

## FSU News & Updates

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### FSU, LECOM's Professional Schools Announce Partnership

FSU and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) have entered into an agreement to facilitate the admission of qualified FSU students into one of LECOM's professional schools. Students interviewing successfully will be offered a provisional acceptance to LECOM's Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine or Doctor of Dental Medicine programs. Upon final acceptance, FSU students



### FSU, MSOM Enter into Partnership Guaranteeing Students Formal Interviews

FSU recently entered a partnership with Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine (MSOM) that guarantees a formal interview opportunity for eligible FSU students upon the successful completion of academic requirements to create a structured pathway for them to pursue a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree at MSOM. MSOM is committed to recruiting highly qualified candidates for its osteopathic medical program. As part of this agreement, Frostburg

will matriculate at the LECOM campus of their choice. The goal of the LECOM Early Acceptance Program (EAP) is to allow students to be given a provisional letter of acceptance.

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### **FSU, ACM, ACPS Co-Host Leadership Allegany Education Day**

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, FSU, Allegany College of Maryland (ACM) and Allegany County Public Schools (ACPS) co-hosted the Chamber of Commerce's annual Leadership Allegany Education Day. This year's theme was *From Learning to Earning: Building Community Through Education*.

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will provide a robust pre-medical curriculum and dedicated advising to support students pursuing medical careers.

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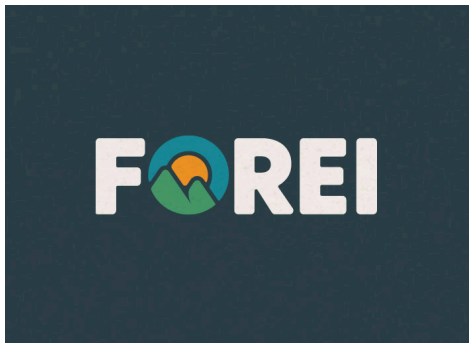
### **FSU's Children's Literature Centre Hosts 22nd Annual Storybook Holiday**

The 22nd annual Storybook Holiday celebration, hosted by FSU's Children's Literature Centre, will bring its seasonal cheer to downtown Frostburg on Saturday, Dec. 6. The festivities will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end with a showing of "Miracle on 34th Street" at 7:00 p.m.

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## **FSU Hosts 15th Annual Western Maryland STEM Festival**

FSU hosted its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Maryland STEM Festival on Nov. 8th, with special guest Steve Spangler. Spangler kicked off the day with an explosive science demo show, complete with flying toilet paper and liquid nitrogen clouds. Over 500 people attended the event which included hands-on STEM activities hosted by FSU departments, student groups and local companies. Thanks to everyone who made this event successful and to all of the sponsors for their support. (Photos courtesy of Jessica Grapes Marketing.)



## Outdoor Entrepreneurship Workshop Supports New Ideas

The Frostburg Outdoor Recreation Economy Institute (FOREI), Sarah Myers Marketing, and the Garrett College Outdoor Leadership & Adventure Education (OLA) program hosted a free Outdoor Entrepreneurship Workshop on Friday, Nov. 14 at the CAOS Building in McHenry, drawing a diverse group of current and aspiring business owners from across the region.

## Students, Faculty, Alumni Shine at 2nd Annual Mountain Maryland Film Festival

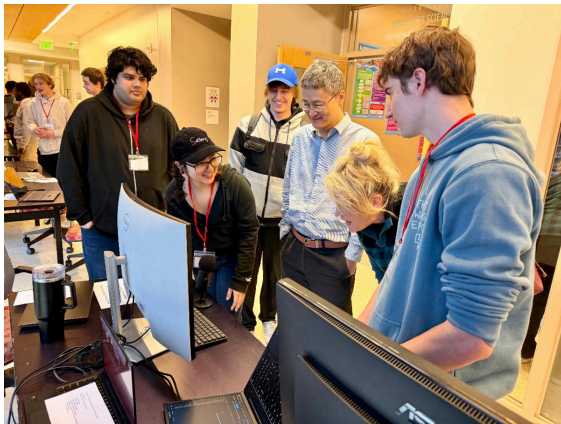
FSU's talent was front and center at the 2nd Annual Mountain Maryland Film Festival, hosted by the The Allegany Arts Council. Students, alumni and faculty from FSU's Emerging Media (formerly MCOM) program showcased their creativity and storytelling skills, earning top honors and enthusiastic recognition.

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### FSU's CSIT Showcase

The Computer Science and Informational Technologies showcase on campus featured student projects and displays in computer science, informational technology, cybersecurity/information assurance and computer information systems, as well as presentations from the AfroTech Conference, SPARK Innovation Lab and the TEDCO Expo. Campus/community members and area school children attended this interactive event.



### Professors Author Book on the Protection of Electrical Power Distribution Systems

Drs. Jamil Abdo and Tariq Masood of the Department of Engineering and Sustainable Technology recently had their book, "Protection of Electrical Power Distribution Systems: Smart Grid, Microgrid, AI and Cybersecurity," published by



Wiley-IEE Press. This publication, featuring cutting-edge insights and innovative solutions, is poised to make a significant impact in the field of electrical power distribution systems.

Wiley-IEEE's collaboration produces high-quality technical books that play a vital role in shaping a legacy of knowledge, profoundly impacting education and establishing thought leadership. Wiley is also a signatory to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Publishers Compact.

The book includes information about:

- Differences between restricted and unrestricted protection and criteria to determine ideal boundaries of protection zones
- Modern technologies applied to protection, such as digital relays and intelligent electronic devices (IEDs)
- Different kinds of busbar protection and the main types of faults affecting the busbar
- Types of transformer protection and their constraints, and the operation of current and voltage transformers
- Future trends in the field, such as the application of AI and ML in predictive maintenance and fault diagnosis.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Wiley, the IEEE Press editorial board members and the production team," said Abdo and Masood. "Their unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental in making this project a resounding success. We could not have done it without them."

Additionally, the **MIT Press/Bookstore** has released this book and made it accessible to their faculty and students.

**Buy the book**

## Office of Sponsored Programs: Success and News



On October 10, project director Jodi Broadwater (SBDC) was awarded \$55,765 by the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland Small Business Development Center Lead Center for FY2025. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides outreach, review and assistance in business plan and financial proposal preparation, marketing strategies, procurement related certifications and strategic planning based on the client's stage in the business lifecycle.

For more, see the OSP webpage **HERE**.

## Holiday Travel Advisory

The holiday season is fast approaching, which means many members of our campus community will be traveling in the upcoming weeks or during the winter break. To ensure you have continued access to FSU resources while you are away, please take the following considerations in mind:

1. If you are traveling more than a few states away in the US, or traveling internationally, submitting a notice prior to traveling helps reduce the chances of your FSU login being suspended due to unusual activity. The Travel Notice link is available in the **Bobcat Portal** or you can also visit the Security offerings on the **Office of Information Technology** home page.
2. If you are traveling internationally, your cybersecurity risk increases. We have compiled a list of International Travel Cybersecurity Procedures that will assist you in minimizing risk both to yourself and to the University. Please review the procedures at <https://www.frostburg.edu/information-technology/frostburgstateuniversity-international-travel-cybersecurity-procedures.pdf> prior to your trip.

Please note, if you are traveling internationally with a University-owned device (either for University business or personal travel), contact the Help Desk at x7777 or [helpdesk@frostburg.edu](mailto:helpdesk@frostburg.edu) before your trip to make necessary arrangements.

## Show Your Support! Get Involved!

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





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## 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.

 **Compete:** We'll track donations and compare totals to campus police. If faculty and staff raise the most money,

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.

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.

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.

## Food Recovery Network

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](mailto:tedwards@frostburg.edu).



## MCC 2025: Giving Back Together

The Maryland Charity Campaign is 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**

## Volunteering in the Community?

Log your service hours through the Volunteer Work app on Bobcat Connect. The instructions can be found **HERE**.

- The sponsoring unit for student organizations is Student Engagement
- The sponsoring unit for athletes is Athletics or your specific sport (ask your coach)
- The sponsoring unit for classes and employees is your department

Student organizations will begin registering for Spring 2026 on Nov. 30. Registration will remain open until Dec. 9. Students should watch for their monthly student organization email.

## Important Resources & Reminders

### Holiday Hours for Cordts P.E. Center, the Ort Library & FSU Shuttle

The Cordts P.E. Center will close at 6 p.m. on Nov. 25 and reopen at 6 a.m. on Dec. 1. The fitness center will close at 5 p.m. on Nov. 25. The pool and climbing wall will be closed on Nov. 25.

The Ort Library will close at 5 p.m. Nov. 25 and remain closed through Saturday, Nov. 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday break. The Library will reopen on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. and will offer additional **hours of operation** to support our academic community in closing out the Fall 2025 semester.

Allegheny County Transit will **not** operate the FSU Shuttle from Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 30. They will resume the regular FSU Shuttle schedule on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025.



**Join the Celebration**

### U Belong at Frostburg

Consistent with FSU's core values, the University has made a concentrated effort to enhance belongingness on campus for students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors. Several specific action priorities from the Division of Academic and Student Affairs have been developed to augment campus pride and engagement. The **U Belong at Frostburg** initiative is being launched on Dec. 1 to reflect FSU's core values. Visit the website to see ways to join in a celebration of our vibrant campus Dec. 1-5.



### 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**).

## Learn More



### 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](mailto:amdaniels@frostburg.edu)

Phone: **301-687-7615**

## 3 STATE COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER

### 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.

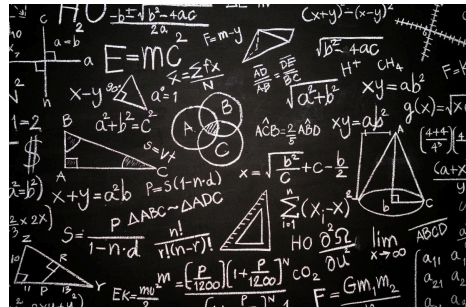
[www.frostburg.edu/3StateCMC](http://www.frostburg.edu/3StateCMC)

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[3StateCMC@frostburg.edu](mailto:3StateCMC@frostburg.edu) for membership forms, questions or enquires.

### Apply to be a Math Learning Assistant

The Mathematics Department is recruiting Learning Assistants for Intermediate Algebra, Intro to Mathematical Problem Solving, Elements of Applied Probability and Statistics, College Algebra, Problem Solving for Elementary Teachers II, Calculus I & II, Linear Algebra, Intro to Probability and Statistics, and Differential Equations for Spring semester, 2026.



Learning Assistants work alongside instructors in mathematics classes to support student learning. This is a paid position. The application deadline is Saturday, Dec. 20. Please email Kelly Bubb, [kmbubb@frostburg.edu](mailto:kmbubb@frostburg.edu), if you have any questions.

Apply Here: **Learning Assistant Application Spring 2026**



## 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.



### Go Bobcats!

The FSU football team began their NCAA Division II Super Region I run with a 21-7 victory on the road over Johnson C. Smith Saturday. The Bobcats will face California (Pa.) in the second round of the tournament, with location and time TBD.

[Read more](#)



### Congratulations Coach Wagoner!

The 2025 Mountain East Conference football all-conference teams and individual award-winners were recently announced and FSU Head Football Coach Eric Wagoner was named the MEC Coach of the Year for the first time in his career in his fourth season leading the Bobcats. Wagoner led FSU to a 9-2 record overall and 7-1 mark in league play, earning a share of the MEC championship for the second time since joining the conference. With the head-to-head victory over Charleston (WV), Frostburg earned the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division II tournament for the first time in program history, where they will face No. 2 seed Johnson C. Smith in the first round of Super Region One.

[Read the full story](#)

[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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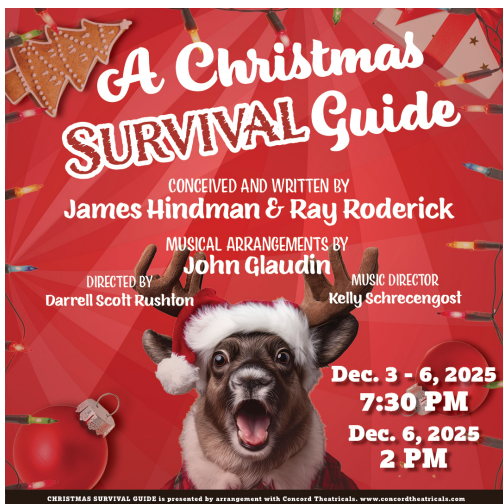


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## Performing Arts



**"A Christmas Survival Guide" Dec. 3-6**

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.

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

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.

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**FSU's Department of Digital Media and Visual Arts Presents Senior Exhibition**

FSU's Department of Digital Media and Visual Arts will present its fall 2025 senior exhibition, "Cornucopia of Contrast," which will open with a reception on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts Building.



**FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance Presents Holiday Concert**

FSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will present its Holiday Concert, "Music for the Season," on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of the Woodward D. Pealer Performing Arts Center.

This exhibition, which is free and open to the public, will be on display through Friday, Dec. 12.

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There will also be a prelude performance by the FSU Jazz Orchestra, directed by Brent Weber, at 2:15 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center lobby.

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## 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.

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## 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](#)

# Office of Information Technology Updates

## Introducing Microsoft Sensitivity Labels

Over the next few months, the Office of Information Technology will be rolling out Microsoft Sensitivity Labels for all faculty and staff accounts. These labels help protect and classify sensitive information, allowing us to:

- Identify and safeguard confidential data such as financial records, student information and internal documents.
- Ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and university policies.
- Prevent accidental sharing of sensitive content outside of approved channels.



As online collaboration and use of artificial intelligence tools grow, protecting information is more critical than ever. Sensitivity labels give us an easy, consistent way to apply security and compliance controls directly within Microsoft 365 apps like Outlook, Word, Excel, and Teams. In advance of sensitivity labels being enabled for staff accounts on **Dec. 8, 2025**, OIT has made self-paced training available.

#### Access Training Resources:

- Through the **Bobcat Portal AI Hub**
- Through **Canvas**

#### Next Steps:

- Review the training recordings at your convenience.
- Join the live Q&A sessions during the week of Dec. 1 to ask questions and share feedback (invites will be sent to those who complete self-paced training).

## Welcome Kevin Robison!

Kevin Robison '93 will be serving as the OIT's Interim Director of Applications and Development. Both the Enterprise Applications and Student Information Systems teams will report directly to Kevin.



## Check Out the Bobcat Portal!

The Office of Information Technology is proud to announce the launch of the Bobcat Portal, a reimaged



## FSU Portal Highlight

Check out the new AI Hub in the Bobcat Portal!

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.

Artificial Intelligence holds tremendous promise, and if properly harnessed, can help FSU better serve students and create efficiency in workflows. At the same time, there are significant privacy, security, bias, accuracy and legal risks to consider.

Visit the AI Hub to explore AI tools, see frequently asked questions, join other AI communities, see what's happening inside and outside higher education, review FSU's policies and guidance and complete training modules.

### Check Out the AI Hub



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