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## FSU Named 2016 Public Institution of the Year by America's Largest Academic Internship Organization

FSU has been named the 2016 Public Institution of the Year by The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC), America's largest academic internship program. TWC partners with more than 500 U.S. colleges and universities.

FSU received praise for the engagement of faculty and staff and the growing number of student participants. TWC also highlighted the diverse academic interests represented among FSU's interns.

TWC works closely with campus liaisons to pair students with the best internship sites before arranging interviews for students with multiple organizations. Students decide which site fits them best. The most recent cohort from Frostburg included nine students from academic disciplines such as Legal Studies, Mass Communication, Psychology, Economics and more. Some of the student experiences include:

**April Kinyua** of Joppa, Md., a senior dual-majoring in political science and international politics with a minor in Spanish, found a natural fit with the outreach coordinator for the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI). She performed voter outreach, worked events, communicated with CHLI alumni, performed research and drafted memos and correspondences.

**Emily Michael**, a senior majoring in English with a concentration in professional writing and minoring in public relations, landed an internship with the Sierra Club, the nation's largest grassroots environmental advocacy organization. She worked on digital strategies, drafting emails and text alerts, figuring how best to reach the group's audience.

Senior **Brandon Holmes** of Clinton, Md., an exercise and sports science major and a photographer on FSU's student Social Marketing Team, interned with Project Fitness, which promotes healthy lifestyles through fitness to build stronger communities through physical activities. Holmes worked on social media promotion, helping integrate Project Fitness's social media pages into a cohesive digital presence.

Students in the program take courses through TWC, volunteer in the community and have regular time for professional development. They also get many opportunities to network.

Maryland students at public institutions are eligible for a \$9,000 TWC scholarship that covers the majority of the costs, with financial aid options available to cover any remaining expenses.

The 2016 Public Institution of the Year Award will be received later in September by a delegation comprised of FSU's Director of Student Development **Amy Shimko**, President **Ronald Nowaczyk**, Vice President for Student Affairs **Thomas Bowling** and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs **Jeffrey Graham**.

Shimko has also been invited to join TWC's Liaison Advisory Board, which offers advice and feedback to the organization about its programs and initiatives.

For info about the FSU Career and Professional Development Center, call 301-687-4403 or visit [www.frostburg.edu/clife/career](http://www.frostburg.edu/clife/career).

## Music

### CES at FSU to Present Broadway Performers The Midtown Men



CES at FSU will present The Midtown Men, four stars from the original cast of Broadway's "Jersey Boys," on **Thursday, Sept. 22**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Alice R. Manicur Assemble Hall in FSU's Lane University Center. Performing with a live band, The Midtown Men will celebrate the classic tunes that defined the '60s.

Tony Award winner Christian Hoff, Michael Longoria, Daniel Reichard and Tony Award nominee J. Robert Spencer shared the Broadway stage for more than 1,000 performances. Now, they reunite for a delightful concert-style production that features top-shelf choreography, incredible vocal performances and undeniable onstage chemistry.

In its review, The New York Times proclaimed, "Sidling up to the microphone, the singers had the air of the Rat Pack, Motown and a nightclub act rolled into one," while the New York Daily News stated, "The Midtown Men sound as crisp as their Rat Pack-inspired suits. Their voices blend together so flawlessly on stage."

Adult tickets range from \$39 to \$74. Member and group discount rates are also available. This is not a performance of, or affiliated with, the show "Jersey Boys." For info, contact the CES box office at 301-687-3137 or visit CES' webpage at <http://ces.frostburg.edu>.

### MCTA to Host Scottish Folk Band North Sea Gas



North Sea Gas, one of Scotland's premier, award-winning folk bands, will perform at Mountain City Traditional Arts, 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg, on **Friday, Sept. 23**, at 7:30 p.m. The live entertainment is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$15.

Dave Gilfillan, Ronnie McDonald and Grant Simpson make up the band, featuring vocals, guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bouzouki, harmonica, whistles, bodhrans and banjo. The high-energy folk music is brought to life with three-part harmonies and down-to-earth humor. The musicians' sounds and performances consist of traditional, contemporary and self-penned material put together in a style of their own.

North Sea Gas has released 19 albums and won and been nominated for many awards, including Celtic Radio Album of the Year for "The Fire and the Passion of Scotland." The band has toured Europe and America, with additional appearances on television and radio. The group has also recorded for Chinese television with an estimated audience of 800 million people, played in Istanbul for the British Consulate and performed at the famous Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland. North Sea Gas' most recent album is "Fire in the Glen."

For info, email [mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com](mailto:mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com) or call 301-687-8040.

### FSU's On the EDGE Club Series Presents Mexico's Funkadelic Band Troker



The On the EDGE series at FSU will present the funkadelic musicians of Mexico's Troker on **Thursday, Oct. 6**, for a raucous 8:15 p.m. performance in Lane Manicur Hall.

The Huffington Post stated that "Troker's heady mix of free jazz, rock, funk and mariachi music is entirely instrumental, meaning there is no language barrier for foreign audiences to overcome." And All About Jazz called the band "noisy, chaotic, sprawling, messy and altogether wonderful."

As an added bonus, local musicians can experience the band's distinctive style and the techniques of collective composition and improvisation in a free workshop led by Troker percussionist Frankie

Mares. The workshop is limited to 20 participants; prior registration is required via email at [ces@frostburg.edu](mailto:ces@frostburg.edu) or by calling 301-687-3137.

The On the EDGE series is an exciting 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 enjoy informal table seating, comfortable couch and armchair seating, and food and beverage options.

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

## Theatre

### CAST to Perform Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'



The Cambridge American Stage Tour (CAST) will return to FSU for this season's performance of "As You Like It," one of William Shakespeare's early comedies, on **Tuesday, Sept. 20**, at 7:30 p.m. in Pealer Recital Hall of FSU's Performing Arts Center.

CAST was established in 2000 and the group has since made numerous appearances on FSU's campus to share its renditions of Shakespeare classics. The tour of Cambridge University theatre students aims to make Shakespeare's work more widely known up and down the East Coast by tweaking music, costumes and situations to better fit modern perspectives and humor.

“As You Like It” boasts Bohemian vibes and live music while following bickering brothers Oliver and Orlando, amicable cousins Rosalind and Celia, a pair of duke brothers and many other characters as they maneuver “mistaken identities, murderous plots, cross-dressing, pastoral love and wrestling.”

Tickets will be available at the door, costing \$6 for students and \$12 for general admission.

For info, call 301-687-4221 or visit [www.castcambridge.com](http://www.castcambridge.com).

## One-Act Play Festival to Feature Playwriting Competition Winners



The FSU Center for Literary Arts announces “Roses for the Sweetheart” by Kat Meads of Ben Lomond, Calif., as the winner of its 2016 One-Act Playwriting Competition. The winning play and the second- and third-place plays will be featured at the seventh annual One-Act Play Festival, hosted by the Center for Literary Arts on **Saturday, Sept. 24**, at the Palace Theatre in downtown Frostburg.

The second-place play is “Woman, Running Late, in a Dress” by Dallas Woodburn of Ventura, Calif., and the third-place play is “Worthless Gods” by Kristin Andrea Hanratty of Grand Rapids, Mich. The two runners-up will be presented in a dramatic stage reading, followed by a fully produced performance of the winning play. Performances begin at 7 p.m.

Plays were judged on plot, character development, dialogue and overall quality. This year, 47 plays were submitted to the One-Act Playwriting Competition from across the U.S. and Canada.

Following the shows, a talk-back session will be held where playwrights, directors and actors from the shows will answer questions from the audience.

In “Roses for the Sweetheart,” as a married man lies on his deathbed, on the family porch, his wife and daughter are confronted by the man’s lover. Wife and daughter prevent the lover from entering the home, forcing her instead to sit with them on the porch as they insult her. While the lover endures a stream of cruel remarks, she fails to realize that her lover’s son is busy plotting the ultimate revenge for his mother on her unfaithful husband and his lover.

“Woman, Running Late, in a Dress,” is the story of an average woman whose husband dies suddenly of a heart attack in the midst of a marital fight. At the time he dies, she has been flirting with a mutual friend who told her a riddle. Through her grief, the widow obsesses over the riddle, desperately trying to solve it. As she tries to move past her loss, she tells the story of her relationship through flashbacks, interrupted by the increasingly maddening riddle and snippets of her widowed life.

In “Worthless Gods,” Plutus and Eros, the Greek gods of money and love, compete to decide a wager: who is more important to modern-day man. Eros and Plutus interfere in a young mortal’s life to settle the question, in the process tricking and deceiving one another, bending the rules of their bet and causing the poor mortal to suffer a parade of frustrating shenanigans.

Tickets for the performances cost \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and can be purchased at the Center for Literary Arts, Main Street Books, the Allegany Arts Council and at the door of the Palace Theatre on the night of the event.

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

## Film

### WFWM Sponsoring Fall Palace Film Series ‘Projecting the Election’

WFWM 91.9 FM, FSU’s public radio station, is sponsoring the historic Palace Theatre’s Fall Film Series, titled “Projecting the Election: Hollywood Goes to Washington,” that will be shown on the **third Monday of each month**, beginning **Sept. 19**. Three classic films bring drama, history and comedy to the upcoming election season.

“Mr. Smith Goes to Washington” on **Sept. 19** stars James Stewart and Jean Arthur. Released in 1939, this black and white film was directed by Frank Capra.

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, “Abe Lincoln in Illinois” on **Oct. 17** features Raymond Massey reprising his Broadway role on the silver screen. Directed by John Cromwell, this biopic was screened in 1940.

Frank Capra directed 1948’s “State of the Union” that will be shown on **Nov. 21**. Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn star in this Beltway comedy.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with show times at 7:30 p.m. The Palace Theatre is at 31 E. Main St. in downtown Frostburg. For info, call 301-689-5605 or refer to the Palace’s website at [www.frostburgpalace.org](http://www.frostburgpalace.org).

## Workshops

### Frostburg Workshop Helps Veterans Turn Experiences Into Written Works

A new weekly writing workshop for area military veterans will meet for the first time at 6 p.m. on **Tuesday, Sept. 20**, at the FSU Center for Literary Arts, 22 E. Main St. in downtown Frostburg. The workshop, which is free and open to all veterans in the Western Maryland region, is designed to help veterans transform their military experiences into written works.

Frostburg’s weekly writing workshop will provide a place for interested veterans to regularly meet, learn to translate their difficult experiences and emotions onto the page and explore their written creations with fellow veterans of America’s military conflicts.



The veterans workshop will be conducted by **Gibb Cochrum**, a native of Western Maryland who teaches English courses at FSU.

Attendees need no previous writing experience. Cochrum will offer writing prompts to help guide novice writers through the creative process. The workshop will meet **every Tuesday through Dec. 6**, and will resume next spring.

This workshop series has been made possible through an FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant.

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

## Readings

### English Honors Society to Celebrate Banned Books Week With Public Event



FSU’s English Honors Society Sigma Tau Delta and the Ort Library will host a banned books reading on **Tuesday, Oct. 4**, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the Ort Library. Members of the campus and local community are invited to attend and read excerpts from books deemed controversial enough to be banned or challenged.

Some of 2015’s top 10 most frequently challenged books include the Bible, “Fifty Shades of Grey” by E.L. James, “Looking for Alaska” by John Green, “I Am Jazz” by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings and “Fun Home” by Alison Bechdel. Other popular challenged books are “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee, “The Hunger Games” trilogy by Suzanne Collins and the “Captain Underpants” series by Dav Pilkey. Books are challenged for reasons such as offensive language, sexual explicitness, homosexuality, political viewpoints, religious viewpoints, unsuited age groups, violence and nudity.

The annual Banned Books Week, which is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA), serves as a commemoration and “reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted.” Hundreds of books are removed or challenged in schools and libraries in the United States every year. According to ALA, there were at least 311 removed or challenged books in 2014. Banned books week and ALA promote “the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one’s opinions even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular, and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those viewpoints to all who wish to read them.”

Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. ALA does not ban books but compiles lists of challenged books to inform the public about censorship efforts that affect libraries and schools. FSU’s Department of English and Ort Library organize the event annually to join cross-country efforts that celebrate the freedom to read.

The event is free and open to the public. For info, contact Dr. Mary Anne Lutz of the FSU 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).

### Center for Literary Arts Presents ‘Runaway’ Author Evelyn Lau



FSU’s Center for Literary Arts will present a reading by Vancouver writer Evelyn Lau on **Thursday, Oct. 6**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theatre at 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. A reception and book signing will follow. This event is free and open to the public.

Lau has published 11 books, including six volumes of poetry. Her first book, “Runaway: Diary of a Street Kid,” published when she was 18, was a bestseller and was made into a TV movie starring Sandra Oh in her first movie role.

Lau’s prose books (short stories, essays and a novel) have been translated into a dozen languages; her poetry has received the Milton Acorn Award, the Pat Lowther Award, a National Magazine Award and a Governor-General’s nomination. From 2011 through 2014, Lau served as poet laureate for the city of Vancouver.

For info, contact the Center for Literary Arts at 301-687-4340 or [cla@frostburg.edu](mailto:cla@frostburg.edu).

## Radio

### WFWM Radio, CLA Launch ‘The Speakeasy’ Podcast

FSU’s Center for Literary Arts has launched an original podcast, recorded and produced at WFWM Radio, showcasing local authors and their works.

“The Speakeasy” features a cozy, insightful chat between host **Jack DuBose** and authors about their works. The program features regional authors and invited writers visiting the Center for Literary Arts, 22 E. Main St.

The podcast is recorded and produced in the NPR-affiliate WFWM Public Radio studios at FSU and hosted by DuBose, who earned an FSU master’s degree in 1993. He is an assistant professor of English at Garrett College and a veteran radio deejay.

The premiere episode featured Frostburg author Patricia Henley, whose novel “Hummingbird House,” was a finalist for the National Book Award fiction category in 1999. Henley is working on a new play and prose poems.

Episode 2 features author and columnist James Rada Jr. of Gettysburg, Pa. Rada writes historical novels and nonfiction books as well as fantasy novels under the pen name J.R. Rada, and has won awards for his newspaper history columns, including “Looking Back” in the Cumberland Times-News.

Future episodes will include poet Todd Davis, who teaches environmental studies, creative writing and American literature at Penn State Altoona, and Canadian poet Evelyn Lau, who will read from her work at the Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg, at 7:30 p.m. on **Thursday, Oct. 6.**

The podcast is available for streaming and subscription at <http://soundcloud.com/fsuliteraryarts>. Episodes will appear as a podcast first then be rebroadcast on WFWM at a later date.

## WFWM to Host Radio Thrillers ‘The Darklands’

In celebration of the Halloween season, Misfit Toys Productions and WFWM Public Radio will present “The Darklands,” an original six-part series of ghastly radio thrillers. Created and produced locally, the entire cast and crew, including several FSU alumni, are drawn from Frostburg and the Western Maryland area. “The Darklands” will air on **Mondays** at 9 p.m., beginning on **Sept. 26** with “The Box.” This first show is about a widow called to identify the body of her abusive husband, who is then confronted by his spirit as he begs her to allow his redemption and spare him the tortures that await him in the afterlife. “The Darklands” will appropriately conclude on Halloween evening. “The Darklands” contains adult themes and situations. For info, contact Chuck Dicken at [cdicken@frostburg.edu](mailto:cdicken@frostburg.edu).

## Presentations

### Academic Enrichment Series

**Mark Smith**, director, Tutoring Center, Programs Advancing Student Success, will present “How to Get the Most Out of Tutoring” on **Monday, Sept. 19**, and **Wednesday, Sept. 21**, from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. in Lane 113. Learn how to sign up for tutoring through TutorTrac, what to expect from tutors and steps you can take to make tutoring work for you.

**Beth Kenney**, director, Technology Services, and interim director, Instructional Design and Delivery, and **Karen Kerns**, Help Desk manager, Technology Services, will give a talk, “IT Services Can Help,” on **Tuesday, Sept. 20**, from 2 to 2:50 p.m. in Gira Center 127A, and on **Friday, Sept. 23**, from 1 to 1:50 p.m. in Gira Center 127B. Learn how the Office of Informational Technology can help you. This session will cover accounts and passwords, Help Desk services, Gira Center facilities, Office 365 and network drives.

**Lori Bennett**, information security officer, Information Technology, will present “Internet Privacy – Are You Really as Safe as You Think?” on **Thursday, Sept. 22**, from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. in Gira Center 127B. How much information are you revealing about yourself online? In this session, participants will learn how to check for some of the most common privacy leaks and ways they can identify theft, scams, viruses, Phishing attempts, spyware and adware.

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

### Appalachian Laboratory Fall Seminar Series

Dr. Matt Hansen, UMD – Geographical Sciences, will present “Advancing Global Land Monitoring Using Landsat Satellite Data” on **Thursday, Sept. 22**, 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).

## Points of Pride

### Bottom Line Publishes Results of Cold Case Investigation

“Gone Too Soon: Revisiting the 1983 Murder of Joan Ann Charlton”



The Bottom Line, FSU’s independent student news organization, has published the results of a semester-long investigation by students in ENGL 436 Advanced News and Feature Writing, a class taught by **Andy Duncan**. The students researched the unsolved 1983 murder of FSU freshman Joan Charlton, a 19-year-old Jamaican-American from Baltimore. Written, reported, edited and designed by the undergraduates based on many interviews, including one with the Charlton family, the comprehensive look at Charlton’s life, death and legacy is online at <http://thebottomlinenews.com/joancharltoncase>. For info, contact Duncan at [arduncan@frostburg.edu](mailto:arduncan@frostburg.edu).

### FSU Holds 9/11 Memorial Service



A Memorial Service was held this past Sunday at the Lane University Center to mark the 15th anniversary of 9/11, a day in which 2,977 people lost their lives when terrorists attacked on U.S. soil and changed America forever. This event, sponsored by the Student Veterans of America and the College Republicans, was a time for everyone to come together as a community to remember, pay tribute to and honor the bravery of those who died, their families, the first responders and those that sacrificed all for the lives of others. Student speakers included FSU junior **David Deal**, a U.S. Army veteran; **John Lancaster**, president of the College Republicans; junior **Anthony Pitts**, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and president of the

Frostburg Chapter of the Student Veterans of America; and freshman **Alex Fadley**, a U.S. Navy veteran, For info on the event, contact Danielle Dabrowski at [dldabrowski@frostburg.edu](mailto:dldabrowski@frostburg.edu).

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# FSU Honors Students Balance Success on the Field and in the Classroom

The FSU Honors Program strives to enrich the academic experience of the students enrolled in it, while supporting the ability of those students to become engaged in a wide variety of campus extracurricular activities. Two honors students, ***Jacqueline Gover*** and ***Jacquelyn Nava***, have proven this with their simultaneous membership in the Honors Program and on the women’s field hockey team. Gover, a senior goalkeeper and exercise and sports science major, has participated in the Honors Program while halting over 60 percent of shots taken against her so far this season. Nava, also a senior exercise and sports science major, plays midfield for the Bobcats. Both student-athletes admitted that competing in intercollegiate athletics as an honors student requires balance; however, they emphasized the critical support they’ve received from honors faculty and their advisors. To learn more about being an honors student, visit [www.frostburg.edu/dept/honr](http://www.frostburg.edu/dept/honr).

## Take Note

### UCM to Collect Flood Buckets Through Sept. 23

To facilitate the FSU Flood Relief project, United Campus Ministry will be in Lane Center **Thursdays** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to collect items for flood buckets or donations for supplies for flood buckets for our neighbors in Ellicott City, West Virginia and Baton Rouge, La. Every student activity group and University department is urged to create one bucket to send to UMCOR, a disaster relief nonprofit group, for distribution to relief workers and homeowners in these flood areas.

There are a few ways to participate.

- Get your group or association to create a bucket; all buckets or supplies must be collected by **Friday, Sept 23**.
- Can’t do a whole bucket? Donate an item and UCM students will put buckets together.
- Donate money and UCM students will purchase supplies needed on your behalf. (Make the check out to United Campus Ministry and in the memo line put Flood Relief Project.)

If your group creates a flood bucket, you can take it to the Braddock House or bring it to the Lane Center on Thursdays. Be sure you put on your bucket, “Created by \_\_\_\_\_ at FSU.”

#### Flood Buckets

Each kit consists of the following items:

- Five-gallon bucket with clean resealable lid (Lowes has these in the paint section.)
- Five scouring pads – not steel wool
- Seven sponges
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels – reusable wipes
- Two 25-ounce or one 50-ounce bottle of liquid laundry detergent
- One 12- to 16-ounce bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed in water – no spray bottles
- One 16- to 28-ounce bottle of dish soap
- Two 50-foot or one 100-foot clothesline
- Five dust masks – disposable and sealed in a bag
- Two pairs of reusable waterproof gloves – Playtex type
- One pair of work gloves – leather palm necessary
- One 24-bag roll of heavy-duty, 33- to 45-gallon trash bags (Remove roll from box and roll into two sets of 12.)
- One 6- to 14-ounce can of insect repellent spray (not killer) – aerosol spray or pump with protective cover
- One can of air freshener – aerosol or pump
- Fifty clothespins
- Cleaning agents – no powders

Place all items in the bucket. Sizes are important, as all items must fit in the bucket. For a video demonstrating how to pack a bucket, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkh07KwQb-Q>.

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# International Day of Peace Observance Features Dialogue

Allegany College of Maryland and FSU are collaborating on activities to mark International Day of Peace, a United Nations-designated effort for global unity and non-violence.

A number of events have been scheduled **from Sept. 20 through 24** at each campus ranging from peace walks and discussions to poetry readings and the coloring of mandalas, the circular designs that promote healing through meditative relaxation.

Garrett College joins in the observance on **Tuesday, Sept. 20**, when a peace dialogue involving students and faculty and staff members from all three institutions is conducted on the FSU campus. This facilitated session, focusing on shared understandings of peace and designed to foster inter-college communication and collaboration, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center.

Other features of this International Day of Peace observance include:

**Mandala Coloring Contest** – A mandala coloring contest with paper and sidewalk chalk will be held in room 237 of FSU's Ort Library and around campus from 5 to 5:45 p.m. **Tuesday, Sept. 20**. Prizes will be awarded in a random drawing of participant names the following day. Mandalas also will be colored at ACM at locations around campus. Participants can get started at tables staffed by representatives of student clubs.

**FSU Poetry Slam** – Readings of poetry in support of international peace will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 21**, in the Ort Library. As with the mandala colorists, prizes for poetry readers are awarded by random drawing.

**ACM Serenity Labyrinth Walk** – Participants are invited to meditate as they walk with music and imagine peace and reflect on its meaning. The walk is scheduled from 1 to 2:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 21**, at ACM's Community Serenity Garden and Labyrinth behind the Center for Continuing Education.

**FSU Global Synchronized Meditation** – Linked with millions around the world via Internet, local participants will join in this fifth anniversary BeThePeace meditation event and this 20th anniversary Earth Dance Prayer for Peace at 7 p.m. **Saturday, Sept. 24**, in the Ort Library. Features include a lighting of peace candles at the FSU Clock Tower and offerings of words for Tibetan prayer flags to be placed on campus.

Participating FSU organizations include the Student Government Association; Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Center for International Education; Center for Literary Arts; and the Leadership Studies minor and English and Philosophy departments, as well as the NAACP student chapter and the Coexist, Spectrum, 3AM Society and Philosophy Club student groups.

Students from FSU's Communication Leadership Laboratory and service-learning students from ACM will help facilitate the peace dialogue. Transportation by "peace bus" will be provided for travel from ACM to FSU.

Established in 1981 by the U.N. General Assembly, the International Day of Peace is observed around the world each Sept. 21 to commemorate and strengthen "the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples."

The goal of participants planning the local observance is collaboration that promotes a commitment to peace above all differences and contributes to a culture of peace.

For info, contact Dr. Elesha Ruminski at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu), Dr. Patricia Robison at [probison@frostburg.edu](mailto:probison@frostburg.edu) or Dr. Diane McMahon at [dmcMahon@allegany.edu](mailto:dmcMahon@allegany.edu). Info is also available at the ACM and FSU websites, [www.allegany.edu](http://www.allegany.edu) and [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu).

## UVUGD Gospel Choir Interest Meeting Today

There will be a Unified Voices Under God's Dominion Gospel Choir interest meeting **Monday, Sept. 19**, at 8 p.m. in the PAC choir room.

For info, contact R. Shawn Jones at [rsjones@frostburg.edu](mailto:rsjones@frostburg.edu).

## Open Forum – FSU's New Institutional Effectiveness Plan

Weigh in on FSU's new and improved Institutional Effectiveness Plan at an open forum on **Wednesday, Sept. 21**, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Lane 113 (new location). For info, contact Sara-Beth Bittinger at [sbittinger@frostburg.edu](mailto:sbittinger@frostburg.edu).

## Annual Diversity Retreat – 'Building Community: Unity in Diversity'

FSU students interested in diversity, equity, inclusion and coalition building have the opportunity to participate in the 18th Annual Diversity Retreat scheduled from 4 p.m. **Friday, Sept. 30**, through 1 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 2**. Offered by the Black Student Alliance; the Student Government Association; the Center for Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (CSDEI); and the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, this year's theme is "Building Community: Unity in Diversity." The retreat will include diversity workshops and other related activities intended to promote student awareness and empowerment in diversity, equity and inclusion issues, and coalition building.

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.



FSU faculty and staff are encouraged to promote this program to their students and to consider making participation in this retreat an option for class assignments, as appropriate. For info, contact Robin Wynder, director of CSDEI, at 301-687-4050 or [rwynnder@frostburg.edu](mailto:rwynnder@frostburg.edu).

Applications are available in Hitchins 116. All completed applications must be submitted by **Wednesday, Sept. 21**.

## Megan Bradley Memorial 5K for CASA of Allegany County



The Megan Bradley Memorial 5K, presented by the Queen City Striders, is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 8**, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Progressive Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center, 11801 Upper Potomac Industrial Park St., Cumberland.

**Dr. Megan Bradley** was an associate professor in FSU's Department of Psychology who passed away in April 2016 after a brief illness. She created the first 5K as a class project for her students at FSU in 2013 and to help raise funds for Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for children. Bradley was the vice president of CASA of Allegany County Board of Directors, a supporter of child advocacy and a professor of early childhood education, as well as a wife and mother. This year the 5K was renamed in her honor.

For info, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-megan-bradley-memorial-5k-for-casa-of-allegany-county-tickets-27306087242>. You don't have to be a runner to participate and can walk if you'd prefer.

## Upcoming BURG Events

BURG events for the week are as follows:

- **Checkup Wellness Fair, Monday, Sept. 19**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lane Manicur Hall
- **Red Zone Round Table, Tuesday, Sept. 20**, 7 p.m., Lane Atkinson Room (232)
- **General Body Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 22**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gira Center 156

For info, contact Armand Jackson at [adjackson02@frostburg.edu](mailto:adjackson02@frostburg.edu) or visit [www.burgpeereducationnetwork.com](http://www.burgpeereducationnetwork.com).

## Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

It's not too early to be thinking about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Tuesday, Dec. 20**, in the Cordts PE Center.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Colleges of Business and Education will both present their graduates at 2 p.m. Tickets will be required for admission. The number of tickets will be determined at a later date, based on the number of graduating students.

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](https://twitter.com/FrostburgGrad) on Twitter or <https://www.facebook.com/FrostburgGraduation> on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement). For info, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or [clbohn@frostburg.edu](mailto:clbohn@frostburg.edu).

## FSU-TV3

### Let FSU-TV3 Know What You Think!



FSU-TV3 is gathering info on its programming needs and is asking the community to complete a survey. To take the survey, log on to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fsu-tv3-16-programming>. To see what program options FSU-TV3 has before taking the survey, visit [www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/programming](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsu-tv3/programming).

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## Student Life

### 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

### First Mountain Maryland Renewable Energy Bike Ride Coming on Sept. 24



Join the premier event of the year! The First Annual Mountain Maryland Renewable Energy Bike Ride will take place on **Saturday, Sept. 24**, and will include two options – a round-trip, family-friendly bicycle ride from the Frostburg trailhead of the Great Allegany Passage and a challenging 35-mile ride beginning at the trailhead and then hitting the road in Deal to see the area’s energy-producing capabilities. At the end, riders will be treated to a party with food by SHIFT restaurant, drinks and music by The Chinese Bandits, all set against the beautiful backdrop of the Frostburg Depot.

Student registration rates are as low as \$10!

Ride proceeds benefit Allegany County Habitat for Humanity and FSU Foundation scholarships for students with an interest in energy and renewable energy studies.

Register at <https://www.bikereg.com/mountain-maryland-renewable-energy-ride>.

## 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.

### Get Flu Safe ...

### Get the Jab!



- **Get the annual flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available.**

### And Remember ...

- **Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer.**
- **Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, preferably with the inside of your arm.**
- **Avoid touching your face.**

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Frostburg State University is a student-centered teaching and learning institution featuring experiential opportunities. The University offers students a distinctive and distinguished baccalaureate education along with a select set of applied master’s and doctoral programs. Frostburg serves regional and statewide economic and workforce development; promotes cultural enrichment, civic responsibility and sustainability; and prepares future leaders to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

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1. Enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students both inside and outside the classroom.
2. Improve facilities so that students live and learn in a modern and technologically sophisticated environment.
3. Increase student quality and improve student persistence to graduation.

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