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CCIT to Be Named in Honor of President Emerita Catherine Gira



The FSU Center for Communications and Information Technology will be named in honor of **President Emerita Catherine R. Gira** in a dedication ceremony on **Sunday, May 3**, at 11:30 a.m. in the courtyard in front of the building. The naming honors Gira's 15 years of service to FSU and her distinguished career in higher education. This event is free and open to the public.

"My predecessor, Dr. Catherine Gira, had the dream that, thanks to the efforts of hundreds of individuals over the last eight years, evolved into the incredible Center for Communications and Information Technology," Gibraltar said. "Frostburg State University and its faculty, staff, students and alumni greatly benefitted from Dr. Gira's leadership and service."

Gira was present for the building's grand opening in September and is scheduled to attend the dedication. She was an early and strong advocate for the construction of CCIT, recognizing the need for advanced and appropriate facilities for the rapidly transforming technology disciplines.

What will be known as the Catherine R. Gira Center for Communications and Information Technology is a \$70 million structure housing the facilities for computer science, communication, mathematics and graphic design, as well as studios for WFWM radio, the FSU-TV3 cable channel and the Multimedia Learning Center featuring the Planetarium. The University System of Maryland Board of Regents approved the naming of the building at its February meeting.

During Gira's presidency from 1991 to 2006, the Performing Arts Center was completed and opened, and she successfully lobbied for the construction of the Compton Science Center, which was completed in 2003. Under her leadership, FSU experienced significant growth in academic offerings, enrollment, accreditation and research and fundraising dollars.

Following her retirement from FSU, she has continued to be active in advocacy for the arts and leadership development through her service and leadership with the Maryland Humanities Council Board of Directors and the Leadership Maryland Board of Directors.

Gifts in honor of Gira may be made to the Catherine R. Gira Campus to Community Fund, which supports student experiences that embrace topics of leadership, alumni connections, community service, internships and study abroad. For info, contact the FSU Foundation at 301-687-4161 or visit www.frostburg.edu/makeagift.

FSU Featured in 'The Princeton Review's Guide to 353 Green Colleges'



FSU has once again been designated one of the 353 most environmentally responsible colleges in the country, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company, known for its test prep and tutoring services, books and college rankings, features FSU in the 2015 edition of its free book, "The Princeton Review Guide to 353 Green Colleges." This is the fourth time, and the third year in a row, that FSU has been featured in the guide.

Published on April 16, a few days before the April 22 celebration of Earth Day, the free, 218-page guide can be downloaded at www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.

The Princeton Review chose the schools for this sixth annual edition of its "green guide" based on data from the company's

2014 survey of hundreds of four-year colleges concerning the schools’ commitments to the environment and sustainability. The survey asked them to report on their school's sustainability-related policies, practices and programs.

“I am truly proud of the strides our campus community is making in bringing sustainability to all levels of our University, including in our educational programs, our research, our planning and facilities and in the way we live,” said FSU President Jonathan Gibralter. “Only a handful of higher education institutions nationwide achieve this distinction, and it takes everyone’s commitment to continue to make progress.”

“We strongly recommend Frostburg State University and the other fine colleges in this guide to the many environmentally minded students who seek to study and live at green colleges,” said Robert Franek, senior vice president and publisher of The Princeton Review.

Franek noted the growing interest the company has seen among college-bound students in green colleges. “Among nearly 10,000 teens who participated in our 2015 College Hopes & Worries Survey, 61 percent told us that having information about a school’s commitment to the environment would influence their decision to apply to or attend the college,” he said.

In the “Green Facts” section on FSU, The Princeton Review highlights “Learning Green, Living Green,” the mantra for FSU’s Sustainability Initiative, which says all one needs to know about the institution’s commitment to green education and lifestyle. A charter member of the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, FSU boasts numerous academic opportunities for green-minded students.

On the classwork end, FSU offers environmental courses and degrees in more than 15 departments, spanning ethnobotany, recreation and parks management, sociology, and wildlife and fisheries. On the research side, the University has a new, off-grid Sustainable Energy Research Facility, which will be home to a variety of renewable energy research projects, while also serving as an instructional building for classes related to renewable energy.

Aside from presenting at FSU’s annual “Focus Frostburg” day of learning on environmental sustainability and climate awareness, students who want practical sustainability-related experience have the chance to participate in the innovative Frostburg Grows project, a greenhouse complex on a former strip mine that grows local food and native trees and teaches local growers to do the same, extending their growing seasons by up to three months. FSU’s food service provider, Chartwells, purchases produce from Frostburg Grows for the campus. Not only that, FSU, in partnership with Chartwells, turns food waste from the dining hall into compost for Frostburg Grows. FSU’s waste diversion rate is 76 percent.

The green movement has permeated FSU’s community lifestyle, with myriad student-run clubs and societies playing a central role in everyday campus life, including the Wildlife Society and the Sierra Student Coalition. The institution has been named a Tree Campus USA three years running, with a commitment to planting native trees. FSU is also committed to purchasing or producing at least 15 percent of its electricity consumption from renewable resources.

The Princeton Review chose the colleges based on “Green Rating” scores (from 60 to 99) that the company tallied in summer 2014 for 861 colleges using data from its 2013-14 survey of school administrators. More than 25 data points were weighted in the assessment. Schools with Green Rating scores of 83 or higher made it into this guide. FSU’s rating this year is 95. Information about The Princeton Review’s Green Rating is available at www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.

Dance

Dance Concert ‘Lights, Music, DANCE!’ Features Guest Artist Kista Tucker



Members of the FSU Dance Company rehearse for their spring performance.

The Department of Theatre and Dance at FSU will open “Lights, Music, DANCE!” on Mother’s Day weekend, **Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9**, at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC Drama Theatre.

Highlighting the collaborative efforts of student choreographers and designers, the show will also feature two works by guest artist Kista Tucker of Kista Tucker Insights.

The artistic process for Dance Company members began last November when students presented conceptual ideas of their work through a rigorous proposal process. Then in April, during an informal showing of nine proposed projects, five were selected for the spring concert.

The concert will feature the works of Dance Company members *Marion Waser, Shaiday Dancy, Krysten Gutrich, Mariah Goldring* and *Marti Jenkins*, who partnered with student lighting designers *Emily Thompson, Kim Lartz, James LaDow, Sara Danley, Jennifer Grein, Allison Elseth, Austin Hueg, Shawn Zupancic* and *Shaunae Kelly*.

“It is really exciting to witness the evolution of creative processes in these young artists. It is such an amazing opportunity for them to be able to team up to bring their shared creative vision to life on the stage,” said company director Jamie McGreevy.

Two new works by McGreevy will feature the participation of local teen dancers Kayla Hoover, Curtis Westfall and Clayton Muir, who were invited to join the FSU Dance Company as apprentices. As students from Westmar Middle School, Frankfort Middle School and Keyser High School, they were given this opportunity to experience the world of dance in a pre-professional atmosphere while interacting with emerging young artists from FSU.

“I am so happy we are able to share this experience with these young and talented local artists. It not only is a great experience for them but also allows the FSU dancers an opportunity to be role models and mentors to the younger generation of dancers,” said McGreevy.

In addition, FSU welcomes the artistry of Tucker, who will present the first two parts of a trilogy with “Wish I May, I Wish I

Might,” a duet with Insights dancer Julie Hart, and “Remembering Elizabeth,” a solo developed by Tucker and performed by Hart. “The third section, yet to be realized, will eventually pull things together,” said Tucker.

Tucker’s choreographic and performance experience ranges from a major role in Kurt Joos “The Green Table” to her own work in “Fractured.” She has taught at George Washington University, Ohio State University, Sam Houston State University, the University of South Florida and SUNY College at Brockport.

With dance styles ranging from funky jazz and tap to classic and contemporary, “Lights, Music, DANCE!” is full of invention and talent.

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.

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.

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 other works by Mozart as well as works by Gounod, Brahms, Delibes, 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 Sturm’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!

FSU Chorale, Cumberland Choral Society to Perform Mozart’s Requiem

Soderberg-Sarnaker’s Final Chorale Concert Dedicated to Presidents Gibraltar and Gira



From left, Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar Dr. Catherine Gira and Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker

FSU will present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s “Requiem Mass in D Minor” on **Sunday, May 3**, at 3 p.m. Conducted by *Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker*, this concert is dedicated to *FSU Presidents Dr. Catherine R. Gira* and *Dr. Jonathan C. Gibraltar* in gratitude for their support these past 25 years. Soderberg-Sarnaker will be retiring and moving to Oregon this spring.

The crowning conclusion of Mozart’s extraordinary life, his Requiem is one of classical music’s most intriguing stories. Five months before his death, Mozart was commissioned by an anonymous stranger to write a Requiem Mass. Delirious with fever and convinced he was writing his own funeral music, he worked frantically at the score but died before the Requiem was complete. The FSU University Chorale and the Cumberland Choral Society join the Mozart Chamber Players for a powerful

performance of Mozart’s final musical statement. Soderberg-Sarnaker is conductor of the Chorale, and Judith Brown is conductor of the Choral Society.

Soloists for this magnificent work are soprano ***Bridgid Eversole***, assistant professor of voice at Norfolk State University and former professor of voice at FSU; mezzo-soprano ***Maria Dolan***, an FSU alumna, private voice teacher in Annapolis, Md., and now performing with the Washington and Metropolitan operas; tenor Brendan Sliger, recently named one of America’s next dramatic tenors, who has performed throughout the Maryland and Washington, D.C., metropolitan region as well as in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and South Korea; bass-baritone ***Eugene Galvin***, an FSU alumnus who has sung with the Washington, Wolf Trap, Cincinnati, Sarasota and National operas, among others, at Constitution Hall as Sarastro in “Magic Flute,” under the baton of Victor Borge, and as the title character in “Marriage of Figaro” with the New York Grand Opera.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. They can be reserved in advance by calling 301-687-4110 or emailing ksoderberg@frostburg.edu.

Flute and Saxophone Studios to Present Spring Ensemble Concert



The FSU Flute and Saxophone studios will present their Spring Ensemble Concert on **Monday, May 4**, at 7:30 p.m.

Under the direction of ***Dr. Keith Hanlon***, the Flute Ensemble will perform “L’Esprit des Petits Enfants” by Jonathan Cohen, “Maple Leaf Rag” by Scott Joplin and “Finale” from the “William Tell Overture” by Gioachino Rossini. The ensemble is made up of students and faculty.

Dr. Brent Weber will direct the Saxophone Orchestra in its performance of “Fanfare” from “La Peri” by Paul Dukas, “Sleep” by Eric Whitacre, “Dry Bones” arranged by Paul Yoder and “Georgia on My Mind” by Hoagy Carmichael. Students, faculty and community members will make up the ensemble.

Guitar Studio and Ensemble Concert

The Guitar Studio and Ensemble Concert, directed by ***Patrick Sise***, will be held on **Tuesday, May 5**, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will feature composers Leo Brouwer, Nakita Koshkin, Luigi Legnani, Agustin Barrios, Fernando Sor, Johann Kaspar Mertz, Jeremy Soule and Koji Kondo.

FSU’s Jazz Combo in Recital on May 6

A recital featuring FSU’s Jazz Combo, under the direction of ***Tom Harrison***, will be presented on **Wednesday, May 6**, at 7:30 p.m.

Instrumentalists will be ***Charlie Engleka*** on guitar, ***Michael Murphy*** on acoustic and electric bass, ***Matthew Heverly*** on drums, ***Marc Williams*** on trombone and ***Alex Kooker*** on trumpet. Vocalists will be ***Marse´ Romero***, ***Kori Melton*** and ***Sean Scriber***.

Selections, ranging from traditional to modern, will include compositions by Duke Ellington, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Jerome Kern, Oscar Hammerstein, Wes Montgomery, Lee Morgan, Miles Davis, Jaco Pastorius and Pat Metheny.

Romero, Melton and Scriber will be featured on “It Don’t Mean a Thing if It Ain’t Got That Swing,” “Girl From Ipanema” and “Is You Is or Is You Ain’t My Baby?” respectively.

Instrumentals will include “All the Things You Are,” “Four on Six,” “Ceora,” “Nardis,” “Teen Town” and “It’s Just Talk.”

Wind Ensemble to Perform Hidden Gems of Music

The FSU Wind Ensemble will perform on **Sunday, May 10**, at 3 p.m. Featuring “music in disguise,” the concert will literally contain hidden gems of music, i.e., not so much re-workings of other pieces of music but compositions these pieces have inspired and that contain their musical ideas.

The ensemble will open with “joyRiDE” by Michael Markowski, a mash-up of “Ode to Joy” (from Beethoven’s “Ninth Symphony”), and “Short Ride in a Fast Machine,” a classic of minimalist composition by John Adams. Another hidden gem is “In Memoriam” by Mark Camphouse, inspired by the Russian chorale “Salvation Is Created” by Pavel Tschesnokoff. One final hidden gem is the third movement of “Symphony on Themes of John Philip Sousa” by Ira Hearshen, which uses ideas from Sousa’s march, “Fairest of the Fair.”

Also featured on the program is “Jubiloso” by Robert Panerio. This piece, written in 1975, is noted for having received the Ostwald Composition Award, an annual award given out by the American Bandmasters Association.

The program will close with a suite from “Hymn of the Highlands” by Philip Sparke, a collection of three movements all named after locations in the Scottish Highlands: Ardross Castle, Alladale and Dundonnell.

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.

Center for Creative Writing to Present Multi-faceted Dr. Frank



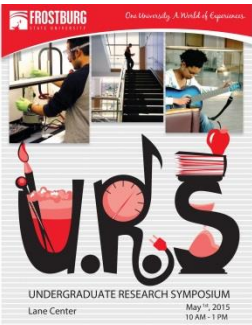
As part of the spring 2015 reading series, the FSU Center for Creative Writing will host a reading by Frank Portman, a musician and author of young adult literature, on **Monday, May 4**, at 4 p.m. in the Lyric Theater at 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. This event is free and open to the public.

Portman, widely known as Dr. Frank, performs as a singer, songwriter and guitarist as part of the Berkeley, Calif., punk rock band The Mr. T Experience. He has released two albums, "Show Business Is My Life" and "Eight Little Songs," as a solo music artist. His written works include three young adult novels: "King Dork," "Andromeda Klein" and "King Dork Approximately."

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

Presentations

FSU Celebrates Students' Research With Undergrad Research Symposium



To spread awareness of and celebrate all the unique research FSU undergraduate students do, FSU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will host its fourth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on **Friday, May 1**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall and the surrounding conference rooms of the Lane Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The symposium will feature 92 posters, oral presentations and displays that represent research conducted by undergraduate students from all 20 departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Attendees will have the chance to talk with the students about their research. **Dr. Bill Childs**, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, will kick off the event with an address to attendees at 10 a.m.

This year's projects include the creation of a media center for a handheld computer; an assessment of hydrological changes in the Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers; an analysis of President Barack Obama's public address, "We Will Degrade and Ultimately Destroy ISIL"; the evaluation of essential metals in vitamins; tests of the salinity of the soil in spots around the FSU campus; an exploration of advanced microscopy techniques to generate high-quality images of biological specimens; and many more.

For info, contact Dr. Karen Keller at 301-687-4174 or klkeller@frostburg.edu.

Attention STEM Majors: Is Graduate School in Your Future?



Come to a presentation on **May 1** at 3 p.m. in CCIT 156 that will focus on how students in the STEM fields can prepare for admission to graduate school and research funding opportunities. The speaker will be Dr. Renetta Tull, associate vice provost for Graduate Student Development & Postdoctoral Affairs at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Tull is the founding director of PROMISE: Maryland's Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate, a program of the National Science Foundation. This program works to increase significantly the number of domestic students receiving doctoral degrees in the STEM fields, with special emphasis on underrepresented population groups.

To register, email wwilson@frostburg.edu.

For info, contact the Office of Graduate Services in Pullen 141 or call 301-687-7053.

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

Shawn Jones, student advisor, Student Support Services, will present “Dress for Success” on **Tuesday, April 28**, at 12:30 p.m. in Lane 113 and on **Wednesday, April 29**, at 4 p.m., also in Lane 113. Learn the proper way to dress for all occasions. Get tips on the proper styles and colors that best fit you.

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

Take Note

Thanks for Relay for Life Contributions!

Many thanks to the faculty, staff, retirees and especially students who participated in the 2015 Relay for Life to raise research and service funds for the American Cancer Society. Whether you donated money or encouraged others to donate, purchased luminaria or encouraged others to honor those with cancer, walked or encouraged others to walk, your contribution is important and most valued.

The total raised and the team and individual contest winners will be announced in the next few days. But know you can still donate, with credit to the FSU Relay event, **until August 2015**.

FSU Child Care Needs Assessment

Students, faculty and staff will have been sent an April 26 email from President Gibraltar that links to a survey, part of an assessment of the need for a child care center on the FSU campus. Be sure to participate in this survey whether or not you have children. The three parts of the survey include questions for all members of the campus community, for individuals using child care and for people who anticipate needing child care within the next five years. Participation is voluntary but the higher the response rate, the more accurate the assessment of child care needs will be, as well as the commitment of the campus community to meeting these needs. For info, contact Dr. Mary Gartner, associate provost emerita, at mgartner@frostburg.edu or Dr. Julie Hartman-Linck, coordinator of the Women’s Studies Program, at jehartman@frostburg.edu.

FSU YouTube Channel Moving Soon; Check for Published Videos

FSU’s official YouTube channel will move its home soon in an effort to gain better branding through streamlined Google pages. To help with the transition, your help and cooperation are needed.

Here’s how you can help:

- If you have an FSU-produced YouTube video from the FSU YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/FrostburgStUniversit> that is embedded on FSU’s website and you still want to use it, email news@frostburg.edu the link and note that you would still like the video to be available for public consumption. Double check your departmental webpages on www.frostburg.edu to see if you have one of these videos on your pages. News & Media Services will provide you with a new link and embed code to use once the video is uploaded to the new channel. Older videos will be marked unlisted, so make sure you keep the link in a handy spot. (Unlisted means you can’t go to the playlist and find the video. You must have a link or embed code to view the video.)
- If there is a video on the FSU YouTube channel you want for your own classroom purposes but don’t want online anymore, reply with a link, and News & Media will download the video and provide you with the file.
- Subscribe to the new FSU YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjY_FpaAUd9aHy5TbVT-25w. (The goal is to reach 500 subscribers!)
- Follow FSU’s verified Google+ Page at <https://plus.google.com/108687482254279177465/posts?hl=en>.

Reply by **Friday, May 29**, with your requests.

CMST 355 Political Communication Offered Online, Summer 2015

In Political Communication (CMST 355), participants will examine the political communication environment surrounding the women’s movement to become informed users and consumers of political communication with the following question in mind: How can we improve the political arena to ensure our democracy truly serves the common good for all and empowers each individual to reach his or her full potential? The course is offered during the second six-week session. For info, contact Christine Willingham at cmwillingham@frostburg.edu.

Consider a Leadership Studies Minor!

Regardless of your field, likely you will find yourself in a leadership capacity at some point in your career. The good news is that leadership can be learned! Further, good leadership makes working with others more effective and pleasurable. The Leadership Studies Minor helps you develop those competencies. If you have completed CMST 102 and LEAD 101, you have already completed half of the core courses required for the minor. The third course in the sequence, LEAD 201 Leadership Studies: Theory and Practice, will be offered in fall 2015. In this course, the class will examine traditional and contemporary leadership theories and their application to current leadership challenges. For info regarding the minor or LEAD 201, contact Christine Willingham at cmwillingham@frostburg.edu or the Leadership Studies coordinator, Dr. Flesha Ruminski, at elruminski@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 **Tuesday, 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**, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Lane 113. This will be a very informal meet-and-greet occasion with video clips, music, snacks and drinks, and free stuff, as well as stickers, buttons and emblems for sale. Stay as long as you like. There will also be a question-and-answer session. Applications will be available; membership is free. SSA is also looking for officers for the upcoming school year. Students and the public are welcome!

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

Western Maryland STEM Festival at FSU to Mix Science and Fun

FSU will host the annual Western Maryland STEM Festival on **Saturday, May 2**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center Main Arena and the nearby University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Lab. This event introduces regional youth to the exciting possibilities of science, technology, engineering and math fields and is free and open to K-12 students and their families.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about science topics using fun, hands-on activities, including an egg drop, boat building, stop-motion animation, bubbles, marbles, robots, make-your-own slime, a mad scientist show and a Ping-Pong ball volcano. Special demonstrations will take place in the Appalachian Lab, with a shuttle bus providing transportation between the two sites. Presenters, including FSU and Appalachian Lab faculty, FSU students and local business representatives, will lead the activities and be available for discussions with students and parents.

The STEM festival is organized by FSU, Allegany and Garrett County Public Schools and the Appalachian Lab. Sponsors for the festival include the FSU Foundation, AES Warrior Run, ATK, Western Maryland Health System, New Page, Exclamation Labs and the United Carpenters and Joiners Local 1024.

For info, contact Linda Steele at 301-687-4137 or lsteel@frostburg.edu.

Zumbathon to Raise Funds for CASA of Allegany County



Six local Zumba instructors, **Melanie Lombardi**, Kelly Robison, Kimberly Schrock, Brea Washington, Christine Steinbrunner and Ashley Wolfe, will host a Zumbathon for CASA of Allegany County on **Saturday, May 9**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Auxiliary Gym in the Cordts PE Center. Tickets, available from the instructors, are \$15.

Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance program that combines high-energy music and easy dance steps.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to CASA of Allegany County. CASA is an independent, court-authorized nonprofit organization that works through specially trained and supervised volunteers to promote the welfare of children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect or abandonment by providing a safety net of support, advocacy and mentorship. CASA also trains and supervises volunteers to speak for the best interests of these children in court.

For info, contact Lombardi at malary@atlanticbb.net.

Community Course in Basic Ceramics



For the first time, the Department of Visual Arts will offer a non-credit community course in basic ceramics this summer **from June 2 through July 28** in room 107 of the Fine Arts Building. The eight-week course will introduce students to the basic ceramic processes, including hand-building and the pottery wheel. The class will be taught by local ceramic artist Bobby Croft. The cost is

\$160 plus the cost of clay.

For info, contact the Visual Arts Department at 301-687-4797 or jbrown@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

The 146th Commencement will take place on **Thursday, May 21**, in the Cordts PE Center. 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.

Tickets will be required for admission. The number of tickets is based on the number of graduating students. **CLAS graduates will receive six tickets. COB and COE graduates will receive eight tickets.**

A letter containing important information, including ticket information, has been sent to students’ FSU email addresses and mailed to home addresses.

Complete the graduation application in PAWS now and check with the Registrar’s Office to assure everything is set for graduation in May.

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to all bachelor’s and master’s degree candidates and may be ordered at the University Store. Orders must be placed as soon as possible. Doctoral candidates will be emailed specific instructions on ordering their regalia.

A Grad Fair will be held **Wednesday, May 13**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. Students can also pick up 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 Community-wide Event

Spring Dance Showcase Presented by FSU’s Divine Movement and Praise Dance Ministry Group, Saturday, May 2, 4 p.m. (doors open at 3:30 p.m.), Frostburg United Methodist Church, 48 W. Main. This should be a very inspirational program filled with music, student speakers and, of course, the Dance Team. Admission is free. (There will be a donation basket for contributions at the exit).

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 season the focus is on “Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time.”

Believer’s LoveWorld Bible Study Group, Thursdays, 7 p.m., CCIT 152. This is a student-led Bible study.

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.”

Deadlines

Graduate Grade Changes

The last day for graduate grade changes, including removal of incomplete grades for the fall 2014 semester and intersession 2015, is **Tuesday, May 12**.

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

The Center for International Education offers various ways for FSU students to see the world. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester or a year in Ireland, England, Spain, France, China, Italy, Australia, Peru, South Africa or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships can help fund a study abroad experience. For info on programs or scholarships, visit the Fuller House (across the street from the Braddock House), call 301-687-4714 or email Victoria Gearhart at vmgearhart@frostburg.edu. Also, check out the CIE website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm.

Community

Resources for Independence to Be Featured at Leadership Allegany! Outreach Event



Resources for Independence employees are, from left, John Michaels, assistant director; Bob Cannon, Benefits counselor; Lori Magruder, executive director; and Sherry Williams, Finance director.

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Allegany! Class of 2015 will host a happy hour outreach event for the nonprofit organization Resources for Independence at Mezzo's Restaurant and Bar in Cumberland on **Tuesday, May 5**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Attendees will hear staff and client perspectives of their experiences with RFI and have opportunities to support the fundraising efforts of the organization, which includes an annual golf tournament, while playing golf-themed skill and raffle games that evening. All donations collected that evening will benefit RFI.

RFI is considered a Center for Independent Living, which is a grassroots, advocacy-driven organization run by and for people with disabilities that offers independent skills training, peer counseling, individual and system advocacy, assistive technology and other services that support independent living for those with disabilities.

This year's FSU representative in Leadership Allegany! is **Dr. Elesha Ruminski**, associate professor of Communication Studies, co-chair of the Department of Communication and coordinator of Leadership Studies.

For more information on RFI's services, the annual golf tournament or the May 5 outreach event, contact John Michaels, RFI assistant director, at 301-784-1774 or visit <http://rficil.org>. For more information on Leadership Allegany! contact Peg McKenzie, executive assistant of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, at 301-722-2820.

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.

Refrigeration Tips to Keep Food Safe



**Use a refrigerator thermometer (set in the center of the middle shelf).
Cold temperatures (40°F or below) keep harmful bacteria from growing.**

Keep the front grill free of dust.

Throw out foods that have been “hibernating” in the fridge. Sort through foods once a week.

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