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Frostburg State University to Present 141st Commencement Dec. 19

FSU will celebrate and recognize the achievements of its December 2012 graduating class during the University's 141st commencement ceremonies **Wednesday, Dec. 19**, at 2 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center's Bobcat Arena. President ***Jonathan C. Gibralter*** will confer degrees on graduates from the colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences. ***Christine Barnes***, College of Education; ***Deborah Wiles***, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and ***Briana "Bobbie" Watson***, College of Business, are the featured student speakers for the winter commencement exercises.

Christine Barnes, Deborah Wiles and Briana "Bobbie" Watson

Barnes will graduate as an early childhood/elementary education major. She has excelled in her studies, pursuing her goal of becoming a teacher since she was young. She demonstrates a passion for teaching, and her professors commend her on her ability to differentiate instructions for all students, adjust to individual levels and manage her lessons using varied strategies. While at FSU, Barnes participated in the Frostburg Student Education Association, Colleges Against Cancer, Student Alumni Ambassadors and worked as a substitute teacher in Washington County. She interned at Myersville Elementary, Cash Valley Elementary, Beall Elementary and Head Start in Cumberland, Md. Barnes' professors describe her as having a strong work ethic, being motivated, responsible, skilled and caring with her students.

Wiles will graduate with a double major in mathematics and English. She transferred to FSU from Allegany College of Maryland. She has been inducted into Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, and Kappa Mu Epsilon, the Mathematics honor society. As a McNair Scholar, she has presented mathematics work at the McNair Post-Baccalaureate Summer Institute. She is a member of the American Mathematical Society, Mathematical Association of America, Association for Women in Mathematics and Association of Writers and Writing Programs. She has served FSU students as a math instructor, and serves at ACM as a math and writing tutor. Her professors describe her as passionate about anything math and everything English and say she is a jump-starter, inspiring to others and a student leader inside and outside the classroom.

Watson will graduate as a business administration major, with a concentration in marketing and a minor in psychology. She was the recipient of the Hera Award as "Greek Woman of the Year" and has active leadership roles in the President's Leadership Circle; Delta Zeta Sorority; Beta Gamma Sigma, the business honor society; and Order of Omega. Watson represented FSU at two distinguished leadership conferences, the First International Youth Leadership Conference in the United Arab Emirates and Beta Gamma Sigma's National Leadership Conference in South Carolina. She has served FSU students as the vice president of marketing for the University Programming Council and as the online marketing coordinator and "SpotlightOnline" director for the FSU Social Marketing Team. She is admired by her professors for her ability to balance high-caliber academic work with many leadership roles in organizations and maintain professional demeanor, poise and maturity.

Provost ***Dr. Stephen Simpson***; ***Dr. Clarence Golden***, dean of the College of Education; ***Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi***, dean of the College of Business; and ***Dr. Joseph Hoffman***, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will present candidates for degrees during commencement.

Tickets are required for admission to the winter commencement, but the ceremony will be streamed live online. To view the ceremony, visit www.frostburg.edu/live on the day of commencement. For info, visit the website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

Workshops

Masterclass in the Art of Single Sword

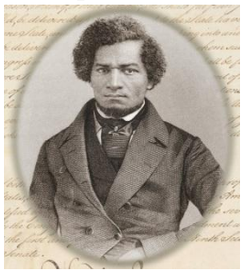
The Savage Mountain Stage Combat Club, a student organization open to the student body, is sponsoring a two-day masterclass in the art of single sword with special guest Ian Rose on **Tuesday, Dec. 11**, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre. All students are welcome to participate and/or observe. This event will be followed by an adjudication of several students' prepared fights on **Wednesday, Dec. 12**, from 11 a.m. to noon, where audience members will have the chance to see scenes of violence, danger and swashbuckling performed by FSU students.

Rose has taught and fought in the New York and Philadelphia areas for over 25 years. His fights have been seen from London's Blackfriar's Theatre to MTM Studios in Rome. Credits include the Philadelphia Shakespeare Festival, Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, Philadelphia Theatre Company, New York City's Riverside Shakespeare and national commercials. Rose is one of the coordinators for the Philadelphia Stage Combat Workshop held the first weekend in October.

For info about Rose, go to www.ianrosefights.com. For info on the event, contact Darrell S. Rushton, an assistant professor in the

Department of Theatre and Dance, at dsrushton@frostburg.edu or x4487.

Reacting to the Past Workshop



The year is 1845. An escaped slave from Maryland named Frederick Douglass has just published an autobiography that is causing a sensation. Abolitionists are publicly calling for the dissolution of the United States, and riots have broken out. The U.S. Constitution protects slavery by requiring the return of fugitive slaves to their owners. Are Americans accountable to the Constitution or to a higher law? Can abolitionists be suppressed before they destroy the Union? You are invited to travel to the past and join the debate. Can you persuade America's leading figures to embrace the rights and liberties on which our country was founded?

FSU invites faculty, students and the community to participate in a two-day workshop introducing the Reacting to the Past pedagogical role-playing game, "Frederick Douglass, Slavery, Abolitionism and the Constitution: 1845," led by Dr. Mark Higbee, a professor of history at Eastern Michigan University. The workshop will be held at FSU on **Saturday, Feb 16, and Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013**. (In case of extreme weather, the workshop will be held on **March 2 and 3**.) All participants will receive a historical role to play and game materials, including primary texts, to help them prepare to play their role.

Registration is free, and includes all meals and game materials. Space will be limited to 30 participants. To apply, go to www.frostburg.edu/fdworkshop/apply. Applications submitted by **Dec. 21** will be given full consideration.

For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/fdworkshop or contact Dr. Shoshana Brassfield at srbrassfield@frostburg.edu or Dr. Nicholas Clulee at nclulee@frostburg.edu.

This workshop is presented in partnership with Reacting to the Past and the FSU Department of Philosophy, Department of History, African-American Studies Program, Women's Studies Program, International Studies Program, Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Group, President's Advisory Council for Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Black Student Alliance and National Council of Negro Women.

Financial support is provided by the Maryland Humanities Council, the FSU President's Experiential Learning Fund, the Office of the Provost at FSU, the Office of the Dean of the College of Letters and Science at FSU and the FSU Faculty Development and Sabbatical Subcommittee.

This project was made possible by a grant from the Maryland Humanities Council, through support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this workshop do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities or the Maryland Humanities Council.

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Learn How to Write and Design Winning NSF Grants

"Writing Winning Grants for NSF," a one-day comprehensive workshop geared for those who wish to submit winning research proposals to the National Science Foundation, will be held **Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013**, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the University of Maryland at College Park. The workshop will be taught by experienced faculty who have received various NSF grants and serve as evaluators on NSF review panels and is sponsored by the Grant Training Center.

Participants will understand how to navigate the FastLane, focus on the key sections of successful proposals and demonstrate that their projects exhibit the excellence and innovation that sets them apart from other submissions. All sessions will engage the attendees in interactive exercises, writing, lectures and discussions, so participants will leave the class understanding how to research, write and develop their specific projects.

Areas to be covered include:

- Overall strategic plan of grant-writing
- Types of awards and NSF funding, including what to look for in a grant application
- Proposal preparation process and submission mechanisms
- Characteristics, content and function of the various pieces of the proposal, including hypothesis, methods, outcomes, broader implications, evaluation, timelines and budgets
- Secret to organizing and writing "Merit Review Criteria"

Participants will learn how to:

- Compose the pieces of an NSF Research Grant Proposal
- Understand the inner workings of NSF's Peer Review System and the rating scores
- Develop and write the approach and "Broader Impacts" section
- Package superior proposal submissions
- Avoid the fatal flaws of a grant
- Effectively write and approach resubmissions

The presenter, Dr. Henry L. Bart, has been a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology for Tulane University since 1996. He received a B.S. and M.S. (biology) from the University of New Orleans, and his Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Oklahoma. Bart is a director of Tulane's Museum of Natural History, is involved in numerous professional steering committees, has several funded research grants and is a panel member for many NSF programs. Among the various grants that he has received from NSF is a grant to increase the number of minorities who ultimately pursue careers in academia.

Bart has published over 50 articles and books nationally and internationally, including his most recent publications on phylogenetic relationships of the North American cyprinid subgenus Hydrophlox, molecular phylogenetics and evolution. Some of his research interests include the relationship between mitochondrial genomics and the basal divergence of cypriniform fish, and evolutionary divergence of duplicate copies of the growth hormone gene in suckers.

Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The workshop fee is $375, including tuition, materials, certificate of completion and continental breakfast and lunch.

This workshop is sponsored by the Grant Training Center. To register, go to www.granttrainingcenter.com or call 866-704-7268 (toll-free) or 571-257-8864.

Music

Flute Studio and Ensemble Recital

FSU's Department of Music will present a flute studio and ensemble recital on **Monday, Dec. 10**, at 8 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Students will perform solo works, including "Hamburger Sonate" by C.P.E. Bach, "Petite Suite" by Benjamin Godard and "Sonate" by Paul Hindemith.

Enjoy works by Faure and Guiliani performed by students ***Ryan Sheally*** on flute and ***Robert Wallace*** on guitar.

For info, contact the Department of Music at x4109 or visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/music.

Visual Arts

Two New Displays at Ort for December

The Holiday of Kwanzaa

"Kwanzaa: First Fruits of the Harvest" on the third (main) floor of the Ort Library provides a brief history of the holiday and introduces Nguzo Saba, the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa. The exhibit also includes information on the seven basic symbols of Kwanzaa that represent the values and concepts of African culture.

Additionally, a handout provides information on books about Kwanzaa that are available at FSU and other libraries in the University System of Maryland.

Note: The Ort Library will continue to collect donations for the Frostburg Food Bank. The donation box is located next to the new Kwanzaa display.

Mayan Dec. 21 Prophesy

"The Mayan Calendar: Will the World End on Dec. 21?" provides information about the Mayan calendar and the prophecy of a great catastrophe on Dec. 21, 2012 (the end of the Mayan Long Count Calendar), as well as proof that the world will not end on Dec. 21, and shares some of the more interesting books on the topic.

Some of the ideas disproved in the exhibit include:

- Will solar flares destroy the earth on Dec. 21? No, solar flares are expected to peak in 2013, not 2012.
- Will the mysterious planet X (Nibiru) hit the earth on Dec. 21? No, scientists would see an object the size of a planet heading our way and we would already be able to see it in the sky. (It would be larger than the moon.)
- Will a galactic alignment cause the earth's destruction on Dec. 21? No, there have been several "galactic alignments" over the past several years and none have caused the earth's destruction.

Points of Pride

Airport Executive to Receive Alumni Achievement Award

FSU will present the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to ***Jeffrey P. Fegan '76***, chief executive officer of Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) International Airport, at its 141st commencement ceremony on **Wednesday, Dec. 19**, in the Cordts PE Center Bobcat Arena.

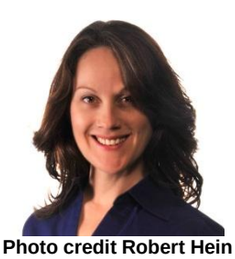
Fegan has served as CEO of DFW since 1994, functioning as the chief administrator for the airport and recommending policies to the DFW Airport Board for planning, constructing, operating and regulating the airport. Under his direction, DFW has ranked among the world's top five large airports for customer service in surveys conducted by Airports Council International. The airport has also adopted a comprehensive Sustainability Program in pursuit of environmental responsibility and has established an impressive track record for partnership on aviation safety and research.

Before coming to DFW Airport, Fegan was the Noise Abatement officer at Westchester County Airport in New York. He was in the aviation consulting business from 1978 to 1983. Fegan earned a bachelor's degree in geography from FSU and a Master of City Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a member of the FSU Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors. He is married to ***Carol Sunderland Fegan '76***. They have two daughters.

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed on FSU alumni. Consideration is based on outstanding professional career growth; community involvement; demonstrated interest in their alma mater; philanthropic commitment to FSU; special achievements, awards, honors and distinctions; and/or educational background, which includes honors and involvement in special activities.

For info about the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards, contact the FSU Office of Alumni Programs at x4068.

Mattis Is 2012 Leading Women Honoree



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Associate Professor ***Nicole Mattis***, chair of FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance, has been honored as a 2012 Leading Woman by The Daily Record. This award recognizes women under the age of 40 who display professional achievement, commitment to community service and are leaders who are inspiring change.

Mattis is one of only 50 women chosen for this award in Maryland. These professionals were celebrated Dec. 6 at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore.

At FSU, Mattis teaches classes in acting, voice and movement, and directs for the Theatre and Dance production season. She is a long-time member of the Women's Studies Steering Committee, for which she initiated V-Day in 2002. A global movement to end violence against women and girls, V-Day's yearly production of "The Vagina Monologues" donates proceeds from ticket and merchandise sales to local nonprofit organizations such as the Family Crisis Resource Center and the Dove Center. Mattis advised V-Day activities at FSU from 2002 to 2009, and she continues to advise production of "The Vagina Monologues." She has also served on the committees of African-American Studies and the National Coalition Building Institute, among others.

In the community, Mattis is the current chair of Family Crisis Resource Center's Board of Directors, for which she works on the annual Dancing With the Local Stars fundraising committee. Mattis also served on the board for the Allegany Arts Council.

Mattis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and English from Northern Michigan University, as well as a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a member of the Voice and Speech Trainer's Association and the Actors' Equity Association, and she is a Certified Associate Teacher of Firzmaurice Voicework. Locally, she is a member of the Allegany Arts Council.

The Daily Record provides legal and business information to Maryland readers. For info, visit www.TheDailyRecord.com.

For info about FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance, visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/theatredance.

Fiscus Published in International Journal Emergence

Dr. Daniel Fiscus, Sustainability liaison in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a lecturer in the Biology Department, co-authored "A Tri-Modal Nature of Life Applied for Actualizing a Win-Win Human-Environmental Relation and Sustainability" published in October in Emergence: Complexity and Organization, an international transdisciplinary journal of complex social systems. The article presents a new holistic science paradigm for understanding life and integrated life-environment systems and describes novel pathways to long-term environmental sustainability.

Fiscus also gave a presentation on this work at the international

EcoSummit in Columbus, Ohio, in early October.

The article is available (for a fee) at http://emergentpublications.com or from Fiscus by request at dafiscus@frostburg.edu.

Upward Bound Students Write Their Own Business Plans

Clockwise from top, Marcus Bowers, Austin Wetzel, Stephanie Riggs, Justyce Walker, Rachaell Whetstone, Kaylynn Grady and Sami Howsare hear about business law from attorney Mike Llewellyn, center.

Upward Bound students at FSU this summer studied entrepreneurship, forming small "companies," each comprised of several students who wrote detailed business plans.

After their plans were written, Mike Llewellyn, an attorney with Geppert, McMullen, Paye and Getty, visited Mollie McGee's writing class and met with each individual group. As their "attorney," he reviewed their individual plans and spoke about the legal aspects of starting up a business in Maryland.

The students learned about the importance of having an attorney when starting up a business to help comply with government requirements. Among other things, students learned about forming corporations, zoning restrictions and naming their businesses, including searching online in a Maryland database to make sure their business names were unique.

FSU's Upward Bound program is a national, federally funded, pre-college program designed to provide underprivileged students with the skills and motivation necessary to succeed in high school and afterward in college. Upward Bound, the oldest of the Federal TRIO Programs, has been a part of the FSU community since 1981.

For info about Upward Bound at FSU, call x4994.

Take Note

Frostburg Community Coalition Urges Use of 687-STOP Tip Line

The Frostburg Community Coalition is encouraging members of the Frostburg community to use the 301-687-STOP 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 five 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.

687-STOP was created to give complete anonymity to those leaving tips. Many people are uncomfortable reporting issues directly but may have pertinent information they wish to share.

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 to use. The Coalition is also encouraging students and parents from Mountain Ridge High School and Mount Savage and Westmar middle schools to use the tip line as well. Callers are still welcome to contact University Police, Frostburg City Police or other offices directly.

Callers should still call 911 in an emergency.

The 687-STOP tip line was created in 2010 by the FSU President's Leadership Circle as a way to enhance student and community safety.

The Coalition has gotten refrigerator magnets printed with the 687-STOP info that are available to the public. For info, contact Coalition coordinator Lyndsey Baker at x4892 or lkbaker@frostburg.edu.

The Frostburg Community Coalition's activities are funded by the Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework Grant awarded through the Allegany County Health Department. The coalition is working on prevention strategies in four areas – social availability of alcohol in non-retail settings; retail availability, especially in terms of alcohol sales to those under 21; enforcement and adjudication for those who violate alcoholic beverage laws; and social and community norms campaign to address attitudes toward high-risk drinking.

The group meets monthly to promote its efforts to decrease the harms associated with underage and excessive alcohol consumption.

One-Day Only Art Sale in Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend a one-day only sale on **Thursday, Dec. 13**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery of the Fine Arts Building.

Advanced ceramics students requested this event and invite all areas of art making to join in for a holiday sale.

Many types of artwork will be available for purchase.

For info, contact Jackie Brown, chair, Visual Arts Department, at jbrown@frostburg.edu or x4319.

Call for Papers

All undergraduates at FSU are invited to submit papers for possible inclusion in the inaugural issue of ACTIVIST: Journal of Undergraduate Research (AJUR), a publication of the Department of Sociology. AJUR is a peer-edited and faculty-reviewed journal, committed to highlighting excellence in undergraduate research and scholarship at FSU.

Submissions from any major program of study are welcome, but papers should be concerned with, or relevant to, some social problem or aspect of society and social life.

Submissions must be received by **Feb. 15, 2013**, for consideration; papers from the previous academic year are acceptable. All papers must be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman font, size 12, and should not exceed 20 total pages. All documents must be in Word format (.doc). All papers must be in APA style, with appropriate in-text citations; consult the APA Style Guide for more details at www.apastyle.org. References must be included; all footnotes, endnotes and appendices should be included separately from the body of the paper.

Submit papers electronically via activistjournal@gmail.com.

For info, contact Gary Austin at 240-527-2708 or gaustin@frostburg.edu.

Frostburg Community Dialogue Series Continues

FSU will continue its "Sustaining Campus and Community" dialogue series this spring with dialogue sessions on **Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013**, and **Tuesday, March 26**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theater and a celebration picnic on **Saturday, May 4**, from noon to 3 p.m. at City Place. These community meetings, initiated last spring, convene students, year-round residents, local officials and University leaders to discuss various issues and create new opportunities for collaborative problem-solving and coalition-building. Six action groups have emerged in the dialogue sessions, focusing on managing conflict, improving race relations and off-campus housing, discovering Western Maryland and building FSU-Frostburg pride. Everyone with an interest in the Frostburg community is invited to participate.

The project, funded in large part by Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO), focuses on community-based action plans to support improved campus-community communication and a non-

violent culture in Frostburg. This fall, a planning retreat, training sessions and two dialogues were held at FSU and in downtown Frostburg. Nationally known conflict resolution scholar-practitioners Dr. Frank Dukes, a lecturer and director of the Institute for Environmental Negotiation at the University of Virginia, and Dr. Marvin Johnson, the founder and executive director of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, continued to offer their expertise for these events.

Details and documentary segments capturing the "Sustaining Campus and Community" efforts can be seen at the dialogue series website at www.frostburg.edu/dept/cmst/dialogue-series.

Anyone interested in being part of this community-building effort should contact project manager Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski at elruminski@frostburg.edu or x4480. Ruminski is the chair of the Department of Communication Studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies at FSU, as well as the president of the Mountainside Community Mediation Center, a local partner in this dialogue series that will provide additional support.

Environmental Communication

Interested in Environmental Communication? ***Dr. Brent Kice*** will offer CMST 490 Special Topics: Environmental Communication during the 2013 Winter Intersession. The course will be fully online, and students will evaluate environmental campaigns to learn the various means of communicating messages regarding environmental issues. Some campaigns the class will examine are BP and the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the Sea Shepherd organization from the Animal Planet show "Whale Wars" and perceptions of residents concerning wind farm construction.

For info, contact Kice in the Department of Communication Studies at bkice@frostburg.edu or x4709.

Graduation Is Almost Here!

It's time to get ready for the day you've been waiting for – your graduation on **Wednesday, Dec. 19**, 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. **Each graduate is allotted six tickets.**

Complete your graduation application in PAWS now and check with the Registrar's Office to ensure everything is in order.

The second and final Commencement mailing was sent in mid-November to your local and permanent addresses. The mailings and other details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement.

For info, contact Brittni Teter at x4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Get Involved

Upcoming UCM Events

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

Christmas/Holiday Cookie Sale. UCM will have a Christmas/Holiday Cookie Sale during December to raise money for Hurricane Sandy Relief and Rebuilding. Order forms can be found on an email announcement or on the UCM website at www.UnitedCampusMinistryatFSU.org.

Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities – Open to All

Spiritual Study Break – A Contemporary Vesper Worship Experience, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Lane 108.

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

Faith Connections. Each Sunday morning during the fall semester, the group will visit a different Frostburg church.

Finding True North Bible Study, Sundays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., Library 237. This "Don't Just Know It – Live It" study and discussion is on the Book of Romans.

Catholic Campus Ministry

For info, contact Kathleen Broadwater in the Osborne Newman Center, or at 301-689-5041 or k.broadwater@frostburg.edu.

Dinner, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Freedom to Love, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Open to everyone.
Word-to-Action Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Osborne Newman Center lounge. Learn how to live life through the scriptures.

Student Life

Edgewood Commons Has Space Available for Spring 2012!

Now is your chance to secure your space for the spring. Application forms are available at www.EdgewoodFSU.com. Simply print and fill out the documents and return them to the Edgewood office with the application fees.

Edgewood Commons has so much to offer students! Each apartment comes fully furnished and contains:

- Full-size washer and dryer
- Central heat and air conditioning
- Full-size refrigerator with icemaker
- Dishwasher
- Stove
- Microwave
- Garbage disposal

All Edgewood apartments have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms.

Other student amenities include:

- Fitness center
- High-def media room with an Xbox360, Wii and Playstation3
- Hotel-style lounge with a big-screen TV
- Game room with two pool tables
- Three conference/study lounges
- High-speed wireless Internet
- Extended basic cable with HBO
- 24-hour computer lab with free printing

Edgewood has on-site management and a full-time maintenance staff. Additionally, utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable) are included in the contract fee.

Stop by during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take a tour. For info, call 301-689-1370 or email info@EdgewoodFSU.com.

Community

Holiday Exhibitions at the Gilchrist Museum

The C. William Gilchrist Museum of the Arts reopens for the holidays with two new exhibits. The annual "Art for Giving" exhibit on the main floor features pieces from more than 60 artists from the tri-state area. All are for sale and can be taken on purchase.

On the second floor, "Snowball Reflections" features fashion representing over 50 years of the annual charity ball.

For info, visit www.facebook.com/gilchristgallery or call 301-724-5800.

Deadlines

Graduate Grade Changes

The last day for graduate grade changes, including removal of incomplete grades for the spring 2012 and summer 2012 semesters, is **Monday, Dec. 10.**

International

Where Would You Like to Study Abroad?

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, Botswana or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships are available.

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

Study Abroad in Limerick, Ireland, During the Spring 2013 Semester

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

Impact China, Summer 2013

FSU students now have an opportunity to experience Chinese culture, history and economic development via a two-week trip to visit four major Chinese cities while earning FSU credits. The faculty-led trip is a component of IDIS 350 China in the 21st Century and MGMT 490 Special Topics in Business Administration – Management, which will be offered in the first six-week session of summer 2013. Students will have the option to enroll in either course for three credits, or in both courses for six credits. The application deadline is **Feb. 1, 2013.**

FSU Events Calendar

MONDAY, DEC. 10
Last Day of Classes
Last Day for GRADUATE Students to Remove Incomplete ("I") Grades
Last Day to Withdraw From Classes With "WF"
Residence Hall Association Cool Down With Games.....7 p.m..... Lane 111
Flute Studio and Ensemble Recital .....8 p.m.....PAC Pealer Recital Hall

TUESDAY, DEC. 11
Reading Day
University Store Grad Fair..... 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. .....Lane Manicur Hall
University Store Cap and Gown Pickup (part of Grad Fair) ..... 10 a.m.-3 p.m. .....Lane Manicur Hall
Women's Basketball: Penn State Harrisburg, Middletown, Pa. .....6 p.m.....Away
Men's Basketball: Bethany, Bethany, W.Va.....7 p.m.....Away

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12
Final Exams
University Store Cap and Gown Pickup..... 8 a.m.-5 p.m. ..... Lane 113

THURSDAY, DEC. 13
Final Exams
University Store Cap and Gown Pickup..... 8 a.m.-5 p.m. ..... Lane 113
Blackout Day..... noon-1 p.m. .....Campuswide
President's Holiday Reception ..... 1-4 p.m. .....Lane Manicur Hall
Fireside Chat With Dr. Gibralter ..... 5:30 p.m. .....Cordts Hall of Fame

FRIDAY, DEC. 14
Final Exams
Intersession Course Cancellations
University Store Cap and Gown Pickup.....8 a.m.-4:30 p.m..... Lane 113

SATURDAY, DEC. 15
Common Final Exams
Women's Basketball: Pitt-Greensburg, Greensburg, Pa. .....2 p.m.....Away

SUNDAY, DEC. 16
Reading Day
United Campus Ministry: Finding True North.....6:45-9 p.m. .....Library 237

MONDAY, DEC. 17
Final Exams
University Store Cap and Gown Pickup..... 8 a.m.-5 p.m. ..... Lane 113

TUESDAY, DEC. 18
Final Exams
Residence Halls Close at 7 p.m.
University Store Cap and Gown Pickup.....8 a.m.-2:30 p.m..... Lane 113
Cap and Gown Pickup (before rehearsal) .....3-5:30 p.m. ..... Cordts PE Center

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19
Cap and Gown Pickup ..... noon to 2 p.m. .....Cordts Auxiliary Gym
Commencement
College of Business, College of Education and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.....2 p.m..... Cordts Bobcat Arena

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