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This is my weekly update on a few items of interest:

State of the University. The final installment of our State of the University presentation goes live today with [Vice President for Administration and Finance Troy Donoway](#). View his presentation at [this link](#). And if you missed any of the others, all can be accessed [here](#).

Center Street Project. You may have read in the [Cumberland Times-News about the City of Frostburg's Center Street Project](#) adjacent to campus. While the university has no financial commitment in the proposed building, we appreciate that city leaders and planners have involved us in their discussions. Projects like this are common near vibrant campuses where private investors see opportunities. I have shared with city leaders that we are open to facilitating engagement with the University community to get input on this project as it progresses.

Veterans Day. We have numerous campus events planned for Veterans Day tomorrow. Events will include:

- Lions Club Pizza luncheon for veterans/active service members at the Veterans Center from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Children's Literature Centre, along with American Legion Farraday Post #24, will present Matt Tavares, illustrator of *Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* at City Center at 7 pm
- Free entry and recognition of veterans and current service members during the Bobcat football game against West Liberty at 7 p.m. (Please identify yourself to the gate staff for admission.)

Thank you to all our veterans and active military. We are proud of and grateful to our students, alumni and employees who served.

Alumnus Recognition – Dr. Ricky Arnold. Astronaut and alumnus Ricky Arnold '85 received this year's prestigious AASCU Distinguished Alumnus Award on Tuesday at AASCU's annual meeting. You can learn more about this national award at [this link](#). Congratulations, Ricky!



Alumnus Recognition – Maj. Gen. Robert Edmonson. We are welcoming alumnus Major General Robert Edmonson '90 back to campus tomorrow. Gen. Edmonson recently assumed command of CECOM (U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command) at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He will attend this Thursday's regionally televised football game (MASN) and officiate at the opening coin toss as part of our recognition of Veterans Day.

Upcoming events.

- If you haven't stopped by the Roper Gallery, please do so to see the interesting and creative works of several of our faculty. And be sure to look down — not all the art is on the walls!
- There's football tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. as we compete for the MEC conference football championship.
- Our women's soccer team is hosting a semifinal contest for the MEC championship on Friday at 7 p.m.
- And there's plenty of music: the FSU string ensemble performs this evening (11/10) at 7:30 p.m., the Maryland Symphony Orchestra returns to campus on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. for a CES event (free for students), Saturday evening features the U.S. Navy Commodores Concert Jazz Fest at 5 p.m., Sunday afternoon there's a Wind Studios Recital at 3 p.m. and on Monday FSU's Opera Theatre will feature student performances of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at 7:30 p.m. There's plenty to do and see!!

Be safe, and get the flu shot if you haven't already. Go Bobcats!

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