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FSU Foundation Seeks Funding Proposals for Opportunity Grants



The FSU Foundation is once again seeking funding proposals from faculty, staff and students for Foundation Opportunity Grants and several other awards for fiscal year 2016.

Those interested should complete the 2016 FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant Request Form, which includes a line item budget. All applications must be limited to two pages. A third page is only permitted for the line item budget. After you

complete the form, you must submit it online at www.frostburg.edu/foundation/forms/opportunity-grant-request. No paper or emailed applications will be accepted.

The deadline for proposals is midnight on **Sunday, March 8, 2015**. The campus community will be notified of the awards following the June 2015 Foundation Board meeting.

Projects may be funded from the following:

FSUF Foundation Opportunity Grants

The selection committee is especially interested in funding projects that support FSU's institutional priority to enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom.

Unrestricted gift revenues may also be made available to fund the following priorities:

- Improve learning technology, tools and equipment so students learn in a modern environment
- Improve student persistence to graduation
- Provide for educational and cultural enrichment of the University and the community
- Improve student health and wellness
- Enhance the University's practices and reputation regarding environmental protection and sustainability

The Foundation, Alumni Association and the Faculty/Staff Special Gifts Committee are working hard to grow the Annual Fund to be able to increase the funds to disperse in this competitive process.

Al and Dale Boxley Faculty Award/Student Research Award

The purpose of this fund is to support faculty or student projects. The faculty awards may be used to cover travel and registration fees for a disciplinary conference at which the faculty member will give a formal paper that will result in a publication in a refereed journal or the conference proceedings, or the faculty member will give a presentation, poster session or other appropriate activity resulting in formal recognition. The student awards are to be used for travel and registration fees for a disciplinary conference at which the student will have an opportunity to present his or her work with the faculty member for a student research stipend or equipment and/or supplies for a specific undergraduate or graduate research project connected to the research program of a faculty member.

Jonathan Gibraltar Presidential Leadership Fund for Alcohol Awareness and Education

The purpose of this fund is to support educational programs, social programs and/or community service-related programs geared toward alcohol awareness and the importance of responsible behaviors and decision making. Applicants should demonstrate the potential impact of the proposed program by providing information on how the program’s success will be measured and estimating the numbers of participants the program is intended to involve. Consideration will be provided to those programs whose intent is to foster a broader awareness of alcohol-related issues beyond the immediate campus community. Programs that include the community of Frostburg or relationships between the University and community, for example, can be given consideration.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Award

The purpose of the fund is to support faculty development initiatives for faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Catherine R. Gira Campus to Community Awards

The purpose of the fund is to support students or student projects that demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, critical thinking skills and a determination to be successful. The activities benefit students and further enhance FSU’s role as a leader in the promotion of real-life experiences that complement traditional classroom instruction.

Woodward and Virginia Pealer Faculty Development Award

The purpose of the fund is to support student scholarships and faculty development initiatives. Foundation Opportunity Grants can utilize up to 40 percent in support of University faculty development programs for the following uses:

- Stipends/funding and travel expenses for visiting scholars, lecturers, artists, performers and programs
- Recognition and promotion of these activities
- Equipment purchases in conjunction with these activities
- Outreach/professional development programs for Allegany County, Md.

Stephen M. Spahr Student Activism Award

The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to student organizations, classes or informal groups of students needing funds to travel to programs or centers of governmental activity to experience, firsthand, the workings of the democratic process.

Marlene Weimer Memorial Scholarly Endeavors Fund

The purpose of this fund is to support scholarly endeavors in the area of innovative mathematics faculty development initiatives and/or scholarship support for outstanding mathematics students, depending on the area of greatest need as determined annually by the Mathematics Department.

You can access the application, award descriptions and a list of previously supported projects online at www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give/annual-fund/opportunity-grants.

Theatre

Celebrate Holiday Season With Heartwarming ‘Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge’



Trey Wolf in a previous production of the play

Theatre and Dance at FSU will celebrate this holiday season with an ingenious new take on Charles Dickens’ family classic with “The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge” by Mark Brown. Hailed by The Seattle Times as “a sequel worthy of Dickens’ approval,” performances will run **Dec. 11** at 7:30 p.m., **Dec. 12** at 5 p.m. and **Dec. 13** at 2 p.m. in the Drama Theatre of FSU’s Performing Arts Center.

In this trial of the century, Scrooge returns to his curmudgeonly ways by charging Jacob Marley and the Christmas Spirits with attempted murder, kidnapping, breaking and entering, stalking and the intentional infliction of emotional distress.

It’s 1844, exactly one year after the night in question, and the old penny-pincher goes head-to-head with the savvy and clever Solomon Rothschild in a cross-examination of your favorite characters from “A Christmas Carol.” As disorder in the court erupts, the audience is led to wonder what will become of the merciful holiday ghosts. Will the strict Judge Pearson, a bit of a scrooge himself, find the spirits guilty as charged? Will the cold-hearted Scrooge get them banished from Christmas forever?

Tickets are \$6 for students and \$12 for the general public. Group discounts are available when booked in advance.

For info, call the Theatre and Dance Box Office at 301-687-7462, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

CES Presents Reduced Shakespeare Company’s ‘Ultimate Christmas Show’



CES at FSU will usher in the holiday season with a Reduced Shakespeare Company performance of “The Ultimate Christmas Show (Abridged)” on **Sunday, Dec. 14**, at 3 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

For more than 30 years, the comedians of the Reduced Shakespeare Company have condensed the classics, bringing side-splitting and irreverent physical theatre to audiences around the globe. “The Ultimate Christmas Show (Abridged)” is a cheeky yet heartwarming trip through the holidays as the three wise guys are called upon to perform all the acts for the entire Variety Show and Christmas Pageant at St. Everybody’s Non-Denominational Universalist Church. The fruitcakes of the Reduced Shakespeare Company send up and celebrate everyone’s favorite winter holiday traditions, rekindling the joy, inner child and familial dysfunction inside everyone.

CES will collect books for the annual Toys for Happiness campaign. New or lightly used children and youth books can be donated at the Lane University Center box office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In exchange for a donation, you will receive a \$5 coupon off the purchase of tickets to “The Ultimate Christmas Show (Abridged),” good for up to four tickets. Be sure to remember your local book store if purchasing a book to donate.

CES is also asking audience members to bring new or lightly used children and youth books to the performance. All books will be donated to the Toys for Happiness drive and local elementary school libraries.

Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$22.10 for youth under 17. Corporate and group discount rates are also available. For info, contact the CES box office at 301-687-3137 or visit CES’ webpage at ces.frostburg.edu.

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.

‘Latin Music’ by Guitar Studio and Ensemble Concert

FSU’s Department of Music will present the Guitar Studio and Ensemble Concert in “Latin Music” on **Tuesday, Dec. 9**, at 7:30 p.m.

Under the direction of **Patrick Sise**, the Guitar Ensemble will perform “Invierno Porteno” by Astor Piazzolla, arranged by Sergio Assad and for guitar trio by Sise; “El Cachimbo,” a Chilean folk song arranged by Eythor Thorlaksson; and “Cantiga” and “Catira” by Celso Machado, both inspired by traditional Brazilian music. The program continues with solo performing artists. **Garrett Yoder** will perform Peruvian folk songs “Canción de Cuna” and “Danza del Altiplano” by Leo Brouwer, **Charlie Engleka** will perform “Danza Brasileira” by Argentinean composer Jorge Morel, **Greg Hays** will perform the Venezuelan waltzes “La Gatica” and “El Marabino” by Antonio Lauro, **Zach Dodge** will perform Lauro’s short and light waltz “Venezuelan Vals No. 3,” **Eric Gontrum** will perform the lively “Etude No. 1 in E Minor” by Heitor Villa-Lobos, **Alexa Bashaw** will perform “Music Box” by Alan Hirsh and **Corey Snowden** will perform “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” by Johann Sebastian Bach, from “Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben,” a church cantata.

Jazz Combo and Faculty Jazz Group to Perform Dec. 10 Recital

The FSU Jazz Combo, under the direction of **Tom Harrison**, and the FSU Faculty Jazz group will perform their recital on **Wednesday, Dec. 10**, at 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Combo students **Marc Williams** and **Hunter Martin** on trombones, **Michael Lundien** on piano, **Michael Murphy** on bass, **Dunel Petit-Frere** on drums (guest artist) and vocalist **Marse’ Romero** will perform a blend of standards, hard bop, Latin and modern styles, including “Sea Journey” by Chick Corea, “In a Mellow Tone” by Duke Ellington, “Butterfly” by Herbie Hancock, “Blue Train” by John Coltrane, “Corvocado” by Antonio Carlos Jobim, “Cape Verdean” by Horace Silver and “My Funny Valentine” by Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart.

The Faculty Jazz group, consisting of **Dr. Brent Weber** on alto sax, **Bill Green** on tenor sax, Harrison on piano, **Jim Roderick** on bass and **Marc Lawrence** on drums, will perform for the second half of the concert. They will play “Softly as in a Morning Sunrise” by Oscar Hammerstein and Sigmund Romberg, “Driftin’” by Herbie Hancock, “Nica’s Dream” by Horace Silver, “Cherokee” by Ray Noble, “Body and Soul” by Johnny Green and “Tones for Joan’s Bones” by Corea.

Jazz Orchestra to Feature Music of Thad Jones in ‘I Thad New York’



Thad Jones during his session in Hackensack, N.J., in February 1957. Photo by Francis Wolff.

Come celebrate the last day of classes at FSU with the Jazz Orchestra in a celebration of New York City and its impact on jazz history! The orchestra, under the direction of **Dr. Brent Weber**, will feature music from one of the Big Apple’s greatest jazz composers, Thad Jones, in “I Thad New York” on **Friday, Dec. 12**, at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to three compositions by Jones, the evening of big band jazz will also feature two Count Basie classics, “All of Me” and “Alright, Okay, You Win,” both with the vocal stylings of Trace Livengood. Bob Mintzer’s adaptation of the jazz standard “I Hear a Rhapsody” will show the direction of the modern big band. “A Night in Tunisia” by Dizzy Gillespie and “Dindi” by Antonio Carlos Jobim will give the evening some Latin flavor. The evening will also honor two graduating seniors, bass trombonist **Hunter Martin** and bassist **Mike Murphy**. Martin will be featured on the

timeless ballad “A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square” and Murphy will showcase his talents on the Charles Mingus classic “Haitian Fight Song.”

Presentations

Frostburg Science Discovery Center Presents ‘Lions vs. Wolves’



The Frostburg Science Discovery Center will present “Lions vs. Wolves – Management of Top Predators in Conservation Areas” on **Wednesday, Dec. 10**, at noon on the first floor of the Compton Science Center. FSU undergraduate *Catherine Squires* will present a talk about the management and conservation of lions in Africa and wolves in North America. This event is free and open to the public.

For info, contact Susan Snow at srsnow@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4723.

Appalachian Laboratory Fall Seminar Series

Dr. Hongsheng Bi, UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, will speak on **Thursday, Dec. 11**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. For info, go to www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule.

Points of Pride

FSU’s Andy Duncan Wins World Fantasy Award for Best Novella



Andy Duncan, an associate professor of English at FSU, has won the 2014 World Fantasy Award for Best Novella For “Wakulla Springs,” a novella about multiple generations in an African-American family living in a strange place in Florida. The awards, widely considered one of the most prestigious fantasy awards, were given at the World Fantasy Convention on Nov. 9 in Arlington, Va.

“Wakulla Springs,” which Duncan co-wrote with Ellen Klages, is also a finalist for this year’s Hugo, Locus and Nebula writing awards. This is his third World Fantasy Award. Duncan previously won in the Collection and Short Fiction categories. His novelette “Close Encounters” won a 2013 Nebula Award from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America. He has also won the Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Award for his novella, “The Chief Designer,” and has been nominated for the Hugo Awards multiple times.

The World Fantasy Awards are voted on by a panel of judges that changes every year as well as by the previous year’s convention members. In the 40-year history of the World Fantasy Awards, Duncan is only the eighth person to win three or more times in the fiction-writing categories (Short Fiction, Novella, Collection and Novel).

“Wakulla Springs” is different from other nominees and winners of the World Fantasy Awards in that it is not fantasy in the traditional sense. Fantastic elements in most fantasy fiction are obvious but are less so in “Wakulla Springs.”

“The monster never comes out of the woods,” Duncan said. “It’s about the magical worlds and monsters we create for ourselves.” Patrick Nielsen Hayden, editor of Tor.com, the online science fiction magazine that published the novella in October of 2013, calls the story “American Magic Realism.”

For info about this year’s World Fantasy Convention, including the awards, visit www.worldfantasy2014.org. To read “Wakulla Springs,” visit www.tor.com/stories/2013/10/wakulla-springs.

FSU’s SOFI Program Wins Award at NUTN Network Conference



Stacey Utley-Bernhardt accepting the award for FSU's SOFI program

FSU’s Student Online Freshman Initiative (SOFI) program won the Open Division Recipient Award at the NUTN Network Conference in September. FSU won the award for developing an innovative program or practice that contributed to the field of distance education, in the context of a new or ongoing program and student support services.

FSU’s SOFI program allows freshmen to take one or more courses in core skills required for graduation in the General Education Program in the summer before their first semester. SOFI allows students to get a head start toward graduation and allows them more flexibility in planning their college careers. For example, students could use the flexibility to plan for study abroad, internships, earlier graduation or adding a second major or a minor to their degree.

Stacey Utley-Bernhardt, coordinator of SOFI at FSU, attended the NUTN Network Conference to accept the award and network with other professionals in the field of teaching with technology.

“The conference was very valuable because it helped me to think about how we market our online experience here at Frostburg,” Utley-Bernhardt said. “So many institutions in North America get stuck doing the ‘same old thing’ when it comes to distance education, and it was great for me to go and share SOFI with other people who are as excited about online learning as we at FSU are.”

For info on SOFI, visit www.frostburg.edu/online/SOFI or call the FSU Provost’s Office at 301-687-4211.

FSU's Nancy Frost Runner Up in USM Foundation's Art Contest



Nancy Frost's winning photograph

Nancy Frost, a library technician at FSU, has been named a runner up in the University System of Maryland Foundation's third annual art contest. The art contest encouraged submitters to create a work of art that would reflect the Nelson Mandela quote, "Vision without action is just a dream, action without vision just passes the time and vision with action can change the world." The contest was open to all faculty, staff and students throughout USM.

The grand prizewinner was Julie Simon, an associate professor and director of the B.A. Digital Communications program at the University of Baltimore. Other runners up were Oscar Campos and Julie Craft, students at Towson University, and Desmond Anderson, a student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

To view the artwork and learn more about the winning artists, visit www.usmf.org.

Dr. Greg Wood Invited Guest Speaker at Northern Michigan University

In October, **Dr. Greg Wood**, an associate professor and director of the Honors Program in the Department of History, was an invited guest speaker at his alma mater of Northern Michigan University at the retirement of his undergraduate mentor, Dr. Russell M. Magnaghi. Wood's presentation on "Industry, Labor and the Right to Smoke in Michigan's Arsenal of Democracy," examined the interwoven histories of smoking prohibitions and wildcat strikes in Detroit-area factories during World War II. It was first published in a 2014 collection of scholarly essays, "Northern Border: History and Lore of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Beyond" (NMU Press, 2014), that honored Magnaghi's many contributions to Michigan and Great Lakes history.

Majors Fair 2014 a Huge Success!

The Majors Fair 2014 held Nov. 12 at FSU hosted more than 40 academic departments from across campus. Engaging and informative displays and a crowd of students who participated made the event a big success!

And the winners are – Athletic Training for the Best Overall Display, Exercise Sports Science for the Most Informative Display and Marketing for the Most Engaging Crew. Each group was awarded a \$100 prize.

For info, contact Amy Shimko, director of Student Development in the Career and Professional Development Center, at 301-687-4403 or alshimko@frostburg.edu.

Take Note

President's Holiday Reception

All students, faculty and staff are cordially invited to the President's Holiday Reception on **Thursday, Dec. 11**, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. The FSU Chamber Choir will perform at 2 p.m.

The Office of Human Resources will be looking for the "Most Outlandish" holiday sweater throughout the afternoon. The winner will be announced on **Friday, Dec. 12**.

Also, the Office of Civic Engagement will collect toys for Toys for Happiness. Donations can be dropped off at the Braddock House or the President's Holiday Reception.

Calling Mass Communication or Communication Studies Majors/Minors!

If you are a Mass Communication or Communication Studies major/minor, then Lambda Pi Eta is for you! Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) is the National Communication Association's official honor society. FSU's Phi Upsilon Chapter inductees will receive a cord and induction certificate. Induction guarantees membership for life. At FSU, students should become members of the Student Communication Studies Association (SCSA) to be eligible for LPH. SCSA is an organization that aims to raise awareness with the FSU community about the importance of communication and to discover and reinforce how communication is important to full participation in careers and communities. The requirements for Lambda Pi Eta induction eligibility are as follows:

- A declared CMST or MCOM major/minor
- At least 60 total credit hours completed
- At least 12 credit hours completed in CMST and MCOM
- A 3.0 cumulative GPA
- A 3.25 GPA in the CMST or MCOM major/minor
- An active member of SCSA for at least two semesters (dues paid and at least 50 percent of events/activities attended)

For info, contact Dr. Elesha Ruminski, SCSA advisor and Mass Communication and Communication Studies Department co-chair, at elruminski@frostburg.edu.

For info on SCSA, go to www.frostburg.edu/dept/cmst/student-communication-studies-association. For info on LPH, go to www.natcom.org/lambdapieta.

ECA Undergraduate Convention Proposal Deadline Dec. 19

Have you done any communication or media-related research that you would like to present professionally for scholarly feedback? Then submit your research to the Fifth Annual McCroskey and Richmond Undergraduate Scholars Conference at the 106th Eastern Communication Association (ECA) Convention. The convention will be held in Philadelphia **April 22 through 26, 2015**.

ECA is the oldest professional communication association of scholars, teacher, and students of communication in the United States. The conference, with the theme “Deliberation: Philadelphia,” will feature some of the best research from undergraduate communication and media students in the region.

The deadline to submit research is **Friday, Dec. 19**. A graduate school showcase will be held at the convention, and students have an opportunity to serve as a convention ambassador, with the benefits of academic and administrative experience and waived registration fees. The deadline for this program is **Sunday, March 1, 2015**. Note that all submissions require a faculty sponsor. For info, contact Dr. Elesha Ruminski at elruminski@frostburg.edu, Dr. Sheri Whalen at sawhalen@frostburg.edu, Dr. Brent Kice at bkice@frostburg.edu or Christine Willingham at cmwillingham@frostburg.edu. For info about presentation formats, format guidelines, submission details or contact information, go to www.ecasite.org/aws/ECA/pt/sp/p_convention_students.

Dance Audition Notice – Update



The audition class for the FSU Dance Company (DANC 255) for the spring semester has been changed to **Dec. 9** at 7 p.m. in the Dance Studio (room 106 in the Cordts PE Center).

For info, contact Jamie McGreevy at jsmcgreevy@frostburg.edu.

University Store Happenings

End of Semester Buyback

The end of semester buyback will be held **Dec. 8 through 19**. Visit the store’s trailer sitting inside the Center Street parking lot or the buyback window at the University Store Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rental Book Return

Be sure to return rented books to the store by **Dec. 19**. Bring them to the buyback window along with any books that you want to sell.

Short Term Rentals

Any in-stock book may be eligible for a short rental of one day or longer. See a store clerk for details.

For info, call 301-687-4341.

New Displays at Ort Library

The first display, on the third floor by the main entrance, celebrates Letter Writing Day, which was held on Dec. 7. This display highlights the history of letter writing and showcases some of the handwritten letters available in Special Collections. The display continues on the fourth floor with additional letters and other materials from Special Collections. To celebrate Letter Writing Day, everyone is asked to write a letter to a person in the U.S. Armed Forces. All the letters will be sent to Operation Gratitude and forwarded to U.S. service members. The display has paper and envelopes available. You can also drop off letters you have written. A box has been set aside to collect them. When you write a letter, do not seal the envelope. Letters will be collected until **Friday, Dec. 19**.

The second display, on the fifth floor, celebrates the 130th anniversary of the completion of the Washington Monument. A history of the monument is presented along with a representation of the resources the library offers on George Washington.

For info, contact Theresa Mastrodonato at 301-687-4425 or tmastrodonato@frostburg.edu, or MaryJo Price at 301-687-4889 or mprice@frostburg.edu.

Cards and Calendars Needed for Frostburg Village

Wondering what to do with all those greeting cards, calendars (2015) and note pads sent to you by those organizations to which you donate? Frostburg Village would be happy to have them for its patients and residents. Be sure to drop them off or send them to Sand Spring Hall 118 before the holiday break.

It’s Snowing! Should I Stay or Should I Go?

The most reliable information regarding delayed openings and cancellations will be available at the MAIN UNIVERSITY NUMBER (301-687-4000, option 2) after 6 a.m. Notification of delays or closures will also be made through these outlets:

- On the main and “Current Students” page of the FSU website (www.frostburg.edu or www.frostburg.edu/students).
- Via Burg Alert text and email alerts. (Registration information is below.)
- Through campus email.
- Through local radio stations.
- Via Twitter: twitter.com/frostburgstate.
- On the FSU Facebook page (www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity).
- Via School’s Out (www.schoolsout.com/schools/79). Emails and text alerts are available.

Everyone should sign up for Burg Alerts, which, in addition to weather notifications, will be used to alert the campus in any kind of emergency. They can be sent as text messages to your cell phones (standard texting rates apply) and as free emails. To sign up, click www.frostburg.edu/computing/fsualert or visit the Technology page from the FSU front page. Look for “Text Alert System sign up” under “Quick Links.” Follow the instructions, using your FSU user name and password to access the site.

You have the option of having alerts sent to two cell numbers and six email addresses, for example, if you want your family members to be informed. (They cannot sign up without your input.) This option is found under “Services.” Make sure to follow the validation steps to activate your choices.

Unless FSU closure is announced on the outlets above, WE ARE OPEN. Likewise, the message under option 2 at the main University number will either announce the closure or announce, “There are no delays or closures at this time.”

FOR FACULTY/STAFF: Personnel compensation for closures or delays will be based on the appropriate cancellation/delay message as presented on the FSU voice-mail system. A reminder: Essential personnel are required to report to work in the event of any cancellation or delay. These individuals have been notified of their “essential” status by their department heads. If you are unsure of your status, check with your supervisor.

If, in your judgment, it is not safe for you to come to work or class while the University is still open, you must contact your supervisor and provide this information. If liberal leave is announced for employees, it is expected that everyone will make an effort to report to work and class. Employees will be charged for the appropriate leave time. **The announcement of liberal leave DOES NOT cancel classes or relieve essential employees of their need to report to work during inclement weather.**

FOR STUDENTS: The announcement of liberal leave for employees DOES NOT cancel classes. If you have concerns about your ability to make it to class in bad weather, discuss them with your faculty members BEFORE the weather turns nasty. (If you are a student at a facility outside of Frostburg, officials from that facility will determine closures for those locations.)

Depending on the severity of the weather, **the Ort Library, the Lane University Center and the Cordts PE Center** may open with limited hours and services on days that classes are cancelled. This service is for students living on campus and within walking distance. Do not attempt to drive to campus if the weather is severe enough to warrant closing the University, for your own safety and for the sake of those who must work to clear parking lots and sidewalks. **When it is determined that it is safe to open these buildings, announcements will be made via student email and the front page of the FSU website.**

FOR ALL: The final decision with regard to your personal safety resides with you.

DO NOT CALL UNIVERSITY POLICE OR THE COMPUTER HELP DESK FOR WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DO CALL 301-687-4000, OPTION 2, or check the FSU website at www.frostburg.edu.

LOCAL RADIO/TV STATIONS:

The following local radio/television stations will be notified in the event of a closing or delay:

WFWM (91.9 FM/96.3 FM)

WFRB (105.1 FM/560 AM)

WCBC (1270 AM/107.1 FM)

WTBO/WKGO/Go 106 (1450 AM/106.1 FM)

WVMD – The Wolf (100.1/99.9 FM)

WDYK – Magic (100.5 FM)

WCMD – ESPN (1230 AM)

WDZN – Z100 (99.5 FM)

WMSG (1050 AM) Oakland

WKHJ (104.5 FM) Oakland

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- WWHQ (92.3 FM) Oakland
- WLIC/WAIJ (97.1 FM/90.3 FM) Grantsville
- WKLP – ESPN (1390 AM) Keyser
- WQZK (94.1 FM) Keyser
- WWPN (101.1 FM) Westernport
- TV: WHAG-TV Hagerstown

NOTE: If there are mixed messages in the media (one station says we’re open, another says we’re closed) – call the University number (301-687-4000, option 2) for clarification. That number will always be the FINAL authority in case of confusion from other sources.

Frostburg Winter Market at MCTA

The winter market will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 20**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mountain City Traditional Arts at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg. Participating local farms include Savage River and Goodness Grows. For info, email info@wholesomeharvestfoods.com.

Bernard Wynder Legacy Fund to Receive Proceeds From ‘Being Black in Brownsville’



Author Lynn Bowman, a professor of English at Allegany College of Maryland, has earmarked proceeds from the third edition of “Being Black in Brownsville: Echoes of a Forgotten Frostburg” for the Bernard Wynder Legacy Fund. This fund is dedicated to supporting FSU’s Diversity Center’s initiatives, including programs and excursions.

Bowman’s book weaves together the histories of Frostburg and the community of Brownsville, a community that began in 1866 with Tamar Brown’s purchase of land on what is now the Upper Quad of FSU. This edition was issued in conjunction with the recent celebration of the state of Maryland’s and the city of Frostburg’s proclamations of Oct. 11 as “Brownsville Recognition Day.”

If interested in purchasing a copy of the book, contact Dr. Amy Armiento at abranam@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4293. The book is \$15 per copy, and there is a limited supply.

FSU Offers Health and Human Performance Lab

The Health and Human Performance Lab featuring body fat testing, flexibility testing, cardiovascular testing, blood pressure screenings and more is free for faculty, staff and students. The lab is in room 110 of the Cordts PE Center. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. Fridays and weekends are by appointment only. For info, contact Dr. Melody Kentrus, the lab director, at 301-6874415 or mhkentrus@frostburg.edu, or Tonnisha Rodgers at tmrogers02@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Is Almost Here!

Commencement will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 20**, 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 and each graduate will be allotted five tickets.

If you haven’t yet done so, contact the Registrar’s Office to complete your graduation application and check that your mailing address is accurate in PAWS so you’ll receive all the necessary upcoming info.

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.

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.

Young Professionals Community Group for the Frostburg-Cumberland Area, Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Frostburg United Methodist Church, 48 W. Main St. (park in back). Each week there will be a spiritual focus presentation and discussion and a time for encouragement and friendship.

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.

UCM Dance Ministry Practice, Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Cook Chapel.

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.

Deadlines

Graduate Grade Changes

The last day for graduate grade changes, including removal of incomplete grades for the spring and summer 2014 semesters, is **Friday, Dec. 12**.

For info, contact Lacey Shillingburg in the Office of the Registrar at 301-687-4281 or lshillingburg@frostburg.edu.

Student Life

It’s Never Too Early to Start Looking for Housing!

Edgewood Commons has apartments available for the 2015-16 academic year. Info about Edgewood Commons is available at www.edgewoodFSU.com. Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms. Utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable) are included in the contract fee. To set up a tour of Edgewood Commons, 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. Also, check out the CIE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm.

Brazil, Summer 2015

The College of Business Global Experiential Learning Program will sponsor a study abroad trip to Brazil **June 1 through 10, 2015**. Students will visit Rio De Janeiro and Sao Paulo. Trip activities will introduce students to the splendor of Brazil’s culture and history, its growth and opportunity, and the challenges of economic development in more rural areas.

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 \$4,675, plus summer tuition and fees. Students from all majors are welcome.

For info, contact Dr. Jeff McClellan at 301-687-4372 or Dr. Carol Gaumer at 301-687-4052.

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, 2015**. Check out the Facebook page at facebook.com/FrostburgNewZealandStudyAbroad or www.BobcatsDownUnder.org.

For info, contact Dr. Natalia Buta at nbuta@frostburg.edu.

China, Summer 2015



The College of Business Global Experiential Learning Program is organizing a study abroad trip to China **from May 29 through June 9, 2015**.

Students will tour Beijing and Shanghai and be introduced to business and management opportunities and challenges, study a development project in Guilin and the Rice Terraces of Longji and visit ethnic minority communities.

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 \$3,990, plus summer tuition and fees. All majors are welcome.

For info, contact Dr. Suzanne McCoskey at skmccoskey@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4897, or Dr. Sudhir Singh at ssingh@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4093.

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.

Using a portable heater to stay warm this winter?



Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

Place the portable heater on the floor.

Keep clothes, plastic and other combustible materials away from the heater coils.

Avoid using extension cords.

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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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