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## FSU Officially Opens Center for Communications & Information Technology



Members of the stage party prepare to activate the virtual ribbon cutting of FSU's new Center for Communications and Information Technology. Pictured from left are Katie Morgan, Student Government Association President; Dr. Joann Boughman, University System of Maryland Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Joseph Hoffman, FSU Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; FSU President Jonathan Gibraltar; Md. State Sen. George Edwards; Cumberland City Councilman David Kauffman; Frostburg Mayor Robert Flanigan; and Allegany County Commissioner William Valentine.

FSU's newest academic building, the Center for Communications and Information Technology (CCIT), had its grand opening on Wednesday, Sept. 24, with a virtual version of the traditional ribbon cutting created by FSU faculty and students, in keeping with the building's technological focus.

CCIT, which cost \$71 million, including design, construction and equipment, is home to the disciplines of Computer Science and Information Technologies, Graphic Design, Mass Communication/Communication Studies and Mathematics. Departments are furnished with equipment mirroring what graduates should expect to find in industry. CCIT also houses WFWM, the NPR affiliate radio station; FSU-TV3, the cable TV station; and the Multimedia Learning Center, featuring a planetarium with a live feed to the rooftop observatory.

"The students who study here will learn the high-tech trades they need to help drive our country into the future," said President Jonathan Gibraltar. "I want to thank all of the staff and faculty who worked so hard to turn a dream into reality. I've seen the way their vision, creativity and skills all came together to design this facility. From the ground up, CCIT has been designed to facilitate student learning."

Using iPads, Gibraltar, Md. State Sen. George Edwards, Allegany County Commissioner William Valentine, Frostburg Mayor Robert Flanigan, Cumberland City Councilman David F. Kauffman, Student Government Association President Kathleena M. Morgan and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Joseph Hoffman jointly "cut the ribbon." As each person activated the web application, "scissors" started moving, then the animation launched, cutting through a red ribbon to an image of CCIT.

Additionally, screens throughout the building displayed information about the building and played a film, based on web-cam video, of the former Tawes Hall being demolished and CCIT rising in its place. This video can be viewed at [www.frostburg.edu/ccit/time-lapse-video-demolition-construction](http://www.frostburg.edu/ccit/time-lapse-video-demolition-construction).

Built and designed by a team of companies led by Gilbane Building Co. and Ayers Saint Gross Architects + Planners, the 127,000-square-foot structure sits in the middle of campus where Tawes Hall once stood. The building's technological advantages include industry-standard equipment for disciplines such as Mass Communication and Graphic Design, and the ability to create applications for businesses in Computer Science and Information Technologies.

In addition, CCIT is designed to have a big impact on education but a small one on the environment, from a green roof to the rainwater collection and bio-retention rain garden to the daylight-harvesting lighting system that senses ambient light and adjusts accordingly.

More info about the building and its features can be found at [www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Colleges/CLAS/CCITProfile.pdf](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Colleges/CLAS/CCITProfile.pdf).

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# 2014 Convocation Address

Here's a link to President Gibraltar's 2014 Convocation Address:  
[www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Administration/president/Presidents\\_Fall\\_Convocation\\_9-23-14.pdf](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Administration/president/Presidents_Fall_Convocation_9-23-14.pdf).

It contains updates on a number of topics that are important to everyone in the FSU community.

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## FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance to Present Exciting Season



FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance will present a smorgasbord of action-adventure, ghosts on trial, the sweetest of friendships, audience decision-making, and innovative and expressive dance for its 2014-2015 season, promising a perfect night out for you and your kids, best friend or partner in crime. This year there's something for everyone.

The season kicks off with "She Kills Monsters," an action-packed comedic drama, on **Friday, Oct. 17**, at 7:30 p.m.; **Saturday, Oct. 18**, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. during Homecoming; and **Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 23 to 25**, at 7:30 p.m. In this production, Average Agnes grapples over the tragic fate of her sister Tilly, with whom she had very little in common. While packing up her family home in Athens, Ohio, Agnes stumbles on a Dungeons & Dragons module created by her weird sister, and before long her world is anything but ordinary. With a cohort of Tilly's nerdy friends, Agnes vanquishes evil during a gaming quest for the lost soul of Athens and in the process discovers more than she ever imagined about her sister, as well as herself. Filled with randy ogres, blood-sucking cheerleaders and hostile fairies, "She Kills Monsters" celebrates the D&D warrior and awesome geek within us all. Performances will take place in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre in the Performing Arts Center.

Additional Theatre and Dance productions are as follows:

- The Dance Company's Fall Dance Concert, **Friday, Nov. 14**, and **Saturday, Nov. 15**, at 7:30 p.m., F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre
- "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge," Friday and Saturday, **Dec. 5 and 6**, at 7:30 p.m.; **Sunday, Dec. 7**, at 2 p.m.; **Thursday, Dec. 11**, at 7:30 p.m.; **Friday, Dec. 12**, at 5 p.m.; and **Saturday, Dec. 13**, at 2 p.m., Drama Theatre
- "A Year With Frog and Toad," **Friday, Feb. 27**, at 7 p.m.; **Saturday, Feb. 28**, at 2 and 7 p.m.; **Sunday, March 1**, at 2 p.m.; **Friday, March 6**, at 7 p.m.; and **Sunday, March 8**, at 2 p.m., F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre
- "Romeo & Juliet: Choose Your Own Ending," **Friday, April 17**, at 7:30 p.m.; **Saturday, April 18**, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and **Thursday through Saturday, April 23 to 25**, at 7:30 p.m., Drama Theatre
- The Dance Company's Spring Dance Concert, **Friday, May 8**, and **Saturday, May 9**, at 7:30 p.m., Drama Theatre

Season subscriptions are on sale until **Oct. 25**. For just \$40, Main Stage subscribers receive four tickets (one ticket per show for Main Stage productions). In addition, season subscribers can reserve tickets in advance of the general public. Individual tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$6 for students.

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

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## 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.

## Maryland Symphony Orchestra to Perform Mozart and Mahler at FSU



Pianists Christina and Michelle Naughton

CES at FSU will present the always-popular Maryland Symphony Orchestra when it returns to PAC Pealer Recital Hall for a Masterworks concert on **Friday, Oct. 10**, at 7:30 p.m.

Under the leadership of Musical Director Elizabeth Schulze, this year's performance features two classic masterpieces: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra No. 10 in E-flat Major" and Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No. 1 in D Major."

Guest artists, pianists Christina and Michelle Naughton, will join the orchestra on the Mozart concerto. These remarkable twin sisters have been praised across the world for their talent and technique.

Preceding the performance, through the CES Inspiring Audiences program, Schulze will share details about the evening's musical selections and composers in *Prélude*, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall. This event is open to all ticket holders.

Tickets are \$34 for adults and \$28.90 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](http://ces.frostburg.edu).

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# CES/Alumni Association Present Classic Rock Group Firefall in LIVE! at StarScape Performances for Homecoming Weekend



CES at FSU joins the FSU Alumni Association in celebrating FSU’s Homecoming Weekend by presenting classic rock greats Firefall in two intimate LIVE! at StarScape performances at 7:30 and 10 p.m. on **Friday, Oct. 17**, in Lane Manicur Hall.

Since their debut in 1974, Firefall has captivated classic rock fans with their soaring harmonies, heartfelt showmanship and musical dexterity. Recognized for multiple chart-topping hits, including “You Are the Woman,” “Just Remember I Love You” and “Strange Way,” Firefall has endured as a radio mainstay throughout their 40-year history.

Tickets range from \$30 to \$200 for a VIP Meet and Greet experience.

For info, contact the CES box office at 301-687-3137 or visit CES’ webpage at [ces.frostburg.edu](http://ces.frostburg.edu).

## Faculty/Guest Artist Series: Dr. Jay DeWire, Dr. Yao Shu-Ting, Karen Lu Liu

The FSU Department of Music Faculty/Guest Artist Series will present pianist **Dr. Jay DeWire**, violinist Dr. Yao Shu-Ting and cellist **Karen Lu Liu** on **Saturday, Oct. 4**, at 7:30 p.m.

Featured works will include “Trio élégiaque No. 1” by Sergei Rachmaninov, “Gnomentanz” by David Popper, “Carmem fantasie brillante” by Jenő Hubay and “Piano Trio No.1, Op.49” by Felix Mendelsshon.

## Fiddler Matt Cranitch and Accordionist Jackie Daly to Appear at MCTA



Fiddler Matt Cranitch and accordionist Jackie Daly, legends of the Sliabh Luachra tradition of instrumental music, will appear **Sunday, Oct. 5**, at 5 p.m. at Mountain City Traditional Arts, 25 E Main St. in Frostburg. This event is free and open to the public. (Donations of \$15 are appreciated.)

Sliabh Luachra originated in northwest Cork and east Kerry and provides a very distinctive style of performing and a source of inspiration for both musicians. Cranitch and Daly have toured together many times, releasing their first CD, “The Living Stream,” in 2010, as well as toured the United States in 2011 during the “Imagine Ireland” tour.

For info, contact MCTA at 301-687-8040 or [mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com](mailto:mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com).

## David Lee in Senior Piano Recital

**David Lee** will perform his senior piano recital on **Sunday, Oct. 5**, at 7 p.m.

Lee will perform “Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 851” from “The Well-Tempered Clavier” by Johann Sebastian Bach, “Sonata in F Major, Hob. 23” by Franz Joseph Haydn, “Mazurka in C-sharp Minor, Op. 50, No. 3” and “Nocturne in C-sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 1” by Frederic Francois Chopin, “La catédrale engloutie” by Claude Debussy, “Prelude in B Major, Op. 32, No. 11” and “Prelude in C-sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2” by Sergei Rachmaninov and, for his encore, his own composition, “Festive Marching Children in a Meadow.”

## Wind Ensemble Concert to Feature Music From Around the World

The FSU Wind Ensemble, under the direction of **Philip Klickman**, will play music from around the world at its upcoming concert on **Sunday, Oct. 12**, at 3 p.m. Infused with music from Latin America to Asia, the program will feature classic band literature both old and new, including “Variations on a Korean Folk Song” by John Barnes Chance, “English Folk Song Suite” by Ralph Vaughan Williams and “La Fiesta Mexicana” by H. Owen Reed. Also on the program is “Illinois March” by Edwin Franko Goldman and “October” by Eric Whitacre.

## Grand Mid-Atlantic Fiddle, Banjo and Mandolin Championship

Award-winning bluegrass band the Steep Canyon Rangers will be the headline performers at the 21st anniversary of the Grand Mid-Atlantic Fiddle, Banjo and Mandolin Championship on **Saturday, Oct. 25**, at the Lyric and Palace Theatres in Frostburg. This event is presented by the Cumberland Lions Club in cooperation with Del’s Army and WFWM Public Radio.

The championship will take place in the Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and features contestants in Youth (ages 18 and under), Adult (19 to 54 years old) and Senior (55 and older) categories for each instrument. Trophies and cash are awarded to winners of each category. Youth winners will receive new instruments as prizes, presented by legendary bluegrass fiddler Bobby Hicks. There is no entry charge for contestants or those attending, although donations to the Cumberland Lions Club are appreciated.

Following the competition, the Steep Canyon Rangers and Grand Ole’ Ditch will perform at the Palace Theatre, 31 E. Main St., beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets, required for the evening concert, can be purchased from Main Street Books in Frostburg and the Book Centre in Cumberland or online at [www.midatlanticfiddle.com](http://www.midatlanticfiddle.com).

Proceeds from the contest will go to the Cumberland Lions Club. In addition, donations of canned goods will be collected for the Western Maryland Food Bank.

For info or to receive entry materials for contestants, call 301-724-7976.



## Presentations

### Dr. Nabijan Tursun of Radio Free Asia to Speak on Uyghur People

Dr. Nabijan Tursun will give a talk, “The Great Chess Game: The Uyghurs Between the Russian and Chinese Empires in the Early 20th Century,” **Thursday, Oct. 9**, at 7 p.m. in Dunkle 218.

Tursun is a senior editor of Radio Free Asia, Uyghur service, in Washington, D.C. He is an expert on Central Asia, Russia and China. His research focuses on the Central Asian Uyghurs, a Turkic ethnic minority primarily living in Xinjiang, China.

This event is sponsored by the Martha T. and Ralph M. Race Western History Lecture Series funded through the FSU Foundation under the auspices of the Department of History. Also sponsoring this event are International Studies, the departments of Geography and Political Science and the Center for International Education.

For info, contact Dr. Paul Charney, Department of History, at 301-687-3120, or [pcharney@frostburg.edu](mailto:pcharney@frostburg.edu).

### Fall Academic Enrichment Series

The fall 2014 Academic Enrichment Series, presented by the Academic Success Network, will assist with preparing for life after college, improving your academic skills, building self-confidence and networking skills and learning more about yourself and campus resources.

**Rita Thomas**, an instructional designer in the Department of Instructional Design & Delivery, will present “Getting Familiar With Blackboard” on **Monday, Sept. 29**, at 1 p.m. in CCIT 127A. She will cover the basic features of Blackboard from the student’s perspective, including Minimum System Requirements Check, Discussion Board, Email, Profile, Posts, Updates and My Grades, as well as FSU’s Blackboard web page that includes additional video tutorials for students.

**Amy Shimko**, the director of Student Development for the Center for Advising and Career Services, will speak on “How to Build a Resume” on **Friday, Oct. 3**, at 1 p.m. in Lane 113. This session will highlight a number of basic strategies for building a professional resume.

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

### Indie Lit Festival Brings Writers, Publishers Together

Creative writers have the opportunity to gain valuable resources and skills on **Friday, Oct. 10**, and **Saturday, Oct. 11**, in Frostburg, meeting directly with editors and publishers and learning all about writing and publishing, at the eighth annual Western Maryland Indie Lit Festival. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by FSU’s Center for Creative Writing in partnership with the Allegany County Library System.

Presses include Free State Review, Samsara Magazine, PM Press, Bottom Dog Press, Black Hat/Black Tree Micropress and Cheat River Review.

The event will kick off with a poetry slam on Thursday, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dante’s, 16 W. Main St., open to participants ages 18 and older. This event costs \$2 to attend or participate; proceeds will be divided among the winners.

On Friday, a book reading will take place at Main Street Books beginning at 5:30 p.m., and on Saturday, panels and roundtable discussions will occur all day at various locations on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Panel discussions include Comic Books and Graphic Novels, Food Writing, Ask the Editor, Writing and Spirituality, Writing for Kids of All Ages, Digital Tools for Writers: From Inspiration to Creation to Publication, Publishing 101 and more. Roundtable discussion topics include Mystery, Sci-Fi, the Novel, Poetry and Creative Nonfiction.

A book fair will be hosted throughout the day on Saturday in the Lyric Theatre, and from 5 to 6 p.m., a reception featuring a beer, wine and tapas menu (cash bar) will be in the Lyric Theatre as part of the city of Frostburg’s Arts Walk.

Leading up to the Indie Lit Festival, interviews and info about participating presses and journals will appear on the center’s website. For info, visit [www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter](http://www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter) or contact the center at [cwcenter@frostburg.edu](mailto:cwcenter@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4340.

### Dr. Austin Dacey to Discuss Hobby Lobby Case at Philosophical Forum



As part of FSU’s fall 2014 Philosophical Forum, **Dr. Austin Dacey**, a lecturer in the Department of Philosophy, will give a presentation on “Beyond Religious Freedom: Conscience and the Law After Hobby Lobby” on **Tuesday, Oct. 21**, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232).

In June 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that “closely held” for-profit corporations cannot be required to provide health plans including contraception because this violates owners’ free exercise of religion. This talk presents a legal, philosophical and moral case against special protection of religion and for equal treatment of all claims of conscience.

Dacey, a former NGO (non-governmental organization) representative to the United Nations, is the author of “The Secular Conscience: Why Belief Belongs in Public.” His writings have appeared in the New York Times, USA Today, Salon and Dissent.

For info, contact Dr. Michael Mathias at 301-687-3094 or [mbmathias@frostburg.edu](mailto:mbmathias@frostburg.edu).

# Appalachian Laboratory Fall Seminar Series

Dr. Dong Liang, UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, will present “Bayesian Spatiotemporal Modeling for Sensor Calibration and Optimal Spatial Sampling for Environmental Monitoring” on **Thursday, Oct. 2**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. For info, go to [www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule](http://www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule).

## Film

### ‘Pink Ribbons, Inc.’ to Be Screened at FSU

**Pink Ribbons, Inc.** October is breast cancer awareness month. Join the Women’s Studies Program at FSU and Breast Cancer Action for a screening of the film “Pink Ribbons, Inc.” on **Thursday, Oct. 2**, at 6:30 p.m. in Compton 327. A discussion and Q&A will be led by Donna Kaufman, breast cancer survivor-turned-activist-turned-lobbyist. This event is free and open to the public.

“Pink Ribbons, Inc.” is a hard-hitting documentary that pulls back the pink curtain to reveal why mainstream approaches to ending the breast cancer epidemic are failing.

For info, contact Dr. Julie Hartman-Linck, coordinator of the Women’s Studies Program, at 301-687-3198 or [jehartman@frostburg.edu](mailto:jehartman@frostburg.edu).

## Workshops

### ‘Robert’s (and Roberta’s) Rules of Order’ Dinner Workshop to Be Held Oct. 1 Will Emphasize Assertiveness and Collaboration Skills

A workshop titled “Robert’s and Roberta’s Rules of Order” will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 1**, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). This dinner workshop will feature an overview of Robert’s Rules of Order with interactive role playing and a discussion about how the rules can be abused or best used to support organizational functioning and collaboration. The goal of the workshop is to help colleagues, regardless of gender, learn assertiveness strategies that communicate a culture of open and transparent organizational functioning rather than dominance. Guest facilitator **Lacie Ashby**, an FSU alumna who does parliamentary work as an agent for 4-H Youth Development for Allegany County ([www.agnr.umd.edu/directory/Bio.cfm?ID=lashby](http://www.agnr.umd.edu/directory/Bio.cfm?ID=lashby)), will lead the session.

This event is open to all campus members. Representatives of Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, department chairs, division leaders and student organization leaders are encouraged to attend. Co-sponsors of this event include the Communication Studies, Leadership Studies, Women’s Studies and Philosophy academic programs, the Office of Student Activities and Greek Life, Faculty Senate and SGA.

For info, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, co-chair of the Department of Mass Communication and Communication Studies and associate professor of Communication Studies, at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu) or x4480. Be sure to reply by **Monday, Sept. 29**, if you plan to come to reserve a spot in this workshop.

### FSU, Frostburg Grows Workshop on High-Tunnel Greenhouse Construction



A hands-on, high-tunnel greenhouse construction workshop will be held at FSU in early October for those interested in building such a structure. The classroom session, on **Friday, Oct. 3**, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Compton 237, will cover the types of high tunnels, construction methods and typical modifications. On **Saturday, Oct. 4**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Frostburg Grows site, participants will help with the construction of a basic high tunnel.

In addition to assisting with the construction of a typical high tunnel, participants will be able to see firsthand many modifications that are being used at the Frostburg Grows site. Frostburg Grows is a unique and innovative five-acre food and native plant nursery production, demonstration and teaching facility. The facility is unique in that it is being constructed on a reclaimed strip mine site.

This event is sponsored by Frostburg Grows and the University of Maryland Extension – Garrett County.

For info or to register for the workshop, contact Willie Lantz at the Garrett County office of the University of Maryland Extension at 301-334-6960. There is a \$25 fee that can be paid at the time of the workshop.

## Points of Pride

### FSU Honors Three With Staff Awards for Excellence



President Gibraltar presents the Staff Awards for Excellence to Blair Knouse, Linda Lewis and Alan “Ike” Eichhorn.

FSU honored three outstanding employees, **Blair Knouse**, **Linda Lewis** and **Alan “Ike” Eichhorn**, at its recent Fall Convocation. The annual Staff Awards for Excellence recognize outstanding service to the institution, and the recipients are nominated and chosen by their colleagues. This year’s award winners have a combined 51 years of service to FSU.

Knouse was honored in the Exempt (salaried) employee category. He began his career at FSU in 2013 as the Chemistry Department’s lab manager and has become a valuable asset to the department because of his efficiency and the time he takes to listen to others. His attention to detail ensures that the proper equipment and supplies are purchased and maintained. On campus, Knouse is the advisor for the Music Department’s Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity. Off campus, he serves as president of the Frostburg Arion Band and plays the flute in the band. Knouse’s commitment to the development of FSU’s students through his dedicated service to the Chemistry Department, coupled with his on- and off-campus activities, showcases his exemplary service to the campus and community.

Lewis, who has been a dedicated FSU employee for the past 15 years, was honored in the category of Non-exempt (hourly) employee. She is the executive administrative assistant for the Office of the Dean in the College of Education, where she is diligent, thoughtful and prompt in responding to the needs of the office and an invaluable resource in its day-to-day operations. Concerned for the well-being of FSU’s students, Lewis organizes events such as a “hat, scarf and mitten drive” during the cold Frostburg winter season. Dedication to the well-being of others, along with her high standards of professionalism, clearly highlights her service at FSU.

Eichhorn was recognized under the Non-exempt employee/facilities-maintenance category and has been employed at FSU for 34 years, the past 18 as a locksmith. He has opened doors in every building on the FSU campus, even installing brand-new locks and issuing the first keys for FSU’s newest facilities. Devoted to community service, Eichhorn volunteered on a missions trip to Haiti after a devastating earthquake in 2010. Over the years, he has served his church in various capacities, been a member of the Frostburg Fire Department and assisted as a “searcher” with the Western Maryland Crime Scene Investigators under the direction of the Maryland State Police. Eichhorn has gone above and beyond in his efforts and sets a great example for others.

Award recipients are given a plaque, a certificate commemorating their dedication and a monetary award. Staff Awards for Excellence are funded by the FSU Foundation’s Annual Fund Campaign.

For info, contact the FSU Office of Human Resources at 301-687-4105.

## Music Education Students Teach Dulcimer at Appalachian Festival



At FSU’s Appalachian Festival on Sept. 20, five music education students, along with **Dr. Rebecca Birnie**, a lecturer in the Department of Music, led a hands-on workshop where participants learned to play the Appalachian dulcimer, a stringed folk instrument known for its simplicity in playing and user-friendliness for beginners of all ages. Students worked with adults and children in learning to play and sing classic American folk songs. The students included **Heather Wahl, Sierra Green, Kyrsta King, Catey Mayhew** and **Charlie Engleka**.

## FSU @ USMH Holds Welcome Back Event

FSU at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown held a Welcome Back event on Sept. 10 and 11. Visiting Hagerstown for this special event were **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**, dean of the College of Business at FSU, and **Dr. Michael Monahan**, chair of the Department of Management and an associate professor in that department. Instructors and students attended from all FSU programs in Hagerstown.

## Take Note

### Attention Current and Prospective Leaders on Campus!



Join LEAD – Learn, Empower, Act, Develop – on **Tuesday, Sept. 30**, for the general body meeting at 6:30 p.m. in CCIT 156 to learn more about this new leadership organization, meet new people, get inspired to create positive change and develop smart goals for yourself this semester.

For info, contact Clarissa Lang at [calang@frostburg.edu](mailto:calang@frostburg.edu).

## Brownsville Dedication to Honor Frostburg’s African-American Community



The state of Maryland and the city of Frostburg will honor the Brownsville community of Frostburg at a dedication ceremony hosted by FSU on **Saturday, Oct. 11**, at 1 p.m. on the Upper Quad. The event is free and open to the public.

Brownsville was the African-American community established in 1866 in the city of Frostburg. It was located where the FSU campus now stands.

Lynn Bowman, the author of “Being Black in Brownsville,” Frostburg Mayor W. Robert Flanigan and descendants of the original families will speak at the event. Guided tours of the area will be provided by FSU student tour guides.

Bowman’s book on Brownsville will be available for purchase and all funds raised will be donated to the Bernard Wynder Legacy Fund, which provides funding for the FSU Diversity Center’s initiatives.

For info, contact Dr. Amy Branam Armiento at 301-687-4293.

## Flu Vaccines Available Oct. 1

You can protect yourself from the influenza virus this winter with a simple flu shot! Health Center flu vaccine clinics will be held on **Oct. 1** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lane Center 111 (cash or check only) and on **Oct. 2** from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Brady Health Center (cash, check, Bobcat or Bursar bill). Be sure to wear short sleeves. No appointment is necessary and the cost is

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\$10. If you're under the age of 18, parental consent is required. Contact the Brady Health Center at 301-687-4310 for info or if you are unable to attend one of these walk-in clinics.

## FSU Nothing But Nets Campaign Aims to Help Wipe Out Malaria in Africa

This is the final year of a three-year Nothing But Nets commitment at FSU to help defeat malaria in Africa. This year's campaign will run **through October**. FSU's Fellowship of Christian Athletes, through the Intermural program, will kick off the event with a Nothing But Nets Basketball Tournament on **Saturday, Oct. 4**, in the Cordts PE Center main gym. The deadline to sign up a team of five or more (up to 10) through the Intermural website is **Wednesday, Oct 1**. The donation is \$2 per person. Teams can be co-ed.

The campaign focuses on:

- Prevention: Distributing insecticide-treated bed nets (Nothing But Nets) and working to drain standing water where mosquitoes breed
- Education: Teaching people in rural areas how to protect themselves from mosquitoes and identify early symptoms of malaria
- Treatment: Improving existing hospitals and clinics, training community health workers and providing life-saving medicines

Malaria is preventable and treatable. Just \$10 buys a net that can sleep four people and protect them. In Rwanda alone, after bed nets and medication were distributed, the under-five child mortality rate decreased by 66 percent within two years.

Talk to your group(s) or department about participation (e.g., hold a fundraiser or take a member collection). Money is due by **Friday, Oct. 31**, to Chaplain Cindy Zirlott's office in Hitchins 308. All groups and departments that participate will appear in The Bottom Line with the report of FSU's efforts.

## Save the Date for the Benefits Fair

FSU will host a state of Maryland Benefits Fair on **Tuesday, Oct. 7**, from 9 a.m. to noon in Lane Manicur Hall. This event is open to all state of Maryland employees and retirees.

For info, contact Lee Ann Nightingale, benefits manager, at 301-687-4398.

## Annual Diversity Retreat

The 16th Annual Diversity Retreat will be held from 4 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 24**, through 1 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 26**. Offered by the Black Student Alliance, the Student Government Association, the Diversity Center and the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, this year's theme is "Building Community: One for All/All for One." The retreat will include workshops on diversity and other related activities intended to promote student awareness and empowerment in diversity issues, coalition building and social justice.

Participants are challenged and empowered to explore their experiences and feelings about their own groups as well as the groups to which others belong. Skill training and action planning are included so that the participants return to campus prepared to become part of the work of creating and maintaining a warm, welcoming environment at FSU.

Former participants are welcome; however, the participation of new students is strongly encouraged. This is an excellent opportunity to spend quality time with students from various identity groups to develop relationships and understandings that reach beyond the surface.

Applications will be available in the Diversity Center, in Hitchins 126, **Oct. 1 through 10**. All completed applications must be submitted by **Oct. 10**. Participation is limited and there is a selection process based on info provided in the application. Applicants are advised to submit a thoughtful response to the paragraph prompt. Those selected to participate will be required to complete additional forms to confirm their commitment to attend and participate.

All faculty and staff members are encouraged to promote this program to their students and consider making participation in this retreat an option for class assignments, as appropriate.

For info, contact Robin Wynder at 301-687-4050.

## 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 9 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](mailto:mhkentrus@frostburg.edu), or Tonnisha Rodgers at [tmrodgers02@frostburg.edu](mailto:tmrodgers02@frostburg.edu).

## Frostburg Science Discovery Center Hosting Science Sundays

The Frostburg Science Discovery Center will host Science Sundays at 5 p.m. every Sunday. For September the presentations will be on "Animals of the Night." The presentation will take place after the first planetarium show hosted by **Dr. Bob Doyle** at 4 p.m. in the CCIT building (and before the second one at 6 p.m.). The Science Discovery Center is on the first floor of the Compton Science Center. For info, email [FSDC@frostburg.edu](mailto:FSDC@frostburg.edu), call 301-687-4723 or go to [www.frostburg.edu/fsdc](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsdc).



# 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, 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. The number of tickets will be determined at a later date, based on how many students are graduating.

Complete your graduation application in PAWS now and check that your mailing address is accurate so you'll receive all the necessary upcoming info.

## Get Involved

### S.A.F.E. Office & BURG Peer Education Network Activities



**Bobby Petrocelli, Thursday, Oct. 23**, 7 p.m., Lane Manicur Hall. This will be Petrocelli's 13th appearance at FSU. More than an impaired-driving education event, his program teaches students that 10 seconds can change a life forever.

**The Girls' Room, Monday, Nov. 17**, 7 p.m. Lane Atkinson Room (232). This interactive workshop, complete with tips, demonstrations, and more, empowers college-aged female students with the tools they need to be successful in making a move toward a healthier lifestyle.

### Upcoming UCM Events

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

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

#### Special Events

**Twilight Retreat, Friday, Oct 3**, 3:30 to 10 p.m. Twilight retreats are short retreats, a time to de-stress from campus life and pray as you walk through fall woods, enjoy a sunset and watch the stars appear. Campfire stories and singing, and s'mores for dessert, follow a picnic dinner. The retreat is free for any in the FSU community, but for transportation and food preparation, the registration deadline is **Monday, Sept. 29**, at [www.unitedcampusministryatfsu.org/event\\_registration](http://www.unitedcampusministryatfsu.org/event_registration).

#### Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities

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

**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.

**Faculty and Staff Reading Group**. A reading/discussion group for faculty and staff will be offered again this year. More info will follow about the books, dates and time.

## Internships

Students interested in a spring 2015 **Sociology Internship** should contact Dr. John McMullen by **Friday, Oct. 3**, at 301-687-3162 or [jmcmullen@frostburg.edu](mailto:jmcmullen@frostburg.edu).

## FSU-TV3

### Last Call for In-Studio Auditions for FSU-TV3 Talk Shows!

Studio auditions will determine who will be the on-camera talent for two shows that FSU-TV3 produces: The "Bobcast" sports talk show and a student-oriented show hosted by President Gibraltar called "The Frostburg Experience."

The test date will be **Tuesday, Sept. 30**, from 4 to 6 p.m. in CCIT 325, the video control room for the TV studio. Note that you must make an appointment by 3 p.m. on that day to test.

For info or to make an appointment, email FSU-TV3 at [FSU-TV3@frostburg.edu](mailto:FSU-TV3@frostburg.edu).

FSU-TV3, the campus cable channel viewed on Comcast channel 3, is on Facebook and Twitter. To see what's developing with shows and at the channel, go to [www.facebook.com/FSUTV3](http://www.facebook.com/FSUTV3) or <https://twitter.com/fsutv3>.



## Study Abroad

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



Devin Francillon in Morocco (fall 2013)

The Center for International Education offers various ways for FSU students to see the world. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester or a year in Ireland, England, Spain, France, China, Italy, Australia, Peru, South Africa or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships can help fund a study abroad experience. For info on programs or scholarships, visit the Fuller House (across the street from the Braddock House), call 301-687-4714 or email Victoria Gearhart at [vmgearhart@frostburg.edu](mailto:vmgearhart@frostburg.edu). Also, check out the CIE website at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm). Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your resume!

#### Northumbria University, England, Spring 2015

Students can study in England for a semester or a full year. Tuition and fees are paid to FSU while room and board are paid to Northumbria University. Courses will transfer back to FSU with prior approval. Check out the university at [www.northumbria.ac.uk](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk).

#### 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 use New Zealand as a case study to examine cultural perspectives on the three pillars of sustainability: environment, social equity and economics. Students will travel to many of the stunning national parks, forests, wildlife reserves and coastlines of New Zealand 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**. For info, contact Dr. Natalia Buta at [nbuta@frostburg.edu](mailto:nbuta@frostburg.edu).

## Student Life

### It's Not Too Early to Start Looking for Housing for 2015-16!

Edgewood Commons has availability for the 2015-16 academic year! All the info about Edgewood Commons is available at [www.edgewoodFSU.com](http://www.edgewoodFSU.com).

Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms.

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

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

## 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.

### Prevent Slips, Trips and Falls!



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- **Shorten your stride and make wider turns on wet surfaces.**
  - **Walk more slowly so you can react to traction changes.**
  - **Wear slip-resistant footwear.**
  - **Keep both hands free for balance rather than in your pockets.**
  - **Look where you are going!**
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3. Increase student quality and improve student persistence to graduation.

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