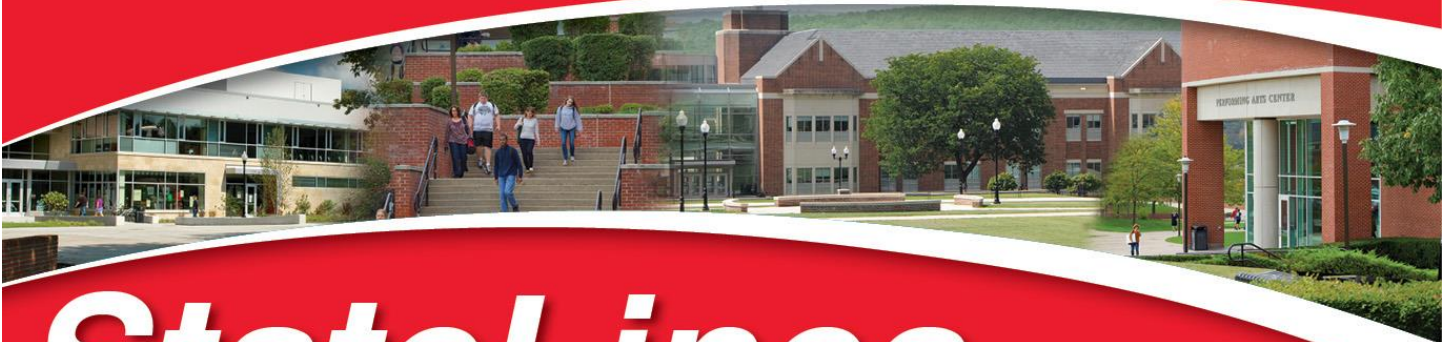




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## ‘Surf’ the Theme of Spring Opera Theatre Performance



FSU's Opera Theatre group, from left, Marse Romero, Anthony Dyson Jr., Sakkara Turner, Niki Elliott, Cheranjana Thuyacontha, Hannah Miller, Mariana Mihai-Zoeter (director), Dr. Jay DeWire (accompanist), Pateley Bongiorno and David Cook Jr.

“Surf” is the theme of this semester’s Opera Theatre performance at FSU to be presented **Saturday, April 30**, at 7:30 p.m. and **Sunday, May 1**, at 3 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. Opera director **Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter** invites you to surf your TV, where you will be tempted to “switch” the channel from your favorite opera to sample other genres of music, such as musical theater songs, operetta duos and trios, and maybe a rap or two. This event is free and open to the public.

Opera students include sopranos **Cheranjana Thuyacontha**, **Mare Romero**, **Hannah Miller** and **Niki Elliott**; mezzo-sopranos **Sakkara Turner** and **Pateley Bongiorno**; tenor **David Cook** and baritone **Anthony Dyson**. **Dr. Jay DeWire** will accompany the group.

For info, contact FSU’s Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

## More 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.

## ‘Flood by the Foot’ to Present ‘A Bohemian Ride’

The FSU Flute Studio and Flute Ensemble, “Flood by the Foot,” will present their concert, “A Bohemian Ride,” on **Thursday, April 28**, at 7:30 p.m. This concert will feature members of the flute studio and flute ensemble performing solos, chamber works and large ensemble compositions by Nicole Chamberlain, Robert Maggio, Geoffrey Westbrook, Ian Clarke, Gabriel Fauré, Claude Debussy and David Loeb.

## Jazz Orchestra Spring Concert a ‘Tribute to Duke Ellington’



Duke Ellington with his orchestra

FSU’s Jazz Orchestra will present its spring concert, titled “Tribute to Duke Ellington,” on **Friday, April 29**, at 7:30 p.m. Directed by **Dr. Brent Weber**, the concert will feature guest artist Sal Lozano on the saxophone, clarinet and flute, as well as the FSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble directed by **Dr. James Reddan**.

Selections will include “Things Ain’t What They Used to Be,” “Chelsea Bridge,” “Take the A Train,” “Prelude to a Kiss,” “Magnolias Dripping With Molasses,” “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore,” “St. Louis Blues” and “Abide.”

Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available at the door (cash only).

## ‘Dean of W.Va. Songwriters’ Todd Burge to Play Twice at MCTA



Witty singer-songwriter and guitarist Todd Burge returns to Mountain City Traditional Arts, 25 E. Main St., Frostburg, on **Saturday, April 30**, for a children’s concert at 4 p.m. and a concert for his adult fans at 7:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$15.

Over the past three decades, Burge has become known as one of West Virginia’s greatest singer-songwriters. The self-styled troubadour draws musical inspiration from a rich tapestry of life experiences, weaving humor and socially conscious lyrics with immense talent. Burge’s musical style varies from folk to alternative rock and beyond. Many of his songs are performed from unexpected perspectives, including bugs, animals and inventive human characters of Burge’s imagination.

Burge’s 2015 album, “Imitation Life,” was produced in collaboration with Grammy winner Tim O’Brien, and his newest album, “Live on Mountain State 2006-2015,” featuring recordings across a decade of live performances on NPR, will be released in May.

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

## Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo in ‘Mood Indigo’

Join the FSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble and FSU Jazz Combo for “Mood Indigo” on **Tuesday, May 3**, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will begin with the Jazz Combo under the direction of **Tom Harrison**. The combo will perform many popular jazz and Latin standards, including “Morning” (Clare Fischer), “Recordame” (Joe Henderson), “Afro Blue” (Mongo Santamaria) and “Blue Bossa” (Kenny Dorham). Additionally, the combo will perform works by Horace Silver, Jerome Kern/Oscar Hammerstein, Bart Howard and Vernon Duke.

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble, now in its fifth season, features 16 singers and a student jazz combo. Under the direction of **Dr. James Reddan** and accompanied by **Dr. Brent Weber** directing the combo, the ensemble will perform a variety of vocal jazz styles, including “Baroque Samba” (Darmon Meader), “Bli Blip” (Darmon Meader), “Nordic Polska” (Anders Edenroth/The Real Group) and “Mood Indigo” (Duke Ellington). The group will also perform “It Don’t Mean a Thing” (Duke Ellington/Anders Edenroth).

The concert will finish with the ensemble performing “Pass Me the Jazz” (Anders Edenroth/The Real Group).

## Clarinet Studio Recital to Be Held May 4

FSU’s spring Clarinet Studio Recital will take place on **Wednesday, May 4**, at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the studio are **Joshua Bittinger**, **Amy Cook**, **Sierra Green**, **Carmen Grimes**, **Sydney Holtschneider** and **Patience Loscomb**. **Dr. Mark Gallagher** is the instructor.

The group will perform works by Bernhard Crusell, Georg Philipp Telemann, Sextus Miskow, Willson Osborne, Paul Hindemith and Franz Joseph Haydn.

## University Chorale and Chamber Singers Spring Choral Concert

Join the FSU Chamber Singers and the University Chorale as they present their spring choral concert, “A Choral Fantasy,” on **Sunday, May 8**, at 3 p.m. The concert will feature many works examining the themes of love, peace and brotherhood.

Under the direction of **Dr. James Reddan**, and accompanied by **Dr. Jay Dewire**, the FSU University Chorale will begin the concert with an American classic, “Zion’s Walls” by Aaron Copland. This will be followed by the “Neighbor’s Chorus” (Offenbach) conducted by student conductor **Alexa Bashaw**. The chorale will then perform “Under the Willow Tree” from the opera “Vanessa” by American composer Samuel Barber. This will be followed by “Sure on This Shining Night” by Morten Lauridsen and finish with the traditional spiritual “Wade in the Water” by Moses Hogan.

The FSU Chamber Singers will perform a varied repertoire of choral works, beginning with “Dúlamán” by Michael McGlynn as performed by Anuna in the traditional Gaelic. This will be followed by “Tanzen und Springen” by Hans Leo Hassler and Arvo Pärt’s “Bogoróditse Djévo,” the Russian version of the “Hail Mary” with a twist. Following these pieces, the ensemble will perform “Good Night Dear Heart” (Forest) based on the epitaph of Susy Clemens, the daughter of Mark Twain, and the choral standard “Sing Me to Heaven” (Gawthrop). The ensemble will next perform “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” by British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams under the direction of student conductor **Katelyn Hendrix**. The Chamber Singers will round out their performance with “Exultate Justi” (Viadana), “Ubi Caritas” (Gjeilo) and a new work by American composer Jake Runestad, “Alleluia.”

The final part of the afternoon will feature the performance of Ludwig van Beethoven’s “Choral Fantasia, Op. 80.” This medium-sized work is a piano concerto with a choral ending that served as the precursor for Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony. This will feature DeWire on piano, the orchestra and the combined choirs.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door and are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger.

## Dance

### Theatre and Dance Presents Dance Concert ‘Emergence’



The FSU Department of Theatre and Dance’s spring 2016 dance concert will come to the stage **Friday, May 6**, and **Saturday, May 7**, at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC Drama Theatre. Titled “Emergence,” the concert showcases the eclectic work of student choreographers and designers. Under the guidance of FSU faculty members **Jamie McGreevy**, **Brian Scruggs** and **Michele Labar**, the concert will feature energetic dances in the styles of hip-hop, tap, contemporary, ballet and “voguing.”

Highlighting the vitality of personal and stylistic diversity, the concert grew from the original work of nine emerging choreographers during the spring semester.

Graduating senior **Madeleine Bohrer** will present a picturesque duet called “New Beginnings” as her final contribution to the FSU Dance Company, while a piece by **Yazmin Bush** focuses on losing yourself in the day-to-day obstacles thrown at you in life.

A vibrant voguing battle scene by **Shaiday Dancy** serves as a tribute to DMV Models Inc., and **Deion Dawodu**’s choreography embodies the struggle of breaking away from toxic relationships. A piece by **Mariah Goldring** explores what it means to break social norms in today’s society.

Second-time choreographer **Krysten Gutrich** created a dance about appearances and **Sarah Polkabl**’s “Limitless” signifies the unlimited boundary that surrounds creativity in the world of dance. **Alex Stewart**’s choreography reflects on the ways negative energy holds a person back and the importance of positive energy to bring everyone back. Finally, **Anecia Whitehead** will present an emotional piece dedicated to loved ones “while on the road to heaven and eternity.”

Early in the creative process, these choreographers teamed up with lighting and costume designers to implement their vision into a fully realized performance. **Jennifer Grein**, **Shawn Zupancic**, **Austin Hueg**, **Kim Lartz**, **Rachel Saylor** and **Brian M. Scruggs** collaborated on lighting designs, and **Rachel Saylor**, **Alejandro Portillo Romero**, **Habtamu Anderson** and **Michele Labar** created costumes designs. The show will be stage-managed by **Rebekah Brown**.

“The student choreographers have been working really hard to hone in on their individual creative process. It has been really exciting to witness their discoveries and journey. That is one of the most awesome parts of my position as director. ... I have the chance to watch these young artists develop their own creative voices and unique selves,” McGreevy said.

Tickets are \$6 for students and \$12 for the general public and can be reserved by calling the box office at 301-687-7462 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Group discounts are available when arranged in advance. For updates, follow Theatre and Dance on Facebook at Theatre and Dance at FSU and Instagram at FSUTheatreDance.

## Presentations

### R. Margaret Hamilton Children’s Hour Held as Part of Spring Festival of Children’s Literature



Authors Peter Brown, Bryan Collier, Barb Rosenstock and Gary Schmidt

On **Friday, April 29**, area children are invited to spend time with award-winning authors and illustrators as they talk about their works. Through a partnership with the Children’s Literature Centre, Allegany County Public

Schools and the Allegany County Public Library System, each speaker will hold a Children’s Hour session at locations around the county. All sessions will be open to the public.

Peter Brown, an author and illustrator, will appear at the South Cumberland Library at 10 a.m. The illustrator of “Creepy Carrots” has won the E.B. White Honor and Award several times. Bryan Collier will speak at FSU at 10 a.m. in Gira Center 397. His most recent Coretta Scott King (illustrator) award was in 2016 for his artwork in “Trombone Shorty.” Barb Rosenstock will be at Bel Air Elementary at 10 a.m. Her book, “The Noisy Paint Box,” was a 2015 Caldecott Honor book, ALA and CLA Notable book, a CCBC Choice and an ILA 2015 Teacher’s Choice. Gary Schmidt will appear at Braddock Middle School at 12:45 p.m. In 2010, his novel, “Okay for Now,” was a National Book Award finalist.

For info, contact Dr. Jodi Welsch at 301-687-3096.

### Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi to Present ‘Teachers as Leaders’

FSU’s Center for Teaching Excellence will sponsor a presentation by FSU Interim Provost **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi** on **Friday, April 29**, at 3:30 p.m. in Gira Center 156. Tootoonchi’s talk is titled “Teachers as Leaders: Enhancing the Quality of the Learning Environment.” For info, contact Dr. Justin Dunmyre at [jrdunmyre@frostburg.edu](mailto:jrdunmyre@frostburg.edu).

### Two Presentations on Athletic Training and Physicians Assistants

Gary A. Horsman, a physician assistant at the Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, will give two presentations at FSU – “Combining Two Professions: Athletic Training and Physicians Assistants” on **Friday, April 29**, at 7 p.m. in room 102 of the Cordts PE Center and “Hands-on Pearls of Wisdom for ATs and PAs” on **Saturday, April 30**, at 9 a.m. For info, contact Karen Frink at 301-687-4461.



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## Undergraduate Symposium to Showcase Research and Experiential Learning Projects

FSU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will host the Fifth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on **Friday, May 6**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lane University 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 2015, fall 2015 and spring 2016.

For info, contact Dr. Karen Keller at [klkeller@frostburg.edu](mailto:klkeller@frostburg.edu) or Linda Steele at [lsteel@frostburg.edu](mailto:lsteel@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4137.

## Final Watershed Moments Talk – Glaciologist/Geologist Dr. Richard Alley



The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's Appalachian Laboratory will present Dr. Richard Alley, a celebrated glaciologist and geologist from Penn State, on **Thursday, May 12**, at 6 p.m. in FSU's Performing Arts Center. His presentation, "Powering the Future: Good News in the Greenhouse," will be the final spring Watershed Moments event.

Alley has ranged from Antarctica to Greenland to help learn the history of Earth's climate, and whether the great ice sheets will fall in the ocean and flood our coasts. With more than 250 scientific publications, he has been asked to provide advice to the highest levels of government, and has been recognized with numerous awards, including election to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society. He hosted the PBS miniseries "Earth: The Operators' Manual," and has been compared to a cross between Woody Allen and Carl Sagan for his enthusiastic efforts to communicate the excitement and importance of science to everyone.

No reservations are required. For info, call 301-689-7102.

## Appalachian Laboratory Spring Visiting Scholar Seminar Series

Dr. Greg Silsbe, UMCES Horn Point Laboratory, will present "Phytoplankton Ecophysiology in the 21st Century" on **Thursday, May 5**, at 3:30 p.m. in AL Room 109. All sessions are free and open to the public. For info, go to [www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule](http://www.umces.edu/al/seminar/schedule).

## Workshops

### Dr. Catherine Vrentas to Explore Mycobiome of the Home



The Western Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society and its FSU student members will host "Moldy Milieu: Exploring the Mycobiome – or Fungi – of Your Home" on **Wednesday, April 27**, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Compton 224. This event is free and open to the public.

The term "mycobiome" refers to the community of different fungal species, including molds, yeast and mushrooms, that live in an environment. In this presentation, **Dr. Catherine Vrentas**, an assistant professor in FSU's Department of Biology, will share the story of the fungi that inhabit homes – both helpful and potentially harmful – and the array of interesting chemicals they produce.

As a part of the event, participants can participate in a demonstration of air sampling for the presence of molds, and will explore the biochemistry of molds that just might be found in one's fridge, sometimes unexpectedly! Lab time is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and the talk and interactive component are from 6 to 7 p.m.

For info, contact Blair Knouse at [beknouse@frostburg.edu](mailto:beknouse@frostburg.edu).

### Ort Library – 'Tips and Tools for Managing Your Money'



As part of Money Smart Week, the Lewis J. Ort Library will offer the workshop, "Tips and Tools for Managing Your Money," on **Tuesday, April 26**, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **Wednesday, April 27**, from 1 to 2 p.m., both sessions to be held in the Library Instruction Center on the third floor. This workshop is open to all and will provide a variety of tips and ideas for managing your money as well as online tools and resources.

Money Smart Week was created in 2002 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Since then, the Federal Reserve has teamed up with libraries, schools, businesses and other organizations to help consumers manage their personal finances. A variety of financial literacy and money management resources can be found on the Money Smart Week guide at <http://libguides.frostburg.edu/moneysmartweek>.

For info, contact Lisa Hartman at [lahartman@frostburg.edu](mailto:lahartman@frostburg.edu).

## Geography Department Holding Four GIS-Related Workshops

FSU's Department of Geography will host a series of four workshops **beginning Monday, May 23**. The workshops are sponsored by the Maryland State Geographic Information Committee and the Maryland Department of Information Technology. The state

of Maryland has implemented a statewide geographic information system training program designed to offer state employees with classroom and online delivery of GIS and GIS-related instruction, and FSU has been selected as one of the training sites.

The following workshops will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be held in Gunter 212.

- “Thinking Spatially”
- “Intermediate ArcGIS Online and MD iMAP”
- “Introduction to ArcGIS Desktop and MD iMAP (Day 1 of 2)”
- “Introduction to ArcGIS Desktop and MD iMAP (Day 2 of 2)”

Registration is required (through MSGIC) since seating is limited. For info, contact Dr. Francis Precht at [fprecht@frostburg.edu](mailto:fprecht@frostburg.edu).

## FSU’s Center for Literary Arts to Host Nightsun Writer’s Conference



From top, Nance Van Winckel, Ethelbert Miller, Andy Duncan and Patricia Henley

FSU’s Center for Literary Arts will host its ninth annual Nightsun Writer’s Conference **from Thursday, July 28, to Sunday, July 31**, in downtown Frostburg.

The program provides participants with workshop opportunities, individualized attention, feedback and craft sessions. The conference is designed to generate new material for publication, hone the craft of creative writing and initiate a larger writing community. The event boasts fine food, friendship, seminars, memorable readings by faculty and participants and the unique opportunity to mingle with special guests as well as to share work.

The conference will feature workshops with Nance Van Winckel (poetry), Ethelbert Miller (nonfiction), Patricia Henley (fiction) and **Andy Duncan** (sci-fi/horror). Duncan is an associate professor in FSU’s Department of English.

The cost of participation in the conference is \$350 plus accommodations and some meals. There is a \$50 discount for returning Nightsun participants. One-on-one faculty conferences will be available for an additional \$25. Discounts, scholarships and opportunities for Continuing Education credit are available. The application deadline is **Friday, July 1**.

For info, visit [www.frostburg.edu/cla](http://www.frostburg.edu/cla) or contact Gerry LaFemina, director of the Center for Literary Arts, at [glafemina@frostburg.edu](mailto:glafemina@frostburg.edu).

## Visual Arts

### Robert Hein to Hold Photography Exhibit

**Robert Hein**, an associate professor in FSU’s Department of Visual Arts, will have a solo photography exhibit, titled “Stillness Between,” **May 5 through 29** at the Engine Room Art Space, 36 N. Potomac St., in Hagerstown. There will be an opening reception on **Friday, May 6**, from 5 to 8 p.m. For info, visit [www.robertmhein.com](http://www.robertmhein.com) or call 301-687-4354.

### Geography Exhibit on Display at Science Discovery Center



The Science Discovery Center on the first floor of Compton is hosting a geography display that includes touchable stereographs and a hand-crank energy generator. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For info, contact the center at [FSDC@frostburg.edu](mailto:FSDC@frostburg.edu) or 301-689-4723, or visit [www.frostburg.edu/fsdc](http://www.frostburg.edu/fsdc).

## Points of Pride

### Andy Duncan Receives Individual Artist Award

**Andy Duncan** has been named a recipient of a \$1,000 Individual Artist Award from the Maryland State Arts Council in the Fiction category. Duncan is the only recipient this year from Garrett, Allegany and Washington counties, in any category. He and the other recipients will be honored **June 27** with a reception at the Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore.

### Dr. Xunyu Pan Presents Research on Mobile Music Visualization at Electronic Imaging Conference



From left, Lianna Mack, Megan Balukoff, Dr. Xunyu Pan, Jenna Meeks and Christiana Tucker pose together at the 2015 CLAS Undergraduate Research Symposium, where they promoted the research experiences of FSU’s female STEM students.

**Dr. Xunyu Pan**, an assistant professor in FSU’s Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies, recently presented a research paper titled “Musical Instruments Simulation on Mobile Platform” at the 28th Electronic Imaging Conference in San

Francisco. In the article, co-authored by FSU graduate students **Megan Balukoff** and **Jacob Wilson**, the authors introduce a novel mobile musical system aiming to simulate the functionality of musical instruments and visualize the interaction between simulating devices and mobile users. The paper was based on a collaboration with Purdue University.

The latest research on digital imaging and multimedia systems is presented at the Electronic Imaging Conference. Topics cover all aspects of imaging and multimedia system, from computational photography to virtual reality technologies used in science, communication, security, transportation, education, entertainment and space exploration. This is the third time Pan and his students have presented at the conference.

For info, contact Pan at 301-687-4037 or [xpan@frostburg.edu](mailto:xpan@frostburg.edu).

## A STAR! Receives Community Impact Award



The A STAR! (Appalachian Service Through Action and Resources) in Western Maryland AmeriCorps Program received the United Way’s Outstanding Community Impact Award April 19 in Frederick County. Pictured at the event are **Lisa Clark**, director of A STAR! in FSU’s Student and Community Involvement Office, and **Dr. Jay Hegeman**, interim vice president for Student Affairs at FSU.

A STAR! provides direct, substantive service programs that improve the literacy of school children; enhance the health care and living conditions of children and elderly people; help at-risk youth by offering after-school programs; improve shelter and support services for low-income families; and preserve the environment for the Western Maryland communities.

For info, contact Clark at [lclark@frostburg.edu](mailto:lclark@frostburg.edu).

## Dr. Janet Mattern Recognized by NAEYC

The National Association for the Education of Young Children recently recognized **Dr. Janet Mattern**, an assistant professor in FSU’s Department of Educational Professions for the service, scholarly work and national leadership she has provided over the past year as a peer reviewer for NAEYC’s recognition of early childhood teacher preparation programs in conjunction with the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

## FSU Ed.D. Candidates Paving Smoother Road From High School to College

Four candidates from FSU’s inaugural Doctor of Education cohort in Hagerstown have published an important paper in “Colleges & University Journal,” a publication of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

“Paving the Road for Student Success: Building a Case for Integrated Strategic Planning” aims to clear the path from high school to college. The candidates brought significant practical experience to bear on the issue.

**Jarrett Kealey** is assistant director in the Office of Undergraduate Education at UMBC. **Renee Peterson** has worked as a full-time high school English teacher for the past two decades. **Angela Thompson** is the senior business analyst of the Office of the Registrar at UMUC. **Kristin Waters** is the associate director of operations for Undergraduate Admissions at UMBC.

Their thesis was straightforward: To best smooth students’ transitions, K-12 and higher-education administrators must come together in joint strategic planning sessions.

Over half of students entering two-year colleges and about 20 percent of students entering four-year universities require remedial courses. To reduce the time and cost of a degree, leaders from both educational sectors must collaborate to ensure high school graduates are prepared for college coursework.

The candidates suggest creating “transition centers,” which would serve high school students as they consider college choices and prepare their applications.

They also recommend creating a unified student information system, which would let administrators track students before entering and after leaving an institution. That information should help administrators identify and eliminate other undiscovered obstacles on the road to college.

For the full press release, go to [www.frostburg.edu/home/news/university-news-portal/frostburg-doctoral-candidates-paving-a-smoother-road-from-high-school-to-college](http://www.frostburg.edu/home/news/university-news-portal/frostburg-doctoral-candidates-paving-a-smoother-road-from-high-school-to-college).

## Take Note

## FSU Promotes Student Achievement Through Merit

Do you work with campus honor societies or would you like to promote a student’s outstanding accomplishments?

FSU uses the online service [Merit](#) to recognize students. All of our students have the opportunity to have a Merit page online: a public, professional profile that FSU can update with their achievements, such as presenting research at a conference, winning an academic competition, earning a scholarship, performing in a production, serving in a student leadership role or doing community service work.

FSU also benefits from updating student Merit pages. These student updates are pushed out to social networks, sent to hometown newspapers and in some cases, sent to a student’s high school or shared with government officials. It’s an opportunity for us to tell our story to a large and deeply engaged group of stakeholders in a way that connects each of them with a personalized “proof point” of a student excelling here.

If you'd like to recognize a student or group of students, here is what you need send to FSU News at [news@frostburg.edu](mailto:news@frostburg.edu):

- A list of the students to be included (for example, all inductees to your departmental honor society, or all students who presented research at a symposium)
- Each student's FSU email address
- For a list of symposium presentations, include the presentation title for each student
- A one-paragraph summary of the accomplishment or story
- Any photos or links to supplement the story

You can assist us by providing the information above in an Excel spreadsheet, but it's not required.

You can see examples of our student stories on Merit at [frostburg.meritpages.com](http://frostburg.meritpages.com).

We're looking forward to recognizing and promoting your students and programs with Merit!

## Undergrads! Don't Forget to Complete NCHA II Survey!

If you are an undergraduate student at the FSU campus, the National College Health Assessment survey is in your inbox. This survey is designed to gather information regarding student health and health behaviors to better provide high-quality services and support at FSU. The survey is completed online and will take about 20 minutes. Participation is voluntary. Students who participate will be randomly selected to receive a variety of prizes. For info, contact Dr. Jesse Kettermann at [JKettermann@frostburg.edu](mailto:JKettermann@frostburg.edu).

## University Store Offers Rentals and Buyback

The University Store offers short-term rentals of most books it has in stock. If you need a book for reference, or just for a short period of time, simply ask one of the associates about availability.

The University Store conducts textbook buyback daily in the store from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are finished with a book for the semester, or if you have some old books that you want to get rid of, bring them into the store and see if they have any value.

## STEM Festival at FSU, Appalachian Lab to Get Hands-On With Science

Area youth are invited to experience the fun of science, technology, engineering and math at the annual Western Maryland STEM Festival on **Saturday, May 7**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center Main Arena and the nearby Appalachian Lab.

This event is free and open to K-12 students and their families.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about STEM fields through engaging hands-on activities that cover a wide range of topics and include favorites from past festivals, as well as new features. The 2016 festival will include a Ping-Pong ball volcano, paper plane contest, stop motion animation, Dr. Elemental's Mad Scientist Show, honey bees and the Dirt Doctor. "Make Your Own" stations will be available for slime, robotic hands and lava lamps. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between events at the Cordts PE Center and Appalachian Lab.

The STEM festival is organized by FSU, Allegany and Garrett County Public Schools and the Appalachian Lab.

For info, contact Linda Steele at 301-687-4137 or [lsteel@frostburg.edu](mailto:lsteel@frostburg.edu).

### UMCES Appalachian Laboratory to Host Open House



Join the Appalachian Lab on **Saturday, May 7**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for hands-on experiments for the whole family, meet the scientists working in your community and enjoy aerial drone demonstrations to learn how scientists are using this technology to enhance their research efforts. Other activities will include Shrink Your Foodprint; the Dirt Doctor; What Does the Otter Eat? Phenology, Climate Change and Art; the hands-on Enviroscape stream model; Maryland's Flying Mammals; Where in Western Maryland? and hands-on science demonstrations. For info, call 301-689-7100.

## Nominations Sought for Civil Citizen Communicator Award

The Communication Studies program will award its second annual Civil Citizen Communicator Award this **May**. This award will be given to a student who has demonstrated a commitment through word and actions to communication leadership within an organization or community. This person should demonstrate communication competence, leadership capabilities and an awareness of and responsiveness to civility issues that impact others. The nomination process is open to any major on campus.

Nominations will be accepted until **Monday, April 25**. Nominate a candidate, or yourself, by emailing Connie Capacchione at [ccapacchione@frostburg.edu](mailto:ccapacchione@frostburg.edu). Nominations should include the nominee's full name, major/minor and intended graduation date; a brief rationale (500 words or less) supporting why the nominee fits the criteria above; and additional supporting info for that nomination (photos or videos of speeches or events, event or promotional materials, letters of acknowledgement, etc.). For info, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4480. A panel of external reviewers will determine the award winner, and the award announcement will be made at the Second Annual Frosty Awards **Saturday, May 7**.



# Summer Music Academy Application Deadline April 30



The FSU Summer Music Academy will take place **from Sunday, July 10, through Saturday, July 16**, in Frostburg.

The academy was created with the mission to promote classical music education, and its goal is to develop individual musicianship for string, woodwind, brass and piano instrumentalists in a supportive environment. Those above the age of 15 are encouraged to enroll in the academy. All skill levels are welcome and a variety of price options are available to suit everyone’s needs. Instructors will include FSU music department faculty members and world-famous guest artists, including members of the Vienna Philharmonic, Canadian Brass, Boston Symphony Orchestra and National Symphony Orchestra. The academy can accommodate a maximum of 60 students, so early application is recommended. The application deadline is **Saturday, April 30**. Late applications will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Academy activities feature:

- Masterclasses from FSU faculty and guest artists
- Evening faculty performances
- Chamber music coaching
- Outdoor activities in the setting of the Allegany Mountains
- Alexander Technique
- Exposure to internationally renowned musicians, soloists and teachers

Visit [www.frostburg.edu/dept/music/summer-music-academy](http://www.frostburg.edu/dept/music/summer-music-academy) for info and registration.

## Beautify the 'Burg

Frostburg will host its annual Beautify the 'Burg event on **Saturday, May 7**. The event will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Michael’s Church Courtyard and end at City Place at noon for lunch. During this event, FSU students and Frostburg community members come together to volunteer in the local community, completing beautification projects to prepare Frostburg for its tourism season. This year the event is sponsored by FSU, the City of Frostburg, Frostburg First and Frostburg Dining Services. To volunteer, or for info, contact the VOICE AmeriCorps Volunteer coordinator, Patrick Travers, at 301-687-7598.

## Don’t Forget to Register for TASTE!



The Office of Information Technology will host the 15th Annual TASTE Conference on **Wednesday, May 25**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Gira Center.

TASTE is a prominent technology conference in Western Maryland that is free and open to anyone. The conference is designed for sharing ideas and best practices in teaching excellence and technology initiatives.

To register or to submit a session proposal, go to [www.frostburg.edu/computing/training-events/taste-conference](http://www.frostburg.edu/computing/training-events/taste-conference). For info, email [taste@frostburg.edu](mailto:taste@frostburg.edu) or call Beth Kenney at 301-687-4244.

## Upcoming BURG Peer Education Network Events



This week’s General Body Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 28**, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. in Lane 113.

For info, contact Gavin Mangolas at [gmmangolas0@frostburg.edu](mailto:gmmangolas0@frostburg.edu).

## Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

It’s not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Saturday, May 21**, in the Cordts PE Center. The Colleges of Business and Education will present their graduates at 9:30 a.m., and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 2 p.m. Tickets will be required for admission. **Each Colleges of Business and Education graduate will receive nine tickets, and each College of Liberal Arts and Sciences graduate will receive seven.**

If you haven’t done so, contact the Registrar’s Office to complete your graduation application and check that your home mailing address is accurate in PAWS, so you’ll receive all the necessary upcoming info.

Follow [@FrostburgGrad](https://twitter.com/FrostburgGrad) on Twitter or [www.facebook.com/commencementatfrostburg](https://www.facebook.com/commencementatfrostburg) on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.



## Volunteers

### Habitat for Humanity – One-Week Blitz Build

The Allegany County Habitat for Humanity will take part in a national Blitz Build program starting **Monday, May 2**. During this time, Habitat, along with the help of hundreds of volunteers, will build a house for a family in need in a single week! To make this project a reality, Habitat is looking for volunteers to help build, make volunteer meals, organize fundraisers and more. For info, contact Patrick O'Brien, director, Civic Engagement, Student and Community Involvement, at 301-687-4210 or [pobrien@frostburg.edu](mailto:pobrien@frostburg.edu). If there is enough interest from the campus community, an informational meeting can be hosted at FSU.

## Student Life

### Edgewood Commons Contracting for 2016-2017

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year. All the information about Edgewood Commons is available at [www.edgewoodFSU.com](http://www.edgewoodFSU.com). Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms. Utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable) are included in the contract fee. To set up a tour or for info, call 301-689-1370. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions.

## Study Abroad

### Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?



Tori Modlin – London (Spring 2015)

The Center for International Education offers a variety of ways for FSU students to experience 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 and student loans and scholarships are available. For info, visit the Fuller House (across the street from the Braddock House), call 301-687-4714 or email Victoria Gearhart at [vmgearhart@frostburg.edu](mailto:vmgearhart@frostburg.edu). Also, check out the CIE webpage at [www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm) and the Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad](https://www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad).

## Community

### Mountainside Baroque Celebrates Mother's Day With Festive Performance



Mountainside Baroque will present a concert filled with sonorities not usually heard in the tri-state area: Baroque trumpets and tympani, sackbuts, dulcian and cornetto. Titled "Alleluia! Festive Music From Germany," the performance will take place on **Sunday, May 8**, at 5 p.m. in the Shrine of SS Peter and Paul (corner of Smallwood and Fayette) in Cumberland. There will be a preconcert talk at 4:30 p.m. Co-directors Lyle Nordstrom and Ryan Mullaney will lead the performance.

For this concert, Mountainside will welcome a variety of wind players, including members of the Washington Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble, as well as guest cornetto, trumpet and double reed players. Six vocal soloists, the Scholars of St. Cecilia (Mountainside Baroque's resident chamber choir), Baroque violins, Baroque violas, bass viola da gamba and Baroque organ will round out the performing ensemble.

Much of the music for this concert was written for one of the most musically famous churches in Germany – Thomaskirche in Leipzig. The majority of this music comes from the pens of the 17th-century music directors in Leipzig in the years right before Bach – Sebastian Knüpfer, Johann Schelle and Johann Kuhnau – along with works by Heinrich Schütz and Johann Schmelzer.

Tickets will be available in advance at the Book Center in downtown Cumberland or via credit card at [www.mountainsidebaroque.org](http://www.mountainsidebaroque.org), as well as at the door on the day of the concert. For info, call 301-338-2940.

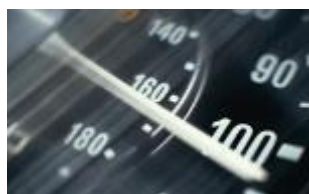
## FSU Events Calendar

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.

### Speed – It's a Limit, Not a Target!



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**Drivers who exceed speed limits are more likely to be involved in accidents.**

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#### **FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT**

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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