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FSU's Children's Literature Centre Hosts 16th Annual Storybook Holiday



Volunteer student “elves” direct traffic during last year’s Storybook Holiday.

The 16th annual Storybook Holiday celebration, hosted by FSU’s Children’s Literature Centre, will bring its seasonal cheer to downtown Frostburg on **Saturday, Dec. 7**. The festivities will begin at 8 a.m. and end with the holiday-themed movie, “White Christmas,” featuring a sing-along to the movie’s popular music, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The event welcomes all ages and features a parade, storybook readings and book signings, cookie decorating and many more family-friendly activities. In addition, attendees have the chance to meet Santa and children’s book author Debbie Brenneman and illustrator Melinda Bishoff.

The day’s events begin with Breakfast With the Elves from 8 to 10 a.m. in Hotel Gunter at 11 W. Main St. Tickets are \$6 for children, \$10 for adults and will be sold in advance at the hotel and online. Following breakfast, elves will compete against one another in the Elf Olympics at the Broadway parking lot at 9:30 a.m. After the friendly competition, attendees can head over to the parade kickoff performance in front of Hotel Gunter at the Mountain City Center for the Arts at 10:15 a.m. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. following Run Your Bells Off for Autism, a charity fun run.

The parade will be in honor of World War II veterans and in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. A number of WWII veterans will be riding in the parade.

Following the parade, at 11:30 a.m. to noon, Frostburg Dance Academy will perform at the Broadway parking lot. From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tail Waggin’ Tutors will give storybook readings at Frostburg Community Library at 65 E. Main St. There will be additional readings from noon to 1 p.m. at Frostburg United Methodist Church at 48 W. Main St. and from 1 to 2 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 34 W. Main St. The North Pole STEM Challenge will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Frostburg Community Center at 27 S. Water St.

Seasonal activities and attractions will be available at City Place from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., including Elves’ Secret Workshop, Write a Letter to Santa, Photo With an Elf, a miniature train display, craft activities and craft vendors.

Also at City Place, Brenneman and Bishoff will sign copies of their book, “The Perfect Tree for Mrs. B.,” from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The book can be purchased at Main Street Books. Later, they will give an author/illustrator presentation from 2 to 3 p.m. in Frostburg Public Library at 65 E. Main St.

Free cookie decorating and a cookie contest will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Hotel Gunter. Other attractions include Sticker Stops, where kids can fill their winter bookmarks with stickers to win a prize, face painting and balloon animals at the American Legion at 27 W. Main St., Cocoa With the PoPo at the Frostburg Public Safety Building at 37 S. Broadway, along with business and restaurant specials. Children can also visit Santa’s House at P.S. Hair Design at 20 S. Broadway.

As the day’s activities come to an end, the Festival of Trees will take place at City Place from 6 to 7 p.m. Celebrators will meet Santa, find out the winners of the cookie contest and watch live entertainment. The festivities will end with a showing and sing-along to the

classic film, "White Christmas," in the Palace Theater at 31 E. Main St. at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and are being sold in advance at Main Street Books.

In addition to the Children's Literature Centre, Storybook Holiday is sponsored by the city of Frostburg, FrostburgFirst and Scottish Rite Freemasons. For info, contact the Children's Literature Centre at 301-687-3133 or clc@frostburg.edu. Updates can also be found at www.facebook.com/clcfsu.

President's Holiday Reception

Monday, Dec. 16

2 to 4 p.m., Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall of Lane University Center

The FSU Chamber Singers, directed by **Dr. Scott Rieker**, will perform at 2 p.m.

This year's featured charity –
Maryland Charity Campaign
Make your donation to MCC at the party!

"Most Outlandish" Holiday Sweater Contest returns!
The winner will be announced **Friday, Dec. 20**.

Toys for Happiness!
The Office of Civic Engagement's AmeriCorps program will collect unwrapped toys for local children in need.

Theatre

Department of Theatre and Dance Presents Holiday Production of 'Scrooge in Rouge'



Student performers in FSU's production of "Scrooge in Rouge" include, from left, Christian Scott, Kasey Taylor and Grace La Count.

For its holiday production this year, the Department of Theatre and Dance at FSU will present "Scrooge in Rouge," a quick-change, cross-dressing version of the Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol," **Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 5 to 7**, at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on **Sunday, Dec. 8**, at 2 p.m. Directed by FSU's **Darrell Rushton**, performances will take place at the Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Food and drink will be available through Chartwell's.

The play begins as the Royal Music Hall Variety Players are ready to put on their production, but there's just one little problem: only three of the cast members escaped the food poisoning of last night's party. Nevertheless, this brave trio will soldier on, missing cues, reinventing costumes and trying to decide who will play Tiny Tim. The result is a hilarious night of bad puns, bawdy malapropisms, naughty double entendres and witty songs.

This campy confection by Ricky Graham (book and lyrics) and composer Jefferson Turner has been described as a cross between Monty Python and Benny Hill that harkens back to the heyday of the English music hall. So come for an evening of holiday drinks, food and lots of laughs! (Note: This play is not suitable for young children.)

Individual tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$7 for students.

For info, call the Theatre and Dance box office at 301-687-7462, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Music

Unless otherwise noted, performances will take place in Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

Percussion Ensemble Will Feature Music of Michael Colgrass in Second Fall Concert

FSU's Percussion Ensemble will present its second fall concert on **Tuesday, Dec. 3**, at 7:30 p.m.

Directed by **Dr. Mackenzie LaMont**, the concert will feature the music of Michael Colgrass, an American-born Canadian musician, composer and educator.

Percussion Ensemble students include **Ryan Barber, Blaine Becker, Deandre Cook, Anthony Fasci, Ariyonna Gibson, Kamonte Johnson, Nora Kopit, Preston Leshinskie, Matthew Payne** and **Antonia Zais**. They will be joined by guest student **Garrett Spence**.

Colgrass was a Pulitzer Prize-winning classical composer who often highlighted percussion instruments in his works and sometimes stripped to his shorts and stood on his head while demonstrating the connection of the body to rhythm and dance to skeptical students and listeners.

Colgrass was also a jazz drummer and a versatile percussionist who performed with orchestras and in the first Broadway production of Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story."

He won the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for Music for "D  ja Vu," commissioned and premiered by the New York Philharmonic, and an Emmy Award in 1982 from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for the Public Broadcasting System documentary "Soundings: The Music of Michael Colgrass."

CES at FSU to Host International Countertenor Terry Barber in 'Christmas Presence'



Enjoy an enchanting evening of carols, beloved classical songs and inspirational popular favorites when CES at FSU presents internationally acclaimed countertenor Terry Barber in "Christmas Presence." The performance, sponsored by the Enordo "Moose" Arnone family, will take place **Wednesday, Dec. 4**, at 7:30 p.m.

Known for his extraordinarily rare vocal range, Barber has performed as a soloist with the Metropolitan Opera and the New York City Opera, and on some of the world's most impressive stages, including Carnegie Hall, London's Queen Elizabeth Hall and Moscow's Svetanlov Hall. A former member of the Grammy-winning ensemble Chanticleer, Barber's voice can be heard on multiple recordings with a range of artists, including Madonna, Jewel, Chaka Khan and Cyndi Lauper. Whether performing classical or popular favorites, he crafts what the Los Angeles Times calls "performances of great vitality and verve."

Barber also mentors young artists through his nonprofit organization, Artists for a Cause (A4AC). The organization, based in Palm City, Fla., helps visual and performing artists use their talents for community improvement.

Community members are invited to observe Barber as he leads a vocal master class with student musicians. The 3 p.m. event on **Dec. 4** will take place in Pealer Recital Hall. Space is limited and reservations are requested; contact ces@frostburg.edu for reservations. The workshop is sponsored by Gonzaga Health as part of the CES Arts for Enrichment series.

Performance tickets are \$28 for adults and \$25.20 for youth under 18. Military, package and group discount rates are also available. For info or to order tickets, visit CES' web page at ces.frostburg.edu or contact the CES box office at 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137. The box office, located in the FSU Lane University Center, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Woodwind Studio Recital Will Feature Saxophone, Clarinet and Flute Ensembles

The FSU Department of Music will present student musicians and faculty artists in the Woodwind Studio Recital on **Thursday, Dec. 5**, at 7:30 p.m. The recital will feature selections for saxophone, clarinet and flute.

The faculty artists are clarinetist **Dr. Mark Gallagher**, saxophonist **Dr. Brent Weber**, flutist **Dr. Eftihia Arkoudis** and pianist **Dr. Joseph Yungen**.

The FSU Saxophone Ensemble consists of students **Caitlyn Rund** and **Sean Reeser** on soprano saxophone, **Alex McNemar** on alto saxophone, **Ayanna McDonald** and **Maggie Malat** on tenor saxophone, and **Josh Foreman** on baritone saxophone. Their program will include Pierre Lantier's "Sicilienne" performed by McDonald; "Fantasie sur un theme original" performed by McNemar; "Vif" and "Modere" from Darius Milhaud's "Scaramouche" performed by Foreman; "Declame" and "Disinvolte" from Ida Gotkovsky's "Brilliance" performed by Rund; Eugene Bozza's "Andante and Scherzo" performed by the Batazawatoto Quartet, consisting of Rund, Reeser, McDonald and Foreman; and "Alla Hornpipe" from George Frideric Handel's "Water Music Suite No. 2, HWV 349," arranged by Jacques Laroque, and Boots Randolph's "Yakety Sax," arranged by Larry Norred, performed by the Saxophone Ensemble.

The clarinet section program will include B  la Kovacs' "Homage to Z. Kodaly" performed by **Liz Munger** and Mozart's "Concert Duo in B-flat Major" performed by **Jasmin Golson** and **Evelyn Anderson**.

The flute section pieces are "Movement III" from Mozart's "Concerto in G Major, KV 313" performed by **Emily Brobst**; "Rondeaux," "Polonaise," "Menuet" and "Badinerie" from J.S. Bach's "Suite in B Minor" performed by **Margaret Longerbeam**; Cecile Chaminade's "Concertino in D Major. Op.107" performed by **Alexandra Hill**; Phillipe Gaubert's "Fantaisie for Flute and Piano" performed by **Kyla Nauman**; "Sentimentale" from Claude Bolling's "Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio" performed by **Victoria Michael**; Freddie Mercury's "Bohemian Rhapsody," arranged for flute trio by Emily Gray, performed by **Emily Brobst, Margaret Longerbeam** and **Victoria Michael**; and Mozart's "Symphony No. 40," arranged for flute duet by Jonathan Robbins, performed by music minors **Katherine Carroll** and **Peter Carroll**.

FSU Musical Ensembles Join Forces to Present Festive Holiday Concert

A collection of ensembles and musical groups from the FSU Department of Music will join forces to present their annual Holiday Concert on **Sunday, Dec. 8**, at 3 p.m.

A prelude performance by FSU's Jazz Orchestra, conducted by **Dr. Brent Weber**, will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Pealer Center lobby, and a dessert reception with cash bar will immediately follow the concert, also in the lobby, with entertainment by the FSU Jazz Combo, conducted by **Tom Harrison**.

The concert will feature performances by the FSU Wind Ensemble and Bobcat Marching Band, conducted by **Shannon Shaker**; the FSU Chamber Singers and University Chorale, conducted by **Dr. Scott Rieker** and accompanied by pianist **Dr. Joseph Yungen**; chamber ensembles; and student and faculty soloists.

The program will include "Carol of the Bells" performed by the Flute Choir, conducted by **Dr. Eftihia Arkoudis**; "Scarborough Fair" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" by the String Ensemble, conducted by **Dr. Karen Lau**; "Oratorio de Noël" by FSU music majors **Andrea Gormley**, soprano, and **Ivan Godoy**, baritone; "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" by Gormley; "She Used to Be Mine" by music major **Hannah Polk**, soprano; "The Chanukah Song" and "Sanctus" and "Angus Dei" from "Messe Minuit de Noël" by the University Chorale; "Serenity" ("O Magnum Mysterium") and "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind" by the Chamber Singers; "Holiday Celebration Tunes" by the Bobcat Marching Band; and "Sweet Sounds of Snowfall" and "What Child Is That Playing Carol of the Bells" by the Wind Ensemble. The concert will conclude with "A Christmas Festival" a sing-along featuring the combined bands and choirs.

In addition to the familiar Christmas tunes, the ensembles will present a variety of other holiday-themed selections.

"Scarborough Fair" is a traditional English ballad in which a man instructs a third party to tell his former love, who lives in Scarborough, to perform for him a series of impossible tasks, adding that if she were to complete these tasks, he would take her back into his affections.

The "Oratorio de Noël, Op. 12," written by Camille Saint-Saëns in 1858, also known as his "Christmas Oratorio," is a cantata-like work scored for soloists, chorus, organ, strings and harp.

"She Used to Be Mine" is a song by American singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles for "Waitress," a musical stage adaptation of the 2007 film of the same name. Bareilles recorded it for her fifth studio album, "What's Inside: Songs From Waitress" in 2015.

"The Chanukah Song" is a novelty song written by comedian Adam Sandler that he performed on "Saturday Night Live" in 1994. All variations center on the theme of Jewish children feeling alienated during the Christmas season, and Sandler's listing of Jewish celebrities (both real and fictional) as a way of sympathizing with their situation.

Marc-Antoine Charpentier's Christmas mass, the "Messe de Minuit," is thoroughly in the French tradition, celebrating the joyful news of the birth of Christ with cheerful happiness.

"O Magnum Mysterium" is a responsorial chant from the Matins of Christmas.

The poem "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind" is a song sung by Amiens, in the Shakespeare play "As You Like It," who comments on how human insolence and lack of appreciation is more bitter than the winter wind.

"Sweet Sounds of Snowfall" by Cait Nishimura is a winter-inspired piece containing melodic material from two traditional songs: "I Saw Three Ships" and "In dulci jubilo."

"What Child Is That Playing Carol of the Bells" is a combination of "What Child is This?" and "Carol of the Bells."

"A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson is a 1950 Christmas medley that includes "Joy to the World," "Deck the Halls," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Good King Wenceslas," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells" and "Adeste Fideles."

Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors, members of the military and FSU faculty and staff; \$3 for students; and free for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available at the door. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

FSU Student Alexandra Hill Performing Senior Flute Recital

FSU student **Alexandra Hill** will present her senior flute recital on **Monday, Dec. 9**, at 7:30 p.m.. She will be accompanied by pianist **Dr. Joseph Yungen** and student guest artists **Samantha Donaldson**, soprano, and **Kyla Nauman** on the flute.

Hill will play "Grave," "Vivace," "Adagio" and "Allegro" from "Fantasia No. 2 in A Minor" by George Phillip Telemann; "Concertino, Op. 107" by Cécile Chaminade; "Town Light" by Yuko Uebayashi; "Three Irish Folksong Settings" by John Corigliano; "Beverly" by Ian Clarke; and "Carmen Fantasy" by François Borne.

Telemann's "12 fantaisies à traversière sans basse" or "12 Fantasias for Solo Flute" were published in 1732-33. The solo flute fantasias are alone in the Baroque repertoire to include movements seemingly impossible on the flute: fugues (fantasias 2, 6 and 8 through 11), a French overture (fantasia 7) and a passacaglia (fantasia 5).

Chaminade composed "Flute Concertino in D Major, Op. 107" in 1902 for flute and piano. The concertino was commissioned presumably as an examination piece for flute students by the Paris Conservatoire, where the celebrated French flautist and teacher Paul Taffanel, to whom it was dedicated, taught.

Uebayashi has a distinct compositional style that combines French impressionist music and Japanese film music. In particular, she is inspired by landscapes, light and paintings. Her 1997 piece, "Town Light," is based on images of light at night. In her program notes she states that "The lights that are getting turned on in a scene while the sun is going down. ... It's nostalgic."

In 1988, Corigliano explored the more poetic side of Irish flute music in "Three Irish Folksong Settings" of folk or folk-like texts by W.B. Yeats, Padraic Colum and an anonymous author.

“Beverley” is a simple, melodic, plaintive lament that Clarke composed in 2011. It eloquently explores a vast array of the flute’s tone-coloring abilities. The piece is of moderate tempo with long arching phrases shaped by the highly expressive melody.

One of the best of Borne’s works is “Fantaisie brillante (on themes from Bizet’s ‘Carmen’)” written in 1900. In about 12 rapidly paced minutes, Borne runs through many of the themes from this popular opera.

Presentations

Times Talk Thursday



Come discuss current topics in the news focused around politics, government and our democracy. Times Talk Thursday is open to faculty, staff and students and will be held on **Dec. 5** from noon to 2 p.m. in Lane 111.

For info, contact Patrick O’Brien at pobrien@frostburg.edu.

Informal Lecture and Discussion on Diabetes

The Western Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society will host an informational lecture and discussion on diabetes on **Saturday, Dec. 7**, at 1 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). This event is open to the public and is intended to increase understanding of the biochemistry related to diabetes. The lecture will be presented by **Dr. Holly Currie**, an assistant professor in FSU’s Department of Chemistry. Currie teaches biochemistry and was diagnosed with type I diabetes at the age of 30. The FSU Department of Nursing will also participate in the event.

Points of Pride

Dr. Amy Branam Armiento Named Distinguished Scholar



Dr. Amy Branam Armiento (center) stands with Dr. Kang Xiangying (on her left) and colleagues in front of Hunan First Normal.

Hunan First Normal University in Changsha, Hunan, China, honored **Dr. Amy Branam Armiento**, a professor in FSU’s Department of English and Foreign Languages, with a short-term distinguished scholar position. Armiento recently traveled to the university, giving a series of lectures on U.S. children’s literature, observing American and British literature classes, teaching a class on Edgar A. Poe’s poem “To Helen” and consulting on a textbook. She also presented lectures at Hunan University of Science and Technology (Xiangtan), Hunan University of Technology and Business (Changsha) and Changsha Normal University. Moreover, she reunited with 13 former visiting scholars to FSU’s Department of English and Foreign Languages. This opportunity was made possible by **Dr. Kang Xiangying (Cathy)**, who was a visiting scholar at FSU from January to December 2016, and by the FSU Center for International Education.

FSU Student Garrett Berch Elected President of NGA at FSU



Congratulations to **Garrett Berch**, who was recently elected president of the National General Assembly at FSU. Berch will assume his office on **Jan. 1, 2020**, and is currently forming his Administrative Council during the transition.

Take Note

Special Collections Exhibiting Memorabilia Donated by Alum Ricky Arnold



David M. Gillespie Special Collections is exhibiting memorabilia donated by Frostburg State College Class of 1985 alumnus and NASA astronaut **Ricky Arnold**. Shortly after his first mission to the International Space Station in 2009, Arnold donated several items to FSU that went to space on behalf of the University. The items include the mission patch, FSU hat and an autographed banner, along with articles, photographs and information about Arnold’s time as a student at FSC and career with NASA. Arnold recently spoke at the FSU commencement in May. The exhibit will be up during **November and December** on the fourth floor of the Lewis J. Ort Library.

For info, contact Yelizaveta Zakharova at ylzakharova@frostburg.edu.

Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Solicits Proposals for Multicultural Center

The University Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is soliciting proposals for the development of a Multicultural Center in the former Lincoln School building (which previously housed University Police).

All proposals should support the mission of the council:

The mission of the University Council for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is to promote harmonious human interaction that results in a campus community where we value and embrace our genders, our races/ethnicities, our languages, our sexual orientations, our ages, our faiths, our cultural and social class contexts, and our intellectual and physical abilities.

The building is around 2,500 square feet, and applicants should submit proposals that can be reasonably accommodated in the current space.

Proposals should include the following:

- Proposed Multicultural Center Name
- Executive Summary and Benefits
- Mission and Vision
- Goals and Objectives
- Anticipated Outcomes

Proposals may also include some or all references to the following:

- Staffing/Advisory Board
 - Faculty/Staff Engagement
 - Student Engagement
- Programming
- Marketing
- Equipment/Furniture/Decorating Requirements
- Floor Plan
- Research and References

Proposals will be accepted through **Tuesday, Dec. 17**. UCDEI will review and consider all proposals and make recommendations to the president and executive council. The completed Multicultural Center may reflect multiple proposals.

Submit proposals to UCDEI@frostburg.edu, care of the co-chairs, Dr. Jennifer Earles and Robin Wynder.

It's Snowing! Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Make sure you know how to find out if FSU will be closed, have a delayed opening or close early on bad weather days.

The most reliable information regarding delayed openings and cancellations will be from FSU-controlled outlets (email, Burg Alerts, University voicemail, website). Notification of delays or closures will be made through these outlets:

- Via [Burg Alerts](#) text and email alerts. More information is below.
- Through campus email.
- By calling the Main University Number (301-687-4000, option 2) after 6 a.m.
- On the top of the main page of the FSU website (www.frostburg.edu).
- Through local radio stations.
- Via Twitter at twitter.com/frostburgstate.
- On the FSU Facebook page at www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity.

Everyone with an FSU email is automatically signed up for Burg Alerts TO THAT EMAIL. Burg Alerts, in addition to weather notifications, alert the campus in an emergency.

You may also opt to have Burg Alerts sent as text messages to your cell phones (standard texting rates apply) and to other email addresses. To sign up, click <https://www.frostburg.edu/computing/fsualert> or click the Emergency link at the bottom of the FSU front page. Follow the instructions, using your FSU user name and password to access the site. You have the option of having alerts sent to two cell numbers and six email addresses. (You may add your family members, or they may create their own accounts at the link above.) Make sure to follow the validation steps to activate your choices.

If you spend any time in the Frostburg area, it is highly recommended that you sign up for the text alerts to ensure you are notified of emergencies or weather-related schedule changes.

Unless FSU closure is announced on the outlets above, WE ARE OPEN. Likewise, the message under option 2 at the Main University Number will announce the closure or announce, "There are no delays or closures at this time." (If you study or work at a facility outside of Frostburg, officials from that facility will determine closures for those locations.)

FOR FACULTY/STAFF: Personnel compensation for closures or delays will be based on the appropriate cancellation/delay message as presented on the FSU voicemail system. A reminder: Essential personnel are required to report to work in the event of any cancellation or delay. These individuals have been notified of their "essential" status by their department heads. If you are unsure of your status, check with your supervisor.

If, in your judgment, it is not safe for you to come to work or to class while the University is still open, you must contact your supervisor and provide this information. In the event that liberal leave is announced for employees, it is expected that everyone will make an effort to report to work and class. Employees who take liberal leave will be charged for the appropriate leave time. The announcement of liberal leave DOES NOT cancel classes, nor does it relieve essential employees of their need to report to work during inclement weather.

FOR STUDENTS: The announcement of liberal leave for employees DOES NOT cancel classes. If you have concerns about your ability to make it to class in bad weather, discuss them with your faculty members before the weather turns nasty.

Here are some ways you can check on conditions if you have to travel:

- FSU campus weather cam on Weather Bug: <https://www.weatherbug.com/weather-camera/frostburg-md-21532> (Other regional cams can be found here, too.)
- Maryland DOT statewide cams: <https://chart.maryland.gov/trafficcameras/index.php#>
- I-68 Exit 33 cam: <https://chart.maryland.gov/video/video.php?feed=7200276f018000a8005dd336c4235c0a>

Depending on the severity of the weather, the Lane University Center, Ort Library and the Cordts PE Center may open with limited hours and services on days that classes are cancelled. This service is for students living on campus and within walking distance. Do not attempt to drive to campus if the weather is severe enough to warrant closing the University, for your own safety and for the sake of those who must work to clear parking lots and sidewalks. When it is determined that it is safe to open these buildings, announcements will be made via student email and the front page of the FSU website.

If you ride SafeRide, stay informed in case SafeRide does not run in bad weather. SafeRide cancellation information (as well as the ability to send ride requests) are now available from TapRide, the SafeRide App, downloadable from the App Store or Google Play. More info can be found [here](#).

FOR ALL: The final decision regarding your safety resides with you. Stay warm and be safe.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL UNIVERSITY POLICE OR THE COMPUTER HELP DESK FOR WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PLEASE DO CALL 301-687-4000, OPTION 2, check your email or check the FSU website at www.frostburg.edu.

LOCAL RADIO/TV STATIONS

The following local radio/television stations will be notified in the event of a closing or delay:

- WFRB – (105.1 FM/560 AM)
- WKHJ – (104.5 FM) Oakland
- WCBC – (1270 AM/107.1 FM)
- WWHQ – (92.3 FM) Oakland
- WTBO/WRQE – (1450 AM/106.1 FM)
- WMSG – (1050 AM) Oakland
- WVMD – The Wolf (100.1/99.9 FM)
- WDYK – Magic (100.5 FM)
- WKLP – ESPN (1390 AM) Keyser
- WCMD – ESPN (1230 AM)
- WQZK – (94.1 FM) Keyser
- WDZN – (99.5 FM)
- TV: WDVM-TV Hagerstown, WTAJ-TV Altoona

NOTE: If there are mixed messages in the media (one station says we're open, another says we're closed) – PLEASE call the University number (301-687-4000, option 2) for clarification. That number will always be the FINAL authority in case of confusion from other sources.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It

Graduation is coming up soon on **Wednesday, Dec. 18**, in the Cordts PE Center.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Colleges of Business and Education will both present their graduates at 2 p.m. **Tickets will be required for admission. Each graduating student will be allotted four tickets.**

If you have not yet done so, contact the Registrar's Office to complete your graduation application and check that your home mailing address is accurate in PAWS so you'll receive all the necessary upcoming info.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement web page at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, email commencement@frostburg.edu.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Nnamdi-Raphael Okoye: Spain, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Photo taken in Morocco

FSU students have the opportunity to study abroad all over the world.

Financial aid can be used for overseas experiences during the fall and spring semesters.

Exchange programs are available that allow students to pay FSU tuition prices.

For info, contact Kara Hotchkiss at kjhotchkiss@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4747.

Berlin Study Abroad Experience to Be Offered Next Spring



FSU's Department of Sociology and the Women's Studies Program will offer a study abroad opportunity, "Berlin: The City Experience," next spring **from Saturday, March 14, through Friday, March 20** (dates subject to change). This event, which is open to all FSU students, will be led by **Dr. Jennifer Earles**, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology.

Berlin's storied past is firmly embedded in a vibrant contemporary culture. Stand in the former Nazi headquarters one moment, and navigate the city's eco-friendly infrastructure the next. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, this city has evolved into one of the most eclectic, exciting and multicultural communities in Europe. Discover the many ways to contemplate the past, enjoy the present and dream of the future.

This trip is being held in conjunction with SOCI 490/WMST 490 Gender and the City, a 3-credit course in which students will explore how gendered power relations shape urban spaces and who benefits from the opportunities and pleasure of urban life. The course will be offered during the spring 2020 semester with Earles. Students will travel abroad during spring break.

For info, contact Kara Hotchkiss at 301-687-4747 or kjhotchkiss@frostburg.edu.

Study Abroad in Spring 2021: England and Wales



RECR 490 Global Perspectives in Sport and Recreation Management

Develop a global perspective by gaining insight from practitioners on the production of sport and recreation events and activities in an international context.

As part of the nine-day trip, students will meet undergrads from the UK and share ideas about contemporary sport and recreation issues; experience professional soccer (football) and rugby; stay at a converted former hunting lodge of the Duke of Sutherland and rub shoulders with elite athletes; learn about government-funded local, regional and national sport and recreation projects; tour the beautiful North Wales coastline; and take in the historic sights and sounds of London.

Dr. Martin Barrett, an instructor in the Department of Kinesiology and Recreation, will lead the group. For info, contact him in the Cordts PE Center or at mbarrett@frostburg.edu.

FSU Events Calendar

For info on FSU events, go to <http://events.frostburg.edu/calendar>.

Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information is subject to change.

Note: FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301-687-4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1-800-735-2258.

Every Year, Christmas Tree Fires Are Responsible for \$18.3 Million in Property Damage



**Check for live green needles that can't be easily pulled or shaken out,
and a sticky trunk.**

Cut off 2 inches of the trunk.

Water daily.

Place tree 3 feet away from heat sources.

Artificial trees should be labeled as fire-resistant.

Do not link more than three strands of holiday lights.

Use only non-flammable decorations.

VALUES AND VISION: FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

CORE VALUES

- Frostburg State University is a place where every student can experience a myriad of opportunities both in and out of the classroom, fostered by a sense of inclusion and close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff.
- Frostburg State University is committed to developing cultural competence and cultivating understanding of and respect for a diversity of experiences and world views that encourage each person's ability to "take the perspective of the other."
- Frostburg State University is committed to a system of shared governance that allows faculty, staff and students to learn about the issues the University confronts and that provides a structure for meaningful input into University decisions.

OUR VISION FOR FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

Frostburg State University is a regionally acclaimed and nationally recognized academic institution that provides distinctive programs to support state and regional workforce needs. Faculty, staff and students foster collaboration in a welcoming and inclusive campus culture.

Students value the opportunities open for them at FSU and form close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff, who are committed to their success and well-being. Students apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to internship, civic engagement, study abroad and research experiences to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

The University is integrated into the fabric of the community as a valued and respected regional asset. We are committed to making changes that secure our future while celebrating the values that reflect our history.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Focus learning on the acquisition and application of knowledge.
- Provide engaging experiences that challenge our students to excel.
- Expand regional outreach and engagement.
- Align University resources – human, fiscal and physical – with strategic priorities.

To view FSU's Strategic Plan 2018-2023 online, visit www.frostburg.edu/strategicplan.