

FSU News & Updates

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FSU Awarded Prestigious Research Grant from NSF to Lead Regional Innovation

FSU has been awarded a 3-year, \$400,000 federal research grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) as part of a larger \$2 million national collaborative research initiative. This award represents one of the largest NSF research investments in FSU's history and the first of its kind in more than 20 years. Frostburg is among a cohort of four other higher education institutions working to support groundbreaking research to help satisfy regional needs.

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FSU's Graduate Athletic Training Program Earns 10 Years of Continuing Accreditation

Frostburg's Graduate Athletic Training Program has been granted 10 years of continuing accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), the maximum period awarded for reaccreditation. The recognition ensures the program's commitment to excellence in preparing students for successful careers in athletic training and allied health professions.

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FSU's Physician Assistant Program Granted Accreditation-Continued Status

FSU is proud to announce that the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the FSU Physician Assistant Program, sponsored by Frostburg State University. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards. It also affirms the program's ongoing commitment to excellence in physician assistant education.

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New and Improved Chesapeake

FSU Bobcat Dining and Elior Collegiate Dining recently held a ribbon cutting for the newly designed Chesapeake Dining Hall. The space boasts a fresh look, pizza ovens, expanded pasta and salad bar offerings, spices station and new Late Night menu options, as well as a "Thrive" station addressing diners with allergies. On hand for the ribbon cutting were Resident District Manager Genevieve Meilahn, Residential Sous Chef Scott Anderson, Student Government President Emma Craddock '26, Interim President Darlene Brannigan Smith PhD, Executive Chef James DeCarlo and Dining Services Director Pam Detrick.



National Transfer Student Week Oct. 20-24, 2025

During National Transfer Student Week, FSU celebrated transfer students and the professionals who support them on their educational journeys. Dr. Linda Steele '91/M'92/D'20 highlighted several transfer students, alumni and faculty and staff Transfer Champions.

FSU recently joined the inaugural cohort of the new Maryland Statewide Transfer Intensive, a project designed to significantly improve community college transfer outcomes. Over the next several years, FSU will work alongside 24 other Maryland institutions to improve data tracking and institutional practices related to transfer student success.

In October, We Wear Pink



You can see splashes of pink all over the FSU campus in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Frostburg Cheerleaders are cheering with pink pom poms, athletes are wearing pink jerseys and socks and student organizations are handing out pink ribbons and buttons. We support you!

Show Your Support!

FSUPD, Frostburg City PD Participating in "No Shave November"



Venmo @FSU-FOP

The FSU Police Department and Frostburg City Police are once again participating in "No Shave November" - an annual event intended to raise cancer awareness. The original organizers of the event wanted people to embrace their hair, which many cancer patients lose during treatment. During this year's "No Shave November", participants are encouraged to donate the money they would normally spend on hair care to cancer support.

The 2025 "No Shave November" fundraiser will benefit Lilly McCormick and her family. Lilly is a 14 year old freshman at Mountain Ridge High School in Frostburg who was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in May. Over the summer, Lilly was hospitalized at the WVU Children's Hospital and will be admitted to the Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh for a bone marrow transplant where she will remain for several months as she recovers.

Lilly loves showing horses with her 4-H Just Hoofin' It club, and she finds joy in spending time with animals, outdoors and with loved ones.

Sponsor-a-Family Thanksgiving Basket Program



It's that time of year again!

Every year, the Department of Student Engagement, Paws Pantry, and the ASTAR AmeriCorps program host FSU's annual Thanksgiving Basket program. Through the Annual Sponsor-a-Family program, organizations, offices/departments, and individuals on campus can help a local family in need by donating a Thanksgiving meal in a basket. All baskets will be delivered to families on the Monday before Thanksgiving. We encourage students, faculty, staff, organizations and offices on campus to participate. Everyone can make a difference!

They have collected and delivered baskets to local families for over 20 years. In 2019, they started tracking how many pounds of food and amount in gift cards that have been delivered through the Thanksgiving Basket program! **612 baskets, 21,220.63 pounds, and \$12,896 in gift cards** have been provided to families since 2019!

If your office, organization or family is interested in sponsoring a family for the Thanksgiving Holiday, please email PawsPantry@frostburg.edu to receive an information packet and details on how to sign up. Baskets must be dropped off between 8 a.m. and noon on Monday, Nov. 24 to the Paws Pantry.

If you have any questions, please contact Paws Pantry at pawspantry@frostburg.edu or call the Department of Student Engagement at 301-687-4210.



Phi Kappa Phi Fall Service Project

The FSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is holding a donation drive for the Allegany County Animal Shelter as part of their fall service project. They are collecting donations of dog and cat food (Purina brand), toys, treats, blankets and towels. The drive will conclude on Friday, Nov. 14. If you have items to contribute, please drop off at bins in Pullen (outside the Registrar's Office) or Compton (second floor atrium), or contact Linda Steele '91/M'92/D'20 for pickup at x4137.

Important Resources & Reminders

The FSU Shuttle will **NOT** run on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The 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 University Police Department. This service is

available to anyone!

In addition, the Police Department will be conducting a free medication/drug take back from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (**Nov. 5, 2025, and Dec. 3, 2025**). 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

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).

Fall 2025 hours:

- Mondays & Fridays: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Thursdays: closed

Contact Paws Pantry

Email: amdaniels@frostburg.edu

Phone: **301-687-7615**

Save the Date for an Upcoming Communication Leadership Lab Event

Members of the campus community are invited to join a public discussion that will be facilitated by the students of STCO 350

Intercultural Communication this semester. The lab event will be held in the Adams/Wyche Multicultural Center.

COMMUNICATION LEADERSHIP LAB

Frostburg State University

- Thursday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: **"The Empathy Exchange: Voices from Appalachia,"** with Rayelle Davis, a licensed, trauma-informed therapist and author specializing in Appalachian culture, creates an open forum for people to share stories and values, with a focus on the power of place and how it shapes our experiences and emotions.

For more information about this event, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, professor of Strategic Communication and Leadership Studies and coordinator of the Communication Leadership Lab, at elruminski@frostburg.edu.



Open Enrollment for employee health benefits began on Oct. 14, and will remain open through Friday, Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. This is your opportunity to make your changes for the 2026 calendar year.

To access your Open Enrollment event, you'll need to log in to the SPS Workday system.

Please take time to review your current elections and make any necessary updates. If you have questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to Lee Ann Nightingale '04/M'12 at lnightingale@frostburg.edu.

Join MSRP Virtual Savings Symposium

The final MSRP webinars for the month will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, Oct. 28. The information about each is below:

- **11 a.m. Savings and Market Outlook 2025:** This webinar provides a financial overview with the latest updates about economic events and trends! Learn steps to take to help you cushion the impact of inflation and other challenges, and to stay on track to meet your financial goals. (Presented by State Street Global Advisors)
- **1 p.m. Cybersecurity and Scams 101:** Over \$16.6 billion lost in 2024 – Americans are losing more money every year to online scams! While the internet offers access to a world of products, services, and information, it also creates opportunities for imposters, hackers, and identity thieves. In this presentation you will discover what makes people and machines vulnerable to scams and cyber attacks. You will also learn how to recognize the signs of scams, safeguard your finances, and actions to take if you suspect fraud or theft. (Presented by CASH Campaign of Maryland)

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Bring Your Ideas to Life



Whether you're just starting out or you're a seasoned content creator, the new 3 State Community Media Center is your go-to destination for learning, creating, and sharing impactful media.

At the Center, you'll have access to hands-on training in media content creation, rentable audio & video equipment, professional studios & editing suites

Visit www.frostburg.edu/3StateCMC or email 3StateCMC@frostburg.edu for membership forms, questions or enquires.

FSU Athletics Updates

Be sure to subscribe to Town Square to get an update every Monday from Frostburg State Athletics that highlights home contests for the upcoming week. Please use these announcements as a personal invitation to come see our student-athletes and staff members in action.



Visit the Athletics Website

Check Out 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.

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Activities for Life at FSU



Activities for Life will host **BODY BARRE** on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 4, 11 and 18 in Cordts PE Center Room 104. The session fee is \$37.50. Contact anazelrod@frostburg.edu or 301-687-7934 to register.

Activities for Life will host **BEGINNER PILATES** on Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 3, 10 and 17 in Cordts PE Center Room 104. The session fee is \$37.50. Contact anazelrod@frostburg.edu or 301-687-7934 to register.



Majors Fair Nov. 5

It's that time of year again when FSU hosts the amazing, fun and informative Majors Fair. This is a great opportunity to showcase your department and all of the aspects of it that enticed students to select it as a major. The Majors Fair will be held on Nov. 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ARMAH. A \$100 prize will be awarded to the Best Overall Display. The deadline to register is **TOMORROW, OCT. 28!**

Contact Amy Shimko '94/M'20 at alshimko@frostburg.edu for more information.

Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership

The Office of Student Engagement invites students to apply for an incredible opportunity designed to help them grow as a leader, build connections and strengthen their impact on campus while preparing for the future. The Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership is a leadership development experience focused on personal growth, professional development and leadership impact.

Date: Friday, March 6 through Sunday, March 8
Location: Turf Valley Resort

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Upward Bound Tutors Wanted

Upward Bound is searching for academic year tutors - college students interested in making a difference in the lives of underprivileged youth in Allegany County. All hiring information is available [here](#). For more information, please contact the Upward Bound Office at 301-687-4994 or upwardbound@frostburg.edu. You can also visit the website at www.frostburg.edu/upward-bound.

Apply Here

Register for Intersession and Spring 2026

Registration for the Intersession and Spring 2026 Semesters begins today, October 27 using **PAWS**. With PAWS, students may view their Academic Record, Holds, the Schedule of Classes, Advisor Assignment, Enrollment Appointment and register for classes.

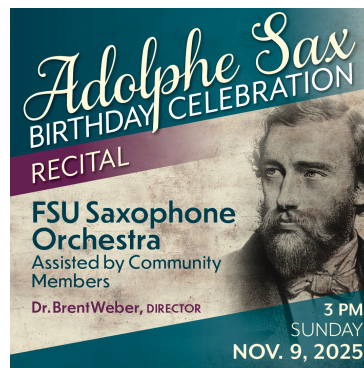
Registration Guideline Booklets for Intersession and Spring 2026 are available online at the **Registrar's Office Home Page**. Please note, printed guideline booklets will not be distributed.

Performing Arts



FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance Presents Percussion Ensemble

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will present its Percussion Ensemble, where one of the pieces they'll be performing is the unique "Bookoctet." Conducted by Dr. Mackenzie Jacob LaMont, the show will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of



FSU's Department of Music Celebrates Adolphe Sax Birthday With Recital

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance 11-member Saxophone Orchestra will present a birthday celebration recital in honor of Adolphe Sax, the Belgian French musician and inventor of the saxophone, on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 3 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of

FSU's Woodward D. Pealer
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Jazz Combo Concert

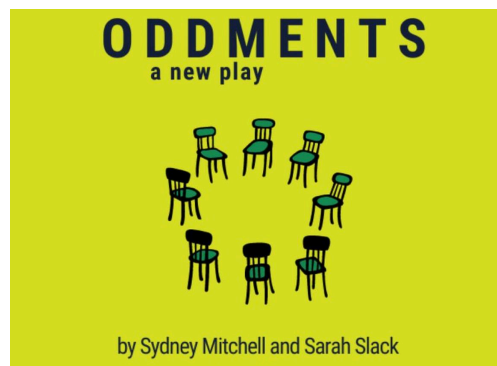
FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will present its vibrant Jazz Combo, directed by Tom Harrison '81, on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

Piano Studio Recital

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will present its Piano Studio Recital, directed by Dr. Jay DeWire, on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

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**FSU's Department of Music,
Theatre & Dance Presents
Choral Concert, "Sounding
Beauty"**

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will present its choral concert, titled "Sounding Beauty," on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center.

**FSU to Present "Oddments"
by Sarah Slack '25 and
Sydney Mitchell**

FSU's Office of Student Engagement and Alpha Phi Omega fraternity will present the play "Oddments" written by FSU student Sarah Slack '25 and University of Maryland student Sydney Mitchell Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Lane University Center Atkinson Room.

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Recruitment Tour

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance recently sent five ensembles to St. Mary's County for a recruitment tour. The Jazz Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, String Ensemble, Chamber Singers and Wind Ensemble performed a one-hour program at Leonardtown High School followed by a meet and greet. Music students from Great Mills and Chopticon High Schools also had the opportunity to attend. "Between ensemble performances, I shared reasons why Frostburg State University is such a wonderful school and I invited the students to our events on campus," said Dr. Brent Weber, FSU professor and chair in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. "Our music program was delighted to have connected with nearly 150 prospective students and we hope that many of them will become Bobcats!"



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 Faculty/Staff Portal.

The Bobcat Portal is designed to better serve the *entire* FSU



FSU Portal Highlight

Check out the new Phish Tank Town Square in the Bobcat Portal!

The IT Department will be post when phishing and scam attempts are sent to campus, as well as occasionally adding cybersecurity tips and information.

community, including faculty, staff, and now students. This expanded access creates a single, unified entry point for important tools, resources and information across campus.

We encourage you to take advantage of this resource. Check back often to explore the new features and begin experiencing the Bobcat Portal.

Please check it out and sign up for notifications! You can access it by logging into the Bobcat Portal, clicking Town Square, and checking under Departments or by clicking the button below.

Check Out The Phish Tank



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