

May 17, 2019

Good Morning,

This will be the last biweekly email for the semester, with graduation happening next Thursday. Here are a few items:

Honors. Congratulations to all of the students who have been recognized for their accomplishments over the past several weeks. From the Undergraduate and Graduate Research presentations, to music recitals, to induction of students into honor societies or receiving honor recognitions, it has been a very busy and exciting month. We still have honor events next week, with SALUTE for student veterans on Monday and our annual honors convocation next Wednesday. It is great to celebrate these accomplishments.

Ricky Arnold. Speaking of accomplishments, I hope many of you will be able to join us next Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the Pealer Recital Hall for Ricky's presentation on his most recent time on the International Space Station. (More info [here](#).) You will also be able to watch Ricky receive his honorary degree either in person or on line at Thursday morning's commencement ceremony starting at 9:30 am.

Sibson Consulting Report. As you may recall, the Sibson Consulting Group was working with FSU to examine our administrative and support services. This was part of our Strategic Plan to assess and reallocate resources to support our strategic initiatives. They presented their findings on Wednesday to over 100 faculty, staff, and students in the Pealer Recital Hall. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the intranet [here](#). (FSU User ID and password required.) A summary of strengths and recommendations is attached.

UCDEI. I am pleased to report that our newly reformed and renamed University Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion had its second meeting this semester. The Council, which reports to the University Advisory Council, is planning to meet again soon after the fall 2019 semester begins.

Commencement. We will have 778 students graduating during the two commencement ceremonies next Thursday. I congratulate the graduates and look forward to you staying connected with FSU through our Alumni Association. (Please update your contact information [here](#).) I wish you all the success in your future years.

In keeping with past years, I have asked graduates to nominate a faculty or staff member they hope to see at graduation because of that person's impact on their education at Frostburg State. This is a list of the faculty and staff mentioned this year (in some cases by multiple students). Congratulations to each person, and thank you for making a real difference!

- Amy Branam Armiento
- Ali Ashraf
- Cynthia Bridges
- Annie Danzi
- Jodi Eirich
- Travis English
- Stephen Hartlaub
- Kimberly James
- Scott Johnson
- Kenneth Levitt

- Janet Mattern
- Suzanne McCoskey
- Evan Offstein
- Kathleen Powell
- Francis Precht
- Daniel Saunders
- Natalie Schuster
- Gerald Snelson
- Stephen Twing
- Roxanne Weighley
- Jodi Welsch
- John Wright

I hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing summer. To our students traveling home, be safe and we look forward to seeing you back on campus in August.

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