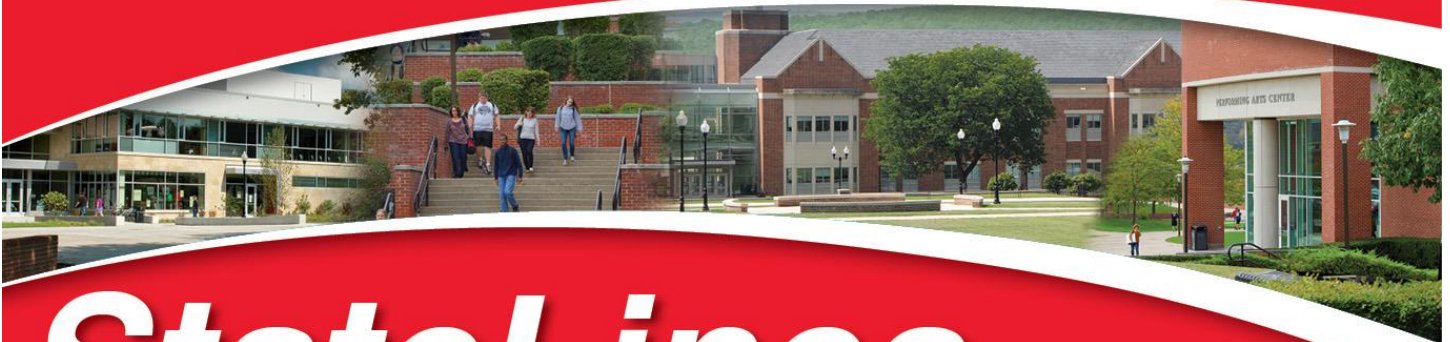




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## FSU to Celebrate Student Successes at 148th Commencement



From left, commencement speakers Alanna Hirshman, Marissa Howk and Caitlin Taylor

FSU will celebrate the achievements of the spring 2016 graduating class during the 148th Commencement ceremonies on **Saturday, May 21**, in the Main Arena of the Cordts PE Center.

**Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk**, president of FSU, will confer degrees on graduates, while **Dr. Thomas Bowling**, vice president for Student Affairs who served as interim president for the last year, will preside over the two ceremonies. The ceremony for the Colleges of Business and Education will start at 9:30 a.m., and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony will start at 2 p.m. Featured student speakers for the ceremonies include **Alanna Hirshman**, College of Business; **Marissa Howk**, College of Education; and **Caitlin Taylor**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Hirshman, of Charlotte Hall, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration with a concentration in human resource management, having completed her degree with a 4.0 GPA. She is president of the local chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, president of the Student Business Leadership Committee, a member of national business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma and a member of FSU's President's Leadership Circle. Hirshman studied in Uganda and Ecuador, during which a faculty member observed her to be "an exemplary 'ambassador' of Frostburg State." She attended FSU's Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership Conference and Beta Gamma Sigma's International Leadership Forum in San Diego. She has tutored economics, worked as a research assistant to economics professor Dr. Anthony Stair and served as a human resource coordinator for Kimpton Hotels.

Howk, of Andrews Air Force Base, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in athletic training, with plans to pursue a graduate degree at California University of Pennsylvania. According to Tony Zaloga, director of the athletic training education program, in class and in clinical experiences, Howk "exemplifies the qualities and dispositions of an outstanding student." She also possesses excellent interpersonal skills, he said. Howk regularly appeared on the Dean's List, is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and twice received The Michaels Organization's Scholarship of Excellence. She played four years of Bobcat Lacrosse – three as team captain – and appeared on the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association's Academic Honor Roll in 2014 and 2015. She was also named to the Capital Athletic Conference's All-Academic Team in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Taylor, of Waldorf, Md., will graduate with a bachelor's degree in political science with a 4.0 GPA. She served as a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, reporter for The Bottom Line, director of marketing for the History Club and in several executive roles for Residence Hall Council. A professor said Taylor possesses a "keen and engaged analytical mind." She presented her research with Dr. Stephen Hartlaub, her political science professor, on Plato's "Gorgias" at the 2015 Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, attended FSU's Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership Conference and presented at FSU's Undergraduate Research Symposium and English Colloquium. She also held two campus jobs, tutoring students at the Programs Advancing Student Success Office and in Artist Hospitality for the Cultural Events Series.

Interim Provost **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**; **Dr. Clarence Golden**, dean of the College of Education; **Dr. Sudhir Singh**, interim dean of the College of Business; and **Dr. Joseph Hoffman**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present candidates for degrees.

Tickets are required to attend Commencement. For info, visit [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

The ceremony will also be streamed live online. For the livestream link, visit [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu) on the day of Commencement.

To join in the celebration, share your best Commencement photos and clips on Instagram, Twitter and Tumblr by tagging them, #instaFrostburg. Tweet your congratulations, photos and best wishes with the hashtag, #FrostburgGRAD.

## Combes, Hobbs Honored With Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards



Alison Combes, left, and Lois Hobbs

FSU will present the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards to **Alison Combes**, CEO of Cathedra Choir, and **Lois Hobbs**, an accomplished educator now serving on the board of trustees of Delaware State University, at its 148th commencement ceremony on **Saturday, May 21**.

Hobbs will be honored during the 9:30 a.m. ceremony for the Colleges of Business and Education, and Combes will be honored during the 2 p.m. ceremony for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Combes, a member of the class of 1993, was hired in 2013 as CEO of Cathedra Choir, a professional ensemble under the direction of Maestro Michael McCarthy, who is music director of Washington National Cathedral. Previously, she served for more than five years as executive director of the Cathedral Choral Society, the symphonic chorus in residence at Washington National Cathedral. After graduating from FSU, Combes joined the Washington Chorus, beginning as an administrative assistant and rising to deputy director in less than a decade. She continues to perform with the Washington Chorus and sang on the recording for which the group won a Grammy Award for Best Choral Performance in 2000. In addition to her bachelor's in music management from FSU, Combes holds a master's in arts management from American University. She resides in Great Falls, Va., with her husband, Craig Bowman.

Hobbs, a member of the class of 1966, is an independent education consultant who serves on the board of Delaware State University, a historically black university, and is a founding member of the Board of Directors for DSU's Early College Charter High School. She retired from her position as superintendent of Delaware's Indian River School District after four decades as an educator. She began her career as an elementary teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools shortly after graduating from FSU. After several years in the classroom, Hobbs rose first to instructional supervisor and curriculum specialist before serving as principal of several Prince George's County schools. She left Prince George's County schools in 1994 after serving the district as assistant superintendent. Over the course of her career, Hobbs received nearly 30 local, state and national honors and awards for her teaching or for schools she supervised. In addition to her bachelor's in elementary education from FSU, Hobbs hold a master's in elementary school administration from the University of Northern Colorado. She resides in Edgewater, Md.

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed on FSU alumni. Consideration is based on outstanding professional career growth; community involvement; demonstrated interest in their alma mater; philanthropic commitment to FSU; special achievements, awards, honors and distinctions; and/or educational background, which includes honors and involvement in special activities.

Tickets are required to attend commencement. For more information, visit [www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement](http://www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement).

For more information about the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, contact the FSU Alumni Office at 301-687-4068 or [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu).

## Presentations

### Annual TASTE Conference Coming Soon!



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 and Lane University 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.

Session Tracks include:

- Information Technology (Computer Security, Cloud Services, Software Demos and Uses, Hardware Demos and Uses, and Internet Safety)
- Teaching and Learning Technologies (Video, Audio, Mobile Devices and Apps, eBooks and Blackboard Learn)
- Teaching and Learning Strategies (Accessibility, Flipped Classroom, Advising, Tests, Course Design, Games and Learning Activities)
- Collaboration and Online Learning (Virtual Classrooms, Group Collaboration, Texting, Blogs, Discussion Boards, Document Sharing and Social Media)

Vendors will include Daly Computers, Pearson, Blackboard, Epson, HP and Extron.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from your colleagues, inspire others, mingle with vendors, enjoy food and conversation and win prizes!

## Workshops

### 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 left, writers 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," **through May 29** at the Engine Room Art Space, 36 N. Potomac St., in Hagerstown. For info, visit [www.robertmhein.com](http://www.robertmhein.com) or call 301-687-4354.

## Points of Pride

### Outstanding Students, Faculty, Staff Honored at Leadership Awards Reception



The FSU 2016-2017 President's Leadership Circle members are shown beside 2015-16 Interim President Dr. Tom Bowling, left, at the 2015-16 FSU Leadership Awards Reception. PLC includes, from left, Michael Bartholomew, Alexa Bashaw, Nicholas DeMichele, Valerie Ehimhen, Malik Harris, Corey Knipple, Amare Langford-Armstrong, Kayla Porter, Menu'Ette Silver, Shawn Stabile, Christina Ternent and Milan Wolfe.

The following outstanding students, faculty and staff members were honored at the 2016 Leadership Awards Reception:

#### Student Awards

- Pillar of the Community Award: **Brandon Holmes**, presented to a student who inspires with his or her service, tenacity and unparalleled love for FSU.
- Emerging Leader Award: **Canyon Lohnas**, presented to an outstanding freshman or sophomore for the energy and enthusiasm devoted to his or her collegiate experience.



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- Derek Thomson Sheely Leadership Award: **Valerie Ehimhen**, presented to the junior, with a grade point average of 3.40 or higher, who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership that Sheely demonstrated.
  - Father Ed Hendricks Award: **Davon Sawyer**, presented to a student who embraces Father Ed Hendricks’ spirit and loving heart.
  - Student Government Association Outstanding Senior Award: **Victoria Glass**, presented to a senior serving in SGA who goes above and beyond throughout his or her college career.
  - Social Change Award: **Jessica Prejean**, presented to a student in recognition for strides in enacting positive change in local, state, national and global communities.
  - Outstanding Programming Award: **The Women’s Lacrosse team**, presented to a student or group of students who organized and executed an exceptional campus event. The team actively participated in the One Love Foundation’s Yearley Challenge, volunteering to run more than a million yards to raise awareness for dating violence in the memory of University of Virginia lacrosse player Yearley Love, and sponsored a game in April to further raise awareness and motivate their rivals.

**Faculty/Staff Awards**

- Outstanding Faculty Member Award: **Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter**, a lecturer in FSU’s Department of Music.
- Outstanding Staff Award: **Robert Webber**, director of the Lane University Center.
- Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award: **Andy Duncan**, associate professor of English, advisor to the student newspaper, The Bottom Line.

**2016-2017 President’s Leadership Circle**

Twelve rising seniors have been selected to participate in the 2016-2017 President’s Leadership Circle. They are **Michael Bartholomew, Alexa Bashaw, Nicholas DeMichele, Valerie Ehimhen, Malik Harris, Corey Knipple, Amare Langford-Armstrong, Kayla Porter, Menu’Ette Silver, Shawn Stabile, Christina Ternent** and **Milan Wolfe**.

**Creative Communication – Announcing the Frosty Award Winners!**

FSU’s Department of Communication and Creative Communication Club hosted its second annual Frosty Awards, an awards-show-style showcase of creative communication from students of all majors, on Saturday, May 7.

Awards were given in the following categories:

- Poster/Flyer Design: **Megan Coleman**
- Graphic Design: **Dione Marshall**
- Civil Citizen Communicator: **Trevor Jones**
- Promotional Photography: **Katie McCartney**
- Promotional Video: **Nate Hutchings**
- Best Video Broadcast: **Emily Taylor**
- Best Original Audio Composition: **Isaiah Sutton**
- Best Audio Recording: **Derrick Lee**
- “Comm Mom” award: **Connie Capacchione**, the department’s administrative assistant.
- Best Music Video: **Sofia Agüero Petros**
- Best Short Film: **Samantha Politis** and **Abbey Rigney**

**Civility Cup Celebrates FSU Civil Citizen Communicator**



Trevor Jones is pictured here with Katie McCartney, left, and Mykia Washington.

The Communication Studies program at FSU has announced the winner of its second Civil Citizen Communicator Award, **Trevor T. Jones**. A public announcement was made at the second Annual Frosty Awards on Saturday, May 7. The award includes the honor of the Civility Cup, which will be engraved with the annual winner’s name and will stay on display in the trophy case across from the Department of Communication. **Sophia Cooper** was the winner of the first annual award.

The Civil Citizen Communicator Award celebrates a student who has demonstrated a commitment through word and actions to civility and 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. This award aligns with the mission of the Communication Studies program to support the oral communication competency of FSU students and to support regional communication leadership through efforts linking the campus and local community.

Jones has a double major in communication studies and philosophy and plans to graduate in May 2017. He serves as a tutor at FSU's Tutoring Center, is a member of Phi Mu Delta and is a co-chair of the Political Action Committee of NAACP local chapter No. 7007 in Allegany County. Jones served as an intern for Sen. Ben Cardin last summer. In fall 2015, he organized an educational trip to Washington, D.C., for FSU students, community members and NAACP members that included tours of the Capitol, the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Museum. He has also helped to organize campus-community dialogues.

For info, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski, an associate professor of Communication Studies and coordinator of Leadership Studies, at [elruminski@frostburg.edu](mailto:elruminski@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4480. The call for the third annual award will go out in spring 2017.

## FSU Students Learn to Use Cooking to Manage Conflicts



At a recent campus-community event featuring food from Saudi Arabia, FSU student Waleed “Willy” Alsahli wears traditional garb and discusses some of the food from his home country.

Two FUS classes found out that breaking bread is a useful tool to help bridge differences in the community.

Students in CMST 345 Conflict Management and LEAD 101 Introduction to Leadership spent the semester planning a campus-to-community dialogue to highlight a certain culture found on FSU's campus and invite community members and other students in for a potluck dinner to talk about their heritage, how food connected to their heritage, conflicts they perceive on campus or within the community and how to resolve those differences.

The purpose was for students and community members to think about what they traditionally think of FSU and Frostburg's heritage and what it actually looks like today.

“We know we have students, faculty, administrators and maybe even community members that we don't know about in our region,” said **Dr. Elesha Ruminski**, associate professor of Communication Studies and the coordinator of the Leadership Studies program at FSU. “We want people to look around their own community and learn about these cultures they're not as familiar with.”

The classes highlighted Saudi Arabia, thanks to having Saudi students in their course.

FSU student **Waleed “Willy” Alsahli** hails from the Saudi capital, Riyadh, and came to FSU specifically for the Leadership Studies program. He is majoring in communication studies.

Alsahli took charge of the menu, getting recipes from his mother and obtaining key ingredients to give folks at the event a taste of the Middle East, featuring tabbouleh, kapsa with chicken, lamb meatballs, pita bread, bread pudding and baklava.

“I want to let them know my point of view of Saudi Arabia and how it's a great country with great food,” said Alsahli, who wants to work for the Saudi Arabian embassy in Washington, D.C., after he graduates.

Having a food-centric event was inspired by the Pittsburgh restaurant Conflict Kitchen. The take-out restaurant near the University of Pittsburgh researches cultures and the conflicts in specific countries and then, for a period of time, features food from that country and provides literature to spark a discussion about the culture they're featuring. Conflict Kitchen currently serves Iranian food and in the past featured food and education from Afghanistan, Cuba, North Korea, Palestine and Venezuela.

FSU students traveled to Conflict Kitchen to hear directly from social practice artist Blaine Siegel, sample the fare to be inspired for what dishes they wanted to make and experience Pittsburgh's culture to see what is traditionally thought about the city's heritage and who lives there now.

The heritage isn't too dissimilar from Frostburg, and both cities have shown increased diversity with other cultures moving into different parts of town or on campuses within their borders.

Students in both classes talked with Siegel, who is also the education and outreach coordinator for Conflict Kitchen, to learn how to execute such an event. Siegel also served as the 2016 Leader-in-Residence at FSU, visiting campus to talk with Leadership Studies students and student organizations and to attend the invitation-only event.

Frostburg restaurant Shift also assisted with the event to help provide local food direction, thanks to the help of co-owner and FSU alumna **Jes Clay**. The experience working with Middle Eastern recipes with a student from Saudi Arabia also helped inspire future menu items at Shift.

Those in attendance agreed that more events like “Eat. Learn. Shift.” would help foster a better understanding between Frostburg residents and FSU students and suggested other programs and events to be held in the community and on campus.

FSU student **Meron Kebede** of Silver Spring got to share her family's Ethiopian heritage while meeting people in the community at the event. The member of the African Student Association was impressed to see another side of Frostburg while tasting food that reminded her of home.

To view a video about this project, visit <https://youtu.be/hkNk1Mvx5DM>.

The event was part of a multiyear Sustaining Campus and Community Dialogue Series supported by FSU, the Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office and Mountainside Community Mediation Center, which supports town-gown partnerships and fosters a civil, nonviolent culture in Frostburg. More information on the project can be found at [www.frostburgdialogue.org](http://www.frostburgdialogue.org). The experience was also funded in part by an Opportunity Grant from the FSU Foundation.

# Quintuplets Forge Individual Paths at FSU



From left are Erin, Maureen, Ian, Diana and Eric Groff.

Frederick County, Md., quintuplets are going five for five with degrees from FSU. Twenty-two-year-old quintuplets ***Diana, Eric, Erin, Ian and Maureen Groff*** will have all earned their bachelor’s degrees from FSU this academic year when four join December graduate Diana as alumni following FSU’s 148th Commencement on May 21.

After being together from the womb to 12th grade, another four years together ended up being the best way for each sibling to find his or her own path.

Eric and Ian majored in fine arts with a concentration in illustration; Erin majored in earth science and Maureen majored in theatre. Diana graduated in December with a biology degree.

Diana had a head start on her siblings thanks to Advanced Placement credits in high school that allowed her to graduate from FSU in December 2015, completing a pre-medical track. She’s considering pursuing her master’s degree while working as a manufacturing lab technician at MedImmune medial laboratory in Frederick.

Eric and Ian are fine art majors with illustration concentrations. Eric focused on fantasy illustration, refining detail of his characters. As part of a public art project, he created a series of miniature robots that were placed on Frostburg businesses downtown.

Eric and Ian also worked alongside acclaimed graphic novelist Dennis Calero for an independent study, which helped them prepare to handle the business side of art. Eric wants to publish his own graphic novel, sell his prints online and do commissioned pieces.

Ian also has a specialization in fantasy and science fiction, but tends to use a different medium, paint, instead of Eric’s focus on printmaking.

Maureen, a theatre major, has spent her time in the spotlight, most recently starring as Scout in “To Kill A Mockingbird” and spending three months preparing for last year’s “Romeo and Juliet: Choose Your Own Ending” because of the play’s multiple conclusions.

Erin is the second scientist in the family, an earth science major who specializes in soil conservation. Her undergraduate research involved studying why a boulder plateau exists in Dolly Sods near Davis, W.Va., when there aren’t any boulders at the bottom of the mountain. Erin’s work involved mapping over Google Earth imagery to find clues, and she hopes to visit the site in June after graduation.

Her soil conservation work will likely land her at a government agency and could see her stay in the region, while Diana has settled in her new job in Frederick. Ian and Eric want to work for a comic book publisher while selling their art and could land anywhere.

Maureen’s career could take her to New York or Los Angeles, but she’s focusing on establishing herself in the region first, hoping to land roles with an ensemble in or near Maryland.

“I consider myself really lucky because friends can come and go, but family is always here,” Maureen said. “We’re all so close and have similar interests. Our family has been so supportive of each other.”

## Take Note

### Visual Arts Department to Offer Community Course in Basic Ceramics



FSU’s Department of Visual Arts will offer a non-credit ceramics class this summer on Tuesdays **from June 14 to Aug. 2** from 6 to 9 p.m. in room 107 of the Fine Arts Building.

This eight-week course will provide an introduction to the basic ceramic processes, including hand-building and the pottery wheel. The cost is \$160, plus the cost of clay. Tools are provided.

The course will be taught by ceramic artists Bobby Croft and Alexis Thorner.

For info, contact the Visual Arts Department at 301-687-4797 or email [jbrown@frostburg.edu](mailto:jbrown@frostburg.edu).

### Honors Program News

The University Honors Program held its final Foodfest of the year in the Osbourne Neuman Center on May 9. The informal gathering provided Honors students the opportunity to speak one on one with Honors administrators.

**Dr. Gregory Wood**, director of the Honors Program and an associate professor in FSU’s Department of History, was a judge for the fourth year in a row at the Maryland History Day celebration at University of Maryland, Baltimore County on May 7. He looked at a variety of student projects from high school seniors throughout the state.

For info, contact Wood at [gwood@frostburg.edu](mailto:gwood@frostburg.edu).

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# Library Displays to Continue Through August

The Ort Library’s new displays for May celebrate the 50th anniversary of Star Trek. The displays, on the third and fifth floors of the library, highlight resources the library has in its collection on Star Trek and include material from several library staff members’ Star Trek collections. In addition, the library has several Star Trek novels available to be checked out. The displays will be up **through August**.

Continuing displays include the 40th anniversary of the Ort Library on the third and fourth floors. The displays highlight past incarnations of the library as well as architectural drawings of the library before it was built. These displays will also continue **through August**.

For info, contact Theresa Mastrodonato at [tmastrodonato@frostburg.edu](mailto:tmastrodonato@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.

# Summer Writing Camp for Middle Schoolers Accepting Applications

The FSU Center for Literary Arts is accepting applications for this summer’s weeklong WordQuest: Write a Story, Write a Poem day camp in creative writing for middle school students currently enrolled in grades six to eight. The program will run from **Monday to Friday, Aug. 1 to 5**, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 22 E. Main St. in downtown Frostburg. Participants will study the arts of poetry and story writing from a dynamic group of published writers.

“WordQuest is designed to be both fun and educational, and to help young people develop a love for writing and reading. Students get the opportunity to express themselves and discover the joys of language and creating with language,” said Center Director **Gerry LaFemina**.

Students will learn to confidently express themselves as they develop and write their own poems and stories, exploring the Frostburg community for inspiration. They will build their works into books, which will be celebrated with a reception and reading at the center at the conclusion of the camp.

Designed for small student-to-instructor ratios, registration in the program is limited. Cost for the week is \$75, which includes snacks and instruction. Parents must register their children by **Friday, July 15**.

WordQuest is sponsored in part by the Allegany Arts Council, the Maryland State Arts Council and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at FSU.

For info, visit the Frostburg Center for Literary Arts’ website at [www.frostburg.edu/cla](http://www.frostburg.edu/cla), email the center at [cla@frostburg.edu](mailto:cla@frostburg.edu) or call 301-687-4340.

# National Student Exchange – Study Away Opportunity

FSU is a new member of the National Student Exchange. FSU students can now pay FSU tuition and study at one of 200 colleges in the United States. They can continue to make progress toward their FSU degree program while studying in a new place, meeting new people and enrolling in specialized courses that might not be available at FSU. The priority deadline has passed but there are still more than 100 schools accepting placements for fall 2016-spring 2017. For info, contact Amy Shimko, director of Student Development, at 301-687-4403.

# Graduation Is Almost Here!

FSU’s 148th Commencement ceremonies are coming up soon 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.

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## FSU-TV3

### FSU-TV3 Needs Your Help!



FSU-TV3 wants to know specifically what you want to see on the channel. Please fill out this survey and let them know what appeals to you: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSU-TV3ProgrammingSurvey2>.

## Student Life

### Edgewood Commons Filling Up Quickly!

Edgewood Commons is still accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year. Space is becoming limited, so apply today! 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

### Cumberland Choral Society to Perform ‘Elijah’

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, the Cumberland Choral Society will perform “Elijah,” a dramatic oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn, abridged version by Robert Shaw, depicting the life of Elijah, the Old Testament prophet, on **Friday, May 20**, at 7:30 p.m. and **Sunday, May 22**, at 3 p.m. Both concerts will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 11 Washington St., Cumberland.

There will be a pre-concert talk about the story of Elijah at 7:15 p.m. on Friday and 2:45 p.m. on Sunday.

Along with the Choral Society are professional musicians from the Maryland Symphony and West Virginia University. The role of Elijah will be sung by baritone Christopher Mooney, of Williamsburg, Va. Other featured soloists are tenor James Kerr, New York City; soprano **Dr. Mariana Mihai-Zoeter**, FSU; and mezzo-soprano Jan Wilson, Leesburg, Va., and New York City.

Admission is \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and younger.

## 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.

### This Summer, Be Prepared for the Road Ahead!



**Tune up before heading out.**

**Evenly distribute weight and keep a clear line of sight.**

**Watch your vehicle height and rack weight limits.**

**Cruise carefully – cruise control can make it easier to lose focus.**



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## Know the route.

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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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