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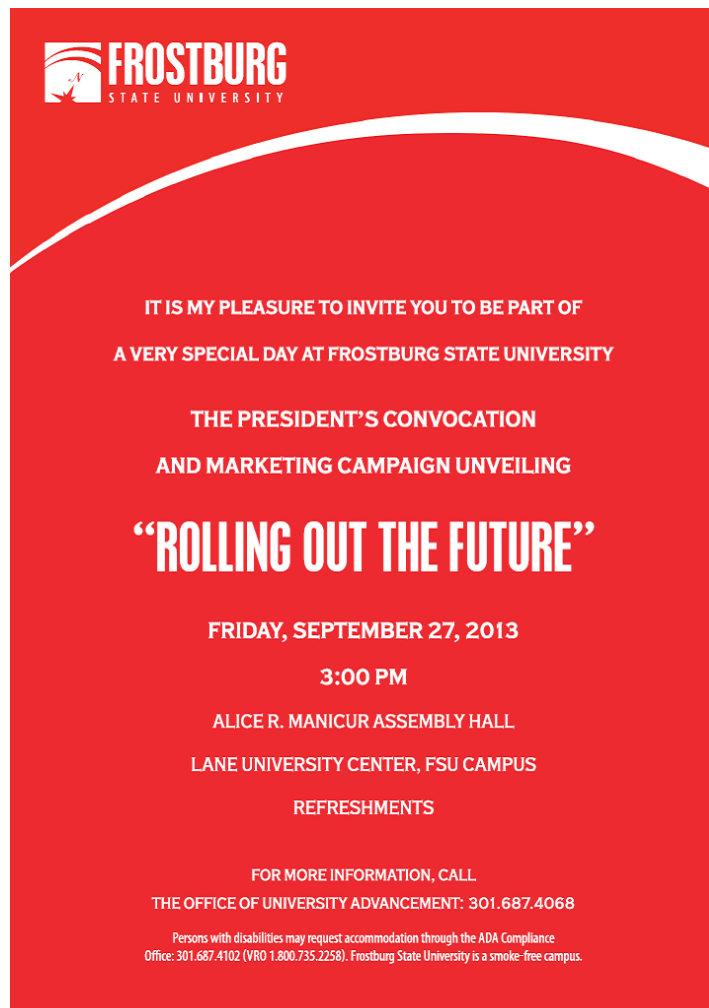
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FSU Welcomes Largest Transfer Class, Shows 9.5 Percent Increase in Freshman Class

Retention of First-Year Students at Highest Rate in Many Years

FSU's efforts to raise its profile and encourage student success and college completion has shown results with the University's largest transfer class ever, a 9.5 percent increase over the previous year in the size of the freshman class and the largest percentage of freshmen returning for their sophomore years in at least seven years.

"We are incredibly proud of our enrollment progress," said President Jonathan Gibraltar. "The word is getting out that Frostburg State University is a great place to get a great education. Considering that we have set higher entrance standards for students and the population of traditional-aged students in our state is declining, this news is even more encouraging."

The fall 2013 transfer class of 507 students is FSU's highest ever, and reflects the University's concerted effort to help its students fulfill their goals of a bachelor's degree. The centerpiece of that effort is the Associate Degree Scholars Award, which offers top graduates of Maryland community colleges and Potomac State College of West Virginia University an award of up to \$2,500 per year in an effort to bring FSU tuition close to the level of a community college. The number of transfers has grown steadily over the past several years.

The freshman class of 897 is 9.5 percent higher than the previous year's class of 819, an increase that defies the general trend of fewer high school graduates in that age group within the state of Maryland.

Additionally, retention – the percentage of freshmen who come back for their sophomore year – is 77 percent, above the national average of 71.5 percent, and the highest at FSU for at least seven years.

"Some of the success can be credited to the increased engagement of faculty and staff across campus both in the process of recruiting students and ensuring their success once they are here," Gibraltar said. The Enrollment Management Committee that he established in 2007 is made up of representatives of the entire campus and continues to examine all the components of a healthy university enrollment.

Music

Unless otherwise noted, recitals and concerts will take place in PAC Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at x4109.

FSU's Department of Music Presents Russian Vocal Ensemble Lyra



The artists of Lyra, from left, tenor Sergey Tupitsyn, soprano Anna Makarenko, mezzo-soprano Anna Naumova and bass-baritone Alexander Kudriashov

FSU's Department of Music will present Lyra, the internationally recognized Russian vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg, on **Monday, Sept. 23**, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will feature sacred Russian choral music from the Russian Orthodox Church and various Russian folk songs. The ensemble consists of four professional singers that studied at the St. Petersburg Conservatory and perform in professional choirs and opera houses of St.

Petersburg.

In 2001, Lyra was awarded the Montreux (Switzerland) International Choral Festival diploma. In 2005, the ensemble was also a winner of the Coleraine International Choral Festival in Northern Ireland.

CDs will be available for purchase after the concert.

MCTA to Host Two Music Events in October

Mountain City Traditional Arts, a project of folklore and folk life programing at FSU, is located at 25 E. Main St., Frostburg. Donations are appreciated at the following performances. For Info, call 301-687-8040 or email mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com.

Emmett Gill and Jesse Smith



London-born uilleann piper Emmett Gill and American ex-pat fiddler Jesse Smith have formed a virtuosic Galway-based duo devoted to hard-core Irish traditional music in a style that recalls the energetic sound of Irish recording artists of the 1920s. Their recently issued duo CD, "The Rookery," features a repertoire of familiar and obscure tunes sourced from classic manuscript collections, as well as recordings by traditional heroes who include pipers Seamus Ennis, Willie Clancy and Leo Rowsome and fiddlers Bobby Casey, James Morrison and Pdraig O'Keeffe. The pair will appear **Tuesday, Oct. 15**, at 2 p.m.

Todd Burge



Todd Burge's songs are mostly stories that inhabit his invented characters. The scat singing and lyrical humor lighten the mood of some heavy subjects, letting his insights sneak up on you. Burge has played everything from alternative/punk rock to bluegrass, performing in venues as diverse as CBGB's with his band 63 Eyes, to the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Kennedy Center. He is a repeat guest on NPR's Mountain Stage and has been called the "dean of West Virginia songwriters" by the show's host, Larry Groce. Burge has performed and toured with Tim O'Brien, Kathy Mattea, Lucinda Williams, Bela Fleck, Mike Seeger, Larry Groce, Ricky Skaggs and many others. He will perform at MCTA **Friday, Oct. 18**, at 7:30 p.m.



Presentations

FSU Hosts Inspirational Speaker and Agent of Change Kevin Carroll



Inspirational speaker Kevin Carroll, an author, speaker and agent of social change, will present a seminar at FSU to help students embrace their spirit of play and creativity and realize their full potential. The event will be held in the Cordts PE Center in the main arena on **Monday, Sept. 23**, at 7 p.m. The presentation, which is sponsored by Student and Educational Services, is free and open to the public.

Carroll was abandoned by his parents and raised by his grandparents. He often felt lost as a child until he discovered the playground and the red rubber ball that fueled his dreams. He joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a language interpreter; he is fluent in German, Croatian, Czech and Serbian. Now Carroll is the founder of Kevin Carroll Katalyst/LLC and is the author of the highly successful books "Red Rubber Ball," "What's Your Red Rubber Ball?" and "The Red Rubber Ball at Work." He inspires businesses, organizations and individuals to embrace their spirit of play and creativity to maximize their human potential and sustain more meaningful business and growth.

Carroll has worked as a consultant for many organizations, including the National Hockey League, Nike, Starbucks (his words have appeared on 17 million Grande cups), the Walt Disney Co. and the Discovery Channel.

For info, call the FSU Information Desk at x4411.

Mathematics Seminar on Game Theory

The FSU Department of Mathematics will host a seminar, "An Introduction to Mathematical Games," on **Wednesday, Sept. 25**, at 6:30 p.m. in Compton 226. The seminar will provide an introduction to game theory and a mathematical means to model strategic interactions among people and organizations, as well as illustrate its application to the fields of business and economics. It is free and open to the public.

The speaker, Dr. Anthony Dukes, is an associate professor of marketing at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. In his research, Dukes uses game theory to understand firms' marketing strategies, particularly as it applies to retail and distribution channels, pricing and antitrust.

For info, contact the Department of Mathematics at x4384.

Mexican vs. American Forum

Many Mexican-Americans have trouble identifying fully with either culture. The Diversity Center and the Latin American Student Organization will sponsor a forum to be held **Sept. 25** at 7 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232) to discuss the identity of the Hispanic people and how the cultures of Mexico and America "intersect."

For info, contact the Diversity Center at x4050.

Keep on DREAMing – Understanding the DREAM Act

Not sure what the DREAM Act is? Come to the Lane Center, room 113, on **Tuesday, Oct. 1**, to listen to a panel discuss the current status of the DREAM Act in the U.S. and Maryland. This event is sponsored by the Diversity Center and the Latin American Student Organization.

Linda Gojack Helps Math Make Sense



"Everything You Do in Mathematics Should Make Sense!" is the topic of a presentation at FSU designed to give teachers and future teachers examples of how they can help students make sense of what they are learning. Linda Gojack, president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, will speak on **Thursday, Oct. 3**, at 7 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room in the Cordts PE Center.

Gojack has nearly 40 years of experience in teaching mathematics at all levels and has worked with students, teachers and professional organizations throughout the country. Since 1999, she has served as the director of the Center of Mathematics and Science Education, Teaching and Technology at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Gojack has received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the Christofferson-Fawcett Award for Leadership in Mathematics Education, the Buck Martin Award and the Outstanding District Teacher Award. In addition, Gojack has served as president of the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics, the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

The event is free and open to the public. For info, contact the FSU Department of Mathematics at x4384 or email Karen Parks at kparks@frostburg.edu.

Center for Creative Writing to Host Western Maryland Indie Lit Festival

The FSU Center for Creative Writing will hold its seventh annual Western Maryland Indie Lit Festival, an event to bring together writers and educators with readers, editors, publishers and presses, on **Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12**.

The event, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at various locations on Main Street in downtown Frostburg, is free and open to the public. The festival has expanded to a weekend-long event with a poetry slam at Dante's Bar on Thursday, a reading featuring several authors from participating presses at Main Street Books on Friday, a reception for press and journal attendees at the Center for Creative Writing and a panel discussion on the author/editor relationship at the Frostburg library. Panel discussions and roundtable sessions will also include topics on various creative genres, DIY publishing, self-publishing, promotion and marketing, writing local, and reading and writing online.

Leading up to the Indie Lit Festival, interviews and information about participating presses and journalists will be featured at the Center's website, www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter.

For info, call Allegany County's Washington Street Library at 301-777-1200 or the Frostburg Center for Creative Writing at 301-687-4340. A detailed schedule is available at www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter/indie-lit-festival.

MCTA to Host Antique Baskets Roadshow and Exhibits



An Antique Baskets Roadshow will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 19**, from 1 to 3 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. at Mountain City Traditional Arts at 25 E. Main St. Bring in your treasured or antique baskets for a free expert evaluation. There will also be a panel discussion at 3 p.m. This event, researched by FSU Folklore in Appalachia students, will highlight the basketry traditions in Western Maryland in an exhibit of Western Maryland basket makers at MCTA. The Antique Basket Roadshow is part of a vital research effort to identify and record baskets in Western Maryland and throughout the state.

James W. McCrobie, the last of six generations of basket makers and an expert in McCrobie baskets, will evaluate the baskets.

This event is held in tandem with the Allegany Arts Council Studio Tour.

For info, contact Kathi Beauchesne, Center for Research in Basketry, Inc., at 410-967-3585 or kobeauchesne@basketresearch.org. For info on MCTA, call 301-687-8040, email mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/mountaincitytradarts.

Interested in Doctoral Study?

Join **Dr. Alecia Eubanks**, a 2004 FSU graduate, as she presents information on the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program **Wednesday, Oct. 23**, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the President’s Board Room (on the second floor of Hitchins).

The McNair Program’s mission is to increase the number of undergraduate students enrolling in graduate schools to pursue doctorate degrees.

Services include assistance with graduate school application and financing, paid summer internships, mentoring and academic counseling.

To be eligible, students must complete their sophomore year; meet the minimum GPA and earned credit hour requirement; and be first generation, low income or a member of a group typically under-represented in graduate programs.

For info, contact Dr. Terri Massie-Burrell at tmassieburrell@frostburg.edu or x3206 or Tam Lowry at tlowry@frostburg.edu or x4481, or visit www.aap.umd.edu/mcnairprogram.html.

Appalachian Laboratory Fall Seminar Series

Dr. Todd Katzner, West Virginia University, will present “Movement Ecology of Golden Eagles and Renewable Energy Development in the Central Appalachians” on **Thursday, Oct. 3**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. For info, go to www.umces.edu/allseminar/schedule.

 **Theatre**

Fourth Annual One-Act Play Festival

The FSU Center for Creative Writing is hosting its fourth annual One-Act Play Festival on **Friday, Sept. 27**, and **Saturday, Sept. 28**, in the Lyric Theater, 20 E. Main St. The festival showcases the top three winning plays of the 2013 One-Act Playwriting Competition with a full performance of the first-place play and staged readings of the second- and third-place plays. Performances will start at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

The first-place play, “The Singular of Dice,” explores the relationship between a hired killer and a reporter interviewing her for a tell-all feature story.

The second-place play, “The Glass Ceiling,” is the story of three female co-workers who are supportive of and competitive with each other as they hope to advance to a new position in their company.

The third-place play, “The Shrine,” examines the relationship between two mothers: one whose son was killed in a school shooting and one whose son was the shooter.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. They will be available at Main Street Books, the Allegany Arts Council and the Palace Theater box office on the nights of the performances.

For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter or contact the Creative Writing Center at x4340 or cwcenter@frostburg.edu.

 **Visual Arts**

Calling All Artists to the 2013 Community Exhibition

The FSU Department of Visual Arts and the Allegany Arts Council will host the 2013 Community Exhibition **Oct. 8 through 12** at the Saville Gallery at 9 N. Centre St. in Cumberland. The closing reception will be held **Oct. 12** from 2 to 4 p.m.

All regional artists are invited to enter the exhibition. High school students are also encouraged to enter. Original work in any media, except video, will be accepted. Artists can drop off entries **from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4** from 3 to 6 p.m. at FSU’s Fine Arts building, room 128.

For info, call Robert Hein in FSU’s Visual Arts Department at x4354 or the Saville Gallery at 301-777-ARTS.

 **Points of Pride**

USM Board of Regents Honors FSU’s Lois Bennett



Lois Bennett of Lonaconing, Md., Administrative Assistant II for the Programs Advancing Student Success (PASS) office, the Disability Support Services (DSS) office and the Registrar’s Office at FSU, has received the 2013 University System of Maryland Board of Regents Staff Award, the highest honor bestowed on USM staff employees. She is being honored for outstanding service to students in an academic or residential environment.

Bennett was recognized at the Sept. 20 Board of Regents meeting.

An FSU employee since 1984, Bennett is the administrative assistant for three offices, providing complex technical and secretarial support to six professional administrators and instructors. She is in charge of an administrative assistant and approximately 150 federal work-study students for these offices; runs and organizes the test-taking facility; reviews the

budgets for five offices; has multiple responsibilities during the Preview FSU summer orientation program, including scoring placement tests and answering student and parent phone inquiries; and even informally advises students and helps them with the PAWS Information System that provides access to student services.

The intangible tasks she performs, however, make her a star. In his nomination letter, Dr. Jay Hegeman, associate vice president for Student and Educational Services and registrar, pointed out that “The PASS office has always been characterized by a huge volume of student traffic – literally thousands each academic year. Lois treats each student as a member of her own family and prides herself with remembering almost all of their names. ... But recalling names is only a surface sign of her interest in students. Lois takes addressing student issues and concerns as a top priority. She stops everything to help a student, be it to solve a problem in the office, explain how to navigate other administrative offices or listen to a personal quandary of some sort.”

“One of Lois’ strongest attributes is her ability to listen, something students seem to recognize instinctively,” said Harriet B. Douglas, the director of the PASS office. “They will share all kinds of concerns and problems with Lois, knowing that she will not judge them and will give them the wisdom of her experience and knowledge. Sometimes all the student needs is a compassionate listener and a hug; Lois provides both.”

Perhaps an anonymous note left on Bennett’s desk said it best: “You are absolutely one of the sweetest ladies I’ve ever met in my life.”

The Regents’ Staff Award recognizes the achievements of salaried and hourly employees of the University System of Maryland. Award winners are nominated based on letters and recommendations by colleagues.

WFWM’s Chuck Dicken Honored With Spirit of Frostburg Award

The Mayor and City Council of Frostburg recently presented **Chuck Dicken**, the general manager of WFWM Public Radio, with the 2013 Spirit of Frostburg award at the Frostburg Day celebration. In addition, the Foundation for Frostburg made a \$300 donation to WFWM in his name.

Dicken, along with other dedicated volunteers, has expanded live musical entertainment in the city with “Saturdays on Broadway” and other special events, and because of this dedication to public radio and traditional music, Frostburg is experiencing a dramatic growth in musical entertainment and tourism that benefits residents and visitors.

FSU’s A STAR! in Western Maryland Celebrates 20 Years of Service



The 2013-2014 ECHOSTARS! members, part of the AmeriCorps program at FSU, posed for a picture at the beginning of the fall semester.

A STAR! in Western Maryland, an AmeriCorps program based at FSU, is proudly celebrating 20 years of service this month. For two decades A STAR! has provided “direct, substantive service programs that improve the literacy of children, enhance the health care and living conditions of children and elderly people, help at-risk youth by offering after-school programs, improve shelter and support services for low-income families and preserve the environment for the Western Maryland communities.”

Established in 1994 through a collaborative effort at FSU between the Office of Student and Educational Services and Student and Community Involvement, A STAR! started with 20 AmeriCorps service volunteers serving seven community partners in Allegany and Garrett counties. Over the next 20 years, A STAR! has expanded to serve the four westernmost counties in Maryland, providing capacity building, environmental stewardship, academic enrichment, health and wellness as well as volunteer management throughout Western Maryland. Each year the program reaches over 6,500 beneficiaries through more than 64,000 hours of service provided by over 125 AmeriCorps members.

The ECHOSTARS program is comprised of primarily incoming freshman at FSU who are in a unique living, learning, serving environment. While completing their freshman year, they are charged with providing 300 hours of direct service throughout Allegany and into Garrett counties at identified service sites such as Read to Succeed, Frostburg Senior Center, Tech Wizards, Salvation Army, Beall Elementary and Kids Corner.

The base of the A STAR! program is comprised of full- and part-time stipend members who complete between 900 and 1,700 hours of direct service through 17 identified partnerships.

For info, contact Lisa Clark, A STAR! in Western Maryland director, at 301-697-3359.

‘Professional Achievements’ 2013 Edition Is Out

The 2013 edition of “Professional Achievements,” which includes FSU faculty and staff contributions to their fields and the University, can be accessed at www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Achievements/profach13.pdf. It can also be found, along with booklets from previous years, under Information Resources on the Faculty/Staff page (www.frostburg.edu/facultystaff) of the FSU website. A printed copy has been delivered to each department.

“Professional Achievements” is published yearly by the Office of Communications and Media Relations and is compiled and edited by **Candis Johnson**.



Take Note

Frostburg's Fall Convocation to Be Shared on Social Media

FSU will be "Rolling Out the Future" and sharing key updates and its new marketing and branding campaign **Friday, Sept. 27**, at 3 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. As part of the celebration, the University would like to invite Bobcats near and far to join the conversation and check out this event on social media. Follow the commentary, discover pictures and share your thoughts on this special day by "tuning in" online:

- Follow [@frostburgstate](#) on Twitter for the latest developments from the event. Hashtag is #frostburgfallconvo.
- Enjoy everyone's pictures by searching #frostburgfallconvo and #instaFrostburg on social media like Instagram, Twitter, Tumblr and Facebook.
- View excerpts and images by visiting the University's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/FrostburgStateUniversity.

If you attend the celebration in person and are inspired, feel free to contribute your own content and commentary with tweets, pictures and posts. Be sure to use the hashtag #frostburgfallconvo so your thoughts are linked to a larger conversation on FSU's social media!

For info, email efrostburgcomm@frostburg.edu.

Latin Health Fair

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Diversity Center and Brady Health Center will offer recipes, healthy food options and easy ways to incorporate healthy choices into students' lifestyles at a Latin Health Fair on **Thursday, Sept. 26**, in the Lane University Center. Blood pressure screenings will also be available.

For info, contact the Diversity Center at x4050.

FSU Faculty Invited to First Teaching Tuesday of the Semester

The Center for Teaching Excellence invites all FSU faculty to participate in the first Teaching Tuesday of the semester.

Have you ever tried the teaching techniques called flipping the classroom, learn-before-lecture or learn-before-lab? On **Monday, Oct. 1**, there will be an informal discussion about "Flipping the Classroom" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Lane 244 (South Addition). Come learn, explore and/or share your experiences and join other faculty who are "flipping."

For more info on "flipping," go to <http://blog.peerinstruction.net/an-annotated-list-of-flipped-class-tools-and-resources>, <http://flippedclassroom.org> or www.techsmith.com/flipped-classroom.html.

In addition to "Flipping the Classroom," CTE's upcoming Teaching Tuesdays will focus on:

- "Assessing Content Gains" on **Nov. 5**
- "Strategies for Starting Off the Semester" on **Dec. 3**

For info, contact Sunshine Brosi, the advisory board member for the Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Group, at slbrosi@frostburg.edu. Find out more on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CTEFSU or at the CTE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cte/events.

FSU Offers Read to Succeed for Grades K-8

FSU's A STAR! in Western Maryland is accepting applications for its Read to Succeed! program. This program is for students in kindergarten through the eighth grade in Allegany, Mineral and Garrett counties. The program aims to raise students' academic achievement levels by 15 percent while instilling a love of learning to enhance a child's self-esteem.

Read to Succeed! promotes positive learning skills while targeting each child's individual needs. All students are welcome to attend the program, and parents are welcome to observe mentoring sessions. The program provides one-on-one assistance for students who have problems in literacy and mathematics. Middle school students will receive higher education preparation information concerning study habits and time management skills. All mentors are trained volunteers from the FSU student community.

The Read to Succeed! program operates Monday through Thursday nights at two main sites in Allegany County: the South Cumberland Library and FSU. Applications are accepted throughout the school year on a first-come, first-served basis.

For info, contact Meghan Voelkel, the A STAR! AmeriCorps Academic Enrichment and Volunteer coordinator, at x4191 or ReadToSucceed@frostburg.edu.

National Leadership Opportunity for Students

The American Association of University Women encourages college and university students of all ages to apply to serve on the National Student Advisory Council (SAC) for the 2013-14 academic year. The 10 students selected as SAC members will have the unique opportunity to advise a national women's organization on the needs of college students, hone and grow their leadership skills, network with amazing student leaders and distinguished women nationwide and attend two leadership events in the Washington, D.C., area.

SAC members must meet the following qualifications:

- Attend a two- or four-year accredited institution
- Possess a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Demonstrate strong communication, interpersonal, planning and writing skills
- Have student leadership experience
- Understand and be genuinely interested in women’s equality issues
- Be eager to network and exchange ideas on the monthly conference calls, via email and Facebook, and in person at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

Students at college/university partner member schools will receive special preference in the application process. For info, contact Ivonne Ramirez, program associate at AAUW, at ramirezi@aauw.org, or visit www.aauw.org.

Frostburg Community Dialogue Series Continues

Emphasis Is on Neighborhood Relationships, Safety and Housing

FSU’s “Sustaining Campus and Community” dialogue series will continue for another year of facilitated sessions aimed at helping the community strengthen neighborhood relationships and foster a nonviolent, civil culture. The next dialogue session, open to the public, is scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 15**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theater on Main Street.

In this second year of the series, community members will come together to create tangible solutions for deeper-level, sensitive and structurally challenging town-and-gown tensions that affect safe, secure living conditions and civil relationships between long- and short-term residents in the college town. Nationally recognized conflict resolution scholar-practitioners Dr. Frank Dukes, lecturer and director of the Institute for Environmental Negotiation at the University of Virginia, and Dr. Marvin Johnson, founder and executive director of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, will continue to help facilitate the sessions, along with project manager **Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski**, chair of FSU’s Department of Communication Studies and an associate professor in that department.

Details and documentary segments about the project are available at www.frostburg.edu/dept/cmst/dialogue-series. Those interested in being part of this community-building effort should contact Ruminski at elruminski@frostburg.edu or x4480.

Clothing Needed for Dress for Success

The Women’s Studies Steering Committee will host a Dress for Success Program for female students on **Friday, Oct. 18**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. As part of the program, the group will help create a professional dress closet for young women. For a small amount, the women can purchase pieces for their closets.

The Diversity Center is accepting donations and is looking for gently worn items for the girls. Items needed include sweaters, slacks, suits, button-down tops, skirts, belts, jewelry, dresses and blazers in all sizes.

For info, contact the Diversity Center at x4050.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It

It’s not too early to be thinking about graduation, especially if you plan to graduate on **Saturday, Dec. 21**. Commencement will be held at 2 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center.

The Colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences will present their graduates during a single ceremony. Tickets will be required for admission. The number of tickets will be determined at a later date, based on the number of graduating students.

Complete your graduation application in PAWS now and check with the Registrar’s Office to ensure everything is in order and you will receive all the necessary information.

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to graduates and can be ordered at the University Store in the Lane Center. Your order must be placed by **Nov. 4**. Announcements and thank-you cards at www.batfour.com should also be ordered by **Nov. 4**.

A Grad Fair will be held **Friday, Dec. 13**, in the University Store from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can also pick up your graduation tickets, enter drawings, purchase graduation merchandise and more.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Brittnei Teter at x4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

 **Get Involved**

The Badminton Club Is Recruiting!

The Badminton Club meets every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the practice gym. Nets, rackets and birdies will be provided. Student membership is \$10 per semester; faculty/staff membership is \$30. Membership fees are used to cover the cost of supplies.

For info, contact Dr. Yan Bao at ybao@frostburg.edu, Dr. Xinliang Zheng at xzheng@frostburg.edu, Dr. Art Siemann at asiemann@frostburg.edu or Scott Gao at hgao0@frostburg.edu.

Attention All Social Science Majors

The Social Work Alliance will meet every Monday from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in Guild 112. SWA is open to all social science majors.

Upcoming UCM Events

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308, at x7490 or c.zirlott@frostburg.edu.

UCM Thank God It’s Fun Friday Cyber Bowling, Sept. 27, 10 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the local animal shelter at The Bowler in LaVale. The cost is \$12 per person, which includes shoes. You must sign up for transportation by **Sept. 25**.

FSU Nothing but Nets Campaign, through Oct. 31. Last year FSU student organizations bought 170 nets (\$10 per net), which saved 680 lives for 3 years. UCM would like to double that this year. Your group can make a significant difference by holding a fundraiser for this cause or collecting a donation from your members between now and **Oct. 31**. There will be a table in the Lane Center on **Oct. 31** where groups can bring their collections. Every group that participates will get its name listed in The Bottom Line in November together with the number of nets bought this year. UCM is coordinating the campaign and will send the money on FSU’s behalf.

Twilight Retreat to Nobbly Mountain, Friday, Oct. 4, 3:30 (leaving campus) to around 10 p.m. (return). Come for a cookout, campfire s’mores and prayer. Sign-up is required. Contact Chaplain Cindy by **Oct. 1**.

Change Your World Community Service Day, Saturday, Oct. 12, starting at 10 a.m. Student teams will help needy residents of Frostburg with various needs. Volunteer hours can be earned for this event.

Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities Open to the FSU Community

Salvation and Praise Bible Study, Mondays, 7 p.m., Lane 111. This is a student-led Bible study group.

Spiritual Study Break – A Contemporary Vesper Worship Experience, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Lane 108. If interested in joining the Praise team, contact UCM for practice times.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Thursdays, 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Library 237. This is a student-led Bible study.

Finding True North Bible Study, Sundays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., Library 237. “Pressure Points: Bible Meets Life” study and discussion continue.



Internships

Interested in a Sociology Internship?

Students interesting in a sociology internship for spring 2014 should contact Dr. John McMullen by **Oct.11**. To be eligible for a sociology internship, a student should have completed 18 hours of sociology courses and acquired junior or senior status. For info, contact McMullen at x3162 or jmcmullen@frostburg.edu.



Student Life

Want to Be a Resident Assistant?

The Residence Life Office and Edgewood Commons are looking for resident assistants for the spring semester.

If you are interested in becoming an RA, attend one of the following information sessions and pick up an application. All sessions begin at 7 p.m.

- **Sept. 24** in the main lounge of Edgewood Commons
- **Sept. 25** in the first floor lounge of Frederick Hall
- **Sept. 26** in Lane 113
- **Sept. 30** in the first floor lounge of Annapolis Hall
- **Oct. 1** in the basement of Allen Hall

For info, contact Charee’ L. Grover at x4121 or clgrover@frostburg.edu.



International

Global Experiential Learning Program Study Abroad Trip to Ecuador



The College of Business Global Experiential Learning Program is sponsoring a study abroad trip to Ecuador **June 4 through 14, 2014**. As part of this trip, students will study Leadership in Latin America.

On this trip, students will be able to experience the cultural and historical heritage of Quito, visit businesses and learn from successful Latin American leaders, visit the resort city of Banos, engage in service in a local village, shop in one of the largest artisan markets in South America (Otavalo), visit with students at the Universidad de Azuay in Cuenca, tour the Inca ruins of Inga Pirca and stroll the Guayaquil river walk.

Students will earn 3 credits by taking one of a number of courses that will be taught online in the first summer session. The cost is \$3,300 plus summer tuition and fees.

Students from all majors are welcome to participate.

For info, contact Dr. Jeff McClellan at x4372 or Dr. Carol Gaumer at x4052.

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Kira Almcateen in Spain (Summer 2013)

The Center for International Education offers 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, Botswana or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships can help fund a study abroad experience.

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

Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Ireland, Spring 2014

Students can study abroad for a semester at Mary Immaculate College and pay FSU tuition. Financial aid can be used to help cover the costs of room and board. Credits will transfer back to FSU. Check out the website for Mary Immaculate College at www.mic.ul.ie.

Northumbria University, England, Spring 2014

Students have an opportunity to study in England for a semester. 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's website at www.northumbria.ac.uk.



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Community

AAUW October Meeting

The Frostburg Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet **Tuesday, Oct. 1**, at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Hall on Main Street across from the Frostburg Post Office. The speaker will be **Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas**, vice president for University Advancement at FSU and executive director of the FSU Foundation, Inc. Members and guests are invited. For info, call Liz West at 301-722-6445.

Saville Gallery to Host 'Stillness Between' Photography Exhibit



The Allegany Arts Council's Saville Gallery will present an exhibit of photography by Robert Hein, "Stillness Between," **Oct. 17 through Nov. 22** at the gallery at 9 N. Centre St. in Cumberland. The opening reception will be on **Saturday, Oct. 19**, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For info, call 301-777-ARTS or go to www.alleganyartscouncil.org.



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.

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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.