

Good morning, Bobcats!

As we begin a festive and meaningful week on campus, I want to offer a brief reminder about two important events that bring the FSU community together in celebration.

First, I hope you will join us this afternoon for the annual Holiday Reception from 2-4 p.m. in the ARMAH. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to connect with colleagues, share in the spirit of the season and reflect on all we have accomplished together throughout the year. The Office of Civic Engagement's AmeriCorps program will be collecting unwrapped toys for Toys for Happiness, and the Office of Human Resources will be on the lookout for the "Most Outlandish" holiday attire. I look forward to celebrating with you.

I would also like to extend a special invitation to our Fall Commencement ceremony on Wednesday, December 17 at 2 p.m. Commencement is one of the most significant moments in the lives of our students and a time when we come together to honor their hard work and achievements of our graduates.

I strongly encourage you to attend – your participation not only honors our students but also demonstrates the collective pride we share in their achievements. Your support also helps create the warm, celebratory atmosphere that we want to showcase at FSU.

This year, several of our graduates listed nearly 30 faculty and staff members (see the list of names below) – some mentioned multiple times – when asked who personally shaped their journey at FSU. Your presence at Commencement is a powerful reminder of the profound impact you have on our students' learning, growth and sense of belonging. Seeing the faculty and staff who taught, mentored and supported them along their educational journey ensures that this culminating celebration fully reflects the community that helped them succeed – and that makes the day even more meaningful.

In closing, thank you for all that you contribute to our campus community. I am grateful for the dedication and spirit each of you brings to Frostburg State University every day, advancing our mission and uplifting our students.

I look forward to seeing many of you this afternoon and again on Wednesday celebrating our graduates together at Commencement.

With FSU pride,

Darlene Brannigan Smith, PhD

Interim President

December 2025 Commencement: Faculty and Staff Recognized by Students

- Chance Burchick, TRIO Advisor
- Danielle Yutzy, cheer coach
- Emily Milleson, Education
- Jennifer Rankin, Education
- Holly Clark, Student Support Services
- Nancy Guinta, Psychology and Social Work
- Tariq Masood, Engineering
- Roxanne Weighley, Nursing
- Karen Keller, Biology
- Kris McGee, Education
- Natalia Buta Lowe, Kinesiology/Recreation and Parks Management
- Kathleen Jacoy, Psychology and Social Work
- Nicole Bosley, Education
- Angela Luvara, Law and Society/Sociology
- Greg Wood, History
- Jodi Welsch, Education
- Audra Houser, Nursing
- Daniel Moorehead, Law and Society
- Jamison Odone, Visual Arts
- Jennifer Flinn, Psychology and Social Work
- Mike Flinn, Computer Science
- Jill Buterbaugh, Nursing
- Cindy Bridges, Nursing
- Jaime Striplin, Nursing
- Jennifer Browne, English
- Shawn Jones, Student Support Services
- Richard Raesly, Biology
- Syully Koroh, CAAR