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## Frostburg State University Alumni Honors

### FSU to Present W. Dennis Thomas With Honorary Doctorate



FSU will present *W. Dennis Thomas*, a member of Frostburg State College's Class of 1965, with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at its 144th commencement ceremony on **Thursday, May 22**. Thomas achieved two distinguished careers, one in public service, culminating in service in the White House, and the second in private industry.

"Dennis Thomas is a brilliant and humble man who has, without hesitation, shared his time, talent and treasure with everyone at Frostburg State University. He cares deeply about FSU, and he has been a mentor to me personally and supported our students and faculty in so many ways," said President Jonathan Gibraltar. "It is my honor to be able to confer this degree on him."

Gibraltar will confer the award during the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony in the afternoon.

Thomas served on the Board of Education of Carroll County and as an administrative assistant for two U.S. senators before President Reagan appointed him assistant secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury. He then joined Reagan's White House staff, ultimately serving as chief assistant to Chief of Staff Donald Regan, advising and assisting on a full range of policy and administrative matters and coordinating the drafting of State of the Union messages. Later, Thomas joined the firm International Paper, rising to senior vice president of Public Affairs and Communications.

Thomas graduated from Frostburg State College with a degree in education and earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Maryland in 1967. As a Frostburg student, he was class president and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon. His service to Frostburg has continued throughout his life. In addition to being a founding member of FSU's Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, Thomas fostered the growth of the J. Glenn Beall Public Affairs Institute and established the Dennis and Dawn Thomas Presidential Leadership Scholarship. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 1985.

### CIA Director of Information Management to Receive FSU's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award



FSU will present the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to Joseph W. Lambert, director of Information Management for the Central Intelligence Agency and a member of the class of 1979, at its 144th commencement ceremony on **Thursday, May 22**, during the 9:30 a.m. ceremony for the Colleges of Business and Education.

Lambert entered on duty with the CIA in 1984, serving in the Office of the Deputy Director for Intelligence and the National Intelligence Council. He has worked as the information management officer for the National Photographic Interpretation Center and the Directorate of Intelligence.

He has also served as the director of Information Management for the National Imagery and Mapping Agency and the National Reconnaissance Office. In addition to being the privacy and civil liberties officer at the CIA, he is responsible for CIA records and security classification management and declassification and release programs.

Lambert earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Frostburg State College, a Master of Public Administration degree from George Washington University and has studied leadership at Northwestern and Harvard universities. He is a recipient of the Intelligence Community's National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction and a Meritorious Presidential Rank

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Award.

As the keynote speaker at the 2014 Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, he offered the following advice to FSU students: "You'll soon have a Frostburg State education behind you, and anything is possible."

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed on FSU alumni. Consideration is based on outstanding professional career growth; community involvement; demonstrated interest in their alma mater; philanthropic commitment to FSU; special achievements, awards, honors and distinctions; and/or educational background, which includes honors and involvement in special activities.

For info, contact Laura McCullough, director of Alumni Programs and Special Events, at x4068 or [lmccullough@frostburg.edu](mailto:lmccullough@frostburg.edu).

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### Rick Brindle Named FSU College of Business Alumnus of the Year



Left to right, President Gibraltar, Rick Brindle and Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, dean of the College of Business

The FSU College of Business has named **Rick Brindle**, a member of the class of 1982, its Alumnus of the Year. President Jonathan Gibraltar presented Brindle with the honor at FSU's annual College of Business Honors Reception on Friday, May 9. The event also recognized the top business faculty and students of year.

"Rick Brindle exemplifies what a true FSU Business graduate should be: an outstanding leader in his profession with commitment to honesty and integrity and an alumnus who always remembers what this institution meant to him," said Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, dean of the College of Business. "He is always there for us with support for our College and our students. He is a wonderful role model for our students to look up to."

Brindle, who majored in business administration and management, leads Industry Development for Mondelez International, North America, with an annual revenue of approximately \$36 billion and operations in over 80 countries. Mondelez International's portfolio, comprised of the global snacking and food brands of the former Kraft Foods, Inc., includes several billion-dollar brands such as Cadbury and Milka chocolate, Jacobs coffee, LU, Nabisco and Oreo biscuits, Tang powdered beverages and Trident gum.

He has been in the packaged goods industry since 1977. During his career, he has held leadership positions within Kraft Foods, Nabisco, Procter & Gamble and Safeway Food Stores. His business development leadership assignments have spanned the grocery, club, e-tailing and mass merchandiser classes of trade, including business development responsibilities for such retailers and wholesalers as Walmart, Supervalu, Safeway, Costco, Giant Foods, PeaPod, FreshDirect.com and Amazon.com.

For info, contact the College of Business at x4019.

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## FSU Celebrates Student Achievement at 144th Commencement Ceremony



Cady Kirkwood

FSU will recognize and celebrate the achievements of its May 2014 graduating class at its 144th commencement ceremony on **Thursday, May 22**, in the Cordts PE Center's Main Arena.

**President Gibraltar** will confer degrees on graduates during two exercises throughout the day. The College of Business and the College of Education will start at 9:30 a.m. and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will begin at 2 p.m. Featured student speakers for the ceremony include **Cady Kirkwood**, College of Business; **Adria Graham**, College of Education; and **Tori Suess**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.



Adria Graham

Kirkwood will graduate with a major in business/entrepreneurship. In addition to being inducted into the elite business honor society, Beta Gamma Sigma, and attending the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, she has participated in the University Honors program, the National Society for Leadership and Success and has maintained a consistent presence on the Dean's List. Kirkwood is a founding member of the College of Business Student Advisory Council, and she has also been a highly active member of the Student Pride Scholarship Committee and the FSU Student Alumni Ambassadors. The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club named her one of Allegany County's Outstanding Business Students in 2014. Outside the classroom, Kirkwood has worked 30 hours per week as the training director and team leader at Chick-fil-A since July 2009.



Tori Suess

Graham will graduate with a major in athletic training. She is a Bobcat Ambassador and a member of the FSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee, women's soccer team and athletic training club. During her time at FSU, Graham has demonstrated the ability to transfer knowledge and skills from the classroom to the clinic. In the classroom, Graham works with FSU athletes who sustain injuries and need proper care and treatment. As an athlete, Graham has been selected for numerous awards, including being named as the FSU Female Athlete of the Year in 2011 and 2012, as an Eastern Athletic Collegiate Conference Division II All-Star three times and as Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year for 2011 and 2012. Her all-time scoring marks include 15 assists and 29 game-winning goals for FSU. She plans to continue her education at a physician assistant program in Pittsburgh.

Suess will graduate with a double major in English and psychology. While at FSU, Suess has participated as an undergraduate learning assistant for the General Psychology course, mentored Freshman Composition students and played field hockey for the Bobcats. Suess is an English tutor at FSU's Tutoring Center, member of the President's Leadership Circle and Student Athletic Advisory Committee representative and officer. Her volunteer work has included serving as a team captain for the 2013 Relay for Life and assisting with Special Olympics and at a local nursing home. In March 2014, Suess traveled to Uganda, spending

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two weeks teaching water purification techniques in remote villages. In the fall, Suess will pursue a degree in counseling psychology at Loyola University in Maryland.

Provost **Dr. William Childs**; **Dr. Clarence Golden**, dean of the College of Education; **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**, dean of the College of Business; and **Dr. Joseph Hoffman**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will present candidates for degrees during commencement.

The ceremony will be streamed live online. Visit [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu) on the day of commencement for the link.

To join in the celebration on social media, share your best Commencement photos on Instagram, Twitter and Tumblr by tagging them **#instaFrostburg**, and tweet out your congratulations and photos using the hashtag **#FrostburgGRAD**.

Tickets are required to attend commencement. For info, visit [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

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The Office of the Provost  
cordially invites you to join  
the Frostburg State University community  
in celebration of academic excellence

**THE UNIVERSITY  
HONORS CONVOCATION**

Wednesday, May 21, 2014  
7:30 p.m.

Pealer Recital Hall Performing Arts Center  
Reception following in PAC Lobby

Please join us to recognize the recipients of the  
Faculty Achievement Awards  
Graduate Program Honors  
Undergraduate Departmental Honors

## Faculty Achievement Award Winners Honored at University Convocation



Dr. Stephen  
Hartlaub

The recipients of the 2014 Faculty Achievement Awards, with top graduating students from every degree program, will be honored at the University Honors Convocation on **Wednesday, May 21**, at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

This year's Faculty Achievement Award recipients are **Dr. Stephen Hartlaub**, Department of Political Science, for Teaching; **Dr. Scott Johnson**, Department of Political Science, for Academic Achievement; and **Dr. Julie Hartman-Linck**, Department of Sociology, for University and Community Service. The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.



Dr. Scott Johnson

In addition to the faculty awards, one graduating student per degree program will be honored for academic excellence and leadership.

As a professor of political science, Hartlaub has demonstrated a pattern of teaching excellence over 20 years at FSU. He has taught 14 different courses during his career at this institution, including freshman orientation, three courses outside of Political Science and well over a hundred independent readings courses. In addition, he has taught honors seminars and participated in learning communities. He is described by colleagues as a bright and analytical educator who maintains a keen ability to connect with undergraduate students. Students appreciate his ambition to improve constantly as a professor and develop as a student mentor. Hartlaub is a gifted teacher who strives to make every lecture the best.



Dr. Julie Hartman-  
Linck

Johnson, a professor of political science, has produced an impressive array of scholarly work in recent years. His recent book, "The Faces of Lee Harvey Oswald," provides objective critiques of the major conspiracy theories surrounding Oswald's role in the assassination of John F. Kennedy. In addition, Johnson released a two-volume encyclopedia titled "Trials of the Century: An Encyclopedia of Popular Culture and the Law in 2010." The encyclopedia places popular court cases within historical frameworks. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and conference presentations over the course of his academic career. Johnson is a well-respected teacher-scholar contributing to the esteem of this University.

As an assistant professor of sociology and women's studies, Hartman-Linck has exhibited an exceptional record of service to FSU and the surrounding community. She serves as chair of the President's Advisory Council Against Gender-Based Violence, a faculty senator and faculty advisor for Students for Women's Issues and Breaking Through Glass, as

well as a member of several other University committees. In addition, she serves the community as secretary of the Board of the Family Crisis Resource Center. She is passionate about making FSU a welcoming campus environment to help attract and retain a diverse range of students, particularly in making the campus and community a safer and more welcoming place for women and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and community members. Hartman-Linck displays exemplary service to her students, the University and the community.

For info, contact the Office of the Provost at x4211.

## Points of Pride

### FSU Students Rock at World Geography Bowl



Congratulations to Bobcats **Will Steckman** and **Sara Hughes** for their second place finish with the Middle Atlantic Division (MAD) team of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) at the World Geography Bowl on April 11 in Tampa, Fla.

Pictured, from left, are MAD-team members Steckman, Walker Skeeter, Hughes, Owen Dowell, Raynell Cooper and Sam Hudis with AAG President Julie Winkler. More details are available at

[www.aag.org/cs/annualmeeting/annual\\_meeting\\_archives/2014\\_tampa/2014\\_world\\_geography\\_bowl](http://www.aag.org/cs/annualmeeting/annual_meeting_archives/2014_tampa/2014_world_geography_bowl).

**Tracy Edwards**, a lecturer in the Department of Geography, served as the 2014 MAD Geography Bowl team sponsor. Competition to determine the members of the 2015 MAD Geography Bowl team will be held at FSU on **Nov. 1**. Interested students should contact Edwards at [tedwards@frostburg.edu](mailto:tedwards@frostburg.edu) for more details.

Student participation at the Tampa conference/Geography Bowl was made possible through the CLAS Strategic Plan Support Funds, with additional support from the Association of American Geographers and the Middle Atlantic Division of the Association of American Geographers.

## Visual Arts

### Three New Library Displays for May

The first display, on the third floor, celebrates National Photo Month and highlights some of the photography books that the library has in its collection. The library staff also asks you to share your photographs. Send them a Tweet [@LibFSU](https://twitter.com/LibFSU) with the hashtag #OrtLibPhotoMonth and they'll post some of the pictures in the library near the display. You can also stop by and leave your photo to share with others.

The second display, also on the third floor, highlights Paranormal Day, which is held every May 3. Paranormal Day is a day for all those who believe in paranormal activity to share experiences all around the world. This display highlights some of the paranormal books that are available in the library. Feel free to share your paranormal story. Stop by the library and write a brief note about a paranormal experience you've had.

The third display, on the fifth floor, highlights the Dust Bowl, which was a time of drought for many U.S. states that had previously enjoyed an economic boom with the cultivation of wheat and grazing of cattle. When the drought began in 1930, many farmers were pushed off their lands when huge dust storms covered their farms in dust that swept off the plains. This display highlights the history and timeline of the Dust Bowl, as well as provides information on items that the library owns on the history of the Dust Bowl.

For info, contact Theresa Mastrodonato at x4425 or [tmastrodonato@frostburg.edu](mailto:tmastrodonato@frostburg.edu), or MaryJo Price at x 4889 or [mprice@frostburg.edu](mailto:mprice@frostburg.edu).

## Take Note

### University Store News and Events

#### End of Semester Buyback

The end of semester buyback will take place **through May 23** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in two locations – the buyback window in the hallway behind the University Store and the buyback trailer inside the Center Street parking lot.

#### Textbook Rental Return

For convenient one-stop service, bring your rented textbooks to the buyback window with your books that you want to sell and the staff can check them in for you there.



### Sign Up for Summer Session 2014

Registration has begun, and the first summer session starts **Tuesday, May 27**. Undergraduate and graduate courses are offered online or on campus. Payment plans are available for six convenient sessions. A computer lab in Dunkle 125 is available 24/7

for all students during Summer Session. Call x4423 for info or check out [www.frostburg.edu/summer](http://www.frostburg.edu/summer).

## Summer Author Institute: Three Authors, Three Credits, One Week!

Top to bottom, Jen Bryant, Melinda Long and Janet Stoeke



Three accomplished and well-known children's authors will visit FSU and the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown this July to take part in the Summer Author Institute. Students will have the opportunity to earn three graduate credits in one week while interacting with three amazing authors:

- Caldecott honor author Jen Bryant, author of "A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams" and "A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin"
- Melinda Long, author of "How I Became a Pirate"
- Janet Stoeke, author of the "Minerva and Louise" series

The course runs **from July 7 through 11** on the FSU campus, and **from July 14 through 18** at USM-Hagerstown. The class is registered as EDUC 590 Special Topics in Education and is particularly suitable for graduate students taking electives, teachers seeking re-certification and children's literature lovers.

Register at [www.frostburg.edu/summer](http://www.frostburg.edu/summer), or visit the Children's Literature Centre at [www.frostburg.edu/clc](http://www.frostburg.edu/clc) for more info.

## Graduation Is Almost Here!

The Colleges of Business and Education will present their graduates at 9:30 a.m. and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 2 p.m. on **Thursday, May 22**, in the Cordts PE Center. Tickets will be required for admission.

**College of Business and College of Education graduates will receive eight tickets. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences graduates will receive six tickets.** See the website below for more info on ticket details.

If you haven't applied for graduation for May, go to the Registrar's Office to complete your application and ensure that everything is in order for you to graduate.

An informational mailing has been sent to your home address and FSU email account. You can also find it, along with many other details about the ceremony, on the Commencement website at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement). For any other questions, contact Brittnei Teter at x4423 or [bkteter@frostburg.edu](mailto:bkteter@frostburg.edu).

## International

### Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?

For info, visit the Fuller House (across the street from the Braddock House), call x4714 or email Victoria Gearhart at [vmgearhart@frostburg.edu](mailto:vmgearhart@frostburg.edu). Also, check out the CIE website at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm) and the Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad](http://www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad).



Gabby Blassou – Ireland (fall 2013)

The Center for International Education offers various ways for FSU students to see the world. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester or a year in Ireland, England, Spain, France, China, Italy, Australia, Peru, South Africa or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships may help fund a study abroad experience.

#### Study Abroad in England at Northumbria University – Fall 2014!

Students have an opportunity to study in England for a semester or full year. Tuition and fees are paid to FSU while room and board are paid to Northumbria University. Courses will transfer back to FSU with prior approval. Check out the university at [www.northumbria.ac.uk](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk).

## Student Life

### Edgewood Commons Now Contracting for Fall 2014

Edgewood Commons is **not** raising its rates for fall 2014! All the necessary application forms are available at [www.edgewoodFSU.com](http://www.edgewoodFSU.com). You can also pay your \$200 administrative fee online.

Each apartment comes fully furnished and contains a full-size washer and dryer, central heat and air conditioning, a full-size refrigerator with icemaker, dishwasher, stove, microwave and garbage disposal.

All Edgewood apartments have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms.

Other student amenities include a fitness center; high-def media room with an Xbox360, Wii and Playstation3; hotel-style lounge with a big-screen TV; game room with two pool tables, ping pong, air hockey and more; three conference/study lounges; high-speed wireless Internet; and 24-hour computer lab with free printing.

Edgewood has on-site management and a full-time maintenance staff. Additionally, utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet

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and cable) are included in the contract fee.

Stop by during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take a tour. For info, call 301-689-1370 or email [info@edgewoodFSU.com](mailto:info@edgewoodFSU.com).

## Community

### Quilt Show for the June Arts Walk at Frostburg Museum

The Cover Up Girls of the Frostburg Senior Center will exhibit their quilts for Arts Walk on **Saturday, June 7**, from noon to 8 p.m. at the Frostburg Museum.

The museum is at 69 Hill St. in Frostburg. For info, call 301-689-1195 or email [frostburgmuseum@verizon.net](mailto:frostburgmuseum@verizon.net), or visit the website at [www.frostburgmuseum.org](http://www.frostburgmuseum.org).

### Frostburg Ambulance Service Needs Volunteers!

The Frostburg City Ambulance Service is seeking volunteers. Volunteers need to be certified EMT or higher, at least 18 years of age and of good moral character. They are also required to serve a minimum of three hours per week and must pass background and reference checks.

If interested, stop by 86 W. Main St. to fill out an application. For info, call 301-689-2256.

## 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.

## Thunderstorm Safety



### Outdoors:

**If you begin to feel your hair stand on end, lightning is about to strike.**

**Keep away from trees, tall objects, metal objects and water.**

**If you're with a group of people, stay about 15 feet from each other.**

**Crouch down in an open area.**

**If you're playing an outdoor activity, wait at least 30 minutes after the last observed lightning strike or thunder.**

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### FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Frostburg State University is a student-centered teaching and learning institution featuring experiential opportunities. The University offers students a distinctive and distinguished baccalaureate education along with a select set of applied master's and doctoral programs. Frostburg serves regional and statewide economic and workforce development; promotes cultural enrichment, civic responsibility and sustainability; and prepares future leaders to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

### INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

1. Enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students both inside and outside the classroom.
2. Improve facilities so that students live and learn in a modern and technologically sophisticated environment.
3. Increase student quality and improve student persistence to graduation.