

FSU News & Updates

November 10, 2025
Volume 56 Number 7



Summit Station Leads FSU Delegation at 2025 TEDCO EXPO

Summit Station of FSU, made possible through funding from the Maryland Innovation Initiative (MII), led a delegation of thirteen members to the 2025 TEDCO EXPO. The group included six faculty and staff members and seven students, representing a cross-section of disciplines and interests in innovation and entrepreneurship. FSU was invited to be an exhibitor this year, marking a significant milestone in the University's growing engagement within Maryland's innovation ecosystem.



Computer Science Students Excel at CCSC Eastern Regional Conference

FSU's Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies (CSIT) made an outstanding showing at the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges (CCSC) Eastern Regional Conference, hosted at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa. This year's event brought together more than 250 attendees from over 25 regional colleges and universities, creating a vibrant environment for sharing ideas and advancing computing education.

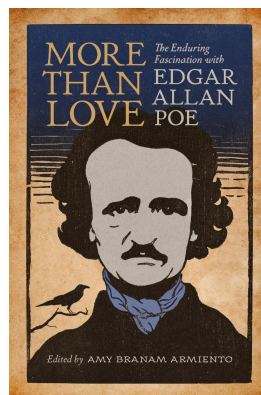
[Read More](#)[Read More](#)

Andy Smarick, FSU Presidential Search Committee Chair and member of the USM Board of Regents, sent a note to the FSU community with an update on the progress of Frostburg's search for the next President.

[Learn More Here](#)

Allegany County Tourism Launches "Music Peaks: The Soundtrack of Mountain Maryland"

Against the scenic backdrop of the Allegheny Mountains, Allegany County Tourism has launched "Music Peaks: The Soundtrack of Mountain Maryland"—a new destination marketing initiative celebrating the region's thriving live music scene and its deep Appalachian roots. FSU's Cultural Events Series (CES) brings national and international artists to local stages, while historic theaters, breweries, galleries and cultural centers across the county provide authentic spaces that embody the spirit of Mountain Maryland.

[Visit Their Website](#)

Armiento Receives Prestigious Award for Second Consecutive Year

Dr. Amy Branam Armiento, professor of English, received the 2024 J. Lasley Dameron Award for an outstanding collection of essays on Poe from the Poe Studies Association. *More Than Love: The Enduring Fascination with Edgar Allan Poe* (Mercer 2024) features twenty chapters written by contributors whose careers have been impacted by Edgar Allan Poe's life and works and includes pieces by Jamison Odone, professor of illustration, Andy Duncan, professor of English and Emily (Michael) Hendershot '17/M'19, FSU English alumna. Victoria Köerner '11, FSU English alumna, provided the author's cover photo. Last year, Armiento's co-edited volume *Poe and Women: Recognition and Revision* (Lehigh 2023) was selected.



Intersession 2026

Make your winter break count! Take a course online or on campus over winter break to accelerate your progress toward your degree. Registration began Oct. 27.

Register Now



Thank a Veteran

Tomorrow is Veterans Day - a time for us to come together as a campus and as a nation to honor the brave men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

FSU Veterans Services



A Frostburg State Takeover

FSU alum and founder of Tailgate Connect Dan Donnelly '86 is inviting all Bobcats to a Frostburg State Takeover Tailgate for the Army vs. Navy game on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Horseshoe Casino in Baltimore. It will be “a tailgate within a tailgate” hosted by Baltimore Ravens TailGoat and Jimmy’s Famous Seafood. Click the button below to order your tickets for this all inclusive event and use the coupon code BOBCAT for a discount. You will automatically be enrolled in a drawing for some free tailgating swag from the Tailgate Connect online store.



Clinical Collaboration

FSU and Allegany College of Maryland nursing students posed for a group photo during their recent clinical at UPMC Cumberland. The students were spread over three units.

Now Accepting Nominations for Employee of the Quarter Through Dec. 15

The Employee of the Quarter Award is designed to recognize FSU faculty and staff who go above and beyond their normal job duties for the benefit

Get Your Tickets Now



FOREI Presents at Summit

FOREI was proud to sponsor and present at the 2025 Maryland Outdoor Recreation Summit in Baltimore City. Executive Director Jeffrey Simcoe and Dr. Natalia Buta-Lowe, Professor of Recreation and Parks Management, shared insights on the Appalachia Maryland Outdoor Economy.

Attention Staff

As part of regular practices, HR is initiating the annual review and collection of the Position Information Forms (PIFs) across all departments. This important process ensures that records accurately reflect current job duties and responsibilities and supports compliance efforts.

The PIF is now available as an electronic form through Etrieve. Please review your current PIF and discuss with your supervisor by **January 15, 2026**. Once the PIF is finalized with your supervisor, the supervisor will update the electronic form and submit it for routing to you, them, and the next level supervisor for signatures.

of our university and campus community.

Make your nomination now by clicking on the image below. Be sure to provide specific examples of how your nominee has used their creative and innovative mindset to benefit their department of the University and how they have showed exceptional leadership skills to accomplish goals or contribute to department or University effectiveness.



Fall Break Feedback Survey

The University is collecting feedback from students, faculty and staff regarding the recent Fall Break pilot to inform future academic calendars. As a member of the University System of Maryland, FSU must align with the approved framework of the USM Common Calendar. FSU is also surveying peer USM institutions about their current and future approaches to fall break scheduling to ensure consistency across the system. Your feedback is valuable, so please take a few minutes to complete the survey using the link below.

Take the Survey

Show Your Support! Get Involved!

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





Venmo @FSU-FOP

FSU Challenge - Let's Raise More for Lilly

To make an even bigger impact, we're turning this into a friendly campus wide competition — let's see who can raise the most money for Lilly!

Here's how it works:

 **Join the Challenge** by donating in the billing office, Pullen Hall, Room 148.

 **Donate:** We will be accepting cash donations from today until Dec. 11.

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

🏆 Compete: We'll track donations and compare totals to campus police. If faculty and staff raise the most money, we will get the bragging rights until next year.

💬 Share the Love: Post your progress and beard-growing updates or just spread the word using #FSUForLilly and tag @frostburgstate.

Every dollar counts — and 100% of proceeds go directly to Lilly and her family. Let's show what true Bobcat spirit looks like - community, compassion, and care.

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.



FSU Sustainability Initiatives

Several campus wide sustainability initiatives tied to food and recycling are currently underway. In October, in the first FSU Food Recovery Network event, approximately 40 lbs. of recovered food from Chesapeake Dining was transported to the Western Maryland Food Bank.

For more information about these initiatives, to get involved or to ask a question or raise a concern tied to campus sustainability, reach out to Tracy Edwards '96, Sustainability Coordinator, tedwards@frostburg.edu.

In November, be on the lookout for a campus wide pledge to reduce food waste initiative and a PAWSitive Starts program to spread the word across campus about PAWS Pantry, made possible by friends at SECU and the Office of Student Engagement. In preparation for the Spring 2026 Race to Zero Waste event, we are looking for recycling representatives from each dorm.



MCC 2025: Giving Back Together

The Maryland Charity Campaign is more than a charitable giving campaign – it's the collective effort of thousands of individuals who give back and inspire hope in communities near and far. This year's campaign will run through Dec. 12 and offers state employees and eligible retirees a way to conveniently and securely contribute to charities that matter most to them.

Give Now

Important Resources & Reminders

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



Learn More

Announcements About Weather-Related Delays and Closings

It's that time of year again! Below is information on how to find out if Frostburg State University is CLOSED, DELAYED, or will CLOSE EARLY on days with inclement weather, and what you should do to be prepared (Frostburg campus ONLY).



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.

Contact Paws Pantry

Email: amdaniels@frostburg.edu

Phone: **301-687-7615**

- Thursdays: closed

The government shutdown and stoppage of SNAP benefits may be impacting members of the campus community. Below are several helpful resources:

- **Capital Area Food Bank** (includes Montgomery and PG Counties and areas of Northern Virginia)
- **Maryland Food Bank**

Additionally, **2-1-1** is a national resource through the United Way that will connect you with someone in your area who can help you find resources.

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.

TRANSACT



BUON NAPOLI
PIZZA - CALZONE & FOCACCIAS

SANTORINI
GREEK + MEDITERRANEAN

Taco Santo
Traditional Mexican Street Food

GOOD HABIT
ALL AMERICAN CLASSIC

Available on:



**BOBCAT
DINING**

**MOBILE ORDERING
HAS ARRIVED**

**Download the
app now!**

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

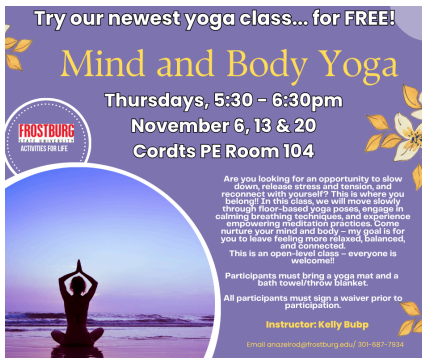
Application Deadline: Friday, Nov. 21, 2025

Learn More

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



Activities for Life Mind and Body Yoga

Try the newest yoga class - Mind and Body Yoga on Thursday, Nov. 13 and 20 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Cordts PE Room 104. All classes are FREE.

Email anzelrod@frostburg.edu or call 301-687-7934 for more information.



Spend a Semester in Alaska!

Interested students can study in Alaska for the Spring 2026 semester at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

For the Climate Activist — Work alongside the top climate scientists in the world as you study climate change in the Last Frontier. Hone your passion for actionable science and community engagement in the heart of Alaska, which is warming three times faster than the global average. The climate track offers unique opportunities for field-based, hands-on learning and research.

For the Field Researcher — Engage in Arctic research at the nation's farthest North university. UAF's world-class faculty use a Northern perspective to educate and advance knowledge of natural, biological and technological systems. The science in Alaska track illuminates scientific knowledge through innovative teaching, budding research, and experiential learning.

For the Outdoor Explorer — Let's go outside! You're in Alaska, after all. Take a trip into the beautiful wilderness of Alaska, fully curated by the experienced UAF staff of Nanook Recreation and Outdoor Adventures. Whether it's a day trip to hike Ester Dome, or a weekend trip to camp in Denali National Park, the outdoor explorer track will fully equip you to take on the Alaskan outdoors.

For the Passionate Creative — Up in Fairbanks, you'll have space to create. UAF's College of Liberal Arts is an incubator for change makers, activating all facets of the human spirit through the arts, humanities, languages and social sciences. The humanities in the far North track offers students the opportunity to glimpse and engage with the unique perspectives of Northern cultures and histories.

[Learn More Here](#)

Performing Arts

How "BOB" Became a Pirate

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance hosted students from Westernport Elementary School for a performance of their Roundabout Children's Theatre production of "How I Became a Pirate." The musical is currently touring schools in Allegany County. Frostburg's Bob E. Cat was there in pirate gear to greet the students who remember their old pal "Bob." Many of these youngsters spent their final week of classes on the FSU campus last May after flooding destroyed their school building.





**FSU's Department of Music,
Theatre and Dance Presents
"An Evening of Jazz"**

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance proudly present "An Evening of Jazz: Celebrating 50 Years of the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Jazz Orchestra" on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall at FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center.

Read More



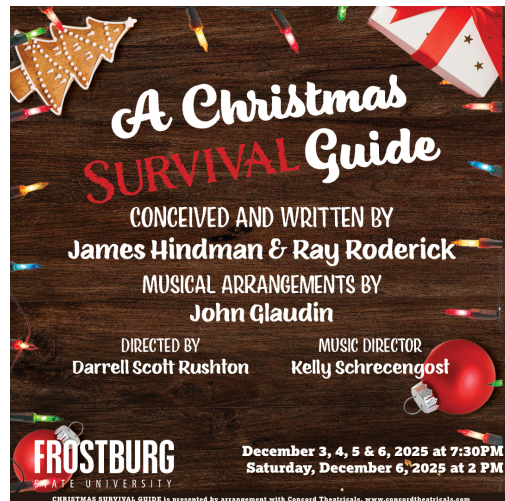
**CES at FSU Will Present
Seán Heely's Celtic
Christmas**

The Cultural Events Series at FSU will present Seán Heely's Celtic Christmas, a joyous musical celebration of ancient Gaelic carols, lively Irish tunes and heartwarming seasonal melodies on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m., in FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center Recital Hall. This performance is a production of Rhythm of the Arts.

Read More



**Gallagher, Weber & DeWire
Perform in Faculty Artist
Series Concert**



**FSU's Department of Music,
Theatre and Dance Presents
"A Christmas Survival
Guide"**

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will present an evening of chamber music as part of its Faculty Artist Series concert on Monday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center. Featured artists are Dr. Mark Gallagher on clarinet, Dr. Brent Weber on bassoon and Dr. Jay DeWire on piano.

This holiday season, FSU's Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance presents "A Christmas Survival Guide." Arm yourself with laughter and join the fun Dec. 3, 4, 5, and 6 at 7:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Dec. 6, in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theater of the Pealer Performing Arts Center.

Read More

Read More



Simon Lace Trio to Perform at Mountain City Traditional Arts

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance Presents Chamber Orchestra Recital

Irish music ensemble, The Simon Lace Trio, will perform at Frostburg's Mountain City Traditional Arts (MCTA) on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m.

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will present its Chamber Orchestra Recital on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center.

Read More

Read More



FSU Presents Senior Recital "Thank You for the Music"

Wind Ensemble Concert, “Dancing with the Wind”

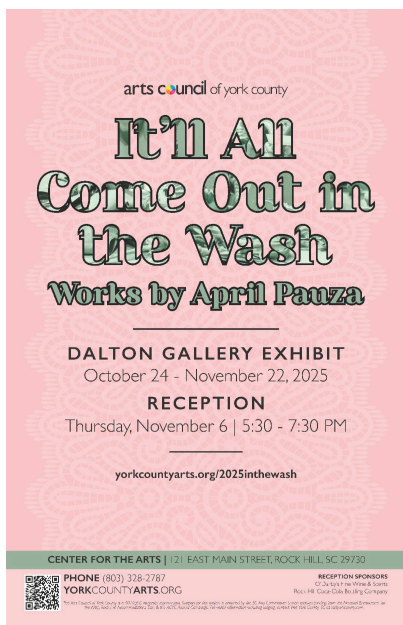
FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will present the Wind Ensemble Concert in “Dancing with the Wind,” on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center. This vibrant program showcases works by Alfred Reed, Viet Cuong, David Clay Mettens and Arturo Márquez.

[Read More](#)

Featuring Erica Records

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance proudly presents mezzo-soprano Erica Records in her senior recital “Thank You for the Music.” The performance will take place on Friday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center.

[Read More](#)



Solo Art Exhibition

April Pauza, Lecturer of Sculpture and Roper Gallery director in the Department of Digital Media and Visual Arts currently has a solo art exhibition that includes fourteen works at York County Center for the Arts at the Dalton Gallery in Rockhill, South Carolina titled: *It'll All Come out in the Wash*. She is an interdisciplinary artist working within a sculpture and installation framework that unravels domestic ideals of womanhood, gender roles in the home, and her southern upbringing. The opening reception was held on Nov. 6, and the exhibition will run through Nov. 22.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



8th Annual Tenor Bass Sing! Invitational Choral Festival

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance welcomed 25 high school students and their teachers from Allegany, Bedford, Fort Hill, Mountain Ridge, Southern Garrett and Williamsport High Schools for the 8th Annual Tenor Bass Sing! Invitational Choral Festival. Organized and directed by Dr. Scott Rieker, this one-day festival brings together students who sing tenor or bass in their school choirs, to learn together, network, make new friends, experience FSU, and collaborate with others who have their voice part, as many of the attendees were the only tenors or basses in their entire choir. The day included a performance by the FSU Chamber Singers, a Q&A with the singers about college life and the benefits of attending FSU, and the ever-popular lunch at Chesapeake Dining Hall. The participants performed an evening concert, which also featured the FSU Troubadours Tenor-Bass Choir. An essential component of the festival's continued success, Dr. Joseph Yungen, FSU's collaborative pianist, accompanied the entire festival and the concert.



Honor Band Festival 2026

High school wind and percussion students are invited to spend 3 days at FSU as participants in the Honor Band Festival March 13-15, 2026. Registrations are currently being accepted. **Composer John Mackey** will be the Artist-in-Residence for this year's Festival. The concert will feature some of his compositions.

[Learn more](#)



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 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.



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.

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



Frostburg State University | [Contact Us](#)

Marketing & Communications | 101 Braddock Rd | Frostburg, MD 21532 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email & social marketing for free!