

FSU News & Updates

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Stevenson Named Permanent Athletic Director

FSU announced that the interim tag has been removed from Rubin Stevenson's title making him the University's permanent athletic director. Stevenson assumed the interim role in July.

Stevenson began his tenure at FSU in 1992 and has since served in a variety of key leadership roles including head football coach, Director of Compliance and most recently Senior Associate Athletic Director.

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Congratulations Class of 2025!

Last week 450 Bobcats joined a distinguished group of more than 48,000 FSU alumni as they earned diplomas at the 167th Commencement. We are so proud of them and look forward to the incredible contributions they will make to society for years to come.



Bob E. Cat Loves FSU

Dr. Smith took a moment during Commencement to reflect on FSU's beloved mascot, Bob E. Cat, and all that his presence represents - joy, resilience and a sense of belonging. Bob E. Cat is so much more than a symbol of FSU - he has woven himself into the spirit of the campus and the community.

Dr. Smith also recognized one of our recent graduates, Selena Holguin '25, who has had the remarkable honor of bringing Bob E. Cat's spirit to life from inside the costume.

Go Bobcats!



View Bob's tribute video [here](#).

ADAPT 2025 Cohort Graduates

The Administrative Development and Professional Training (ADAPT) Program, designed to enhance and develop the skills of administrative support professionals at FSU, held a celebratory luncheon for the third cohort of graduates of the program.

The Class of 2025 ADAPT graduates included Elizabeth Taylor-Raley, Jessi Kirby '11, Rebekah Weimer '20, Felicia Fairgrieve and Bridgette Karalewitz.

Donnell VanSkiver is the ADAPT Program Coordinator and Executive Administrative Assistant to the FSU president. Visit the [ADAPT website](#) to learn more about the program.



Nine from FSU Receive Impact Leader Awards from National Society of Leadership and Success

Several members of Frostburg State University received the Impact Leader Award from the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) during the fall induction ceremony held Dec. 7. FSU's chapter of the NSLS was founded in 2019 to provide members with the tools necessary for reflection, self-exploration and motivation to achieve their goals. The evening's keynote speaker was FSU's Chief Information Technology Officer Tim Pelesky.

Pictured above presenting Dr. Smith with her Impact Leader Award are Executive Board members Pyper Saeler, Ella Troxell, Grace Watson and Anderson Aldridge.

[Read more](#)



Museum Visit Breaks the Record

Have you ever visited the Natural History Museum on the FSU campus, located in the Compton Science Center? During a recent Campus Visit Day, the Museum welcomed visitor number 5,683 for the 2025 calendar year -- surpassing the previous annual record of 5,661 set back in 2015.

Most recently, Jessica Van Laer, FSU Wildlife and Fisheries major, was visitor 6,000 for the 2025 calendar year. Museum staff this semester included Oliver Simon, Elena Saucedo, Hannah Doxzen, Reece Reckart, Ben Waples, Wren Leason and Jaelynn Harris.

Regular museum hours will resume next semester.

Most Outlandish Sweater Winners

The President's Holiday Reception, held on Dec. 15, was filled with festive cheer - and some truly unforgettable fashion! The Office of Human Resources had a tough time

choosing this year's "Most Outlandish" holiday sweater winners thanks to the many creative and spirited participants who joined the fun.



Individual Winner: Ryley McBride '14 from Student Support Services



Group Award: Residence Life, the Masters of Misfit Magic!

Festive Favorites



Successful Toy Collection

The Office of Civic Engagement's AmeriCorps program collected unwrapped toys for children in need during the Holiday Reception. Nearly 50 toys were donated, so a big thank you to all who made a contribution!



Holiday Office Decorating Contest Winners

Staff Senate received an amazing number of entries for this year's Holiday Office Decorating Contest, and the creativity on display is truly magical. A merry team of "elves" visited each office to capture photos that were showcased at the President's Holiday Party, and attendees had the opportunity to vote for their favorite cheerful space. A total of 208 votes were counted, and the unanimous winner of this year's contest was the CAAR Office Room 139. Congratulations, and thank you to everyone who played a part in making FSU's spirits bright!

12 Days of Assessment

The annual 12 Days of Assessment updates concluded on Dec. 19 with a message from President Smith. Over the past two weeks, faculty and staff were provided updates and highlights from the past year on topics such as Helio Campus, Student Affairs, successful accreditations, the Program Review Dashboard, the Transfer Resolution Team, AI, the General Education Program, marketing and admissions,

regional development and OKRs. Check out all of the videos in the Bobcat Portal's **Town Square**.



Holiday Travel Advisory

The holiday season is upon us, 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 before your trip to make necessary arrangements.

Show Your Support! Get Involved!



For more information about these initiatives, to get involved or to ask a



The 2025 Maryland Charity Campaign will remain open through

question or raise a concern tied to campus sustainability, reach out to Tracy Edwards '96, Sustainability Coordinator,
tedwards@frostburg.edu.

Wed., Dec. 31, which means more chances to win prizes and more time for generous state employees and retirees to give, or give again, to help charities and causes that greatly impact our community. Visit the **MCC website** to give back.

Important Resources & Reminders



Learn More

Announcements About Weather-Related Delays and Closings

It's that time of year again! Click the link for 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).



FSU Foundation Scholarship Application Now Open

FSU is encouraging students to complete and submit their 2026-2027 **FAFSA** as well as the **FSU Foundation scholarship application** by the Maryland priority deadline of March 1 to maximize their eligibility for financial aid. Even if prior applications were not awarded, students should still take the time to complete both applications again this year. Doing so can open doors and unlock vital financial resources to make attending college a reality.



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

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

foods and household/hygiene products (when available).

Contact Paws Pantry

Email: amdaniels@frostburg.edu

Phone: **301-687-7615**



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.

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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.

TRANSACTION



BUON NAPOLI
PIZZA - CALZONE & FOCACCIAS

SANTORINI
GREEK + MEDITERRANEAN

Taco Santo
Traditional Mexican Street Food

GOOD HABIT
ALL AMERICAN CLASSIC

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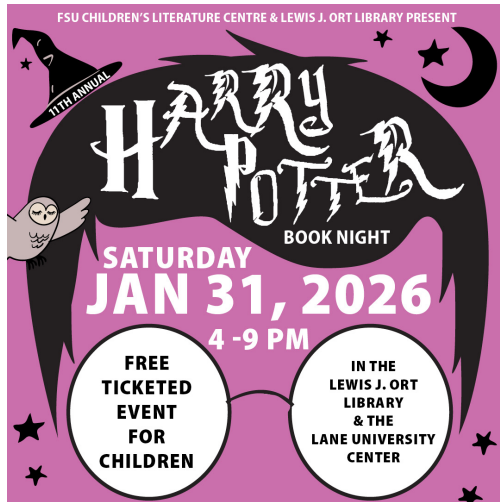


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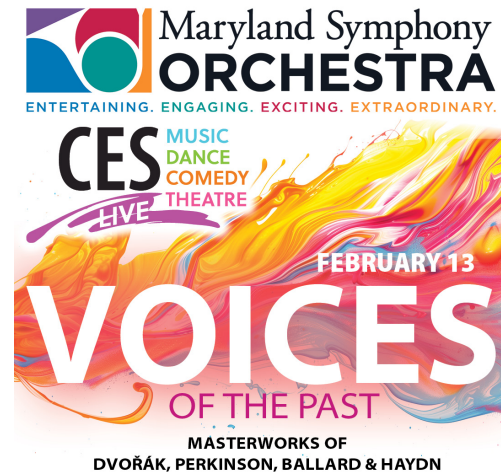
Performing Arts



Harry Potter Book Night

FSU's Children's Literature Centre and the Lewis J. Ort Library will present the 11th Annual Harry Potter Book Night Sat., Jan. 31 from 4-9 p.m. in the library and the Lane University Center. This is a free ticketed event for children.

[Learn more](#)



Voices of the Past

Celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center with a stirring musical performance that explores the profound connections between history, culture and the human experience presented by Arts Beyond the Stage and the Maryland Symphony Orchestra.

[Learn more](#)



January Auditions for "The Complete Works of Shakespeare"

The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will hold auditions Jan. 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pealer PAC's Drama Theatre for "The Complete Works of Shakespeare, Abridged." Those interested should prepare Hamlet, 2.2 Lines 316-334 and be prepared to improvise and move.

For questions, contact director Darrell Rushton at dsrushton@frostburg.edu.



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.

Meet Bobby the Botcat

Bobby the Botcat, our virtual assistant, is here to help answer your questions about FSU - anytime, anywhere.



Bobby also wants to remind everyone of a few best practices: please avoid sharing personal or sensitive information during chats, and remember to double-check his responses. Even our favorite Botcat can make the occasional mistake!

Be sure to review any reference links Bobby provides and follow up with the appropriate department if you need additional details.

Stop by the Bobcat Portal and have fun chatting with Bobby!

Chat with Bobby



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