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## FSU to Celebrate Students' Research With 2016 Undergraduate Research Symposium

To spread awareness of and to celebrate all of the unique research that FSU undergraduate students do, FSU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is hosting its fifth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on **Friday, May 6**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall and surrounding conference rooms of the Lane University Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The symposium will feature 101 posters and physical displays as well as 26 oral presentations that represent research conducted by undergraduate students from 16 departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Attendees will have the chance to talk with the students about their research. **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, will kick off the event with an address to attendees at 11 a.m.

This year's projects include topics as varied as the antimicrobial properties of essential oils, the diets of black bears, the #JeSuisCharlie movement following the Paris Charlie Hebdo shootings, printing human organs with 3-D printers, social media's effect on attention spans, computer game programming, automating hydroponics, assessing mountaintop removal mining using geospatial imagery, life on the C&O Canal, bootlegging during Prohibition, a scooter powered by a regenerative braking circuit, an iceless cooler, animal behavior research with cotton-top tamarin monkeys and many more.

For info, contact Dr. Karen Keller at 301-687-4174.

## 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.

## Entertainment

### FSU Frosty Awards Showcase Student Talent in Creative Communication



FSU’s Department of Communication and Creative Communication Club will host its second annual Frosty Awards, an awards-show-style showcase of creative communication from students of all majors, on **Saturday, May 7**, at 6:30 p.m. in Gira Center 397. The red carpet starts at 5:30 p.m.

There will also be free public screenings of the video nominations **Monday through Wednesday, May 2 to 4**, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gira Center Multimedia Learning Center, room 189.

The 10 award categories are music video, short film, broadcast video, promotional video, promotional photography, logo design, flier design, original audio composition, audio recording and civil communicator, with a special audience choice award for video. More than 60 submissions were entered.

Entries have been judged by professionals in their respective fields with connections to FSU or to FSU faculty, including 1992 alumnus **Greg Garcia**, TV writer, producer and creator of hit sitcoms including “My Name Is Earl,” “Raising Hope,” “The Millers” and “Yes, Dear”; John Cosenze, supervising producer for the National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD; 2004 alumnus **Efim Shapiro**, a producer at SiriusXM Radio; New York Post film critic and features writer Sara Stewart; Pittsburgh-based designer Emily Wiggers, owner of the creative studio Delicate Balance; Diane Rankin, general manager of Awesome Films; and DJ Thomas, senior designer for Younts Design in Baltimore.

In addition to submitting work for competition, students have also planned, promoted and produced the event and will perform as presenters and emcees. The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited so advance reservations are required. For reservations or info, call 301-687-3049.

The organizers wish to acknowledge in particular the efforts of faculty member **Annie Danzi**, FSU-TV3 manager **Melanie Lombardi** and the members of the Creative Communication Club’s executive board, led by **Tasia Carter**, in the planning of this event, which has gone for the entire academic year.

## 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.

### 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” by Clare Fischer, “Recordame” by Joe Henderson, “Afro Blue” by Mongo Santamaria and “Blue Bossa” by Kenny Dorham. Additionally, the combo will perform works by Horace Silver, Jerome Kern and 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” and “Bli Blip” by Darmon Meader, “Nordic Polska” arranged by Anders Edenroth of The Real Group and “Mood Indigo” by Duke Ellington. The group will also perform “It Don’t Mean a Thing” by Ellington, arranged by Edenroth.

The concert will finish with the ensemble performing “Pass Me the Jazz” by Edenroth.

### 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.

## Wind Ensemble to Present Concert

The FSU Wind Ensemble will perform its spring concert on **Saturday, May 7**, at 7:30 p.m.

Conducted by **Dr. Phil Klickman**, the ensemble will perform “Praeludium” from “Holberg Suite, Op. 40” by Edvard Grieg, arranged by Victor Lopez; “Night in the Tropics” by Louis Gottschalk, arranged by Mark Williams; “Tribute” by Michael Kamen, arranged by John Moss; “First Suite in E-flat, Op. 28A” by Gustav Holst; “Powerhouse” by Raymond Scott, arranged by Paul Murtha; “Ode to the Spirit of Man” (“Fantasy on Themes of Beethoven”) by James Curnow; and “Symphony No. 3” by Vittorio Giannini.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children 12 and younger. Tickets will be available at the door and are cash only.

## University Chorale and Chamber Singers Spring Choral Concert

The FSU Chamber Singers and the University Chorale will 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 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” by Jacques 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 the group will 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 “Hail Mary” with a twist. Following these pieces, the ensemble will perform “Good Night Dear Heart” by Daniel Forest, based on the epitaph of Susy Clemens, the daughter of Mark Twain, and the choral standard “Sing Me to Heaven” by Daniel E. 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” by Ludovico da Viadana, “Ubi Caritas” by Ola 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.

## Presentations

### 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.

## 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.

For info, email [taste@frostburg.edu](mailto:taste@frostburg.edu) or call Beth Kenney at 301-687-4244.



# Academic Enrichment Series – Finals Prep Week

*Dr. Terri Massie-Burrell*, assistant provost for Student Success, Center for Academic Advising and Retention, will present “Preparation for Finals” on **Wednesday, May 4**, and **Thursday, May 5**, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Lane 113. A good GPA is only an exam away! These sessions will cover how to plan ahead, assess your schedule, develop a study plan, utilize campus resources, prepare for tests and organize assignments. Join the group to learn effective ways to get ready for finals!

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

# 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

### 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, 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,” **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.

# Points of Pride

## Frostburg Library Featuring Life-Sized Art Designed By FSU Student



Shea Crumbley poses in front of the Frostburg Public Library, which is now adorned with her murals.

Learning to work outside of your comfort zone is one thing, but Frostburg State University Fine Arts major **Shea Crumbley** figured out how to excel outside of hers.

The FSU senior’s preferred medium is printmaking and linocuts, which typically fit in a standard frame. This academic year she was tasked with digitally illustrating seven large panels to serve as murals on the Frostburg Public Library’s facade at 65 E. Main St. That meant adding more detail since the pieces would be magnified to a size where viewers could appreciate each inch of the approximately eight-foot-tall panels.

Crumbley hand-illustrated sketches on paper, scanned them into Adobe Photoshop and used a digital tablet to add more detail and colorize the art. The art was then printed on a special heat-applied material to adhere to the brick wall.

The panels feature different genres of writing, inspired by literature. The panels feature a boy and his service dog, a knight in battle, a zoo worker with animals, a charming couple from a romance novel, a girl with a pet dragon and fairies, a female scientist in a laboratory and another with a crime detective. They will be displayed on the library wall for at least the next two years.

John Taube, director of the Allegany County Library System, is pleased with Crumbley’s work.

“When we talked to Shea earlier, we wanted to have something that helped the library as well as exemplify the great work that she does. I think that these murals really hit our goal of encouraging reading because they have seven different styles of writing and seven different types of adventure,” Taube said. “We wanted something to appeal to all kinds of different people.”

The library pieces are the third in a series of a downtown public arts project Odone arranged with FSU, the city of Frostburg and FrostburgFirst – the city’s Main Street Maryland program. The other student projects included a mural by **Parris Ashley** at 19 S. Broadway unveiled in October and illustrated robots founded on businesses on Main Street by **Eric Groff**, which were unveiled in December.

Frostburg Mayor Robert W. Robert Flanigan praised the partnership to beautify the town.

Crumbley, a native of Keller, Texas, who resides in Cumberland, will graduate in the spring. She plans to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching at FSU to become certified to teach in secondary schools.

For info, contact the FSU Department of Visual Arts at 301-687-4797.

## Students Visit GW for Experiential Learning Field Trip



From left, TEDx student participants **Gabrielle Atwell**, **Isaiah Sutton**, **Dominique Elias**, **Bennie Watson** and **Matthew Cumblidge**

Students in Professor **Christine Willingham’s** CMST 215 Small Group Communication, **Dr. Elesha Ruminski’s** CMST 322 Presentational Communication and Professor **Annie Danzi’s** video production courses traveled to George Washington University in Washington, D.C., to attend TEDx Foggy Bottom to learn what TED Talks are and to assist with developing a strategic plan to host a “TEDx Frostburg” in the future. Their learning was funded in part by a PELEF grant. This is another project of the newly formed “communication leadership lab,” a hub of communication projects, internships and partnerships that support campus and regional oral competency and communication leadership, supported in part by the Kettering Foundation.

TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or less). TED began in 1984 as a conference where technology, entertainment and design converged, and today covers almost all topics – from science to business to global issues – in more than 100 languages. In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TED has created TEDx (where x stands for an independently organized TED event), a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At TEDx events, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group.

## FSU Foursome Forge Political Careers in General Assembly Internships



From left, interns **Wesley Hutto**, **Matt Klevisha**, **Zach Krizman** and **Neil Pannell**

Four FSU students have gotten an inside look at how the Maryland General Assembly works thanks to the J. Glenn Beall Institute for Public Affairs at FSU.

**Matt Klevisha** of Elkton, **Zach Krizman** of Damascus, **Neil Pannell** of Edgewater and **Wesley Hutto** of Clarksburg are all seeing how policymaking works on the state level during the 90-day legislative session.

Each of the students respond to constituents’ questions and concerns, help set up meetings for their legislators, witness House of Delegates and Senate proceedings and help track legislation.

The Beall Institute was created by gifts through the FSU Foundation from the late Beall, a U.S. senator from 1971 to 1977, his family and others. Since 2005, the Beall Institute has assisted and financially supported students with opportunities to serve in the General Assembly in Annapolis and on Capitol Hill in Washington. A stipend helps defray living expenses.

Krizman sees his college lectures come to life inside the office of Sen. Stephen Hershey Jr., who represents District 36 on the Eastern Shore. And nothing is more engaging for Krizman than floor debates; the law & society major wants to be a civil rights attorney.

Pannell hopes that his time in Annapolis will help his aspirations to go into law enforcement and create reformed practices. He says his time shadowing Del. Kirill Reznik of Montgomery County helps him realize that state politicians have a working life outside of their 90 days in session.

Hutto has an advantage in Del. Wendell Beitzel’s office where *Christopher Lokey*, a 2014 FSU graduate, works as a legislative assistant for the lawmaker who represents Garrett and Allegany counties. Hutto, a political science and law & society double major who hopes to run for office one day, likes that he can effect change in his home state through his internship.

Klevisha, an economics major, is exploring a career in politics using his business and finance acumen. He is spending time in Sen. George Edwards’ office where he was impressed to see how a lawmaker can handle the priorities of Western Maryland residents on a state level.

To learn more about the Beall Institute, contact Tim Magrath at [tmagrath@frostburg.edu](mailto:tmagrath@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4080. To support the Beall Institute through the FSU Foundation, call 301-687-4161 or visit [www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give](http://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give).

## SMT Hosts Alumni Reunion Dinner



Reunion dinner attendees are, from left, first row, Debbie Wiles Devlin, Ryann Elery, Rebekah Rishell, Brandon Holmes, Caleb Willey, Garrett Willingham, Maria Eliana Lopez Scarponi and Sofia Aguero Petros; second row, guest Bill Devlin, Jonathan Franklin, Josh Sparks, Rachel McGowan, Samantha Politis, Allie Nickels, Joe Ogunsanya and Missy Martz; and back row, E.J. Causey and Dylan Ravenscroft.

The Social Marketing Team hosted a reunion dinner for alumni members to network with current members on April 23 at FSU. *Missy Martz* presented “Social Marketing Team Through the Years,” followed by a video “Inside the Social Marketing Team” produced by senior *Samantha Politis*, a mass communication major.

## Take Note

## Winners of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Poster Contest Announced



Congratulations to the winners of the 2016 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Poster Contest! The first-place prize went to senior *Xavier Alvarez*, an engineering, mathematics and physics major; second place, to freshman *Sidney Beeman*, a mass communication major; and third place, to freshman *Maddie Weinberger*, an athletic training major.

More than 1,360 votes were cast among the 54 posters created by students in ART 207 Graphic Design. These posters help

communicate environmental awareness for FSU’s celebration of Earth Week.

The contest was sponsored by Learning Green, Living Green at FSU. The FSU Annual Fund furnished the first-place award of \$100, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

The winning posters will be displayed on the second floor of the Elisabeth Hitchins Administration Building. All of the posters can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/frostburglglq>.

## Honors Advising Session

*Dr. Gregory Wood*, an associate professor in FSU’s Department of History and director of the University Honors Program, and his student Honors staff of *Nick DeMichele*, *Sarah Deprey-Severence*, *Jessica Smith* and *Harley Wade* held an ad hoc Honors advising session for rising sophomores in the program on April 26. Wood and the staff members answered questions regarding scheduling, addressed concerns about the program and took suggestions from students. There will be another advising session for spring 2017, prior to registration.

For info, contact Mary Jane O’Rourke at 301-687-3227.

## Mountain Ridge Class to Present Annual Documentary Premiere

The Mountain Ridge High School Historical Research Methods Class will present its sixth annual documentary premiere on **Wednesday, May 4**, at 7 p.m. at the Palace Theatre in downtown Frostburg. This year’s installment, titled “Frostburg State: A Community’s Pursuit for Higher Education,” showcases the founding of FSU and the impact the University has on the community.

Admission is \$5 at the door, with proceeds going to finance next year’s documentary and theatre rental. Following the premiere, DVDs of the documentary will be sold for \$10. Proceeds facilitate the continuation of the Historical Research Methods Class.



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# 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 the 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.

# 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, FrostburgFirst and Frostburg Dining Services. To volunteer, or for info, contact the VOICE AmeriCorps Volunteer coordinator, Patrick Travers, at 301-687-7598.

# Upcoming BURG Peer Education Network Events



Upcoming events are as follows:

- Bubble Blasters Table, **Monday, May 2**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lane University Center
- Positivitea Table, **Tuesday, May 3**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lane Center
- Don’t Stop Believing Program, **Wednesday, May 4**, 6 p.m., Lane 111
- F.U.N. Day Table, **Thursday, May 5**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lane Center
- General Body Meeting, **Thursday, May 5**, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 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.

## 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>.

## 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).

## 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)

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## 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.**

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## Don't Forget!



**Always lock your car door, put your windows up and remove valuables from view.**

**Always approach your car with keys ready. Look inside your car before getting into it.  
And lock your doors once inside.**

**Do not leave valuables in your car (this includes books and CDs).**

**Remove suction cup holders for radios and navigation systems.**

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