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Well-Strung Fuses Classical and Pop Music in On the EDGE Series



Student Activities, in collaboration with CES at FSU, will open the spring On the EDGE series at FSU with the string quartet Well-Strung on **Thursday, March 3**, at 8:15 p.m. in the Lane University Center's Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall.

Part boy band and part classical string quartet, Well-Strung performs mash-ups of classical and pop as they seamlessly blend Mozart and Dvořák with artists like Britney Spears, Kelly Clarkson and Adele.

Since their sold-out 2012 debut show at New York City's famous Joe's Pub, Well-Strung has gone on to play major venues like London's Leicester Square Theatre, 54 Below in New York, The House of Blues in New Orleans and Feinstein's in San Francisco. Appearances on "The Today Show" and "Watch What Happens Live With Andy Cohen," as well as features on The Huffington Post, BuzzFeed and New York Magazine have earned them a steadily increasing fan base.

On the EDGE is FSU's exciting new underground club series. Performances feature informal table seating, comfortable couch and armchair seating, and snack and beverage options. After each performance, patrons are encouraged to mingle as the venue transitions into the relaxed social environment of The After Room.

On the EDGE tickets are \$15. To order, call 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137 or visit <http://ces.frostburg.edu>.

More Music

Unless otherwise noted, recitals and concerts will take place in the Performing Arts Center's Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact the Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

Jazz Faculty Ensemble Recital Coming March 4

The Jazz Faculty Ensemble will perform its Faculty Artist Series recital on **Friday, March 4**, at 7:30 p.m.

Ensemble members include **Dr. Brent Weber** on alto saxophone, **Bill Green** on tenor saxophone, special guest **Tom Simpson** on the trumpet, vocalist **Bobb Robinson**, **Tom Harrison** on piano, **Jim Roderick** on bass guitar and **Marc Lawrence** on the drums.

They will play a variety of traditional and contemporary jazz selections from artists such as Paquito D'Rivera, Chucho Valdes, Michael Brecker, Pat Metheny, Clifford Brown, Kurt Ellin and others.

Wind Ensemble Music to Cross Time and Space

The FSU Wind Ensemble, under the direction of **Dr. Philip Klickman**, will present music that crosses time and space in its concert on **Saturday, March 5**, at 7:30 p.m. After opening with "A Festival Prelude" by Alfred Reed, the band will highlight the Civil Rights movement in 20th-century America with "A Movement for Rosa," by Mark Camphouse, which is a musical tone poem based on the life of Rosa Parks. The ensemble will next focus on the United Kingdom, with music from "Riverdance" by Bill Whelan and "Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo" by Malcolm Arnold, then on 19th-century Germany, with "Blessed Are They," a transcription of the first movement of "A German Requiem" by Johannes Brahms.

Moby Dick Takes Center Stage in High School Honor Band Concert

The annual High School Honor Band Festival will take place on **Saturday, March 5, and Sunday, March 6**, on FSU’s campus, with the weekend’s activities culminating in the High School Honor Band Concert hosted by FSU’s Music Department on **March 6** at 3 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. Ishmael, Ahab and the white whale Moby Dick will dominate this year’s concert, where its centerpiece will be “Of Sailors and Whales” by Frances McBeth, based on Herman Melville’s novel, “Moby Dick.” The program will also include “Toccata (After Frescobaldi)” by Gaspar Cassado, “Rushmore” by Alfred Reed and “Visions of Flight” by Robert Sheldon.

Flute Duo Presents Joint Sophomore Recital

The Augmented Second Flute Duo, formed by FSU students Cristian Dohler and Susan Zoller, will perform a sophomore recital on Sunday, March 6, at 7 p.m. The duo will be accompanied by pianist Dr. Jay DeWire.

Dohler and Zoller will perform several selections together: “Munter,” “Capriccio” and “Presto” from “Kanonische Sonatine fur zwei Floten” by Paul Hindemith; “Silverfish,” “March of the Ants,” “Butterfly,” “Praying Mantis” and “Dragonflies” from “Bugs” by Geoffrey Westbrook; and “Maya” by Ian Clarke. Dohler will present “Poem for Flute and Piano” by Charles T. Griffes and “Duo for Flute and Piano” by Aaron Copland. Zoller will present “Sonata (Three Lakes)” by Daniel Dorff and “Winter Spirits” by Katherine Hoover.

Irish Traditional Music Trio The Truckley Howl to Appear at MCTA



A powerhouse of Irish traditional music, The Truckley Howl, consisting of John Blake, Mairead Hurley and Nathan Gourley, will perform at Mountain City Traditional Arts at 25 E. Main St. in Frostburg on **Tuesday, March 8**, at 7 p.m. The program is open to the public; a \$15 donation is suggested.

Blake is a traditional Irish flute player, guitarist and pianist. A former member of the traditional group Teada, he has performed and recorded with Irish musicians John Carty, Paddy Glackin, Noel Hill, Liam O’Flynn, Jesse Smith, Harry Bradley, Colm Gannon, The Kane Sisters and James Kelly.

Hurley is from Ballymote, County Sligo, and won the All-Ireland Concertina Senior Championships at the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in 2006. She has been playing since she was four years old.

Gourley is one of America’s most highly regarded young players of traditional Irish music. He started playing music at age five. While living in Minnesota, he collaborated with renowned musician Paddy O’Brien of Chulrua. Gourley plays at concerts, ceilis, sessions and festivals in Boston and throughout the U.S. and Ireland.

For info, call 301-687-8040.

Theatre

FSU’s Theatre and Dance to Stage ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’



From left, Matthew Clark as Jem, Maureen Groff as Scout and Matthan Potts as Dill in “To Kill a Mockingbird”

Theatre and Dance at FSU continues its theatrical performance of Harper Lee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel “To Kill a Mockingbird” **Thursday, March 3, through Saturday, March 5**, at 7:30 p.m. Performances will take place in the PAC Drama Theatre.

Scout is a young girl in the summer of 1935 when her sleepy Alabama town erupts in a storm of intolerance, anger and fear. Tom Robinson – a poor black man – has been accused of attacking a white woman, and it is up to Scout’s father, Atticus Finch, to defend him against the charges.

Adapted for the stage by Christopher Sergel and directed by Jennifer Goff, “To Kill a Mockingbird” is a courtroom drama, a coming-of-age story and a reminder to us all that the hard and important work of human decency is never over.

Tickets are \$6 for all students and \$12 for the general public. Group discounts are available when booked in advance.

For reservations and info, call the Theatre and Dance 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.

Readings

Center for Literary Arts Presents Author Sara Pritchard



As part of its Spring Reading Series, the Frostburg Center for Literary Arts will present author Sara Pritchard on **Thursday, March 3**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theater at 22 E. Main St. in Frostburg. This event is free and open to the public.

Pritchard is the author of the novel-in-stories, “Crackpots” (a New York Times Notable Book of the Year), the linked-story collection, “Lately,” and “Help Wanted: Female,” another collection of stories.

Pritchard’s writing has won the Bakeless Prize for Fiction, the New Letters’ Readers’ Choice Award, the Alexander Patterson Capon Award in Fiction, two West Virginia Individual Artist’s Literary Fellowships (one for fiction, one for creative nonfiction) and a 2010 Pushcart Prize for her story “Two Studies in Entropy.”

Her stories and essays have been published in Arts & Letters, Bellingham Review, Chattahoochee Review, Green Mountains Review, Literal Latté, New Letters, Northwest Review, Tusculum Review and Spittoon, and she has served as a contributing editor to the Pushcart Prize Anthology.

Before beginning a teaching career, Pritchard worked at various jobs – waitress, circus musician, fish culler, maid, word processor, technical writer, English teacher, communications director, magazine editor and furniture reposessor – many of which have provided rich material for her latest book of stories, “Help Wanted: Female.”

In 2012, she was the Thornton writer-in-residence at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va., and in 2015, the John E. Nance writer-in-residence at the James Thurber House in Columbus, Ohio.

For the past 10 years, Pritchard has taught in the low-residency MFA program at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. She has also taught creative writing at West Virginia Wesleyan in Buckhannon, W.Va.

For info, contact the Center for Literary Arts at 301-687-4340 or visit www.frostburg.edu/cla.

Sigma Tau Delta to Host Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

In honor of his birthday, FSU’s chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, will host a reading of the works of beloved children’s author Dr. Seuss on **Saturday, March 5**, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Main Street Books, 2 E. Main St., Frostburg. This event is free and open to the public.

With fantastical illustrations and quirky rhymes, Dr. Seuss’ books have been beloved in children’s literature for many years. The event, directed toward elementary-aged children, will include crafts and a small raffle.

For info, contact Dr. Mary Anne Lutz at mlutz@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4237.

Presentations

Sustainability Solutions by Alum Desiree Bullard



FSU alumna *Desiree Bullard* will discuss sustainability solutions in relation to her business, Vital Eco Solutions, on **Wednesday, March 23**, at 12:30 p.m. in the Science Discovery Center on the first floor of the Compton Science Center. She will talk about the work she does through her business, which offers expanded recycling services, and how students can reduce negative environmental impacts. For info, contact the Science Center at fsdc@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4723. For more about Vital Eco Solutions, check out the website at <http://vitalecosolutions.wix.com/ecolove> or visit the Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/vitalecosolutions.

Academic Enrichment Series: Your Future – Personal Enrichment Week

Dr. Kevin Simonson, a psychologist and training director in Counseling and Psychological Services, will present “The Wellness Workshop: Strategies for Coping With Stress” on **Tuesday, March 1**, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Lane 113. By participating in this workshop, students can learn and practice ways of managing distress and shifting perspectives on negative thoughts, so life choices can be more in line with what feels meaningful.

Simonson will also give a Test Anxiety Workshop on **Thursday, March 3**, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Lane 113. Worried about upcoming tests? Replace those negative thoughts with positive ones! Test anxiety consists of a combination of negative thinking and physiological responses. These two factors work together to create feelings of anxiety that interfere with one’s ability to perform during tests. Join the group to learn effective techniques to reduce test anxiety.

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

Appalachian Laboratory Spring Visiting Scholar Seminar Series

Dr. Jesse Lasky, Pennsylvania State University, will present “Genotype-by-Environment Interactions and the Genomic Basis of Local Adaptation” on **Thursday, March 3**, 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.

Exhibits

MCTA to Host Reception and Exhibit ‘Meet Home Ground’

Mountain City Traditional Arts will host a reception and exhibit “Meet Home Ground” on **Wednesday, March 9**, at 7 p.m. at its facility at 25 E. Main Street in Frostburg. The exhibit, produced by FSU students enrolled in Sociology of the Environment, features documentation materials and interviews conducted in the fall by students taking Folklore in Appalachia. The event will provide area residents with the opportunity to learn more about the program offerings and experiences supported by Home Ground – an Allegany County-based organization committed to bringing people together to enjoy the outdoors and appreciate the vital role of nature in peoples’ lives and communities. For info, email mountaincitytradarts@gmail.com or call 301-687-8040.

Points of Pride

FSU to Lead Research on Endangered Allegheny Woodrat



Dr. Sunshine Brosi holds an Allegheny woodrat. FSU is leading a study to examine the population decline of this native species and determine if it can be reversed.

A nearly \$100,000 federal grant will enable FSU professors to lead multistate research on the possible solutions to reverse an Allegheny woodrat population decline.

Through the end of 2017, researchers in Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania will study the animal's interactions with its habitats as well as the presence of raccoons near the woodrat. Raccoons can carry roundworm in their feces, which could kill the woodrat while it forages for food on the forest floor.

"The first thing we hope to accomplish is hopefully to identify the primary causes for the decline of the species," said FSU Professor of Biology **Dr. Tom Serfass**, who is leading the mammalian portion of the research.

Woodrats are "cute, neat animals, with neat behaviors, occurring in neat habitats," Serfass said. They are different from the non-native Norway rat that can be a nuisance around houses and barns.

"The woodrat in this region is a unique, native and declining wildlife species. Conserving the little woodrat is conserving a piece of a whole, unique forest ecosystem," he said.

The study is a multi-agency and multi-institution effort with faculty from FSU joined by colleagues from Penn State Altoona, Montclair (N.J.) State University, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Service, Pennsylvania Game Commission Bureau of Wildlife, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and New Jersey Endangered and Nongame Species Program.

Serfass and FSU Associate Professor of Biology **Dr. Sunshine Brosi** will be joined on the project with **Dan Feller '86**, who is the Western Maryland ecologist for Maryland DNR and **Greg Turner M'01**, an endangered mammal specialist for the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Graduate and undergraduate students from FSU and other institutions will also participate in the research.

Brosi will focus on the plant-based research, looking at foods the woodrat has collected over time. Woodrats mainly eat acorns, chestnuts and walnuts, Brosi said. She will also look at the deforestation effects on the raccoon to see if logging is pushing the animal into the woodrat habitat, spreading the parasite.

The \$99,804 of federal funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office was granted by the private, nonprofit Wildlife Management Institute. Various agencies and institutions, including FSU, combined to match \$100,401 in funds to bring the total funding to \$200,205.

For info on FSU's Department of Biology, visit www.frostburg.edu/dept/biol or call 301-687-4166.

Flute by the Foot Performs at Annual Mid-Atlantic Flute Convention



Flute by the Foot's fall recital, featuring music from "Star Wars," was assisted by FSU's Stage Combat Club.

FSU's Flute Ensemble, Flute by the Foot, performed at the 30th Annual Mid-Atlantic Flute Convention in Reston, Va., on Feb. 21. The performance featured music from the ensemble's fall concert, which was arranged and composed by music major **Geoffrey Westbrook**.

The ensemble, under the direction of **Dr. Keith Hanlon**, was selected to participate in the convention's flute choir showcase, which highlights regional flute choirs. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Flute Society of Washington, the organization that sponsors the event.

Flute by the Foot is comprised of current music majors, non-majors and faculty and is open to all flutists on campus.

Music Education Students Participate in MMEA Conference



Music Education students from the FSU Collegiate Chapter of the National Association for Music Education attended the annual In-Service Conference of the Maryland Music Educators Association on Feb. 19 and 20 in Baltimore. Students attended workshop and conference sessions concerning all aspects related to the teaching of K-12 music, including sessions in choral and instrumental repertoire, rehearsal and performance, sessions related to special learners, technology and preparing for interviews. They also attended exhibit sessions and performances as well as networked with peers, practicing music educators and Fine Arts

supervisors from Maryland school systems. Music faculty members **Dr. Phil Klickman** and **Dr. James Reddan** accompanied the students.

Take Note

Visual Arts to Again Host All-Student Art Show

FSU's Department of Visual Arts will once again host the All-Student Art Show, a great opportunity for students to put their art on display and compete for scholarships.

Artwork entered in the competition should be delivered on **Monday, Feb. 29**, from noon to 3:30 p.m. to the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts building. Entries may include paintings, illustrations, sculptures, prints, photographs, graphics and ceramics. There is an entry fee of \$3 per entry. Works selected for the show will be on display in the Roper Gallery starting on **Saturday, March 5**, with an opening reception, and ending on **Friday, March 25**. Artwork not accepted may be picked up on **Tuesday, March 1**, from noon to 3:30 p.m.

FSU students competing for departmental scholarships are encouraged to fill out an online scholarship application before dropping off artwork. In the essay section, they should indicate that their artwork will be submitted to the All-Student Art Show. Online scholarship applications must be filled out by 4 p.m. on **Feb. 29**.

Area high school art students in their senior year may exhibit artwork and compete for Talent in the Arts scholarships at FSU. Both scholarships are for the 2016-2017 academic year.

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

Call for Presentations for Focus Frostburg – Topics Due March 1!



FSU's Focus Frostburg 2016: "Learn-In" for a Sustainable Future will take place on **Wednesday, April 20**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lane University Center. Focus Frostburg is the University's annual Day of Learning on sustainability and climate awareness that is free and open to FSU students, faculty, staff and the community. The event is sponsored and organized by FSU's Learning Green, Living Green Sustainability Initiative and the President's Advisory Council for Sustainability.

As in previous years, faculty may want to have students, as appropriate, attend a session in lieu of class or to make some of the seminars and activities an extra-credit assignment. Student presentations make a great class activity. Poster presentations are welcome, and hands-on activities and demonstrations are strongly encouraged.

To participate as a presenter, submit a presentation title and one-or-two-sentence abstract about a topic to Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas at krogerstomas@frostburg.edu. Topics may be varied but should cover a sustainability, environment or climate awareness issue. Presentations should span a maximum of 50 minutes, since the normal MWF class schedule will be followed. Be sure to indicate if there is a preferred time of day when you would like to present. Room space for presentations is limited, so confirm your interest by **Tuesday, March 1!**

It's Time for Ort Library's March Book Madness

The Lewis J. Ort Library's March Book Madness is back for its third year. Last year there were almost 3,000 votes cast to crown the winner, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. This year new brackets have been added and many new books are joining the tournament.

The eight brackets are:

- Books I Lied About Reading
- Books Made Into Great Movies
- Books I've Read More Than Once
- Books Written About Animals
- Books That Are Better Than the Movie
- Books on My Bucket List
- Books I Ask Myself, "Why Is This Considered a Classic?"
- Books I Was Forced to Read in High School but "Kinda Liked Anyway"

Look for the books to be announced on **Friday, March 4**. Voting also starts **March 4**. The winner will be announced on **Monday, April 4**.

FSU to Offer Leadership for Diversity 3-Day Train-the-Trainer Session



The National Coalition Building Institute offers hands-on leadership models to increase cultural competency in diverse settings. FSU's NCBI campus affiliate will host the NCBI Leadership for Diversity Three-Day Train-the-Trainer session on FSU's campus **Friday, March 4, through Sunday, March 6**. This training for faculty, staff and students consists of a series of incremental, experiential activities that fine-tunes the leadership skills necessary to build inclusive environments and increase cultural competence. Participants will also learn the NCBI Controversial Issue Process, which demonstrates how to move hotly contested issues forward by listening to concerns on all sides, and reframe the debate in a way that builds bridges and doesn't divide.

Founded in 1984, NCBI International is a nonprofit leadership training organization dedicated to ending the mistreatment of every group, whether it stems from nationality, race, class, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, job or life circumstance. FSU's NCBI campus affiliate is affiliated with the National Coalition Building Institute, International. Programs develop principled leaders who examine their own leadership, initiate diversity programs and enter the heat of emotional group conflict to build bridges across difference.

For info, contact Robin Wynder, the chapter director, at 301-687-4050 or rwynder@frostburg.edu.

Harlem Globetrotters Return to FSU



The Harlem Globetrotters, who are celebrating 90 years of ball-handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment, will return to FSU on **Monday, March 7**, at 7 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center Bobcat Arena. To buy tickets, go to <http://tktwb.tw/1RUzcN3>.

FAEYC Spring Meeting Dates

The Frostburg Association for the Education of Young Children is an organization that provides opportunities for students to learn, interact and develop skills and information needed for teaching young children. This semester, the group will meet at 4:30 p.m. in Framptom 114 on the following **Tuesdays: March 8 and 22 and April 5 and 19**.

President's Leadership Circle Applications Available



Attention juniors! The Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning is accepting application for the 2016-2017 President's Leadership Circle. To be eligible, you have to have completed at least 75 credit hours, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, plan to be enrolled for your senior year at FSU from August until May and have demonstrated leadership. Applications are due no later than **Tuesday, March 8**.

For info, contact Clarissa Lang at calang@frostburg.edu or Douglas Baer at djbaer@frostburg.edu, or visit www.frostburg.edu/leadership.

Center for Literary Arts to Hold Workshops for Young Writers

FSU's Center for Literary Arts will host a five-week writing program for elementary and middle school children **Wednesday, March 16, through Thursday, April 14**. These workshops will give students the opportunity to write poems or stories and be challenged in a creative and expressive way.

The classes will meet weekly from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m., with the middle school class meeting on Wednesdays and the elementary class on Thursdays. Classes will be held in the Center for Literary Arts, 22 E. Main St. in Frostburg.

For info, contact the Center for Literary Arts at 301-687-4340.

Registration for Undergraduate Research Symposium Due March 11

The 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 or spring 2016.

The registration form can be found on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences webpage at www.frostburg.edu/fsu/assets/File/Colleges/CLAS/CLAS-URS-Registration-Form-2016.doc. Registration forms are due by **Friday, March 11**, and must be submitted as an email attachment to Dr. Karen Keller at klkeller@frostburg.edu. Full project descriptions/abstracts will not be due with the registration form but will be due by **Friday, April 8**, as a separate email attachment to Keller.

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

Students Affairs Office Seeks Preview Guides

The FSU Student Affairs Office is looking for outgoing and excited student leaders to become Preview Guides for the incoming class of 2020.

If you want to help welcome the next class of Bobcats, download an application from www.frostburg.edu/fsupreview. Applications are due to the Student Affairs Office in Hitchens 116 by **Friday, March 11**.

Upcoming BURG Peer Education Network Events



The General Body Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 3**, at 6:15 p.m. in Lane 113.

For info, contact Gavin Mangolas at gmmangolas0@frostburg.edu.

Kappa Pi to Hold Paint Nights

FSU's Kappi Pi Art Fraternity will hold two Wednesday Paint Night events on **March 30** and **April 20** at 6:30 p.m. in the Lane South Addition. The price is \$10. Tickets are available at the box office.

For info, contact Jessica Prejean at jprejean0@frostburg.edu.

Nominations Sought for President’s Distinguished Faculty Award

Nominations are being sought for the annual President’s Distinguished Faculty Award, which recognizes faculty members who advance the University in ways consistent with its mission, goals and action priorities outlined in the Strategic Plan. It is presented during the May commencement ceremony and includes a \$2,500 monetary prize, sponsored by the FSU Foundation.

Qualifying activities have included developing and supporting academic programs that prepare a changing student population for an era of complexity and globalization, promoting activities that demonstrate the University’s educational distinction, helping FSU increase retention and improve student persistence to graduation, enhancing experiential and applied learning opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom, assisting in the University’s contribution to economic development in Western Maryland, the region and the state and increasing enrollment and advancing programming at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown.

Application must be made through a letter of nomination by FSU colleagues. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Activities outlined in the nomination letter should have occurred in the fall 2015 and/or spring 2016 semester(s). The letter should consist of a narrative of no more than two pages in the form of an executive summary, plus any supporting documentation.

Nominations should be submitted to Sandra Rohrbaugh, Office of the President, by **Friday, April 15**.

Center for Creative Writing to Hold 7th One-Act Playwriting Competition

The FSU Center for Creative Writing will host its seventh annual One-Act Playwriting Competition to showcase new works.

Writers are encouraged to submit their one-act plays (with a running time of 40 minutes or less) to the center by **Friday, April 15**. Entries will be judged on plot, character development, dialogue and overall quality.

The first-prize winner will receive \$750 and production of his or her play at the Frostburg One-Act Playwriting Festival to be held on the FSU campus in September. Second- and third-prize winners will receive \$250 and \$100, respectively, and staged readings of their works.

For submission guidelines, visit the Center for Creative Writing’s webpage at www.frostburg.edu/cwcenter/contests-opportunities/one-act-play-competition.

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 their graduates at 2 p.m. Tickets will be required for admission and the number allotted will be announced at a later date.

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 on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

Deadlines

Undergraduate Grade Changes

The last day for undergraduate grade changes, including removal of incomplete grades for the fall 2015 and Intersession 2016 semesters, is **Friday, March 4**.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Upward Bound Tutor/Counselors

Upward Bound seeks tutor/counselors for its summer residential program on FSU’s campus. Upward Bound is a federally funded program that encourages qualified Allegany County high school students to seek education beyond secondary school. The summer residence program provides the main focus and aims to provide students with a sample of the college experience. Tentative dates are **from Sunday, June 12, to Friday, July 29** (includes five days of training). Tutor/counselor salary is \$2,000. Room and board are provided. The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, March 1**. For info, contact the Upward Bound office at 301-687-4994, email Elena Steele at esteele@frostburg.edu or visit the Upward Bound webpage at www.frostburg.edu/UpwardBound.

Student Instructors for Fall 2016 Developmental Math Program

FSU’s PASS (Programs Advancing Student Success) Office is looking for student instructors for its fall 2016 Developmental Math Program. Earn \$800, receive 3 Educational Field Experience Credits and build your resume! Student instructors help their peers improve basic math skills by implementing learning programs in pre-algebra and intermediate algebra courses. Dependable students with strong math, communication and organization skills are encouraged to apply.

For info and an application, contact Kim Kurek at kmkurek@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4442. Application materials are due **Friday, March 11**.

Summer Conferences Positions

Coach Wootten’s Basketball Camp, Camp Hope, Brit-Am Soccer Academy and the Washington Metropolitan Association of Chinese Schools are among the many groups that call FSU their summer home. Students are always needed to serve these groups and FSU. An online application is at www.frostburg.edu/admin/confer/conferences-and-events-staff-application, or they can be picked up in Hitchins 305.

All who apply will be interviewed. It’s a competitive process with more applicants each summer than positions. The first priority is given to FSU students, but all may apply. The deadline for applying is **Friday, April 15**. Most summer staffers are not taking classes or simultaneously working in other jobs – this is a full-time position with room and board included. Students are expected to perform some customer service and some bed moving, interact with other offices on campus – with something different every day – and think on their feet to solve problems.

For info, contact Dave Treber, director, Office of Conferences & Events, at 301-687-4020 or DTreber@frostburg.edu.

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.

If there is enough interest from the campus community, an informational meeting can be hosted at FSU.

Student Life

Residence Hall Room Selection for 2016-2017

For students residing in the traditional residence halls:

If you plan to return for the 2016-2017 academic year, visit www.welcome-mat.net/frostburg_terms to submit a housing application.

You have until **Friday, March 25**, to go online and reclaim your room, with your same or with a different roommate.

If you want to apply for a single room or a cluster of rooms with friends, you should complete the application on Welcome Mat but not reclaim your same room, since this makes you ineligible for the single or cluster processes. To apply for a single room, you may come to the Residence Life Office any time after your course enrollment appointment to select from available spaces. You need not have 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 **Wednesday, April 13**, you should attend the lottery and select a single at that time. If there are no singles available, you may select a room in a cluster with a group of friends instead and add your name to the singles waiting list.

Regardless of what room type you’d like, check your campus mailbox and refer to your pink-colored brochure for dates and information.

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

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

For info, contact your RA, hall supervisor or area coordinator.

Activities for Life

For info and registration, contact AFL coordinator Amy Nazelrod at 301-687-7934 or anazelrod@frostburg.edu.

Preschool Swim Time

Two sessions of infant and preschool swim time (3 months to 3 years) will be offered **Mondays and Wednesdays** in the Cordts PE Center swimming pool. Session 1 will take place **from March 21 through April 6** and Session 2 **from April 11 through 27**, both from 5:30 to 6 p.m.

This is a parent-child class. Parents are required to accompany their children in the water. Because of the skills development of this age group, this is not a formal swim class. Parents and children will participate in water exploration activities with the objective of having fun and becoming comfortable in, on and around the water.

Youth Swimming Lessons

Two sessions of youth swimming lessons for children ages 4 to 13 will be offered **Mondays and Wednesdays** in the Cordts PE Center swimming pool. The first session will be held **from March 21 through April 6** and the next **from April 11 through 27**, both from 6 to 6:50 p.m.

Youth swimming instruction is separated into skill levels based on the child’s swimming ability when enrolling in the class.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?

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. Also, check out the CIE webpage at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm and the Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad.

Study Abroad in New Zealand, Summer 2016



Led by **Dr. Natalia Buta**, an assistant professor in FSU’s Department of Kinesiology and Recreation, this three-and-a-half-week experiential program will examine resource conservation and the natural, and related social, history of New Zealand. The focus is on learning through guided action while traveling throughout the South Island and North Island of New Zealand. Students will spend about 75 percent of their time exploring the stunning national parks, forests, wildlife reserves, coastlines and islands and learning from local experts and practitioners, government officials, iwi (Māori tribes) and scientific research bodies.

Students will earn 3 credits. The dates are **Sunday, May 22, through Thursday, June 16**. The application deadline is **Tuesday, March 1**. Check out the Facebook Page at facebook.com/FrostburgNewZealandStudyAbroad or www.BobcatsDownUnder.org.

Art in China Trip, Summer 2016



Students and alumni are invited to join the Art in China trip. It will run from **Monday, June 6, to Thursday, June 16**. The group will get to visit Shanghai and Beijing. Students will receive credit for Art 490. For info, contact Dr. Harlowe Hodges in the Department of Visual Arts at hhodges@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4231.

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.

Space Heaters Need Space!



Keep the space heater at least 3 feet away from combustible materials such as furniture, bedding and curtains.

Turn it off when you leave the room or go to bed.

Don’t plug another electrical device or an extension cord into the same outlet as the heater.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and test them monthly.

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2. Improve facilities so that students live and learn in a modern and technologically sophisticated environment.
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