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Focus Frostburg 2015: 'Learn-In' for a Sustainable Future



FSU will be fully focused on its climate action commitment during the upcoming Focus Frostburg event, an annual day of learning on sustainability and climate awareness, on **Wednesday, April 22**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event, free and open to the public, will feature green learning activities for everyone, including presentations in the Lane University Center.

New this year is the project "Grim Landscape: The Apocalypse Will Be a Peep Show," consisting of campus trees and saplings wrapped in designs by Graphic Design 207 students, each with a viewing hole that invites the viewer to regard the tree as a rare, noble and exotic creature. Inside, viewers will see logo designs of "spirit creatures" representing endangered, vulnerable or threatened species. (Note: If weather does not permit, the display will be rescheduled.)

Learn all about FSU's climate action commitment from a wide range of presentations from faculty and students at the Lane Center, including those on the topics of the market economy, sustainability, fracking, environmental activism, culture and art, water purification, community agriculture, biofuels, environmental justice issues and an environmentally sustainable future.

Fracking-related presentations include "Are Fracking Jobs Good Jobs?" (11 a.m.), which will examine working conditions in various "fracking" enterprises in the United States, looking at how this industry affects regional economic development and occupational health, workers' purchasing power and the labor movement; "Marcellus Shale Listening Project – To Frack or Not to Frack" (1 p.m.), which will feature the work of a two-semester documentation project in partnership with the Savage River Watershed Association; and "Fracking and Health" (2 p.m.), which investigates the health and environmental impacts of fracking and how investment in fracking prevents investing in a sustainable future.

In "Wilderne\$\$: The Market Revolution's Impact on Nature in the United States" (10 a.m.), presenters will discuss the development of the market economy in early America and how the commodification of nature affected the environment as well as changed conceptions of wilderness. They will also look at the early roots of environmental degradation in the U.S.

"Religion and Environmental Activism" (11 a.m.) will feature the documentary project "Renewal," the first feature-length documentary film to capture the vitality and diversity of today's religious-environmental activists.

"Conservation, Sustainability, Culture and Art: An Interdisciplinary Science Center on Campus" (11 a.m.) will show how the Frostburg Science Discovery Center is planning an interdisciplinary collaboration to transform its space into a valuable student learning environment. Come find out about the plans in progress and join the forum to discuss potential opportunities, barriers, suggestions and questions.

"The Water School, Service Learning With the President's Leadership Circle" (1 p.m.) will highlight the President's Leadership Circle trip to Uganda in March, the fourth such journey. Students engaged in the service project trip worked with the water school to purify water in some of the local villages. The presentation will feature a compiled video of this project.

"Frostburg Grows: Community Agriculture in Practice" (1 p.m.) will look at the operations and goals of Frostburg Grows. Come learn how Frostburg Grows seeks to tie Western Maryland together through local food initiatives.

"Biofuel Blast: Exploring the Science of and Debate Around Biofuels" (2 p.m.) will cover the uses of biofuels around the world and the points of controversy about their use. This presentation will feature demonstrations with time for questions and discussion. In "Hands-On Workshop – Biofuel Blast: Exploring the Science of, and Debate Around, Biofuels" (3 p.m.), participants will engage in a fun hands-on activity to learn how yeast is used to make biofuels from the sugars in corn.

"A Vision Within – A Documentary" (4 p.m.) created by Michael O. Snyder and FSU, tells the story of a group of students who

travel deep into the heart of the Amazon rainforest to meet an ancient culture living in much the same way as they have for thousands of years. The film is an exploration of the critical role that inner visions can play in peoples’ lives, in education and in awakening a socially just, environmentally sustainable future. “Indigenous Voices for Environmental Justice” (2 p.m.) will present the framework of environmental justice and explore how indigenous peoples all over the world are using social media to fight against cultural and environmental exploitation and abuse.

Sustainability-related presentations will include “A Paperless University: Advantages and Drawbacks” (10 a.m.), which will explore alternative steps to save paper; “Student Sustainability Projects and the Sustainability Student Fee” (noon), which will address how to plan for and fund exciting new student sustainability projects with this new stream of funding; “Student-Designed Sustainability Projects” (3 p.m.), in which students will present results of their class projects, including a native tree-planting and restoration project, alternatives to de-icing salt, and food scraps and composting; “Nifty Shades of Green – Increasing Frostburg’s Sustainability/Resilience” (3 p.m.), which will showcase five current city programs and projects; and “Forever Green” (4 p.m.), an introduction to green burials. In addition, “Focus Frostburg 2015: ‘Learn-In’ for a Sustainable Future, Projects From SUST 455 Seminar in Sustainability Studies” (3 and 4 p.m.) will offer a variety of presentations.

There will be a special planetarium presentation this year at 7 p.m. in the Multimedia Learning Center, room 186 of the Center for Communications and Information Technology. “Dynamic Earth” explores the inner workings of Earth’s climate system. With visualizations based on satellite-monitoring data and advanced supercomputer simulations, this cutting-edge production follows a trail of energy that flows from the sun into the interlocking systems that shape Earth’s climate: the atmosphere, oceans and the biosphere.

The annual Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Poster Contest will be held completely online this year. To view and vote for student-created environmental posters, or for other information about Focus Frostburg, visit www.facebook.com/frostburglglg. People can vote on Facebook **from April 17 to 23** by visiting FSU’s LGLG Facebook page (www.facebook.com/frostburglglg).

For info and a schedule, visit www.frostburg.edu/lglg/focusfrostburg.htm.

Come Celebrate Arbor Day!

As part of Focus Frostburg, FSU will celebrate Arbor Day and its third year as a Tree Campus USA on **April 22** at 2 p.m. at the Clock Tower. A tree planting will occur near the gazebo in the Arboretum immediately following the ceremony. For info, contact Dr. Sunshine Brosi at slbrosi@frostburg.edu.

Theatre

Theatre and Dance Presents Tale of Star-Crossed Lovers With New Spin



Pictured from left are theatre majors Maureen Groff (Rosaline), Habtamu Anderson (Romeo) and Sara Danley (Juliet).

FSU’s Theatre and Dance will present a new take on an old favorite with “Romeo and Juliet: Choose Your Own Ending” written by brother-sister team Shawn and Ann Fraistat. Referred to as “whip-smart and hilarious” by The Washington Post and directed by *Mairzy Yost-Rushton*, performances will run **April 23, 24 and 25** at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on **April 18** at 2 p.m., in the Drama Theatre of the Performing Arts Center.

In this creative reimagining of the original tale, the audience gets to play Shakespeare by democratically deciding the direction of the play during the performance, including who will live, who will die and whether or not the young lovers live happily ever after.

For reservations and info, call Theatre and Dance at 301-687-7462 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students and children and \$12 for the general public. Group reservations are available when booked in advance.

This production is recommended for mature audiences.

CES at FSU Closes Season With Broadway Nights



From left, Broadway stars Craig Schulman, Gary Mauer and Rita Harvey

CES at FSU will close its 2014-15 season on **Thursday, April 23**, with the performance of Broadway Nights – Broadway Today, featuring Broadway stars Craig Schulman, Gary Mauer and Rita Harvey. The performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

Schulman, Mauer and Harvey are the stars of musicals like “Phantom of the Opera,” “Les Misérables” and “Fiddler on the Roof.” The performance will feature solos, duets and trios from some of musical theatre’s most popular shows, including “Wicked,” “The Phantom of the Opera,” “Mamma Mia,” “Chicago,” “Les Misérables,” “South Pacific” and “Company.”

Schulman, Mauer and Harvey all have illustrious careers on the New York City stage. Schulman is the only American to have portrayed all three of musical theatre’s greatest male roles: The Phantom, Jean Valjean and the title role in “Jekyll and Hyde.” Among Mauer’s many Broadway credits are the roles of The Phantom and Raoul in “Phantom,” as well as the role of revolutionary leader Enjolras in “Les Misérables.” Harvey made her Broadway debut in the role of Christine in “Phantom” and was seen as Hodel in Broadway’s “Fiddler on the Roof.”

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25.50 for youth under 17. Corporate and group discount rates are also available.

Music

Unless otherwise noted, recitals and concerts will take place in PAC Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at 301-687-4109 or visit www.frostburg.edu/music.

Brass Ensemble Upcoming Concert

The FSU Brass Ensemble will present its concert on **Friday, April 24**, at 7:30 p.m. Works to be performed include David Moore's "The Calling," Tylman Susato's "Renaissance Dances," John Rutter's "What Sweeter Music," Wilke Renwick's "Dance," John Cheetham's "Scherzo," Johann Pezel's "Sonata Number 2," John Tavener's "The Lamb" and Gustav Holst's "Second Military Suite in F."

Chamber and Alumni Choirs to Perform Spring Concert



The FSU Chamber and Alumni choirs will perform their Spring Concert on **Sunday, April 26**, at 3 p.m.

Under the direction of **Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker** and **Dr. Sean Beachy**, assistant conductor, the Chamber Choir will present the music performed on its Italian tour in March. The concert will highlight two U.S. premiers – "Sanctus" by Beachy and "Madrigale Mille" by Italian composer Manolo da Rold, the conductor of Corale Zumellese in Mei, Italy.

Former members of the choir will join forces to perform Eleanor Daley's "Grandmother Moon" and Z. Randall Stroope's "Winter" in honor of their beloved accompanist, the late **Betty Jane Phillips**, and Caldwell and Ivory's "Ask the Watchman," which will feature alumni **Arnold McNeal** and **Andre Wilson**.

Clarinet and Bassoon Studio Recital

Directed by **Dr. Mark Gallagher** and **Dr. Brent Weber**, the Clarinet and Bassoon Studio Recital will take place on **Monday, April 27**, at 7:30 p.m. The program will include individual solos, the FSU Clarinet Ensemble, the FSU Bassoon Quartet and a combined ensemble performance of the Overture to Mozart's "Magic Flute." The group will perform works by Gounod, Brahms, Delibes, Mozart, Madsen, Puccini, von Koch and Triebensee.

Percussion Ensemble Concert a Mix of Musical Styles

The FSU Percussion Ensemble will present its spring concert on **Thursday, April 30**, at 7:30 p.m. The program, under the direction of **Dr. Ronald Horner**, will begin with a song popularized by noted Cuban artist Celia Cruz. "La Vida Es un Carnaval" has been performed by numerous contemporary artists, including Jennifer Lopez. The group will perform an arrangement by noted Latin percussionist Lalo Davila that captures the effervescence of the original.

The next selection will feature the members of this semester's percussion methods class, performing Josh Gottry's "Soca-ing Wet." "Soca" is a derivation of the "soul calypso" dance genre popularized by Caribbean singer Lord Shorty that mixes elements of soul, calypso and disco.

The first half will conclude with "Presto" from the "Summer" concerto by Antonio Vivaldi. Part of his "Four Seasons," this movement portrays the intensity of a July thunderstorm in this intricate arrangement for mallet quartet by Aaron Williams.

The second half of the program will commence with "Dystopia," by Jim Casella who describes his work as "program music designed to take listeners on a journey of their own images."

The concert will continue with a selection that uses a western marimba to illustrate the traditional techniques used on the amadinda and akadinda xylophones found in Uganda. "Uganda Marimba," by John Willmarth, features four performers who share the same instrument.

The program will conclude with a David Steinquest arrangement of that staple of classic rock repertoire, "Frankenstein" by Edgar Winter, which topped the "Billboard Hot 100" in 1973.

Jazz Orchestra in 'Abstract Image' Concert



Join the FSU Jazz Orchestra for an evening of big band jazz on **Friday, May 1**, at 7:30 p.m. This performance will feature FSU students as well as guest artist Fred Kestner on trumpet.

This spring concert will feature a variety of music based on rock, funk and fusion jazz styles. Fred Sturn's original work "Abstraktes Bild" (German for "Abstract Image") will be the centerpiece for the program. Music by Oliver Nelson, Eddie Harris, McCoy Tyner, Pat Metheny, Michael Buble and other jazz greats will be featured, as well as a few surprises!

Requiem Mass Dedicated to Drs. Gira and Gibraltar

The Department of Music will present Mozart's "Requiem Mass in D Minor" in honor of **Drs. Catherine Gira and Jonathan Gibraltar** on **Sunday, May 3**, at 3 p.m.

Conducted by **Dr. Karen Soderberg Sarnaker**, the performance will feature soprano Brigid Eversole, mezzo-soprano Maria Dolan, tenor Brendan Sliger, bass Eugene Galvin, the FSU University Chorale, the Cumberland Choral Society (Judith Brown,

conductor) and the Mozart Chamber Orchestra.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger.

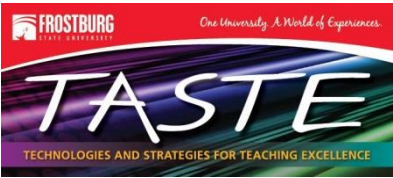
Presentations

Chemists Celebrate Earth Day

Dr. Tianna Bogart, an assistant professor in the Department of Geography, will give a talk on “Climate Science: The Underlying Forces That Shape the Weather” on **Thursday, April 23**, at 6:30 p.m. in Compton 327. She will discuss the major controls that have influenced climate shifts throughout Earth’s history, the benefits and limitations of climate modeling, direct and proxy climate data and current research focusing on land cover change from rural to urban environments and its influence on a global climate model.

For info, contact Blair Knouse at beknouse@frostburg.edu.

TASTE Conference Coming in May



The Office of Information Technology is accepting registrations for its 14th Annual TASTE (Technology and Strategies for Teaching Excellence) Conference to be held **Wednesday, May 27**, in the Center for Communications and Information Technology. This is a free conference designed to help move FSU faculty and staff technologically forward to meet the needs of today’s tech-savvy students. By keeping up with current technologies, students will understand that not only does FSU “know its audience” but strives to

maintain relevance to respond to their needs.

Vendor collaboration gives everyone a unique opportunity to learn from the experts and discuss questions on site. Sessions will be tailored to up-and-coming technologies. Attendees can explore CCIT, FSU’s newest building, share ideas and collaborate with colleagues, and meet the technology vendors. As always, prize drawings will be held throughout the day. (Winners will be announced periodically on CCIT’s digital signage.)

For registration or to submit a session proposal, visit www.frostburg.edu/computing/training-events/taste-conference.

For info, email taste@frostburg.edu.

Spring Academic Enrichment Series

Dr. Marcus Hill, a lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication, will give a talk on “College Was the Easy Part” on **Monday, April 20**, at 3 p.m. in CCIT 156. Wondering what the future holds after graduating from college? Feeling unprepared for the real world? This workshop will help students answer those questions and give them the steps they can begin taking.

Dr. Kevin Simonson, staff psychologist/counselor, Department of Counseling and Psychological Services, will discuss “Strategies for Coping With Stress” on **Tuesday, April 21**, at 12:30 p.m. in Lane 113. By participating in this workshop, students can learn and practice ways of managing distress and shifting perspectives on negative thoughts so that life choices can be more in line with what feels meaningful.

Simonson will also speak on “Test Anxiety” on **Thursday, April 23**, at 12:30 p.m. in Lane 113. Test anxiety consists of a combination of negative thinking and physiological responses. These two factors work together to create feelings of anxiety that interfere with one’s ability to perform in the testing situation. Join the group to learn effective techniques to reduce test anxiety.

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

Readings

A Reading and Conversation With Author Jane Satterfield



The Center for Creative Writing will present a reading with poet and essayist Jane Satterfield on **Thursday, April 30**, at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Lewis J. Ort Library. This event is free and open to the public.

Satterfield is the author of two previous poetry collections, “Assignment at Vanishing Point” and “Shepherdess With an Automatic,” as well as “Daughters of Empire: A Memoir of a Year in Britain and Beyond.” Her honors include a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in poetry and three Maryland Arts Council Individual Artists Awards, “The Florida Review” Editors’ Prize in nonfiction, the Mslexia women’s poetry prize and the 49th Parallel Poetry Prize from the Bellingham Review, as well as residencies in poetry or nonfiction from the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. Satterfield teaches writing at Loyola University Maryland and is literary editor for Canada’s “Journal of the Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement.”

For info, contact the Center for Creative Writing at 301-687-4340 or cwcenter@frostburg.edu.

Films

FSU to Host Screening and Q&A With Director of ‘Plastic Paradise’



FSU will host a special Earth Week screening of the award-winning independent documentary film “Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch” and a question-and-answer session with its director, Angela Sun, on **Monday, April 20**, at 6:30 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

“Plastic Paradise” investigates the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, the massive patch of trash and plastic particles collecting in the Pacific Ocean. The film follows Sun to Midway Atoll, the ring-shaped island of coral reef where much of the patch’s debris washes up, as she investigates the devastating effects of trash and plastic on wildlife. Through her investigation, she meets scientists, researchers, influencers and volunteers who shed light on the impacts of the world’s rampant plastic use.

The film has been awarded the Catalina Film Festival Isla Award, the American Conservation Film Festival Broadcast Award, the San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival Environment Award and others.

Sun’s diverse career as a journalist, newscaster and filmmaker has included a role as host and correspondent for Al Gore’s Emmy Award-winning news channel Current TV, for which she produced, filmed and wrote stories. She has traveled the world, investigating issues like women’s status in China, the controversial coffee trade, terrorism’s effect on tourism in Palawan and the dangers of binge drinking in Europe.

For info, contact Ann Townsell at atownsell@frostburg.edu or 301-687-7794.

Literature

New Indie Lit Book Group Formed; First Book Is ‘Waiting at the Dead End Diner’

The FSU Center for Creative Writing and the Allegany County Public Library System invite community members to participate in the newly formed Indie Lit Book Group, which focuses on works published by independent presses. The book group’s next meeting is on **Wednesday, April 22**, at 7 p.m. in the Frostburg Public Library at 65 E. Main St. The group is free to join and open to the public.

The April meeting will center on a discussion of Rebecca Schumedja’s “Waiting at the Dead End Diner,” a book of poetry that reads like a novel circling around the comings and goings in the Dead End Diner. Schumedja is the author of several books of poetry, including “Cadillac Men,” “Falling Forward,” “The Map of Our Garden,” “Dream Big Work Harder” and “The Tear Duct of the Storm,” and has works published in numerous literary journals. She teaches at an alternative high school program in New York.

For info, contact the Frostburg Public Library at 301-687-0790 or the FSU Center for Creative Writing at 301-687-4340.

Visual Arts

FSU Creative Writing Center Issues Call for Art and Poetry

The FSU Center for Creative Writing invites students and community members to submit their art and poetry to the third annual Word and Image Project, which will feature selected works in an art exhibition and poetry chapbook. All work should be sent to the Center for Creative Writing by **Monday, April 20**, to be considered for the juried exhibition in May.

Examples of artwork submitted can be sculptures, photographs, paintings or drawings, and should incorporate some or all of the text of a poem. Poetry submitted should be ekphrastic, based on or describing a specific work of art. Poems may be entered for free. Visual artworks may be submitted at \$10 per piece, with the fee waived for students. Mail submissions to the Center for Creative Writing, 101 Braddock Rd., Frostburg, MD 21532; email them to cwcenter@frostburg.edu; or drop off work at the Center at 22 E. Main St. in Frostburg.

Monetary awards will be given for Best in Show, the Student Prize, the 2D Prize and the 3D Prize. The exhibition will be juried by Center Director **Gerry LaFemina**.

For info, contact the Center for Creative Writing at cwcenter@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4340.

Workshops

Prepare for the Career and Internship Fair!

On **Wednesday, April 22**, the Career and Professional Development Center will hold its annual Career and Internship Fair. To help students get ready for the fair, the center will host several workshops on topics such as resume writing and interviewing techniques. Watch for upcoming dates and announcements about the fair.

For info, contact Amy Lynn Shimko, director of Student Development, at alshimko@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4403.

Take Note

Dr. Tom Bowling Appointed Interim President of FSU



University System of Maryland Chancellor William E. Kirwan has appointed **Dr. Tom Bowling** as interim president of FSU. The appointment is effective **July 1**. Bowling is FSU's vice president for student affairs.

As interim president, Bowling will temporarily succeed **President Jonathan Gibraltar** who announced in February that he is leaving the University to become president of Wells College in Aurora, N.Y. President of FSU since August 2006, Gibraltar will join Wells on July 1.

"We are fortunate that Dr. Bowling is willing to lead Frostburg State University during this period of transition," said Chancellor Kirwan. "Throughout his career, he has worked tirelessly to expand opportunities for Frostburg students and help the University achieve greater excellence."

Bowling joined the FSU community in 1976 and has served as vice president for student affairs since 2006. Nationally, he has been active in several professional associations, including the Fulbright Association following his own experience as a Fulbright Scholar in Germany. He also has served as a member of the ACT Board of Trustees and a team member on several accreditation site visits for the Middle States Association.

Bowling received his Ph.D. in higher education administration from Florida State University, his M.Ed. from Wayne State University while serving with the U.S. Army in Germany and his B.A. from Illinois State University.

Chancellor Kirwan will soon announce the appointment of the FSU presidential search and screening committee. The committee will conduct a national search for FSU's next president, culminating with the forwarding of top candidates to the USM Board of Regents for the final selection.

FSU Expands Regional Tuition Rate Zone to 120-Mile Radius

Residents of Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio living within 120 miles of FSU may be eligible for a newly expanded Regional Tuition Rate that will save them about \$4,600 per year over out-of-state tuition. This same regional rate previously only applied in counties contiguous to Western Maryland.

The policy will take effect for the fall semester of 2015. With the reduced tuition rate, students in the Regional Tuition Rate zone can attend FSU for a cost competitive with many in-state rates at public institutions around the region and one that is more affordable than at most private institutions. The revised policy was approved by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents on April 10.

For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss or contact the FSU Office of Admissions at 301- 687-4201 or FSUadmissions@frostburg.edu.

FSU Spring Festival of Children's Literature



Appearing at the Spring Festival of Children's Literature are, from left, authors/illustrators **Scott Campbell, Brian Floca, Deborah Hopkinson and Matt Phelan**.

Educators in Maryland and Pennsylvania are encouraged to register for FSU's 33rd Annual Spring Festival of Children's Literature this month where teachers can earn credit for continuing professional development.

The festival will be held **Friday, April 24**, and **Saturday, April 25**, in the Lane University Center, where teachers, librarians and students will be engaged with the latest techniques to boost literacy and build the passion for lifelong reading. Educators can register at www.frostburg.edu/clc.

The festival provides an extraordinary value with access to experts in the field, breadth of topic areas covered, provided meals and exclusive access to classroom materials just for registering.

Registration costs \$45 for Friday, \$60 for Saturday and \$76 for both days.

The 11 professional development workshops will touch on topics that address Common Core, how to evaluate quality and usefulness of books, books for behavior therapy, engaging teens with technology for interactive writing and more.

This year's featured authors and illustrators include Scott Campbell, author and illustrator of "Hug Machine"; Brian Floca, author and illustrator of the Caldecott award-winning "Locomotive"; Deborah Hopkinson, award-winning author of more than 45 books for young readers; and Matt Phelan, illustrator for the Newberry winner "The Higher Power of Lucky" by Susan Patron.

Books by these authors can be reserved for purchase on the festival's website and are available to be autographed at a meet-and-greet session on **April 24**.

To support the Children's Literature Centre, contact the FSU Foundation, Inc., at 301-687-4161 or visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give.

R. Margaret Hamilton Children’s Literature Outreach Events to Feature Authors/Illustrators

As part of FSU’s 33rd Annual Spring Festival of Children’s Literature, the R. Margaret Hamilton Children’s Literature Outreach event, featuring Festival authors and illustrators Scott Campbell, Brian Floca, Deborah Hopkinson and Matt Phelan, will be offered **Tuesday, April 21, through Friday, April 24**, at schools and libraries throughout Allegany County.

These events are free and open to the public, but advance registration is required by contacting Dr. Jodi Welsch at jwelsch@frostburg.edu.

Hopkinson will present at local Allegany County schools **from April 21 to 24**. In Cumberland, she will appear at Washington Middle School on **April 22** at 9 and 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., as well as at Braddock Middle School on **April 23** at 8 and 9:20 a.m. On **April 24**, Campbell will speak at the LaVale Library at 10 a.m., Floca will lead a 10 a.m. reading and illustrating session at FSU and Phelan will present at South Penn Elementary School in Cumberland. Book sales and autographing will be available at each location.

Staff and Faculty Relay for Life Team Needs Your Help!

Last year, the staff and faculty Relay for Life team raised \$2,400, but this year the team is really behind. Become a team member and join the Hope Club. Raise just \$100 and help provide nine rides to or from treatment for a cancer patient, help guide four women facing breast cancer through every step of their journey or help offer a cancer patient and his or her caregiver one night of free lodging when traveling for treatment. Consider becoming a team member today. Give of your time, talents and money by joining a team, giving to a team, buying luminaria in honor of loved ones with cancer, walking the track or just attending the event with family and friends. Reserve **Friday evening, April 24**, on your calendar now!

To join or donate to the team, go to http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15SA?pg=entry&fr_id=64196. For info, contact one of the team co-leaders, Jodi Ternent at jternent@frostburg.edu or Mary Gartner at mgartner@frostburg.edu.

Town Hall Meeting Series to Connect Students With Democratic Process

Students, community members and public officials are invited to participate in a series of Democratic Engagement Town Hall Meetings focused on local, state and national issues facing students today. The next Upcoming Town Hall Meeting will be held on **Tuesdays, April 28**, and will cover national issues.

The Town Hall Meeting series aims to create a respectful conversation about current issues and how governments and the democratic process can be engaged to create positive change. The series is hosted by FSU’s J. Glenn Beall Institute for Public Affairs and the Office of Civic Engagement.

For info, contact Tim Magrath at 301-687-4080 or tmagrath@frostburg.edu, or Patrick O’Brien at 301-687-4210 or pobrien@frostburg.edu.

SSA at FSU to Hold Inaugural Meeting



The Secular Student Alliance at FSU will hold its inaugural meeting on **Thursday, April 30**, at 4 p.m. in Lane 113. The meeting will begin with brief introductions, then there will be about 30 minutes of videos ranging from SSA and Center for Inquiry welcome videos to clips of George Carlin, Christopher Hitchens, Richard Dawkins, Penn and Teller, The Thinking Atheist and the Atheist Community of Austin. There will also be a question-and-answer time. All are welcome!

For info, email frostburg@secularstudents.org or check out the group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ssaofffrostburguniversity>.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

It’s not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Thursday, May 21**.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 9:30 a.m. and the Colleges of Business and Education at 2 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center. Tickets will be required for admission. The number of tickets will be determined at a later date, based on the number of graduating students.

Complete your graduation application in PAWS now so that you will receive all the necessary upcoming information and check with the Registrar’s Office to ensure everything is set for you to graduate.

A Grad Fair will be held **Wednesday, May 13**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Students will also have the opportunity to pick up their graduation tickets, enter drawings, purchase graduation merchandise and more.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Brittnei Kaetzel at 301-687-4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Get Involved

Upcoming UCM Events

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.

Special Event

Picnic and Kite Fly on Knobley Mountain, Sunday, April 26, leaving campus from University Police lot at 5 p.m. Reservations are required for transportation and food purposes.

Weekly Campus Ministry Opportunities

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

Spiritual Study Break – A Contemporary Vesper Worship Experience, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Lane 108. This Lenten season the focus will be on “Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time.”

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Thursdays, 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Cordts PE Center, Hall of Fame Room. This is a student-led Bible study.

Finding True North Bible Study, Sundays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., Library 237. This is a Bible Meets Life study and discussion group. The current topic is “The Gospel in Six Words.”

Student Life

Edgewood Commons Accepting Applications for 2015-16 Academic Year

Apply online at www.edgewoodfsu.com. Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms. Utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable, and air conditioning) are included in the contract fee. For info or to set up a tour, call 301-689-1370.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Nick DeMichele in Paris in fall 2014

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Community

Allegany-Mineral Counties Crime Solvers Presents Symposium on Crime

The Allegany-Mineral Counties Crime Solvers, in coordination with law enforcement, prosecutors, county health departments and political and community leaders, will hold a symposium on crime and related issues affecting both counties on **Tuesday, April 28**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Allegany College of Maryland Theatre at 12401 Willowbrook Rd. in Cumberland. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

The symposium will focus on crime-related issues such as street-level crime, drug users and dealers, and related domestic issues. Speakers from the different organizations will address current crime problems, programs and enforcement directed at mitigating these problems. Emphasis will also be on support of the local law enforcement effort and encouraging strong participation by citizens within their affected communities.

Information will be available on Neighborhood Watch, drug treatment and Crime Solvers.

Citizens and community service, charitable and other organizations are encouraged to attend. For info and/or to confirm attendance, contact Martin Walsh at sdrlm2713@gmail.com or 443-803-0067.

AAUW May Meeting

The Frostburg Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet on **Tuesday, May 5**, at 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church at 52 Broadway. Cumberland native **Sandra Saville** will be the featured speaker.

Saville serves on the Foundation boards of the Western Maryland Health System and FSU, where she is assistant treasurer. She is president of the Allegany Arts Council and a member of Cumberland's Downtown Development Commission, serving as chair of

the newly formed City Market Study Group. Saville also serves as a member of the Visual Arts grants panel for the Maryland State Arts Council and is past treasurer of the Evergreen Heritage Foundation. She is an active member of the Maryland State Bar Association and donates legal services to nonprofits in the Allegany County vicinity. She has been teaching IDIS 350 Legal Issues in the Arts as an adjunct professor at FSU since the spring semester of 2009.

The evening will begin with the regular business meeting, followed by Saville’s presentation at 7:30. Members and guests are invited. For info, call Phyllis Casey at 301-689-6051.

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Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information is subject to change.

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Slop on sunscreen.

Slap on a hat.

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