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Kenyan Biologist to Speak on African Conservation and Ecotourism Controversies



Dr. Mordecai "Mordy" Ogada is a Kenyan conservation biologist whose past work has included cheetah conservation.

Dr. Mordecai "Mordy" Ogada, a biologist from Kenya who specializes in carnivore ecology, will present "Wildlife in East Africa: A Kenyan's Critical Review of Western-Dominated Conservation and Ecotourism Practices in the Region" on **Tuesday, March 29**, at 7 p.m. in Compton Science Center room 226. The presentation is free and open to the public.

East Africa is best known to many Americans as a place where lions, elephants, wildebeest and other iconic wildlife roam freely across vast grasslands. Less known are the challenges facing wildlife and people in this region of the world, although the killing of "Cecil the Lion" has increased awareness of many Americans to wildlife conservation challenges facing African countries.

Ogada is a dynamic speaker who unabashedly voices strong opinions about the imposition of Western values on wildlife conservation and ecotourism, both wildlife viewing and sport hunting, in East Africa. His talk would be of interest to anyone concerned about African wildlife, conservation and complex and controversial sociopolitical issues related to European imperialism in Africa dating back to the 19th century.

Ogada has been involved in conservation work in Kenya and other parts of Africa, mainly on human-wildlife conflict mitigation and carnivore conservation. His work includes studies on lions, hyenas, cheetah, African wild dog and otters. Much of his energy has been devoted to the area of community-based conservation, wildlife policy and wetlands ecology.

Currently, he coordinates a partnership between the African Conservation Centre and McGill University in Canada that seeks to strengthen conservation linkages between institutions and habitats in Kenya and Northern Tanzania. He is co-authoring a book on the history, politics and ethical challenges facing conservation practice in Kenya, documenting insight and experiences gained from his years in the conservation sector in Kenya.

For info, contact Dr. Tom Serfass at 301-687-4171 or TSerfass@frostburg.edu.

Middle States Visiting Team on Campus This Week

FSU welcomes the team representing the Middle States Commission on Higher Education that is visiting FSU this week for its 10-year reaccreditation evaluation.

Many have already been invited to meetings involving their areas of responsibility. In addition, two open meetings have been set for the visiting team to hear from the University community: faculty/staff – **Tuesday, March 29**, 3:15 p.m. and students – **Tuesday, March 29**, 4:15 p.m., both in the Lane Atkinson Room (232)

Additionally, the visiting team will give the University community its exit report on **Wednesday, March 30**, at 10 a.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend. While the final determination on FSU's accreditation

will be made by the Middle States Commission after several more steps, this report will provide valuable insight into the team’s evaluation of the University’s self-study information. No questions may be asked, and this information is not to be recorded or shared, per Middle States policies.

To read the Self Study, visit www.frostburg.edu/MiddleStates/WebSite/INDEX.HTM and click on Decennial Evaluation. Tabs along the top guide readers through the chapters and Standards of Excellence.

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.

FSU to Celebrate Jazz With First Annual Jazz Festival



FSU’s Department of Music will host the First Annual FSU Jazz Festival on **Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2**, with public concerts held each evening. The festival celebrates the spirit of jazz with performances by FSU jazz ensembles, local high school groups and special guest artist Darmon Meader, a Grammy Award-winning vocalist and saxophonist.

Friday events will highlight vocal jazz and include a concert by Meader and the FSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. The performance will feature works by Meader, The Real Group and Duke Ellington.

On Saturday, instrumental jazz will take center stage with a concert featuring Meader and the FSU Jazz Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. The concert will include works by Meader, Duke Ellington, Eric Richards, Claudio Roditi and Irving Berlin.

Meader is a highly respected vocalist, arranger and saxophonist. He has achieved international recognition as the founder, musical director, chief arranger, composer, producer, saxophonist and vocalist of the group New York Voices. In addition to several projects with New York Voices, Meader has published his work as a solo album, “And So Am I,” which reflects his varied interests and skills through a collection of jazz standards and original works.

Tickets to the FSU Ensemble concerts each night are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students and free for children 12 and younger. They are available at the door for cash only.

Both Friday and Saturday performances will be preceded by non-competitive invitational festivals for high school jazz ensembles, with vocal groups performing on Friday and instrumental groups on Saturday.

For info, contact Dr. Brent Weber at 301-687-4116 or bmweber@frostburg.edu.

MCTA Songwriters’ Showcase to Feature Folk Musicians Loretta Hummel and Cory and Heather Wharton



From left, Loretta Hummel and Cory and Heather Wharton

Mountain City Traditional Arts will present Loretta Hummel and Cory and Heather Wharton in a country, bluegrass, gospel and folk-filled songwriters’ showcase on **Sunday, April 3**, at 3 p.m. at 25 E Main St. in Frostburg. This is event is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$15.

Hummel, an Allegany County singer, songwriter and ordained music minister, has been bringing her country, bluegrass and gospel music to tri-state residents for many years. Her songs focus on spreading the love of God, friends and Appalachia. Hummel has performed at a variety of festivals, including the Country Gospel Music Association Convention, and has recorded eight albums.

Cory Wharton, a Cumberland native, blends bluegrass, country-western and traditional folk music in his emotional performance honoring Appalachian heritage. Cory writes songs that local people can relate to and that call on true stories and inspiring fictional ones. His songs have been recorded by a variety of artists, including Blue Moon Rising and The East Tennessee Bluegrass Pride Band. Cory’s wife Heather is an award-winning fiddle champion and vocalist.

For info, email mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com or call 301-687-8040.

April 6 Faculty Guitar Recital Cancelled

The faculty guitar recital by *Patrick Sise* scheduled for **Wednesday, April 6**, had been cancelled. Sise will perform a recital in the fall, on **Wednesday, Oct. 5**, at 7:30 p.m.

West Shore Trio to Perform in Faculty-Guest Artist Series



FSU’s Department of Music will present the West Shore Trio in a Faculty-Guest Artist Series performance on **Friday, April 8**, at 7:30 p.m. The trio consists of *Dr. Jay DeWire* on piano, Heather Haughn on the violin and Diana Flesner on the cello. The program will include Brahms’ “Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major, Op. 8,” Ravel’s “Piano Trio in A Minor” and Ruby Fulton’s “Whitney, for Piano Trio,” which was commissioned by the West Shore Trio.

Presentations

See How Hip Hop Is Using Social Media to Change the Music Industry



Savvy hip-hop artists have learned to be their own brand by leveraging the power of Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook and other social media platforms to build audiences and communicate directly to their followers in lieu of traditional channels.

Learn how the latest artists are changing the industry in “Hip Hop’s Reshaping of the Music Industry in the Age of Social Media” presented by **Dr. Marcus Hill** on **Wednesday, March 30**, at 6:30 p.m. in Dunkle 218. Hill is a lecturer in FSU’s Department of Communication. This event is free and open to the public.

Hill’s research interests include construction of race, gender and sexuality in mass media and society; black popular culture, advertising, mobile and social media; and the black consumer market.

For info, contact Dr. Amy Branam Armiento, chair of the Department of English and Foreign Languages and coordinator of African-American Studies, at abranam@frostburg.edu.

Department of History Presents ‘Mapping the Civil War’



FSU’s Department of History will host Lt. Cmdr. Samuel Washburn, who will speak on “Mapping the Civil War ... With Pen and Ink” on **Wednesday, April 6**, at 7 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). This event is free and open to the public.

Washburn is a retired naval officer and a retired geography instructor. He creates Civil War maps for the Army of the Potomac re-enactment group. Washburn portrays civilian map making from the U.S. Coast Survey.

For info, contact Haiyun Ma at hama@frostburg.edu.

‘Lessons From the Jim Crow Museum: The History, Mission and Work’



Dr. David Pilgrim, vice president for Diversity and Inclusion at Ferris State University and founder and curator of the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, will give a presentation on **Monday, April 11**, at 6:30 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Pilgrim will discuss the role of everyday caricatured objects and violence in maintaining and perpetuating the racial hierarchy popularly known as Jim Crow. This event is free and open to the public. For info, contact Dr. Amy Branam Armiento at 301-687-4293.

‘Mobile Offerings: Air Quality Impacts From Natural Gas Development as Observed in Western Maryland’



Join Dr. Natalie Pekney on **Thursday, April 14**, at 6 p.m. in the Appalachian Laboratory lobby for a firsthand look at air quality conditions in Western Maryland. Learn about ambient air monitoring conducted at a rural location near Oakland, Md., using the National Energy Technology Laboratory’s Mobile Air Monitoring Laboratory during spring and summer 2014 and fall and winter 2015.

Pekney is an environmental engineer on the Monitoring Team in the Geological and Environmental Systems Division of the U.S. Department of Energy NETL in Pittsburgh. She conducts air quality research as it pertains to fossil energy production and use. She is the technical coordinator for shale gas development fugitive emissions research conducted under NETL’s Unconventional Resources Research and Methane Emissions Quantification Programs.

Holistic Life Foundation Presenting ‘Breathing Love Into Our Campus Community’

Guest speakers from the Holistic Life Foundation will present “Breathing Love Into Our Campus Community” on **Monday, April 18**, at 7 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall.

The event will feature the three founders of the Holistic Life Foundation, which is headquartered in Baltimore. In addition to learning about their transformative work that introduces students in Baltimore City (and elsewhere) to contemplative practices, the program will provide attendees an opportunity to come together as a campus community to discuss issues surrounding diversity, equity and inclusion. This program is also an opportunity to create an environment in which concerns surrounding these issues can be expressed as well as to develop tools to more effectively communicate with one another.

For info, contact Robin Wynder, director of the Diversity Center, at rwynder@frostburg.edu.

Focus Frostburg 2016: ‘Learn-In’ for a Sustainable Future



FSU’s Focus Frostburg 2016: “Learn-In” for a Sustainable Future will take place on **Wednesday, April 20**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lane University Center. Focus Frostburg is the University’s annual Day of Learning on sustainability and climate awareness that is free and open to FSU students, faculty, staff and the community. The event is sponsored and organized by FSU’s Learning Green, Living Green Sustainability Initiative and the President’s Advisory Council for Sustainability.

As in previous years, faculty may want to have students, as appropriate, attend a session in lieu of class or to make some of the seminars and activities an extra-credit assignment.

For info, contact Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas at krogersthomas@frostburg.edu.

Academic Enrichment Series: Summer Session

Dr. Terri Massie-Burrell, assistant provost for Student Success, Center for Academic Advising and Retention, will present “Withdraw With a W” on **Wednesday, March 30**, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Lane 113. Is withdrawing from a class right for you? Find out by speaking with staff from CAAR, Financial Aid and the Academic Success Network.

Beth Stallings, director of Freshman Advising, CAAR, will give a talk, “Scheduling Assistant,” on **Wednesday, March 30**, from 3 to 3:30 p.m., **Thursday, March 31**, from 12:30 to 1 p.m. and **Friday, April 1**, from noon to 12:30 p.m., all in Gira Center 127B.

Students and advisors are invited to attend these workshops introducing FSU’s new web-based planning tool – the Scheduling Assistant. This simple interface allows students to receive fully pre-made, open schedules generated in two minutes or less. The Scheduling Assistant offers a “Breaks” feature to allow students to block off times they are unable to take class, such as for jobs or athletics. It also allows students to bring up multiple schedules side by side and compare options.

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

Appalachian Laboratory Spring Visiting Scholar Seminar Series

Page Kyle, Joint Global Change Research Institute, will present “Agricultural Intensification as a Mechanism of Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts” on **Thursday, March 31**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. All sessions are free and open to the public. For info, go to www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule.

Workshops

CTE Conversations on Teaching: Challenge of Diversifying

The Center for Teaching Excellence will host a Conversations on Teaching workshop on the topic of “Challenge of Diversifying Higher Education” on **Monday, March 28**, from noon to 1 p.m. and **Tuesday, March 29**, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the Lane Center South Addition (room 244).

Following up on last Thursday’s lecture by Dr. David Kung, the group will discuss how to better serve FSU’s diverse student population and how the faculty’s methods of teaching may help or hurt the success of underrepresented minorities.

Conversations on Teaching is a casual lunchtime discussion table for educators to share strategies, tips and ideas about teaching. Feel free to drop in for all or part of the conversation on either day. You need not have attended the lecture by Kung to join the conversation.

For info, contact Dr. Shoshana Brassfield at srbrassfield@frostburg.edu.

Films

‘The Hunting Ground’ – Screening Followed by Panel Discussion



For Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Program in Women’s Studies at FSU will present a screening and discussion of the award-winning documentary “The Hunting Ground,” followed by a panel discussion, on **Tuesday, April 5**, at 7 p.m. in Gira Center 397.

“The Hunting Ground” provides an exposé of the startling prevalence of sexual assault at institutions of higher education and of the powerful interests that re-victimize vulnerable students while shielding perpetrators.

In raw and emotional interviews, rape survivors and their families testify to a real-life horror story that has become all too common. Those who report the crimes face disbelief, apathy, victim blaming, harassment and retaliation from their fellow students and the administrators whose job it is to protect them. The film also follows two courageous survivors, Andrea Pino and Annie Clark, who are striking back with an innovative legal strategy that uses Title IX legislation to make the powers that be take notice, ignite a national debate over campus sexual assaults and create a network of support for those who refuse to remain silent.

For info, contact Dr. Julie Hartman-Linck at jehartman@frostburg.edu or 301-687-3198.

Points of Pride

Brady Health Center Achieves Re-accreditation

FSU’s Brady Health Center has achieved re-accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. Status as an accredited organization means the center has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care set by AAAHC.

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by AAAHC undergo an extensive self-assessment and on-site survey by AAAHC expert surveyors. The survey is consultative and educational, presenting best practices to help an organization improve its care and services.

SGA's \$15 Bet on Green Returns a More Sustainable Future

Thanks to the forethought of FSU Student Government Association leaders, 12 new student-focused sustainability projects have received grant funding from the FSU President's Advisory Council for Sustainability (PACS). The funds were raised through FSU's Student Sustainability Fee, a \$15-per-semester mandatory fee instituted by SGA in May of 2014.

The 12 funded projects address various sustainability needs, including increasing awareness, performing environmental research, presenting research at academic conferences and making direct environmental impacts on campus. About half of the funded projects were proposed by students.

Preference was given to projects involving and bringing benefit to students, linked to an academic class offering experiential learning, having long-term benefits for the campus, addressing items in FSU's Climate Action Plan and encouraging collaboration among multiple campus groups.

The committee plans to open another funding cycle before the end of the spring 2016 semester, seeking faculty-designed proposals for student experiential learning activities focused on sustainability. PACS intends to award the grants in time for faculty to design and plan activities over the summer. Projects funded in the next cycle will be carried out during the fall 2016 semester.

Another portion of the Student Sustainability Fee proceeds will fund institution-wide projects recommended to PACS by FSU's Physical Plant Department, which is responsible for infrastructure maintenance and improvements. Physical Plant projects will be chosen based on their overall impact on FSU's carbon footprint and their benefit to students.

The two SGA members who proposed the Student Sustainability Fee in 2014, **Hannah Goodmuth** and **Benjamin Brown**, graduated that May, but their foresight will help FSU advance its quest for carbon neutrality, raise awareness of sustainability and create meaningful educational experiences for generations of students to come.

For info, visit <https://www.facebook.com/frostburglglg>.

FSU Earns Fourth-Year Honors as Tree Campus USA

For the fourth year in a row, FSU has been honored as a Tree Campus USA for its commitment to effective urban forest management. The program, launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation and sponsored by Toyota, "honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation," according to the Arbor Day Foundation.

FSU achieved the title by meeting Tree Campus USA's five standards in 2015, which include maintaining a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning project. FSU maintains a standard of planting native trees and shrubs.

FSU's Campus Tree Advisory Committee is chaired by **Dr. Sunshine Brosi**, an associate professor in the Department of Biology and coordinator of the ethnobotany and forestry programs.

This year, the student-approved Sustainability Fee, which uses funds from a student fee to support sustainability-focused projects, provided funding for the purchase of 16 large native trees, which will help replace white ash trees around campus that have died from invasive pest infestation. The plantings will help FSU maintain Tree Campus USA status in 2016.

FSU was first honored as a Tree Campus USA for 2012 and has received the distinction every year since. Past student activities have included planting a variety of native trees on FSU's campus and around the city of Frostburg.

For info on FSU's Tree Campus USA activities, contact Brosi at slbrosi@frostburg.edu.

Dr. Sydney Duncan Receives IAFA Robert A. Collins Service Award

Associate Provost **Dr. Sydney Duncan** has received the Robert A. Collins Service Award from the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts. She is one of only 12 recipients in the history of the award. The award, named after the founder of the International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts (who was also its first recipient in 1985), is a special award presented to an officer, board member or division head for outstanding service to the organization. Duncan has served on the board of directors for seven years and as president for the last three years. She will continue on the board, serving a three-year term as immediate past president.

For info, go to www.fantastic-arts.org.

A STAR! Wins United Way's Outstanding Community Impact Partner Award

The AmeriCorps A STAR! program has been selected as the winner of the United Way's Outstanding Community Impact Partner Award. This year, the prestigious honor will be awarded at the United Way's celebration of service on **Tuesday, April 19**, in Frederick, Md.

A STAR! (Appalachian Service Through Action and Resources) in Western Maryland is a Maryland AmeriCorps program. A STAR! provides direct, substantive service programs that improve the literacy of school children, enhance the health care and living conditions of children and elderly people, help at-risk youth by offering after-school programs, improve shelter and support services for low-income families and preserve the environment for Western Maryland communities.

The A STAR! program is managed through a partnership with FSU, the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown, the Maryland Governor’s Office of Service and Volunteerism and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

For info on the United Way event, call 240-578-4009 or email jkwamenapoh@uwfrederick.org.

Winners in ‘Presidential Art Exhibition’ Announced

The winners of the spring “Presidential Art Exhibition” are:

- First Place – “Busy Bee” by Tiffany Howe
- Second Place – “The Ram” by Melissa Core
- Third Place – “Emily Watercolor” by Kathleen Cornell

These works have been on display on the second floor of Hitchens.

Take Note

FSU Promotes Student Achievement Through Merit

Do you work with campus honor societies or would you like to promote a student’s outstanding accomplishments?

FSU uses the online service [Merit](#) to recognize students. All of our students have the opportunity to have a Merit page online: a public, professional profile that FSU can update with their achievements, such as presenting research at a conference, winning an academic competition, earning a scholarship, performing in a production, serving in a student leadership role or doing community service work.

FSU also benefits from updating student Merit pages. These student updates are pushed out to social networks, sent to hometown newspapers and in some cases, sent to a student’s high school or shared with government officials. It’s an opportunity for us to tell our story to a large and deeply engaged group of stakeholders in a way that connects each of them with a personalized “proof point” of a student excelling here.

If you’d like to recognize a student or group of students, here is what you need to send to FSU News at news@frostburg.edu:

- A list of the students to be included (for example, all inductees to your departmental honor society, or all students who presented research at a symposium)
- Each student’s FSU email address
- For a list of symposium presentations, include the presentation title for each student
- A one-paragraph summary of the accomplishment or story
- Any photos or links to supplement the story

You can assist us by providing the information above in an Excel spreadsheet, but it’s not required.

You can see examples of our student stories on Merit at frostburg.meritpages.com.

We’re looking forward to recognizing and promoting your students and programs with Merit!

Upward Bound Pre-college Program Offered to Local High School Students

For high school students wondering what it takes to prepare for college and a successful future, how to pay for an education or even what it’s like to navigate the college application process, Upward Bound at FSU can help. Upward Bound, a free program for qualified Allegany County high school students, can help them prepare to enter college and then learn what to expect in college or what classes to take.

With more than 35 years of experience, Upward Bound’s qualified staff can help a student transition successfully from high school to college, including getting into a college of his or her choice. Upward Bound helps students prepare for SATs and other college-prep tests, fill out financial aid applications, meet deadlines, visit college campuses, take placement tests and more.

Upward Bound helps students to succeed in high school and helps them develop successful strategies to prepare them for college. It does this through an academic year program as well as an optional, but intensive, 3- or 6-week summer residential program. Both take place on FSU’s campus. There are myriad opportunities for fun, learning and friendship in this program.

Former students report that their experiences in the Upward Bound program helped them get into college and be better prepared for their higher education experience; they also performed better while still in high school.

Anyone who is considering going to college and would like some support and assistance getting there is encouraged to contact Upward Bound to see if he or she qualifies. For info, call 301-687-4994 or visit www.frostburg.edu/UpwardBound.

CLA Word and Image Project Accepting Submissions

FSU’s Center for Literary Arts is open to submissions for its fourth annual Word and Image Project. Regional artists are invited to submit visual art that incorporates some or all of the text of a poem.

The Word and Image Project features a juried art exhibition, which will be on display on **Sunday, April 10**, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Dante's Pub and Arts, 14 W. Main St., as part of the annual Rock 'n' Read event. The show will be juried by CLA Center Director **Gerry LaFemina**.

Submitted work should be artistic prints of individual poems or any visual representation of poetic text. Art may include paintings, drawings, illustrations, photographs, sculpture and more.

Community members may submit works for a fee of \$10, and students may submit art for free. The due date for submissions is **Monday, April 4**. Submissions may be mailed to 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, MD 21532, Attn: Center for the Literary Arts, or dropped off at the Center at 22 E. Main St.

Monetary awards will be given for Best in Show, Student Prize, 2D Prize and 3D Prize.

For info, contact the Center for Literary Arts at cla@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4340.

RecycleMania Running Through April 15

From now through **Friday, April 15**, all FSU students, faculty and staff are encouraged to step up their recycling game and reduce waste to help keep Frostburg a green university.

RecycleMania is a friendly competition for colleges across the U.S. and Canada to compare their rates of recycling and waste reduction over an eight-week period each spring.

Acceptable materials include paper of all types, aluminum drink cans, plastic no. 1 and no. 2, glass bottles and cardboard. Plastic bottle caps cannot be recycled. Cardboard boxes should be broken down.

Recycled materials should not be heavily contaminated with food. Recycling bins that contain too much food waste or other contamination will have all their contents discarded as trash. **Only recycling generated on campus should be placed in the campus bins.**

Help Improve FSU's Educational Experience – Answer Your Survey

In conjunction with the National Survey on Student Engagement, FSU has sent online surveys to freshmen and seniors. The aim is to help understand how students are spending time in and out of the classroom, which guides decisions about policies, curriculum and campus activities that will benefit FSU students.

If you haven't participated, watch for your email invitation from Sara Beth Bittinger (from email nsse@nsesurvey.org). Reminders will be sent through **Monday, March 28**.

FAEYC Spring Meeting Dates

The Frostburg Association for the Education of Young Children is an organization that provides opportunities for students to learn, interact and develop skills and information needed for teaching young children. This semester, the group will meet at 4:30 p.m. in Framptom 114 on the following **Tuesdays: April 5 and 19**.

Registration Open for Fourth Annual I Swim for Bob Day

This action-packed day of games is open to the campus and the community, where funds are raised for the Robert A. Norr Presidential Merit Scholarship, which is awarded to a qualified recreation and parks management major. The scholarship and event are in honor of Bob Norr, an FSU student-athlete who passed away in a kayaking accident in January 2012.

The fun-filled family event is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. on **Saturday, April 2**, in the lower level of the Cordts PE Center.

New for this year is a game called chicken baseball where players will try to bat a rubber chicken that's stuffed with a ball. Another game, speed ball, is a mixture of soccer and basketball where players can shoot a ball in a hoop or kick a ball through a goal. Move the Mountain is a dodgeball hybrid where players aim to strike a large cage ball to move it across the opposing team's goal line.

Laser tag will be moved to a larger area with less light pollution for a more challenging experience. The climbing wall will be open, 12-minute kickball will return as well as dodgeball, sit volleyball and, of course, pool games: water polo, pool basketball and pool volleyball. Events will be scheduled to encourage participants to rotate to other events.

Attendees will also be entered for a chance to win a \$25 Sheetz gift card or a \$50 Independent Ink gift card.

Advance registration costs \$5 per person and \$20 for a team of five. The community can register in advance at the Lane University Center **through April 1** or online at www.frostburg.edu/rpm/i-swim-for-bob-day-registration. PayPal is required for online registration. Registration at the event costs \$10 per person and \$40 for a team of five.

FSU Annual Leadership Awards

Every year, FSU says thank you to all the campus leaders who give so much to FSU, the local community and the world. At the Leadership Awards Reception, people from all over campus join together to celebrate another successful year and what it means to be a Bobcat.

Hosted by the Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning, the Leadership Awards Reception will take place on **Thursday, May 5**, at 6 p.m. This event is invitation only. All eligible nominees are invited.

Nominations are due **Thursday, April 7.**

For info, contact the Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning at 301-687-7013, email Clarissa Lang at calang@frostburg.edu or Doug Baer at djbaer@frostburg.edu, or visit www.frostburg.edu/clife/leadership/leadership-awards.

Undergraduate Research Symposium Abstracts Due April 8

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will host the Fifth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on **Friday, May 6**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lane University Center. The symposium showcases the research and experiential learning projects of FSU's undergraduate students and provides participants the opportunity to present their work to their peers and share experiences across disciplines.

The symposium will include poster presentations, oral presentations and physical displays representing work completed during summer 2015, fall 2015 and spring 2016.

Full project descriptions/abstracts will be due by **Friday, April 8**, as an email attachment to Dr. Karen Keller at kkeller@frostburg.edu. For info, contact Keller or Linda Steele at lsteel@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4137.

Center for Literary Arts to Hold 7th One-Act Playwriting Competition

Writers Must Submit Plays by April 15!

The FSU Center for Literary Arts will host its seventh annual One-Act Playwriting Competition to showcase new works.

Writers are encouraged to submit their one-act plays (with a running time of 40 minutes or less) to the center by **Friday, April 15**. Entries will be judged on plot, character development, dialogue and overall quality.

The first-prize winner will receive \$750 and production of his or her play at the Frostburg One-Act Playwriting Festival to be held on the FSU campus in **September**. Second- and third-prize winners will receive \$250 and \$100, respectively, and staged readings of their works.

For info, visit the Center for Literary Arts' webpage at www.frostburg.edu/cla/one-act-play-festival.

Nominations Sought for President's Distinguished Faculty Award

Nominations are being sought for the annual President's Distinguished Faculty Award, which recognizes faculty members who advance the University in ways consistent with its mission, goals and action priorities outlined in the Strategic Plan. It is presented during the May commencement ceremony and includes a \$2,500 monetary prize, sponsored by the FSU Foundation.

Qualifying activities have included developing and supporting academic programs that prepare a changing student population for an era of complexity and globalization; promoting activities that demonstrate the University's educational distinction; helping FSU increase retention and improve student persistence to graduation; enhancing experiential and applied learning opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom; assisting in the University's contribution to economic development in Western Maryland, the region and the state; and increasing enrollment and advancing programming at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown.

Application must be made through a letter of nomination by FSU colleagues. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Activities outlined in the nomination letter should have occurred in the fall 2015 and/or spring 2016 semester(s). The letter should consist of a narrative of no more than two pages in the form of an executive summary, plus any supporting documentation.

Nominations should be submitted to Sandra Rohrbaugh, Office of the President, by **Friday, April 15**.

Upcoming BURG Peer Education Network Events



This week's General Body Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 31**, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. in Lane 113.

For info, contact Gavin Mangolas at gmmangolas0@frostburg.edu.

Kappa Pi to Hold Paint Night

FSU's Kappa Pi Art Fraternity will hold a Paint Night event on **Wednesday, April 20**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lane South Addition. The price is \$10. Tickets are available at the box office.

For info, contact Jessica Prejean at jprejean0@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

It's not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Saturday, May 21**, in the Cordts PE Center. The Colleges of Business and Education will present their graduates at 9:30 a.m., and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 2 p.m. Tickets will be required for admission. **Each Colleges of Business and Education graduate will receive nine tickets, and each College of Liberal Arts and Sciences graduate will receive seven.**

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

Follow [@FrostburgGrad](#) on Twitter or [www.facebook.com/commencementatfrostburg](#) on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

FSU-TV3

Student Staffers at FSU Cable Channel

Do you know FSU has its own cable channel? FSU-TV3 is available on Comcast’s channel 3 in Frostburg, Mount Savage and Lonaconing. It is also staffed by students who assist in research, producing and more, including **Adam Brant**, the in-studio director, **Cesia Veneros**, the in-studio producer, and **Aaron Cook** and **Emily Taylor**, field producers, for “The Frostburg Experience”; **Maria Eliana Lopez Scarponi**, a non-linear video editor and animator; and **Chloe Salerian**, an assistant program director.

Follow FSU-TV3 on social media at [http://instagram.com/fsutv3](#), [www.facebook.com/FSU-TV3](#) and [http://twitter.com/fsutv3](#).

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Summer Conferences Positions

Coach Wootten’s Basketball Camp, Camp Hope, Brit-Am Soccer Academy and the Washington Metropolitan Association of Chinese Schools are among the many groups that call FSU their summer home. Students are always needed to serve these groups and FSU. An online application is at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/confer/conferences-and-events-staff-application](#), or they can be picked up in Hitchins 305.

All who apply will be interviewed. It’s a competitive process with more applicants each summer than positions. The first priority is given to FSU students, but all may apply. The deadline for applying is **Friday, April 15**. Most summer staffers are not taking classes or simultaneously working in other jobs – this is a full-time position with room and board included. Students are expected to perform some customer service and some bed moving, interact with other offices on campus – with something different every day – and think on their feet to solve problems.

For info, contact Dave Treber, director, Office of Conferences & Events, at 301-687-4020 or [DTreber@frostburg.edu](#).

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Tori Modlin – London (Spring 2015)

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to experience 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 and student loans and scholarships are available. For info, 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 webpage at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm](#) and the Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad](#).

Study Abroad and International Fair

FSU students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the Study Abroad and International Fair on **Tuesday, March 29**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Representatives from various study abroad programs and former study abroad students will be available to answer questions about overseas opportunities. Also, FSU’s international students will display information about their countries and will be available to talk about their cultures.

Student Life

Residence Hall Room Selection for 2016-2017

For students residing in the traditional residence halls:

If you plan to return for the 2016-2017 academic year, visit [www.welcome-mat.net/frostburg_terms](#) to submit a housing application.

If you want to apply for a single room or a cluster of rooms with friends, you should complete the application on Welcome Mat. To apply for a single room, you may come to the Residence Life Office any time after your course enrollment appointment to select from available spaces. You need not have registered for classes to select a single room, but you must have visited Welcome Mat and applied for a room.

If your enrollment appointment is scheduled after the lottery on **Wednesday, April 13**, you should attend the lottery and select a single at that time. If there are no singles available, you may select a room in a cluster with a group of friends instead and add your name to the singles waiting list.

Regardless of what room type you’d like, check your campus mailbox and refer to your pink-colored brochure for dates and information.

Remember, if you are selecting a particular roommate, you both must complete a housing application and indicate that you want each other as roommates.

Off-campus students wishing to move back on campus also must complete a housing application before coming to select a room.

For info, contact your RA, hall supervisor or area coordinator.

Edgewood Commons Contracting for Fall 2016

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the fall 2016 semester. All the information 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 or for info, call 301-689-1370. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions.

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.

Working Outside?



Wear safety goggles, sturdy shoes and long pants when using lawn mowers and other machinery.

Wear gloves to protect from skin irritations, cuts and contaminants.

Use insect repellent containing DEET.

**Reduce the risk of sunburn and skin cancer by wearing long sleeves, a wide-brimmed hat and sunshades.
Be sure to use sunscreen.**

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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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