CoB Honor’s Reception

On Friday, May 10, 2013, in the Lane Center Atkinson Room, approximately 155 administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents, friends, and family gathered to celebrate the College of Business’s Annual Honors Ceremony and Dinner.

Once again the highlight of the event is naming the Alumnus of the Year. This year’s recipient, Mr. W. Craig Bowman, a 1992 graduate, was selected due to his role as manager of National Security Programs for Adobe, a publicly traded company worth over $23 billion. Not only has Mr. Bowman made a name for himself in the business world with accomplishments such as establishing ComQuest Corp., starting DigitalGreens, working for Perot Systems as well as SAIC, he is well known and esteemed for his support in the classrooms at FSU. Mr. Bowman’s dedication to giving back to his Alma Mater in this respect is commendable.

The highpoint of the event this year was the banter exchanged between him and his faculty mentor, Dr. Amit Shah. In his acceptance speech he spoke about how FSU had an impact on him, particularly the advice delivered, repeatedly, by Dr. Shah in the capstone course. With his anecdotal story of his own experience in this class, he quoted Dr. Shah as saying, “If you think I’m tough, wait until you get in the real world!” On a more serious note though, Mr. Bowman addressed a question asked by one of our students: Do you credit FSU and acknowledge that FSU is responsible for your success? His response was absolutely! First (again in his own humor), he confessed to meeting his wonderful wife while going to school here, so he told students that FSU is a great dating school! Second, the type of training, mentoring, support, transformed into a presentation discussing its importance to classmates and alumni. To make the project a success, Lynn Ketterman, FSU’s development research analyst and stewardship coordinator, explained that bake sales would not reach the $10,000 goal, but asking for gifts could. The level of dedication by committee members Trevor DeVore, Aaron T. Webb, Brad H. Miller, Jessica R. Hair, Megan N Kinsinger, and Ashley E. Swinford was quite apparent to Lynn Ketterman, who was kind enough to guide the students on the subjects of philan-

Student Pride Scholarship

With great enthusiasm, the Student Pride Committee, advised by Ryan Kentrus, a lecturer in the Department of Management has been creating the framework for the first ever scholarship designed and developed by current FSU students. Applicants must be juniors or seniors enrolled full-time at FSU with a major in the College of Business, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Furthermore, the Student Pride College of Business Scholarship is founded upon the question “How do you personally represent student pride within the College of Business?” It all began as an idea that

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Words from the Dean

On behalf of all of us at the College of Business, I am proud to present the CoB News. In this spring 2013 issue, you will read about the accomplishments of our faculty, students, and staff.

In spring 2013, we welcomed Dr. Ali Ashraf to our wonderful team of faculty to teach courses in Finance. Further, we had four Award-winning faculty: the College of Business Extra Mile Awards went to Dr. Tony Stair for teaching, Dr. Mike Monahan for research, and Dr. Joanna Shore for service. Dr. Yan Bao was named the recipient of the FSU Faculty Achievement Award in teaching.

During the past academic year an amazing event took place which made me feel as proud of our College of Business as I have ever been in my 24 years of service at FSU. A team of our students gathered, discussed and established a scholarship fund for their peers. They named it Student Pride Scholarship, which is the first scholarship program in the history of our college initiated and implemented by our own students (please see the details and our students’ picture in this issue).

The enrollment in our MBA program continues to grow while the faculty are making every effort to continuously enhance its quality. The graduate faculty members participated in a day-long meeting to discuss some of the concerns and issues related to our MBA program and suggested strategies for improvement. To this end, in March 2013, four graduate faculty members participated in a seminar organized by AACSB titled “Strategies for Developing Online Courses and Programs” and shared their experiences with the rest of the faculty at our spring College of Business meeting.

In February, the College of Business and the Center for International Education hosted a group of faculty and students from Dongfang College in China for a three-day period. During this time our Chinese guests were engaged in a series of educational and cultural activities with FSU students and the members of the local community. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

As part of the FSU Business Global Experiential Learning program, two different groups of faculty/staff and students plan to travel to China and Peru for participation in service leadership and other academic and professional activities.

Under the leadership of Dr. Sudhir Singh, our Graduate Policy Committee has initiated a process to propose a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) Program to be offered by the College of Business. If approved, it will be the biggest accomplishment of our college since its initial AACSB accreditation in 2006.

My special thanks to President Gibralter, Provost Simpson, the FSU community, FSU alumni, and Advisory Board members for their continued support and for giving us the opportunities to make a difference in the lives of our students.

Please visit us on our College of Business website and learn more about our programs, as well as, the achievements of our faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi
Dean of the College of Business
In this issue of the newsletter we would like to focus on information regarding our efforts to continue to build and grow our Global Experiential Learning (GEL) program. The College of Business Global Experiential Learning Fund (CoB GELF) was developed last year in order to start offering business students the opportunities to engage in learning activities around the globe. A group of eighteen students, led by two College of Business faculty members, Dr. Bao and Dr. Ye, immersed themselves in Chinese culture gaining a better understanding of local commerce through behind-the-scenes interviews and tours with CEO’s and managers of local businesses. In addition to learning and discovering opportunities for their future studies, students were able to take several excursions to cultural and historical sites. Through this hands-on immersion there was a true “impact” on their cultural understanding of business. Again this summer, they will be leading another group of seventeen students. Staying with the College’s mission to grow, in addition this summer, there will be a group going to Peru as well. These students will partner with a host organization which will combine study with a service learning project that will promote to these students the initiatives to confront the human needs of other countries’ lifestyles. The point of this topic is that none of these events would even be possible without the commitment and support of the College’s wonderful Advisory Board, which consists of the members to the right. Our students, faculty, and staff owe a debt of gratitude to the following members that have contributed to date: Mr. Donald Battista, Mr. Terry Headlee, Mr. Patrick Friel, and Mr. Quincy Crawford. In addition faculty members, Dr. Joyce Middleton, Dr. Allen Shin, and the late Ron Ross have contributed to this fund as well. Students participating were able to apply for scholarships to offset some of their expenses however, not all were fortunate enough to receive additional funding. Due to the generous contributions mentioned above the college was able to distribute to those not receiving any scholarships an adequate amount to offset some of their expenses. With repeat donations and new ones being added, it will permit the College to be able to once again award deserving students some subsidy this summer.

The Advisory Board not only offers monetary value to our programs, much support to the students participating in different activities designed by Dr. Sudhir Singh, Dr. Yan Bao, Mr. Brian Moore, and Mr. Bill Mandicott with inputs from Ms. Jun Li, Associate Director of International Exchange and Cooperation Center, Dongfang College. The group visited several classes throughout the three colleges at FSU: Education, Liberal Arts and Science, and Business, listening to presentations and participating in class activities in Early Childhood Education, Psychology, Art, Business Administration, and Management. Other activities on campus included a panel discussion with international students, a campus tour led by FSU student ambassadors, presentations made by the Center for International Education, the Admissions Office and the Office of Graduate Services, and observance of a work session.

FSU Hosts Delegation from Dongfang (China)

Frostburg State University hosted a delegation from Dongfang College, one of the FSU’s partner institutions in China, during February 17-21. The delegation included 23 Chinese undergraduate students and 3 faculty and staff members. The visit was part of FSU’s recruitment efforts to increase Dongfang students’ awareness of the campus life at FSU as well as in the United States so the students will be more motivated to join FSU as graduate or undergraduate exchange students.

Members of the delegation participated in an assortment of different activities designed by Dr. Sudhir Singh, Dr. Yan Bao, Mr. Brian Moore, and Mr. Bill Mandicott with inputs from Ms. Jun Li, Associate Director of International Exchange and Cooperation Center, Dongfang College. The group visited several classes throughout the three colleges at FSU: Education, Liberal Arts and Science, and Business, listening to presentations and participating in class activities in Early Childhood Education, Psychology, Art, Business Administration, and Management. Other activities on campus included a panel discussion with international students, a campus tour led by FSU student ambassadors, presentations made by the Center for International Education, the Admissions Office and the Office of Graduate Services, and observance of a work session.

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In April 2013, fourteen club student members and faculty advisor, Dr. Lilly Ye, participated in the 21st AMA Baltimore Job Search Workshop in Baltimore, Maryland. The American Marketing Association (AMA) is one of the largest marketing organizations in the world, with over 30,000 members who work, teach and study in the field of marketing across the globe. The AMA is constantly innovating and evolving, helping to shape the field as well as keep abreast of the changing global marketplace to help our members excel in their careers. The workshop provided a unique opportunity for students to meet and impress over twenty marketing executives from big companies such as Under Armor and Procter & Gamble, and helped students prepare for marketing, sales, and advertising positions. The experience was described by junior John Corbin:

“By networking with these professionals, we have not only gained insight into the hiring processes of several companies, but have also learned some key tips that have helped these people succeed in their respective fields. Additionally, we were able to meet with students from other schools that are also involved in marketing clubs, and see what their clubs are doing in respect to helping students find jobs after graduation. This was an incredible experience, and I cannot imagine a more advantageous workshop to attend.”

Another event, occurring on May 2, sponsored by the Marketing Club to showcase their various trips and projects was the “New Era of Marketing.” The purpose was to highlight the impact of both technology and social media on marketing.

Dr. Lilly Ye, Marketing Club Advisor, and colleague, Ms. Carol Arnone, successfully completed a club trip to New York City with club members November 15-18, 2012, to participate in the annual AWNY (Advertising Women of New York) Advertising Conference and Ad Agency tour with help from the Foundation and PELEF funding. This event was described by senior Ashley Swinford “... as an invaluable experience. I grew up in a small town, and getting to experience the fast-paced business environment of New York City helped to open my eyes to a new world. The agency visit showed me the ups and downs of the industry. I found it fascinating how much time and effort can be put into a project, just to have the project cancelled due to budget restraints. This story has taught me that the industry is very competitive and can sometimes be very stressful. Nevertheless, I am more excited than ever to enter the marketing industry and begin making my mark in the business world.”
Beta Gamma Sigma Spring Inductions

Fly into Your Future! That was the headline from the recent business professional executive panel sponsored by the Frostburg Finance Club. In attendance at the event were local CEOs and an Operations Manager who donated their time to further the skills and abilities of Frostburg’s student body. Dr. Gaumer, as the opening speaker for the event, kindly introduced the speakers and the purpose of the event to students. The first CEO to present was Barry Ronan of the Western Maryland Health System. Mr. Ronan presented the roots of his own story in addition to giving students key tips to succeed in the workplace. From humble beginnings of cleaning bedpans, to renowned success in the health care field, Mr. Ronan is a prime example of the success that Frostburg students can hope to achieve. Mr. Ronan’s key advice for students was to simply make yourself indispensable to your organization. With these troubled economic times, this advice rings true now more than ever. The second speaker was Michael Marchini, who is the Business Unit President for CBIZ. Mr. Marchini also presented his background in addition to his own suggestions for Frostburg students to succeed in the workplace. The most novel of this advice was, although disheartening to many educators, grades are not everything when you apply for a job. In fact, Mr. Marchini recommended that students find ways to branch out and get experience while in college because it shows a lifelong dedication to a strong work ethic and the ability to multitask. The final speaker for the event was Scott Pfeiffer, who is the Operations Manager at ATK. Mr. Pfeiffer was perhaps the bluntest speaker at the event, but his honesty certainly gives Frostburg students an upper hand in applying for jobs after graduation. One of Mr. Pfeiffer’s key points was to dress to the next level. By dressing well and putting in the required efforts to succeed in the workplace, employers are shown that you are both dedicated to the organization and to success in general. Additionally, Mr. Pfeiffer reiterated the importance of having a job in college and the significance of showing employers that you can learn new things and multitask while successfully managing your educational responsibilities. Overall, this event provided exceptional insight into the minds of current business professionals and gave Frostburg students a wealth of information to digest and apply to their own lives in order to be marketable and successful new graduates.
Marketing & Finance

- Finance Club advisor, Allen Shin and the Finance Club held a ‘Stock Investment Challenge’ for students that competed to win $200 in prize money (the runner up won $100). Dr. Shin took the Finance Club members to the Museum of American Finance in NYC on December 1, 2012 and to the RISE Investments Conference in Ohio in early April 2013 (see separate stories).

- Global Business Club members won 3rd place in the SGA ‘Homecoming Banner Contest.’

- Allen Shin is working as a consultant for the Small Business Development Center located in Frostburg; he’ll work with SBDC clients, specifically consulting on financial matters.

- Lilly Ye had three journal articles published in AY 2012-2013.

- Cathy Ashley-Cotleur had three journal articles published in AY 2012-2013, completed extensive polling work during the most recent presidential election: plans are to use her experiences in scholarly research. Also, she attended the AACSB Conference on “Cutting Edge Online Teaching and Hybrid Education Strategies” in March 2013.

- Dwane Dean served as a first-time Faculty Senator and presented his paper, “Anticipating Consumer Reaction to RFID-Enabled Grocery Check-out” at the CoB-sponsored Brown Bag on November 29, 2012.

- Dan Plucinski serves as Faculty Senator (joining Allen Shin, John Neral, Tom Sigerstad and Dwane Dean) in representing our department and the College of Business. He also serves as a Transfer Advisor (regular semesters and summer).

- Rahim Ashkeboussi is working to publish his Sabbatical research on Enterprise Risk Management (ERM).

- Tae-Nyun Kim has taught Corporate Finance for about two years now receiving excellent student evaluations (while not compromising necessary rigor in the classroom).

- Carol Gaumer ran a successful 3-hour workshop Nov. 9, 2012 on ‘The Power of a Good Brand’ for 15 local business professionals sponsored by The Greater Cumberland Committee (TGCC) in partnership with Allegany College of Maryland. She was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) on November 30, 2012 and had two journal articles published in AY 2012-2013.

- Ali Ashraf, our new Finance colleague, successfully defended his dissertation on November 1, 2012 and has completed all of the requirements for his Ph.D. from the Univ. of New Orleans: he is now Dr. Ali Ashraf. He also attended the AACSB Conference on “Cutting Edge Online Teaching and Hybrid Education Strategies” in March 2013.

- Karin Tedesco successfully advised students this Academic Year, aiding Tammy Shockey and the Advising Center. She also helps the department and the Advising Center organize various department and/or college-related events.

Accounting


- Dr. Yan Bao and Dr. Chiulien Venezia co-published “National Culture and Ethical Work Climates: A Comparative Study of CPA Firms in China And Taiwan.”

- The Accounting Department celebrated Dr. Chiulien Venezia’s tenure status and Dr. Yan Bao for her recognition of receiving the Faculty Achievement Award in Teaching.

Management

- The Department of Management faculty created the Management Faculty Presidential Merit Scholarship.

- Management faculty worked with College of Business student leaders to create the Student Pride Scholarship.
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Finance Club visits Ohio to attend RISE

Six members of the Finance Club: Eric Williams, Nick Cathell, Sean Davidson, William Cessna, Dione Marshall, and Alex Anastasi-Hill, had the opportunity to participate in the 2013 RISE (Redefining Investment Strategy Education) Conference in Dayton, Ohio from April 4-6, 2013. RISE is an internationally renowned investment conference, not to mention the largest and longest running student investment conference in the world, sponsored by the United Nations Global Compact. This year’s featured speakers included presidents and CEOs from firms such as Ariel Investments, BlackRock, TD Ameritrade and TIAA-CREF. The panelists included chief investment strategists and chief economists from Charles Schwab, Barclays, Federated Investors, Mesirow Financial, Oppenheimer, as well as representatives from Barron’s Bloomberg, CNBC, and Fox Business. More than 2000 students from the US and many parts of the world including Canada, Mexico, Germany, France, China, and Israel learned valuable lessons that are not typically available in the classroom. Intriguingly, this year there was a first ever “Federal Reserve President’s Panel” which provided a dual perspective on an important force in today’s markets: the Federal Reserve’s monetary policy.

(Dongfang Delegation Cont’d from Pg. 3) of the Student Government Association and interaction with student senators. The itinerary also included a tour of the Western Maryland Health System which was kindly accompanied by Dr. Tootoonchi and was proctored by MBA Alumni Mr. Kevin Turley, Vice President of Business Development, Marketing and Planning at WMHS. Mr. Turley explained to the group the far-reaching impact the hospital and its services have on the local community and the regional economy. Thanks to Mr. Thomas Bevans, who is also a Frostburg State University Police Officer and a volunteer at the Frostburg Fire and Rescue Department: Company 16, at the Main Street location. The delegation was able to enjoy an extensive tour of the facilities and a few demonstrations! Taking in the shopping culture of Western Maryland, the delegation spent an exciting afternoon at the Country Club Mall. Dr. Amit Shah and his wife, Yashmi, the owners of the Mountain City Coffeehouse and Creamery, were also kind enough to host the delegation to interact with FSU students while enjoying delicious coffees, baked goods, and other snacks. The highlight of the visit culminated with an exciting evening which included a dinner with President Gibralter and some members of his administration team followed by a student Multi-Cultural Variety Show, sponsored by the College of Business and Office of Student & Community Involvement. President Gibralter gave a warm opening reception speech. The FSU students and Dongfang students showcased many of their talents including various instrumental performances, a Peacock Dance, song singing, a step show, Chinese Calligraphy, and a Harlem Shake Dance. Residence Life graciously ended the stay of the delegation at FSU with a reception held at Frost Hall in the evening before they departed. Jun Li was quoted as saying “Everything we experienced was due to all the hard work and considerate arrangements. The students in Frost Hall gave us a very cozy welcome the night we arrived and all the MBA assistants, GA’s, and other students and colleagues that specially arranged for assistance to our campus life were so sweet and thoughtful: we felt we were at home. Without all of you, Dr. Yan Bao, Stacy and other colleagues in the College of Business, we would not have had such a pleasant stay at Frostburg State University. I can say nothing more than ‘Thank you’ ‘Thank you’ and ‘Thank you’.”

Additional special thanks go out to Dr. Yan Bao, Dr. Sudhir Singh, Mr. William Mandicott, President Gibralter, Dr. Amit Shah and his wife Yashmi, Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, Stacy Wassell, Robbie Wullschleger, Aleksandar Trivanovic, Mustafa Yildirim, Mike Stegmaier, Vickie Mazer, Trisha Gregory, Brian More, Thomas Bevans, Mary Jane Plumer, Kevin Turley, the FSU admission’s office, and Residence Life for making the visit such a wonderful experience for both the Dongfang delegation and FSU campus community.
2013 Honor’s Reception Photo Gallery
2013 Honor’s Reception Awards

FSU Business Honors
- College of Business Outstanding Student Leadership Award
  Aaron Webb
- PNC College of Business Presidential Merit Scholar Award:
  Prudence Akindo
- Commencement Speakers:
  Briana Watson (Fall)
  Caleb Stair (Spring)

FSU Business Scholarships
- Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key:
  Amanda Grabenstein
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce George M. Wyckoff Memorial Scholarship:
  Cady Kirkwood
- Trident Health Resources Business Scholarship:
  Cady Kirkwood
- Hedrick Business Excellence Scholarships:
  William Cessna  Garth Longley
  Brad Miller  Jennifer Morton
  Stephen Stanley
- John R. and Phyllis Sell MacVeigh Scholarship:
  Ashley Swinford
- Paula L. Vroman Scholarship
  Natalya Turner

MBA Program Scholarships & Honors
- Departmental Honors
  Rachel Farris
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Student Award:
  Erin Mathews

Recognition of Student Leaders in FSU Business Organizations
- Delta Sigma Pi, Omicron Chi Chapter:
  Emma Barlock  Megan Smith
- Economics Club:
  Megan Kinsinger
- Entrepreneurship Club:
  Aaron Webb
- Finance Club:
  Nicholas Cathell  Eric Williams
- Global Business Club:
  Jessica Hair  Jason Moxley  Scott Wasser
- Marketing Club:
  Jennifer Morton  Ashley Swinford
- Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)
  Courteney Navarini  Andrea Riley

Special Recognition
- Recognition of 24th Season VITA Program Volunteers
  (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program)
  Students:  Faculty & Volunteers:
  Neil Alexander  Doug Ellis
  Adam Eisenstadt  Connie Groer
  Brittany Gossard  Joyce Middleton
  Matthew Smith  Chiulien Venezia

Department of Accounting Scholarships/Honors
- Departmental Honors:
  Cody Morton
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Student Award:
  Cody Morton
- Accounting Department Scholarship:
  Brad Miller
- Ira & Paula Martin Accounting Scholarships:
  Matthew Smith  Adelaide White
- Pfugler Family Accounting Scholarship:
  Amanda Lishia
- Sarfino & Rhoades Accounting Achievement Scholarship:
  Cady Kirkwood
- Turnbull, Hoover & Kahl Scholarships:
  Ty Hemmis  Andrew Umbel
- MACPA Outstanding Accounting Student Award:
  Sara Cramer

Department of Economics Scholarships/Honors
- Departmental Honors:
  Christopher Sell
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Student Award:
  Alex Stuck
- Robert C. Burton Memorial Award for Departmental Service:
  Megan Kinsinger

Department of Management Scholarships/Honors
- Departmental Honors:
  Amanda Grabenstein
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Student Award:
  Trevor DeVore
- A Henry and Edith M. Gehauf Scholarship:
  Cady Kirkwood
- Dr. Huma Shakil & Dr. Shakil M. Rahman Business Scholarship:
  Hun Bui Nguyen
- Management Faculty Presidential Merit Scholarship:
  Mary O’Brien
- Target Competition Scholarship:
  Ty Hemmis  Rebecca Murray  Adelaide White

Department of Marketing and Finance Scholarships/Honors
- Departmental Honors:
  Rebecca Stemple
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Student Award in Finance:
  Elliott Long
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Student Award in Global Business:
  Kori Hassler
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Student Award in Marketing:
  Justin Anderson

Congratulations to All!
name our outstanding students and recognize their many accomplishments throughout the year. Each department—Accounting, Economics, Management, and Marketing & Finance named their Departmental Honors and scholarship recipients for the new academic year. (A complete listing of award winners can be seen on Page 9).

Not only were students recognized, College of Business faculty were also applauded for their accomplishments throughout the year, both at the University level and within the College itself. Dr. Yan Bao received the Faculty Achievement Award in Teaching along with Dr. Lilly Ye for the Faculty Leadership Award—both University achievements. College of Business “Extra Mile” Awards were presented to Dr. Tony Stair, Teaching; Dr. Mike Monahan, Research; and Dr. Joanna Shore, Service.

(Honor’s Reception Cont’d from Page 1) and classroom experiences students encounter at FSU with each other, faculty, and staff is the type of direction that truly prepares a student for the real world: even with all the knocks and mistakes—to which he admits he’s made a few along his way. But it was the lessons and values learned at FSU that helped him realize it is not the mistake, but how you recover from the mistake, that counts. He said the type of commitment and collaboration faculty have with students here could not be found at even the most renowned universities. Through his observations of assessing students’ work in the classrooms, he recognizes the strengths of a quality program based on excellence, fairness, and mutual respect.

The remainder of the ceremony was to

(Student Pride Scholarship Cont’d from Page 1) thropy and larger-scale fundraising. FSU senior, Aaron T. Webb, when speaking to the CoB faculty, described what the scholarship meant to himself and the commit tee:

“I’ve always wanted to create a scholarship program. Before I came to this school, I didn’t know how I was going to develop it and everything, but this is definitely going to be a springboard. From day one, we came here because we know that we have student pride. Whether it’s being involved or coming to class on time, turning in projects, even things that are small, we have that pride, and we want to move it forward. We want to take this out to the student body and get them to become a part of this. Our goal is to create a culture of giving in the College of Business and to try to get students to have pride in their school as well. Make them proud to be Frostburg State students.”

Professor Kentrus added: “There’s a bigger lesson here, which is having that mentality that the world is not just about us, it’s about every one of us. And when people get out into the real world, those are the difference makers. Those are the people who are going to go out there to make the world a better place. Not necessarily just to enrich their own lives, but to enrich other people’s lives along with that. I think that’s part of what we’re trying to teach here.”

Courtesy of Becca Ramspott, Profile, Vol 25, No. 2, Spring 2013
Dr. Jacquelynne McLellan retired after 19 years of service at Frostburg State University. Her educational background includes Bachelor, Master of Arts and Ph.D. from Wayne University and the Certificate in Financial Planning from Florida State University. She began her career as Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics in August 1994, became chair of that department in 1997, and held that position until May 1998. In August of 1998, she was promoted to Associate Professor moving to the Department of Management and serving in this capacity teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in Business Cycles and Forecasting, Operations Management, Quality Management, Business Ethics, International Management, and Management Decision Analysis. The CoB faculty and staff wish her the best of luck for health and happiness as she moves into the next phase of her life.

Where does one start with Professor Sharon Robinson’s impressive tenure at Frostburg State University? At the beginning! She was hired at Frostburg State College in 1973 as an Instructor in the Business Administration Program. In 1979/1980, Accounting became a major and she continued her commitment to teaching and advising. Professor Robinson faithfully supported the students, faculty, and staff of the Accounting Department and College of Business, as well as colleagues university-wide and accounting professionals in the community. She served as the Chair for the Department of Accounting for thirteen years and was a member of many College of Business and University committees. Her commitment, dedication, and expertise have been exceptional. Professor Robinson continues to support students by establishing the Sharon L. Robinson Presidential Merit Scholarship in Accounting. After 40 years of dedicated service she will be missed! We all wish you the very best in your retirement and travels around the world!

Peggy Dalton began her career at FSU in the fall of 1981. In 1988 she initiated a regional research effort, establishing the Center for Regional Progress, which provided regional analysis to the tri-state area until 2012. Peggy enjoyed teaching, especially sharing her love of economics with students who were nervous and unsure about studying economics. She often told students: "You will have fun in this class, and by the end, you'll be able to understand much more of what you hear in the media." Planning to do some online teaching and educational consulting, Peggy is also looking forward to spending more time outdoors, traveling, and enjoying the company of family and friends.

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Upcoming Events

CoB Faculty Meeting, August 27, 2013
Fall 2013 Classes Begin, September 3