



FSU News & Updates

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Appalachian Festival Returns to FSU Sept. 18-20 with "King Coal"



Frostburg State University's much anticipated Appalachian Festival will return to campus for its 20th year on Thursday, Sept. 18, to Saturday, Sept. 20. The free, family-friendly event brings together artists and craftspeople to celebrate all that makes the region unique – its history, culture, music and dance, folk arts, food and more – with performances, workshops, displays, discussions and activities. This year's event focuses on "King Coal."

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FSU Welcome: Updates & Celebration

The FSU Welcome: Updates and Celebration (formerly State of the University) will be held Sept. 16 in ARMAH with a light breakfast at 8 a.m. followed by the program at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Smith will provide departmental updates, and Dr. Mathias will share the vision for the new Division of Academic and Student Affairs. The recipients of the President's Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards and the three Human Resources staff award winners will all be announced. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

FSU's Sarah Sunday Awarded Phi Kappa Phi Pioneer Award

FSU Homecoming Parade



The 2025 Frostburg Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. on Main Street. We are hopeful that the revival of this parade will bring our campus and community together in celebration and will become a tradition for years to come.

This year's parade theme will be "Frostburg - A Community of Treasures", and prizes will be awarded for the top three FSU groups that best reflect that theme.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nicole Higgins, Assistant Athletic Director for Engagement/SAAC Advisor, at nhiggins@frostburg.edu.



Frostburg State University student Sarah Sunday was recently awarded a Pioneer Award worth \$1,000 from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi – the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Sunday is one of 50 students nationwide to receive the award. She was initiated into FSU's Phi Kappa Phi in 2025.

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Levitt Foundation Awards FSU's Cultural Events Series 3-Year Grant



The Cultural Events Series (CES) at Frostburg State University has been awarded a three-year grant in the amount of \$120,000 from the Levitt Foundation to continue the Levitt AMP Cumberland Music

Be a part of the fun Oct. 2-5, 2025!

Our Offices of Alumni Relations and Student Engagement have planned a full weekend of events to celebrate our students, faculty, staff, alumni, retirees and friends during Homecoming and Family Weekend October 2-5.

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You're Invited! Education & Health Sciences Center Art Dedication

In cooperation with the Maryland Arts Council, you are cordially invited to attend the Education & Health Sciences Center Art Dedication on Thursday, September 18.

We are honored to welcome David Hess, the artist behind the *"Allegany Survey"* sculpture located outside the EHSC. He will be in attendance and making remarks about his work.

An opening reception will be held from 9:30-10 a.m. in EHSC Room 209 followed by remarks for each installation.

- Dedication and Remarks for "Dig Deep" 10-10:45 a.m., EHSC 2nd Floor
- Dedication and Remarks for "Allegany Survey" 10:45-11:30 a.m., EHSC 1st Floor Patio

We look forward to celebrating these additions to campus.

Series through 2028. The series, launched in 2023, brings free, family-friendly concerts to Canal Place Heritage Park and other local venues for ten consecutive weeks each summer, presenting a wide array of musical genres and bringing together community members of all ages for a celebration of the arts. The grant was submitted by CES through the FSU Foundation, the University's non-profit entity.

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9/11 Remembrance Event

Frostburg State University's Captain James A. Graham Veterans Center hosted a 9/11 memorial event this morning on the FSU campus. Speakers, along with the FSU Wind Ensemble, honored the victims and recalled the tragic events that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001. Later that afternoon, the University community came together for a campus walk of 2,200 steps to represent the 110 stories of the World Trade Center towers.

Chancellor's Town Hall

University System of Maryland Chancellor Jay A. Perman hosted a town hall on



"Allegany Survey"
by David Hess

campus last week to gather feedback from faculty, staff, students and alumni on what the FSU community is looking for in the next president.

If you were unable to attend in-person or watch the town hall virtually, but would like to share your thoughts with the Chancellor and the search and steering committee, you can do so by clicking the button below.

Submit Feedback



"Dig Deep"
by Stacia Goodman

Important Resources & Reminders

...Got Meds?
Safely Dispose HERE

- Allegany County Sheriff's Office**
8am - 4pm • Mon-Fri
- Cumberland City Police Dept.**
8am - 4pm • Mon-Fri
- Maryland State Police Barracks**
24 Hours • Every Day
- Frostburg City Police Dept.**
24 Hours • Every Day
- Frostburg State University Police**
24 Hours • Every Day



...just look for the GREEN BOX!

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Sponsored by the Allegany County Health Department, Behavioral Health Services. Campaign is funded by the MD Behavioral Health Administration and SAMHSA.

Like & share  **PRESCRIBE CHANGE** atalleganycounty

The Frostburg State University Police Department continues efforts to promote the safe disposal of expired or unwanted medication in the community. A free medication/drug disposal service is available 24/7/365 here at FSU. Simply bring in any expired or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter medications and deposit them in the green box, located in the lobby of the Frostburg State University Police Department. This service is available to anyone!

In addition, the Frostburg State University Police Department will be conducting a free medication/drug take back from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (September 3, 2025, October 1, 2025, November 5, 2025, and December 3, 2025). Simply contact the police department's non-emergency number (301-687-4223), inform us of your location, and an officer will pick up your medication for safe disposal.



PAWS Pantry

The PAWS Pantry is open and available to all students, faculty, and staff. Customers will complete a brief online intake and waiver form to register as a pantry member during their first visit. During regular hours, students may come to the pantry and shop from our selection of non-perishable foods, frozen foods, and household/hygiene products (when available).

The PAWS Pantry Fall 2025 hours are as follows:

- Mondays and Fridays:
11am - 5pm
- Tuesdays: 11am - 7 pm
- Wednesdays: 11am - 3pm
- Thursdays: closed

Contact PAWS Pantry

Email: amdaniels@frostburg.edu

Phone: **301-687-7615**

Lewis J. Ort Library

Website:

<https://www.frostburg.edu/library/>

Phone: 301-687-4395

Email: libref@frostburg.edu

2025 Semester Hours

- Sunday 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
- Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Saturday Closed

Research Help

(No appointment needed)

- Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

SearchCat Library Interface

FSU's Ort Library, along with 16 other libraries in the University System of Maryland & Affiliated Institutions Consortium, migrated to a new library search interface. SearchCat went live last year! We're still working out a few things and making some improvements, but we encourage you to check it out. Log in to your Library account, search for materials, and let us know what you think! If you have questions or would like a library staff member to provide an overview of the system, please contact us at libref@frostburg.edu. We're happy to give you a tour of our resources or spaces either virtually or in person.

Facilities & Services

Students, faculty, and staff have access to a wide variety of materials,

- Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Sunday 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

resources, spaces, technology, and services through the Library. Stop by the Library Services Main Desk located to the right just inside the entrance to ask about borrowing and requesting items, research help, study rooms, and more! For additional information about services, hours, or operations, check out our Frequently Asked Questions, send an email to libref@frostburg.edu, or call the Main Desk at 301-687-4395. You can also chat with a librarian or schedule a research consultation at your convenience.



Bobcat Dining

Bobcat Dining invites faculty and staff to check out the newly renovated Chesapeake Dining Hall and all the exciting selections. Open 7 days a week, Chesapeake offers an "all-you-care-to-eat" dining experience, now with freshly updated features and menu items.

Every Friday, lunch is \$8 for faculty and staff - don't miss out! Scan the QR code for the daily menu.



FSU Athletics Updates

Be on the lookout every Monday for an email from Frostburg State Athletics to highlight home contests for the upcoming week. Please use these emails as a personal invitation to come see our student-athletes and staff members in action.

[Visit the Athletics Website](#)

Energy Seed Grant Program

The Maryland Energy Innovation Institute (MEI2) is focused on translating university energy research into new clean energy companies in the State of Maryland and thus simultaneously benefiting our environment and creating high paying jobs to help our State economy. The MEI2 energy seed grant program to bridge the gap between academic transformative laboratory research results and prototype demonstrations to obtain investor

interest. The annual call supports multiple seed grant awards with a maximum award ceiling of \$100,000 USD as well as potential Phase 2 awards with a maximum ceiling of \$200,000 USD for those projects that received a prior seed grant. **Applications for FY26 will be accepted beginning September 1, 2025.** Click [here](#) for the full application. The **deadline is November 30, 2025.**

Eligibility: All full-time tenure-track or professional track faculty members at any higher education institution with graduate program(s) and relevance to energy technology within the state of Maryland or Maryland based companies affiliated with and commercializing inventions created by those faculty.

Upcoming Workshops

FOREI Outdoor Entrepreneur Workshop- November 7, 2025

Join the Frostburg Outdoor Recreation Economy Institute (FOREI), Sarah Myers Marketing, and the Frostburg State University University Recreation & Parks Management program for a 4-hour workshop designed to give striving entrepreneurs & existing business owners real-world tools to launch, grow, or diversify their business in the outdoor industry.

Contact FOREI@frostburg.edu or (301) 501-1516 for more information.



The graphic features a scenic background of a lake with a dense forest of evergreen trees. A person is seen kayaking on the water. The text 'Register Now!' is written in a large, white, cursive font across the top. Below it, the title 'FOREI OUTDOOR ENTREPRENEUR WORKSHOP' is displayed in bold, white, uppercase letters. A list of bullet points provides details about the workshop. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic. At the very bottom, the logos for RMC (Rural Maryland Council) and FOREI (Frostburg Outdoor Recreation Economy Institute) are shown.

Register Now!

**FOREI
OUTDOOR
ENTREPRENEUR
WORKSHOP**

- Join us on **November 7th, 2025** at Frostburg State University to participate in this **FREE** workshop.
- Scan the QR code to learn more & to register

 **RMC**
Rural Maryland Council

 **FOREI**
FROSTBURG OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY INSTITUTE

Bobcat Resilience Leadership Workshop with GRIT Adventures- October 16, 2025

Build Resilience | Lead with Confidence- Join U.S. Army MSG(R) Jesse Tubb at Frostburg State University for a dynamic workshop that combines hands-on adventure, leadership training, and practical tools for everyday life.

Bobcat Resilience Leadership Workshop

With GRIT Adventures

**October
16, 2025**

**Lane
Univeristy
Center,
Room 111**

2X National
Champion
Adventure
Racer



**JESSE
Tubb**

**Three
Sessions
available:**

**9:00am,
Noon, or
3:00pm**

Build resilience | Lead with confidence

Join U.S. Army MSG(R) Jesse Tubb at Frostburg State University for a dynamic workshop that combines hands-on adventure, leadership training, and practical tools for everyday life.



Register Here



Support provided by the FSU Foundation - Kim and Marion Leonard Mindful Leadership of Self & Others Experiential Learning Fund

Office of Sponsored Programs Successes

- On Aug. 18 project director Lisa Clark was awarded \$473,681 in Corporation for National and Community Service funds by the Maryland Department of Service and Civic Innovation (DSCI) for the AmeriCorps project, ASTAR (Appalachian Service Through Action and Resources) in Western Maryland, FY2026.
- On Aug. 11 project director Maureen Hamilton was awarded \$43,208 by the Maryland State Department of Education for the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund (CCCPDF) for FY2026.
- On Aug. 6 project director Tom Serfass was awarded a \$70,000 contract by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the project, Evaluating the status, distribution, and conservation options for the Allegheny woodrat (*Neotoma magister*) in Maryland.
- On Aug. 5 project director Tom Serfass was awarded a \$65,000 contract by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the project, Evaluating the status and distribution of the Appalachian cottontail (*Sylvilagus obscurus*) in Maryland.
- On July 30 project director Jerald Simon was awarded \$75,000 by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for the project, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy.

Click the button below to see more news and successes from the Office of Sponsored Programs.

See More OSP News

2025 Western Maryland STEM Festival

Mark your calendar! On Saturday, November 8 from 10 am to 2 pm, Frostburg State University is turning up the energy for the Western Maryland STEM Festival—a free, hands-on celebration of science, technology, engineering, and math! Headlining the day: the one and only Steve Spangler—Emmy Award—winning STEM superstar—bringing his high energy keynote, ‘Best Day Ever!’ presentation. Expect clouds of liquid nitrogen, jaw-dropping experiments, and science that will make you say, ‘Wow!’ Come and discover the spark of STEM for yourself.

This is one science festival you won’t want to miss! For more information follow the Frostburg State Chemistry and Physics Facebook page or visit the website, www.frostburg.edu/stemfest.

A promotional graphic for the Western Maryland STEM Festival 2025. The background shows a man in a dark suit (Steve Spangler) and a woman in a white lab coat on a stage. The man is holding a large red balloon that is being inflated by a blue, flame-like device. The woman is standing next to him, looking at the device. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**LAUGH • LEARN
ENGAGE** in STEM with
Steve Spangler

Emmy award-winning, viral science
educator at the...

**WESTERN MARYLAND
STEM FESTIVAL 2025**

AND THE APPALACHIAN SECTION OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICS TEACHERS FALL MEETING

launches  **SATURDAY, NOV. 8**
10 AM-2 PM CORDTS PE CENTER

www.frostburg.edu/stemfest

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4 BILLION
VIEWS

CES will present a free concert of patriotic selections and standard showpieces from the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" Brass and Woodwind Quintets on Friday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center Recital Hall. Known for their exceptional musicianship, these ensembles perform at significant national and international events and promote international goodwill while showcasing the versatility and talent of their trained soldiers.

Fine Musicians from the U.S. Armed Forces



**U.S. ARMY
BAND**

"Pershing's Own"

**BRASS AND
WOODWIND
QUINTETS**

*Reserve your
free ticket*
ces.frostburg.edu

**Friday, Oct. 3
7:30 PM**

**Frostburg State University
Woodward D. Pealer
Performing Arts Center**



FSU Portal Highlight

In each issue of StateLines we'll highlight a different section of the FSU Portal. This internal website provides important updates and workflow procedures for FSU faculty, staff and - starting this semester - students. We encourage you to take advantage of this resource.

Check Out the Bobcat Portal!

The Office of Information Technology is proud to announce the launch of the Bobcat Portal, a reimagined version of the former

This month we're highlighting Town Square. Town Square uses a message board format and allows users to post information and ask questions, while giving the capability to set individual channel subscription preferences. This allows each individual to monitor information and reduce the number of emails sent. Subscription

Faculty/Staff Portal. The Bobcat Portal is designed to better serve the *entire* FSU community, including faculty, staff, and now students. This expanded access creates a single, unified entry point for important tools, resources, and information across campus. Check back often to explore the new features and begin experiencing the Bobcat Portal.

preferences for each channel can be set to instant, daily or weekly - depending on your personal preference - or none if you would rather view posts directly on the portal.

Check Out Town Square



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