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FSU's Commencement Slated for Dec. 20

FSU will celebrate and recognize the achievements of its December 2008 graduating class during the University's 133rd commencement ceremonies **Saturday, Dec. 20**, in the Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center's Main Arena on the FSU campus.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremonies will start at 10 a.m., and the College of Business and the College of Education will present degrees at 2 p.m. In addition, FSU will grant Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards to Mary Beth Pirolozzi and Dr. Donald D. Forrester.

Lainie Henry, College of Business; Dean Mulcaster, College of Education; and Kaiti Robinson, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, are the featured student speakers for the winter commencement exercises.

Lainie Henry

Business administration major **Lainie Henry** could well be described as a people person. The Everett, Pa., native spent her time at FSU serving various student and civic organizations in addition to making great grades. She was vice president of membership for her sorority, Delta Zeta, director of corporate relations for the Society of Human Resource Management and participated in groups like Big Brothers and Big Sisters, all while maintaining a 3.5 GPA and being a 10-time scholarship recipient. Henry undoubtedly has a bright future in human resources, her chosen concentration.

Dean Mulcaster's journey in education has taken him all over the map. The Australia native lived Down Under and in Pennsylvania before settling in Frostburg with his family. It's a worldly lesson in learning that has helped him shine. In his Elementary Social Studies and Curriculum and Methods class, Mulcaster had to learn all of American history, a challenge that he met by studying tirelessly and earning the highest score on his exam. Mulcaster's other achievements include playing an active role in the Children's Literature Centre activities and interning in schools in Allegany County as part of his degree in early childhood/elementary education. Professors praise him for his "gentle sense of humor, flexibility and love of children," as well as his ability to "work with a variety of ability levels and personalities," qualities that will serve him well in his career.

Dean Mulcaster

Frostburg, Md., resident **Kaiti Robinson** used her drive and ambition to turn a well-rounded college experience into a focused career path. She applied her skills and gained professional experience at various campus offices while completing a B.F.A. in art and design and maintaining a 3.9 GPA. She worked as a graphic design coordinator for the Center for Volunteerism, served as design manager for FSU's Bottom Line and did an internship with FSU's Cultural Events Series. Today she graduates in only three and a half years with a salaried, full-time position at Alliance Publishing and Marketing.

Kaiti Robinson

At the morning ceremony, FSU will honor alumna and Cumberland, Md., City Councilwoman **Mary Beth Pirolozzi**. Pirolozzi has turned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's in education into a comprehensive, highly successful career of leadership, public service and community involvement. She spent over 18 years in state government as district administrator to state senators and currently is the executive director of County United Way, which serves counties in Maryland and West Virginia. A 34-year resident of Cumberland, Pirolozzi has also offered her leadership skills to her resident city; she was appointed as city councilwoman in 2004, and was recently elected to a full four-year term. Her dedication to FSU runs deep: she worked in personnel, finance and development and alumni programs at FSU from 1971 to 1987. She is also an FSU Foundation board member, a past president of the FSU alumni association and is involved with Women in Leadership through FSU's J. Glenn Beall Institute for Public Affairs, along with many other commitments to FSU.

Alumnus **Dr. Donald D. Forrester** will be honored at the afternoon ceremony. Forrester has given a lifetime of commitment to his community and to education. On receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education from FSU in 1967, he went on to receive six graduate degrees, including an Ed.D. in educational leadership. His leadership roles include everything from serving on the Board of Education in Garrett County to working as a principal at several Maryland elementary schools to being a lecturer in FSU's Educational Professions Department. His active career in education has led to recognitions such as an honorary life membership in the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers and an Administrator of the Year award. Forrester has also contributed many hours of service to the American Red Cross, Greater Alleghenies Region, as a member of the organization's Community Relations Committee and as a director on the Blood Services Board. Additionally, he is an ordained minister, a church pastor and has worked as a chaplain for Garrett County Memorial Hospital since 2004.

Tickets are not required for admission to the winter commencement. For more information, visit www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

President's Annual Holiday Reception
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2 to 4 p.m., PAC Lobby

Music

FSU Brass Ensembles Rescheduled

The FSU Brass Ensembles, directed by Brian Plitnik, will perform **Monday, Dec. 15**, at 8 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center. The event had been cancelled because of a power outage.

The event is free and open to the public. For information, call x4109.

Take Note

Environmental Photography Contest

The sixth Environmental Photography Contest sponsored by the Environmental Planning and Land Management Institute will begin accepting photographs on **Friday, Jan. 2**. If you work, live or attend school in Allegany or Garrett County, you are eligible to enter.

Last year, the contest awarded over $1,200 in cash, prizes and gifts to the winners. The theme of the contest is portraying the beauty and an appreciation of the Western Maryland environment. For more information concerning the contest, go to the Environmental Planning and Land Management Web site at www.frostburg.edu/dept/geog/einstitute/.

Intersession 2009

Take a course online or on campus during your winter break: **Monday, Jan. 5, through Friday, Jan. 23**.

Registration extends through **Tuesday, Jan. 6**.

Late fees are applied after **Friday, Dec. 12**.

For more information on specific course offerings, visit the Web site at www.frostburg.edu/intersession.

Diehl Hall Renovations to Begin in December

Beginning **Monday, Dec. 22**, Diehl Hall will undergo extensive renovation of all bathrooms, student rooms and common areas. Similar to the scope of last year's renovations in Sowers Hall, this project will run through intersession and spring semester, with the hall scheduled to reopen in summer 2009.

Diehl Hall students will be displaced from their current rooms for the spring semester, and they will be given the opportunity to select another space on campus. Every effort will be made to assign students to a hall of their choice, and with a roommate of their choice; this includes the effort to place students with their current roommate(s) in an empty room. To make this possible, residents of other halls who do not have roommates will be required to consolidate with other such residents. All room changes will be completed before students leave for the winter break in December.

Students with concerns are encouraged to speak with their hall staff or contact the Residence Life Office at x4121.

News for Grad Students

MBA Applicants for Spring 2009

The MBA program requires that entering students complete the ***GMAT*** (Graduate Management Admissions Test) or the ***GRE*** (Graduate Record Examination). GRE testing registration information is available through the Educational Testing Services Web site at www.ets.org or by calling x7990. For information about the GMAT, visit www.gmac.com/gmac. GRE and Praxis are both administered at the FSU testing center.

Planning to Graduate on Dec. 20?

There have been two mailings with commencement information sent to home and local addresses. These mailings are also posted on the Commencement Web site under "Information and Resources for Graduates."

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to all graduates and may be picked up in the bookstore. They will also be available in the auxiliary gym immediately before and after graduation rehearsal in the Cordts PE Center Main Arena on **Friday, Dec. 19**, at 4 p.m.

Full details about commencement are on the University's Web site. Click on the Commencement icon in the bottom right corner of the homepage.

If you have any other questions about commencement, contact Brittni Teter at x4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Points of Pride

Gibralter Graduates From Leadership Maryland Class

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter, FSU president, recently completed an eight-month leadership development program sponsored by Leadership Maryland.

Leadership Maryland, celebrating its 16th graduating class, honored this Frostburg resident, with 50 statewide classmates, at a black-tie reception and banquet held Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore.

Leadership Maryland, an independent, educational leadership development organization, informs top-level executives from the public and private sectors about the critical issues, challenges and opportunities facing Maryland and its regions. After participating in a broad range of experiences, these statewide leaders are prepared to address these issues and serve as important participants in the unified effort to shape Maryland's future.

"To be informed about statewide and regional issues, and having the opportunity to engage and interact with leaders who put themselves on the front line everyday, has prepared these individuals to be the catalyst for positive change in Maryland," stated Leadership Maryland Board Chairman Stephen A. Horvath. A 1998 graduate of the program, Horvath is senior vice president and group manager of PNC Bank in Gaithersburg.

"These are the leaders to watch, now, and in the future," said Leadership Maryland President Nancy Minieri. "Their experience confirms that the quality of leadership affects the success of the solutions. Problems are solved when committed, dynamic leaders with vision and passion are willing to take the risk to lead."

Social Work Alliance Social Held at FSU

The FSU Social Work Alliance held a Social Work Social on Wednesday, Nov. 19, that was attended by approximately 45 students, faculty and social workers from the area.

The evening began with Cherie Snyder, a professor of Human Services at Allegany College of Maryland for over 21 years. Snyder emphasized that social workers need to care for themselves, stating they are the most important tool of the profession.

Three alumni from FSU's Social Work Program talked about their experiences since graduating from the program.

Joy Reckley, the director of patient and employee satisfaction at Western Maryland Health Systems and the regional representative of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Maryland Chapter, spoke about the importance of membership in NASW, especially student membership. Reasons she listed included support for organizations backing policies important to social workers and their clients, insurance protection, up-to-date information and networking.

Jen Younker of the Allegany County Health Department discussed stepping out of one's comfort zone. She announced that she will be accepting a new position as director of the Allegany County Girls Group Home.

Judy Dodge, a child welfare supervisor for the Allegany County Department of Social Services and a part-time instructor in the FSU Sociology Department, also spoke. The

three alumni expressed passion for the profession and encouraged students to further their education.

Next, two students from West Virginia University's graduate program, Miki DeMary and Marlena Chestnut, discussed their university's MSW program and their experiences, including classes, internships and Morgantown happenings. They also distributed material on how to prepare for and enroll in the program.

Other representatives from local community agencies fielded questions from students and/or exhibited displays. They included Jeannie Cubbage, an FSU graduate who received her master's at WVU and works in the prison system at NBCI; Lauren Seippel, another FSU alumni; Misty Raines, an FSU student in the Social Work program from Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Cumberland; Lou Van Hollen, executive director of Archway Station, an organization that works with people recovering from serious mental illness; and Jessica Neff, human resource director of Friends Aware Inc. that provides training, vocational and residential services to adults with developmental disabilities.

The evening was filled with food, networking, and social activities. The Social Work Alliance thanked the presenters and guests for their time and expertise. The alliance also thanked the University's Provost Office and the Social Work Department for their help in sponsoring the event.

Mental Health and Safety Presentation

Dr. Spencer Deakin, director of Counseling, presented "College Mental Health and College Safety: Issues, Challenges and Responses" at the 22nd Annual National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention in Higher Education Conference in St. Paul, Minn., in November.

Get Involved

Be a Part of the GROWS Project

Wondering what you can do to help the environment? Join other students in the FSU Arboretum from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, **March 28, April 4, 11, 18 and 25** and **May 2**. Join other faculty members by adding these dates to your syllabi as opportunities for students to gain extra credit on exams or quizzes. Be part of the Greening and Restoration for On-campus Watershed Stewardship (GROWS) Project, implementing riparian restoration and creating green spaces to improve water quality, enhance wildlife habitats and reduce the carbon footprint of the FSU campus.

The GROWS Program is the restoration arm of the Learning Green, Living Green Initiative on campus. With your help, this spring GROWS will plant over 2,000 native trees and over 1,000 native plants near the campus entrance and in the Arboretum. The program aims to maximize tree cover and native plant biodiversity by replanting riparian areas of Sand Spring Run disrupted by invasive species. A split-rail fence will protect the wetland home of the rare Jefferson salamander ("Ambystoma jeffersonianum"). Volunteer, learn more about the environment and start really **living** green. For more information, come to a Student Sierra Coalition meeting, visit the Arboretum Web site at www.frostburg.edu/dept/biol/arboretum or contact Sunshine Brosi at x4213.

Upcoming Dance Scholarship Pageant

The Miss Frostburg Dance Scholarship Pageant is a preliminary for the Miss Maryland/Miss America Pageant. Scholarship money is awarded as well as great life experiences. The Frostburg Dance Pageant is open to FSU students only. The pageant will be held **Saturday, March 21,** and the talent does not have to be dance.

There will be an orientation meeting on **Sunday, Jan. 18,** at 6 p.m. at the Frostburg Dance Academy. Anyone interested in more information about this event can contact Amy Griffith, executive director, at frostburgdance@verizon.net or 301-514-4657.

Appindie Seeks Citizen Journalists

The "Appalachian Independent," free and online at www.appindie.org, is seeking journalists and readers in an attempt to give area residents a voice in the ongoing dialogue of democracy.

Appindie, created by a group of concerned local citizens, offers diverse viewpoints, thought-provoking analysis and respectful conversations about things that matter. For more information, contact rkerns@appindie.org.

United Campus Ministry

Christian Meditation and Contemplative Prayer Wednesday - 12:10 to 12:45 p.m. and/or 5:15 to 5:50 p.m., Sand Spring Hall, Room 114. This **Wednesday, Dec. 17,** is the last session for the semester.

Alternative Gift Opportunity to Support Heifer - UMC is providing an alternative gift project for Heifer International. You can make a donation to Heifer in honor of someone. The recipient of your alternative gift will receive a beautiful card that explains the Heifer gift you made in their honor. Send your alternative gift list to the UCM office in Sand Springs by **Monday, Dec. 15**, with your donation to the Heifer Ark Project. Suggested donation per honoree is $10. Your check should be made out to United Campus Ministry, with Ark Project in the memo line. Heifer International is a world economic and food development organization that provides ways for families and villages around the world to become self-sustaining.

True North Meetings - True North meetings will continue to meet online during the Intercession. Join the United Campus Ministry Facebook page to find a weekly scripture text, thoughts on the True North theme and questions for the discussion board. The shortcut to the group page is www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#/group.php?gid=31590138339.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Advent Weekday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, Dec. 17**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Osborne Newman Center.

Fundraisers

Maryland Charity Campaign Is Ongoing

The Maryland Charity Campaign is still on and accepting pledges. If you have misplaced your 2008 Charity Organization Directory or your Maryland Charity Campaign pledge sheet, please call x4897. If you need a directory and a pledge sheet, they will be sent to you.

You can give to the FSU Foundation by completing a Maryland Charity Campaign pledge sheet and returning it to the Office of Human Resources. A payroll deduction of $1 a pay period by every employee would make a big difference in the FSU Foundation special programs!

On the Radio

WFWM to Present Handel's 'Messiah'

WFWM 91.9 FM, Public Radio from FSU, will present the Cumberland Choral Society's performance of Handel's "Messiah" as part of its holiday programming. The show will air on **Thursday, Dec. 18**, at 6:10 p.m.; **Sunday, Dec. 21**, at 2 p.m. and **Tuesday, Dec. 23**, at 6:10 p.m.

The Cumberland Choral Society, under the direction of Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker, was accompanied by Betty Jane Phillips on piano and LeAnn O'Brien on cello. Featured soloists were Lane Conklin, Edward Wagner, Rebecca Zoller, Mark Sagin,

Olivia Hartman, Maude McDaniel and Sherry Hartman. The performance was recorded at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cumberland earlier this month by Mark Skinner.

"Messiah" was composed by George Frideric Handel in 1741 in less then 24 days. Charles Jennens wrote the text of "Messiah," which is composed entirely of fragments of scripture passages. The most famous movement of the oratorio is the Hallelujah chorus. During the performance of this movement, it has become tradition for the audience to stand. The tradition is said to have started when King George II of Great Britain stood at the beginning of the movement.

For questions, comments or suggestions regarding the presentation of "Messiah" or any other WFWM programming, call x4143. To receive up-to-date information on programming at WFWM Public Radio, including notification of special programs, e-mail wfwm2@frostburg.edu. WFWM can be heard at 91.9 FM in Frostburg and 96.3 FM in Oakland.

Author Bruce Jacobs on 'Dialogues'

Bruce A. Jacobs, an author, poet and speaker, will be the featured guest for the latest edition of the "Dialogues" interview program on WFWM 91.9 FM. This edition of "Dialogues" will air on **Tuesday, Dec. 16**, at 6:10 p.m.

Jacobs is a former writer in residence at FSU. His newly revised and updated book, "Race Manners for the 21st Century: Navigating the Minefield Between Black and White Americans in an Age of Fear," offers practical advice for fair-minded people on surviving and overcoming racism and bigotry. It includes analysis of the impact of talk-show culture, 9/11, Katrina, hip-hop culture and more.

Jacobs has spoken at many universities, churches and community gatherings from New York to Arizona to California, and appeared on C-SPAN, NPR, Pacifica and radio and television shows nationwide. He was a featured participant in "Race and Reconciliation," a summit on race held at the National Press Club. He is a Harvard graduate, a widely published poet, a drummer and almost-competent saxophonist. He is also an irretrievably fanatical fisherman.

"Dialogues" is hosted by Dr. Keith Schlegel, professor emeritis of the FSU Department of English, and presents conversations with persons of note on significant topics of local, national or international interest. It is recorded and produced in the studios of WFWM Public Radio.

Jobs Jobs, Jobs

Student Telemarketing Positions Available

The Office of University Advancement, Office of Annual Giving, is hiring interested students to assist with the Annual Fund Telemarketing Campaign. This is an excellent opportunity to earn extra money and enhance your communications skills. Candidates will be responsible for contacting alumni, verifying information, informing them of the positive direction of the University and soliciting unrestricted gifts to FSU. Positions are part-time, evenings, through the fall semester, and pay $7 to $10 per hour.

Previous telemarketing experience is preferred but those possessing excellent communication skills will be considered. Advanced marketing and sales skills are also a plus. Candidates must be available two to four nights, from Sunday through Thursday, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Interested candidates can download an application from the FSU Web site at www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation/roi/annualfund/phonathon/AFTT.cfm, and once it is completed, call x3163 to arrange an interview.

FSU-TV3 Transitions to Digital Streaming

FSU's FSU-TV3 is taking its first steps toward providing on-demand content. Soon TV3's content will be broadcast over the Internet and viewers from home will be able to view on-demand content.

The process has already begun. TV3 is now equipped with JVC GY-HD250U high-definition cameras, currently being used for studio productions. In addition, a 15-inch professional color LCD on-camera prompter will be added to the updated studio equipment.

Cablecast, a sophisticated television station automation system, will allow TV3 to consolidate the management and automation of FSU-TV3 into a single system. Cablecast has the ability to allow its users to drag and drop programs to the schedule for playback. The programs then will be promoted on the bulletin board, published to the Web site, and offered on demand via the Web.

Comcast has come aboard by helping TV3 move the master control operations from Guild Center to Old Main free of charge. In addition, an engineer from Media Control Systems in California will be on campus for the installation and training of this new venture.

For more information on the launch of this on-demand system, contact Melanie Lombardi at the FSU Department of Mass Communication at x3011.

Schedule for Dec. 15-19

FSU-TV3 will have intermittent service this week because of the installation of new equipment. FSU-TV3's new programming schedule will begin **Saturday, Dec. 20**. For more details, log onto the TV3 Web site at www.frostburg.edu/dept/mcom/channel3/index.htm.

Fatigue Behind the Wheel Is a Very Real Danger!

FSU Events Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
Final Exams

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
Final Exams

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
Final Exams
Intersession Course Cancellations
*President's Annual Holiday Reception ..... 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. ..... PAC Lobby

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
Final Exams

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19
Final Exams
Residence Halls Close @ 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Commencement
*Commencement Schedule
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ..... 10:00 a.m. ....Cordts PE Ctr. Main Arena
College of Business & College of Education..... 2:00 p.m. .....Cordts PE Ctr. Main Arena
*Men's Basketball: Waynesburg ..... 2:00 p.m. ..... Away

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
*Planetarium: Ancient Skies of the Holy Lands
..... 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. ..... Tawes Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 - Winter Break

*** Open to the public. Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information subject to change.**
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