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Message from the Dean

This has been an exciting semester for the students and faculty in the College of Education. The photo below reflects the Memorandum of Understanding that was recently signed by Frostburg State University (FSU) and Garrett College to launch the four-year Bachelor of Arts Degree in Adventure Sports. As you will see from the following pictures, captions, and articles, FSU is embracing its mission of inclusiveness, partners in change and a force for all that is good. This issue is dedicated to our collective to collaborate across the programs and departments in an effort to improve the lives of our students and communities.

I began my deanship with a simple question to myself, “Where do you find people who have been changed by their experiences in Kinesiology and Recreation or in Educational Professions from FSU?” After a year and a half in the position, my question should be “Where don’t you?”

FSU Solidifies Bachelor’s Degree in Adventure Sport Management Program with Garrett College

Garrett College President Dr. Richard Midcap (left) and Frostburg State University President Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk (right) officially sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing the foundation for a collaborative Bachelor of Science degree program in Adventure Sport Management, effective fall, 2018.
Recreation and Parks Management Program Adds New Sport-Related Concentrations

The Recreation and Parks Management program at Frostburg State University (FSU) is pleased to announce the addition of an undergraduate concentration in Sport Promotion and Communication and the development of two new concentrations under the Master of Science in Recreation and Parks Management degree program (Recreation and Parks Management and Sport Management). To reflect the change at the graduate level, the new program title is Master of Science in Recreation, Parks and Sport Management (a fully online graduate program).

The combination of demand, job opportunities and use of Maryland Academic Common Market has led FSU to propose a Sport Promotion and Communication undergraduate concentration housed within the Recreation and Parks Management program. The new concentration meets the needs of Maryland students, expands opportunities for students within the RPM program and provides professionals for the industry’s growth within the state of Maryland. The recreation industry is a vast one with various opportunities, and often students are looking for a specific area of focus in their academic work while obtaining a solid understanding of the industry as a whole. The sport promotion and communication concentration addresses the needs of our student athletes, who often have expressed interest in a sport-focused concentration under the Recreation and Parks program.

The addition of a Sport Management Concentration under the current Master of Science degree in Recreation and Parks Management (a fully online program) will prepare professionals for a growing recreation and sports industry. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, employment in sports related positions is expected to grow approximately 10% from 2016 to 2026. Currently, a graduate program in Recreation with a focus in Sport Management is not offered at any of the higher education institutions in Maryland. This curricular redesign will allow FSU to compete in the market and improve our ability to serve Marylanders who want to pursue Sport Management as a focus. In the program, the students will have the opportunity to learn Sport Management related topics while being directly engaged with various sports, which will allow for effective career and professional development experiences for the students.

- Natalia Buta Ph.D. Department Chair, Kinesiology and Recreation
On November 3, 2018, the Health and Physical Education Program hosted the annual Wellner Scholar Workshop. The Wellner Scholar program was created from an endowment to allow FSU’s Department of Kinesiology and Recreation to host a series of lectures by nationally acclaimed scholars. It was named for the late Lillian Wellner, a former Frostburg State registrar and physical instructor. The workshop session was part of a one-day training offered by the Maryland Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MAHPERD/SHAPE). Dr. Jim Deline from the Online Physical Education Network (OPEN) served as the Keynote Speaker.

FSU Health and Physical Education students actively engage in an activity during the Wellner Scholar Workshop Session

FSU Students attend the National Recreation and Parks Association's Annual Conference

From September 25-27, 2018, Dr. Diane Blankenship and a group of 12 Recreation and Parks Management students attended the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

FSU NRPA students at annual conference

Athletic Training Conference

During fall, 2018, the FSU Athletic Training Students presented individual case studies at the District Wide Conference held in Ocean City, MD.

FSU students attending the Athletic Training Conference
Kinesiology and Recreation Department Holds Alumni Reunion

The Kinesiology and Recreation Department held the first Alumni Reunion on September 22, 2018 on the Frostburg State University Campus. In attendance were faculty, staff, and alumni. The comments from Alumni included, “This is great! We will be back next year!” A special thank you is extended to all who participated in this event.

Outstanding Future Professional Award - Health and Physical Education

Devon Clark (pictured left), a junior majoring in Health and Physical Education, has been awarded the Outstanding Future Professional Award 2018-19 at the annual Maryland APHERD/SHAPE Banquet on Friday, October 19, 2018. Devon was one of only two students who received this prestigious and coveted award. Congratulations to Devon for this outstanding accomplishment!

Outreach to the Community

The Frostburg State University Recreation and Parks Management student volunteers hosted the Halloween Party at City Place in the City of Frostburg in October, 2018 for children in the area. (Pictured left)

PAWS Food Pantry

In August of 2018 a meeting was held between Bridgette Karalewitz, Administrative Assistant in Student Support Services, and the FSU Lion’s Club on campus. The club and Bridgette developed a committee to start a food pantry on the FSU campus.

A subsequent meeting was held between Johnston Hegeman and FSU’s President, Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, to discuss the need for the on campus pantry. At this meeting, the committee members had the opportunity to present survey findings to the advisory board. After careful consideration, the advisory board granted permission to start the food pantry.

The pantry was named “PAWS Pantry.” Planning began in the fall of 2017 and the pantry opened on November 8, 2018. On this day, three hundred pounds of food were given to students!

For more information, or to make a donation, please contact Karen Frink in PE Cordts room 251 or Bridgette Karalewitz in Pullen room 133.

- Karen Frink, Kinesiology and Recreation Department
Frostburg State University’s online Master of Science in Recreation and Parks Management has been ranked second on GetEducated.com’s newest “Best Buy” list of the eight most affordable options in the United States. The National Affordability ranking is the result of a comprehensive, data-driven review of 18 regionally accredited online schools offering a master’s degree in hospitality management. Frostburg’s online MS in Recreation and Parks Management offers flexibility for working professionals and is designed in a cohort model where students can capitalize on networking with a consistent group of classmates while progressing through their courses.

Educational Professions Receives Maryland State Department of Education Approval to Offer Post-Master's Administrative “I” Certificate Program

The Department of Educational Professions and the M. Ed. Program in Educational Leadership faculty have exciting news to share with holders of Master’s degrees from accredited universities and colleges. FSU is now offering a new “Post Master’s Certificate” which will begin in fall, 2019. This new certification was developed so that students would be able to seamlessly move toward the Administrator I endorsement. The Administrator I form of licensing is the entry point through which current teaching staff members in the public schools of Maryland may begin service as Assistant Principals or as position holders at the middle subordinate ranges in public system central offices.

This Post-Master’s Certificate Program is an 18-credit hour program designed for certified teachers who hold Master’s degrees from regionally accredited institution of higher education. The Administrator I certificate may be accomplished by Master’s holding, certified teachers through the successful completion of six prescribed and specific courses of the M. Ed. Program. Those courses are EDAD 611, Organization and Leadership, EDAD 628, School Law, EDAD 644, School Finance, EDSU 643, Supervision and Human Resources, CUIN 651, Instructional Design for Understanding, and EDAD 693, Practicum I.

To begin the path to the Post-Master’s Certificate, master’s degree holders must apply online via the link on the FSU website at “Graduate Programs.” The Office of Graduate Services and M. Ed. Educational Leadership program coordinator, Dr. John Stoothoff will help all candidates through subsequent steps, which will also include the development of developing a study plan with Dr. Stoothoff.

The Graduate Services office may be contacted at (301) 687-4594. Dr. Stoothoff may be contacted at jlstoothoff@frostburg.edu or by calling him (518) 369-7135.

- John Stoothoff, Ph. D.
Linda Brumage Celebrates 50 Years of Service to Frostburg State University

Linda Kay Brumage, Executive Administrative Assistant in the College of Education, celebrated her 50th year at Frostburg State University on November 27, 2018. Linda began her career as a Stenographer working half time for the Geography Department and half time as a floater. She then moved to the Office of Field Experiences where she served for approximately 16 years. In 1983 when the Dean’s office for the School of Education was created Linda became the Dean’s Executive Administrative Assistant and has remained in that position since that time. Congratulations, Linda!

FSU’s F2T2 Summer Campers Teach Others about Clean Water

Seventh graders Ackerly Mulcaster and Jalen Brown of Mount Savage Elementary/Middle School recently taught a local second grade class about the need for clean water after attending Future Frostburg Teachers Teaching (F2T2), a one-week Frostburg State University teaching apprenticeship camp this past summer.

A collaboration between the FSU’s College of Education, the Evergreen Heritage Center in Mount Savage, AmeriCorps and the Allegany County Public Schools, Mulcaster and Brown were two of six students who attended the inaugural camp during the summer of 2018. The purpose of the hands-on summer camp was to engage students interested in STEM subjects and teaching; however, learning did not end when camp ended. The culmination of the camp was to teach a lesson to area students during the school year. Mulcaster and Brown used teaching tools and technology introduced to them at camp to explain the importance of clean water. The class of second graders then discussed ways they can personally help keep waters free of pollution.

When asked what the most challenging part of teaching was, Brown said, “Grading all those papers!” Although nervous about presenting lessons to the second-grade class, both Mulcaster and Brown agreed that the experience was positive. “I definitely recommend it to a lot of kids. Fun camp,” said Brown.

- Jodi Eirich, Ed.D., Educational Professions

Allegany County Middle School Students “Teach” Second Graders

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The inaugural camp, which was the result of a collaboration among FSU’s College of Education, the Evergreen Heritage Center in Mount Savage, AmeriCorps and Allegany County Public Schools, was attended by four other students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects and in teaching.

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For more information about F2T2, contact the FSU College of Education at 301-687-4759.

A team of Mount Savage students and Frostburg State University faculty meets following the Future Frostburg Teachers Teaching camp held in the summer. From the left are Jalen Brown, Sarah O’Neal, Ackerly Mulcaster and Jennifer Rankin.
On September 22, 2018, members of the Frostburg Association for the Education of Young Children attended the Western Maryland Early Childhood Conference “Building Successful Children” in Hagerstown, Maryland. FAEYC members supported the conference by managing registrations and documenting workshop participation. FAEYC members also had the opportunity to engage in rich professional development attending workshops provided by a wide variety of highly qualified early childhood specialists including speakers from the Maryland State Department of Education, John Hopkins University, Washington County Public Schools, Apples for Children, and George Washington Carvers InVenTures Institute for STEAM. FAEYC Advisor, Dr. Janet Mattern also presented on Helping Children Grow in their Ability to Regulate their Behavior.

We Traveled to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo. How About you?

FAEYC and FSEA club members travelled to the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium on October 20, 2108, to engage in professional development in a behind the scenes tour of three animal holding areas. Students had the opportunity to interact with the animals and speak to each of the trainers. Mark Reardon, Assistant Curator of Conservation Education, provided an extensive overview of the animals, and discussed how classroom teachers can incorporate conservation and animal concepts into their classrooms whether they are teaching pre-k up to high school. This teacher workshop provided College of Education candidates with innovative and exciting strategies to teach about animals and the conservation of their fragile habitats. The workshop utilized a multidisciplinary approach that pre-service teachers found easy to incorporate into their curricula.

- Janet Mattern, Ed.D., Educational Professions

Doctoral Happenings

On May 17, 2018, nine doctoral students who had successfully defended their dissertations were hooded during a ceremony at the USMH campus. Shown here with their faculty advisors, the graduates’ dissertations explored dynamic contemporary issues in education, including retention efforts at Title I schools and hope as a factor in undergraduate student success. Dr. Lili Leonard (’18) received the Research Presentation Award at the Graduate Research Symposium for her work entitled, “Dedicated, Tireless, Unafraid”: A Case Study of the Effort that Saved Sweet Briar College in 2015. Congratulations to our graduates!

The faculty and students in the doctoral program wish to congratulate Dr. Glenn Thompson on his retirement in December 2018. Dr. Thompson was the inaugural program coordinator of our doctoral program and has worked tirelessly to ensure its success. During his years with the program, he taught dynamic leadership courses, mentored faculty, and guided innumerable dissertation projects. He reminded us that “it’s all about the learning.” Thank you for your leadership, Dr. Thompson!

- Heather Hurst, Ph. D., Educational Professions
Members of the Frostburg Student Education Association (FSEA) and Frostburg Association for the Education of Young Children (FAEYC) travelled to Garrett County on September 28, 2018 to build their capacity to provide project-based learning, which aligns with Maryland Common Core expectations.

In the morning, students visited Crellin Elementary School in Oakland, Maryland. Crellin Elementary School under the leadership of Dana McCauley has engaged in several project-based learning opportunities to address real world challenges found in the local community. These challenges include a reclamation project that led to the creation of their Environmental Education Laboratory, consisting of a 5.5-acre outdoor classroom, on school property. In addition, the schoolyard is the home of Sunshine Farm, which houses sheep, goats, chickens, multiple gardens and a greenhouse. These unique school features serve as resources for instruction, place-based projects, and student research. Club members had the opportunity to hear 5th grade students share their research on plankton.

Members visited Northern Middle School in the afternoon to meet with library media specialist, Ali Schilpp, who was recently recognized as the School Librarian of the Year by the School Library Journal. Four years ago, as the only library media specialist to work at Northern Middle School, Schilpp tapped into her more than 12 years of library experience to create a unique, technology-driven space. She developed a digital citizenship library program that fosters global connections with classrooms in countries such as Australia and China, and she continuously seeks new opportunities to challenge her students — from writer’s workshops and science, technology, engineering and mathematics activities to collaborations with notable authors. After securing numerous grants for the library, Schilpp installed a flexible seating makerspace that creates opportunities for interactive experiences with Lego robots, a green screen studio, a reading nook for therapy dogs and more.

Upcoming Events

Harry Potter Night- February 8, 2019