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FSU Recognized for Its Exceptional Educational Experience

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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 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).

Frostburg State University students joined President Gibralter 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 Gibralter, displaying the resolutions. Behind them from left are Edwina Rogers, Jessie Wismer, Max Green, Morgan Bauer and Geovonye Parker.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter, 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 Agon Ranks FSU’s Online MBA a Top-10
For the second time, GetEducated.com, the consumer guide to online higher education, has ranked Frostburg State University’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 Gibralter. “The college is committed to ensuring 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 came out every two years. “FSU ranking 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. “Three online master’s in business administration programs offer a top-quality education not just to the residents of Maryland but also to all 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 Toum杂志社, 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 their knowledge and ideas for improvement with one another at our monthly meetings.”

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 notably 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/mba.

Gibralter Named Co-Chair of College Presidents Working Group to Address Harmful Student Drinking
President Gibralter, 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.

Gibralter 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. Gibralter’s co-chair is Dr. Robert Carethers,-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,” Gibralter said. “I am proud that this appointment highlights the success that FSU has achieved through our broad-based, 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, FSU’s Office of Health and the lead federal agency for research on alcohol, including college drinking.

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 college 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.

FSU Honored for Community Service for Third Consecutive Year
FSU’s commitment to community service was honored for the third consecutive year, the fourth overall. “I am proud that Frostburg State University students are so deeply engaged in service to others,” said President Gibralter. “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 $55,000 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 25 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 Gibralter. “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 VFW-approved schools nationwide. Each year, schools are held to a higher standard than in the previous year.

The complete ranking, along with stories about the schools’ environmental efforts, are online at www.militaryfriendly.com.

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 Corporation for National and Community Service has honored FSU for Community Service for the third consecutive year, the fourth overall. “We are honored by the Sierra Club’s recognition,” said President Gibralter. “FSU is committed to making sustainability a part of our institutional culture. I feel confident our students, staff, community partners and presidents 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 Chipchen, Sierra’s New Media Editor-in-chief. “Three 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.

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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 was included among 12 schools from 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 schools’ environmental efforts, are online at www.sierramagazine.com/coolschools. Sierra is the official publication of the Sierra Club.

“Admittedly, the Southern Tier of Maryland is not the most environmentally friendly region of the US. But they’ve been making the effort to amp up their sustainability, and it’s working,” said Bob Chipchen, Sierra’s New Media Editor-in-chief. “FSU is leading the way to make sustainability a part of their institutional culture.”
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 Gibralter. “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 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.

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To read the entire study, visit tinyurl.com/FSUEconImpact or view the executive summary here: tinyurl.com/FSUEconImpactSum.
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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 status for the Lane Center renovation is very rewarding,” said John Brew, 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 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 Gibralter. 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.

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 Gibralter. “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 dozens of similar solar projects, 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.

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 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.

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.

I would like to thank the leadership of President Gibralter, who served as the interim dean of the FSU College of Business and Economics, for her hard work and support. I also want to thank the FSU community for being so welcoming and easy to work with.

As I continue to work with the administration and FSUF director of Finance and Administration, mark the enhancement of First United’s $25,000 scholarship fund.

I also am deeply grateful to our FSUF and FSUF Alumni and Friends volunteers serving the Foundation and the Alumni Association, participate in December’s commencement ceremony.

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

From left, First United Bank and Trust officials Mary M. Robb and Allen Mayes, Thomas and Alaska White Jr., FSUF director of Finance and Administration, mark the enhancement of First United’s $25,000 scholarship fund.

From left, Sandy Day ’67, President Gibralter, Thomas and Col. Ron Forrester ’67, president of the FSU Alumni Association, participate in December’s commencement ceremony.

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**Engaged Students**

**Bill 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 2017, 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 a master's 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.

**May Baer Among Daily Record’s ’20 in Their 20s’ Honorees**

May 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 campaigns 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.

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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 travelling 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.

Kappas Converge on FSU
The Eastern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. chose Frostburg State University as the location for its C. E. Rodgers Wall 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 ’93, one of the Lambda Mu chapter’s founders from its initial recognition in 1983.

Graham Memorial Project Honors Medal of Honor Recipient
In 1967, U.S. Marine Corps Capt. James A. Graham ‘65 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.

The project began with the dedication of the deck of the Lewis J. Ott 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 CH-46 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. “Frostburg was the place to tell Dad’s story.”

Retired USMC 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 selfishness, integrity, excellence, service before self and an understanding that humility is an important personal trait.”

James Graham was honored for his heroism where, 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 scholarships, contact the FSU Office of University Advancement at 301.687.4161.

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

Kappa Alpha Psi members, current students and alumni, pose at the Kappa Alpha Psi house in the Upper Quad. From left are DeMario Martin and Jason Baccus, adviser Antonio Hayes, Martin Lebron ‘92, Dorothy Rosie ‘72, Terrence Martin and Jason Baccus.

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 Ma’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 FSU’s Center for International Education, made Tang a compel ling candidate, and she got the job.

“On the first day of school I told them, ‘Let’s play a game. It’s called Back to Babies,’ she said. The children have learned quickly and are doing well. At a Chinese restaurant in New York, Mindy Thoede’s son, Jude, one of Tang’s students, started talking to the wait staff in Mandarin.

“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,” Thoede said. “And the owner says, ‘This is unbelievable! This child has no accent.’” Thoede, 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. “I always wanted to be a teacher. My undergraduate program was teaching English as a second language,” she said.

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

“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.

The students, parents and local community members. In addition to learning more about international education, Tang also thought a graduate program was teaching English as a second language,” said. “I always wanted to be a teacher. My undergraduate program was teaching English as a second language,” she said.

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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 AΩΩ, 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. “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.”

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 AΩΩ 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 AΩΩ 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.”

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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.

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Theatre Scholarship Ensures Alum’s Passion for Stage Lives On

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: everything and anything 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.

“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

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,” Elliot said.

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

By Becca Ramspott
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Student Pride Scholarship Paves the Way for Culture of Giving

It’s Friday afternoon, and several College of Business students are gathered in Frasptom 518, 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 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 community.

“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, running to 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 Keretman, 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 their involvement with the group, Keretman 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, Keretman 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 Kenterus ’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 a FSU Business student,” 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,” Kenterus 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.”

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A Tale of Two Majors Leads to Passion for Teaching

By Becca Rumpf

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 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 her bachelor’s degree in mathematics but also a minor in English with a creative writing concentration. Along the way, her parallel passions for math, writing, and mathematics but also a major in English with a creative writing concentration. Along the way, her parallel passions for math, writing, and

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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.

“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.”

“The way great teaching isn’t about performing as a brilliant lecturer, as we so often see it portrayed in popular media,” Lutz said. “Instead, 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 Guarnier ’85/W’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/W’01, Educational Professions

“...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.”

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

– Dr. Mary Anne Lutz, English

“My greatest pleasure in teaching comes when a student wants to learn more about a subject than is actually covered in the class.”

– Maureen Palardy, Educational Professions

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

– Dr. Jennifer Rankin ’96/W’01, 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.”

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Title IX: 40 Years of Broadening Horizons

When Jenny Davis and Tyra Phipps ’71 were looking for a college in the 1960s, they were both highly engaged students. Davis was a top-ranked junior tennis player in her home state of Florida, where tennis was incredibly popular. Phipps was also ranked 13th in the Mid-Atlantic states, competing summers while staying with her grandparents in nearby Myersdale, Pa. When it came time to look for a college, the chance to continue competing was a top priority, but none of the colleges they looked at — in Florida, up and down the East Coast and even in California — offered women’s tennis intramurally. At that point, Frostburg had a few women’s athletic teams, starting with basketball in 1964, but no tennis. 

A carefully worded ad opened the door for them to play at Frostburg. Phipps’ 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. “She happened with the number 5. Number 4 didn’t want to play her.”

“Did I do well on the courts?” she said. By the time she had worked her way through the ranks to the top-ranked player, she 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, the coach and Davis’s parents still called her a “lone wolf.” However, she was welcomed to campus with dinner at the home of Davis’s mentor, Nelson Guild, who would become a strong advocate for her.

Phipps enjoyed her teammates, who, like her, had all strong personalities and an all-loved tennis. That team bond is one of the most important opportunities she sees in the way athletes are treated today.

Title IX was first passed in 1972. She had been playing tennis for several years before that, so the impact of Title IX was more about expanding opportunities for women. She was determined to be present when a woman was admitted into the Hall of Fame. “I just wanted to play tennis.”

Phipps said hearing Lechliter speak gave her perspective on her own experience. “They put together their own money, get their own uniforms,” she 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 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 trips to “sports days” at other colleges several times a semester.

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The 1971-12 Frostburg State Normal School Basketball Team

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had regular intercollegiate women’s athletics, Cleveland said.

The WRA and Compton Gymnasium on Monday and Wednesday evenings and went bowling on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They also played bowling and frisbee, and occasionally field hockey. Hundreds of women participated in WRA activities and with great enthusiasm, Cleveland said.

“We had kids that didn’t want to stay at Frostburg it’s if hadn’t for WRA.”

They were supported by a strong student body that did not want to spend their time and money 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 Hopkins’ Athletics were a major priority for Hall, and she got involved in nearly everything she could. She started with basketball, which she thought 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 women’s lacrosse coach at the University of Maryland Washington, one of FSU’s Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) schools.

“I feel like we were having grown 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, officiant and friend to generations of student athletes, coaches, faculty and staff. She experienced the winding days of the WRA, the growth of women’s teams and the beginning of the Title IX 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-

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, but the team’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 as much of women in math and science. Most of our classrooms are teach-

ers,” she said.

Eisel agreed. “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 strong female athletes—women from coast to coast to become outstanding coaches, such as Hall and Diane Carter Richardson ’80 (see page 35).

“I always tell women, Eisel said, have different a day. Their possibilities are endless.

It depends on what their desires are, what they want to accomplish in their personal goals, their work and their participation in sports means to them,” Hall said.

She feels she had a unique opportunity at Frostburg where men and women could work both together for all the athletes. It was so unique, I thought, that the men’s pro-

gram 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,” Eisel said.

FSU’s Senior Women Administrator Jody Pepple sees the benefits from Title IX.

“Universally, I think Title IX has given girls and women an opportunity to reap the benefits of participating in sports that boys and girls have long enjoyed,” Pepple said. “Women get to experience not only the joy and satisfaction of competing and winning, but the opportunities to be like disciplin-

e, 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 wom-

en’s sports until 1980. That meant women had the possibility of earning All-American status, the ability to compete and record-keeping that gave women an idea of their abilities compared to others nationally and internationally.

Frostburg’s first female All-American was Laura Schlegel ’84, who earned her honors in 1983 in three swimming events. That same year, Gail Clave ’82 and Val Pearce ’83 were named All-Americans in heptath-

on and the 400-meter hurdles, respectively. In all, the WRA has produced more than 20 All-Americans since those first three. Nine of those captured National Championship tro-

phies – in indoor and outdoor track & field.

STUDENT-ATHLETES TODAY

From the perspective of athletes like Phipps and Hall, the kind of opportunities young women athletes now have today are almost beyond belief, but they’re both happy that young women today see the multiple options they have as far as their future careers.

Elin 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 a team.

“We tell all the recruits coming in that here is a sense of community among athletes and an overall good group of students,” says Proctor.

“You’re not going to put yourself 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 she 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 opportu-

nities, 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 to think about the /fields and resources that are being used by those competing 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 responsibility is.”

With teamwork has come leadership as well. FSU Athletic Director Troy Dell said the women’s lacrosse team, starting with the lineup in the mid-1990s, has been leading the way on campus, something Proctor relates to her own experience with teams.

“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 from having the highest GPA of the /field athletes,” she said. And yes, the wom-

en’s soccer team not only has the highest com-

bined GPA at FSU but also 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.

Dell’s leadership extends beyond the lacrosse team. Eisel believes it’s important to have the FSU and CAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committees, responsible for men’s and women’s athletic issues, to help students consider issues 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.

Dell was the WRA’s first director of women’s sports, a position that gained a reputation of good sportsmanship across the conference.

“It comes from the coaches. We’ve always played the game, meaning there are consequences for our actions.”

She also credits Dell and President Gibler’s leadership.

“We are trying to get 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.”

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LEADERSHIP & HOMECOMING WEEKEND
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President Gibralter shares a laugh with 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.

Tailgating brings together old friends on a cheery fall day. Fans cheer on the Bobcats against Empire 8 conference rivals, Buffalo State.

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

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welcome our soon-to-be grads to the Alumni Association!

opportunities for members of our recently revived Student Alumni Association to get to know each other and re-engage alumni with their alma mater, and we are looking for volunteers to help us start them.

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

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

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

Gretta Spock-Bowles has been advanced within her employment group.

Cathy Zirk, budget coordinator for the Office of Alumni Programs, has been advanced within her employment group.

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

1962
Dr. Edward L. Root ‘62 was inducted into the Fort Hill High School (Cumberland, Md.) Hall of Fame.

1965

1977
Josh 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.S./M.F.’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.A.’97 was selected as the new principal at Westernport 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.

1989
John Morley, president of Peoples Community Federal Credit Union.

1993
Doug Bloechlechneider teaches speech and theater at Marshfield High School in Marshfield, Mo., where he coached a student to first place in Humorous Interpretation at the National Forensic League Championships.

1995
Barbara Jones Fleming ’69 and a group of fellow Bobcats get together at the beach annually, a tradition they have been following for many years. In the front row, from left, are Ardis Diaz ’71, Mary Costigan Nathewitch ’69, Nora Caton ’71, and Barbara Jones Fleming ’69.

1995
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 at Big Apple in the Broadway revival of Tennessee Williams’ “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.” Co-starring with Scarlett Johansson, Garfin Hind and Benjamin Walker, the production received a lot of buzz.

Meanwhile, “Hands on a Hardbody,” the new musical based on the 1996 documentary by the same name and with music by Philip Fasten Feyn Atwood, opened on Broadway on March 21. Sean Cereone ’99 has been tracking the development of the show for several years and as a member of the producing team wants 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,” Cereone 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 team producers, Beth Williams, Jennifer Costello and Barbara Whitman, supported that vision with the care necessary to make it happen.”

Cereone gave a nod to the faculty who taught him at Frostburg, including Linda McCulloch, Richard Kagey and especially Maizy Yost-Buchton, who pointed him in the direction of the career he would eventually pursue.

“Irma’s a Bobcat myself and the new director of Alumni Programs and Special Events. It has been a great pleasure to begin to get to know 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, there’s just a short note: 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 – 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 have networks to re-engage alumni with their alma mater. If you would like to help, call 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu.

10-year anniversary of their award winning web design and development firm, Wood Street, Inc., founded in August 2002.

The “Hands on a Hardbody” poster is installed in Times Square.
1997
Tracee Wilkins has been named Prince George’s County, Md., human services chief for Novus on NBC Washington. She previously spent nearly 10 years as a general assignment reporter, covering the entire Washington metropolitan area. Cum laude.

Colleen Nussle, who has operated her business, Grutter 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 in the 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year for Walter Gove Intermediate School of West Covina, Calif. She recently met up with her supervising teacher from her internship.

Robert LaFerry ’75, with whom she has kept in touch since her internship year, “I hate thanked him countless times for his wisdom,” she writes.

1999
Marcus Rosano was recently named media relations director at Montgomery College, in Maryland.

2001
Christina Hogan MVS has taught for 10 years and, in December 2012, earned a second Master of Education degree, this time in educational administration, with the aim of becoming an assistant principal.

2003
Reene Bloss has joined the staff of counselors at Gala 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 Coholk MVS was named the Dougherty County, M., 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year. Heidi is a 12th grade English teacher at Cambridge-South Dougherty High School. Acting as a role model to staff 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 to the college.

2011
Sandy Naugabosch, a sociology major and now a graduate student at George Mason University, successfully presented a paper with FSU Dr. Robert Smock, “The Efficacy of Political and Social Position on Interracial Dating and Marriages,” at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society at the Pennsylvania State University Schuylkill campus.

Bobcats in the Big Apple
Jonathan Geiger ’90 hosted the first ever 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 Taub ’99 and Suzanne Pezzy ’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 301.687.4066 or email alumni@frostburg.edu.

Bobcats in the Big Apple

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GARCIA SIGNS FOUR-YEAR CBS DEAL

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Ashley Labrie married Luis Leon in 2005. The couple resides in LaVale, Md.

Patrick is employed by the Allegany County Department of Social Services as a case manager, an IT security firm in Baltimore.

Shannon Broadwater married Michael Meyer on Oct. 8, 2011. Shannon is employed by the state of Maryland at the Allegany County Board of Social Services. The couple resides in Frostburg.

Michael married Melissa Vargas at the state of Maryland at the Allegany County Board of Social Services. The couple resides in Frostburg, Md.

John is employed at Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Baltimore.

Greg is a project manager at Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Baltimore.

Ami Miller M’09

Successful Outcomes

Ashley Hayes M’11 married Eric Kirby in 2010. The couple resides in Glen Burnie, Md. The couple opened JVS Environmental, an electrician firm in Baltimore.

Lee is employed as a law clerk at Kirkwood & Associates, a partner in Graber and Ross LLC from 1984 to 2004. Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., Ron also earned a degree in engineering at Virginia Tech.

Weinkam is a partner in Graber and Ross LLC from 1984 to 2004. Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., Ron also earned a degree in engineering at Virginia Tech.

Katherine was a scholar of Renaissance legal history, 14th-century historiography and Renaissance oratory at Michel de Montaigne, for which her research received international recognition. She had extensive knowledge of Renaissance French handwriting style and was frequently called upon by the French authorities to identify the author of a handwritten document. She was a preeminent voice for much of the growth in the Liberal Studies program that she co-founded.

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Vibrant Community

Sykesville, Md.

C. Boling II ‘02/M’04, and Melissa Warren Boling welcomed their first child, a daughter, Sophia Patricia, on May 20, 2012.

Stephanie McKnight-Bailey ’03 welcomed their first child, a daughter, Mackenzie Grace, in 2012.

IN MEMORIAM

1991

Melissa Varjas married Michael Tucker on Nov. 20, 2011, in Austin, Texas. Melissa is a board-certified psychologist at Martin, Dinsmore & Jeffrey, LLP, and Michael is a partner in Austin’s own, Ainsley’s law firm. They are expecting their first child.

1999

Shannon Broadwater married Michael Meyer on Oct. 8, 2011. Shannon is employed by the state of Maryland at the Allegany County Board of Social Services as a licensed social worker. Michael is employed by Altimet Technologies, Rocket Center, W.Va.

2003

Kelli Iratz 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 Handland Middle School. The couple resides in LaFollette, Md.

2005

Ashley Labrie married Lisa Loss. Ashley is employed at Frostburg State University. The couple resides in Pembroke Pines, Fla.
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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 first in that competition, too: “I beat a member of the U.S. surf team during that championship.”

Johns later participated in the Girls Wainne Competition in Wightsville 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 Indo-board, a modified surfboard on rollers. To help with her balance, she uses an Indo-board, 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 her out. “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,” she said.

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 leads (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 got 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.

Student-Athletes Achieve Academic Pinnacle

By Noah Becker M’06

Caitlin Lovend, from Laurel, Md., carries a 3.82 GPA in athletic training.

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Adria Graham, a junior from Grantsville, Md., carries a perfect 4.0 GPA in athletic training.

Stephanie Fazenbaker, 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.

Collectively, these four student-athletes have been named to the Dean’s List 16 times and have been named 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 Fazenbaker 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.

Fazenbaker, 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 (33), 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 Done’s List 16 times and have been named to the All-CAC academic team five times.
Women's Cross Country

Highlight: FSU captures sixth at CAC Championships

Recap: The Bobcats captured their third top-10 finish at the CAC Championships, which Frostburg hosted for the first time. Senior Maggie Edwards won the squad’s top finisher, crossing the line in 54th place. FSU capped its season with a 44th-place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet.

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

Men's Cross Country

Highlight: Gavin Coop and Pat Meade gains All-CAC honors

Recap: Frostburg opened the season with three-straight top-10 finishes and grabbed fifth at the CAC Championships in late October. FSU, which capped its season with a 44th-place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship, placed senior Coop and junior Meade on the All-CAC Second Team.

Next Season: Mead returns for his senior season and should highlight a roster filled with talented young runners.

Field Hockey

Record: 7-7 overall, 6-0 CAC

Highlight: Bobcats advance to CAC Tournament

Recap: Second-year head coach Carly Sweeney continued her rebuilding of the Bobcats 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 CAC Tournament trophy in early September with a victory over Bridgewater in the championship contest. Senior Maggie Edwards finished with 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, 1-4 Empire II

Highlight: Five players earn All-Empire II honors

Recap: Frostburg opened the season with three wins in the first five games, with victories over Geneva (56-0), Case Western Reserve (17-16) and Park (30-26). Senior Brenda Blanchette and junior Donna Arrington were named USA Football Division III Pre-Season All-Americans and captured All-Empire II honors following the season.

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

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 in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2009. The Bobcats led the league in goals (76) and assists (50) and were awarded the NCAA Team Academic and Ethics Awards, both for the fifth-straight season. Junior Graham was named NCAA Third Team All-Americans, the first in program history. Graham and sophomore Stephanie Feinzaber were named Capital One Academic All-Americans, while Graham was also named the CAC Player of the Year for the fifth-straight season. Junior Graham was named the CAC Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Highlight: 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.

Next Season: Frostburg will return five players from the 2012 roster and replace their graduating top two scorers and numerous postseason honors, including CAC and ECAC Player of the Year awards.

Next Season: The Bobcats have 14 returning players and 31 new signees. The Bobcats will use their experience to grow on and off the court, according to head coach Jonathan Tsipis.

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.

“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 and Excel 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 WBCA Midwest Region Coach of the Year from 2005 to 2007.

Richardson obtained a master’s degree in management and finance from Central Michigan University in 1984. In the same year, she founded RCI in Lanham, Md., of which she served as president and CEO until 2003, and in 2008, she founded Richardson and Larry D. Richardson Presidential Merit Scholarship and the Diane Carter Richardson and Larry D. Richardson Athletics Endowment through the FSU Foundation.

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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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