



# CLAS News

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## UROS Student/CLAS Scholarship Recipient to be Published

Judy Pula (English) and Christopher Murray, computer science major, wrote and submitted an article to an international, refereed journal last spring and it has been accepted for publication. The journal is *The Bulletin*, a quarterly publication of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Chris worked with Dr. Pula last spring as a UROS student and was a spring CLAS scholarship recipient. Congratulations!

## Second Annual Appalachian Festival Held at FSU

The annual Appalachian Festival, designed to recognize and demonstrate the area's heritage, was held at Frostburg State University on September 21-22.

The festival kicked off with a special screening of two films on Friday evening at the historic Palace Theatre in downtown Frostburg. Then Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., FSU's Upper Quad came alive with a variety of activities, demonstrations and music performances, all free and open to the public. Regional music, displays and sales of traditional arts and crafts, Appalachian food, history presentations, children's activities, environmental talks, storytelling and more took place throughout the day. Saturday concluded with a special music concert featuring Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, well known for their soundtrack work on Ken Burns' PBS series, "The Civil War."

The festival was organized by Kara Rogers Thomas and was sponsored by the Allegany Arts Council, Dr. Robin Bissell, City of Frostburg, First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union, FSU, Leading Edge Design, NewPage Corporation, Maryland Historical Trust, Maryland State Arts Council, Maryland Traditions, WFWM, and the Palace Theatre.

## FSU Hosts Successful Renewable Energy Symposium

On Sept. 14 and 15, Frostburg State University held a very successful Symposium on Renewable Energy at the Compton Science Center. The Symposium organizers were Dr. Oguz Soysal and Mrs. Hilkat Soysal of the Department of Physics and Engineering.

Prominent speakers at the Symposium included U.S. Representative and scientist Roscoe Bartlett, University of Maryland System Chancellor William Kirwan and Frostburg State University President Jonathan Gibraltar. There were several dozen other speakers, ranging from energy researchers to undergraduate students; a number of renewable energy companies had equipment such as wind turbines and high efficient wood burners on display. There was also a hybrid car on exhibit.

During the event, the Appalachian Regional Commission announced a \$45,816 grant award for the development of a wind-solar energy certified education program. The expectation is that 24 local contractors and entrepreneurs will enroll in the program that consists of wind generation and photovoltaic solar installation workshops.

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## Key Ingredients Exhibit in Compton Exploratorium

FSU, in cooperation with the Maryland Humanities Council, is hosting the exhibit Key Ingredients: America by Food. This is part of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street program, which brings traveling exhibitions to local communities across the country.

Through a selection of artifacts, photographs and illustrations, Key Ingredients examines how culture, ethnicity, landscape and tradition influence the foods and flavors we enjoy across the nation. The exhibition looks at the evolution of the American kitchen and how food industries have responded to the technological innovations that have enabled Americans to choose an ever-wider variety of frozen, prepared and fresh foods.

Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas and a committee of area residents including educators, farmers, agriculture extension agents, historians, and artists have created a number of complementary programs and exhibits featuring regional foodways. Three of those exhibits will be on display in tandem with the Smithsonian Exhibition.

- ***Cookbooks Through the Ages*** shares a sampling of the history of regional and US cookbooks from the 1800s through contemporary times.
- ***All About Food*** features a photographic collection of Mountain Maryland's food traditions.
- ***Cooking Antiquities*** uses cooking related items on loan from regional museum collections to test the memory and knowledge of Exhibition guests.

In addition to Key Ingredients, visitors to the Exploratorium can also view the Cavallaro animal collection and Earth as Art satellite photos on loan from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Regular exhibition hours through November 10 are:

Tuesday and Thursday 10AM-4PM

Tuesday evening 6PM-9PM

Saturday 1PM-5PM

Sunday 3PM-8PM

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## CLAS Holds Open Forum with Social Science Teachers

On September 27, CLAS hosted an open forum with local K-12 teachers in the social sciences, with six teachers and seven FSU faculty participating. The goal of this meeting was to enhance communication between FSU and the Allegany County teachers, allowing the teachers an opportunity to discuss their curriculum and teaching methods, with FSU faculty discussing their expectations for incoming students in entry-level courses.

Six past meetings were held in a variety of content areas, with 105 total participants from the FSU faculty and the local school system: Physics and Chemistry, Math, Biology, English, Art, Music and Theatre.

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## CLAS Forms Assessment Council

The newly formed CLAS Assessment Council met for the first time in September. The charge of the group is to determine what assessment activities are currently taking place within the college and provide feedback to departments on their assessment plans. The council includes four faculty representatives from CLAS, as well as Jim Limbaugh, the Dean, and the Associate Dean.

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## CLAS Alumni Award Nominations Sought

CLAS is seeking to recognize our outstanding alumni through two levels of awards: Who's FSU and the Alumni Circle of Excellence (ACE).

The Who's FSU award is designed to recognize a select group of alumni who lead our disciplines and professions. A plaque is awarded in recognition of their achievements. Past recipients include Alison Combes (Music), Frank Cox (Chemistry), Greg Garcia (Mass Communication), Krista McGowan (Political Science), Kenneth Oldham (Music), Barry Phillips (Chemistry) John Pipino (History), and Tony Zook (Biology). Their biographies can be found on the CLAS website at:

<http://www.frostburg.edu/colleges/clas/awards.htm>

The ACE award is the highest honor for CLAS alumni. It recognizes alumni who have demonstrated sustained excellence and leadership in their fields. These individuals are invited to campus for a two-day program that includes an awards presentation, as well as meetings with faculty and students.

Faculty can make nominations through your department chair.

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## Capital Campaign Underway

FSU's Annual Fund Campaign for calendar year 2008 will be kicking off soon! CLAS faculty and staff contributed approximately \$44,000 to the FSU

Foundation in 2007 for scholarships, events, and other purposes. Thank you for the contributions and all that you do for the university and our students! The campaign goal is still 100% participation this coming year! FSU had the highest faculty/staff participation rate in the USM in 2007, and it would be terrific to be number one again in 2008. If you gave to the Foundation in 2007, please consider increasing your gift even a small amount in 2008 so that we can continue to provide needed funds for scholarships and events. If you have never given to the Foundation, please consider donating this upcoming year.

Forms will be mailed to each member of our faculty and staff. Pledges and payroll deductions do not carry over from one year to the next, so please return payroll deduction forms to the University Advancement Office by December 7. There are many ways to donate, and you can designate how you want the money to be used. If you would like to make a donation online, you can go to the FSU website at:

<http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/foundation/roi/make-gift/index.cfm>

If you have questions, please contact Cindy Herzog at x4142 or Jeff Krone at x3163 (e-mail [jpkrone@frostburg.edu](mailto:jpkrone@frostburg.edu)). Thank you in advance for your donations.

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## TEDCO Funding Briefing Held on Oct. 26

The Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) held a funding briefing at FSU on Friday, Oct. 26. The briefing provided detailed information on TEDCO's primary funding programs for seed stage companies, including the Maryland Technology Transfer Fund, Fort Detrick Technology Transfer Initiative, TechStart, University Technology Development Fund, and Working Capital Loan Fund. Attendees learned about eligibility requirements, proposal submission guidelines, review processes, award conditions, reporting requirements and payback.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation, along with fact sheets on several of TEDCO's funding programs, are now accessible on the CLAS website at: <http://www.frostburg.edu/colleges/clas/engage.htm>.