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FSU Named One of Best Values in Maryland by SmartAsset

FSU has been listed as number four of the 10 colleges providing the best value in Maryland by SmartAsset, a financial data and technology company.

To identify more realistically the cost of attending a school, SmartAsset included the tuition (using in-state tuition for public schools where applicable), student living costs (including room and board, books, supplies, transportation and other personal expenses) and the average scholarships and grants offered to students of the school. To capture what students get in return, the company looked at student retention rate (the percent of students that re-enrolled at the institution the following year) and the average starting salary.

SmartAsset weighted each of the five factors equally to come up with a ranking of schools in the analysis. With that ranking, they created an index (a sort of grading on a curve) where the number one school was assigned 100. FSU's Education Affordability Index is 68.22.

In-state undergraduate tuition at FSU totals \$5,916. According to SmartAsset, average scholarships and grants amount to \$6,343, student living costs average \$10,606, the student retention rate is 77 percent and the average starting salary of a recent graduate is \$40,100. In addition to its state rank, FSU ranked 154th nationally.

To learn more about the best value colleges in Maryland, visit <https://smartasset.com/student-loans/student-loan-calculator#maryland/value>. Zoom between state maps and the national map to see the top schools in the country or by state.

Presentations

Jamie Sparks, School Health Advocate, to Speak as Lillian Wellner Scholar



Jamie Sparks, an advocate for Kentucky schools' wellness policies as well as college/career readiness, will speak at FSU as the 2015 Lillian Wellner Scholar on **Thursday, April 9**. He will discuss current trends in the field of health and physical education. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the main arena of the Cordts PE Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Sparks began his career as an elementary health and physical education teacher in the eastern region of Kentucky. In August 2010, he became the Physical Activity, Nutrition and Tobacco consultant at the Kentucky Department of Education. In March 2011, he assumed the role of project director for the Coordinated School Health initiative.

In July 2013, Sparks was named co-lead under the newly awarded CDC grant, State Public Health Actions to Prevent and Control Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors and Promote School Health that was awarded to the Kentucky Department for Public Health. In addition, he served as the vice president for Physical Education for the Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance from 2012-2014; he is currently the president-elect. Sparks also chairs the Kentucky Board of Education School Health Committee. Sparks is a physical activity leader trainer with Let's Move Active Schools and is a PECAT trainer with CDC.

The Wellner Scholar Program was created from an endowment from the FSU Foundation, Inc., to allow the Department of Kinesiology and Recreation to host a series of lectures by nationally acclaimed scholars. It was named for the late **Lillian**

Wellner, a former FSU registrar and physical education instructor.

For info about the program, call the Department of Kinesiology and Recreation at 301-687-7017. For info about supporting the Wellner Scholarship Program or the FSU Foundation, visit foundation.frostburg.edu or call 301-687-4161.

Mark Your Calendars to Attend TIAA-CREF Financial Seminars on April 7!

Lisa Fulco, an associate financial consultant for the Baltimore Field Consulting Group of TIAA-CREF, will present two financial seminars for interested employees on **Tuesday, April 7**: “She’s Got It: A Woman’s Guide to Saving and Investing” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and “Tomorrow in Focus: Saving for Your Ideal Retirement” from 1 to 2 p.m., both in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). Each seminar is part of the TIAA-CREF Financial Essentials Workshops – a comprehensive financial education program designed to help every employee address individual financial needs. With a focus on education for individuals and offering material relevant to where they are in life or their career, employees will come away with the confidence needed to help take control of their financial future.

Registration for either or both seminar(s) is required. Attendees do not need to be enrolled with TIAA-CREF.

For info, contact Lee Ann Nightingale at 301-687-4398 or lnightingale@frostburg.edu.

Scholar-in-Residence to Share Contemplative Practices for Personal and Organizational Leadership



Students interested in minoring in leadership studies are encouraged to attend the student leader session on April 7 at 6 p.m. in CCIT 397.

Dr. Annette M. Holba will serve as the Leadership Scholar-in-Residence for a full day of sessions on **April 7** at FSU.

Holba is an associate professor of rhetoric at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H., where she teaches communication/media studies and philosophy courses. She serves as the editor of “Qualitative Research Reports in Communication,” and her books include “Transformative Leisure: A Philosophy of Communication,” “An Overture to Philosophy of Communication: The Carrier of Meaning,” “Philosophical Leisure: Recuperative Praxis for Human Communication” and “Lizzie Borden Took an Axe, or Did She? A Rhetorical Inquiry.” She also co-authored and co-edited four other books related to the philosophy of communication, rhetoric and women’s leadership, including “Communicative Understandings of Women’s Leadership Development: From Ceilings of Glass to Labyrinth Paths,” co-edited with **Dr. Elesha Ruminski** of FSU’s Communication Studies and Leadership Studies programs.

Before receiving her doctorate, Holba worked for 11 years in law enforcement as a county detective with the Burlington County Prosecutor’s Office in New Jersey, where she was assigned to the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit as well as Major Crimes.

Holba’s scholarly interests include philosophy of communication, communication ethics and mindful leadership. Recently, her research interests have led her to explore contemplative practices through PSU’s Personal Approaches to Transformation and Healing (PATH) Institute, which focuses on organizational transformation.

Holba will lead a lunch session for faculty and staff on “Shaping Contemplative Practice in the Classroom and Workplace: Personal Practice as a Starting Place” on **April 7** at 11:30 a.m. in CCIT 397. An RSVP is required for this event. She will also present “Mindfulness Leadership: How Student Leaders Can Approach Leadership With Intention, Awareness and Compassion” from 6 to 7:30 p.m., also in CCIT 397. Additionally, she will visit with Leadership Studies students and candidates of the President’s Leadership Circle.

This year’s events are sponsored by the Leadership Studies minor program, Student Affairs, and the Kim and Marion Leonard Wellness Outreach Fund of the FSU Foundation, Inc.

For info, contact Ruminski, Leadership Studies minor coordinator and associate professor of Communication Studies, at elruminski@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4480.

Abstracts Due Soon for CLAS Undergraduate Research Symposium

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will host the Fourth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on **Friday, May 1**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lane Center. The symposium showcases the research and experiential learning projects of FSU’s undergraduate students and provides participants the opportunity to present their work to their peers and share experiences across disciplines.

The symposium will include poster presentations, oral presentations and physical displays representing work completed during summer 2014, fall 2014 and spring 2015. Full project descriptions/abstracts will be due by **Friday, April 10**, as an email attachment to Dr. Karen Keller at kkeller@frostburg.edu.

For info, contact Keller at kkeller@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4174, or Linda Steele at lsteel@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4137.

Spring Academic Enrichment Series

Staff from the Center for Academic Advising and Retention, Financial Aid, Programs Advancing Student Success and the Tutoring Center will present “Withdraw With a ‘W’” on **Monday, April 6**, at 4 p.m. in Pullen 149. Come find out if a “W” is right for you.

Beth Stallings, director of Freshman Advising in the Center for Academic Advising and Retention, will discuss “Academic Advising Tips and Tools” on **Tuesday, April 7**, at 3 p.m. in CCIT 127A. Academic advising is a collaborative educational

partnership between student and advisor to help the student meet essential learning outcomes, ensure academic success and outline steps for achieving personal, academic and career goals. This session will teach students how to be active participants in the advising process and how to be prepared for the next advising session.

Rita Thomas, an instructional designer in the Department of Instructional Design and Delivery, will present “Getting Familiar With Blackboard” on **Wednesday, April 8**, at 3 p.m. in CCIT 127A. Come get hands-on experience with the basics of Blackboard from the student’s perspective. The group will look at Minimum System Requirements Check, Discussion Board, Email, Profile, Posts, Updates and My Grades. FSU’s Blackboard web page, which includes additional video tutorials, will also be covered.

Dr. Robbie Cordle, director of Career Services in the Career and Professional Development Center, will cover “What to Do in College for Life After College” on **Thursday, April 9**, at noon in CCIT 127A. This program will give students the basics to help them prepare for job searches through resumes, cover letters and interviews. It will also show them how to register on several useful job and internship sites.

Amy Shimko, director of Student Development in the Career and Professional Development Center, will talk about “How to Build a Resume” on **Friday, April 10**, at noon in CCIT 156. This session will highlight a number of basic strategies for building a professional resume.

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

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.

Vocal Studio Recitals Coming April 6 and 19

The FSU Department of Music will present Vocal Studio Recital No. 1 on **Monday, April 6**, at 7:30 p.m. and No. 2 on **Sunday, April 19**, at 3 p.m.

Students from the studios of **Dr. Karen Soderberg**, **Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter** and **Dr. Stephen Soebbing** will present one or two pieces each, covering a wide range of composers, styles and periods. The vocalists will be accompanied by pianists **Dr. Jay DeWire** and **Dr. Sean Beachy**.

Low Brass Studio to Perform Spring Concert

The FSU Low Brass Studio, directed by **Kevin McManus**, will present a concert on **Friday, April 10**, at 7:30 p.m. The group will perform “Sonate for Trombone and Piano” by Paul Hindemith, “T-Bone Concerto” by Johann de Meji, “Cousins” by Herbert Clarke, “Sonate for Tuba” by Donald Haddad and “Tuba Concerto” by Edward Gregson. Studio members include **Marc Williams** on tenor trombone, **Maame Agyekum** on bass trombone and **Jeb Cliber** and **Hunter Martin** on tuba.

Dr. Steven Soebbing in Faculty Artist Series Performance

The FSU Department of Music Faculty Artist Series will present **Dr. Steven Soebbing**, bass-baritone, accompanied by pianist **Dr. Jay DeWire** and guitarist **Patrick Sise** on **Wednesday, April 15**, at 7:30 p.m.

Soebbing will open with “O Ruddier Than the Cherry” by George Frideric Handel, an aria from *Acis and Galatea*, followed by “Frauenliebe und -leben” (“A Woman’s Love and Life”) by Carl Loewe, an eight-part song cycle. The recital will also feature selections from Italian composer Paolo Tosti. The conclusion will be a set of John Dowland lute songs.

CES at FSU to Present Jazz Songstress Cécile McLorin-Salvant



CES at FSU will present the charismatic jazz songstress Cécile McLorin-Salvant in a LIVE! at StarScape performance on **Friday, April 17**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theatre at 20 E. Main St. in Frostburg. **Note: Due to a scheduling conflict, this performance has been rescheduled from Saturday to Friday.**

Nominated for a 2014 Grammy Award and the winner of the prestigious Thelonious Monk International Jazz Award, McLorin-Salvant possesses a soulful voice that evokes the legendary jazz vocalists of the past. The New York Times declared, “If anyone can extend the lineage of the Big Three – Billie Holliday, Sarah Vaughan and Ella Fitzgerald – it is this ... virtuoso,” while jazz master Wynton Marsalis praised her, saying, “She has poise, elegance, soul, humor, sensuality, power, virtuosity, range, insight, intelligence, depth and grace.”

As part of CES’ new Offstage Series with WFWM, an interactive session with the artist, hosted by **Chuck Dicken** of WFWM, FSU’s public radio station, will be held immediately following the performance.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 for youth under 17. Corporate and group discount rates are also available.

For info, contact the CES box office at 301-687-3137 or visit CES’ webpage at ces.frostburg.edu.

‘Dean of West Virginia Songwriters’ Todd Burge to Appear at MCTA



Singer, songwriter and guitarist Todd Burge will bring his creativity, humor and talent to Mountain City Traditional Arts, at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg, on **April 17** at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$15.

Burge has become one of West Virginia’s most intriguing singer/songwriters. His music styles vary from folk

to alternative rock but always have the same Burge flare. He has performed in a variety of venues, including New York City's CBGB, the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Kennedy Center and hundreds of smaller venues. He has appeared many times on NPR's Mountain Stage, where host Larry Groce first called him the "dean of WV songwriters, the best we have."

Burge wrote 13 songs for a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost" in 2014 but is most likely best known for his method of writing songs from the perspective of odd characters, bugs and animals. In March, he released an album of very personal songs, "Imitation Life."

For info, email mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com or call 301-687-8040.

Opera Theatre Presents ‘The Auditionees’

The FSU Department of Music Opera Theatre, directed by **Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter**, will present "The Auditionees" **Friday, April 17**, and **Saturday, April 18**, at 7:30 p.m. Auditionees will be accompanied by **Dr. Jay DeWire**.

The troupe will perform arias and scenes from "The Maid-Mistress" by Pergolesi, "The Elixir of Love" by Donizetti, "The Barber of Seville" and "The Italian Girl in Algiers" by Rossini, "The Enchantress" by Herbert and "The Marriage of Figaro," "The Impresario" and "Bastien and Bastienne" by Mozart.

Chamber and Alumni Choirs to Perform 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.

During the eight-day trip, the choir performed in a variety of venues in Assisi, Florence and Rome. While in Umbria, the choir performed in the Lower Basilica of San Francesco in the hilltop town of Assisi – the birthplace of Saint Francis. The group also performed a concert in the Church of Santa Maria dei Ricci in Florence's historic center. While in Rome, the choir sang at the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. The tour culminated in a joint concert with a local choir, the Corale Polifonica Marcellinese, in the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, Monte Dominici in Marcellina.

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

Theatre

CES at FSU: Montana Repertory Theatre's ‘Great Gatsby’



The Montana Repertory Theatre returns to CES at FSU with a performance of "The Great Gatsby" on **Thursday, April 9**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mountain Ridge High School Auditorium at 100 Dr. Grasmick Lane in Frostburg.

F. Scott Fitzgerald's heartbreaking Jazz Age novel, "The Great Gatsby" is considered to be among America's greatest literary works. It's now given life onstage in an adaptation that conveys all of the decadence, idealism and tragedy of Fitzgerald's cautionary tale. The play was adapted for the stage by Simon Levy, the only playwright ever granted permission by the Fitzgerald estate.

Since 1968, the Montana Repertory Theatre has toured the country with theatrical productions that in the past 10 years alone have taken them to 200 communities across the nation.

An interactive session with the artists will be offered immediately following the performance.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$21.25 for youth under 17. Corporate and group discount rates are also available. **Free transportation is available for students with advance notice at the CES box office.** For info, contact the CES box office at 301-687-3137 or visit CES' webpage at <http://ces.frostburg.edu>.

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

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 17, 18, 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.

With three pairs of lovers, six endings, lots of death and tons of laughs, this isn't the tale of star-crossed lovers you read in high school.

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.

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.

All-Student Art Show on Display in Roper Gallery

The Department of Visual Arts All-Student Art Show, a diverse exhibition of artwork by FSU students and area high school students, will be on display in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts Building through **Sunday, April 12**, during gallery hours, Sunday through Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

For info, contact Dustin Davis at ddavis@frostburg.edu.

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.

Points of Pride

FSU Student Research Hits the Right Note at International Conference



Timothy Cross and Dr. Xunyu Pan are shown with Cross' app, Musicians Aid.

A new application developed by a recent FSU graduate could strike a chord with self-taught musicians one day.

Timothy Cross of Cumberland created a program called Musicians Aid before graduating from FSU in fall 2014 when he earned a bachelor's degree in computer science. Musicians Aid could

be a blessing for aspiring musicians if fully developed, and the promise of the technology captured the attention of Silicon Valley companies at an international conference in February.

Cross wanted to see if he could build a program that teaches how to play sheet music by turning notes played by a musician into lines of sheet music with the help of software.

The research was presented Feb. 12 at the IS&T/SPIE Electronic Imaging Conference in San Francisco with the research paper "Musical Examination to Bridge Audio Data and Sheet Music." Cross' work was under the guidance of Dr. Xunyu Pan, assistant professor in the FSU Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies. Pan's FSU colleagues Dr. Liangliang Xiao, assistant professor, and Xiali Hei, instructor, assisted with the research paper.

SPIE is an international organization for optics and photonics professionals whose electronic imaging conference is attended by well-known companies like Google and Hewlett-Packard.

The FSU President's Experiential Learning Enhancement Fund Program and an FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant provided funding for the research.

How Musicians Aid Works

For the software to work, Cross would play "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on his guitar as a computer program records his audio. A database would translate the notes played into sheet music format. The musician could then play the performance back, and the application can compare the audio recorded with the database's sheet music. The accuracy would be determined by the pitch and audio frequency of each note.

Future Possibilities

Cross and Pan know the program has limitations in recognizing complex songs and different instruments. Pan hopes to develop the technology further.

Take Note

National “Enough Is Enough” Campaign Returns to FSU



FSU will once again participate in “Enough Is Enough,” the national campaign to end campus violence, the week of **Monday, April 6, through Friday, April 10**. Each day will have a different theme. Events, workshops and information will be offered throughout.

Monday, April 6, is kick-off day, starting with Hashtag Day (Social Media Day), #FrostburgSaysEnough, which seeks to answer the questions “What is ‘enough’ for you?” and “How can you promote violence awareness/prevention?”

Tuesday, April 7, will be “Take a Pledge Day.” There will be various opportunities to commit to being a part of the movement.

On **Wednesday, April 8**, the theme is “Love Doesn’t Hurt.” There will be a “No More Violence in My Life” workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. in Lane 111. After an introduction, students, faculty and staff will take a closer look at violence – what it is, some of its causes and its impact.

The theme for **Thursday, April 9**, is “Using Your Words With Kindness.”

The week will culminate with “Superhero Day” (“Building Your Legacy”) on **Friday, April 10**. Included in the day will be the “Unity March” in celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., which will begin at noon in the lower lobby of the Lane Center. Student organizations, residence halls community members and campus divisions and offices are encouraged to create a banner reflecting the anti-violence/peace campaign. More information will be available closer to the date.

There will be information tables and activities in the Lane Center upper lobby every day between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. In addition, various student organizations will host tables with a different theme or focus each day. Student organizations, faculty and staff are invited to submit to the Diversity Center any program, activity classroom assignments/discussion or events they are holding that support the EIE mission.

The “Enough Is Enough” campaign was initiated by NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) President Diana Doyle in response to the call by former vice president for student affairs at Virginia Tech, Zenobia Lawrence Hike, to take action after the shootings on the Virginia Tech campus. The campaign recognizes that parents, students and community partners are critical allies who will further propel its initiatives to end campus and school shootings.

For info, contact Robin Wynder or Susan Magorekodzwa in FSU’s Diversity Center at 301-687-4050 or Wynder at rwynder@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. Upcoming Town Hall Meetings will be held on the following **Tuesdays, April 7 and 28**, and will cover state and national issues, respectively.

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.

WFWM Is Having an Open House!



WFWM, FSU’s public radio station, is holding an open house on **Wednesday, April 8**, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the WFWM studios on the third floor of CCIT. Tour the new state-of-the-art facility and meet the WFWM on-air personalities. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by WFWM and the WFWM Advisory Board.

Parking is available in the Performing Arts Center lot. Enter through the first floor main entrance to CCIT and follow the signs.

For info, call 301-687-4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu.

Frostburg Association of Education for Young Children Spring Meetings

The Frostburg Association of Education for Young Children will hold its meetings on the following **Wednesdays, April 8 and 22** and **May 6**, at 5 p.m. in Framptom 117. All majors are welcome to attend.

For info, contact Erin King at ekking0@frostburg.edu.

Nominate Today for FSU Annual Leadership Awards

Every year, FSU says thank you to the campus leaders who give so much to FSU, the local community and the world. At the Leadership Awards Reception, people from all over campus join together to celebrate another successful year and what it means

to be a Bobcat.

Hosted by the Office of Leadership & Experiential Learning, the Leadership Awards Reception will take place on **Thursday, May 7**, at 6 p.m. This event is by invitation only. All eligible nominees are invited to the awards reception.

Know a great student leader? Had a professor that went above and beyond? An advisor? A staff member? Thank them for their hard work and dedication – nominate today! To check out award categories and access the nomination form, visit www.frostburg.edu/clife/leadership/leadership-awards/instructions.

Nominations are due **Monday, April 13**.

For info, contact the Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning at 301-687-7013 or email Clarissa Lang at calang@frostburg.edu.

FSU's Annual 'Learn-in' for a Sustainable Future



Focus Frostburg 2015: "Learn-In" for a Sustainable Future, FSU's annual day of learning on sustainability and climate awareness, will be held on **Wednesday, April 22**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lane Center. This year, several dedicated sessions will reflect on FSU's progress toward its Climate Action Commitment. As in previous years, faculty may want to have students, as appropriate, attend a session in lieu of class or to make any of the seminars and activities an extra-credit assignment.

Sponsored and organized by FSU's Learning Green, Living Green Sustainability Initiative and the President's Advisory Council for Sustainability, this event is free and open to FSU students, faculty, staff and the community.

Attention Honors Students: Open Mic and Pizza Night

The Honors Program will sponsor an Open Mic and Pizza Night on **Friday, May 1**, from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Osborne Newman Center. For info, or to register or attend, call 301-687-3227.

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 Brittni Kaetzel at 301-687-4423 or bkteter@frostburg.edu.

Get Involved

Social Work Alliance Meeting Wednesdays

The Social Work Alliance holds general body meetings every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Guild 111. SWA is open to all majors.

For info, contact Taylor Casey at tlcasey0@frostburg.edu.

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

Concert and Talent Show, Friday April 17, 7:30 p.m., Lane Center Loft. UCM is seeking singers, poets, comedians and instrumentalists to perform. Contact Joel Alsrue at jcalsrue0@frostburg.edu if you would like to show off your talents. The Work Week, made up of FSU alumni, is the headline band. There will be a fundraiser bake sale and goodie table, but the concert and talent show are free.

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.”

Volunteers

Student Street Team

The Allegany Arts Council is putting together a street team to distribute posters and postcards to locations in the Frostburg area. You can earn volunteer hours and receive rewards such as discounted/free memberships, discounted/free tickets to local performances and more! For info, come to Lane 108 on **Thursday, April 16**, at 6 p.m. or contact Mikayla Dodge at mikayleedodge@yahoo.com.

Jobs

Summer Position Available – Tutor/Counselor (Male)

Upward Bound is seeking a male tutor/counselor for its summer residential program on FSU’s campus. Tentative dates are **June 8 to July 25** (which includes five days of training). Tutor/counselor salary is \$2,000. Room and board are provided. Applicant review will begin immediately and the deadline to apply is **Monday, April 6**. For info, contact the Upward Bound office at 301-6874994, email esteele@frostburg.edu or visit the Upward Bound website at www.frostburg.edu/upwardbound.

Student Life

Residence Hall Room Selection for 2015-16

For all students currently residing in the traditional residence halls:

If you plan to return for the 2015-2016 academic year, be sure to visit www.welcome-mat.net/frostburg_terms to submit a housing application.

If you want to apply for a single room or a cluster of rooms with friends, you should not reclaim your same room when you complete the application, since this makes you ineligible for the single or cluster processes.

To apply for a single room, you can go to the Residence Life Office any time after your course enrollment appointment to select from available spaces. You need not have actually registered for classes to select a single room, but you must have visited Welcome Mat and applied for a room.

If your enrollment appointment is scheduled after the lottery on **Tuesday, April 14**, you should attend the lottery and select a single at that time. If there are no singles available, you can select a room in a cluster with a group of friends instead and add your name to the singles waiting list.

Remember, if you are selecting a particular roommate, you both must complete a housing application and indicate that you want each other as roommates.

For info, contact your RA, RD/HR or area coordinator.

Off-campus students wishing to move back on campus also must complete a housing application before coming to select a room.

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.

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.

Mind Your Meds!



Store medications in a secure and dry place.

Count your pills to check for missing medicine.

Don't share your medications under any circumstances.

Properly dispose of old or unused medicines.

(Most prescriptions drugs can be placed in a non-see-through container mixed with dirt or kitty litter and thrown in the garbage.)

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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.

INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

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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