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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.

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.”

Department of Music Presents Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Join the FSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble in its Spring Concert on **Friday, May 8**, at 7:30 p.m. Directed by **Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker** and **Dr. Sean Beachy**, the ensemble will feature 11 very talented singers accompanied by **Beachy** on piano, **Mike Murphy** on bass, **Brad Herget** on drums and sound technician **David Kincaid**.

The ensemble will perform a variety of vocal jazz numbers, including “Opener,” an up-tempo fusion by Randy Crenshaw; swing selections, including “I’m Fallin’ in Love With You,” “Bill Bailey” and “Never Give Up” arranged by Ken Krintz; “C.C. Rider” arranged by Jacques Rizzo; “Baby, You Dig” by Beegie Hall and arranged by Jeff Hall; and Miles Davis’s “Boplicity” arranged by Kirk Marcy.

The concert continues with solo and duet blues and ballads featuring Irving Berlin’s “Always” sung by **Johnathan Archer**, “All About the Blues” sung by **Mikayla and Zach Dodge** and Bobby Darrin’s “Mack the Knife” sung by FSU’s own Frank Sinatra, **Trace Livengood**.

The concert will conclude with Michelle Weir’s upbeat samba “Cinnamon and Clove” by Johnny Mandel, Rob Hyatt’s shuffle “Take That,” “Prime Time Blues” by Anders Edenroth’s for the Real Group from Sweden and Ken Krintz’s shuffle boogie “Like What You Got.”

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.

Faculty Artist Series Performance to Feature Duo Vif

The Department of Music Faculty Artist Series will present a performance by Duo Vif on **Wednesday, May 13**, at 7:30 p.m.

The group, which consists of **Dr. Mark Gallagher** on clarinet and **Dr. Brent Weber** on saxophone, assisted by **Dr. Jay DeWire** on piano, will perform “Duo Sonata” by American composer Gregory Wanamaker, “Pit Band” by American composer William Albright, “Der Hirt auf dem Felsen” (“Shepherd on the Rock”) by Franz Schubert and “Trio in E-flat Major K. 498” (“Kegelstatt”) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Readings

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.

‘Trans* 201’ Workshop

In response to requests from the FSU community, and in light of the increase in media attention to trans* lives (Bruce Jenner, CeCe McDonald, Laverne Cox) and the significant uptick in (reported) unlawful murders of trans*-identified people in 2015, Safe Zone at FSU will host a follow-up to its November “Trans 101” session on **Wednesday, May 6**, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Lane 108. **Dr. Andrew Anastasia**, an instructor in the Department of English, will facilitate “Trans 201,” which will build on information presented in the first session and involve participants in identifying challenges and barriers trans*-identified students might face on college campuses. He will also review some information on terminology and things one can do to be an ally to students who are transgender and gender nonconforming. The workshop is free and open to all.

To learn more about FSU Safe Zone, contact Dr. Shawn Golden-Llewellyn at smgoldenllewellyn@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4234, or Dr. Kevin Simonson at ksimonson@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4234.

Presentations

Student Poster Presentations

Faculty, staff and students are invited to the IDIS 150 Health in America Student Poster Presentations on **Tuesday, May 12**, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Lane Atkinson Room (232). Those who attend will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

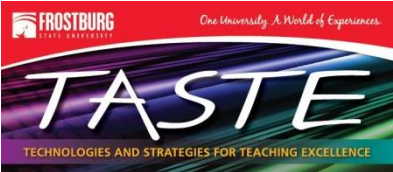
For info, contact Dr. Kelly Rock, assistant professor, Department of Nursing, at kmrock@frostburg.edu.

Mark Your Calendar for the Graduate Research Gallery Walk

Come celebrate the innovative work of FSU’s doctoral and master’s students on **Friday, May 15**, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. This year, over 30 students will present their research on topics ranging from public school consolidation to studies of wildlife and land conservation.

For info, contact Vickie Mazer, director of Graduate Services, at ymmazer@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. Terri Massie-Burrell, assistant provost, Student Success, Center for Academic Advising and Retention, will present “Finals Prep” on **Tuesday, May 5**, at 6 p.m. and **Wednesday, May 6**, at noon. Both sessions will be held in Lane 113.

This workshop will cover how to plan ahead, assess your schedule, develop a study plan, utilize campus resources, prepare for tests and organize assignments.

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

Appalachian Laboratory Spring Seminar Series

Dr. Tom Fisher, UMCES Horn Point Laboratory, will present “Eutrophication and N Balances in the Choptank Basin” on **Monday, May 4**, and Dr. Jonathan Pruitt, University of Pittsburgh, will present “From Individuals, to Populations, to Communities, to Extinction: When Does Personality Matter?” on **Thursday, May 7**, both at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. For info, go to www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule.

Workshops

Last Teaching Tuesday of the Semester



Bring your lunch and join the discussion for the last Teaching Tuesday of the semester. The Center for Teaching Excellence will hold an informal conversation on “Painless Grading” on **Tuesday, May 5**, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Lane 244 (South Addition).

Some of the questions up for discussion include: Why does grading have to be painful? How do you balance efficiency with fairness? Do you assign the same questions to every student? How comprehensive do finals have to be? What is the fastest way to record and return

grades?

Drop in and join the conversation any time!

For info, contact Dr. Shoshana Brassfield at srbrassfield@frostburg.edu or Dr. Eleanor McConnell at ehmcconnell@frostburg.edu. Find CTE on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CTEFSU>.

Points of Pride

FSU’s Relay For Life Raises Nearly \$32,000 to Fight Against Cancer



Nearly 600 participants join the first lap of FSU’s Relay For Life. Nearly \$32,000 has been raised so far, with a stretch goal of \$60,000 by the end of August.

Cold weather wasn’t going to bring down the nearly 600 participants unified to help conquer cancer at FSU’s Relay For Life.

This year’s fundraising event for the American Cancer Society held Friday night to Saturday morning, April 24 and 25, raised \$31,995 to date, featuring 43 teams and 588 participants.

“Relay For Life is really a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, but it’s also about celebrating our survivors, remembering those that we lost and fighting back,” said Patrick O’Brien, director of Civic Engagement at FSU. “The fighting back is really where the fundraising comes in.”

Friends and classmates rallied behind 19-year-old **Jeff Heath**, of Frederick, who survived a fight against synovial sarcoma. The cancer, which attacked connective tissue in his neck, caused the sophomore geography major to miss the entire senior year of high school after he was diagnosed Aug. 24, 2012. He finished treatment March 2013.

Heath was among six survivors who kicked off the event with a lap around Bobcat Stadium before cancer caregivers and hundreds more joined them, creating a touching showing of support en masse.

As temperatures dipped into the 30s, teams continued to walk around the track to unite in their fight against cancer until 6 a.m. Saturday. Some teams took advantage of the chilly weather to fundraise. The What’s Up Docs team sold hot chocolate to warm up walkers and boost their fundraising totals. The team is made up of FSU’s Pre-Professional Medical Society, and it should be no surprise the group is active with Relay.

Top fundraising teams included Miracle Angels at \$3,605, AST Gamma Zeta at \$3,394 and FSU Staff and Faculty at \$2,945. The FSU Greek Community combined to raise more than \$11,000. Top individual fundraisers include **Kelsi Folch** at \$1,135, **Sarah Sterling** at \$1,130 and **Daniel Rascovar** at \$680.

Donations can be accepted **through Aug. 31** for the University’s \$60,000 stretch goal. To give, visit www.relayforlife.org/fsumd, or take donations to the Braddock House, 20 Braddock Road, in Frostburg. For info, contact the FSU Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement at 301-687-4210.

FSU Biology Students Visit Savage River State Forest to Protect Endangered Butterfly



Sabrina Wasfi plucks invasive garlic mustard plants from the ground in the Bear Pen Wildlands in the Savage River State Forest, joined by Megan Lineweaver, left, and Renee Anderson. This project of the Plant Taxonomy class at FSU is designed to help save the endangered West Virginia White Butterfly.

An endangered butterfly’s future generations will be spreading their wings with a greater chance of survival thanks, in part, to the work of FSU biology students.

Every spring, the BIOL 314 Plant Taxonomy class travels to Savage River State Forest’s Bear Pen Wildlands to help out the endangered West Virginia White Butterfly.

It turns out the butterfly’s sense of smell is thrown off because of an exotic invasive plant commonly known as garlic mustard. The butterfly thinks it’s honing in on another mustard, the common Toothwort, and instead could lay its eggs on the wrong plant.

“When it lays its eggs on the garlic mustard instead, the eggs don’t hatch. It’s fatal to them,” said Dr. Sunshine Brosi, associate professor of biology. “When there’s garlic mustard in an area where there’s this butterfly – the West Virginia White – it will kill off the butterfly.”

The trip helps fulfill a laboratory requirement for the class while providing volunteer service for the community. Volunteers from the Western Maryland Chapter of the Maryland Native Plant Society and Savage River Watershed Association sponsor the invasive plant removal events.

In addition to the mustard, the volunteers and students were tasked with pulling the Japanese spirea from its roots. The group removed about 30 pounds of small garlic mustard plants, which is a fraction of what used to be removed in the early years of the project.

The collaborative learning environment in one of Maryland’s most protected forests is an extra incentive for the students.

Before their hike through the forest, the Plant Taxonomy students memorized plant species thanks to the Herbarium housed in the Compton Science Center and the FSU Online Ethnobotanical Herbarium Collection, which is supported by the FSU Foundation.

A video report of this experience can be found on FSU’s YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/BjSEPXhB1UY>.

FSU Peer Education Network Earns Awards at Regional Conference

FSU’s BURG Peer Education Network received four awards, including a top honor, at the NASPA/BACCHUS Region 12 Annual Spring Conference on April 5, held at Radford University in Virginia.

BURG was named an Outstanding Peer Education Network, the highest honor of the conference, for consistent leadership and a comprehensive approach to peer education. BURG was also honored for Outstanding Contribution to Education in recognition of its freshman year initiative program. **Don Swogger**, BURG advisor for the past 24 years, won Advisor of the Year, and FSU senior **Sam Hammett** was awarded Region 12 Outstanding Student for her four years of leadership and successful campaigns on body image and sexual health.

Several students also gave presentations during breakout sessions. Hammett and freshmen **Laurinda Patton** and **Kaelan Keller** presented “Myth Busters: Challenging Misperceptions About Campus Life.” Freshmen **Anna Aponesto**, **Kristie Whiteman** and **Greglena Sanders** led a talk on BURG campaign topics, including positive body image, nutrition, eating disorders and loving oneself. Swogger presented “Ignite the Fire: Getting Back Into the Game,” a motivational session.

Other students participating in the conference were junior **Bobby Lemaire** and freshmen **Jonathan Grams** and **Alejandro Portillo Romero**.

The BURG Peer Education Network is a student organization whose members encourage healthy choices among their fellow students. For info, visit www.burgpeereducationnetwork.com or contact Don Swogger at 301-687-4761.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Poster Contest Winners Announced



The winning posters, from left to right, “Help Protect Our Beautiful Wildlife,” “Real Bobcats Recycle” and “Love Our Planet”

Congratulations to the winners of the 2015 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Poster Contest sponsored by Learning Green, Living Green at FSU! More than 1,200 votes were cast among the 28 posters created by students in ART 207 Graphic Design. These posters help communicate environmental awareness for FSU’s celebration of Earth Week.

Selected posters will be displayed on the second floor of Hitchins.

The winners are:

- First place: **Elizabeth MacConnell**, junior, liberal studies, “Help Protect Our Beautiful Wildlife”
- Second place: **Krista Hart**, senior, psychology, “Real Bobcats Recycle”
- Third place: **Chloe Salerian**, sophomore, elementary education, “Love Our Planet”

Dr. Catherine Vrentas Serves as State Event Supervisor for Road Scholar

In April, *Dr. Catherine Vrentas*, an assistant professor in the Department of Biology, served as the state event supervisor for Road Scholar (a geography- and earth sciences-based map-reading event) at the Maryland State Science Olympiad, hosted at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Middle school students from around the state participated in the competition, which featured the use of the Maryland state road map and the Avilton Quadrangle (located west of Frostburg) to answer questions about map projections, topography, stream gradients, manmade features and more.

Dr. Gregory Wood Judge for Maryland History Day State Contest

Dr. Gregory Wood, director of the University Honors Program and an associate professor in the Department of History, recently served as a judge for the Maryland History Day State Contest sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education. The event took place at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Wood reviewed senior high school student video documentations as part of his adjudication duties. The theme for this year’s competition was “Leadership and Legacy in History.”

Take Note

Chancellor Kirwan Appoints FSU Presidential Search and Screening Committee



William E. Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland, today announced his appointment of the search and screening committee for the president of FSU, one of the university system’s 12 institutions.

President Jonathan Gibralter announced in February that he is leaving the University to become president of Wells College in Aurora, N.Y. Gibralter has been president of FSU since August 2006 and will join Wells on July 1. On that date, *Vice President for Student Affairs Tom Bowling* will temporarily succeed Gibralter as interim president.

The chair of the search and screening committee is *Thomas G. Slater*, an FSU alumnus, member of the USM Board of Regents and founder and principal partner of Slater & Slater.

The other members of the committee, which includes representatives from FSU faculty, staff, students and alumni, and from the greater community, are:

- *Sydney B. Duncan*, associate professor and chair, Department of English
- *Carol J. Gaumer*, professor of marketing and chair, Department of Marketing and Finance
- *Sudhir Singh*, associate dean, College of Business
- *James C. Saku*, professor, Department of Geography
- *John L. Stoothoff*, assistant professor, Department of Educational Professions
- *Mary Kay Finan*, FSU Foundation
- *W. Robert Flanigan*, mayor of the City of Frostburg
- *Mary Mumper*, FSU Foundation
- *Troy Donoway*, chief information officer
- *Robert Cooper*, director of Student Activities
- *Katelyn Currier*, FSU junior and president-elect of the Student Government Association
- *Kenneth Johnson*, graduate student candidate for master’s in education

Katie Ryan, senior adviser to the chancellor, is serving as liaison to the chancellor.

The committee’s work will conclude with its recommendation of finalists for consideration by the chancellor and the Board of Regents. The board will make the final selection.

Attention Honor Society Advisors

Be sure to take the opportunity to recognize those students who have been inducted into the honor societies you advise through FSU’s Merit pages (<http://frostburg.meritpages.com>). This is the service FSU uses to recognize student achievements, share them with hometown newspapers and provide students with a positive online profile of their college careers.

To allow your students to be recognized, send the name of the organization, a brief description of the organization, the students’ names and their FSU email addresses to news@frostburg.edu.

Last Chance to Answer Child Care Survey

If the degree of need and support for a child care center on the FSU campus can't be determined, it is unlikely that campus-based child care will be available in the future. If you have not already answered the FSU Child Care Needs Assessment survey you received from President Gibraltar in your email, do so today and no later than **Friday, May 8**. All students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to participate in the survey whether they have children or not. The survey asks questions about the recruitment, retention and educational benefits of a campus child care center, in addition to measuring the anticipated need for child care in the next five years. Participation is voluntary but strongly encouraged.

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. Elesha Ruminski, at elruminski@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 on **Tuesdays, from June 2 through July 28**, from 6 to 9 p.m. 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 their 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.

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 info 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 info on Leadership Allegany! contact Peg McKenzie, executive assistant of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, at 301-722-2820.

Mountainside Baroque Performance on May 17



Mountainside Baroque will perform the final concert of its 2014-15 season on **Sunday, May 17**, at 4 p.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church at 300 E. Oldtown Road in Cumberland. There will also be a pre-concert talk at 3:30 p.m.

This concert will explore a variety of Antonio Vivaldi’s works, including his “Magnificat” and the oratorio “Lauda Jerusalem” for orchestra, soloists and choir, as well the lively “Sinfonia in G” for strings and an unusual “Concerto in D Minor” for organ and violin. The Scholars of St. Cecilia and the FSU Chamber Choir will sing the choral portions of the “Lauda” and the “Magnificat.”

Tickets are available at the door or online at www.mountainsidebaroque.org. For info, visit the website, email mountainsidebaroque@mindspring.com or call 301-338-2940.

Wanted! Emergency Medical Services Volunteers

There is a great need for more Emergency Medical Services volunteers in the Frostburg area. A free EMT class will be held at the Frostburg Ambulance Service at 86 W. Main St. beginning on **Thursday, Sept. 3**, and continuing through the fall semester.

For info, contact Jay Stevens at 301-689-1255 or jays032@gmail.com.

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.

May Is Bicycle Safety Month



Don’t forget your helmet!

Studies show wearing a helmet can prevent injuries more than 85 percent of the time.

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