A. Norr as a student with high ethical and moral standards characterized by determination, dedication, perseverance and eagerness to work hard.”

Frostburg wants more students with the drive, passion and gifts of people like Bob Norr, which is the impetus for the FSU Foundation Board’s effort to raise \$2.5 million to provide merit-based scholarship to support high-achieving students. The Robert A. Norr Presidential Merit Scholarship is one of 27 scholarships that have been endowed since the challenge was issued in late 2010. With several more funds on their way to endowment and more than half a million dollars raised, they are more than a quarter of the way toward that goal.

This effort aligns the Foundation’s funding priorities with the goals in FSU’s Strategic Plan to increase student quality and institutional retention and graduation rates, while encouraging students to persist to graduation. It also frees up more institutional funds for need-based scholarships.

These scholarships are specifically focused on recruiting students who have demonstrated academic excellence. That includes incoming freshmen who have demonstrated strong academic achievement in high school and SAT scores in the upper quartile and transfer students who bring a 3.5 grade point average from their previous institutions. ■

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- Brian and Connie Mattingly Presidential Merit Scholarship
- Robert A. Norr Presidential Merit Scholarship
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- Anton Zahn Presidential Merit Scholarship ■

A Tale of Two Majors Leads to Passion for Teaching

By Becca Ramspott

Sometimes a face-to-face conversation can make all the difference.

After almost 20 years as a travel agent, **Deborah Wiles '12** realized she wanted to explore a new path, preferably one that would be “something more substantial to offer back to society.”

She had fallen in love with mathematics while pursuing her associate degree at Allegany College of Maryland and wanted to continue. She contacted the University of Maryland, College Park, and Frostburg. It was **Dr. Marc Michael**, chair of FSU’s Department of Mathematics, who invited her to campus and talked to her for over an hour.

“College Park is full of rock stars, as far as mathematicians go, but it’s an intimidating and competitive environment, and you have no guarantee you’ll have access to professors,” she said. “That’s where Frostburg really shines. The teaching environment has a lot of advantages over a larger place.”

Wiles put Frostburg’s advantages to work, working closely with her professors to not only complete a bachelor’s degree in mathematics but also a major in English with a creative writing concentration. Along the way, her parallel passions for math, writing, literature and research blossomed through her involvement in the Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society, the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society and as a McNair Scholar in mathematics. She published poetry regionally and nationally. She eagerly tackled comprehensive, eye-opening projects, such as studying Washington Irving’s lesser-known writings and studying the work of Dutch mathematician Frans van Schooten.



Deborah Wiles '12

She was inspired by Van Schooten, in particular, as a student instructor for developmental mathematics at FSU and as a math tutor for Allegany College.

“Frans van Schooten’s claim to fame was being a professor,” she said. “He had written about a particular elliptical locus. It’s fun to play with. ... I can put this into Mathematica (a software program) and put it into motion, and it’s interesting for non-mathematicians to look at. I turned the project into a lesson plan for a pre-calculus and a calculus course to help make them more interesting.”

Her academic advisor, FSU math professor **Dr. Mark Hughes**, was thrilled to see one of his students become so immersed in what she was learning that she wanted to translate it to the broader community.

“It has been a pleasure to watch Debbie grow as a mathematician,” Hughes said. “I could not have asked for a better student. I know that before long she will be able to spread this love of learning to students of her own.”

Wiles also sought out ways to break new ground in literature and language with FSU English professor **Dr. Mary Anne Lutz**.

“I did my first real academic research with her,” Wiles said. “And just the feedback she

gave me ... justified my believing in myself that I could do this, that I’m a writer.”

“For me, great teaching isn’t about performing as a brilliant lecturer, as we so often see it portrayed in popular media,” Lutz said. “It’s more student-centered than that, and it’s a paradoxical combination of both challenging and supporting students.”

Now a proud graduate of Frostburg, Wiles is already thinking of how she can carry on Frostburg’s legacy of quality teaching through her own career. She’s going to graduate school so she can work in education at the college level.

“One of my great passions is to bring math to the non-math student,” Wiles said. “I want to help the non-math-track student and the science student to have this positive interaction with mathematics so the children they have will be raised in a positive math environment.”

“And I’m a Frostburg ambassador for life. My secret goal is to come back and be a math professor, put a name on the Frostburg Mathematics Department in the area and have more people want to come here.”

But that doesn’t mean Wiles has given up her passion for writing. She’ll always be a poet who writes and blogs constantly, and she’s also delved into creative nonfiction.

“I don’t know if I’ll ever be able to choose between mathematics and writing. ... Writing skills are more easily accessible. ... Math is more esoteric, more abstract. There’s a lot of math out there and I’m greedy to know what it’s about. If I can have them both, I will.” ■

Great Teaching From Great Teachers

We asked our most recent student commencement speakers to identify faculty members who best demonstrated “great teaching.” Then we asked those faculty members, some veterans and some new to the University, to share their teaching philosophy.

“Great teaching ... energizes students to want to learn more.”

– Dr. Carol Gaumer '89/M'91, Marketing and Finance

“(A great teacher is) inspirational, passionate about content and learning, invested in the success of students, has a keen knowledge of students, innovative in methods of presenting information to students, enthusiastic, collaborative, intuitive, possessing a desire and willingness to continue learning for and from students, hard-working, dedicated, confident and constantly reflective of the performance in the classroom, even when it hurts.”

– Dr. Jennifer Rankin '96/M'01, Educational Professions



“My greatest pleasure is watching students master something difficult, gain confidence in their own abilities and take initiative.”

– Dr. Mary Anne Lutz, English

“Great teaching is helping students see the unknown, understand it and become passionate about it. It is inspiring the ‘aha’ moments.”

– Maureen Palardy, Educational Professions

“A good teacher stimulates students to think from new perspectives and attempt new things but also supports them in the initial stages of that process, when they may hesitate.”

– Dr. Mary Anne Lutz, English

“... A great teacher provides support to students by being available, approachable and willing to spend the time to discuss questions and enhance understanding.”

– Dr. Mark Hughes, Mathematics

“(I love) walking into a room full of students with a shared passion for teaching and leaving with more energy than when I entered the room.”

– Dr. Jennifer Rankin '96/M'01, Educational Professions

“MY GREATEST PLEASURE IN TEACHING COMES WHEN A STUDENT WANTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A SUBJECT THAN IS ACTUALLY COVERED IN THE CLASS.”

– Dr. Mark Hughes, Mathematics

Title IX: 40 Years of Broadening Horizons



The passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments Acts of 1972 has opened up multiple opportunities in education, most visibly in the area of athletics, and it has also helped to create a mindset in young women to seek out possibilities, not limitations.

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

When Dr. Tyra Phipps '71 was looking for a college in the 1960s, the gifted teenage tennis player – ranked sixth in Florida – scoured the Eastern Seaboard for a school with an intervarsity women's tennis team. She found none.

When current seniors **Erin Proctor** and **Jenny Davis** were choosing a college, they paired their preferred academic programs, early childhood education and athletic training, with their desire to continue to play their chosen sports, soccer and lacrosse, respectively, at a varsity, intercollegiate level. Both had multiple options.

That is just one indication of the changes over the past 40 years as a result of Title IX of the Education Amendments Acts of 1972, the federal law that states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Commonly called Title IX, the law is best known for expanding athletic opportunities for women, but it applies to all educational programs at public and private schools that receive federal funds, such as federal financial aid for students. While females have faced more gender barriers over the years, Title IX dictates that whichever is the under-represented gender has equal access and opportunity. According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), in 1981-82, the first year the NCAA included women's sports, 74,239 female athletes competed on 4,776 NCAA teams, compared to 169,800 male athletes on 6,843 teams. In 2010, 191,131 women competed on 9,746 teams, while 252,946 men played on 8,568 teams. Participation increased for both genders.

The impact of Title IX is about more than numbers and the opportunity to play sports, however. It has also brought a change of expectations and attitudes that have broadly expanded students' horizons.

"I JUST WANTED TO PLAY TENNIS"

Phipps, now a professor in the Department of Mass Communication, was a top-ranked junior tennis player in her home state of Florida, where tennis was incredibly popular. She was also ranked 13th in the Mid-Atlantic states, competing summers while staying with her grandparents in nearby Meyersdale, Pa.

When it came time to look for a college, the chance to continue competing was a top priority, but none of the colleges she looked at – in Florida, up and down the East Coast and even in California – offered women's tennis beyond intramurals. At that point, Frostburg had a few women's athletic teams, starting with basketball in 1964, but no tennis.

A carelessly worded ad opened the door for her to play at Frostburg. Her grandfather noted an announcement in the Cumberland newspaper that said, "Anyone who wants to play on the Frostburg State College men's team, come to the Cumberland Country Club for tryouts." Since she fell into the "anyone" category, she went.

Fully expecting her to lose, the Frostburg coach paired her with the number 6 player on the men's team. She won. The same happened with the number 5. Number 4 didn't want to play her.

"This was a long day on the courts," she said. By the time she had worked her way through the ranks to the team's top-ranked player, he didn't want to compete against her either.

"I didn't care. I just wanted to play tennis," she said.

Even after making the team, she and her parents still faced hurdles, but once she was finally admitted, she was welcomed to campus with dinner at the home of President Nelson Guild, who would become a strong advocate for her.

Phipps enjoyed her teammates, who, like her, all had strong personalities and all loved tennis. That team bond is one of the most important opportunities she sees in the way the athletic terrain has changed over the years.

"Intercollegiate sport is such a unique thing. It's a more protected athletic state," she said. "You had this guardian angel of a coach looking out after you. The coach became this mentor, and the team members were mentoring one another. You looked out for each other."

Despite the support she got at Frostburg, her collegiate athletic career was a struggle – for her and her teammates. She flew under the radar her first year; her unusual name, short hair and men's uniform kept many opponents in the dark as to her gender, but once the word

got out that "the girl" was playing on Frostburg's team, conflicts escalated.

When the first college refused to play if Phipps competed, Guild called the other college's president, saying, "We're not a men's team. We're not a women's team. We're a tennis team," Phipps recalled. His strong stance, however, did not keep schools from refusing to play against Frostburg if Phipps participated.

Other colleges were more subtle, employing tactics like locking the women's locker rooms – and even women's rest rooms – so Phipps would have no place to change. Instead, she would change huddled in a corner of the men's locker room while her coach, **Ken Kutler**, would hold up a blanket.

Phipps was increasingly aware that her presence on the team was hurting her teammates, as their schedule of matches dwindled. When Phipps was barred from one tournament at the last minute, she started to head off the court to join the spectators.

Her teammate **Pete Shepard '71** grabbed her arm. "Tyra, we're a team with you. We're not a team without you," he said, as the team all gathered around her.

"They paid a big price. They were suffering right along with me."

Phipps finally chose to graduate in December of her senior year, allowing her team a chance to compete in the spring season, which had dwindled to five or six dates compared to 11 competitions typically.

"As soon as I graduated, the team had a complete lineup."

Phipps went on to a professional tennis career, in which, even hampered by multiple sclerosis, she played all over North America, competed in the first Virginia Slims tournament and was one of the original members of the U.S. Professional Tennis Association.

She remembers vividly her feelings when Title IX was first passed in 1972. She had been writing to lawmakers arguing for passage. It was an emotional moment, thinking about the female athletes to follow.

"Now there will be a team," she said.

BEGINNINGS

Phipps was the first woman inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame. At that same 1983 ceremony, the Bobcat Club honored Frostburg's very first woman's intercollegiate athletic team. All four surviving members of the 1911-12 State Normal School at Frostburg



Tyra Phipps '71

women's basketball team attended – **Katherine Crowe Poland, Mabel E. Myers, Enid Roach and Esther Steiner Lechlitter**, all members of the class of 1913.

Lechlitter spoke for her team. Phipps recalled fondly that this alumna, who was almost 90, told the audience that she was determined to be present when a woman was admitted into the Hall of Fame.

"She captivated the entire room," said **Bob Wells**, professor emeritus and former baseball coach, whose research into Frostburg State sports history brought the 1912 team to light. "She was so happy to see a woman receive the honor being presented to Tyra."

Phipps said hearing Lechlitter

speak gave her perspective on her own experience. "They put together their own money, got their own uniforms," Phipps said. "They were so determined. ... So this spirit has been here forever."

Few records were kept on women's athletics in the first half of the 20th century, but two women from that era have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. **Sara Wright '21** played tennis and basketball and went on to play tennis at the national level through the 1920s. **Alma Logsdon '34/'46** was recognized as one of Western Maryland's best basketball players and was president of the Frostburg State Teachers College Athletic Association. The names and accomplishments of most other women athletes during this time are largely lost to history.

WOMEN'S RECREATION ASSOCIATION

In between those early days and the Title IX era, the Women's Recreation Association served women's athletic interests. The student organization, run by a 15-member student board, was under the supervision of faculty, first by the late **Lillian M. Wellner**, and later by **Dr. Carol Cleveland** and the late **Janet Thomas**.

Cleveland said during her tenure the WRA received \$4 of the \$20 athletic fee students paid each semester. The board planned expenditures on athletic events and other recreational activities, buying athletic equipment or paying for overnight stays on trips to "sports days" at other colleges several times a semester.

The sports days, each drawing about 15 colleges, were how they competed against other schools. Frostburg's teams generally did well, including against some schools that

had regular intercollegiate women's athletics, Cleveland said.

The WRA used Compton Gymnasium on Monday and Wednesday evenings and went bowling on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They would play basketball, badminton, golf, tennis or field hockey. Hundreds of women participated in WRA's activities and with great enthusiasm, Cleveland said.

"I had kids tell me, 'I wouldn't have stayed at Frostburg if it hadn't been for WRA.'"

They were supported by a strong student board that, in addition to managing money and planning events, defended the women's access to the gym and athletic field.

"We had some pretty strong gals as far as leaders," she said.

BEGINNING OF THE TITLE IX ERA

As intercollegiate athletics started to come in – yearbooks show women's teams in basketball, lacrosse, field hockey and gymnastics – the WRA began to fade away. The terrain changed rapidly during that time, Cleveland said.

Dana Hall '77 came to Frostburg in 1973, one year after the adoption of Title IX and two years after Phipps graduated. Athletics were a major priority for Hall, and she got involved in nearly everything she could. She started with basketball and track (she was good enough to participate in the 1972 U.S. Olympic trials).

"In my junior year, my roommate told me that lacrosse needed a goalie," Hall said. "I was crazy enough to get in front of the goal cage." That was a significant moment, as Hall is now head women's lacrosse coach at University of Mary Washington, one of FSU's Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) rivals.

Hall has a unique perspective, having been in high school before Title IX was passed, attending college during the early years of Title IX and mentoring young women athletes up to the present day.

"It used to be a young lady growing up in high school never had a chance to compete," Hall said.

Susan Eisel had a similar perspective. From 1966 to 2005, Eisel was officially administrative assistant, unofficially resource and friend to generations of student athletes, coaches, faculty and staff. She experienced the waning days of the WRA, the growth of women's teams and the beginnings of the NCAA era.

While the opportunities were slim, that didn't mean that talent didn't exist, Eisel said.

"The talent was phenomenal," Eisel said.

"There were no scholarships, but it was amaz-



The 1911-12 Frostburg State Normal School Basketball Team

ing. As we moved into Title IX, we saw more talent."

She remembers students like **Linda Farver '70**, the second woman inducted into the Hall of Fame for basketball and lacrosse, and Phipps.

"It was a real coup for a woman to play on a men's team," Eisel said of Phipps. "She was a phenomenal tennis player."

Hall, over her years as a coach, has witnessed with pleasure increased expectations among young women, rising along with the opportunities in sports. Her own college team was almost entirely physical education majors, while the team she's coaching now is made up of a much broader spectrum of students.

"In the 1970s, women went on to teach school. You didn't see lots of women in math and science. Most of my classmates are teachers," she said.

Eisel agrees. "Today, there's much more opportunity to go so much farther, like the Olympics and professional organizations." The talent still came through. Eisel has seen plenty of Frostburg women from those years go on to become outstanding coaches, such as Hall and **Diane Carter Richardson '80** (see page 35).

Younger women, Eisel said, have a different mindset. "Today their possibilities are endless. It depends on what their desires are, what they want to accomplish in their personal goals, what their participation in sports means to them," she said.

Hall feels she had a unique opportunity at Frostburg, where men and women coaches both worked together for all the athletes. "It was so unique, I thought, that the men's programs welcomed women and vice versa."

"Frostburg recognized the opportunities for women and gave us those opportunities," Hall said. Some inequities remained, but not a lot, she said. Still, Hall credits Title IX for the overall advances.

"I don't think opportunities would have continued to move forward had Title IX not been in place," she said.

FSU's Senior Woman Administrator

Jody Pepple sees the benefits from multiple perspectives.

"Universally, I think Title IX has given girls and women an opportunity to reap the benefits of participating in sports that boys and men have long enjoyed," Pepple said. "Women get to experience not only the joy and satisfaction of competing and winning, but everything it takes to get there, like discipline, accountability and self-confidence."

Hall credits Title IX with the NCAA's adding women's sports to its lineup. The NCAA was founded in 1906, but didn't adopt women's sports until 1980. That meant women had the possibility of earning All-American status, the ability to compete on a national level and record-keeping that gave women an idea of their abilities compared to others nationally and through the years.

Frostburg's first female All-American was **Laura Schlegel '84**, who earned the honor in 1981 in three swimming events. That same year, **Gail Glave '82** and **Val Pearce '83** were named All-Americans in heptathlon and the 400-meter hurdles, respectively. In all, 51 Bobcat women have been named All-Americans since those first three. Nine of those captured National Championship trophies in indoor and outdoor track & field.

STUDENT-ATHLETES TODAY

From the perspective of athletes like Phipps and Hall, the kind of opportunities young women have today would have been a dream, but they're both happy that young women today see the multiple options they have as just "normal."

Erin Proctor, a senior athletic training major and captain of the FSU women's soccer team, started playing soccer at age 4, "about as young as you could start." It was only one of multiple sports she played. Her sister is also an athlete; her brother is in marching band.

Jenny Davis, an early childhood education major and member of the women's lacrosse team, also started with soccer at about 5 or 6, but discovered lacrosse in fifth grade.

Both women say they couldn't imagine their college careers without athletics and cherish the bonds and lessons they have gained from being part of a team.

"What I tell all the recruits coming in is that being a student-athlete, here at Frostburg especially, has given me so many more opportunities," Proctor said. "I would not go back

and change anything. Preseason is hard – you want to quit after a week – but it gives you a group of friends who all have the same goal and are all working toward the same thing."

"I've always been taught, even through high school – I played three sports – you're a student, then you're an athlete," said Davis. "That's why I love going to a Division III school. I'm able to have the college academic experience, graduate in four years, but also be able to experience the sport I love, be an athlete, which I love."

As Phipps and Hall attest, those team lessons carry forward through life.

"I don't think there's anything better than learning how competition crosses over to life and how to play fair," Phipps said. It's a lesson Davis is already learning in her teaching field work.

"You want to get these kids an education, and that's the goal," Davis said. "Whether you personally like (your fellow teachers), you're all fighting for the same thing, and I think that comes from sports. You're all fighting for the win."

Teamwork, a work ethic, a sense of competition, the ability to manage time and prioritize activities are all qualities Proctor attributes to her participation in athletics.

"I feel like by playing a sport during college, too, you get a different perspective. You're not just going to classes and hanging out on the weekends. ... It keeps you focused on what your goals are."

With teamwork has come leadership as well. FSU Athletic Director **Troy Dell** said the women's soccer team, added to the Frostburg lineup in the mid-1990s, has been leading the way on campus, something Proctor relates to her and her teammates' competitive nature.

"We want everybody to picture our team in a whole as successful in everything. ... No one wants to be the one person on the team that keeps us from having the highest GPA of the athletics teams," she said. And yes, the women's soccer team not only has the highest combined GPA of all FSU teams, but it has earned CAC All-Academic every year Frostburg has been in the CAC and earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Ethics award for five straight years. The team also won the CAC Tournament in 2012.

Davis' leadership extends beyond the lacrosse squad. She is president of both the FSU and CAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committees, responsible for men's and women's sports. FSU's SAAC coordinates activities like community service projects and DIII Week, a week of activities designed to build

a sense of community among athletes and among the general campus population.

Davis is proud of Frostburg's teams' reputation of good sportsmanship across the conference. "It comes from the coaches. We're very disciplined as a school, meaning there are consequences for our actions." She also credits Dell's and **President Gibraltar's** leadership.

"We hold ourselves to high standards," Davis said. "Whether we win or lose, we're not going to put ourselves in a position not only to embarrass ourselves and our team, but our school. ... We've always been taught, you're not wearing your name on the back of your shirt, you're wearing your school."

FSU AND TITLE IX

Dell said he didn't start to really grasp the implications of Title IX until he became an administrator.

"To me it was pretty eye-opening when you start to look at it, not so much opportunities, but maybe resources – the fields the teams are playing on and what it takes to run a men's program versus a women's program and so on," Dell said. "I have daughters who are now competing in sports, and I see, still, what my sons have and what my daughters don't have at a youth level. It's frustrating for me as a father."

Among the areas that Title IX impacts are proportionality – the number of female athletes should be proportional to the overall student population, providing equitable resources and opportunities, and cultivating interest in emerging sports.

FSU now has full-time coaches in all sports but tennis, uniforms and technology are replaced every four years in each sport, budgets are built from zero, based on the schedule, and transportation is done as equitably as possible for teams of various sizes, Dell said. The artificial Sprinturf field in Bobcat

Stadium has been a benefit, he said, since the field can be used all day and into the evening by multiple teams without being torn up. In addition, intramural teams have the opportunity to play in the stadium and the arena.

"Why shouldn't they get to play on that field that they help fund, or play basketball in the arena?" Dell said.

"If there's a problem or someone brings forth a problem, we probably can't wave a magic wand and fix it right away, but we're not going to look the other way," he said. "We're going to work at it; we're going to try to get it corrected; we're going to try to improve. I'd like to think that's all anybody wants from Title IX, that you're not looking the other way and looking to address things in a timely manner."

The sports that have been in existence for a long time – the men's sports – tend to have more alumni support, Dell said. Progress has been made in finding people willing to help in a wider range of sports.

"We've had tremendous support from Dr. Gibraltar on moving things forward," Dell said, and from **Dave Rose**, vice president for Administration and Finance, who oversees athletics.

Gibraltar, a college track athlete himself, said, "As our alumni and coaches will tell you, playing college sports is about pursuing excellence not just on the field, but in life and learning."

Pepple sums it up: "It's been a thrill to see the increased participation at the youth level as a function of Title IX. Because of the legislation, there are so many more programs that girls can participate in today, and, I think ultimately, that is Title IX's greatest achievement. A generation of women is growing up with the ability to apply the positive elements learned from sports to the world around them." ■



HONORING ATHLETIC ENDEAVOR

Forty years ago, the role of women in athletic competition changed forever. FSU has made great progress in improving adherence to Title IX, but one major gap remains – the women's locker rooms, which have changed little since the Cordts Physical Education Center was built in the 1970s. State funding and tuition money cannot be spent on athletics, so in honor of the 40th Anniversary of Title IX, the FSU Foundation has launched an initiative to raise \$40,000 to support renovations to women's locker room facilities.

You can honor your commitment to FSU women's athletics with a locker room sponsorship. With a gift of \$1,000 to the Lady Bobcats Title IX Fund, your name or the name of the player you designate will be permanently displayed on a locker in the locker room of your choice. Help today's athletes advance their achievements!

To give, call 301.687.4161 (866.241.3296 toll-free) or visit www.frostburg.edu/makeagift.

LEADERSHIP & HOMECOMING WEEKEND

October 18-21, 2012



President Gibraltar shares a laugh with from Gladys Faherty '55, left, and Sandy Day '67.



Enthusiastic Bobcat football fans show their Frostburg colors.



The latest class is inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame. From left are Karen Carpenter '98, Greg Cooper '01, Angie Terrell '87, Jennifer Yarnall '98 and Michael Taye '01.



Tracee Wilkins '97 speaks at Connecting With Connections.



Al '75 and Cheri '77 Poklemba attend the Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Breakfast.



Susan Eisel, longtime administrative assistant for Athletics and 125th Hall of Fame inductee, greets Tom McMahon '77, left, and Ronald Sterling '75, 58th inductee.



Tailgating brings together old friends on a cheery fall day.



Members of the Bobcat baseball team meet their predecessors at the Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Breakfast.



Fans cheer on the Bobcats against Empire 8 conference rivals, Buffalo State.



1970s-era Bobcat alumni and friends gather for a photo before the Hall of Fame Banquet.





From left, Tony Bridges '00, Director of Alumni Programs and Special Events Laura C. McCullough and Megan Kinsinger, College of Business Student Pride member.

Hello, Frostburg alumni!

I'm Laura McCullough, the new director of Alumni Programs and Special Events. It has been a great pleasure to begin to get to know so many of Frostburg's alumni since I've arrived, to hear what's important to you and why you love Frostburg.

Since I want to know you, here's just a bit about me: I've worked for the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association, in both cases focusing on volunteer recruitment and engagement, in addition to fundraising and development. I'm a mother of four, a cancer survivor and a graduate of Penn State. (Nobody's perfect – but I'm a proud Bobcat now!)

So many of you have told me that the friendships you made at Frostburg came not necessarily from the year you graduated, but because of common interests. We know that groups are out there, perhaps based on ties forged while participating in athletics or student organizations, music or theatrical performances, common majors, or even a floor in a residence hall. Other relationships have formed because of current regional ties, like our Texas alumni, or a common goal to help current students succeed, like Frostburg Connections, FSU's first official affinity group.

Does this sound like you and your Bobcat friends? The Alumni Association would like to hear from you. We are hoping to create other affinity groups to build on those ties and re-engage alumni with their alma mater, and we are looking for volunteers to help us start them.

We are also working on some exciting events on- and off-campus, including opportunities for members of our recently revived Student Alumni Association to get to know alums from all generations. One event to mark on your calendar will be the **Alumni Association Senior Send-off Barbecue at Spring Fest on May 4**. Come welcome our soon-to-be grads to the Alumni Association!

I'm anxious to get to know you. Please visit, call or write any time! My email is lcMcCullough@frostburg.edu or you can call me at 301.687.4068.



classnotes

ClassNotes listed are those received as of Nov. 30, 2012

1962

Dr. Edward L. Root M'65 was inducted into the Fort Hill High School (Cumberland, Md.) Hall of Fame.

1965



Art Walker was an extra in the filming of the new Spielberg film *Lincoln*. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, in which he portrayed a U.S. congressman, a "Peace Democrat" who opposed the adoption of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution. He had no lines, but he did get to be quite "vocal" during various debates. Look for him in the third row from the dais, right on the center aisle.

1970

Larry D. Kump has been re-elected to serve another two-year term in the West Virginia House of Delegates District No. 59.

1973

Douglas Hunt retired from Ocean City Police Department after 25 years of service.

1975

Col. Don White retired from the U.S. Air Force on June 1, 2012, the same day he was inducted into the U.S. Air Force Safety Hall of Fame. He was also selected as a fellow in the Aerospace Human Factors Association and serves as president of the Life Science and Biomedical Engineering Branch of the Aerospace Medical Association.

1977

John Morley, coordinator of security at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, Md., has been advanced within his employment group.

1979

Dr. Janet Miller Wilson M'83/M'97 has been named superintendent of Garrett County Public Schools. She previously was chief academic officer for Allegany County Public Schools.

1980

Alexa Chaney Fazenbaker M'90/M'07 was selected the new principal at Westport Elementary School.

1983

Rebecca Kaiser Ruppert M'06, director of professional development in the Center for Continuing Education at Allegany College of Maryland, has been advanced within her employment group.

Cathy Zirk, budget coordinator for the Allegany College of Maryland Finance Office, has been advanced within her employment group.

1985

Nicolas Relacion works for Verizon as a veteran/military recruiter and has served 22 years in the U.S. Army Reserve as a Civil Affairs NCO. He is married and has two daughters.

Dolores Youse M'96 was appointed assistant professor of English at Garrett College. Dolores previously held the position of interim full-time instructor in English.

1988

Cathy Nolan M'92, director of admissions and registration at Allegany College of Maryland, has been advanced within her employment group.

1989

Mary Hendershot Marrale has been promoted to vice president of Human Resources at First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union.

1990

April Peach Willetts has been promoted to senior vice president of Lending at First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union.

1991

Connie Clifton, associate dean of instructional affairs at Allegany College of Maryland, has been advanced within her employment group.

1992

Greg Holtschneider teaches speech and theatre at Marshfield High School in Marshfield, Mo., where he coached a student to first place in Humorous Interpretation at the National Forensic League Championships.

Randy Olsen was promoted to executive vice president/chief financial officer of First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union.

1993

Jack DuBose M'93 was appointed assistant professor of English at Garrett College.

1995

Jon-Mikel Bailey, president, and **Jason Giuliano '97**, vice president, recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of their award-winning web design and development firm, Wood Street, Inc., founded in August 2002.

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Alumni in the Spotlight



Debra Monk '73

Ciarán Hinds and Debra Monk in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

Bobcats Monk, Cercone on the Great White Way

The lights of Broadway are shining even brighter these days for two Frostburg alums.

Broadway is no stranger to **Debra Monk '73**, who has a Tony Award, multiple Tony nominations and two Drama Desk awards for acting and writing over her career. Monk just wrapped up a 10-week engagement as Big Mama in the Broadway revival of Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." Co-starring with Scarlett Johansson, Ciarán Hinds and Benjamin Walker, the production received a lot of buzz.

Wilborn Hampton of *The Huffington Post* called Monk's performance "convincing." "Her love for her favorite son is palpable, and her relief at what she assumes is Big Daddy's reprieve and her grief at eventually learning the truth that he is in fact dying are equally persuasive," he wrote.

Monk, who also works frequently in television and feature films, received an Emmy Award for her recurring role as Katie Sipowicz on *NYPD Blue*.

Meanwhile, "Hands on a Hardbody," the new musical based on the 1997 documentary by the same name and with music by Phish frontman Trey Anastasio, opened on Broadway on March 21. **Sean Cercone '99** has been tracking the development of the show for several years and as a member of the producing team works to raise the money to fully capitalize the production and to provide creative guidance and marketing support "through the journey to opening night and beyond."

"Trying to produce a show on Broadway in this economy is insanely difficult. Doing so with a show title that no one had ever heard of, about 10 people standing around a truck for four days ... well that seemed to be impossible," Cercone said. "But the creative team of Doug Wright, Amanda Green and Trey Anastasio, along with Director Neil Pepe and Choreographer Sergio Trujillo, have created something very unique and very special. ... And the

amazing lead producers, Beth Williams, Jennifer Costello and Barbara Whitman, supported that vision with the care necessary to make it happen."

Cercone gives a nod to the faculty who taught him at Frostburg, including Linda McCulloch, Richard Kagey and especially **Mairzy Yost-Rushton**, who pointed him in the direction of the career he would eventually pursue.

"One day Mairzy called me into her office and told me about an internship at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton. She said that although she thought I was a very good actor, she had no doubt that what I should be and will be is a producer," Cercone said. "At that point, I didn't even really know what a producer did, but I never forgot that conversation."

Cercone continued to pursue acting through graduate study, "but I continued to think about what she said." His first major career break came as assistant producer at the Carousel Theatre in Ohio, and he has been working his way up the industry ranks as a producer, all the way to Broadway. ■



Sean Cercone '99

The "Hands on a Hard Body" poster is installed in Times Square.



BOOKS BY ALUMNI



How to Keep Your Kid From Moving Back Home After College

by Bill Pratt '98, Mark C. Weitzel and Len Rhodes

Pratt and his fellow personal finance educators Weitzel and Rhodes teach parents how to protect their kids from post-graduation dependency in their appropriately titled book. With their combined 75 years of experience in banking, economics and entrepreneurship, the authors help parents to help their students make the most of college while keeping down the costs and staying on the four-year plan. Pratt has also published two other books involving higher education and personal finance: *Extra Credit: The 7 Things Every College Student Needs to Know About Credit, Debt & Ca\$h*; and *The Graduate's Guide to Life And Money*.

Available from online booksellers.



The Mirrors at Barnard Hall

By Jenny Hickman '06

Business graduate Hickman's self-published novel is an epic love story about a young woman, Callista Franklyn, who falls for Nick Dalton, a very real man she discovers reflected in an antique mirror in her family's mansion in the English countryside. Intrigued by the man's claim that the year is 1902, she investigates, unraveling a timeline of suspicious crimes and enchanted mirrors that connect her to the 20th century. As she begins to fall for Nick, she must decide if she is willing to change history to save him from a murder she knows ended his life.

Available from online booksellers.



The Money Spiders

By Jim (JP) McCarthy '71

Subtitled "The Ruin-NATION of the United States by the Federal Reserve," this indictment of the Federal Reserve Banking System offers an educational tour through the history of money, the birth of the United States, the debt game, the beginnings of the Federal Reserve and the causes of booms and busts in the U.S. economy since the Fed's inception in 1913. McCarthy writes in a challenge to "We the People" that the Fed uses Americans' money against them, influences booms and busts in the U.S. economy and controls the American people through deception and complex monetary schemes.

Available from online booksellers or www.fedruin.com. ■

1997

Tracee Wilkins has been named Prince George's County, Md., bureau chief for News4 on NBC Washington. She previously spent nearly 10 years as a general assignment reporter, covering the entire Washington metropolitan area.

Colleen Nusser, who has operated her business, Gratzner Graphics, since 1999, merges her professional design skills with her love for animals to create pet-lover and animal-themed designs, sold on CafePress and Zazzle to raise money and awareness for shelter animals. One of her laptop skin designs was recently featured on the NBC sitcom, "Go On."

1998



Kristen Kanz Acosta has been selected as the 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year for Walnut Grove Intermediate School of West Covina, Calif. She recently met up with her supervising teacher from her internship,

Robert Lafferty '75, with whom she has kept in touch since her internship year. "I have thanked him countless times for his wisdom," she writes.

1999

Marcus Rosano was recently named media relations director at Montgomery College in Maryland.

2001

Cherita Hogan M'03 has taught for 10 years and, in December 2012, earned a second Master of Education degree, this one in educational administration, with the aim of becoming an assistant principal.

2003

Renae Bloss has joined the staff of counselors at Gaia Holistic Counseling Services in Cumberland, Md. Certified by the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, she has nine years of experience in addictions counseling, working in inpatient and outpatient settings.

Heidi Cohoon M'03 was named the Dorchester County, Md., 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year. Heidi is a 12th-grade English teacher at Cambridge-South Dorchester High School. Acting as a role model to staff

BOBCATS IN THE BIG APPLE



Jonathan Geiger '90 hosted the very first gathering of a growing community of New York City alumni at Geiger's office in February. Pictured are, front row, from left, **Blair Bedford '11**, **Shavonne Lawson '11**, **Tina Tozzi '99** and **Suzanne Posey '00**. In the back row, from left, are **Christine Petro '02**, **Ryan van Fleet '04**, Geiger, **Karin Terry '00** and **Kristi Creighton '02**. The Office of Alumni Programs is hoping to build on new friendships built in regional groups like these as part of its effort to create a variety of alumni networks. If you are interested in getting involved, call 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu. ■

GARCIA SIGNS FOUR-YEAR CBS DEAL



Sharp-eyed fans of Greg Garcia's shows have been treated to the occasional cameo by the show's creator.

Greg Garcia '92 signed a four-year overall deal with CBS Television Studios last year, in which he will exclusively develop projects for the studio, according to a press release from CBS Television Studios. News reports have already linked some big names to the Emmy-winner's first two projects, including Will Arnett, Beau Bridges and Rupert Grint of "Harry Potter" fame.

"Greg is truly one of the funniest people I know and certainly one of the elite comedy showrunners," said David Stapf, president of CBS Television Studios. "He is a rare creative talent."

His current show on Fox, "Raising Hope," was also picked up for a fourth year. Garcia's previous projects are "Yes, Dear," as co-creator and executive producer, and the Emmy Award-winning "My Name Is Earl," which he created and executive-produced. ■

and students, she has served on the School Improvement Team, Accreditation for Growth Team and High School Task Force and has written county curricula.

2010

Mary Keller M'11 has been named program assistant in the Office of Enrollment Services at Potomac State College of West Virginia University, serving as first contact for students coming into Enrollment Services.

2011

Sandy Nagabhusan, a sociology major and now a graduate student at George Mason University, successfully presented a paper with FSU's Dr. Robert Moore, "The Effects of Political and Social Position on Interracial Dating and Marriage," at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society at the Pennsylvania State University Schuylkill campus.

2012

Allison Cook has been accepted into a national juried exhibit in Minneapolis, Minn. ■



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If you're willing, please contact us at alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.



April 20-21

Alumni Association Board Retreat

April 21

I Swim for Bob Day

Cordts PE Center

April 27

FSU Baseball Golf Tournament

Rocky Gap State Park

May 4

Spring Fest/Alumni Association

Senior Send-off

FSU Campus

Football Golf Outing & Reunion

Bay Hills Golf Club, Arnold, Md.

Armadillo's Bar & Grill, Annapolis, Md.

May 18

142nd Commencement Ceremony

Cordts PE Center

June 14-15, 16-17, 19- 20, 21-22, 24-25

Preview FSU

FSU Campus

June 29

Golden Anniversary Reunion

Celebrating the Class of 1963

& Before

FSU Campus

July 27

Alumni Association Board of

Directors Meeting

October 24-27

Leadership & Homecoming

Weekend 2013

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milestones

Marriages

1991

Melissa Vargas married **Michael Tucker** on Nov. 20, 2011, in Austin, Texas. Melissa is a board-certified paralegal at Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P., and Michael is a pit boss for Austin's own, Amy's Ice Creams. They are expecting their first child.

1999

Shannon Broadwater married Michael Moyer on Oct. 8, 2011. Shannon is employed by the state of Maryland at the Allegany County Department of Social Services as a licensed social worker. Michael is employed by Alliant Techsystems, Rocket Center, W.Va.

2003

Kelli Izat M'05 married **Patrick Kidwell M'12** on June 2, 2012. Kelli is employed as a financial aid counselor at Frostburg State University. Patrick is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education as a teacher for Braddock Middle School. The couple resides in LaVale, Md.

2005

Ashley Labrie married Luis Leon. Ashley is employed in Rockville, Md. The couple resides in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

Ami Miller M'09 married **Richard Miller '07** on Oct. 17, 2009. Richard opened JVS Environmental, an electronics recycling company, in 2005, which became fully permitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in 2007. Ami was promoted to clinical supervisor at the Allegany County Health Department Behavioral Health Unit in 2012.

2006

Shera Rowan M'08 married Tommy Chandler on June 23, 2012. Shera is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education as a social studies teacher. The couple resides in Frostburg, Md.

Greg Moore married Michelle Komin on July 20, 2012. Greg is a project manager at Accuvant, an IT security firm in Hanover, Md. Michelle is an area manager at Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Baltimore. The couple resides in Abingdon, Md.

2008

Ashli Mazer married **Nathan Workman** on Aug. 25, 2012. The couple resides in Midlothian, Md.

2009

Ashley Hayes M'11 married **Kristopher Steckman '12** on June 11, 2011. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.



Photo by Brian Slanger '90

My photo can be in Profile? REALLY?

Back by popular demand, *Profile* will once again run pictures from your weddings and of your newborns.

If your wedding party included other Bobcats, include them in your photo and give us their names. We love seeing how friendships started in college have continued through the years.

Photos must be in focus, and electronic files should be as large as possible. Put your address on mailed photos so they can be returned.

Profile reserves the right of final approval on all photos. ■

2010

Christina Williams married Eric Kirby on Aug. 25, 2012. The couple resides in Glen Burnie, Md.

2011

Terry (Lee) Beeman, Jr., married Michelle Gordon on June 25, 2011. Lee is employed as a law clerk at Kirkwood & Rogers, PA. Lee is also enrolled in the West Virginia University College of Law. Michelle is employed at Western Maryland Regional Medical Center as a registered nurse.

Births

2003

Stephanie McKnight-Bailey and her husband, Armando, announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Patricia, on May 20, 2012.

2004

Melissa Warren Boling and **Charles C. Boling II '02/M'04**, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Marie, on July 11, 2012. The family resides in Sykesville, Md.

2005

Ami Miller M'09 and **Richard Miller '07** welcomed their first child, a daughter, Mackenzie Grace, in 2012.

Farewell and Thank You

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

Steven Wilkinson, professor of Marketing and Finance, joined FSU in 1987.

Joan Stewart, administrative assistant II in Counseling and Psychological Services, joined FSU in 1995.

John Butler, housekeeper, joined FSU in 1990.

Deborah Livengood, accounting clerk III in the Accounts Payable Office, joined FSU in 1977.

Retirements from September 2012 to February 2013 ■

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

1943 Lucille Greenwood Hayes
Nov. 20, 2011

1944 Josephine Reichard Shaw
Dec. 12, 2011
Wilhelmina McClain Smith
Dec. 29, 2011

1945 Dorothy "Phyllis" Matthews Myers
Sept. 24, 2012

1947 Martha F. Shaner
Sept. 8, 2011

1951 Mary Campbell Duckworth
Nov. 1, 2012
James G. Neilson, Jr.
June 10, 2012

1952 Frenis W. Hoffman, Sr.
Sept. 20, 2012

1953 Dr. John F. Carter
Oct. 8, 2012

1957 Janet E. Shaffer
July 28, 2012

1959 Frances P. Blocher
Nov. 27, 2012
John W. Devault
Oct. 19, 2012
Carl C. Emerick, Jr.
Aug. 4, 2012

1961 Charles T. Swauger
July 30, 2010

1963 Patricia L. Humelsine
April 4, 2011
Mary P. Tewalt
Feb. 26, 2011

1964 Russell J. Dunn
June 12, 2011
James K. Nogle
July 20, 2010

1965 Rev. James E. Cuppett
Aug. 4, 2011
Charles E. Schaeffer, Jr.
Nov. 11, 2012

Jo Ann C. Blickenstaff Schaeffer
Sept. 8, 2012

1966 JoAnn Taylor Eckard
Aug. 13, 2012
Rita Dianne Holmes
Aug. 19, 2012
William M. Kenney
June 16, 2012
Ann Marie "Nancy" Costigan Weinkam
June 1, 2012

1967 Lawrence J. Alsld
Jan. 28, 2011
Nancy L. Challandes
July 10, 2012

1968 Linda Gray Adams
April 27, 2012

1971 Cedric Lee Miller
Aug. 24, 2012
Anna M. Wuertenberg
Aug. 22, 2011

1972 Charlotte A. Morgan-German
Dec. 15, 2003
J. Daniel Wasko
Dec. 16, 2010

1973 Kathleen Cabbage
June 6, 2012
Deborah Doseff Lossing
Sept. 24, 2012
Jayne B. Vertichio
Dec. 5, 2010

1975 Penny Friend Bathum
Aug. 19, 2012
Claudia Merryman Jenkins
July 31, 2012

1977 Christopher C. Dickson
June 24, 2012
Jeffery L. Smetana
Jan. 13, 2011

1979 William B. Beem
Aug. 15, 2012
David L. Watterworth
Nov. 11, 2010

1981 Sue Topham Gill
Sept. 9, 2012
Craig E. Landis
Aug. 24, 2012
Michael L. Nickerson
June 16, 2011

1984 William J. Kropp
Jan. 10, 2010
1985 Christiana T. McCulloh
Nov. 20, 2010

1986 James L. Kinsman
June 3, 2012

1988 Robert E. Nycum
Nov. 6, 2011

1989 Leslie A. Kelley
Jan. 22, 2012

1990 Kandy K. Piercy
Feb. 18, 2011
Gary K. Spielman
Feb. 8, 2012

1991 Mark K. Klaus
July 10, 2012
Michael J. Miller
Feb. 15, 2010

1992 Louis F. Phillips, Jr.
June 6, 2010

1993 Claudine C. Crossin-Pearce
April 11, 2012

Baron G. Lucas
Jan. 7, 2010
Andrea J. Mantheyi-Atkinson
July 15, 2012

1994 David W. Pear, Jr.
June 18, 2010

1995 Gregory P. Murphy
July 23, 2012
William R. Vogtman III
Nov. 25, 2011

1996 Heiko W. Pein
Oct. 25, 2011

1997 Thomas W. Myers
Oct. 4, 2012
Debra L. Roberts
Jan. 18, 2012
Mary L. Norton Wegener
May 28, 2012

1998 Julie M. Frey
July 10, 2011
James P. Mark
Nov. 6, 2010

Sharon S. Troutman
June 18, 2012

2000 James R. Morgan
July 10, 2011

2008 Michael J. Roatch
July 24, 2012

Friends of the University

Brenda Sancroft Baker
Sept. 20, 2012

Carol Kipp Clulee
Oct. 2, 2012

George F. Garlitz
Dec. 21, 2010

David P. Gudeman, Sr.
Nov. 12, 2012

Mark S. Harding, Sr.
Aug. 2, 2012

LaRhonda C. Johnson
June 18, 2012

Grace Sellers Jones
Nov. 25, 2012

William S. Knight
Aug. 20, 2012

Phyllis M. Lesneski
Nov. 13, 2012

Marsha L. McKewen
July 14, 2012

Richard F. Michels II
July 15, 2012

Arthur D. Painter
Sept. 4, 2012

D. JoAnne Ryan
Sept. 1, 2012

Michael R. Saks
Oct. 24, 2012



Dr. Katherine A. Almquist, who died Nov. 30, 2012, was an assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and

Literature from 2002 until her untimely death at age 44.

Katherine was a scholar of Renaissance legal history, 19th-century historiography and Renaissance essayist Michel de Montaigne, for which her research received international recognition. She had extensive knowledge of Renaissance French handwriting styles and was frequently called upon by the French authorities to identify the author of Renaissance legal documents. She completely revised the French curriculum at Frostburg, and she was responsible for much of the growth in the Liberal Studies program that she coordinated.

"Her greatest joy was mentoring students," said Dr. Joseph Hoffman. "Katherine will be remembered for her easy sense of humor and student-centered teaching."



Ronald L. Ross, who died Dec. 7, 2012, was an accounting professor at FSU from 1982 to 2012, the last 10 years spent as coordinator of the MBA

program. He was also a practicing CPA and a partner in Graber and Ross LLC from 1990 to 2004. Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., Ron also earned a degree in engineering. He was an avid scuba diver and traveler and a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the U.S. Army.

His dean, Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, said, "To students, he was a great teacher, a mentor and a caring advisor. To faculty and staff who worked with him closely, he was known as a dear friend, a dedicated colleague, a great contributor and a true professional. He was a kind man with great wisdom and a wonderful sense of humor."

Cameron M. Shields
July 21, 2012

Courtney B. Sines
Feb. 26, 2010

Virginia Ward Sullivan
Oct. 5, 2012

Katherine "Tara" Willey
Oct. 13, 2012 ■



Brian Hallee '11 married Sarah Foye on July 28, 2012, in the atrium of the Compton Science Center. Among the groomsmen were Albert Pannone '12, Michael Privot '11 and Jesse Otto '12.

Bobcat Catches Waves on the Coasts and Snags an Education in the Mountains

By Racheal Myers '13



Erin Johns is all about the beach, and when she hits the waves, she hits them hard. She is a top-rated woman surfer on the East Coast and making inroads on the West Coast.

Johns, who is a health and physical education major and a member of the FSU field hockey team, first got the surfing bug after watching the animated Nickelodeon television show, "Rocket Power," which centers on the daily activities of four surfer kids from Southern California. Johns asked her father, who was also a surfer, to teach her, but he said no.

Not long after, however, she got her chance to learn when the family went on a vacation to Virginia Beach, Va., in 2004 when she was 11 years old.

"My dad said if Bobby, my brother, would take a surfing lesson, then I could. I begged him, and he agreed," she said. "I was the first one to stand on the board. He was so mad! He kept saying, 'How does my little sister beat me?'" Her brother was 23.

The surf instructor was impressed and let

Johns watch the East Coast Surfing Championship (ECSC). She was hooked. She returned to compete in the ECSC in 2006 and placed sixth out of 40 in the junior women shortboard division. She was thrilled by another feat in that competition, too: "I beat a member of the U.S. surf team during that championship."

Johns later participated in the Girls Wahine Competition in Wrightsville Beach, N.C., in the summer of 2008, placing first out of 20, and she most recently came in second at the WCSC competition on Nov. 22, 2012, a West Coast competition.

So far Johns, who lives in Rehoboth Beach, Del., has been in competitions along the East Coast, West Coast and the Dominican Republic. Although the West Coast is known for its large waves, Johns likes surfing on the East Coast because its weaker waves are more of a challenge.

"It makes you a better surfer. The waves aren't as strong here, so you need to work harder to get up on the wave," she said. Her favorite spot is the Naval Jetty near Rehoboth Beach.

To ensure that she is able to ride the waves successfully, Johns must train in several different areas. She goes to the gym regularly and keeps her swimming skills strong, doing laps in the pool. To help with her balance, she uses an indoboard, a modified surfboard on rollers.

Her training also helps her with some of surfing's hazards.

"You need to practice holding your breath for minutes because sometimes, especially when you are impacted by waves, you don't know how long you will be under the water," she said. Johns calls these impacts "nasty catches."

She's had two scary experiences with the rip currents that can pull swimmers away from shore.

Once she was dragged into a coral reef in the Dominican Republic, which left a

scar on her elbow. She also had to rescue others pulled away from shore in 15-foot waves during a surfing competition.

And then there are sharks. "While I was teaching surfing lessons to a boy and his dad, I see a fin and say that we have to go in," she said. "They paddle in, but keep asking me why. I didn't tell them why until we made it to shore and pointed out the fin."

Being a female surfer in a male-dominated sport, Johns has had several encounters with a different kind of shark, guys who have purposefully tried to interfere with her surfing. On one occasion, a guy cut in front of her while she was riding a wave. Johns says she is not normally the type to act out aggressively, but she did retaliate this time.

"I pulled his leash (which attaches the board to a surfer using Velcro) while he was in the air and pulled his board out from under him," she said.

Johns says she loves surfing because it "helps me connect with who I am, connects me with my father after he passed away." Field hockey, on the other hand, which she plays as a student-athlete at FSU, "has always been my passion. Field hockey helps me let stress out with my team, and it's fun to meet friends."

And while there are no waves to surf in Frostburg, there is an excellent preparation program for health and physical education teachers, which is what she was looking for, and a field hockey team.

"I felt welcomed when I came up for my recruit trip for field hockey," she said. "I also picked Frostburg because it was a small school, which meant the teachers get to know you on a one-on-one basis."

Once Johns graduates – she's on target for May 2014 – she hopes to be a teacher and coach to middle or high school students back in her hometown, where she would like to start a school surf team. Johns would also like to form a surfing competition for children with disabilities here on the East Coast. 🐾



Adria Graham



Stephanie Fazzenbaker



Maggie Edwards



Caitlin Lovend

Student-Athletes Achieve Academic Pinnacle

By Noah Becker M'06

When discussing collegiate athletics, conversations often center on nationally televised games, or which schools will move to different conferences, or scandals that involve coaches, players and administrators. The term student-athlete often gets lost, as the focus appears to be on the latter, and not the former.

At FSU, academic achievement and work in the classroom are being celebrated alongside athletic success. Over the past few years, President Gibraltar has raised FSU's academic profile and the results are showing throughout the entire campus community – including athletics.

During the past two semesters alone, four FSU student-athletes have been selected as Capital One Academic All-Americans, nearly matching the school's five total honorees from 1999-2010.

Following the fall 2012 season, FSU women's soccer standouts **Adria Graham** and **Stephanie Fazzenbaker** were named Academic All-Americans, becoming the first set of teammates in school history to receive the prestigious academic honor.

Graham, a junior from Grantsville, Md., carries a perfect 4.0 GPA in athletic training. She finished 11th in the nation in points (54) and was selected as the Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Fazzenbaker, a sophomore from Frostburg, carries a perfect 4.0 GPA in biology. She led the CAC and finished eighth in the nation in assists (15) and was a First Team All-CAC selection.

Following the previous 2012 spring athletic seasons, Bobcat field hockey goalkeeper **Maggie Edwards** and softball catcher **Caitlin Lovend** were the first student-athletes to be selected as Academic All-Americans during the same semester since a trio of Bobcats was honored in 2004.

Edwards, a junior during the 2011-12 athletic year, capped her athletic career with FSU this past fall season with 911 saves, which is sixth all-time in NCAA Division III history. Edwards, from Lebanon, N.J., carries a perfect 4.0 GPA in psychology and was a Second Team All-CAC honoree in fall 2011.

Lovend, a sophomore during the 2011-12 athletic year, is a two-time First Team All-CAC selection and finished the 2012 season ranked in the Top 10 in the NCAA in home runs (13), on-base percentage (.573), slugging percentage (.886) and batting average (.496). Lovend, from Laurel, Md., carries a 3.82 GPA in athletic training.

Collectively, these four student-athletes have been named to the Dean's List 16 times and have been named to the All-CAC academic team five times. 🐾

Fall Sports Wrap-up



Women's Cross Country

Highlight: FSU captures sixth at CAC Championships

Recap: The Bobcats captured three top-10 finishes on the season, including a sixth-place showing at the CAC Championships, which Frostburg hosted for the first time. Junior Jen Bower was the squad's top finisher, crossing the line in 54th place. FSU capped its season with a 44th-place finish at the NCAA Mid-east Regional meet.

Next Season: With no seniors on the roster, the Bobcats should return the top-three runners next season.

Field Hockey

Record: 7-14 overall, 0-5 CAC

Highlight: Bobcats advance to the CAC Tournament

Recap: Second-year head coach Carly Sweeney continued her rebuilding of the Bobcat field hockey program and led the team to seven wins, the most since 2009. FSU advanced to the CAC Tournament for the first time and captured the FSU Tournament



▲ Maggie Edwards

trophy in early September with a victory over Bridgewater in the championship contest. Senior Maggie Edwards finished sixth all-time in career saves among NCAA Division III goalkeepers.

Next Season: The Bobcats return a young and talented roster that should make a push for a return trip to the CAC Tournament.

Football

Record: 3-7 overall, 1-6 Empire 8

Highlight: Five players earn All-Empire 8 honors

Recap: Frostburg opened the season with three wins in the first five games, with victories over Geneva (56-53), Case Western Reserve (17-16) and Hartwick (28-26). Senior Brendon Blanchette and junior Darius Arrington were named USA Football News Division III Pre-Season All-Americans and captured All-Empire 8 honors following the season.

Next Season: Fifth-year head coach Tom Rogish could return as many as 12 starters as FSU heads into its third season in the Empire 8.



▲ Brendon Blanchette

Men's Soccer

Record: 12-3-4 overall, 3-1-2 CAC

Highlight: Frostburg started the season 10-0-3 and was one of the last undefeated teams in Division III

Recap: Frostburg posted 12 wins, captured the FSU Tournament championship trophy and earned a spot in the CAC and ECAC tournaments for the second consecutive year. The Bobcats opened the season with an unblemished 10-0-3 record and were one of the last undefeated teams in Division III. FSU finished second in the CAC in goals (45), while senior Ryan Russell led the league in goals (14), assists (11) and points (39). Russell captured numerous postseason honors, including CAC and ECAC Player of the Year awards.

Next Season: The Bobcats will have to replace their graduating top two scorers and two-year starting goalkeeper if they want to make a run at the CAC Title.

▲ l to r, Ryan Russell, Adria Graham, Pat Meade

Women's Soccer

Record: 14-4-2 overall, 4-1-1 CAC

Highlight: Adria Graham becomes the program's first-ever All-American; FSU advances to NCAA Tournament

Recap: After finishing second in the CAC regular season standings, Frostburg rebounded to capture the CAC Tournament Championship and advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2009. The Bobcats led the league in goals (63) and assists (50) and were awarded the NSCAA Team Academic and Ethics Awards, both for the fifth-straight season. Junior Graham was named an NSCAA Third Team All-American, the first in program history. Graham and sophomore Stephanie Fazenbaker were named Capital One Academic All-Americans, while Graham was also named the CAC Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Next Season: The Bobcats will return eight starters, including their starting goalkeeper and the squad's top four scorers as they prepare to defend their CAC Title in 2013.

Volleyball

Record: 5-29 overall, 2-4 CAC

Highlight: FSU advanced to the CAC Tournament

Recap: The Bobcats posted five wins for the year, including two in the CAC, advancing to the league tournament for the third consecutive season. During the win week of September, FSU posted wins over York (3-2), Penn State Altoona (3-0) and Wesley (3-0).

Next Season: Frostburg will return five starters, including its top four hitters. 🐾

Richardson Returns to College Coaching With George Washington Colonials

Diane Carter Richardson '80, a 20-year coaching veteran, has been named assistant women's basketball coach at George Washington University.



Diane Carter Richardson '80

"I am very excited to add Diane Richardson to my staff as an assistant coach," head coach Jonathan Tsipis said. "I have known Coach Richardson for a long time as a high school head coach and college assistant, and she has always coached at a championship level. ... I know Coach Richardson will inspire our current players to grow on and off the court, making their experience at GW among the nation's best."

Richardson's coaching experience includes the 2006-07 season at American University where she helped the Eagles reach the Patriot League title game, and the 2007-08 season at the University of Maryland when the Terps earned a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. Much of her experience came from coaching at the high school level, including eight years as head coach of Riverdale Baptist High School where she has coached 12 All-Americans and 42 Division I student-athletes, leading her team to a 234-32 overall record and five national championships.

After leading the Crusaders to a No. 2 national ranking by *USA Today*, she was named the 2005 Black Coaches Association National Coach of the Year. She was later named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) District High School Coach of the Year in 2012 and was chosen to coach in the WBCA All-America game in Denver. She was also one of four coaches to tour Russia with high school basketball players in an exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and USA Basketball.

Richardson earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from FSU in 1980, lettering in basketball and track and field. In her freshman year in 1976, she was the NCAA's regional field goal percentage leader, and in 1979 she was the NCAA regional champion in the 200-



Richardson watches a recent Colonials game courtside with other members of the George Washington coaching staff.

and 400-meter races, earning her a spot as a qualifier on the 1980 U.S. Olympic team.

Richardson obtained a master's degree in management and finance from Central Michigan University in 1984. In the same year, she founded RCI Financial in Lanham, Md., of which she served as president and CEO until 2003, and in 2008, she founded the American Security Companies in Lanham, where she serves as chief operating officer.

Richardson and her husband, **Larry Richardson '80**, established the Diane Carter

Richardson and Larry D. Richardson Presidential Merit Scholarship and the Diane Carter Richardson and Larry D. Richardson Athletics Endowment through the FSU Foundation. She is a member of the Frostburg State University Foundation Board of Directors. 🐾





AMAZING AMAZON JOURNEY

In January, five members of the President's Leadership Circle, all FSU seniors, journeyed to Ecuador in a project with The Pachamama Alliance, an organization that works to empower indigenous people in the Amazon rainforest. Over the course of nearly two weeks, they met people from a variety of Andean cultures, learning about their arts, agriculture, music and other traditions.

The top row of photos are in the village of San Clemente, an indigenous-owned community-based project of the Otavalan Quichua people north of Quito. At left, **James Richards** blows a horn wearing a traditional Quichua festival costume. In the center are two of their Quichua hosts. At right, **Celina Szymanski** guides a plow drawn by oxen.

At right is a home in the Achuar village of Ti'inkias, deep in the rainforest. Below, the group paused between visits for a photo astride the equator. Front to back, they are **Jessie Wismer**, **Max Green**, Richards, Szymanski, **Courtney Jacobs** and **Doug Baer**, director of FSU's Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning. At bottom, **Dr. Tom Bowling**, vice president for Student and Educational Services, receives traditional Achuar markings on his face from their guide.

Opposite, **Szymanski** and **Richards** take their places in front of a cable car crossing a canyon near the city of Baños de Agua Santa. ■



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