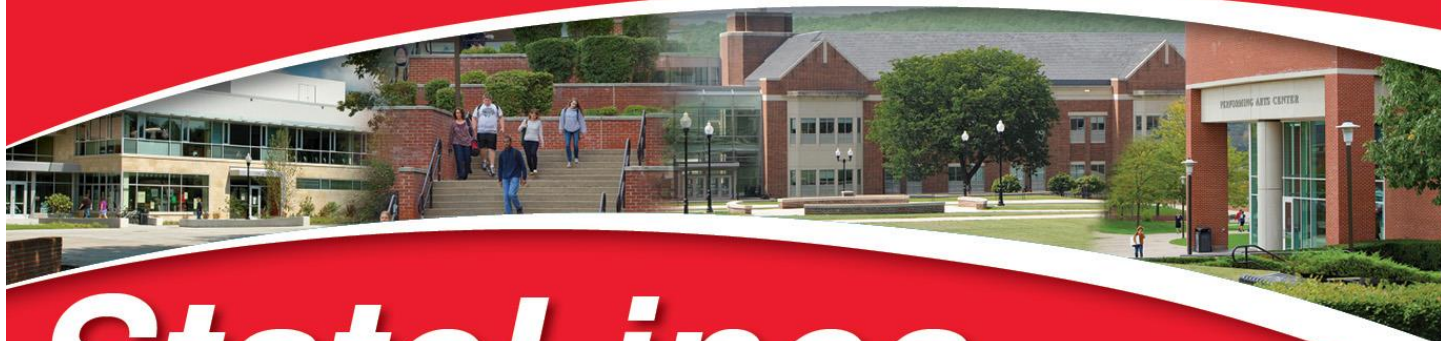




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## Frostburg State University to Celebrate 149th Commencement Ceremony



From left, Commencement speakers Carson Phillips, Gloria Murphy, Noah Ream and Mia McCaslin

FSU will celebrate student achievements of the fall 2016 graduating class with the 149th Commencement ceremony on **Tuesday, Dec. 20**, at 2 p.m. The ceremony for the colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Science will take place in the Main Arena of the Cordts PE Center.

FSU President **Ronald Nowaczyk** will address the graduating class and confer degrees. Featured commencement speakers are **Carson Phillips**, College of Business; **Gloria Murphy** and **Noah Ream**, College of Education; and **Mia McCaslin**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Greetings and congratulations will be provided by University System of Maryland Regent **Thomas Slater**.

Phillips, of LaVale, Md., will graduate with a major in business administration and a concentration in management. Ever-present on the dean's list for her academic achievement, Phillips is the recipient of FSU's 2016 "Outstanding Intern" award.

According to Dr. Michael Monahan, chair of the Department of Management, "Carson has an infectious, bubbly personality that allows her to see the best in people and situations. Her faculty have commented on her intelligence, perseverance and her love of learning." While attending classes at FSU full time, Phillips has also worked more than 35 hours a week at Chick-fil-A and Fratelli's restaurants. She served as an intern with the Walt Disney World College Program where she worked at Epcot's Electric Umbrella restaurant and took college courses. She is a member of the business honor society, Beta Gamma Sigma. Phillips is described as "the consummate team player for her respect and flexibility in working with others."

Phillips possesses abundant self-discipline and strives for perfection, which is evidenced by all that she has done.

Murphy, of Catonsville, Md., will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Parks Management, earning it with honors. Murphy recently completed an internship for Ocean City Parks and Recreation where she created a morning program for National Park and Recreation Month, handled donations and assisted recreation programmers with summer camps, among her many tasks.

She worked for a number of years in early childhood education before pursuing her degrees. Murphy also graduated from Community College of Baltimore County with an associate degree in recreation, parks and tourism. Murphy was president of the Recreation, Parks and Tourism Club at CCBC.

"She is high energy, a genuine advocate of Parks and Recreation in the state of Maryland, recipient of the Dr. Willa Brooks Scholarship and an excellent public speaker," said Dr. Maureen Dougherty, assistant professor of Recreation and Parks Management. "She has been the cheerleader for the program and all of the students."

Ream, of Somerset, Pa., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in elementary and middle school education. Ream has interned in local schools, worked as a Sunday school teacher and served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Ream believes that "the purpose of education is to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to make sound decisions along their journey in life," according to Dr. Kim Rotruck, Department of Educational Professions chair. He volunteers

to help his peers and the community, including for Storybook Holiday and Pirates Ahoy. His mentors, supervisors and instructors say he is “a caring, humble and all-around excellent role model for students and his peers.”

Ream served as a member of the 1st Battalion 6th Marine Regiment and led Marines on two separate deployments in Afghanistan in 2008 and 2009-2010. Upon returning home, Ream decided to pursue teaching. He is also a member of the Marine Corps Reserves Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines.

“Noah’s dedication to his studies is only equal to his service in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is the epitome of the Veterans Services motto – ‘Same Commitment, New Mission,’” said Danielle Dabrowski, director of FSU’s Veterans Services.

McCaslin, of Broken Bow, Neb., will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in English and minor in journalism. She is described by a faculty member as “a student who has taken her passion for truth and justice, combined with her love of words, to reach and inspire others through her journalistic writing.”

During her time at FSU, she excelled in the classroom and served as managing editor of The Bottom Line student newspaper for two years, where she played a key role in its transformation in tackling difficult, but vital, topics affecting students. She also founded The Odyssey Online, a weekly publication in Frostburg. Outside of the classroom, McCaslin interned at newspapers in West Virginia, Southern Maryland and Nebraska and was named a National Newspaper Association Foundation news fellow in 2015.

One of her professors said, “Frankly, I rely on Mia so often, in and out of the classroom, that I have come to view her less as a student than as a colleague.” McCaslin plans to attend graduate school and become an advocate for nonprofit agencies, with an eventual goal of entering the political arena.

Interim Provost **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**; **Dr. Clarence Golden**, dean of the College of Education; **Dr. Sudhir Singh**, interim 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.

For info about commencement, visit [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement). Tickets are required to attend. An overflow area with no tickets required will also be available in the Lane University Center lounge area by Starbucks.

The ceremony will be streamed live online and can be found at [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu) on the day of Commencement. Participants are encouraged to celebrate on social media by sharing photos on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using the hashtag #FrostburgGRAD, or send your snaps on Snapchat to @frostburgstate.

All students, faculty and staff  
are cordially invited to the

**President’s Holiday Reception**

**Friday, Dec. 16**

1 to 4 p.m.

Lane Manicur Hall

**The FSU Chamber Singers**, directed by  
**Dr. James Reddan**, will perform at 1:30 p.m.

This year’s featured charity:  
**The Maryland Charity Campaign**  
Make your donation to MCC at the party!

**Holiday Sweater Contest!**  
HR will be looking for the “most outlandish”  
holiday sweater throughout the afternoon.  
Winner to be announced on **Monday, Dec. 19.**

## Presentations

### Broadway Fight Director Ian Rose to Hold Masterclass



FSU will host Fight Master Representative Ian Rose on **Friday, Dec. 16**, for a masterclass and an adjudication at 2 p.m. in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre of the Performing Arts Center. The public is welcome to watch, though participation is limited to the Stage Combat Class and Club.

Rose has arranged fights for commercials, for film and on stage and has been staging fights in the New York and Philadelphia areas for more than 25 years. His work has been seen at the Riverside Shakespeare and Interborough Repertory Theatre in New York, The Whole Theatre in New Jersey, the Bridewell Theatre in London and MTM Studios in Rome. Closer to home, Rose has worked at The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, The Philadelphia Shakespeare Festival, the Philadelphia Theatre Company and the Wilma Theatre in Pennsylvania.

He has taught at many Fight Directors Canada and The Society of American Fight Directors national workshops and is one of the coordinators of the Philadelphia Stage Combat Workshop. Rose is one of only two in the world to be counted a fight master in two professional fight direction organizations – Fight Directors Canada and The Society of American Fight Directors. He was also a technical advisor on the film “A Winter’s Tale” and fight coordinator on the History Making Productions documentaries “Philadelphia: The Great Experiment” and “Urban Trinity.” He holds a fourth-degree black belt in Shotokan karate and teaches at Temple University. For info on Rose, visit his website at [ianrosefights.com](http://ianrosefights.com).

For info on this event, contact Darrell Rushton, associate professor of theatre and secretary of the Society of American Fight Directors, at [dsrushton@frostburg.edu](mailto:dsrushton@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4487.

## Workshops

### CTE Presents ‘Everything You Ever Wanted To ASK About Copyright’



The Center for Teaching Excellence will host a workshop on understanding fair use and copyright law for educational materials on **Tuesday, Dec. 13**, from 1 to 2:15 p.m. in Lane 113. (Lunch will be provided.) **Dr. Lea Messman-Mandicott**, director of the Ort Library, and **Karen Treber**, general counsel, will present “Everything You Ever Wanted To ASK About Copyright.”

The cost of textbooks is getting higher and higher, and at the same time, it’s easier than ever to find and share educational materials on the Internet. But is it legal? Can you save your students money, and customize your course materials, while still complying with copyright law? If you assign your class a journal article or a single chapter in an anthology, what is the right way to distribute it? Is it legal to give out photocopies? Post the information to Blackboard? Link to a PDF on the Internet? What about using images from the Internet on handouts and PowerPoint presentations? What about videos? Before you write your spring syllabi, come find out the answers to your questions about “fair use,” “classroom use” and copyright and intellectual property.

RSVP to [cte@frostburg.edu](mailto:cte@frostburg.edu). For info, contact Dr. Shoshana Brassfield, director of CTE, at 301-687-7391 or [sbrassfield@frostburg.edu](mailto:sbrassfield@frostburg.edu).

## Points of Pride

### FSU Student Robert Lemaire Awarded National BACCHUS Outstanding Student Award



**Robert Lemaire**, a senior and president of BURG Peer Education Network at FSU, was awarded the 2016 BACCHUS Outstanding Student Award for his involvement with BURG’s numerous influential activities on campus to promote a healthy and safe environment.

Lemaire joined the organization in fall of 2012 as a freshman and has proven to be a dedicated member since. BURG is a group of peers who believe in empowering, educating and creating change among those peers and the entire community. BURG promotes healthy choices on campus and provides recreational alternatives to drinking and drugs. Lemaire, of Tilghman, Md., is a physics major and math minor with plans to pursue a career in aerospace after graduating in December 2017.

The BACCHUS Outstanding Student Award is given to five undergraduate students who are members of a recognized NASPA-BACCHUS Initiatives member peer education group. NASPA is a national organization for student affairs in higher education. BACCHUS Initiatives of NASPA supports collegiate peer educators and advisors by empowering students and student affairs administrators to create healthy and safe campus environments. Students must be nominated for the award and are selected based on their contribution to campus peer education efforts, academic successes and leadership. Lemaire was nominated by **Don Swogger**, BURG’s advisor.

Lemaire was recruited for BURG as an incoming freshman, participated in the first year leadership initiative and has served on the Lead Team his remaining four years. As a freshman, he received the Iron Man Award for his extreme dedication, commitment and work ethic. Now, as president of the organization, Lemaire understands, “that being a leader is not in a position or title, but the person’s character, integrity and honor,” said Swogger.

Lemaire’s involvement with BURG includes serving as the team photographer, providing technology assistance, attending almost every BURG event in his time at FSU and working with Upward Bound to help at-risk youth in the community. Last year, he was awarded the organization’s legacy award, which requires four years on the leadership team, a GPA of 3.0 or higher, 1,000 hours of service and Certified Peer Educator certification.

For info about FSU’s BURG Peer Education Network, call the S.A.F.E office at 301-687-4761.

### Congratulations Honors Students!

The FSU Honors Program congratulates four exemplary honors students who will graduate at the upcoming December Commencement ceremony. **Jacqueline Gover** and **Jacquelyn Nava** (Exercise and Sports Science), **Ruth Fabre** (Biology) and **Anecia Whitehead** (Theater and Biology) have proven their commitment to the highest levels of academic achievement and success as dedicated members of the FSU Honors Program.



# FSU Hosts Forging a Pathway to Public Service Event



Some of the Forging Pathways presenters and facilitators include, front row from left, Robin Summerfield, Ken Oldham, Max Green and Fabion Seaton; second row from left, Del. Carol Krimm, Mary Beth Pirolozzi, Tim Magrath, Bill Mandicott, Courtney Thomas and Al Feldstein.

FSU students had the opportunity to attend a day-long conference on Oct. 29 with successful FSU alumni and other guests to discuss careers in public service. The interactive and engaging event, Forging a Pathway to Public Service, was designed to promote mentoring, create opportunities to increase civic learning and build civically engaged leaders.

Dozens of students in attendance heard from **Dr. Tom Bowling**, vice president for Student Affairs; **Tom Slater '66**, founder and principal partner of Slater & Slater, P.C., and a member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents; and moderators **Tim Magrath**, Department of Political Science and executive director of the J. Glenn Beall Jr. Institute for Public Affairs, and **Christine Willingham**, Department of Communication. The presentations were split, with one focusing on government and the public policy arena and the other on nonprofit and educational organizations.

Speakers addressed how their experiences at FSU and beyond have prepared them to pursue lifelong careers in public service. Panelists discussing government and public policy were **Max Green '13**, caseworker for U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin; Md. Del. **Carol Krimm '77**, representing District 3-A in Frederick County; **Fabion Seaton '13**, press secretary for U.S. Rep. Elijah E. Cummings and for the congressional Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; and **Robin Summerfield '90**, Western Maryland field representative to Cardin. The nonprofit and educational organizations panelists were **Aaron Deeb '03/M'05**, educator in Montgomery County; **Ken Oldham '98**, president and CEO of United Way of Frederick County; **Mary Beth Pirolozzi '90/M'95**, executive director of County United Way, Inc.; and **Courtney Thomas '99**, executive director of Allegany County Human Resources Development Council. Closing remarks were provided by **Al Feldstein M'77**, retired Appalachian Regional Commission program manager for the state of Maryland.

The event was sponsored by the Department of Student and Community Involvement, the Office of Civic Engagement, the J. Glenn Beall Institute for Public Affairs, ASTAR! In Western Maryland AmeriCorps program, FSU Foundation, Inc., and the FSU Leadership Studies minor.

For info, contact Bill Mandicott at [WMandicott@frostburg.edu](mailto:WMandicott@frostburg.edu) or Kristine Eskridge at [keeskridge0@frostburg.edu](mailto:keeskridge0@frostburg.edu).

## Take Note

### University Store News – Attention December Grads!

#### End-of-Semester Buyback

The End-of-Semester Buyback will take place **through Monday, Dec. 19**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Textbook rentals are due back on **Tuesday, Dec. 20**.

The University Store offers short-term rentals on most **in-stock** titles. If you need a book for a day or two, you can get a discounted rental price. See a store associate for details.

#### Cap and Gown Pickup/Ship Details

If your order was placed as “Pick Up at the Frostburg Main Campus,” it will be available for pickup beginning **Monday, Dec. 12**, at the Grad Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. A valid photo ID is required when picking up your cap and gown and/or tickets. Cap and gown orders and tickets not picked up at Grad Fair on **Dec. 12** will be available for pickup at the University Store in the Lane Center during regular business hours – Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. – until the day before graduation.

If your order was placed as “Ship to Home,” it would have been shipped on or about Dec. 9.

If your order was placed as “Ship to Hagerstown,” it will be available at the Hagerstown campus in the office of Kathy Griemsmann, Room 305, beginning on or about **Dec. 12** (Kathy will send a notification).

#### Fall 2016 Grad Fair

The Grad Fair will take place on **Monday, Dec. 12**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall.

Pick up your tickets and cap and gown and receive a University Store coupon for 30 percent off one apparel item that day only.

Enjoy refreshments as well as diploma frame and grad basket raffles.

Visit with select vendors and on-campus departments.

Note: In an effort to decrease long lines and wait times picking up cap and gowns and tickets at the Grad Fair, those graduating with Business and Education degrees are encouraged to attend the fair from 9 a.m. to noon, and those graduating with Liberal Arts & Sciences degrees are encouraged to attend from noon to 3 p.m.

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## University Store Graduation Sale

The Graduation Sale will take place **Monday, Dec. 12, through Tuesday, Dec. 20**, and includes:

- 50 percent off clearance apparel, 20 percent off other apparel and 15 percent off imprinted gifts and glassware
- \$20 off in-store diploma frame purchases
- 12 percent off online diploma frame purchases using code FSU16

## One Day Only – Annual Arts Extravaganza on Dec. 16



The annual Arts Extravaganza will be held on **Friday, Dec. 16**, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in the Fine Arts Building.

Ceramics, photos, jewelry, holiday ornaments, stained glass, slumped glass, soaps, lotions and potions, and lip balm are among the many items for sale.

This is a one-day-only event!

For info, contact Jackie Brown at [jbrown@frostburg.edu](mailto:jbrown@frostburg.edu).

## Call for Contributions – eScholarship@Frostburg



The Ort Library is accepting submissions for FSU's digital repository, eScholarship@Frostburg (<https://mdsoar.org/handle/11603/1>). This repository serves as a showcase of scholarly and academic materials from the FSU community within the Maryland Shared Open Access Repository (<https://mdsoar.org>). MD-SOAR is an online service that allows participating University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions and partner institutions to create and manage digital collections across a shared website. By providing a standard interface for this digital repository, users can search and browse for materials by a specific institution, for example,

eScholarship@Frostburg, or across the whole repository. MD-SOAR records are globally accessible and searchable in Google Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com>).

FSU students, faculty and staff may contribute completed research, scholarship and evidence of experiential learning to promote their work via eScholarship@Frostburg. eScholarship@Frostburg can also store records related to the history of the University. For info regarding the submission criteria, go to the library's web page at [www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library/tools/escholarship](http://www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library/tools/escholarship). Works for submission can be emailed to Annamarie Klose Hrubes, Digital Projects librarian, at [acklose@frostburg.edu](mailto:acklose@frostburg.edu).

## Holiday Travelers Reminded to Take Zika Virus Precautions

### Virus Still Transmitted in Vacation Hotspots

As college students and families pack for winter break and holiday trips that might take them to popular destinations where the Zika virus is still being spread locally by mosquito and people, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is reminding Marylanders to exercise caution.

Zika virus is chiefly spread through mosquito bites – though less frequently, transmission via sexual contact, blood transfusion and to newborns during pregnancy has been documented. Because of the link between Zika and birth defects including microcephaly – which is characterized by smaller heads and underdeveloped brains in newborns – the CDC recommends that pregnant women consider postponing travel to areas where Zika virus is spreading. These areas now include Cape Verde, Mexico and countries in Asia, the Caribbean, Central America, the Pacific Islands and South America.

Women who are pregnant or are trying to become pregnant are advised to not travel to countries with known local Zika transmission. Men who have traveled to an area with Zika and whose partner is pregnant should use condoms every time they have sex – or they should abstain from sex – during the pregnancy.

When traveling to countries where Zika virus or other viruses spread by mosquitoes are found, travelers are advised to take the following steps:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Stay in places with air conditioning or that use window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are overseas or outside and are not able to protect yourself from mosquito bites.
- Use Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellents. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen before applying insect repellent.
- Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated items.

For more CDC info on avoiding Zika infection during travel, visit <http://goo.gl/lgHuWC>.

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# It's Snowing! Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Make sure you know how to find out if FSU will be closed, have a delayed opening or close early on bad weather days.

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

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

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

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

Unless FSU closure is announced on the outlets above, WE ARE OPEN. Likewise, the message under option 2 at the main University number will either announce the closure, or announce, "There are no delays or closures at this time." (If you are a student at a facility outside of Frostburg, officials from that facility will determine closures for those locations.)

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

If, in your judgment, it is not safe for you to come to work or to class while the University is still open, you must contact your supervisor and provide this information. In the event that liberal leave is announced for employees, it is expected that everyone will make an effort to report to work and class. Employees who take liberal leave will be charged for the appropriate leave time. The announcement of liberal leave DOES NOT cancel classes, nor does it relieve essential employees of their need to report to work during inclement weather.

FOR STUDENTS: The announcement of liberal leave for employees DOES NOT cancel classes. If you have concerns about your ability to make it to class in bad weather, discuss them with your faculty members BEFORE the weather turns nasty.

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

If you use SafeRide, there's a new way to stay informed in case SafeRide does not run in bad weather. Text the word "saferide" to 79516. You will receive a confirmation text that tells you that you have signed up successfully. (You must have already signed up for Burg Alerts to use this service.)

FOR ALL: The final decision with regard to your personal safety resides with you. Stay warm and be safe.

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

PLEASE DO CALL 301-687-4000, OPTION 2, or check the FSU website at [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu).

## LOCAL RADIO/TV STATIONS:

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

- WFRB (105.1 FM/560 AM)
- WCBC (1270 AM/107.1 FM)
- WTBO/WKGO/Go 106 (1450 AM/106.1 FM)
- WVMD – The Wolf (100.1/99.9 FM)
- WDYK – Magic (100.5 FM)
- WCMD – ESPN (1230 AM)

- WDNZ – (99.5 FM)
- WMSG – (1050 AM) Oakland
- WKHJ – (104.5 FM) Oakland
- WWHQ – (92.3 FM) Oakland
- WKLP – ESPN (1390 AM) Keyser
- WQZK – (94.1 FM) Keyser
- TV: WHAG-TV Hagerstown

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

## Help Save the Memory of Brownsville!



Brownsville was an African-American neighborhood founded in 1866 by Tamar Brown, possibly a newly freed slave. It consisted of its own schoolhouse, church, ballpark, skating rink and restaurants. By the 1930s, houses in the neighborhood began to gradually be purchased by the state of Maryland to expand the University (then Normal School No. 2). To commemorate the neighborhood and its previous residents, a group of students, faculty and community members have worked together to propose that a monument be placed in FSU’s Upper Quad, which was the heart of Brownsville. The monument will consist of a bronze headpiece representing the transition from Brownsville to FSU and a bronze panel including a brief history, the 40 family names and names of donors pledging \$1,000 or more. Both of these components will be mounted on a natural granite-base structure. The project estimate is \$10,000.

To donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/brownsville-fsu>.

## Graduation Is Almost Here!

Graduation is coming up soon and will be held on **Tuesday, Dec. 20**, in the Cordts PE Center.

The Colleges – Liberal Arts and Sciences, Business and Education – will all present their graduates at 2 p.m. **Tickets will be required for admission. Each graduating student will receive five tickets.**

Full details about tickets and the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

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

Follow [@FrostburgGrad](#) on Twitter or <https://www.facebook.com/FrostburgGraduation> on Facebook for updates and important information. You can also contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or [clbohn@frostburg.edu](mailto:clbohn@frostburg.edu).

# Volunteers

## Volunteers Wanted for Harry Potter Book Night



Harry Potter Book Night will take place the first week of the spring semester, on **Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017**, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The volunteer jobs listed at <http://bit.ly/2g677b8> are for the whole event, unless otherwise stated. If you sign up, sign up for the job you want the **most**. Volunteers will need to meet at the Ort library at 5:30 p.m. to help set up. There will be a Wizard Bootcamp, so look out for information for this mandatory event.

For info, contact Chenoa Zais at the Children’s Literature Centre at 301-687-3133.

# FSU-TV3

## This Week on ‘Frostburg Experience’



This week watch the newest episode of “The Frostburg Experience” on **Monday, Dec. 12**, at 6 p.m. In this episode, the production team will cover topics on international fashion, the LGBTQ community and police relations at FSU. Join the show’s host, **Alex Serrano**, to find out more about these topics.

Not able to tune in? Then see the show on **Wednesday, Dec. 14**, at 6 p.m., **Thursday, Dec. 15**, or **Friday, Dec. 16**, at 10:30 a.m.; **Dec. 16** at 9 p.m.; or **Saturday, Dec. 17**, or **Sunday, Dec. 18**, at 11 a.m.



Follow FSU-TV3 at <https://www.facebook.com/FSUTV3>, <https://twitter.com/fsutv3> and <https://instagram.com/fsutv3> to see what's happening in your community!

## Deadlines

### Graduate/Doctoral Grade Changes

The last day for graduate and doctoral grade changes, including the removal of incomplete grades for the spring 2016 and summer 2016 terms, is **Monday, Dec. 12**.

For info, contact the Office of the Registrar at 301-687-4281.

## Student Life

### Residence Halls to Close Dec. 19

The FSU residence halls are scheduled to close for the fall semester on **Monday, Dec. 19**, at 7 p.m. Students must leave campus 24 hours after their last exam or by the 7 p.m. deadline, whichever comes first. Students who need to stay past this time frame are subject to a \$40 a night charge and are responsible for their own food needs during this school closure. Students who are required to be on campus for an FSU academic, work-related or athletic reason will not be subject to that charge. This charge also does not apply to graduating students or those working at Commencement, although they would have to be packed up and have left campus two hours after the Commencement ceremony ends.

If you have any reason for students to stay beyond the closing date or a need to be on campus during the break, submit your requests to the Residence Life Office at [rlo@frostburg.edu](mailto:rlo@frostburg.edu) by **Monday, Dec. 12**, although the office will work with requests after that date.

### Edgewood Commons Contracting for Spring 2017

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the spring semester. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions. 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. To set up a tour or find out more, call 301-689-1370.

## Community

### Mountainside Baroque Presents ‘Festival of Lessons and Carols’



Mountainside Co-Director Ryan Mullaney directs members of the Scholars of St. Cecilia, from left, Debi Beachy, Rebecca Galliher, Jeff Avey, Katie Hendrix, Lane Conklin, Stephanie Laut and Don Robinson, in a past “Festival of Lessons and Carols.”

For the fourth consecutive year, the Scholars of St. Cecilia, Mountainside Baroque’s resident chamber choir, will “ring in” the Christmas season with their annual “Festival of Lessons and Carols” featuring seasonal music, traditional carols and readings by local clergy and officials. The event will take place on **Sunday, Dec. 18**, at 5 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 16 Washington St. in Cumberland. The event is free and open to the public, though a free-will offering will be received.

Though the festival derives from Anglican roots, it has become a beloved seasonal celebration in the wider religious community. In recognition of these common values, and the diversity of churches in the tri-state area, Sunday’s ecumenical event will include clergy from the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist traditions, as well as Cumberland City Councilman Seth Bernard, who will represent local government. Directors Ryan Mullaney and Lyle Nordstrom will lead the choir of 14 voices through a variety of Advent and Christmas repertory. Mark Steiner will assist at the organ.

For info, visit [www.mountainsidebaroque.org](http://www.mountainsidebaroque.org), email [mountainsidebaroque@earthlink.net](mailto:mountainsidebaroque@earthlink.net) or call 301-338-2940.

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## **Even Angel Hair Can Hurt!**



**“Angel hair” is made from spun glass, and it can irritate your eyes and skin.  
Always wear gloves when handling it, or substitute non-flammable cotton.**

**When spraying artificial snow on windows or other surfaces, be sure to follow directions carefully.  
These sprays can irritate your lungs if inhaled.**

**Always use the proper step ladder; don’t stand on chairs or other furniture.**

**Keep poisonous plants (which include some poinsettias) out of reach of children and pets.**

**Make sure paths are clear indoors so no one trips on wrapping paper, decorations, toys, etc.**

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