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## FSU Theatre and Dance Presents Rollicking Seasonal Line-Up



FSU student dancer Alexandra Stewart

FSU's Department of Theatre and Dance will bring audiences a colorful collection of murder mystery, justice on trial, culturally eclectic holidays and playwrights challenging the scope of their art in the 2015-2016 season.

The season kicks off with Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," a thrilling production from one of the world's foremost mystery writers. Shortly after Mollie and Giles Ralston welcome an eccentric group of visitors to their guest house in the English countryside, news of a nearby murder casts a dark shadow over the weekend, and a snowstorm ends any plans to escape. As the snow grows deeper, so does the mystery. Secrets from the past cause a flurry. Another murder takes place. Everyone is a suspect, and in this deadly game of cat-and-mouse, only one of them knows the rules. Performances will take place in the Drama Theatre in the Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on **Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17**, and **Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 22 to 24**, with a 2 p.m. matinee on **Saturday, Oct. 17**.

- Fall Dance Concert, **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14**, 7:30 p.m., F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre
- "Coney Island Christmas," **Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5**, and **Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 10 to 12**, 7:30 p.m., and **Sundays, Dec. 6 and 13**, 2 p.m., Drama Theatre
- "To Kill a Mockingbird," **Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27**, and **Thursday through Saturday, March 3 to 5**, 7:30 p.m., and **Saturday, Feb. 27**, 2 p.m., Drama Theatre
- "[title of show]," **Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16**, and **Thursday through Saturday, April 21 to 23**, 7:30 p.m., and **Saturday, April 16**, 2 p.m., F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre
- Spring Dance Concert, **Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7**, 7:30 p.m., Drama Theatre

Season subscriptions are available **until Oct. 24**. For \$40, Main Stage subscribers receive four tickets (one ticket per show for Main Stage productions). In addition, Main Stage subscribers can reserve tickets in advance of the general public and may purchase tickets to the Fall and Spring Dance Concerts at student rates. 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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Interim President Tom Bowling  
Cordially Invites  
The Frostburg State University Community To  
**FALL CONVOCATION**  
Tuesday, September 29, 2015  
3:30 p.m.  
Pealer Recital Hall  
Performing Arts Center

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## Music

### Student Activities and CES Present Kellylee Evans in First On the EDGE Performance



The On the EDGE series at FSU will present soulful singer and songwriter Kellylee Evans on **Thursday, Oct. 1**, at 8:15 p.m. in the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall in FSU's Lane University Center.

Soul, pop, hip-hop and jazz unite in Evans' magnetic performances. With a style that conjures the spirit of Nina Simone, her irresistibly original sound is simultaneously fresh and retro. In 2011 she received the Juno Award for Best Jazz Vocal Album. Jazz Review praised her this way: "Try to put singer/songwriter Kellylee Evans into any one musical category and marvel as she effortlessly soars over, under, dances around or bursts through it. Her electric, eclectic vibe is a heady brew of jazz, soul, blues, Caribbean and more."

On the EDGE is an exciting new underground club series presented as a collaboration between FSU Student Activities and CES at FSU. The series features cutting-edge performers who stretch the boundaries of their art forms. Patrons will enjoy informal table seating, comfortable couch and armchair seating, snacks and beverage options and are encouraged to stay after the show as the venue transitions into the relaxed social environment of The After Room.

On the EDGE tickets are \$15 and may be ordered by calling 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137 or by visiting [ces.frostburg.edu](http://ces.frostburg.edu).

### MSO, Featuring Spanish Violinist Francisco Fullana, to Perform Masterpieces of Tchaikovsky and Sibelius



CES at FSU will present the always-popular Maryland Symphony Orchestra when it returns to the FSU Performing Arts Center Pealer Recital Hall for a Masterworks concert on **Friday, Oct. 9**, at 7:30 p.m.

Under the leadership of Musical Director Elizabeth Schulze, this year's performance will feature two classic masterpieces. Tchaikovsky's "Violin Concerto in D Major, Opus 35" is considered one of the most demanding works for the violin virtuoso. Jean Sibelius' "Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Opus 43," featuring surging melodies and glowing orchestration, is often regarded as the Finnish composer's most popular symphony.

Joining MSO is award-winning Spanish violinist Francisco Fullana, an emerging superstar who has performed in many of the great concert halls throughout Europe and the United States. A graduate of Juilliard, Fullana has amassed multiple international awards for his exuberant musicianship. His recent accolades include first prizes at the prestigious 2014 Brahms International Violin Competition in Austria and the 2015 Menetsugu International Violin Competition in Japan.

Preceding the performance, through the CES Inspiring Audiences program, Schulze will meet with ticket holders for a Prélude session during which she will share details about the evening's musical selections. Prélude begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Pealer Recital Hall.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$29.75 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' web page at [ces.frostburg.edu](http://ces.frostburg.edu).

## Readings

### FSU to Host Banned Books Reading 'Celebrating the Freedom to Read'



Commemorating the books and their authors who have pushed boundaries for freedom of speech and press, FSU will have an evening dedicated to reading books deemed too controversial and therefore banned or challenged. The English Honors Society Sigma Tau Delta, the Department of English and the Lewis J. Ort Library at FSU will host the event **Tuesday, Oct. 6**, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the Ort Library.

The reading is held in conjunction with the American Library Association's Annual Banned Book Week:

“Celebrating the Freedom to Read.”

All attendants are encouraged to read a selection if interested. Examples of some challenged books include “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” by Sherman Alexie, “The Kite Runner” by Khaled Hosseini and “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” by Stephen Chbosky.

For info, or if interested in reading at the event, contact Dr. Mary Anne Lutz of FSU’s Department of English at [mlutz@frostburg.edu](mailto:mlutz@frostburg.edu) or Dr. Lea Messman-Mandicott of the Ort Library at [lmessman@frostburg.edu](mailto:lmessman@frostburg.edu).

Theatre

FSU Center for Literary Arts Presents One-Act Play Festival

The FSU Center for Literary Arts, formerly the Center for Creative Writing, will host its sixth annual One-Act Play Festival on **Friday, Sept. 25, and Saturday, Sept. 26**, at the Palace Theater in Frostburg. The festival showcases the top three winning plays of the 2015 One-Act Playwriting Competition with a full performance of the first-place play and staged readings of the second- and third-place plays. Performances will start at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

“Fifty Miles Away” by Jason Tinney of Frederick, Md., and Holly Morse-Ellington of Baltimore is the winner of the One-Act Playwriting Competition. The second-place play is “Death and the Psychiatrist” by James Hutchison of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and third place is “The Missed Connections Club” by Harold Taw and Chris Jeffries of Seattle, Wash.

In “Fifty Miles Away,” Jack and Leeann, two strangers driving south on I-95, meet at a rest stop outside Richmond, Va. Jack, a rugged cowboy type, and Leeann, a quirky soul, are rootless tumbleweeds who discover common ground during a brief conversation at the rest stop picnic table. Intrigued by each other, they agree to continue meeting at designated rest stops where they exchange cigarettes and bourbon, humor and heartache. As the time spent behind the wheel and the summer heat intensify, Jack and Leeann question which direction to turn and for which destination.

“Death and the Psychiatrist” is about Mortimer Graves, who shows up at psychiatrist Dr. Donna Thompson’s office claiming to be the Grim Reaper. The good doctor simply assumes that Mortimer is under the delusion that he is death. Although Mortimer says he is there to escort Thompson to the other side, the doctor convinces Mortimer that he should go into therapy to help him deal with his loneliness and emotional issues. With the doctor’s help, Mortimer confronts his emotional issues, and Thompson, with Mortimer’s help, re-evaluates her life priorities.

In “The Missed Connections Club,” a young nurse persuades a wistful retired teacher to cast a message in a bottle into the digital ocean of Craigslist “Missed Connections” ads in hopes of reuniting with a should-have-been love from 30 years ago.

Tickets for the performances cost \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and can be purchased at the Center for Literary Arts and Main Street Books in Frostburg and at the Allegany Arts Council at 9 N. Centre St. in Cumberland.

For info, contact the Center for Literary Arts at [cla@frostburg.edu](mailto:cla@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4340, or visit the center’s web page at [www.frostburg.edu/cla](http://www.frostburg.edu/cla).

Presentations

Dr. Tom Serfass to Speak on Wildlife Conservation at FSDC



The Frostburg Science Discovery Center will present **Dr. Tom Serfass**, chair of FSU’s Department of Biology and Natural Resources, on **Tuesday, Sept. 22**, at 7 p.m. at the center on the first floor of Compton. Serfass will give a talk titled “Wildlife Conservation in East Africa: From Spotted-Necked Otters to African Elephants” and share stories and insights about African wildlife and his 10 years working with the Tanzania National Park Service. The event is free and open to the public.

For info, visit [www.frostburg.edu/fsdc](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsdc) or call 301-687-4723.

‘A Mathematical Approach to Bargaining’ by Dr. Anthony Dukes



The Department of Mathematics will host Dr. Anthony Dukes on **Wednesday, Sept. 23**, at 7 p.m. in room 156 of the Gira Center. In a presentation titled “A Mathematical Approach to Bargaining,” Dukes will discuss the late John Nash’s solution to the bargaining problem and present several interesting applications related to problems in business, economics, political science and everyday life. Nash was profiled in the film “A Beautiful Mind.” The presentation is free and open to the public.

Dukes is an associate professor of marketing at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and a visiting scholar at Humboldt University in Berlin. In his research, he applies game theory to understand firms’ marketing strategies, particularly as it applies to pricing, retail and distribution channels, and antitrust.

For info, contact Dr. Marc Michael at [mmichael@frostburg.edu](mailto:mmichael@frostburg.edu).

Academic Enrichment Series – Academic Strategies

**Dr. Marc Michael**, an associate professor in the Mathematics Department, will give a presentation, “How to Be a Successful Student,” on **Monday, Sept. 21**, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Lane 110. This session will highlight a number of strategies for achieving success in college and what it takes to be an effective student.

**Kevin Knott**, an assistant professor in the English Department, will speak about “Preventing Plagiarism” on **Wednesday, Sept.**

**23**, from 3 to 4 p.m. in room 127A of the Gira Center. Plagiarism is the number one form of academic misconduct. In this workshop, motivations for plagiarism, the types that occur most frequently and simple tactics to deter students from making choices that lead to dishonesty will be highlighted.

**Dr. Kevin Simonson**, staff psychologist and counselor, Counseling and Psychological Services, will present “Text Anxiety Workshop” on **Thursday, Sept. 24**, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Lane 113. Come learn effective techniques to reduce test anxiety.

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

## Appalachian Laboratory Fall Seminar Series

**Dr. Thomas Serfass**, chair of FSU’s Department of Biology and Natural Resources and an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science at the Appalachian Laboratory, will present “River Otters as Flagships for Aquatic Conservation: Why This Approach Doesn’t Fit the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation” on **Thursday, Sept. 24**, 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).

## Visual Arts

### Works by Gallery Owner Jordan Faye Block on Display at Roper Gallery



FSU’s Department of Visual Arts will host an exhibit featuring the works of Jordan Faye Block **through September** in the University’s Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery. It is open Sundays through Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Block graduated from the Maryland Institute College of Art in 2005 and decided to open the Jordan Faye Contemporary gallery after noticing the discomfort her fellow student artists had marketing and promoting their work. Founded in 2006 in the Bromo Arts District of Baltimore, the gallery showcases the work of early to mid-career artists and offers arts consulting, workshops, residencies and open-call exhibitions through its program THRIVE.

For info, contact the Department of Visual Arts at 301-687-4797.

## Points of Pride

### FSU’s Master’s in Education Among Top 50 Best Value Residential Programs



TopMastersInEducation.com, an online independent guide to earning a master’s in education degree, recently ranked FSU number 28 of the 50 top schools that offer residential master’s in education degree programs in the United States for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Schools and programs were evaluated based on publicly available information about accreditation, academic quality, student satisfaction, reputation in the field and cost. TopMastersInEducation.com Best Value rankings were designed to help prospective students make a smart choice about where to invest their time and money in earning their degree.

The ranking is based on full-time enrollment cost of attendance at public four-year colleges or universities. The cost of attendance is based on room and board, tuition, fees, books and transportation for in-state full-time graduate students living on campus who will start the program in fall 2015. TopMastersInEducation.com calculated the cost of attendance for in-state students of FSU’s master’s in education at \$21,000.

For info about the award and to view the ranking in its entirety, visit [www.topmastersineducation.com/rankings/best-masters-in-education](http://www.topmastersineducation.com/rankings/best-masters-in-education). For info about FSU’s Master of Education program, call FSU’s Office of Graduate Services at 301-687-7053 or visit [www.frostburg.edu/grad](http://www.frostburg.edu/grad).

### Sierra Magazine Names FSU a ‘Cool School’ for Fourth Straight Year

FSU has been included for the fourth consecutive year in Sierra magazine’s annual ranking of the nation’s “Cool Schools,” which recognizes significant efforts by U.S. colleges to operate in an ecologically sustainable manner.

FSU was ranked 101 out of 153 higher education institutions across America that are on the 2015 Cool Schools list. The annual ranking is designed as a guide for prospective students, allowing them to compare colleges based on institutional commitments to environmentalism, and it encourages institutions to raise eco-standards on campus. To view the full 2015 Cool Schools list, visit [www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2015-5-september-october/cool-schools-2015/full-ranking](http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2015-5-september-october/cool-schools-2015/full-ranking).

To learn more about FSU’s focus on sustainability, visit [www.frostburg.edu/lglg](http://www.frostburg.edu/lglg) or the “Learning Green, Living Green at FSU (LGLG)” Facebook Page at [facebook.com/frostburglglg](https://facebook.com/frostburglglg), or email [lglg@frostburg.edu](mailto:lglg@frostburg.edu).

### FSU Student’s Murals Gracing Walls Throughout Frostburg



FSU student **Parris Ashley**, who is painting the mural on a billboard on Broadway in Frostburg, is also responsible for murals at the Frostburg pool and other locations.

An FSU art student has become a one-man mural mogul, transforming surfaces in the city of Frostburg, with the latest being a large billboard on Broadway depicting some of Frostburg’s highlights. Two other students will soon join him in leaving their marks on the ‘Burg.

**Parris Ashley** has transformed the Frostburg Community Pool building, spruced up a fence at Bar Monkey with a nature scene and is hard at work on a large billboard in a city-owned parking lot at 19 S. Broadway.

His Broadway mural design, the first major public art installation in Frostburg’s central business district, features church spires, Failingers’s Hotel Gunter, mountains, red-white-and-blue birds, a steam engine train, the FSU Clock Tower and other familiar scenes around the ‘Burg.

Ashley’s mural is one of three art projects in the works. The others will be figures representing different genres and themes in literature that will grace the Frostburg Public Library’s brick columns, designed by student **Shea Crumbley** and scheduled to be installed by spring 2016. Student **Eric Groff** designed robots that are expected to pop up in inconspicuous spots on several downtown buildings this fall.

**Jamison Odone**, an assistant professor in the Department of Visual Arts and Ashley, went in front of the Frostburg Historic District Commission in the spring to gain unanimous approval for the public art projects.

Ashley’s murals at the Frostburg Community Pool and Bar Monkey are not part of the project, but they show his dedication to beautifying Frostburg. Ashley painted a beach and jungle scene on the Frostburg pool building this year, as a follow-up to a previously completed mural that swimmers can enjoy from the inside.

## FSU Student Completes Capitol Hill Internship



**Taylor Schmitz, right, with Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin**

**Taylor Schmitz’s** eye-opening experience as a Capitol Hill intern this summer made the FSU student eager to follow his passion for politics, thanks to the opportunity from the J. Glenn Beall Institute for Public Affairs.

“You can only learn so much from a textbook, no matter how much you read,” said Schmitz, a Mount Airy resident. “There’s only so much you can learn before you can get to Capitol Hill and see what happens

behind the scenes.”

Schmitz double majors in political science and criminal justice at FSU. In Washington, he did everything from calling constituents and reading over legislation to attending committee hearings for Republican Congressman Bill Posey, whose Florida district includes Cape Canaveral. He also met Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin following a House Ways and Means Committee hearing.

## FSU Student Performance at Parapan American Games Highlighted in Frederick News-Post

FSU student **Zach Shattuck** found himself in the spotlight of the Frederick News-Post after his stunning performance at the Parapan American Games in Toronto last month. Shattuck contributed to Team USA’s record haul of 135 medals when he won a silver relay medal and a bronze individual medal in the swimming competitions.

Amazingly, Shattuck earned the medals in only his second-ever major international swimming meet. He also has more competitions ahead of him. The event is considered a major stepping stone to the 2016 Paralympic Games, which are scheduled next summer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Read more about Shattuck’s performance from the News-Post’s at <http://bit.ly/10tQK00>.

## These Hands Don’t Haze!



FSU sophomore **Nicole Amos**, Greek Council Standards chairman, is hard at work planning the program, “These Hands Don’t Haze,” an annual event sponsored by the Greek Council to spread awareness of hazing during a week in September. The FSU event will run **Sept. 21 through 25** in the Lane University Center and is designed to teach others how to recognize hazing and counteract it.

“The biggest thing that I want out of this event is unifying the Greek community even more than we already are. I think that’s the main goal of the Greek Council this year – just showing that we all are against the same thing, [hazing],” Amos said.

Amos is also a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, a sorority dedicated to serving the community.

## Take Note

### FSU Veterans Services Office Now Open



**FSU Veterans Services Coordinator Danielle Dabrowski shows off some of the features of the University’s new Veterans Center on University Drive.**

Student military service members and veterans have a new place to call home at FSU.

The FSU Veterans Center is now open on University Drive in front of Sand Spring Hall, where it previously maintained an office. The new Veterans Center is home to the Veterans Services Office and the Student Veterans of America organization.

FSU has 176 veterans, military personnel or dependents of veterans who are receiving military education benefits. That

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represents a 24 percent increase since the 2014-15 academic year. Because of FSU's dedication to veterans and active duty military, the University has been recognized as a Military Friendly School for four consecutive years by G.I. Jobs Magazine.

The office, headed by **Danielle Dabrowski**, FSU Veterans Services coordinator, provides an array of services to student veterans and dependents of veterans. These include ensuring that they are receiving the appropriate benefits, academic advising, connecting them to counseling, advocating for their rights and acting as a liaison with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Five students contracted through Veterans Affairs also help staff the center.

The center features a lounge area for student veterans to relax, a kitchen, a study area and a fenced yard where veterans and their service animals can unwind. Furniture inside the center was donated by the campus community.

Interior renovations occurred in the summer and exterior renovations are being planned for the building and fenced yard. An open house will be announced at a later date.

The Veterans Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Walk-in office hours for the Veterans Service Office for the fall semester will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Appointments for other days and times are available by calling 301-687-4409 or emailing [dlldabrowski@frostburg.edu](mailto:dlldabrowski@frostburg.edu).

In addition to being home to the FSU Student Veterans of America chapter, FSU is home to a SALUTE chapter, which is the first national higher education honor society established for student veterans and military service members.

The Veterans Service Office is also performing community and alumni outreach with veterans through fundraisers and programs.

The Veterans Service Office is inviting FSU alumni who are veterans to read names of veterans, active duty members and deceased veterans during the National Roll Call ceremony on Veterans Day, **Wednesday, Nov. 11**, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room. A travelling Vietnam War Memorial is also scheduled to be at the Lane Center **from Dec. 17 through 21**.

Also, American Legion Post 24 and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Frostburg are offering membership deals to FSU student veterans and military service members.

For info about services to military and veteran students and their dependents at FSU, Contact the FSU Veterans Services Office at 301-687-4409 or [VAoffice@frostburg.edu](mailto:VAoffice@frostburg.edu).

## FSU to Offer Bachelor of Science in Engineering With Cecil College

FSU has partnered with Cecil College to offer a collaborative 2+2 Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Materials Engineering concentration, at the Cecil College Campus in North East, Md., starting with the fall 2015 semester.

Students will complete the first 65 credits of the program at Cecil College and other nearby two-year colleges, including Chesapeake and Harford Community College. FSU will offer the remaining 55 credits of the program on site at Cecil's North East campus and through distance learning. Classes at Cecil will be held in the new Engineering and Math Building, a green facility that was designed to facilitate technologically enhanced learning methods.

The existing engineering programs at FSU are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, which is the recognized accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. FSU will pursue ABET accreditation for this new program, which has been designed to meet ABET's requirements.

FSU has a similar engineering program at Arundel Mills Regional Higher Education Center with an electrical concentration. For info, visit [www.frostburg.edu/engr-cecil-college](http://www.frostburg.edu/engr-cecil-college), contact Denise Traynor at 410-777-1363 or [dltraynor@frostburg.edu](mailto:dltraynor@frostburg.edu) or the FSU Office of Admissions at 301-687-4201 or [fsuadmissions@frostburg.edu](mailto:fsuadmissions@frostburg.edu).

## Have You Signed Up for BURG Alerts?

Emergency text messaging isn't just important for finding out if FSU is delayed or closed by snow. This is the best way to be alerted of a hazardous situation on or near campus, including dangerous weather, fire, crime or other hazards.

If you were receiving text messages last spring and have not gotten a message that your account is due to expire, you should be in good shape. But if you are a new student or employee, or you stopped receiving messages (the last one was sent on July 9), you need to sign up.

Go to [www.frostburg.edu/computing/services/burg-alerts](http://www.frostburg.edu/computing/services/burg-alerts) to sign up or find out when your account expires. Use your FSU log-in information and follow the instructions. Make sure to complete the validation step to activate your account.

All users have the option of entering two numbers for text messages (message and data rates may apply) and six email addresses. Use these for alternate forms of contact or to allow family members to be informed.

Signing up for BURG Alerts is highly recommended. Don't miss out on important messages.

## Upcoming BURG Peer Education Network Events



- **Trivia Night, Monday, Sept. 21**, 7 to 9 p.m., Lane Manicur Hall.
- **General Body Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 24**, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m., Lane 113.
- **BURG Bash, Friday Sept. 25**, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., Lane Manicur Hall. Free tickets are available at the box office now!

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## Save the Date for the Benefits Fair

FSU will host a state of Maryland Open Enrollment Benefits Fair on **Thursday, Oct. 1**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 397 of the Gira Center. This event is open to all Maryland employees and retirees.

For info, contact Lee Ann Nightingale, manager, Benefits and Wellness Program, at 301-687-4398.

## Fall 2015 Annual Diversity Retreat

FSU students interested in diversity issues have the opportunity to participate in the 17th Annual Diversity Retreat from 4 p.m. on **Friday, Oct. 2**, through 1 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 4**. Offered by the Black Student Alliance, the Student Government Association, the Diversity Center and the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the retreat will include workshops on diversity and other related activities to promote student awareness and empowerment in diversity, equity and inclusion issues, and coalition building. This year's theme is "Building Community: Deeper Connections."

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 as well so that the participants return to campus prepared to become part of the work of creating and maintaining a warm, welcoming environment at FSU.

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.

Applications are available in the Diversity Center in Hitchins 126. Participation is limited and there is a selection process based on information 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.

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

## Hoops 4 Haiti

The Frostburg Women's Basketball team will host a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on **Wednesday, Oct. 7**, from 6 to 10:30 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center Main Arena. The cost of the tournament is \$25 per team with a maximum of four people per roster. The tournament includes free T-shirts for participation, and the champions will win a prize. To sign up, contact Coach Hall at [snhall@frostburg.edu](mailto:snhall@frostburg.edu). The last day to sign up is **Oct. 6** by 3 p.m.

## African-American History Trip to D.C. Free to FSU Students

FSU's Black Student Alliance, the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Leadership Studies program are partnering with the Allegany County NAACP to offer students and local residents the opportunity to take part in an educational trip to Washington, D.C., to explore African-American history, the civil rights movement and the U.S. Capitol on **Friday, Oct. 9**. The program will include visits to the temporary home of the National Museum of African-American History and Culture, the Library of Congress and the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center.

Bus transportation is available to local residents for \$25, and there is no fee for FSU students.

The National Museum of African-American History and Culture is a place where all Americans can learn about the richness and diversity of the African-American experience, what it means to their lives and how it helped us shape this nation. The museum, which will be located on a five-acre tract adjacent to the Washington Monument when it opens in 2016, maintains a temporary exhibit at the National Museum of American History.

The Library of Congress exhibition titled "The Civil Rights Act of 1964: A Long Struggle for Freedom," which commemorates the 15th anniversary of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, explores the events that shaped the civil rights movement, as well as the far-reaching impact the act had on a changing society. Audiovisual stations throughout the exhibition present archival footage and contemporary interviews with civil rights leaders and activists reflecting on the civil rights era.

Following visits to the National Museum of American History and Library of Congress, the group will tour the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and the House and Senate galleries.

Space is limited and reservations are required by **Sept. 28**. For info, contact Robin Wynder at [rwynder@frostburg.edu](mailto:rwynder@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4050 or visit [www.naacp7007.org](http://www.naacp7007.org).

## FAEYC Meeting Dates for Fall

Frostburg's Association for the Education of Young Children is an early childhood organization that provides opportunities for students to learn, interact and develop key components for teaching young children. Meetings for the fall semester will be held on the following **Wednesdays: Sept. 30, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9**. For info, contact Shani Williams at [sawilliams0@frostburg.edu](mailto:sawilliams0@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, 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 and the number allotted will be announced at a later date.

If you haven't yet 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 visit [facebook.com/commencementatfrostburg](#) for updates and important info throughout the semester.

## Get Involved

### United Campus Ministry

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott in Hitchins 308 or at 301-687-7490 or [c.zirlott@frostburg.edu](#). United Campus Ministry events and programs are open to all members of the FSU community.

#### Upcoming UCM Events

**Agape Latte, Tuesdays in September**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lane Loft Area. Chaplain Cindy will treat you to a beverage of your choice from Starbucks in exchange for some conversation, to get to know you better or to answer any questions.

**September Service Project Sign-ups.** The **Service Saturday – Manna Bags for the Homeless** event will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 26**, from 3 to 6 p.m. The group will meet and assemble the bags of food at 3 p.m., then go to Cumberland to distribute them at 5:30 p.m. The **Good News Club Afterschool** program starts **Sept. 30** at Beall Elementary School. Want to mentor a child? Join this service club. If interested, contact Chaplain Cindy.

**Faculty or Staff Brown Bag Book Club.** This fall there will be a discussion group starting **Tuesday, Oct. 20**. The group will read and discuss the book “Sacred Rhythms.” If interested, email Chaplain Cindy and she will order your book. This group will meet during the lunch hour. Location TBA in a couple of weeks.

#### Weekly UCM Opportunities

**Salvation and Praise Bible Study, Mondays**, 7 p.m., Lane 113. This is a student-led Bible study group.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mondays**, 7:30 to 8:45 p.m., Library 237. This is also a student-led Bible study. It’s not just for athletes; all are welcome.

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

**Believers Love World Bible Study, Thursdays**, 7 to 8:15 pm, Gira Center 155. This is a student-led group.

**Finding True North Bible Study, Sundays**, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., Library 237. This is a “Bible Meets Life” study and discussion group. The topic is “Staying Connected to God While in College.”

### SSA at FSU to Hold First Fall Meeting



The Secular Student Alliance at FSU will hold its first fall meeting and drop-in, hang-out session on **Thursday, Sept. 24**, from noon to 4 p.m. in Lane 111. This is an informal, relaxed event where students can chill and chat, come and go, bring their lunch, buy EvolveFISH items, do homework, play games, discuss current events and grab free stuff.

## Study Abroad

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



Kathleena Morgan – India (January 2015)

The Center for International Education offers a variety of 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 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 web page at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm](#) and the Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad](#).

#### Study Abroad in England at Northumbria University – Spring 2016

Students can study in England for a semester or 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](#). The application deadline is **Oct. 10**.

## Student Life

### Edgewood Commons Has Availability for 2015-2016

Edgewood Commons has several female spaces left for the fall 2015 semester. Contact Edgewood directly for availability. 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.

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

## Community

### Mountainside Co-Director Lyle Nordstrom to Offer Class on Baroque Music

Mountainside Baroque’s Dr. Lyle Nordstrom will offer a session on Baroque music in which he will examine the forms and ideas of “High Baroque” from Corelli to Bach on **Thursday, Sept. 24**, from 2 to 4:15 p.m. at the LaVale Public Library at 815 National Highway. Nordstrom will outline the history and development of this timeless music by using numerous musical examples to put the music in the context of its time. No previous knowledge of music history or theory is required and the classes will revolve around listening to music examples. There is no charge. To register or for info, go to [www.allcoll.org](http://www.allcoll.org).

## 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.**

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