

1898-1998
Frostburg State University

A CENTURY OF COMMITMENT

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH COMMENCEMENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1998

Centennial Celebration

Today's commencement ceremonies mark the official closure of Frostburg State University's year-long Centennial Celebration. Since its founding in 1898, the University, through its growth from a normal school to a comprehensive university, has always remained committed to the provision of a quality undergraduate education, taking pride in the caliber of students that have passed through its halls. The Class of 1998 is no exception. Their enthusiasm and dedication represent the best the University offers.

The past year has encompassed an exciting array of special events in commemoration of the University's one-hundredth birthday. Activities ranging from specially-commissioned dance presentations and art exhibits to academic symposia and student programs have been enjoyed by the entire community. As a final gesture in recognition of the University's Centennial, each of today's graduates is wearing a gold medallion embossed with the University's seal. In addition, the students will receive a special scroll which replicates a diploma presented in 1905 by State Normal School #2 at Frostburg.



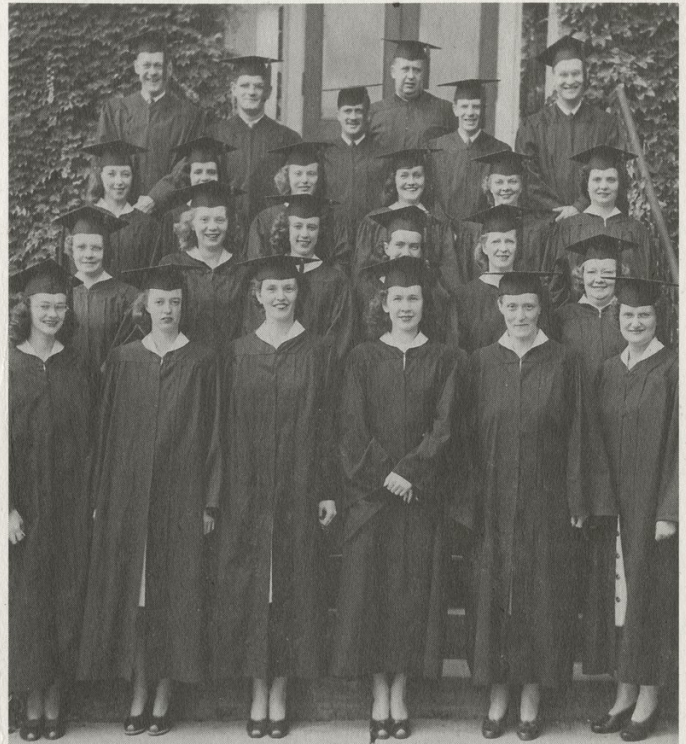
Centennial Book/Video

To commemorate the Centennial, the University has produced a unique book, *A Century of Commitment*. The 120-page book chronicles the history of the University from its founding as a

Normal School through its emergence as a leader in Maryland higher education.

The Frostburg State University Centennial Book would make a wonderful gift for today's graduates and is available in the FSU bookstore.

As a companion piece to the centennial book, the video is a vivid portrayal of the evolution from Normal School #2 to Frostburg State University. This extraordinary story, covering a century of history and told in twelve minutes, documents the efforts of the men and women of our community who sacrificed much to ensure the presence of an institution of higher education. For further information on how to secure a copy of Frostburg State University's Centennial video, call the Office of University Advancement at 301-687-4068.



Cover - State Normal School #2 Commencement, 1946.

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Thank You

Commencement is truly a celebration of the FSU community. The efforts of several departments are recognized for their contributions to today's ceremonies: the Office of the Provost, Printing Services, the Office of the Registrar, and Facilities. Thanks, too, to all the volunteer ushers.

The University also extends appreciation to Dr. David Gillespie, Director of the Lewis J. Ort Library, and to Ms. Francie Zembower, administrative aide, for eleven years of superlative management of FSU's commencements.

A Century of Commitment

From an opening day enrollment of 57 students, Frostburg State University has grown to a present-day enrollment of over 5,000 students. Its physical plant, once limited to a single building, Old Main, which housed classrooms, a library, a gymnasium-auditorium, and a modern chemical laboratory, has also grown to over 30 facilities including classroom buildings, residence halls, the Lewis J. Ort Library, the Physical Education Center, the Lane Center, and the Performing Arts Center, situated on 255 beautiful acres.

Opened in 1902 as State Normal School No. 2, the University owes its existence to the tenacity of J. Benson Oder, editor of the *Frostburg Mining Journal*, and the citizens of Frostburg and surrounding communities who, in spite of political barriers, raised funds and purchased the site on which the University is located.

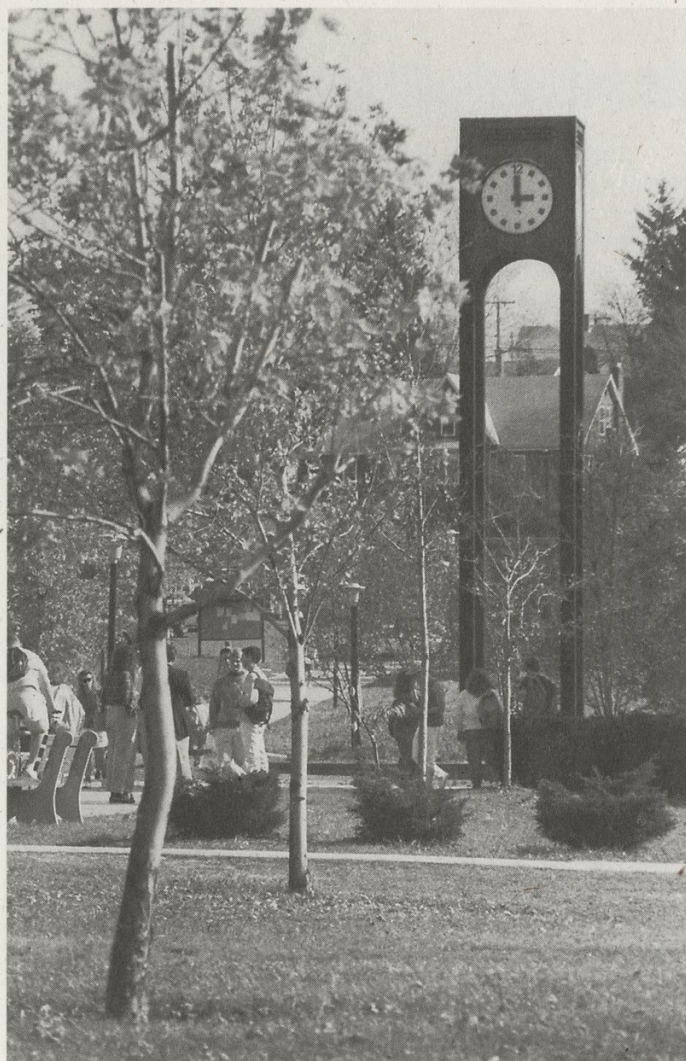
Principal Edmund Dandridge Murdaugh and three faculty instructed the first Normal School class; in addition, the other faculty taught 151 children in the Model School. The Normal School students, who were high school students having to meet no requirements other than age (girls, 16; boys, 17), had but one two-year course of study, elementary education. The curriculum consisted of Latin, mathematics, history, rhetoric and literature, natural and physical sciences, drawing, music, calisthenics, psychology, philosophy of education, philosophy of school management, Pedagogy, Observation, Practice Work and Primary Manual Training.

Over the years, the name of the institution has reflected the changes in the scope of its educational mission. In 1934, The State Normal School No. 2 became the State Teachers College at Frostburg, a four-year college which offered a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. In 1963, the name became Frostburg State College, and finally in 1987, with the strong support of the local civic and business community, became Frostburg State University, an indication of its growing resources, diversity and excellence in educational opportunities for the region and the state.

In 1988, FSU became a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland, comprising 11 of the state's 13 public institutions. Expanding to meet the educational needs of the region, the FSU Center in Hagerstown was also established in 1988 to offer upper-level bachelor's degree coursework and graduate programs. The University also opened, in 1990, a permanent location for the Frederick MBA program.

Throughout its growth, the University has emphasized excellence in teaching. Over 80% of the full-time faculty hold Ph.D.'s or terminal degrees from institutions that are among the most prestigious in the nation. Faculty scholarship has led to scholarly books, manuals and journals, as well as numerous articles and reviews. This excellence in faculty has resulted in superior results for students. FSU was ranked first among its peers for the number of doctorates per 100 baccalaureate degrees awarded. In the same study, FSU was ranked second in the percentage of national, prestigious awards received by faculty. These have included Fulbrights and significant grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts and other national associations.

At the same time, the University has developed comparable excellence in academic programs, research, consulting, cultural and athletic events, and facilities. In recent years the campus has



consistently received a superior rating, the highest state award given for facilities and maintenance. In addition, FSU was also recently ranked the safest campus in Maryland in a report from an industrial research firm.

Today, the University's mission and services have expanded significantly. Over 400 full-time administrators and support staff, and more than 200 full-time faculty serve the educational needs of students who come not only from throughout the United States, but also the world. These students have a choice of 34 major programs of study leading to the Bachelor of Art, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees as well as graduate degrees in applied ecology and conservation biology, business administration, counseling psychology, education, wildlife/fisheries biology, human performance, modern humanities, and park and recreation resource management. In addition, 12 pre-professional programs are offered.

Frostburg State University continues in its pursuit of excellence as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. It is a tradition of excellence and commitment, which spans a century, that is FSU's legacy - as well as its future.

Academic Regalia

Academic regalia is a visible reminder that the process of intellectual pursuits has historic and honorable antecedents. The dignity of scholarship in the past remains vital in the present.

Academic costume consists of gowns, hoods and caps. Traditionally made from black silk, gowns increasingly are the color of the institution granting the degree. The bachelor's gown falls in straight lines and has long pointed sleeves, while the sleeves for the master's gown are closed with slits for the arms at the wrist. The doctor's gown has a velvet facing and three velvet bars on bell-shaped sleeves. The velvet is either black or of the color stipulated for the degree held.

The colorful hoods designate the degree of the wearer, the subject in which the degree is held, and the institution which awarded the degree. The colors of the velvet bands on each hood and robe represent the scholar's field of learning while the official colors of the school awarding the degree are always shown in the lining of the hood. Frostburg State University's colors are red, black and white.

The black mortarboard type of cap is most commonly worn and it is usually made of the same material as the gown. Doctor's caps may be made of velvet and may have tassels of gold or in the color of the wearer's degree. Tassels of different colors are also used to indicate academic honors.

The colors for academic fields established by the American Council on Education include:

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| Arts, Letters, Humanities | White |
| Commerce Accounting, Business | Drab |
| Dentistry | Lilac |
| Economics | Copper |
| Education | Light blue |
| Engineering | Orange |
| Fine Arts, including Architecture | Brown |
| Forestry | Russet |
| Journalism | Crimson |
| Law | Purple |
| Library Science | Lemon |
| Medicine | Green |
| Music | Pink |
| Nursing | Apricot |
| Optometry | Sea Foam Green |
| Oratory (Speech) | Silver Gray |
| Philosophy | Dark Blue |
| Physical Education | Sage Green |
| Public Administration | Peacock Blue |
| Science | Golden Yellow |
| Social Science | Cream |
| Social Work | Citron |
| Theology | Scarlet |
| Veterinary Science | Gray |

The Mace

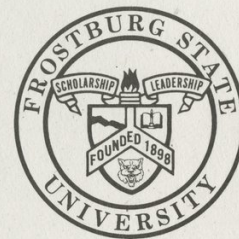
In the Middle Ages, the mace was a weapon used against armored warriors. It evolved through the years into an ornamental staff which served as a symbol of the authority of the ruler. Colleges and universities have adopted the mace as a decorative staff or baton which is carried by the grand marshal of the institution in all formal academic processions. The mace is also displayed at other significant events.

The Frostburg State University mace was crafted from mountain walnut which was milled in nearby Flintstone, Maryland in 1945. The grain pattern of the quarter-sawn wood was enhanced by laminating side

sections to a central shaft which was then turned, point-to-point, on a wood lathe. To obtain a high-gloss finish, ten coats of trewax were applied while mace was turned at high speed on the lathe. The fine detail work around the medallions and the final coating of wax were done by hand.

The design of the Frostburg State University mace is based upon the recorder, a woodwind musical instrument. Two die-struck replicas of the University seal are affixed to the top.

The mace was designed and crafted in 1986 by Dustin Davis of the Frostburg State University Department of Visual Arts.



The Medallion

The Frostburg State University medallion is a replica of the seal of the University and is worn by the President at all formal academic convocations as a symbol of leadership and responsibility vested in that office.

The Presidential medallion is die-struck metal with a highly polished gold finish. The design depicts a torch and shield encircled by the name Frostburg State University, and its location, Frostburg, Maryland. The torch symbolizes the enlightenment of higher education, while banners on each side proclaim the dual mission of the University: Leadership and Scholarship. Appearing on the shield are mountains which represent not only the location of the University, but timelessness and endurance; a bobcat, the mascot of FSU, representing strength and courage; an open book and a candle representing learning; and the founding date of the University, 1898.

The Grand Marshal

Dr. Edward L. Root is the Coordinator of the Administration/ Supervision Program for the FSU Educational Professions Department. He served as the Dean of the School of Education from 1987 to 1995. Prior to this appointment, he was the chair of the Education Department and Coordinator of Field Experiences.

Dr. Root received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Frostburg State College in 1962 and 1966 respectively. He earned his doctorate from the University of Maryland in 1970.

Graduating with Honors in General Education

Christy Mae Chambers
Linda Anne Doyle
Amy Melissa Dreyer

Margaret Ann Keller
Michele Lynn Midgett
Kara Elizabeth Uhl

Order of the Procession

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Dr. Steven P. Wilkinson

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Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Gira

Recognition of Honor Graduates

Dr. Grontkowski

Presentation of Diplomas

School Deans and Provost Grontkowski

Alumni Association Induction

Mr. Ronald Geatz

Class of 1976

Alma Mater

led by Ms. Jester

Recessional

Commencement Ensemble

A reception, hosted by the President, the University Bookstore and Marriott Dining Services, will be held in the Lane Center immediately following the ceremony.

Commencement Speakers

Patricia H. Kelley

In FSU's centennial year, history major Patricia Kelley would like to challenge her fellow graduates to think about the opportunities they enjoy as a result of the endless sacrifices of their predecessors.



Patty, a non-traditional student from Addison, Pennsylvania, has achieved a 4.0 grade point average while maintaining home, family and employment.

She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and Sigma Tau Delta national honor societies, served as a presenter at the 1996 and 1998 English Colloquiums and participated in travel abroad programs to Greece, Germany, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Through an independent study and research project with the Allegany County Historical Society and the Thrasher Carriage Museum, Patty gained valuable experience in museum operations and had several research articles published.

As this commencement marks the closing of the FSU's celebration of 100 years of local heritage, Patty's professors believe that she exemplifies the institution's legacy.

"Patricia Kelley represents the finest of this heritage — a non-traditional student who overcame doubts about herself to achieve high academic honors and one who has already made her mark as a scholar on Western Maryland," one professor writes.

Patty hopes to obtain a position combining past business experience with her degree in history and minor in English.

Cherina Y. Lehman

Cherina Lehman's graduation today represents one more achievement in her impressive academic career. After transferring to FSU from Hagerstown Junior College, Cherina continued her record of academic excellence by earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average in her three majors of social work, sociology and foreign languages and literature.

In recognition of her academic success, she has been inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa, Phi



Alpha, Sigma Delta Pi and Pinnacle honor societies. Her professors feel her achievements are well-deserved.

"Cherina has been a quiet presence. She is observant, insightful and disciplined. She is someone who exemplifies excellence in academic achievement," says one of her professors from the Department of Social Work.

In addition to her academic studies, Cherina has traveled throughout Europe, the United States and Latin America. With her family, she has participated in missionary trips abroad with the Mennonite Church, working to address social problems associated with poverty.

She has just completed a social work field placement with a migrant child development program in Pennsylvania and hopes to continue working to aid the social development in the Hispanic community following her graduation.

Cherina currently resides in Garrett County with her family.

Ronald Geatz

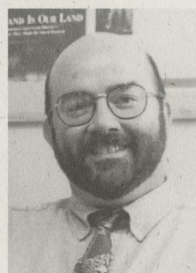
As publications director for The Nature Conservancy and editor-in-chief of *Nature Conservancy Magazine*, Ronald Geatz, Class of '76, travels the vast regions of the world.

Ron's journey to his present position began while he was a student at Frostburg State. "Even in college I knew I wanted to get on my soap box by writing and communicating," he stated.

Following graduation, Ron worked as a media specialist at the campus library. His interest in public programs led him to employment with the Association of Advancement for Retired Persons, the American Film Institute and the Smithsonian. He has held various positions at The Nature Conservancy over the past eleven years.

Ron has recently been part of an official delegation to China where The Nature Conservancy is working with the central and local governments to establish the Great Rivers National Park in the Himalayan foothills.

In honor of his many professional accomplishments, Ron was presented with the Frostburg State University Alumni Achievement Award in 1985.



Dr. Catherine R. Gira

Dr. Catherine R. Gira became the President of Frostburg State University on September 1, 1991. Prior to that, she served for nine years as Provost at the University of Baltimore. She also previously held the positions of Professor of English and Acting Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at that institution.

Dr. Gira has held leadership positions in numerous national and state professional associations, including the American Association of University Administrators (President, 1988-90); Federation of State Humanities Councils (Vice-Chair, 1993-94; National Secretary, 1991-93; and member of the Board of Directors, 1991-94); Commission on Higher Education, Middle States Association Commissioner (1994-present) and member of the Executive Committee (1997-present); American Council on Education Leadership Commission (1994-1996); Maryland Humanities Council (Chair, 1989-91, member, 1983-95); Maryland Association of Higher Education (President, 1986-87). She currently serves on several regional and national boards, including those of the Western Maryland Health System, the Rocky Gap Foundation, the Regional Education Service Agency, the Cumberland Theatre, and the Maryland Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Gira earned a B.S. from California State College (PA), an M.Ed. and a Master's in Liberal Arts from The Johns Hopkins University, and a Ph.D. in Literature from the American University. She has been recognized as Woman of the Year by the Maryland Legislature (1993), as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women (1996), and in 1997 was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. She has also been formally honored for her role in regional economic development by the regional Tourism Association Board and by local media. She has published numerous articles on Shakespeare, Renaissance art and literature, and issues in higher education. She has also authored a bibliographic and critical study of Shakespeare's *Henry IV*, published by Garland Publishing Company in 1994.



Candidates for Degrees

At this Commencement, degrees are conferred upon persons who completed requirements in August and December, 1998. As final action cannot always be taken by the time this program is printed, the list of candidates here is tentative only. The transcript of the University, signed and sealed by its proper officer, remains the official testimony to the possession of a degree. The designation of honors is based on the grade point average at the end of the summer semester. The final grade point average will determine honor ranking.

Master of Science in Applied Ecology & Conservation Biology

Melanie Hawkins
Jarrettsville
Andrew Peter Kinziger
Brussels, WI
Joseph Mitchell Spear
Frostburg
Thomas Joseph Stick
New Freedom, PA

Master of Science in Wildlife/Fisheries Biology

Jessica Lee Morrow
Massena, NY
Jeremy Hale
Frostburg

Master of Arts in Modern Humanities

Lisa Jenn Rowe
Tilghman

School of Arts and Humanities

Brian Matthew Bauerschmidt
Frederick
Kimya Bell
Baltimore

Jessica Lynn Boehl - *magna cum laude*
Glen Rock, PA
Andrew David Broadhurst
Frederick
Jennifer Renee Burroughs
Newburg
Erin Louise Carney
Chestertown
Troy Nathaniel Carter
Lexington Park
Ruth Anne Casas
California
Kevin Patrick Davis
LaPlata
Michael Robert Duggan - *summa cum laude*
Cumberland
David Morris Durst
Grantsville
Shannon Marie Egan
Brookeville
Tracey Sue Eyler - *cum laude*
Rocky Ridge
Eric John Fehervari
Rockville
Sean Edward Foley - *cum laude*
Oakland
Julie Melinda Frey - *cum laude*
Cumberland
Kimberly Elayne Frey
Eldersburg
Pamela Ann Frye
Cumberland
Andrea Grace
Manasquan, NJ
Travis Oliver Harriston
Columbia
Nicole Andrea Hendel
Lititz, PA
Leonard Jerry Hicks III
Frostburg
Aaron John Hoopengardner
Hancock
Edward L. Hoyle, Jr.
Upper Marlboro
James Armstrong Hurlburt
Lexington Park
Simona Frances Jones
Lexington Park
Melanie Lynn Kastner
Cumberland
Patricia Honse Kelley - *summa cum laude*
Addison, PA
Dawn Kathleen Leatherman
New Creek, WV
Shay A. Mace
Frostburg

Naisha LaJuan Massey
Randallstown
Steven Richard Matthews
Frostburg
Amy Theresa McGuire
LaPlata
Mary Elizabeth McKennett
Olney
William Thomas McLean
Perry Hall
Kristine Marie Mentro
Mount Airy
Christopher Allen Metzner
Seaford, DE
Jonas Andrew Mikolayunas
Baltimore
Michael Andrew Miller
Potomac
John Merryman Myers III
Cockeysville
Matthew John Nakich
Berlin, PA
Kenneth Allen Oldham, Jr.
Taneytown
Jeana Nicole Patti
Baltimore
David Michael Petersen
Baltimore
Joseph Lee Plutto
Frostburg
Lynn Marie Preston
Barton
Charles Edwin Russell
Ijamsville
Jeremy Scott Sanders
Oakland
Jennifer Jacqueline Schmidt
Baltimore
Anwar T.H. Singletary
Annapolis
Felipe Armando Small
Joppa
Rebecca Ann Smith - *summa cum laude*
Cumberland
Jennifer Mary Snyder
Mount Savage
Matthew Michael Tickler
Damascus
Christopher Allen Walker
Huntingtown
James Stuart Wallace
Towson
Jill Ann Winner
Frostburg
Robert Daniel Zembower
Frostburg

School of Natural and Social Sciences

Scott Clanton Anchors
Staunton, VA

Michele B. Andrews
Cumberland

Rena Vanessa Arnold
Cumberland

Andrew Dale Baker
Williamsburg, PA

Nickol D' Anna Barnes
Baltimore

Tracy K. Barss*
Frederick

Daniel Bivona
Towaco, NJ

Shane Eric Blankenship*
Hagerstown

Christina Joy Boor
Corriganville

Michael Henry Border
New Cumberland, PA

Jon Brandes
LaVale

Thomas C. Breighner
Cumberland

Darryl Andre Brice - *cum laude*
Baltimore

Michael Shannon Brown
Forest Hill

Brian William Brush
Toms River, NJ

Matthew Owen Burchette
Ijamsville

John Michael Caine
Frostburg

Karen Lynn Carpenter
Jefferson

Lindsey B. Carter
Baltimore

Heather Jene Chadwell
Millersville

Christy Mae Chambers
LaVale

Kenneth Maynard Cowgill
Cumberland

Deane Lee Crowe - *cum laude*
Cumberland

Jarrold Wayne Deal
Aberdeen

Chona San Pedro Dela Cruz
Hagerstown

Michael Thomas Dixon
Sykesville

Eric Wayne Dodson
Gaithersburg

Steven Christian Doll - *magna cum laude*
Severna Park

Linda Anne Doyle - *cum laude*
Rock Hall

Amy Melissa Dreyer - *cum laude*
Cumberland

Megan Jene Duffey
Monrovia

Kevin Patrick Dunn
Frostburg

Karen M. Emerson
Hollywood

Peter Anthony Forno - *cum laude*
Accident

Adam Ira Fox
Owings Mills

Monica Renee Fries
Mountain Lake Park

Christian Shane Garlitz
Lonaconing

Brian Ward Gemberling
Silver Spring

Tina Leah Gifford - *summa cum laude*
Cumberland

Peter Martin Goetschius
Cumberland

Adrian Paul Gordon
Rockville

Karen Mae Gordon
Frostburg

Michael James Harris
Joppa

Trudy Maria Harris*
Baltimore

Matthew Dean Hay
Berlin, PA

Mark Lee Helmstetter
Silver Spring

Emilia Henson* - *magna cum laude*
Big Pool

Daniel Forrest Higgins
Joppatowne

Dustin O'Neale Higgins
Middletown

Daniel Joseph Houghtaling
Olney

Todd Richard Ireland
Chester, NJ

Dominic Joseph Jenkins
Forest Hill

Robyn Lynn Jenkins
Keyser, WV

Jessica A. Keller
Baltimore

Dana Felise Kelly - *magna cum laude*
Frostburg

Deanna Marie Kenney
Lonaconing

Cherina Yvonne Lehman - *summa cum laude*
Hagerstown

John Sterling Lewis
Frederick

Tracy Ann Little
Cumberland

Sarah Houde Livingstone - *summa cum laude*
Frostburg

Christine Marie Magayna-Brown - *cum laude*
Oldtown

William Victor Marsh - *magna cum laude*
Keyser, WV

Kurt Nicholas Martin
Baltimore

Kyle Lawrence Martin
Baltimore

Sean Michael McCabe
Arnold

Patrick Wesley McCordle
Hagerstown

William Lancaster McLeod
Garrett Park

Lisette Christina Mendes
Miller Place, NY

Douglas Eugene Metz, Jr.*
Frederick

Robert Taylor Meyer, Jr.
Greensburg, PA

Michele Lynn Midgett - *magna cum laude*
Baltimore

David Paul Miller
Midland

David Scott Molok
Redbank, NJ

Lisa Marie Moreland
Cumberland

Nicole Beth Morin
Owings Mills

Angela Jean Morton
Frostburg

Shawn David Murphy* - *cum laude*
Myersville

Paul Charles Murray
Walkersville

Mark Stephen Nicholas
Swanton

Ronald Scott Opel - *magna cum laude*
Salisbury, PA

Jessica Ann Paugh
Frostburg

Brenton Hamilton Pettyjohn
Earlsville, VA

Jeffrey Richard Piatt
Flint, MI

Moneca Kanaa Pinkett-Wilkins - *cum laude*
Baltimore

Michael Wayne Purdy
Frostburg
Adele Marie Quebedeaux
Silver Spring
Bradley Thomas Rhea
Somerset, PA
Shelly Denise Ridgeway
Falls Church, VA
Amy Jane Rishell
Oakland
Steven Floyd Roach
Cumberland
Bonnie Michelle Robinson*
Hagerstown
Tracie Marie Ross
Cumberland
Misty Lynn Sanders
Oakland
Joseph K. Schnatterly
LaVale
Tiffany Je Vaughn Scott
Clinton
Crystal Ann Shaffer - *summa cum laude*
Kitzmillier
John Christopher Shockey
Lonaconing

Mark James Shover
Pasadena
Justin Gibran Siplin
Bel Air
Mary Christine Smith
Frostburg
Julie Ann Staudt
Lincroft, NJ
Elinor Jett Stevenson
Cumberland
Melea Joy Stoltenberg
Sykesville
Dana Lee Stransky - *summa cum laude*
New Windsor
Matthew B. Swomley
Bel Air
Dale Rochelle Tabler
Cumberland
Andrea Lea Tavernia
Frederick
Ann Louise Thorig
Mount Savage
Thom E. Thomas
Harpers Ferry, WV
Adam Lee Travers
Bel Air

Sean Elliott Triplett
Lusby
Kara Elizabeth Uhl
Mount Savage
Jason Everett VanSickle
McHenry
Andrea Bateson Vance
Westernport
Kristin Michelle Wall
Perry Hall
Rodney J. Waltersdorff
Randallstown
Daniell Marie Wedlock
Hagerstown
Christopher Jay Weller
Frederick
Amber Diane Wentz
Cumberland
Brenda Leigh Wentz
Bedford, PA
Ian Glenn Willock*
Hagerstown
Stephen Craig Young
Millersville
Zachary John Zimmerman
Waldorf



Graduation Day - circa 1926



Varsity Shop - 1949

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Mr. Ronald Geatz

Class of 1976

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Commencement Ensemble

A reception, hosted by the President, the University Bookstore and Marriott Dining Services, will be held in the Lane Center immediately following the ceremony.

Commencement Speakers

Jill R. Yokum

Jill R. Yokum has compiled an impressive resume of achievements during her years at FSU. Not only is she graduating after only three and a half years, but she maintained an overall grade point average of 4.0 while working 20 hours a week.

Within her major in accounting and minors in business administration and economics, Jill's academic success has earned her numerous awards and scholarships. She is a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies and has been recognized as a United States Achievement Academy All-American Collegiate Scholar.

Jill's motivation is also evident in her extracurricular activities. She is president of the FSU Accounting Association and student affiliate for several state and national accounting societies.

The Clearville, Pennsylvania resident has also been active with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and was recognized at the 1998 English Colloquium where she presented a project on the Uniform Accountancy Act.

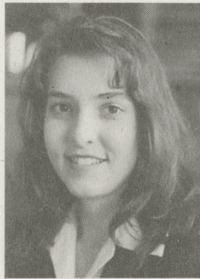
"FSU has played an integral role in preparing us to take the next step in our careers," Jill says on behalf of her fellow graduates. "We will take with us the academic background, applied knowledge, professionalism, focus and encouragement that we have received from family, friends and the University community."

Jill is planning to relocate to Winchester, Virginia, where she has accepted a position in accounting.

Connie L. Fink

Connie Fink is known throughout the campus for her graceful and dynamic dance presentations. But her accomplishments during her years at FSU go beyond her commanding performances.

Connie, a resident of Severn, Maryland, maintained a 4.0 grade point average in her minor of dance and concentration in coaching. As a health and physical education major, she



founded the FSU Dance Club and was named the Outstanding Dancer of the Year in 1998.

She has been a member of the FSU Women's Basketball Team, participated in the 1997 American Dance Festival and has been an officer of Phi Epsilon Kappa (her major's honor society) all while working as a resident assistant and tutor in various subjects.

"Graduation is a time for celebration and to say goodbye to those who are starting their futures," Connie says. "It is an honor to speak at graduation, but it is more of an honor to speak for the students who are graduating."

Her contributions to the arts on campus will truly be missed. Following graduation, Connie hopes to obtain a position as a health and physical education instructor. She will also be directing the Anne Arundel County Dance Ensemble.

Ronald Geatz

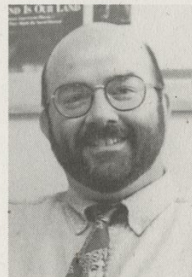
As publications director for The Nature Conservancy and editor-in-chief of *Nature Conservancy Magazine*, Ronald Geatz, Class of '76, travels the vast regions of the world.

Ron's journey to his present position began while he was a student at Frostburg State. "Even in college I knew I wanted to get on my soap box by writing and communicating," he stated.

Following graduation, Ron worked as a media specialist at the campus library. His interest in public programs led him to employment with the Association of Advancement for Retired Persons, the American Film Institute and the Smithsonian. He has held various positions at The Nature Conservancy over the past eleven years.

Ron has recently been part of an official delegation to China where The Nature Conservancy is working with the central and local governments to establish the Great Rivers National Park in the Himalayan foothills.

In honor of his many professional accomplishments, Ron was presented with the Frostburg State University Alumni Achievement Award in 1985.



Dr. Catherine R. Gira

Dr. Catherine R. Gira became the President of Frostburg State University on September 1, 1991. Prior to that, she served for nine years as Provost at the University of Baltimore. She also previously held the positions of Professor of English and Acting Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at that institution.

Dr. Gira has held leadership positions in numerous national and state professional associations, including the American Association of University Administrators (President, 1988-90); Federation of State Humanities Councils (Vice-Chair, 1993-94; National Secretary, 1991-93; and member of the Board of Directors, 1991-94); Commission on Higher Education, Middle States Association Commissioner (1994-present) and member of the Executive Committee (1997-present); American Council on Education Leadership Commission (1994-1996); Maryland Humanities Council (Chair, 1989-91, member, 1983-95); Maryland Association of Higher Education (President, 1986-87). She currently serves on several regional and national boards, including those of the Western Maryland Health System, the Rocky Gap Foundation, the Regional Education Service Agency, the Cumberland Theatre, and the Maryland Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Gira earned a B.S. from California State College (PA), an M.Ed. and a Master's in Liberal Arts from The Johns Hopkins University, and a Ph.D. in Literature from the American University. She has been recognized as Woman of the Year by the Maryland Legislature (1993), as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women (1996), and in 1997 was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. She has also been formally honored for her role in regional economic development by the regional Tourism Association Board and by local media. She has published numerous articles on Shakespeare, Renaissance art and literature, and issues in higher education. She has also authored a bibliographic and critical study of Shakespeare's *Henry IV*, published by Garland Publishing Company in 1994.



Candidates for Degrees

At this Commencement, degrees are conferred upon persons who completed requirements in August and December, 1998. As final action cannot always be taken by the time this program is printed, the list of candidates here is tentative only. The transcript of the University, signed and sealed by its proper officer, remains the official testimony to the possession of a degree. The designation of honors is based on the grade point average at the end of the summer semester. The final grade point average will determine honor ranking.

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 On this height to - geth - er gath - er, Mount - ain's back - bone, close to sky,
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 Ter - mi - nus of Al - leg - an - y At the high - est crest of land,
 Frost - burg, lit - tle town of plen - ty, *rallentando* Frost - burg State for - ev - er stand.