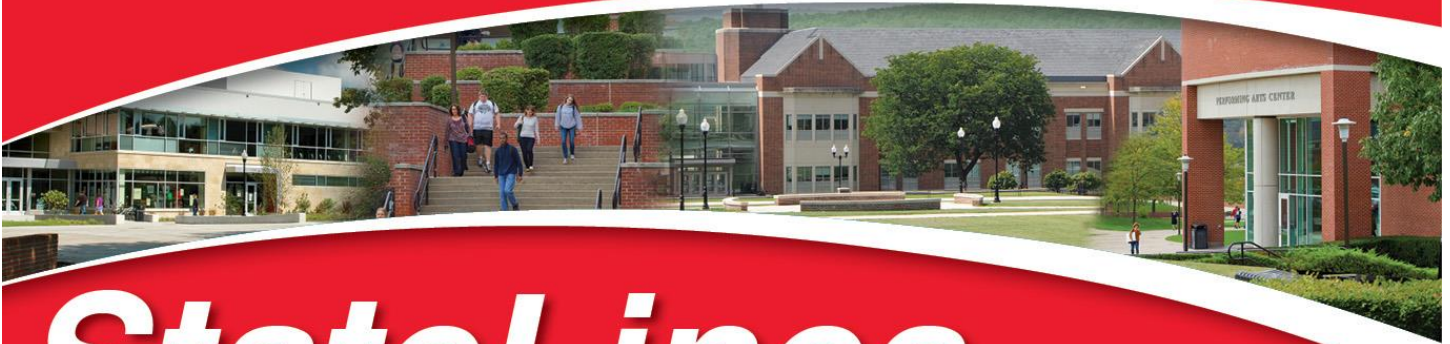




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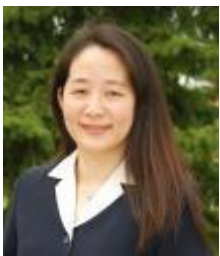
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## FSU Faculty Member Dr. Yan Bao Honored With USM Award for Teaching



**Dr. Yan Bao**, an associate professor in FSU's Department of Accounting, has been awarded the Regents' Faculty Award for Teaching, the highest honor that the University System of Maryland Board of Regents bestows to recognize exemplary faculty achievement. She will be honored at the **April 10** meeting of the board.

Bao's honor marks the seventh time since 2007 that an FSU faculty member has been honored by the regents.

"Dr. Bao has been one of the most dynamic faculty members at the FSU College of Business since 2002 at both the undergraduate and graduate levels," said Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, dean of FSU's College of Business. "She has routinely earned one of the highest evaluation ratings in the College of Business for the past 10 years – especially in the area of teaching. This has been due to her student-centered teaching philosophy and her commitment to innovative and engaging teaching approaches."

Her students' comments have consistently reflected her caring attitude and devotion, regardless of the mode of course delivery, whether it be face to face, blended or online.

"Some students learn better through lecture, others through reading or PowerPoints and others may learn better through trial and error. In Dr. Bao's class, you were never at a disadvantage if you learned better through a certain method because she literally made ALL of them available for students," said current MBA student Lauren Martin.

One of Bao's recent accomplishments in teaching is a successful design of the MBA Financial Accounting online class. The College of Business experienced a significant enrollment increase when the online MBA program was launched in fall 2011. Bao carefully designed her online delivery model by incorporating various technologies to provide a quality learning environment similar to that in a face-to-face class.

She uses an online homework system to enable students to receive instant feedback; an online conference room to help students ease their fears, ask questions and participate in discussions; and a project to challenge students to learn how to make financial statement analysis using annual reports of publicly traded companies, which enables them to apply the knowledge they acquire to real-world settings.

In addition, she coached other faculty at the University to help them improve their online teaching skills by conducting workshops in online class design and effective utilization of technology in distance education.

Further, Bao has been one of the first few faculty members who took on the leadership of incorporating global-experiential learning into FSU's curriculum by organizing two College of Business-sponsored study abroad programs called "Impact China," a hallmark of the University's experiential education initiatives. These projects turned out to be highly valuable global learning experiences for students.

Courses are offered in the first six-week session of every summer starting from 2012, with two-week travel and four-week online instruction. During the two-week travel, students have opportunities to appreciate different cultures, understand diversity and complexity in the changing world and investigate issues in the increasingly globalized society through hands-on learning and living experience.

Impact China inspired many students to explore the educational opportunities abroad as well as many faculty members to lead

customized study abroad programs, witnessed by an increasing number of such programs campuswide since 2012. Recently, her efforts in incorporating global experiential learning in the College of Business have been expanded to direct communication with universities in China for establishing collaborative academic programs in undergraduate degrees such as a program in accounting between FSU and some prestigious institutions of higher education in China.

Finally, Bao has been a board member for the Chinese Immersion program in West Side Elementary School in the Allegany County Public Schools. This noteworthy program has gained excellent results and accompanying publicity and is an outstanding example of the University's PK-20 collaborative efforts.

"Bao's extensive work with College of Business and University outreach, collaboration and international education have gone far above and beyond required faculty duties," said FSU Provost Dr. William Childs. "These actions have brought recognition to the University with our China initiatives."

## 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 301-687-4109 or visit [www.frostburg.edu/music](http://www.frostburg.edu/music).

### Faculty Artist Series Presents Jazz Faculty Ensemble March 6

FSU's Department of Music Faculty Artist Series will present the Jazz Faculty Ensemble in concert on **Friday, March 6**, at 7:30 p.m. **Dr. Brent Weber** on alto saxophone, **Bill Green** on tenor saxophone, **Tom Harrison** on piano, **Jim Roderick** on bass and **Dr. Marc Lawrence** on drums, with special guest Christian Robinson on trumpet, will perform works made famous by Chick Corea, Kenny Wheeler, Joshua Redman, John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk and Cannonball Adderley.

### Wind Ensemble to Perform March 7

The FSU Wind Ensemble, conducted by **Dr. Philip Klickman**, will perform its concert on **Saturday, March 7**, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will feature a sampling of musical styles. Performed works will include "British Eighth," a march by 20th-century composer Zo Elliott, and "Sunrise and Safari" by Adam Gorb, a two-part piece with a jazz flair meant to invoke the thrill of encountering Singapore wildlife. Claude T. Smith's "Fantasia for Alto Saxophone" will feature **Dr. Brent Weber** as saxophone soloist. The evening will include a literary touch with selections from Dutch composer Johan de Meij's "Symphony No. 1 – The Lord of the Rings," a musical tribute based on characters and themes found in J.R.R. Tolkien's beloved high-fantasy trilogy. Movements to be performed are "I. Gandalf," "II. Lothlórien," "IV. Journey in the Dark" and "V. Hobbits."

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available at the door – cash only.

### Tri-State Honor Band Concert Features Musicians From Area High Schools

FSU's Department of Music will present the Tri-State Honor Band Concert, conducted by **Dr. Philip Klickman**, **Sunday, March 8**, at 3 p.m. The concert will feature the best musicians from high schools all over Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia who will perform contemporary works for band.

Selections will include Davide Delle Cese's "Little English Girl," one of the world's most popular marches and a model for its sweet Italian style, and Robert W. Smith's "The Gathering of the Yeomen," reminiscent of early American folk songs. Other pieces to be performed are "On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss" by David R. Holsinger; Elliot Del Borgo's "Chant Rituals," which was inspired by Gregorian and Renaissance choral music; and Carol Barnett's "Cyprian Suite," a four-part piece that follows the moods of four Cyprian folk songs.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available at the door – cash only.

## Theatre

### Theatre and Dance Presents Kids' Musical 'A Year With Frog and Toad'



Josh Mooney sings "Alone" in "A Year With Frog and Toad."

FSU's Theatre and Dance will present the Tony-nominated musical "A Year With Frog and Toad," based on the popular children's series by Arnold Lobel with music and lyrics by Willie and Robert Reale, in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre of FSU's Performing Arts Center. Kids can wear their pajamas to the evening performance on **March 6** at 7 p.m. Matinee performances will be held on **March 1 and 8** at 2 p.m.

With direction by **Nicole Mattis** and musical direction by Chris McCabe, Lobel's beloved amphibians will hop from page to stage in this whimsical musical that follows cheerful and popular Frog and grumpy Toad through four fun-filled seasons of the year. Together, the unlikely companions experience the thrills of kite flying, gardening, swimming and eating cookies in this charming song-and-dance tale about a friendship that weathers all seasons. Original choreography has been created by local dancer and FSU student **Maddie Boher**.

Tickets are \$6 for students and children and \$12 for the general public. Group reservations are available when booked in advance. For reservations and info, call Theatre and Dance at 301-687-7462 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

## Presentations

### Interested in Inquiry-Based Learning?

Inquiry-based learning is a student-centered teaching paradigm in which students should, as much as possible, be responsible for guiding the acquisition of knowledge and validating the ideas presented. It is an approach in which one of the goals is to make students independent of the instructor.

To inquire further or share your experience, bring your lunch and join the Center for Teaching Excellence at FSU on **Tuesday, March 3**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Lane 244 (South Addition). Have class? Feel free to leave early or drop in during the session.

For info, contact Dr. Shoshana Brassfield at [sbrassfield@frostburg.edu](mailto:sbrassfield@frostburg.edu) or Dr. Eleanor McConnell at [ehmcconnell@frostburg.edu](mailto:ehmcconnell@frostburg.edu). Find the group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CTEFSU](http://www.facebook.com/CTEFSU).

### Spring Academic Enrichment Series

Professional staff from the Residence Life Office and Edgewood Commons will talk about “Combining Living With Learning” on **Monday, March 2**, at 4 p.m. in Lane 113. This session is designed to help students learn how to anticipate community and roommate issues and be prepared to deal with conflicts if they arise. Common roommate issues will be addressed, along with questions about building and sustaining healthy relationships.

**Victoria Gearhart**, study abroad advisor, Center for International Education, will give a presentation on “Study Abroad” on **Wednesday, March 4**, at 10 a.m. in Lane 113. Study abroad is a great opportunity to learn about the world, experience other cultures, earn course credits, enhance your job prospects, make new friends and even learn about yourself.

**Rita Thomas**, instructional designer, Instructional Design and Delivery, will speak about “Getting Familiar With Blackboard” on **Thursday, March 5**, at 3 p.m. in CCIT 127A. Are you a first-time user of Blackboard or would you like to become more familiar with its features? Come learn Blackboard (Bb) 9.1 (April 2014 release) and get hands-on experience with the basics of Bb from the student’s perspective. The group will look at Minimum System Requirements Check, Discussion Board, Email, Profile, Posts, Updates and My Grades. FSU’s Bb web page, along with additional video tutorials on Bb Learn, will be covered.

A panel of Greek organization representatives will discuss “Greek Life” and answer questions on **Friday, March 6**, at 4 p.m. in Dunkle 218. The reps will explore why someone becomes a member of a fraternity or sorority, explain the benefits of “Greek Life” and talk about their experiences.

For info, contact the Center for Academic Advising and Retention at 301-687-3404.

### Save the Date for HR’s Leadership Development Conference

The Office of Human Resources will sponsor a Leadership Development Conference on **Wednesday, April 1**, in Lane University Center. The day-long event will feature a keynote address by FSU alum **Joseph W. Lambert**, director of Information Management for the Central Intelligence Agency, and will include a variety of sessions led by local leadership experts. Attendees can participate in conference sessions divided into leadership, professional and personal development categories. Watch for more details and registration to come soon. The event is free and open to FSU faculty and staff.

For info, contact OHR at 301-687-4107.

### Scholar-in-Residence to Share Contemplative Practices for Personal and Organizational Leadership With Faculty, Staff and Students



Dr. Annette M. Holba will serve as the Leadership Scholar-in-Residence for a full day of sessions on **Tuesday, April 7**, at FSU.

Holba is an associate professor of rhetoric at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H., where she teaches communication/media studies and philosophy courses. She serves as the editor of “Qualitative Research Reports in Communication,” and her books include “Transformative Leisure: A Philosophy of Communication,” “An Overture to Philosophy of Communication: The Carrier of Meaning” (co-authored with Ronald C. Arnett), “Philosophical Leisure: Recuperative Praxis for Human Communication” and “Lizzie Borden Took an Axe, or

Did She? A Rhetorical Inquiry.” She also co-authored and co-edited four other books related to the philosophy of communication, rhetoric and women’s leadership, including “Communicative Understandings of Women’s Leadership Development: From Ceilings of Glass to Labyrinth Paths” (Lexington Books, 2011), co-edited with **Dr. Elesha Ruminski** of FSU’s Communication Studies and Leadership Studies programs.

Before receiving her doctorate, Holba worked for 11 years in law enforcement as a county detective with the Burlington County Prosecutor’s Office in New Jersey, where she was assigned to the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit as well as Major Crimes. During her service in law enforcement, she primarily investigated sex crimes and homicide, as well as held special assignments in other divisions. Additionally, as a certified police instructor, she trained other detectives in forensic child interviewing and the NJ Title 2C criminal code annual updates. Holba’s scholarly interests include philosophy of communication, communication ethics and mindful leadership. Recently, her research interests have led her to explore contemplative practices through PSU’s Personal Approaches to Transformation and Healing (PATH) Institute, which focuses on organizational transformation. Holba takes and teaches courses in the master’s program in Personal and Organizational Wellness within the PATH Institute, which provides experiential and academic opportunities to study integrative health and healing concepts. Based on the growing awareness of mind, body and spirit interactions in holistic healing and wellness, this program builds on the movement that influenced Congress in 1992 to establish what is now the Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine within the



Holba will lead a lunch session for faculty and staff on “Shaping Contemplative Practice in the Classroom and Workplace: Personal Practice as a Starting Place” on **April 7** at 11:30 a.m. in CCIT 397. An RSVP is required for this event. She will also present “Mindfulness Leadership: How Student Leaders Can Approach Leadership With Intention, Awareness and Compassion” from 6 to 7:30 p.m., also in CCIT 397. Additionally, she will visit with Leadership Studies students and candidates of the President’s Leadership Circle.

This year’s events are sponsored by the Leadership Studies minor program, Division of Student Affairs, and the Kim and Marion Leonard Wellness Outreach Fund of the FSU Foundation, Inc.

For info on the scholar-in-residence events or the Leadership Studies minor, contact Ruminski, minor coordinator and associate professor of Communication Studies, at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4480.

Visual Arts

Call for Submissions to FSU All Student Art Show

FSU students are invited to submit their artwork to the Department of Visual Arts for consideration for its All Student Art Show, which will be on display in the Roper Gallery **from Saturday, March 28, to Sunday, April 12.**

By having artwork accepted into this juried exhibition, students automatically become candidates for over \$10,000 in art scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. The department will award 11 scholarships through the FSU Foundation ranging from \$300 to \$1,000. Winners will be announced during the opening reception, which is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on **Saturday, March 28,** in the Roper Gallery.

There is an entry fee of \$3 per artwork. Artwork can be submitted at the Roper Gallery on **Tuesday and Wednesday, March 10 and 11,** from 1 to 4 p.m.

For info, contact Dustin Davis at [ddavis@frostburg.edu](mailto:ddavis@frostburg.edu).

Faculty Art Exhibition on Display Through March 8



An image by Robert Hein

The FSU Department of Visual Arts’ Biannual Faculty Exhibition, which features more than 50 works of clay, metal, paint, photography, graphic design and more, will be on display through **Sunday, March 8,** in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in the Fine Arts Building during gallery hours, Sunday through Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Many of the following faculty artists are award winners and have exhibited nationally and internationally: **Jackie Brown, Susie Bucchino, Dustin Davis, Judy Dieruf, Susan Dodge, Travis English, Patrick Faville, Robert Hein, Pete Herzfeld, Harlowe Hodges, Steve Matthews, Jamison Odone, Courtney Redding, Sharon Schade** and **Dennis Sherald.**

For info, contact Patti Graham at 301-687-4997.

Points of Pride

Megan Carr Accepted at Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies



Megan Carr with Dr. Sunshine Brosi

Undergraduate ethnobotany major **Megan Carr** was recently accepted into graduate school at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. She was accepted into the Master of Environmental Science program. Carr has been awarded scholarships from the Allegany Soil Conservation District, the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, and the Morris H. Willey and Tara Willey Memorial Scholarship. She is a member of Beta Beta Beta, the National Biological Honors Society (Lambda Nu Chapter) and the Maryland Native Plant Society. Carr has completed undergraduate research, including “Establishment of White Oak, ‘Quercus alba L.’ Seedlings for Cherokee Basketry Material,” presented at the 2014 Society for Economic Botany Conference, CLAS Undergraduate Symposium and Focus Frostburg. She also produced a video project on local sustainable farming, which was presented to the Appalachian Studies Association and Appalachian Teaching Project conferences.

Music Students, Faculty Attend/Present at MMEA In-Service Conference



The FSU group at the MMEA In-Service Conference

Music education students from the FSU Collegiate Chapter of the National Association for Music Education recently attended the annual Maryland Music Educators Association In-Service Conference in Baltimore. Students attended workshop and conference sessions concerning all aspects related to the teaching of K-12 music, including sessions in choral and instrumental repertoire, rehearsal and performance, sessions related to special learners, technology and preparing for interviews. They also attended exhibit sessions and performances and networked with peers, practicing music educators and fine arts supervisors from Maryland school systems. Music faculty member **Dr. Rebecca Birnie** accompanied students and presented a session titled “Teaching With Autoharps in the 21st Century.” Music faculty members **Dr. Mark Gallagher** and **Dr. Brent Weber** presented a session titled “The Saxophone-

Clarinet Duo: A Likely Combination,” and *Dr. Ron Horner* presented his session, “Teaching Percussion Through Percussion Ensembles.”

## Pan Presents at 27th SPIE Electronic Imaging Conference



Dr. Xunyu Pan at the SPIE EI Conference

*Dr. Xunyu Pan*, an assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies, presented his research paper titled “Musical Examination to Bridge Audio Data and Sheet Music” at the SPIE Electronic Imaging Conference held in San Francisco in mid-February. This article was coauthored by *Timothy Cross*, an undergraduate student of computer science at FSU. The authors introduced a novel musical representation and analysis system to

bridge the semantic gap between audio recording and sheet music.

SPIE Electronic Imaging is a premier conference for the latest research in digital imaging and multimedia systems. This international event has been held since the 1980s and every year draws more than a thousand attendees from all over the world. This is the second time Pan and a student have presented a research paper at this technical conference sponsored by leading technology companies such as Google, Qualcomm, HP, Adobe, Dolby and Canon.

For info, contact Pan at 301-687-4037 or [xpan@frostburg.edu](mailto:xpan@frostburg.edu).

## Wood Promotes University Honors Program

*Dr. Greg Wood*, the University Honors program director, has been visiting local high school to tout the benefits of the program here at FSU and has been met with enthusiasm by school counselors and interested students. He hopes to grow the program (and the University as a whole) with the most qualified students in the region. Next year, he plans to branch out with visits to nearby Garrett County. Throughout March, he will also attend the University’s area receptions in Annapolis, Baltimore and Gaithersburg.

## FSU Flute Choir Perform at Mid-Atlantic Flute Fair



The FSU Flute Choir, under the direction of instructor *Dr. Keith Hanlon*, participated in the 29th annual Mid-Atlantic Flute Fair as part of the inaugural performance of the Intercollegiate Flute Choir. The choir performed together with members from the flute choirs at McDaniel College and West Liberty University. This combined performance marks the very first time that a collaboration like this has been attempted at the fair. The large ensemble had more than 25 members and contained instruments ranging from the piccolo to

the two contrabass flutes, which are over six feet tall. The concert featured works by Stephen Barr, Jonathan Cohen, Ralph Manuel and an arrangement by Linda Kirkpatrick from McDaniel College.

## Take Note

## President Gibraltar’s Budget Testimony Before the General Assembly

*President Jonathan Gibraltar* testified on behalf of FSU at the House Appropriations Education and Economic Development Subcommittee on Thursday, Feb. 19, and again before the Senate Budget and Taxation Education, Business and Administration Subcommittee on Monday, Feb. 23. He urged passage of Governor Hogan’s FY 2016 budget, and, in recognition of the ongoing budget reductions even with a proposed tuition increase, to consider passage of any supplemental budget that may be proposed to assist USM.

Gibraltar briefly described how FSU has progressed since his last testimony in 2013, including a record headcount enrollment; improved academic credentials of new students as well as improved retention and graduation rates; and new programs at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels designed to meet market demands and needs. He emphasized FSU’s economic impact on the state, especially in Western Maryland, where the construction of FSU’s new Center for Communications and Information Technology meant more than 400,000 labor hours for predominantly Maryland-based construction workers and Western Maryland-based subcontractors.

President Gibraltar’s full testimony can be read at [www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Administration/president/R30B26\\_FSU-FY2016.pdf](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Administration/president/R30B26_FSU-FY2016.pdf).

You can watch his spoken testimony under the respective subcommittees and dates at <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmcommittees.aspx?pid=av&tab=subject7#house>.

## Community Dialogue on Police-Community Relations Set for March 4



A community dinner and dialogue to discuss police-community relations will be held on **Wednesday, March 4**, from 4 to 7 p.m. in CCIT 397. This public event continues an important conversation begun in a classroom dialogue in October on this topic, which included local and campus law enforcement, FSU students and regional residents, as well as representatives of state and national commissions. In addition to allowing the sharing of perceptions to increase mutual understanding and respect, the session will focus on moving toward creative, tangible outcomes for improving police-community relations on and off FSU’s campus.

The session is sponsored by FSU’s Communication Studies program, the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights, NAACP local branch No. 7007 and Mountainside Community Mediation Center.

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RSVP by **Monday, March 2**. For info or to RSVP, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, associate professor of Communication Studies, at 301-687-4480 or [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu).

## For Those Needing FSU Access During Spring Break

In preparation for Spring Break, the Residence Life Office reminds the greater Frostburg community that some specific student populations require access to their on-campus residences during the scheduled break for a variety of reasons, e.g., athletics, working on campus and academic reasons such as working in the local schools.

If there is any reason for students to stay beyond the closing date of **Friday, March 13**, at 7 p.m. or if they need to be on campus during that week, requests need to be sent to the Residence Life Office at [rlo@frostburg.edu](mailto:rlo@frostburg.edu) by **Friday, March 6**. Make sure to send a complete list, including individual FSU ID numbers and the specific dates students require housing.

## Lewis J. Ort Library's March Book Madness

The Lewis J. Ort Library's March Book Madness is back for its second year. Last year more than 3,000 votes were cast to crown the winner, "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

This year new brackets and many new books will join the tournament. The eight brackets are Children's Books, Young Adult, Books to Screen, Graphic Novels, American Lit, Brit Lit, Historical Fiction and Banned Books.

Look for the books to be announced **Friday, March 6**. Voting also starts **March 6**. The winner will be crowned on **Monday, April 6**.

## Harlem Globetrotters Return to FSU



**Bull Bullard poses atop the backboard during a performance.**

The Harlem Globetrotters, the iconic comedic basketball team, will return to FSU on **Monday, March 9**. The event will be held in the Bobcat Arena at 7 p.m. and doors will open at 6 p.m.

In 2015, the Globetrotters celebrate their 88th consecutive year of performing. The family-friendly entertainment is fun for all ages and incorporates ball-handling wizardry and basketball artistry. Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductees, the team has showcased its iconic performance in 122 countries and territories on six continents, often breaking down cultural and societal barriers.

For info and to purchase tickets, visit <http://bit.ly/FSUglobetrotters>.

## Discover Your Adventure at 'I Swim for Bob Day'

**Bob Norr** was an outstanding student who lost his life in a tragic kayaking accident in 2012. The Robert A. Norr Scholarship established that year in his memory is dedicated to helping future students complete their college education and is awarded to those who are studying recreation and parks management, are honor students, are or may concentrate in therapeutic recreation and exemplify the character and spirit of Norr.

This year the "I Swim for Bob Day – Discover Your Adventure" scholarship event will be held **Saturday, March 28**, from 1 to 3 p.m. With the oversight, training and support of recreation faculty, students plan, organize, fundraise, manage and carry out the event, which will offer water basketball, water volleyball, water polo, laser tag – capture the flag, ultimate dodgeball, 12-minute kickball and climbing.

Each year the goal is to raise \$5,000 to invest in the endowment fund for the future and an additional \$3,000 to provide an immediate scholarship for one student. Since the scholarship's founding in 2012, it has supported four students.

Participants pay an admission fee, which is dedicated to the scholarship. In addition, grants and contributions are sought from individuals, businesses, civic and educational organizations and other sources to fund the event.

The fee is \$5 per person and \$20 for a group of five before **Friday, March 13**. After that date the fee is \$10 per person and \$40 for a team of five. Registration will be held **March 10 to 12** and **25 to 27** in the Lane Center. To register online for the event or to make a donation, go to [www.frostburg.edu/rpm/i-swim-for-bob-day-registration](http://www.frostburg.edu/rpm/i-swim-for-bob-day-registration).

## Frostburg 2015 – FSU's Annual Learn-in for a Sustainable Future



Focus Frostburg 2015: "Learn-In" for a Sustainable Future, FSU's annual day of learning on sustainability and climate awareness, will be held on **Wednesday, April 22**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lane Center. This year, several dedicated sessions will reflect on FSU's progress toward its Climate Action Commitment. As in previous years, faculty may want to have students, as appropriate, attend a session in lieu of class or to make any of the seminars and activities an extra-credit assignment.

Sponsored and organized by FSU's Learning Green, Living Green Sustainability Initiative and the President's Advisory Council for Sustainability, this event is free and open to FSU students, faculty, staff and the community.



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# Anonymous Police Tip Hotline



The Frostburg Community Coalition encourages members of the Frostburg community to use the 301-687-STOP (7867) tip line to provide anonymous information about crimes, disturbances or other issues of concern.

On calling the tip line, the caller will listen to a recorded message for instructions and be directed to leave a message containing the information he or she wishes to share. Exactly 5 minutes after a message is recorded, the message is automatically sent to FSU Central Communications to be routed immediately to the appropriate agency. The messages are completely anonymous, without numbers or names connected to them.

This unique tip line allows tip-givers to share information without needing to reveal their identity, and is intended for students and members of the campus and local Frostburg community. The coalition also encourages students and parents from Mountain Ridge High School and Mount Savage and Westmar middle schools to use the tip line. Callers are still welcome to contact University Police, Frostburg City Police or other offices directly.

If you see violations of law in your community, look out for your neighborhood and make the call. Callers should still call 911 in an emergency.

## Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

It's not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Thursday, May 21**.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 9:30 a.m. and the Colleges of Business and Education at 2 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center. 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 so that you will receive all the necessary upcoming information and check with the Registrar's Office to ensure everything is set for you to graduate.

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to bachelor's and master's degree candidates and can be ordered at the University Store. Doctoral candidates will be emailed specific instructions on ordering their regalia. Orders must be placed by **April 1**. Announcements and thank-you cards should also be ordered by **April 1** at [www.balfourcollege.com](http://www.balfourcollege.com).

A Grad Fair will be held **Wednesday, May 13**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Students will also have the opportunity to pick up their 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](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement). For info, contact Brittnei Kaetzel at 301-687-4423 or [bkteter@frostburg.edu](mailto:bkteter@frostburg.edu).

## Get Involved

### Upcoming UCM Events

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308, or at 301-687-7490 or [c.zirlott@frostburg.edu](mailto:c.zirlott@frostburg.edu).

United Campus Ministry events and programs are open to all members of the FSU community.

#### Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities

**Salvation and Praise Bible Study**, Mondays, 7 p.m., Lane 108. This is a student-led Bible study group.

**Lenten Meal Plan Tuesdays, Free Lenten Community Dinners and Lenten Services**, Tuesdays **until March 31**, 6 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church (across from the post office on Main Street). This event is sponsored by UCM and the Frostburg Ministerium.

**Spiritual Study Break – A Contemporary Vesper Worship Experience**, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Lane 108. This Lenten season the focus will be on "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time."

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes**, Thursdays, 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Cordts PE Center, Hall of Fame Room. This is a student-led Bible study.

**Finding True North Bible Study**, Sundays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., Library 237. This is a Bible Meets Life study and discussion group. The current topic is "The Gospel in Six Words." For six weeks the group will look at the six core teachings of Jesus and the Christian faith. You don't have to be a Christian to join the conversation; all are welcome to learn more about Jesus the man.

## Deadlines

### Undergraduate Grade Changes

The last day for undergraduate grade changes, including removal of incomplete grades for the fall 2014 and Intersession 2015 semesters, is **Monday, March 9**.

## Jobs

### Tutor/Counselors Needed for Upward Bound

Upward Bound is looking for tutor/counselors for its summer residential program on FSU's campus. Upward Bound is a federally funded program that encourages qualified Allegany County High School students to seek education beyond secondary school. The summer residence program provides the main focus and aims to provide students with a sample of the college experience. Tentative dates are **from June 7 to July 24** (which includes five days of training). The tutor/counselor salary is \$2,000. Room and board are provided. The deadline to apply is **Monday, March 2**.

For info, contact the Upward Bound office at 301-687-4994, email [esteele@frostburg.edu](mailto:esteele@frostburg.edu) or visit the Upward Bound website at [www.frostburg.edu/UpwardBound](http://www.frostburg.edu/UpwardBound).

### PASS Office Seeks Student Instructors

FSU's PASS (Programs Advancing Student Success) Office is looking for student instructors for its fall 2015 Developmental Math Program. Earn \$800, receive 3 Educational Field Experience credits and build your resume! Student instructors help their peers improve basic math skills by implementing learning programs in pre-algebra and intermediate algebra courses.

Dependable students with strong math, communication and organization skills are encouraged to apply.

For application materials and/or info, contact Kim Kurek at [kmkurek@frostburg.edu](mailto:kmkurek@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4442. Applications are due **Friday, March 6**.

### Preview Guide Applications Available Now!

Thinking about your summer employment plans? Do you love FSU? Do you have a dynamic personality and enjoy working as part of a team? The Office of Student Affairs is seeking preview guides for summer 2015.

Preview guides serve as student ambassadors to the University by introducing college life to the next generation of Bobcats. Applicants will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Academic standing
- On-campus leadership experience
- Demonstrated abilities to work with others and as part of a team dynamic
- Ability to give demonstrations to large groups of people
- Ability to work within a structured, time-sensitive environment
- Communication skills
- Genuine interest in working with first-year students

Applicants must be currently enrolled FSU undergraduate students in good standing with the University. They must possess at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA, with preference given to students with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA.

For info and to review the application, visit [www.frostburg.edu/previewfsu](http://www.frostburg.edu/previewfsu). Applications are due **Friday, March 27**.

## FSU-TV3

### Message Board



FSU-TV3 cablecasts an automated educational and community message channel when not showing video programming. The channel provides info about FSU events, nonprofit organizations and community events.

To advertise an activity, log on to [www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/message-request-form](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/message-request-form), enter the information and click submit. A graphic or pre-made message can also be loaded. Submit requests at least two weeks in advance.

For info, contact FSU-TV3 at 301-687-3011 or [fsu-tv3@frostburg.edu](mailto:fsu-tv3@frostburg.edu).

### Want Your Event Filmed?

FSU-TV3 is gathering information for filming events for the spring semester. Events can be covered with a single camera for a visiting lecturer, acoustic artists, a reading or smaller performances. The multicamera camera crew covers events such as panel discussions, fashion shows or concerts in larger venues.

To request that an event be filmed, go to [www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/taping-request](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/taping-request) and fill out the form with all pertinent information about the event. Requests must be made at least four weeks before an event. FSU-TV3 does not film for archival purposes. Events that are filmed must be suitable for future programming on FSU-TV3.



## Student Life

### Edgewood Commons Accepting Applications for 2015-16 Academic Year

Apply online at [www.edgewoodfsu.com](http://www.edgewoodfsu.com). Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms.

Utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable, and air conditioning) are included in the contract fee.

For info or to set up a tour, call 301-689-1370.

## Study Abroad

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



Michelle Welch – Spain (summer 2014)

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 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 301-687-4714 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).

### New Zealand, Summer 2015

Led by FSU faculty from the College of Education, this three-and-a-half-week experiential program will examine resource conservation and the natural, and related social, history of New Zealand's South Island. Students will travel to many national parks, forests, wildlife reserves and coastlines to learn from local experts and practitioners, government officials, iwi (Māori tribes) and scientific research bodies.

Students will earn 3 credits. The dates are **May 23 through June 17**. The application deadline is **March 1**. Check out the Facebook page at [facebook.com/FrostburgNewZealandStudyAbroad](https://facebook.com/FrostburgNewZealandStudyAbroad) or [www.BobcatsDownUnder.org](http://www.BobcatsDownUnder.org).

For info, contact Dr. Natalia Buta at [nbuta@frostburg.edu](mailto:nbuta@frostburg.edu).

## Community

### AAUW March Meeting Announcement

The Frostburg Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet on **Tuesday, March 3**, at 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church at 52 Broadway. Members and guests are invited. For info, call Phyllis Casey at 301-689-6051.

### Allegany Allied Arts Seeking Volunteers

A nonprofit organization dedicated to the arts, Allegany Allied Arts puts on a number of events, including the Queen City Film Festival, the Queen City Cabaret and other cinema events and performances. The organization is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Administrative support: To assist with grant research and/or writing, website development and updates, volunteer coordination and community outreach work
- Event staff: To assist with event support, including technical help like projectionists, audio producers, video producers and photographers
- Film festival screeners and judges: To assist with screening, reviewing and judging submissions for the annual Queen City Film Festival
- Cabaret help: Performers, choreographers and costumers for the Queen City Cabaret

For info or to get involved, join the group's Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/alleganyalliedarts](https://www.facebook.com/alleganyalliedarts), email [info@alleganyalliedarts.org](mailto:info@alleganyalliedarts.org) or attend an informational "meet and greet." A meet and greet session will be held **Saturday, March 21**, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Queen City Creamery at 108 E. Harrison St. in Cumberland.

## 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.

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## March Is Eye Safety Month



- **Sit approximately 20 inches from the computer monitor, with the top of the screen at or below eye level.**
  - **An adjustable chair is best.**
- **Keep reference materials on a document holder.**
- **Modify your lighting to eliminate reflections or glare.**
- **Take periodic rest breaks and try to blink often.**

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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.

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