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**ON THE COVER:** For the past two summers, FSU students have participated in Impact China, a program designed by the College of Business to foster in-depth understanding of Chinese business. Increasing study abroad opportunities is one of the cornerstones of Frostburg State University's experiential learning initiative.



Please recycle me or pass me on to a friend!

## From the President

In the business world, it is not uncommon to hear people talk about "the brand." But zeroing in on exactly what that means can be a challenge, especially for an institution like Frostburg that has changed so many lives in so many ways. Defining that inner feeling is incredibly difficult and yet, in March 2012, we began a journey to redefine



Two presidents, Dr. Catherine Gira and Dr. Jonathan Gibralter, representing nearly 23 years of tenure as leaders of Frostburg State University, came together to honor Library Director Dr. David Gillespie on his retirement (see related story on page 13).

Frostburg's brand, a thorough and intensive process that has included working with a market research firm to conduct focus groups, surveys and thoughtful discussions with our many constituents. We have come to realize that our brand is not a logo or a slogan, though these elements certainly help communicate it. What a brand really is is a connection, a feeling that resonates with everyone when they think about us.

Our marketing research pointed us in some good directions to better identify what that unique connection is. We know that FSU stands out in providing countless

opportunities for our students to experience the real world through hands-on research, internships, volunteer work and performances, including opportunities like presenting business strategies to executives at Adobe Systems, Inc., that open the doors to career development (see page 22).

We have also come to realize that we need to do a better job of celebrating our greatness. We have so many incredibly bright, talented

students, faculty, staff and alumni who make up the Frostburg family. We need to keep raising the bar on our academic excellence, through the ways we promote FSU and recruit students. We will be taking our enrollment in some exciting new directions so that we continue drawing the best students to our University.

As alumni, you play a vital role in helping us better define our brand and share it with potential future Bobcats. Many of you are involved in your communities in important ways; support your alma mater by talking about Frostburg and inspiring new generations of students. Come back to campus to share your success story with our students. Mentor them as they prepare for the job market by offering internships or even by having simple one-on-one conversations with them at FSU events. Tell your local guidance counselors, your neighbors with college-bound kids, the parents you meet at local organizations and your local school boards why you love your alma mater, why Frostburg is a great choice for students looking for larger-than-life learning in a supportive educational environment. Look to your circles of influence and see where you can share Frostburg's accomplishments and milestones. As we continue to spread the word about Frostburg, through our new brand and through new recruitment and retention strategies, we need more foot soldiers than ever, and you, our alumni, are so important to that effort.

We will be launching our new marketing campaign this fall and developing some strategic new ways to reach prospective students. Thanks for your leadership, involvement and support in sharing our story and ensuring there are even more stories in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibralter, President



At the 142nd Commencement in May, President Gibralter presents a diploma to Michael Spriggs, Jr. '13, a foreign languages and literature major. Spriggs' service dog, Jazz, was suited up for the occasion, too.

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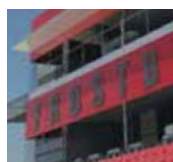
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## Nursing Program Ranks Fifth Nationally as a GetEducated.com Best Buy

FSU's online Bachelor of Science in Nursing program has been ranked a "Best Buy" by GetEducated.com, the consumer guide to online colleges, in its independent review of online nursing programs. FSU's RN to BSN completion program ranked fifth among all competing options nationwide.

"Frostburg State is a national leader in developing critical educational lifelines for nurses. Their online nursing program is delivering high-quality, low-cost healthcare education where it is needed, when it is needed," said Vicky Phillips, founder of GetEducated.com. "Frostburg uses online learning to allow practicing RNs to achieve their BSN degrees faster while remaining productive caretakers in their home communities. The University has developed an innovative localized system for supervised clinical practice that can and should be emulated by other nurse education programs."

"GetEducated.com's ranking reflects the extraordinary value that FSU's online nursing program represents," said President Gibraltar. "My thanks to **Heather Gable**, department chair of our nursing program, and the many fine faculty who have maintained high academic standards in creating this fully online, accredited BSN program."

FSU's BSN is a completion program designed for licensed registered nurses who wish to earn a bachelor's degree. The program is presented entirely online, except for required clinical hours, which can be completed in sites near students' homes.

FSU is continuing to pursue its next goal of developing and seeking approval for a Master of Science in Nursing program, also anticipated to be an online program. Its focus will be on preparing faculty members for collegiate nursing programs, a field experiencing a regional and national shortage.

FSU's RN to BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. ■

## FSU Achieves STARS Silver Rating for Sustainability Efforts

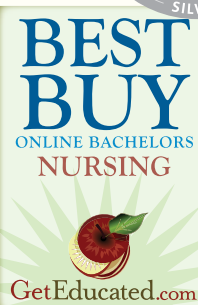
FSU has achieved a **STARS Silver Rating** in recognition of its sustainability efforts from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, is a new program that measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

"Through the accurate and up-to-date data provided in this assessment, we demonstrate we've made sustainability a high priority and significant part of our institutional culture, something that is manifested through our educational programs, practices and facilities," said President Gibraltar.

AASHE's STARS program is the only one of its kind that involves publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university's sustainability performance. Participants report achievements in three overall areas: education and research; operations; and planning, administration and engagement. The program is open to all institutions of higher education in the U.S. and Canada.

Frostburg's STARS Silver rating is its latest achievement in maintaining its commitment to sustainability. FSU has been twice recognized in The Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges, which highlights institutions that have demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability through their campus infrastructure, activities and initiatives.

"I look at STARS as a template that FSU can use to build sustainability into the fabric of the University," said Lawrence Gingerich, FSU's Safety and Sustainability coordinator. "Everyone at Frostburg can look at the STARS information and find areas where their activities have helped already or can help in future efforts. You can see that FSU has come a long way as an institution based on the STARS information, but you can also see where FSU could be in the future." ■



## Frostburg Named College of Distinction Again

Frostburg has once again been recognized by the Colleges of Distinction organization, chosen for FSU's continued commitment to and excellence in four key areas: student engagement, quality of teaching, vibrancy of the college community and the success of its graduates. Frostburg is one of only 46 public institutions to have achieved the College of Distinction designation.

"Schools designated as 'Colleges of Distinction' create well-rounded graduates and are among the very best in the country," said Tyson Schritter, executive editor of Colleges of Distinction. Among Frostburg's distinctions are its emphasis on experiential education across all colleges, the strength of its first-year experience including learning communities and themed residence halls, the quality of teaching provided by FSU's faculty, the students' dedication to community service and sustainability, and the clear direction presented in the FSU Strategic Plan. ■

## Frostburg Ranks High in RecycleMania Tournament

FSU came in among the top fifth of the 273 college campuses that participated in the 2013 RecycleMania Tournament, ranking 58th overall. More than 110,000 pounds of waste were recycled from FSU during this tournament.

This year, FSU placed 12th for paper recycled, 35th for bottles and cans recycled and 66th for the per capita classic (the combined weight of the recyclables divided by the campus population).

FSU ranked above all other Maryland colleges and universities except Harford Community College. ■

# INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

## TLC-Frostburg Unites University and The Language Company in Bringing International Students to Maryland

The Language Company, an organization that provides English-as-a-second-language instruction and cultural opportunities to individuals seeking educational, professional and personal enrichment, has teamed up with FSU to open TLC-Frostburg, a new branch of the company aiming to bring more international students to the Western Maryland area.

"We seek to provide a substantial and rewarding benefit to our students by giving them an outstanding education along with cultural opportunities," said Robert Fedorow, TLC-Frostburg's director, "all in the process of helping them prepare for their future educational goals, whether they are seeking a bachelor's degree, master's degree or simply to enhance their understanding of the English language."

TLC-Frostburg's offerings include programs such as an Intensive English Program and special programs such as Academic Test Preparation and English for Professionals. Students have the opportunity to connect with FSU while attending the intensive English training courses, including working with FSU students as conversation partners and having access to the University library, athletic facilities, athletic events and campus social activities.

"The partnership between Frostburg State University and The Language Company is an important step in our overall effort to internationalize the campus and provide global opportunities for all members of the University community," said Vice Provost **Dr. John Bowman**, who oversees and develops international education. "This further internationalization of the campus will also encourage our domestic students to make study abroad part of their own educational experience while at Frostburg." ■



## FSU-UMUC Collaboration to Offer Secondary Education to Military in Europe

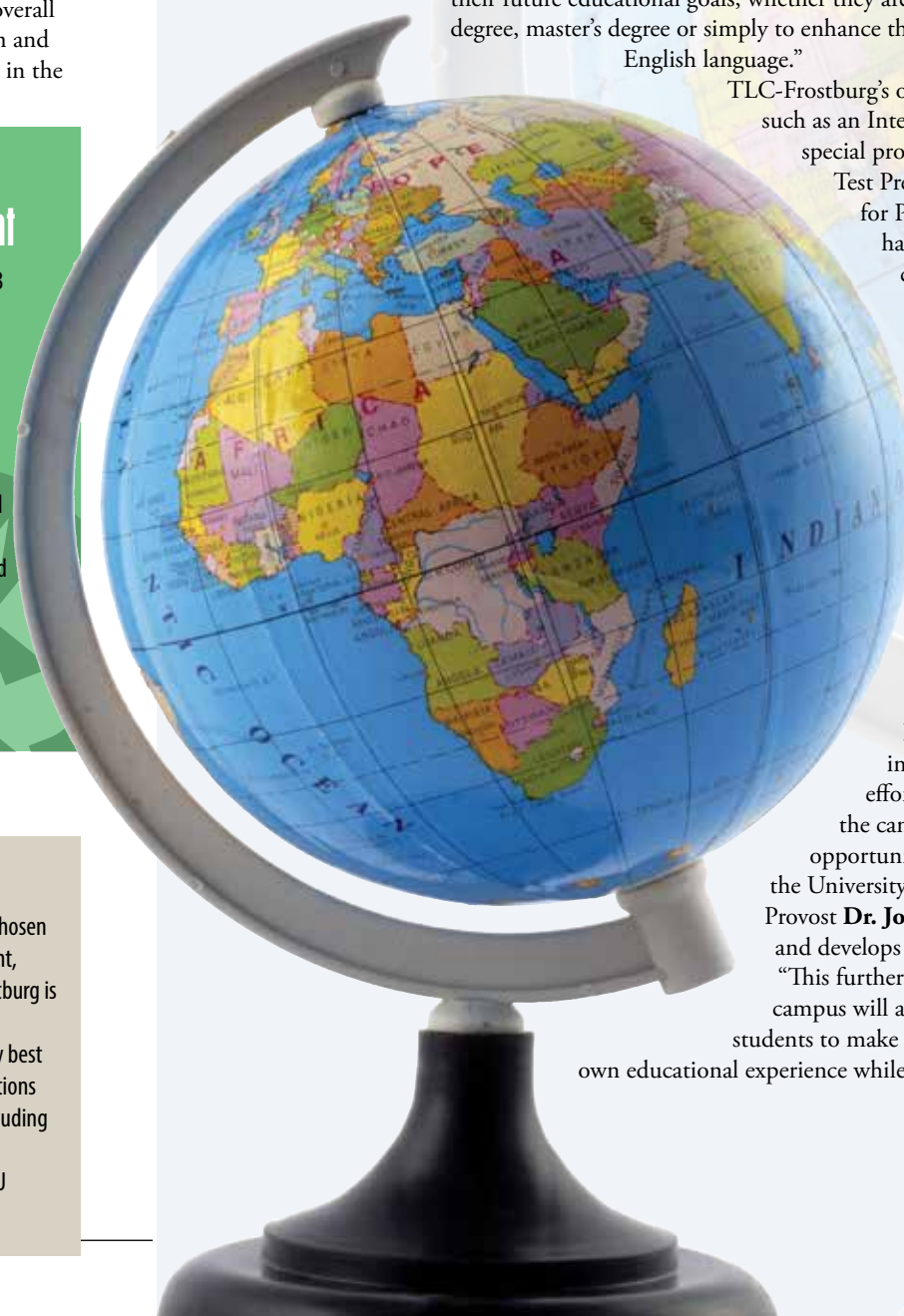
FSU will team up with University of Maryland University College to offer its undergraduate education program at military installations across Europe, part of a major Department of Defense contract with UMUC. The initial program will present FSU's secondary education program at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany beginning as soon as January 2014.

The collaboration will offer paths to secondary certification in English, foreign languages, mathematics and social studies for active-duty military, military dependents and civilian Department of Defense employees.

Educational methods courses will be provided by FSU in person or online, with FSU faculty serving as UMUC adjunct faculty. Content courses – the subject matter that will be taught and related courses – will be taught through UMUC's undergraduate liberal arts program. FSU will be responsible for ensuring that the program meets the standards set by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (which now incorporates the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education) and the Maryland State Department of Education.

"UMUC's choice of FSU for this program is indicative of the respect our teacher preparation programs engender among our University System of Maryland colleagues and their reputation across the state," said **Dr. Clarence Golden**, dean of FSU's College of Education.

The course sequence will allow students to follow the program full time or part time. UMUC, which has been educating U.S. troops overseas since 1949, added teacher preparation in response to a strong interest in the program shown among members of the military, said **Dr. Todd Rosa**, coordinator of FSU's secondary education program. ■





# CAMPUS HONORS



Dr. Yan Bao



Andy Duncan



Dr. Michael Murtagh



Dr. Elesha Ruminski

## 2013 Faculty Achievement Award Winners Honored at University Convocation

Four outstanding faculty members were recognized at this spring's annual University Honors Convocation with faculty achievement awards: **Dr. Yan Bao**, Department of Accounting, for Teaching; **Andy Duncan**, Department of English, for Academic Achievement; **Dr. Michael P. Murtagh**, Department of Psychology, and **Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski**, Department of Communication Studies, for University and Community Service. The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

As an associate professor of accounting, Bao has been rated an outstanding teacher by students and colleagues. She has taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels in face-to-face and online classes. Bao relies on a learning model of conversational and discussion learning coupled with extensive feedback. She has fully embraced technology in her online classes. She has led the highly successful study abroad Impact China Program, which provided a unique opportunity for experiential learning. Many of her service and research activities are student-centered. She continues to be a great influence on other faculty by helping them become better teachers.

Duncan, an assistant professor of English, has made an outstanding contribution to his field. He has published six books, with three coming from his time as a faculty member of FSU: *Alabama Curiosities*, *The Night Cache* and *The Pottawatomie Giant and Other Stories*. In addition, he has published four short stories in top speculative-fiction markets as well as critical articles. His novelette *Close Encounters* received the Nebula Award (see next page). Also, he has been profiled as a

fiction writer in two national magazines, *Locus* in November 2011 and *Orson Scott Card's Intergalactic Medicine Show* in October 2010.

As an associate professor of psychology, Murtagh has displayed an outstanding commitment to FSU and its neighboring community. He serves as chair of the Tenure/Promotion Subcommittee, Graduate Council and Institutional Review Board, as well as a member of several other University and department committees. In addition, he serves his community as the vice president of the Board of Directors of the Mountainside Community Mediation Center and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Family Crisis Resource Center. Incorporating his area of expertise and research, he has made significant contributions in the area of awareness about sexual assault and gender-based violence.

Ruminski, an associate professor of communication studies, has served her University and community with great zeal. She serves as the president of the Board of Directors of the Mountainside Community Mediation Center. She has been honored as the 2012 Administrator of the Year by the National States Advisory Council and as an Outstanding Service Learning Faculty and an "Empowering Leader" by Student and Educational Services. She serves as the project manager for the Sustaining Campus and Community Dialogue Series to engage the community in problem-solving around community issues through the use of communication and coalition-building in Frostburg. She has also served as the president of the Maryland Communication Association and organized the organization's annual conference on Frostburg's campus in 2010. In addition, she serves on numerous University and department committees.

## Mumper Presented President's Distinguished Faculty Award

**Dr. Mary Mumper**, professor of chemistry, has received the President's Distinguished Faculty Award from President Gibraltar, an award he established to recognize and encourage those faculty members whose activities move FSU forward by advancing the University's mission and goals and its strategic planning initiatives.

Mumper received a monetary award, a medallion and plaque and was recognized during the University's spring commencement ceremony.

"I have been most grateful for Dr. Mumper's leadership and counsel, especially during her four years as chair of the Faculty," Gibraltar said. "Dr. Mumper's commitment to students is evident not only in how she guides those students who come through her classes, but in her dedication to helping students make a successful transition into college, identify their strengths as they are deciding which path to take in the world, and prepare for their next steps on their way to their chosen profession."

A member of the FSU faculty since 1997, Mumper had two previous careers, first in elementary teaching and later in interior design. A class in organic chemistry was the catalyst to her academic career.

As a teacher, she is known for the combination of high expectations and high levels of support, principles she applies to her first-year students in the Professional Medicine Learning Community, as well as to her advanced students in Organic Chemistry and those planning to go on to advanced education in the medical professions. FSU now has an enviable acceptance rate of students into medical, dental, pharmacy and veterinary schools, which has enhanced the reputation of Frostburg and its graduates among these institutions.



Dr. Mary Mumper

Beyond the classroom, she contributes to leadership development through her advising of the Pre-Professional Medical Society, a group that regularly organizes on-campus blood drives. Her example, spending hours each year baking pies to benefit FSU's annual Relay for Life in support of the American Cancer Society, inspires the group's Relay team, "What's Up Docs," to consistently lead in fundraising at FSU's largest annual volunteer event.



Dr. Lance Revenaugh

## Revenaugh Awarded Disability Support Services Award

FSU's Disability Support Services Office awarded its first DSS award for Exemplary Service to Students With Disabilities to **Dr. Lance Revenaugh**, a professor in the Department of Mathematics, at a reception this spring.

The DSS office gave students an opportunity to recognize a faculty member who goes "above and beyond" in regard to their accommodations. The other nominees were **Dr. Diane Blakenship**, **Dr. Shoshanna Brassfield**, **Jennifer Browne**, **Dr. Robert Forsythe**, **Dr. Julie Hartman**, **Kim Kurek**, **Dr. Christopher Masciocchi**, **Micheal McAlexander** and **Dr. Patricia Santoro**. ■



## Andy Duncan Wins Nebula Award for Science Fiction

Assistant professor of English **Andy Duncan** was awarded the 2012 Nebula Award for Best Novelette, given to the best science fiction or fantasy novelette published in the United States. Duncan was honored for his novelette, *Close Encounters*.

"A Nebula Award, in any category, is the highest peer award in science fiction, and I am deeply touched and grateful to know that my fellow science fiction writers so admire what I do," Duncan said.

Duncan has been nominated for the Nebula Awards seven times. His collection of fiction, *Beluthahatchie and Other Stories*, has won a World Fantasy Award. Another of his five books, *The Pottawatomie Giant and Other Stories*, contains the Nebula Award-winning *Close Encounters* and the World Fantasy Award-winning *The Pottawatomie Giant*. Duncan has also won the Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Award for his novella, *The Chief Designer*, and has been nominated for the Hugo Award multiple times.

The Nebulas are voted on and hosted by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America. Past winners include Isaac Asimov and George R.R. Martin, the author of the books upon which the HBO series *Game of Thrones* is based.

"Being a professional science fiction writer is like being part of the smartest, funniest, most diverse and extended family imaginable; we're all in touch with one another, online, every day, cheering and squabbling and 'squeeing' about something, from teenage aspirants to Grand Masters in their 90s," he said. "I've had a ball doing it for 19 years now, and I hope to keep doing it the rest of my life — which science fiction reminds us might last, oh, millennia, if we can work out that data-storage problem." ■



## Peer Education Network Receives Award at Regional Conference

FSU's BURG Peer Education Network was named Outstanding Regional Affiliate at the annual BACCHUS Regional Conference held recently at Elon University in North Carolina. **Don Swogger**, director of FSU's S.A.F.E. Office, was named Outstanding Advisor, and **Dr. Shawn Golden-Llewellyn '02/M'05**, was given the Outstanding Alumni award.

BURG's bystander intervention program, B the 1: Be the Difference, was selected to be presented to the conference and drew numerous positive responses. Swogger and 22 students attended. ■



# Alumni Excel as Top Educators

Five FSU alumni-educators have been recognized for their proficiency as teachers and in school administration. Four were named Teachers of the Year for the upcoming year in their school districts by the National Teacher of the Year (NTOY) Program, making them eligible to be named state and national teachers of the year. Another was named the 2013 Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators.

**Derek J. Berger '04** was named Teacher of the Year for Garrett County, Md. For all nine years of his teaching career, he has been employed at Northern Garrett High School, where he teaches advanced placement physics, earth science and engineering design and development. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 2002 with a degree in astrophysics and then came to FSU for his Master of Arts in Teaching – Secondary Education. Berger is an accredited instructor in Project Lead the Way, a provider of rigorous and innovative science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education curricular programs; a STEM Professional Learning Community Team Leader; and a mentor at the Pulsar Search Collaboratory Summer Institute.



**Kevin Fitzgerald '78** was named Superintendent of the Year for Delaware. He is in his sixth year as superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District. He was also named Delaware's 2002 Secondary School Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He began his career as a social studies and English teacher. After teaching for 13 years, he moved to Delaware, becoming Caesar Rodney High School's assistant principal until 1998, then principal until 2007, when he was selected as superintendent. He holds a Doctorate of Educational Leadership from the University of Delaware, a Master of Arts from St. John's College and a Bachelor of Science degree from FSU.



**Karl Kidd '06** was named Teacher of the Year for Frederick County, Md. He is a fifth-grade teacher at Urbana Elementary School and is the school's STEM teacher leader. He has spoken about STEM education at the Maryland Educators of Gifted Students State Conference and for the Hood College Professional Development School. At FSU, Kidd majored in biology, and, as part of a required internship, he worked with 11 preschool and kindergarten students with autism at Beall Elementary School in Frostburg. "In the midst of the noise and chaos, I saw what real learning looked like. My nine-hour internship turned into a career," he told Gazette.net.



**Melissa Purdy '91** was named Teacher of the Year for Mineral County, W.Va. Her teaching career began in 1994. She started as a special education teacher at Keyser Primary Middle School in Keyser, W.Va., then in 2008 was placed at the primary school level, where she still teaches. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from FSU and a Master of Arts from West Virginia University. She holds West Virginia certification in elementary education for K-6; English, science and mathematics for grades five through nine; and special education, including autism, for K-12. She also holds a membership in the West Virginia Education and the Mineral County Education associations.



**Lisa Renee Stallings '88** was named Teacher of the Year for Riverside County, Calif., where she is a first-grade teacher at Coronita Elementary School. A teacher for 25 years, she earned a degree in early childhood education from FSU, then earned a master's degree in administration and leadership in California. She is a member of the International Reading Association and the California Reading Association, and she is a master teacher at Coronita to several student teachers. Her nominators said she is "a passionate, dedicated, caring, supportive and professional teacher. Her students are engaged and learning at a deep and rigorous level," according to *The Press Enterprise*. ■



**Congratulations to all these outstanding educators!**  
**Frostburg State University is proud to recognize these graduates for their skill and dedication.**

## ALUMNI NEWS



College of Business Alumnus of the Year W. Craig Bowman, center, with his mentor, Dr. Amit Shah, left, and Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, dean of the College of Business

### Bowman Named College of Business Alumnus of the Year

**W. Craig Bowman '92**, manager of National Security Programs for Adobe Systems, was honored as the College of Business Alumnus of the Year at the annual spring College of Business Honors Reception.

Since Bowman's graduation in 1992, he has contributed to the nation's security through his service in the clandestine services and through private industry information systems.

"Mr. Bowman is a pure example of a successful alumnus of the College of Business who always speaks very highly of Frostburg State University and the quality of education that he received from our institution," said **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**, dean of the College of Business. "His professional success, as well as his continued commitment and dedication to our students, is a beautiful story, and it was a true pleasure to present him with the 2013 Alumnus of the Year Award."

At FSU, Bowman studied business administration and was mentored by **Dr. Amit Shah**. Shortly after graduating, he was recruited into the U.S. intelligence community, where he served in the clandestine services for over seven years. During that time, he also founded ComQuest Corp., an information systems firm specializing in U.S. government consulting. When he sold the firm to DigitalSelect in 1998, he became a business partner and the vice president of the start-up DSL provider, leading it to over 60 points of presence across the Eastern United States. DigitalSelect was then sold to Primus Telecommunications, with Bowman staying on for a year as part of the technical staff.

In 1998, Bowman started another company, DigitalGreens, a golf media company that focused on web-based media coverage of the country's best golf resorts, growing to include over 100 of the highest-ranking golf destinations in the country. *Golf Digest* and *Travel & Leisure Golf* have both used DigitalGreens' content, and the U.S. Open

used DigitalGreens' material during their coverage of the live event.

In the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Bowman transferred ownership of DigitalGreens to his brother-in-law and returned full-time to the intelligence community. He worked as a manager for Perot Systems, as well as for SAIC, where for nine years he led his team of talented IT professionals in preventing terrorism in the U.S.

In November 2010, he accepted a position as Adobe's account manager of the Intelligence

Community. Within a year, he was promoted to his current position as manager of National Security Programs. He leads a team of sales and IT professionals, positioning Adobe's Enterprise products in the intelligence community to help drive efficiency and accuracy, assisting in the important mission of reducing national security uncertainty.

"Success is not how much money you make. It's how you react to adversity," Bowman told the gathering that evening. "Frostburg taught me that."

Bowman lives in Great Falls, Va., with his wife, **Alison Combes '93**. They have two children: Tyler, 7, and Karlina, 2. Bowman and Combes have supported FSU through the Alison Combes and W. Craig Bowman Presidential Merit Scholarship in Music, the Cultural Events Series Endowment and the W. Craig Bowman and Alison Combes Management Leadership Endowment in the College of Business. ■

### GOOD AS GOLD



June 29 was a day of reminiscing and reflection as members of the Class of '63 marked 50 years since their graduation from what was then the newly renamed Frostburg State College. Pictured are, front row, from left, **The Hon. Gene Counihan**, **Jeanne Hall Conley**, **Terry Phillips Higgins**, **Elizabeth Lawson Sorensen**, **Sherry Phillips Hubbard**, **Mary Teets Wilson**, **Janet Nelson Harden**, **Dr. Ron Broadwater**, **Judy Kuhn House**, **Lynda Forbes Folk**, **Janice Krach**, **Wayne Foote**, **Kay Determan Menees** and **Carolyn Williams Matthews**. In the second row, from left, are **Elva Harsh Goss**, **John Nussear**, **James Kight**, **Gary Wright**, **Vera MacKenzie Plum**, **Sandra Johnson Highsmith**, **Eva Bourne Weigel**, **Carol Layton Howie**, **Dr. Tom Howie** and **Pat Robeson**. In the back row, from left, are **Michael Scheerer**, **Ken Moreland**, **Lois True**, **Fred Miller**, **Kerry Highsmith**, **John Hartsock**, **Sam Huffer** and **Dr. Ron Robeson**. The tour of the campus began with a visit to the new memorial plaque on the Lewis J. Ort Library deck in honor of their classmate, the late **Capt. James A. Graham**, a recipient of the Medal of Honor.



## BOOKS BY ALUMNI

### Fond Memories and Financial Shortfall Inspire Children's Book About FSU

Every time **Rebecca A. Baird '93** drives through Frostburg on her way to her hometown, her daughters ask to hear college stories. When she ran into Naren Aryal, a former colleague and the CEO of Mascot Books, she jumped on the opportunity to write a children's book to tell kids about FSU, as well as the opportunity to give back to the school: All of the book's proceeds go to Forever Frostburg, an emergency scholarship program for students with the greatest need.

*Hello, Bobby the Bobcat!* is described as "a book for Frostburg State University fans of all ages." It takes its readers on a tour of FSU as Bobby the Bobcat strolls around campus, greeting his friends and remembering the fun things he has done in his time at Frostburg. The book illustrates FSU's major landmarks and is full of facts about the University, such as its elevation (the highest of any university on the East Coast) and when the first building, Old Main, opened. It ends with the graduation of Bobby's friends, who will "always have a special place in their hearts" for FSU.

"I paid for college on my own, and I know how hard that can be," says Baird. "I had scholarships, grants and loans. I also borrowed from friends and worked most of the time I was at FSU. Still, I was short on tuition in my third year." She wrote to the Office of Financial Aid, and they came through for her, providing her with the extra few hundred dollars she needed to pay her tuition.

"I'll never forget that. It was the difference between staying in school and dropping out," she said.

*Hello, Bobby the Bobcat!* can be purchased from the FSU bookstore or online at mascotbooks.com.

### Founding Father: A Novel

By **J. Kenneth Metz '64**

While doing historical research online, **J. Kenneth Metz**, a retired high school science teacher, found some interesting facts about one of our nation's founding fathers and wrote his first novel about the man's life. *Founding Father: A Novel* is a historical romance set in 1801's Richmond, Va., that details the life of Judge George Walker as he clashes with political enemies and conspiring in-laws. Meanwhile, George strives to produce an heir despite his wife of 25-plus years being unable to bear a child. This makes it all the more difficult to resist the South's tempting femme fatales, who seem to be lining up for a chance with the founding father.

Available from thefoundingfather.com and independent booksellers in Allegany County.

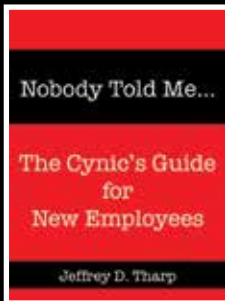
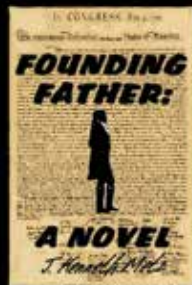
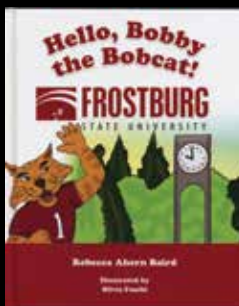
### Nobody Told Me ... The Cynic's Guide for New Employees

By **Jeffrey Tharp '00**

After 13 years in the cubicle wars, **Jeffrey Tharp** has come back with a guide for the bright-eyed young college graduates who need a reality check. In *Nobody Told Me ... The Cynic's Guide for New Employees*, Tharp presents a twisted perspective on work, philosophy and life that prepares workforce fledglings for what they will endure throughout their employment, telling them how to safely maneuver the obstacles that will inevitably be thrown in front of them. This book is a must-read for any recent grad, as the rules apply to almost any job in any field.

Available from online booksellers.

—Skye Pinney



## White Honored for Aircrew Safety Advances

**Col. Donald J. White '75** was awarded the 2013 John Ernisting Award during the Aerospace Medical Association's (AsMA) Honors Night Ceremonies in May. AsMA is the largest, most-representative professional organization in the fields of aviation, space and environmental medicine.

White's Armstrong Laboratory work in experimental aircrew life support, cockpit and equipment integration is considered groundbreaking and resulted in significantly improved safety. As chief of the Education Division of the Aerospace Physiology Program, he designed a human performance curriculum and managed an education program that trained over 3,500 students every year. He received the award for his outstanding operational career and the leadership and innovation he contributed to the Aerospace Physiology Program. ■



George K. Anderson, M.D., left, representing the sponsor, Environmental Tectonics Corp., and AsMA President P. Glenn Merchant, M.D., present the John Ernisting Award to Col. Donald J. White '75.

## New Ways for Alumni to Get Involved

The FSU Alumni Association, seeking new ways to engage fellow alumni, has been working to build affinity groups based on locations and/or interests. Here are the ones that have been formed or are currently in the works:

### Regional Affinity Groups

- Annapolis, Md.
- Dallas, Texas
- Frederick, Md.
- Garrett County, Md.
- Houston, Texas
- New York City

### Interest-based Affinity Groups

- Black Student Alliance
- D.C. Public Policy and Government Relations
- Frostburg Connections
- MBA — Cumberland, Md.

To learn more about any of these groups, or if you are interested in starting one yourself, please contact Laura McCullough at 301.687.4068 or lmcullough@frostburg.edu.



Tony Zook '82



Robert M. Hutcheson '54/M'62

## Zook Named CEO of VIVUS

**Tony Zook '82**, previously executive vice president, Global Commercial Operations, for AstraZeneca and president of Medimmune, was appointed in July as CEO of the biopharmaceutical company, VIVUS, Inc., a company that is commercializing and developing innovative, next-generation therapies to address unmet needs in obesity, sleep apnea, diabetes and sexual health.

VIVUS recently began selling the obesity drug Qsymia (phentermine and topiramate extended-release capsules) in the United States.

"Obesity is a growing disaster for Americans," Zook said. "Aside from its obvious human costs, it creates economic costs due to associated comorbidities such as diabetes, strokes, heart attacks and depression. Our mission is to ensure that at-risk patients and their physicians know about Qsymia and have the information necessary to determine whether Qsymia can help address this devastating condition."

"We are thrilled to have an executive of Tony Zook's caliber already pushing hard on [our] goals," said Michael Astrue, VIVUS' chairman of the board. ■

## Hutcheson Honored by Maryland Association of Counties

Former Allegany County Commissioner **Robert M. Hutcheson '54/M'62** received the Marilyn J. Praisner Public Service Award, given to individuals recognized by a county-elected board for outstanding service to the county, his or her constituents and the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo).

Hutcheson is a former teacher, coach and administrator, serving as principal of Allegany High School for 19 years. He was an Allegany County commissioner from 2000 to 2010 and held different officer positions for MACo, including first vice president in 2010. He was nominated for the award, which was presented at the MACo Inaugural Ceremony/Awards Banquet in January by the current Allegany County commissioners. ■

## Even With Big Names, Kostbar Keeps Small Feel to Indie Film

**Eben Kostbar '00** graduated from FSU with a determination to make it in Hollywood. He moved to Los Angeles and started from scratch: volunteering at a casting office, taking acting classes, then directing an award-winning short film and eventually teaming up with producer Joseph McKelheer to form the production company Film Harvest.

*Free Samples*, Kostbar's fifth feature film with Film Harvest (his sixth overall), debuted this year. It made its way through film festivals and has been shown in Portland, Los Angeles and New York. The film stars up-and-coming actress Jess Weixler of the horror-comedy *Teeth*. It also features Jesse Eisenberg from *The Social Network* and *Now You See Me* and Tippi Hedren from Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*.

For Kostbar, the best part of working on *Free Samples* was getting to work with its recognizable cast while still maintaining a small-project atmosphere.

"It was cool to get a bunch of notable actors and still have a friends-and-family environment," he said.

In *Free Samples*, a snarky, aimless, law school dropout named Jillian is taking a break from her fiancée and (sort of) pursuing a career as an artist. Mostly, though, she drinks. With a brutal hangover one morning, she begrudgingly agrees to fill in at work for her best friend — meaning she has to hand out free samples of ice cream from a truck in a Los Angeles parking lot. Vexed by the world she cannot find her place in, she dishes out a serving of attitude to all of her quirky customers.

The various encounters throughout the day leave Jillian with a little more perspective on her own life. "People often want to blame everyone else for their problems," Kostbar says. *Free Samples* tackles the issues of owning up to one's own mistakes and taking responsibility for the outcomes.

Kostbar's next film, the documentary *Fight Church*, will be directed by recent Oscar winner Daniel Junge.

—Skye Pinney



Eben Kostbar '00 ►



# Fields of Dreams

April was a month of athletic reunions, reuniting former student-athletes on the fields where they made so many memories, or on the golf links, a place to make even more.



## Field Hockey Alumni Game

Field hockey alumni played the 2012 squad in an alumni game, which the current Bobcats won 5-4. Pictured are, front row, from left, Heidi Zook Ashbaugh '06 and Melissa Street '02. In the middle row are student Alli Elliot, Liesa Bohannon '10/M'12, student Heather Gray, Brittney Blystone '08, student Rachel Merritt, Laura Weimer '10, Sarah Sturgill Rogers '09/M'11 and Nancy Dietrich '64. In the back row are Rita Fowler Hegeman '87, Karen Jackson Darmstead '89, Breanne Russell '12, Kim Creighton Heierling '90, students Maggie Edwards and Chelsea Smith, Samantha Foland '10, Kim Faust Frantz '03, Cindy Reese Kelley '03/M'04 and Kate Kelley Stone '04.

## Women's Soccer Alumni Game

It was a beautiful day for soccer in Frostburg, which the T-shirts declared was ALWAYS the case. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Sarah Huber Flora '08, Christine Fitzgerald '10, Nicole Rieland '12, Michelle Buckmaster '12, Kaleigh Herring '10/M'12, students Doriane Gedridge and Elizabeth Seligman, Olivia Winant '12 and Erin Bryce '12. In the second row are Christina Conrad '11, Lauren Lentine '10/M'12, Erin Ford '12, Jacquelyn Donovan '09/M'11, Heather Fleishell '11, Jennifer Naylor '08, Kristin Prochniak '12, Shera Rowan Chandler '06/M'08, Jacqueline Tonsing Durst '06, Cassandra Donahue '12 and Lauren Russell '11.



## Baseball Spring Golf Invitational

This annual golf tournament, which drew more than a dozen foursomes to Rocky Gap Casino Resort, benefitted FSU Baseball and proved to be a great opportunity for alumni to get together with the 2012 Bobcat team.

In the top photo, from left, are the "Bowery Street Bombers," Jonathon Sally '11, Tim Sutcliffe '11, Ben Oberman '11 and William Timme '10. In the middle photo are Kevin Murphy '71, Ray Pietras '73, Jim Sklenar '72 and Robert McVay. In the bottom photo are Tom Hare '72, Keith Voelker '73, Vincent "Buzz" Morrissey '75 and John Helmick '73.



## '92 Women's Lacrosse

The 1992 Women's Lacrosse team, whose 14-3 season stacked up to the second-most wins in school history, was recognized at a reunion reception. The team advanced to the Elite 8 in the NCAA Tournament and finished the season ranked fourth in the country. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Tina "T" Bathory '92/M'94, Julie "The Baker" Jaeger-McWhorter '94 and Vicki Williams Kaus. In the middle row are Stacy "Toker" Stolker Craig '92, Wendy "Jo" Jacoby Hershberger '92/M'93, Kathleen "Leener" Collette-Luzier '92, Linda "Scato" Moscato-Gessner '93, Denise Curtis Boersma and former Assistant Coach Jim Nestor M'92. In the back row are Maggie "Mags" Murphy Pike '92, Kellie Danna Hurst '94 and Kathleen "Ertle" Ertel Lloyd '94.

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## SENIOR SEND-OFF



The Alumni Association wanted to start its newest alumni off right, so during this year's SpringFest, it created a fun Senior Send-Off to record favorite memories of their time at FSU and make some new ones. Pictured doing the latter are Alumni Association Board of Directors member **Jason VanSickle '98**, Director of Alumni Programs and Special Events **Laura McCullough** and **Jasmine Alston**, last year's Student Government Association vice president.

## Alumni Make Love of Tennis a Family Affair

The Killen Family and the Martin Family came through Frostburg State at different times, but tennis is a common generational thread they have.

**Terry Killen '71** was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the Mid-Atlantic Division of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Hall of Fame, the first Maryland tennis professional to be so honored. Terry's son **Terence Killen '02** followed him into the professional ranks, with the younger Killen being honored as the 2012 Virginia Tennis Professional of the Year for the USPTA Mid-Atlantic Division. Terry works at River Falls Swim and Tennis Club in Potomac, Md., and Terence at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Va.

The Killen men are not the only alumni in the family. There is also Terry's wife, **Sandy Berry Killen '70**; Terence's wife, **Randi Dluoik Killen '02**; Terry's daughter, **Lisa Killen '04**; and future Bobcat T.J. (Terence Joseph), son of Terence and Randi. All continue to cheer on the Bobcats.



Megan Martin '13 and her dad, Steve Martin '87

**Steve Martin '87** and his daughter, **Megan Martin '13**, have 26 years separating their time on the Bobcat tennis team, but now they are playing together in mixed doubles in the United States Tennis Association.

"Tennis is a special bond that my dad and I share," said Martin, the 2013 Bobcat Tennis MVP. "It's an awesome experience to carry on the tradition 26 years apart." ■

# ALUMNI NEWS

## ROTC Brothers Mark Waltemeyer's Army Retirement

**Col. Robert M. Waltemeyer '83** retired from the U.S. Army in May following a distinguished and diverse 30-year career, worthy of recognition in a speech given to the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Chris Gibson (R-N.Y.) in December 2012 and in a special ceremony at Fort Belvoir in January.

From his initial commission as an infantryman in 1983 and entry into Special Forces in 1987, Waltemeyer showed distinguished leadership in command operations, with service in Germany, the former Soviet Republic of Georgia, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Balkans, Japan and at the Pentagon, often working to bring diverse constituencies together for a common purpose. Among Waltemeyer's awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal.

He and his wife, **Ramona Stigile Waltemeyer '83**, have two children. Carrie and **Samuel Waltemeyer '09**. ■



When **Col. Robert M. Waltemeyer '83** was recognized in a ceremony at Fort Belvoir in January, he was joined by many of those who were his support in his days as a Frostburg student and ROTC member, including some fellow ROTC members. Pictured, from left, are **Gerald Kennedy '84**, **Gregory "Zeke" Uecker '84**, **Lori Mazza '83**, **Janet Aranda**, **Ramona Stigile Waltemeyer '83**, Robert Waltemeyer, **Juan Aranda**, Lisa Kennedy, Becky Baugher and **Jay Franzak '83**.



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## Or by mail or email:

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# Inspiring and Supporting FSU Students Is Just One Phone Call Away ...

by Becca Ramspott

## IT WAS A BANNER YEAR

for FSU's phonathon, which enlists the help of students in calling alumni to increase support for the University. Under the direction of **Liz Nelson** '01, Frostburg's annual giving specialist, more than 30 student callers raised over \$153,400 in pledges.

But fundraising is just one way the phonathon enriches the educational experience. It is also an opportunity for student callers to be inspired by alumni success.



From left are callers **Whitney Turner '13**, **Tyra Taylor '13**, **Zoe Dulin '14** and **Taylor Grotz '12**.

"Phonathon callers know and understand the impact of alumni support to the University. They know how important alumni support has always been to Frostburg, and how important it continues to be," said Nelson, who manages and mentors the student callers. "Callers get the chance to speak to alumni who had the same major, who have jobs in fields that interest them, who were in the same organization. It's an amazing opportunity to connect with our alumni in a meaningful way."

Unlike many other colleges and universities, Frostburg does not use an automated software dialing system, which reduces the expenses of the phonathon operation and allows for greater flexibility in calling. Nelson also takes great care to provide information for students to use that clearly explains to alumni how FSU uses funds from the phonathon. The result is greater potential for a thoughtful connection and conversation between students and alumni, including those who have not yet had the chance to give back to their alma mater.



**Tyra** gives up her phone so the Bobcat can take a turn at calling.

"Many people simply have never been asked, and are happy to give once they are," Nelson said. "As an institution, we strive to increase our alumni participation rate; it's a true measure of alumni support. ... The fact that we passed our goal for alumni participation this year speaks volumes to the alumni response to student callers." ■

When you see Frostburg State University on your Caller ID, please answer the phone! Know that on the other end of the phone is a real FSU student who wants to talk to you.

**Tiara Pelham '13** adds to the phonathon thermometer.

## FOUNDATION NEWS



Sharon Robinson



Dr. Mary Mumper



Dr. David Gillespie

"You spend your whole career focusing on students, and when you go out, you hope that can continue."

— Sharon Robinson

## "Retirement Gifts" Demonstrate Dedication to Students, University

The gold watch may be the traditional retirement gift, but when three longtime members of the FSU community retired, the gifts they preferred were those that would allow their life's work and service to the University to somehow continue after their departure.

After **Sharon Robinson** spent 40 years changing students' lives as a professor in FSU's Department of Accounting, her colleagues in the College of Business were not about to let her retire without a proper celebration. But preferring to avoid a big fuss in her honor, she instead invited her friends and colleagues to make contributions to the Sharon L. Robinson Presidential Merit Scholarship in Accounting, which supports high-achieving junior and senior accounting majors.

"I thought it would be a better use of everyone's money to help the students," she said. "You spend your whole career focusing on students, and when you go out, you hope that can continue. I think it is important to focus on giving. ... I think the students will benefit from it, and that is what I want."

**Dr. Mary Mumper**, who retired from the Department of Chemistry this spring after 16 years, wanted to simultaneously assist future students while honoring her parents, who, despite not being able to go to college themselves, put her and her six siblings through college.

She established the Virgil C. and Mildred A. Walters Presidential Merit Scholarship in Chemistry, which supports top chemistry students from Allegany County, the surrounding counties and her home area of Westmoreland County, Pa.

Mumper's father quit school after the eighth grade to take over his family's farm, and her mother gave up her nursing career so she could get married.

"They wanted us to have an education because neither one of them finished their education," Mumper said. "The scholarship was a result of me receiving inheritance money from my parents. ... They left all seven of us extremely well provided for, not just monetarily, but with the value they placed on education. They equipped us with being able to do anything we wanted to do. ... This scholarship is my way to make sure their names go on forever in education."

"If somebody had given me a chair or a trip (for retirement), that would have disappeared. ... Doing a scholarship is a perpetual gift," she explained. "I also liked the idea of doing a merit scholarship. Frostburg State University has been the best time of my life; it benefits by getting good students. Good students benefit by being around other people who have the same kind of passion they do."

Like Robinson and Mumper, **Dr. David Gillespie**, who retired this summer after nearly 30 years as director of FSU's Lewis J. Ort Library, used the occasion as an opportunity to solicit funds for the David M. Gillespie Library Endowment, a fund that he and his colleagues have contributed to for a number of years. It supports the maintenance and growth of invaluable items such as historic documents and memorabilia housed in the library's Special Collections Department.

"Our special collections here at Frostburg are in support of local history, Western Maryland history, genealogy and surrounding areas like Mineral County — the three counties of the Alleghenies," Gillespie said. However,

these unique and sometimes fragile items are often donated without any supporting funds for their care and use, such as in research or exhibitions. The endowment allows for the collections' appropriate maintenance and use.

"It is not making a contribution to me personally. It is making a contribution to continually adding materials that relate to the cultural heritage of Western Maryland and particularly Allegany County," Gillespie said. "It is nice that people are making a contribution to honor me, but deep down, it is really to promote special collections and the region." ■



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## New Named Funds

As of June 30 2013

Black Student Alliance

Laura Ann Collins Memorial Scholarship

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M&T Bank Scholarship

Dr. Mary Mumper Award

Sharon L. Robinson Presidential Merit Scholarship  
in Accounting

Bernard Wynder Legacy Fund ■



# FOUNDATION NEWS

## PNC's Support Helps Children Literature Centre Expand Author-in-Residence Program, Literacy Initiatives

by Becca Ramspott

Thanks to support from the **PNC Foundation**, which receives its principal funding from The PNC Financial Services Group (NYSE: PNC), FSU's Children's Literature Centre was able to expand its Adopt-a-School program and provide underserved Allegany County schools with an author-in-residence and other related activities in support of its broad-based literacy initiative.

The PNC grant ensured the Children's Literature Centre was able to bring renowned children's book author and illustrator Peter Catalanotto to Allegany County, where he spent a day with four local elementary schools. The funding helped the Centre provide children in preschool through



Peter Catalanotto

This is the second year in a row that the PNC Foundation has made Catalanotto's programming possible through funding, and the author-in-residence program support was just the latest development in the many ways PNC has supported the Centre's efforts.

"The Children's Literature Centre's mantra is 'Building a passion for lifelong reading,'" said **Dr. William Bingman**, director of the Centre. "The PNC Foundation has consistently provided resources to help us fulfill our mission in the tri-state area. Thousands of children who have attended Frostburg's Storybook Holiday have had the opportunity to hear and interact with a noted children's author/illustrator because of their generosity."

Bingman continued, "In addition, they helped broadcast the importance of literacy and our events by providing funds for the CLC float in Frostburg's Bicentennial Parade. Likewise, PNC sponsored Catalanotto's author-in-residence program in eight elementary schools and two Judy Centers, early child care and family education centers, in Allegany County. In each school he conducted workshops designed to foster early reading and writing development for preschool through

age 8 children." Bingman said, "It is no wonder we are so grateful for their help! Most importantly, however, is the benefit the children received from their assistance. It is invaluable. I am sure the parents and caregivers truly appreciate their sponsorships."

PNC also participated in the Centre's annual Pirates Ahoy! summer event with its Grow Up Great Mobile Learning Adventure Tour – an interactive learning experience that includes hands-on activities for young children, free educational materials and tips and information for parents. Through Grow Up Great, PNC emphasizes the importance of the first five years of life, which research has shown is critical to long-term achievement, by helping families, educators and community partners provide innovative opportunities that enhance learning and development in a child's early years.

"**Dr. Barbara Ornstein** and I attended a PNC function in Washington, D.C., three years ago and had the opportunity to see the Mobile Learning Adventure in action," Bingman said. "As we watched how excited the young children were as they dressed up as an astronaut, cowboy or physician and then saw them standing in front of a backdrop that matched their career choice to have a picture taken, we knew it was something the children in our area needed to experience. Immediately, we asked if it could be brought to Western Maryland." ■



Dr. Bill Bingman



CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CENTRE

## "Distinctions" Come Alive Through Children's Literature Festival

Editor's note: Following her visit this spring, **Dr. Anita Voelker '73** was moved to share with President Gibraltar her impressions of the college she had not seen for many years. We persuaded her to also share her reflections with you.

Dr. Gibraltar,

This past weekend I attended the Spring Festival of Children's Literature for the first time. . . . But the campus I left in 1973 has changed! It is quite simply a stunning college. . . . BRAVO to you and to all who have advanced Frostburg State University into a gorgeous campus designed for strong student engagement.

When I returned home, the latest edition of the *Profile* was in my mailbox. . . . As I opened the cover, I learned that Frostburg had been identified as a College of Distinction. The key areas that comprise the award became a mini-checklist for me as I reviewed my recent experience. I saw **student engagement** as I listened to outstanding graduate students, one from Ireland, brilliantly introduce the authors and illustrators. I was in awe of the **faculty** who mentored the students and worked to produce the festival for 31 years! I confess to snooping in on student conversations throughout the conference and heard their thoughtful comments about the speakers. I saw the **vibrancy of the community** as I watched undergraduates interacting with the guests at the book sales, offering assistance, and even providing directions when I was actually lost on campus! Indeed, the first three key areas were obvious to me throughout the weekend.

What about the last one: the **success of graduates**? I am a proud Bobcat. . . . I was accepted to graduate school at Johns Hopkins University. I pursued an M.S. and certification as a reading specialist. My teaching career was varied and fulfilling. In 1999, I received the Outstanding Teaching Award at Messiah College. After that distinction, I returned to College Park to study and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in 2006. Today I am an associate professor at Messiah College. I am passionate about teaching, researching and writing. I know my teaching roots were nurtured at Frostburg State. But this weekend, I was also able to say that Frostburg State is continuing to strengthen me as an educator and researcher through stellar experiences like the Children's Literature Festival. I hope that my story is one more example of the fourth aspect of a College of Distinction. My success is entwined with Frostburg State University. . . .

Thank you, Dr. Gibraltar, for your meticulous work and confidence in Frostburg State University.

Anita N. Voelker, Ph.D.



Anita Voelker '73



PNC participated in the Centre's annual Pirates Ahoy! event with its Grow Up Great Mobile Learning Adventure Tour.



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## M&T Bank Scholarship Supports Business Transfer Students

Frostburg-area community college students who want to study business at FSU will benefit from the new M&T Bank Scholarship, designed to support strong students who transfer from Allegany College of Maryland or Garrett College.

"We are grateful that M&T Bank is creating this path of opportunity for local students to pursue their business degrees at Frostburg's internationally accredited College of Business," said **Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas**, FSU vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation. "This not only helps students afford a quality education, but it also lets them know someone believes in their potential and shows them the value of giving back to their communities."

"M&T Bank is truly committed to the communities in which it serves," said **Ashley Sowers '02**, M&T's administrative vice president/retail regional manager. "As a graduate of the Business Administration Department at FSU, I am honored to know we will continue to give the gift of education. In addition to myself, many of my M&T Bank co-workers are also graduates of FSU. We know the value that FSU can bring a student, and it creates a tremendous foundation for someone to launch into a professional career."



M&T Bank officials, both FSU alumni, present a check in support of the new M&T Bank Scholarship for business students who transfer from local community colleges. From left are Shane Jones '01, M&T Frostburg branch manager/banking officer; Ashley Sowers '02, M&T administrative vice president/retail regional manager; Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas, FSU vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation; and Alicia White '85, director of Finance and Administration for the FSU Foundation.

## Thank You, SECU!

SECU, the Maryland state-chartered financial cooperative, contributed \$20,000 in support of programming for the FSU Alumni Association. This new partnership enabled the Alumni Association to host a Senior Send-off during Springfest and Parent Send-offs during FSU Preview sessions, events that are building relationships with FSU's newest families and alumni. It will also help fund the Frostburg Finale, the capstone Saturday night event of the 2013 Homecoming Weekend (see page 30). **Laura McCullough**, director of Alumni Programs and Special Events for FSU, and Deborah Carlomany, Financial Center manager for SECU, display a check marking the beginning of the partnership.





# Bringing Learning to Life



Adrien Phillips '14 operates the lighting console for a production at the Lane University Center, where students are involved at virtually every level of student programming.

## Hands-on learning. Real-world experience. Experiential education.

The concept has many names, but its importance in today's educational landscape and among today's employers cannot be overstated. Internships and study abroad are the first examples that come to mind, and increasing these opportunities is important to Frostburg's ongoing efforts to expand options for our students. After all, the first of three institutional priorities in Frostburg State University's strategic plan is "Enhance experiential and applied learning opportunities for students both inside and outside the classroom."

Frostburg, however, intends to lead the way in creating an educational atmosphere that allows all students to enrich the knowledge they gain in the classroom with experiences that bring their learning to life. This approach is designed to give students immediate recognition of how what they are learning in college will be applied later on, and it will give Frostburg's graduates a distinct advantage with future employers seeking employees who are educated *and* experienced.

On the following pages are just some of the innovative ways that this is being achieved, through the efforts of faculty, staff, alumni and the students themselves.

◀ Dr. Phillip Allen, right, demonstrates monitoring equipment to students participating in the interdisciplinary Soil Monitoring Project, which involves students in Department of Geography soils courses and Department of English technical writing courses.



## Science and Humanities Students Study Soil and Water Quality Together Salting the Earth

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

**D**r. Phillip Allen and Dr. Sydney Duncan share two passions – creating a sustainable future and providing their students with high-quality learning opportunities by applying the theoretical knowledge they present in the classroom to real-world practical situations.

Together they have created a well-developed interdisciplinary project from an experiment to determine the impact on the campus environment from the use of standard pavement deicers, commonly called road salt. Joining elements from a soils class in the Department of Geography with a technical writing class in the Department of English, they construct a single, collaborative project each semester that over time is looking more deeply into road salt's long-term environmental impact – and transforming their students' mindset in the process.

"There's a connectivity created with the project and the data. It shows the importance of the sciences and the humanities working together," Duncan said. "When the research is put into a logical progression, it helps the students understand the power of language."

Duncan, who had been casting about for ideas to better integrate the principles she taught in her technical writing course with real-world experiences, attended Allen's presentation in 2011 on the initial project, called the Silent Killer Project, at Focus Frostburg, the campus' annual teach-in about sustainability and the environment. She had been hoping to get her technical writing students involved in a hands-on project that also had a basis in sustainability, and this seemed tailor-made.

They established the FSU Soil Monitoring Project, which has involved about 120 students over the course of two years, with a slightly different focus each year as they build on the previous year's research.

In the original project, students installed field equipment and moisture sensors, then



Dr. Sydney Duncan, left, watches as Aaron Littlejohn '13 captures soil moisture data at one of the campus test sites. Mike Schoelen, who used the same equipment in a later internship, is standing next to her.

monitored soil and weather conditions over a nine-week period. The end result was a comprehensive written report recording soil moisture characteristics on campus.

The project has evolved to include a larger "laboratory," Sand Spring Run, the stream that flows through campus. The Sand Spring watershed includes residential and commercial properties, forests, surface mining operations and agriculture – and all of Frostburg State University, and that water ultimately flows into the Chesapeake Bay.

The student groups work for nine weeks monitoring soil sensors at four locations on campus and conductivity sensors at four locations in Sand Spring Run. The data generated by these sensors is entered into a shared database. The students work together to place the sensors, monitor and record their

readings and finally interpret the data into a consultancy report. Allen serves as the client, which includes reporting and writing style specifications typical of the requirements found in the geoscience industry.

"It's exciting to see the group work it out among themselves, everyone working in collaboration," Duncan said. "You can see them click with it. They write amazing things."

The section of the Sand Spring Run studied has allowed them to determine if the deicers used on campus are impacting its water quality. "It's a real chance to see how much of an impact we're having as humans," Allen said. "It's a legacy issue."

The impact of road salt is apparent in corrosion at the bottoms of doors and dead grass near sidewalks, but this study is also looking at changes in water and soils as a result of the salt running off the surfaces it is applied to, and how much remains from year to year.

"Some 500 to 1,000 tons of salt a year are used on campus, and during the spring melt and possibly some summer storms, the salt is washed into Sand Spring Run," Allen said. This study is the beginnings of understanding what kind of impact that runoff may be having at local and regional scales.

### Student Transformation

Allen and Duncan are excited about the transformation they have seen in their students. "They get their hands dirty and move outside their comfort zone," Allen said. They have seen students develop a passionate interest in the subject, leading some to change their majors and career paths and achieve impressive accomplishments following the class.

**Jade Schramm** was a biology major when she took Duncan's technical writing class in the fall of 2012. Schramm's passion is to analyze the impact that humans have on the environment. When Allen came to the class to present his charge to them, "I was very taken by him and his project. The study was exactly what I had been expecting my classes to be like." It was not long before she joined the Department of Geography to major in environmental science with Allen as her adviser.

Schramm has been interning with the U.S. Geological Survey since February, where she is constantly in the field learning all that she can

about water quality and surface water measurements. "This study really allowed for the opportunity to observe and record actual data that links the effects of salt to soil moisture levels," Schramm said. "It demonstrates an immediate connection between humans and their environment."

**Mike Schoelen** took both courses simultaneously, allowing him to nurture his skills as a scientist and a writer at the same time. He had no idea how important the skills he was learning would be until he started his internship

all of the information being thrown at them, I was already prepared." Schoelen was one of a group of students who presented initial results at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Three other graduates from the project, **Samantha Cooper '12**, **Christyna McCormick '13** and **Jessica Elder**, presented a very well-received poster at the conference of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, which discussed ways that FSU has integrated

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–Mike Schoelen

this summer with ECS Mid-Atlantic, a geotechnical engineering firm in Frederick, Md.

"Walking in that room was like being home," Schoelen said of his first day in the firm's soils lab. "I saw testing equipment that I had used for two years in the Department of Geography. On the walls there were notes of formulas that I had written a hundred times in my own notebooks in class. While all of the other interns were scrambling to take in

sustainability into the curriculum using these cross-curricular assignments.

**Andrew Hathaway '13** was so enthusiastic about the project that he developed his own campus soil survey study for his Earth Science senior project. This project lasted an entire academic year and, according to Allen, produced a superb undergraduate dissertation. The quality of Hathaway's work was of such quality that he successfully presented a poster



An FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant was used to replace a 40-year-old soil moisture tester, left, with a new, digital version.

at the Northeastern Section Meeting of the Geological Society of America in March.

"It is amazing to think of our students representing FSU at international conferences," Allen said.

### The Project Continues

Since the project began, it has been supported through grants from the Presidential Experiential Learning Enhancement Fund and the Opportunity Grants supported by the FSU Foundation's Annual Fund. One of the most tangible benefits from the Opportunity Grants came with the replacement of 40-year-old equipment used to collect the data from the soil sensors.

The project will continue, building on what is learned each year. Allen and Duncan also hope to quantify the change in perspective they have seen in their students, especially the increased interest in sustainability.

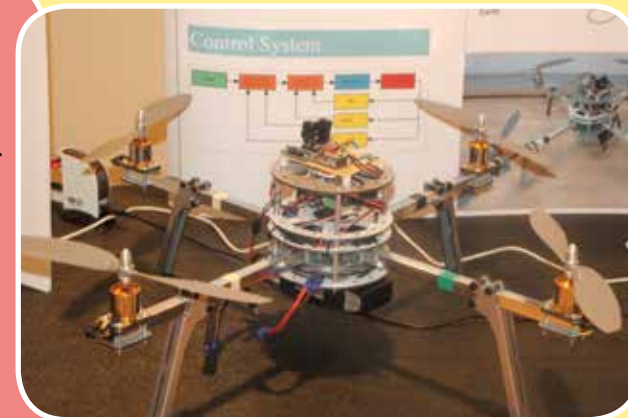
"We want them to start thinking about the long-term impact of what we do today," Duncan said. ■

### Symposium Showcases Undergraduate Research

This spring, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences hosted its second Undergraduate Research Symposium, designed as a showcase for undergraduate students who have participated in experiential and investigative projects completed as part of course work and independent study. This symposium celebrates their research accomplishments by providing them with the unique opportunity to present their work to peers and share experiences across many disciplines.

This year's symposium featured more than 80 posters, oral presentations and displays that represent 13 departments and involved more than 150 students and 36 faculty members. The number of projects represented about a 60 percent increase from the first symposium the previous year and came from all across the college – sciences, humanities and social sciences.

The symposium is put together by a working group of faculty, including the chair, **Dr. Karen Keller '89/M'92**, Biology; **Dr. Phillip Allen**, Geography; **Dr. Matthew Crawford '06**, Chemistry; **Dr. Mark Hughes**, Mathematics; **Dr. Erica Kennedy**, Psychology; **Dr. Brent Kice**, Communication Studies; **Dr. Michael Mathias**, Philosophy; **Dr. Benjamin Norris '04**, Chemistry; and **Dr. Brian Wentz**, Computer Science and Information Technology. The symposium and many of its projects were funded by FSU Foundation Opportunity Grants. To support similar opportunities, call 301.687.4161 or visit [www.frostburg.edu/foundation/waystogive](http://www.frostburg.edu/foundation/waystogive). ■



Engineering students Tyler Bixler '13, William Capuozzo '13, Michael Covington, Adam Ladny, Andrew Lee '13 and Michael Moats '13, all students in FSU's program at Arundel Mills Regional Higher Education Center, designed and built this model of a vertical take-off aircraft using a quadrotor configuration, which comes complete with onboard sensors and a camera. To view the online abstract, visit [bit.ly/FSUquadrotor](http://bit.ly/FSUquadrotor).



## FSU Students Given Close View of “China in Transition” Discussions

# Three Chosen As Student Ambassadors to Forum for Asian Business, Government Leaders

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

Three Frostburg students, two undergraduates and one graduate student, were among just a handful of U.S. student ambassadors for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) China CEO Forum held in July in Beijing, through the U.S. Virtual Trade Mission Foundation.

The U.S. delegation invited three FSU students, **Jason Ascher**, a political science major with a minor in leadership studies; **Christopher Evanoff**, an MBA student who works for PharmaCare in Allegany County as the marketing representative and assistant manager for the home medical department; and **Eric Paul**, a business administration major with a minor in management.

APEC is an organization of 21 member nations – both developed and still developing – dedicated to supporting sustainable economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region. It has become a primary vehicle for promoting open trade and practical economic cooperation in the region. Its goal is to advance Asia-Pacific economic dynamism and sense of community. The CEO Forum focused on the future of China and its role in the global economy, with a theme of “China in Transition – New Leadership, New Prospects.”

One goal of the U.S. Virtual Trade Mission Foundation is to increase the understanding of the challenges and opportunities presented by the new global economy among students, and it has worked with APEC since 1998 to achieve that goal. The students were led by Dr. Lou E. Pelton, chief operating officer of the organization.

The overall nine-day experience for the student ambassadors consisted of three parts, visits to some of Beijing’s primary cultural sites, such as the Great Wall and Tiananmen Square; visits to companies in Beijing,



Christopher Evanoff, Eric Paul and Jason Ascher were selected as student ambassadors to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation China CEO Forum in July.

including Caixin Media, the largest business media company in China; and the APEC CEO China Forum.

“(China) is growing at a phenomenal rate,” Evanoff said. By way of example, he described an illustration of the subway lines in China presented at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Beijing. Two years ago that type of mass transit was virtually nonexistent in many cities; today it is ballooning in size so much that it is anticipated that in two years systems should be completed in every major city.

Evanoff found the theme of China in transition particularly interesting in light of Xi Jinping’s rise to the presidency in March following Hu Jintao’s decade of leadership. The format was keynote addresses interspersed with dialogues, in which panels of business and government leaders debated a series of topics relating to the Asia-Pacific economy.

Sustainable development and the need for innovation were threads that ran through

many of the topics of the keynote addresses and the panel discussions. Paul noted that the keynote speakers generally avoided creating controversy, but the dialogues took on an entirely different tone. He was impressed by the open and honest debate in which the panel members frankly challenged one another, for example, on whether innovation would simply occur as the need arose, or whether a plan needed to exist for innovation to happen.

The students also had significant opportunities to meet and speak with many of the industry leaders, some at length. Ascher said he called on every ounce of professionalism he had when he had the opportunity to speak to the industry leaders, including a 15-minute one-on-one conversation with Brian Gallagher, CEO of United Way Worldwide.

He knows that skill will serve him in future situations. “I’ve had real-world experience talking to real-world professionals,” he said.

The students impressed Pelton and Noel Gould, CEO and founder of the Virtual Trade

Mission Foundation, according to their correspondence with FSU’s **Dr. Lilly Ye**, an assistant professor of marketing, who with **Dr. Yan Bao**, an associate professor of accounting, has spearheaded many of FSU’s efforts to expose students to the many facets of China.

Gould wrote, “These three young men were some of the best leaders-in-the-making I have had the honor of working and learning with. Each has a very good heart, a wonderful way of connecting and observing, and a keen spirit and mind for knowledge seeking.”

are, who face 12 hours of coursework each day and have been studying English since they were toddlers.

Ascher has been in classes with Chinese exchange students at Frostburg, where he has seen a similar drive and learning style, with its advantages and disadvantages. But he knows their example will stick with him the next time he does not want to do something. “I know I need to just suck it up.”

It was Paul’s second time in China, having been there the year before through the College of Business’ Impact China program, part of a

The nature of this journey gave the three students more time to explore on their own, including finding their own way around Beijing and communicating with shopkeepers and taxi drivers despite language barriers. Paul even returned to the Central University of Finance and Economics and got involved in a pick-up basketball game with some of the students.

The students received financial support from the FSU Foundation and the University, but also from the U.S. Virtual Trade Mission Foundation, which was so impressed with

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“Everyone is very energized by the New China Dream,” Evanoff said, as they show a desire to respect the past while growing and innovating.

A highlight for all three students was a visit with students of the Central University of Finance and Economics, considered the top university for business study in China. They were struck by how hard-working the students

summer class featuring tours of businesses and manufacturing sites for a view of the Chinese way of doing business.

“I wanted to step out of my comfort zone,” Paul said. “I kind of fell in love with the place. But I never thought I would be able to go back.” Never, that is, until he heard from Ye, who encouraged him to apply for this opportunity.

the slate of FSU candidates for the student ambassadors that it provided enough funding to allow a third student to have this unique educational experience.

“This is the greatest classroom on the planet,” Evanoff said. ■

## Students Represent the Bahamas at the Model Organization of American States

FSU sent a delegation of students to the Model Organization of American States, an annual international simulation held at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., which is the culminating experience of POSC 435: Model Organization of American States.

The FSU delegation included **Delila Boone**, **Pamela Delgadillo**, **Marisa DiCarlo**, **Aja Hope**, **Kerry Lindsay**, **Travin Johnson**, **Matt Polissedjian** and **Edwina Rogers**.

“The Frostburg Delegation to the Model OAS did an excellent job as representatives of the Bahamas this year,” said **Dr. Joan Andorfer**, a professor in the Department of Political Science and president of the Institute for Diplomatic Dialogue in the Americas, a co-sponsor of the Model OAS with the OAS Office of the Assistant Secretary General.

The delegation met more than 300 students from countries around the Hemisphere, including Argentina, Guatemala, Canada, Colombia and Venezuela. In addition to committee sessions, the weeklong experience included a briefing by the second secretary of the Bahamian Embassy, an evening gala at the OAS and opening remarks by the leader of the OAS, Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza. ■





"It Is the Stories That Get You Hired"

## Management Capstone Opens Eyes to the Business World

By Becca Ramspott

When companies that are global leaders in their industries are considering new directions, they just might want to ask FSU business students what to do, as they might be right on the money.

That's what FSU alumnus **W. Craig Bowman '92** discovered after listening to some Bobcats present their findings on Adobe Systems, Inc., as part of Dr. Amit Shah's Management 845 class. The capstone course, which Shah, a professor in the Department of Management, created 25 years ago, assigns real companies to students, who work in teams to research, analyze and come up with solutions for how to better competitively position the businesses. Students in three sections of the course were asked to research Adobe and got to work directly with Bowman, manager of National Security Programs for Adobe, even sharing their research with him during a series of end-of-the-semester class presentations.

One group suggested Adobe develop its own tablet and start creating hardware, as part of the group's findings.

"Adobe traditionally tries to stay away from partnering with a particular tablet manufac-



Students Cody Morton '13, Aaron Webb '13, Trevor DeVore '13 and Julie Summerfield '13, studied Adobe Systems as part of the capstone class taught by Dr. Amit Shah, second from left. They were able to work directly with Adobe's Manager of National Security Programs, Craig Bowman '92, center.

One of the student groups assigned to Adobe included **Julie Summerfield '13**, who just graduated with a major in business administration.

"I think the experience I loved the most was actually being able to pitch our entire presentation to Craig," she said. "We were able

graduation. "We were proud of the project before, but after we were introduced to Craig, we took even more pride in our answers and justifications. ... The fact that he would take time out of his busy schedule to talk to us, sometimes for several hours, meant a lot to us."

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turer or system for fear that they will alienate the rest," Bowman said.

But a week later, Bowman was at Adobe's annual conference, where the company announced it would be "significantly delving into the hardware market" with the introduction of Napoleon, a short, aluminum ruler that has the ability to transfer data, measure and draw a straight line on a tablet. "They were on the right track of Adobe getting in this realm of creating hardware," he said.

to conference call with him while working on the project and ask him questions. And to have him respond to us for our project, say, 'That sounds like a good idea. That sounds like something Adobe might do.' That was really cool to me."

"Craig gave the project life. It was no longer just a 100-page paper to get a grade – it was a project to impress a fellow alum," said **Trevor DeVore '13**, who began working for GCC Technologies in Oakland, Md., upon

Participating in one of Shah's classes is nothing new to Bowman, who took the course while pursuing his business degree in 1992.

"He sat in the same class, the same room, the same seat as these students did. He could very well connect to what they were going through," Shah said, who loved the idea of giving students the opportunity to work directly with an alumnus. "Craig is a guy who has always said to me, 'You tell me what you need for your students, your classes. ...

Anything and everything that I can do time-wise, energy-wise, job-wise, career-wise that can help students, I'll do it."

Summerfield, a local resident who worked almost full time at a local grocery store while finishing up her degree, said her group would typically put in a good 20 hours a week at the library, looking up and analyzing Adobe's financials and corporate culture.

"There's a lot of effort that goes into it, and there are a lot of numbers, but it is fun when you get to the finish line" and create business strategies, she said.

But in the end it all paid off in dividends ... not just in terms of Adobe's new directions, but also in how Bobcats feel about where they went to school.

"Frostburg isn't just little Frostburg anymore," Summerfield said. She is exploring options with Bowman to pursue a career opportunity at one of Adobe's feeder companies. "There are people out there who have made it big. It really showed me how big Frostburg has become over the years. To interact with an alum who has made it ... it encourages you to keep on going."

Bowman hopes the University continues to give students these kinds of experiences where they can go out in the job market and tell potential employers that they wrote business plans for global companies and worked directly with executives.

"There's no difference between Frostburg and Harvard," Bowman said. "What really gets you a job isn't the name 'Frostburg' or the name 'Harvard,' it is what you take away from the relationships with your professors, your alumni and selling yourself on what you got out of Frostburg. If we can get alumni to come back and get involved with students, that will help every graduate to be able to tell a story beyond, 'Hey, I got a degree at Frostburg.' It is the stories that get you hired." ■

## Real Clients Benefit From Marketing Plan Project

By Becca Ramspott

It is a rainy May morning, and the group workout room at Life Fitness Management in LaVale, Md., is, for the moment, devoid of the usual upbeat music and instructors' cheerful commands. Instead, **Ashley Swinford**, dressed in business attire and seated at the head of the table, displays an iPad as she calmly explains the results of a marketing survey to the gym's co-owners, **Amy Schwab Owens M'02** and **Greg Dull**. Her colleagues around the table occasionally chime in with contributions to the presentation.

No, this is not a consulting firm, but rather FSU students who have spent the preceding semester conducting research and developing a marketing plan for the local business that is their client. It is all part of a capstone course with the Department of Marketing and Finance.

The class, which requires FSU marketing students to do consulting with clients in the area, is the brainchild of **Dr. Carol Gaumer '89/M'91**, department chair, who created the course in 2003. "It came out of a conversation I had with several recruiters who told me our marketing grads needed to know how to create a marketing plan," she said.

Students are broken into teams, and each team is assigned a client. They tackle the various components of the marketing plan throughout the class and present it to their client business at the end of the semester.

"I really liked using our creativity, along with our techniques and methods we learned in the classroom," said Swinford, who is majoring in business administration with a concentration in marketing. She researched the health and wellness industry and analyzed survey responses as part of the group's marketplace analysis. "It really felt like we were a marketing firm. ... That real-world experience was invaluable."



From left, Greg Dull and Amy Schwab Owens M'02, co-owners of Life Fitness Management, review the marketing plan created for them by students in the marketing capstone course.

Swinford enjoyed putting together surveys and going out in the field to get feedback. Her group surveyed people in downtown Cumberland, Md., as part of the data collection component. She also loved working directly with Life Fitness Management on devising potential strategies.

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— Ashley Swinsford

“It teaches you how to actually interact with business clients,” she said. “It is one thing to sit in the classroom and read and take tests, but you also have to have that communication ability and personality and know how to interact with people.”

Her classmate and fellow group member, **Justin Anderson**, who is also majoring in business with a concentration in marketing, agreed that the outside-the-classroom experience was invaluable. His main focus was identifying who Life Fitness Management’s customers were within the industry and finding out their wants and needs through the data the group collected.

“We can read as many textbooks as we want, but at the end of the day, it’s all about the ability to apply what we have learned in a real-life situation,” Anderson said. “Having the opportunity to complete a project like this while still enrolled at the college will be very beneficial to us when we complete similar tasks for an employer. Under the guidance of Dr. Gaumer, we were able to receive constant feedback on the project and maintain a level of professionalism with the client that they would expect from an actual marketing team.”

Owens, who earned a master’s degree in counseling psychology from Frostburg, appreciated the opportunity to help out current FSU students. “I was incredibly impressed with the level of education I got at Frostburg, and I’ve lived all over the country,” she said. “I feel it’s important that the students get the support from the community to help further that. ... As an alum, you’re even more invested in their success because you want to see them also have a positive experience.” ■

## RHAW Collaborations Provides Rare Chance for Young Dancers



Dr. Rennie Harris instructs Henry Newby during the Philadelphia rehearsal.

**L**os Angeles. Philadelphia. New York City. These are a few of the cities where FSU sophomore **Henry Newby** studied dance this summer.

Newby is one of three FSU dancers chosen to perform with RHAW (Rennie Harris Awe-Inspiring Works), a Philadelphia-based hip-hop dance company, when it debuts its

served as auditions for Newby, Becker and Milligan. It followed with a developmental retreat over spring break for Harris and the entire RHAW dance company, including its newest members.

RHAW has been developing *Love American Style*, a full-length dance musical, inspired by the music of legendary rock bands like Queen and Nirvana, using dance and dialogue to tell the story of a teenage boy becoming a man. The project will culminate in September with a week-long residency and performances at FSU.

CES Director **Mary Jane Plummer** first encountered RHAW at a conference in 2012.

“As we talked to Dr. Harris and he was sharing how he was developing this new work, we knew it was important for our students and our community to get them here to campus to help them complete that work and be the world premiere spot for it,” Plummer said. “We started to craft the project and thought it would be really cool to get local dancers involved.”

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—Grace Gonzalez ’11

new work, *Love American Style*, at FSU in September, a part of the upcoming Cultural Events Series season (see inside back cover for more information). The other students are **Leah Becker** and **Amy Milligan**.

“I feel really privileged to be a part of it, and Rennie Harris has a huge name, so I’m thrilled to put this on my resume,” Newby said. “I have learned so much in the short time I’ve spent with the company.”

These opportunities came as the result of an eight-month project with RHAW, which started with the RHAW production manager and two dancers coming to FSU for a full day of public hip-hop master classes, which also

“During the spring break retreat, we’ve watched these dancers transition from being really timid and uncertain of what they were doing to start to integrate and become, in their own right, a part of the company,” Plummer said. “By the end of that week of rehearsals, you wouldn’t have known who were our dancers and who were members of the professional company.”

The developmental retreat was followed by a two-day trip to Philadelphia for additional rehearsals that has helped provide these student dancers with the real-life experiences as professional dancers, Plummer said.

The experience was a revelation for Newby, a liberal studies major and dance minor who also owns a dance studio in Keyser, W.Va. He called the opportunity “a dream.”

“I didn’t have any clue about how hard it was to be a dancer. Now I know,” he said. “I can either step up or step out, and for me it’s about stepping up.”

Newby has since sought out more opportunities to train as a dancer, many he found through the network he formed through his contact with RHAW, Plummer said.

**Jamie McGreevy ’06**, coordinator of FSU’s dance minor and director of the Dance Company, partnered in this RHAW project to bring added benefits to the local community. Members of RHAW teamed up with FSU alumni to offer a three-day “dance-intensive,” an instructional program in June focusing on dance techniques including ballet, contemporary, hip-hop and musical theatre to area dance students ages 8 to 18. She reached out to local schools and dance studios to encourage local youth to take advantage of this rare opportunity.

“Having the chance to work alongside a professional, as some of our students are doing now, is invaluable in preparing them for what lies ahead,” said **Grace Gonzalez ’11**, one of the alumni McGreevy invited to help with the summer dance intensive, which has helped her with her own plans. “Working with Jamie gave me the chance to take in possibilities of what a future path could look like, which is

especially important for any college student who is still in the process of finding themselves. ... It is nice to see more involvement to push our students to not just graduate but really succeed after they leave.”

The project – and these FSU dancers – will have its World Premiere at FSU on Thursday, Sept. 12, followed by a panel of the students speaking about their experiences over the previous eight months, as well as where those opportunities might lead them.

This project is presented with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Department of Theatre and Dance and is partially supported by a grant from Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, a program developed and funded by the Heinz Endowments; the William Penn Foundation; the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency; and The Pew Charitable Trusts; and administered by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation. ■



The RHAW Dance Company, including FSU students Leah Becker and Amy Milligan, center

Henry Newby ►





# BOBCAT SPORTS



Kimberly Faust Frantz '03



Steve Forsythe '84



Susan Mahoney Keehan '87



Donny Woodard '94



Leonard Wright '88

## Five Athletes From Five Sports to Join the Hall of Fame

Five new members will be inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame at the annual dinner and ceremony on Friday, Oct. 25, as part of the Homecoming Weekend festivities. This induction brings the Hall to 180 members, and 2013 marks the fifth straight year with five inductees. Furthermore, the 2013 class is represented by five varsity sports, the first time since the class of 2006 a sport has not been represented twice. Here are the new inductees:

**Kimberly Faust Frantz '03** was an award-winning three-sport standout for the women's basketball, field hockey and lacrosse teams from 1999 to 2003. In basketball, she was a two-time d3hoops.com All-Region selection, a three-time First Team All-AMCC honoree, a two-time Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) All-Star and named AMCC Player of the Year as a sophomore. She finished her career fifth all-time in scoring (1,624 pts.). In field hockey, Faust was a two-time South Region First Team All-American and is FSU's single-season record holder in both goals (23) and points (54). In two seasons in lacrosse, she started 25 of 28 games as a defender, scooped up 85 ground balls and posted 20 draw controls.

**Steve Forsythe '84** was a wide receiver for the Bobcat football program and a 1982 American Football Coaches Association Kodak All-American. Forsythe, the second All-American in the program's history, is 12th all-time in career receptions (86) and receiving yards (1,339). He led the team in both categories as a junior and senior, while posting career highs in receptions (59), yards (773) and touchdowns (4) in his final year as a Bobcat.

**Susan Mahoney Keehan '87** was a three-time All-American for the FSU swimming and diving programs from 1984 to 87. She holds six school records, three individual and three as a member of relay teams. A three-year member of the swimming and diving team, Mahoney was voted the Most Outstanding Swimmer in her first year and named the Most Valuable Swimmer in her final season. As a senior, she helped the 200-yard freestyle relay team to a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

**Donny Woodard '94** was a four-year starter and is one of the top scorers in the 71-year history of the Frostburg men's basketball program. He is third in school history in scoring (1,719 points) and first all-time in career three-pointers (200), second in steals (180) and fifth in field goals (632). Woodard, who started

93 of 106 career games, poured in 537 points as a junior in 1992-93 and earned First Team All-Eastern States Athletic Conference honors. During his career, Woodard helped lead Frostburg to 54 wins and a pair of appearances in the ECAC South Region Finals.

**Leonard Wright '88** is one of the most highly decorated sprinters in the stellar Frostburg track & field program, despite running for just two years. Wright is a six-time All-American and was a member of both the 1986 and 1987 4x100-meter relay National Championship teams. Wright helped the 1986 4x100-meter relay team set an NCAA national meet record of 40.39, a mark that lasted for nearly 15 years. A seven-time All-Mason Dixon Conference selection, he helped Frostburg win the 1986 and 1987 NCAA Division III Outdoor National Championship trophies. 🐾



### Recognizing the '73 Women's Lacrosse Team

The 1973 women's lacrosse team, which had an undefeated season culminating as Maryland State Champions, will be recognized at Homecoming Weekend during the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Friday, Oct. 25. Coached by Sharon Irwin, the '73 Bobcats posted a 12-0-1 season, one of only two undefeated teams in the program's history.

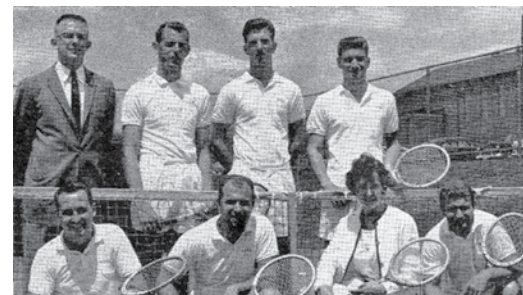
## Pre-Title IX Women Athletes to Be Honored at Homecoming

Before Title IX of the Education Amendments Acts of 1972 was enacted, Frostburg's women athletes had very few opportunities to compete in varsity sports. But Rita Benson Mohacsi '62 was so determined to play tennis that she taught herself, hitting a ball against the gymnasium wall every single day. By the time spring came around, she was good enough to win a place on the 1962 men's tennis team. She eventually won a varsity letter, possibly the first woman in Frostburg history to do so.

"I still have that letter," Mohacsi said. "I just wanted to play tennis."

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony during Homecoming Weekend will honor all the women who chose to be athletes before Title IX, a culmination of a year-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of this historic legislation. Legacy coaches **Sharon Irwin, Nancy Crawley and Barb Surgent** will also be honored for the significant impact each had on female athletes at Frostburg — pre-Title IX and long after.

For information or to purchase tickets, email [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu), call 301.687.4068 or RSVP online at [www.frostburg.edu/Homecoming](http://www.frostburg.edu/Homecoming).



The caption from this newsletter item reads: "VARSITY NETMEN — Pictured above are the members of State's 1962 tennis team and their capable leader, Mr. Glenn Workman. In the back row from left to right are Mr. Workman, Sammy James, Sonny Riggs and Jerry Smith. Kneeling are Harry Schroeder, Marvin Chaney, Rita Benson and Don Shifflett."



## New Stadium Building Will Soon Be Ready to Serve Bobcats

A new building is rising behind the bleachers at Bobcat Stadium, one of the latest pieces in the ongoing process of upgrading the campus athletic complex that serves multiple sports at all levels.

In addition to those uses served by the old building — concessions, rest rooms, a press box and a hospitality suite — the new building will have an athletic training room allowing for quicker and easier treatment of injuries, a locker room for game officials and two team rooms to serve home and visiting teams in soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and track & field. It will also have a second staircase and an elevator to improve safety and disability access.

Another section of bleachers will also be added once the stadium building is complete. The project should be complete around the end of November, a timeline that will require some temporary accommodations to serve the teams this fall.

The project was initiated when several maintenance issues aligned — the need to replace aging bleachers before they became dangerous, the need to replace water and sewer lines in the immediate area and an anticipated change in NCAA rules that would force a new configuration of the track.

"Rather than do a quick fix, we chose to do it right," said David Rose, vice president for Administration and Finance. "The project would have cost more overall had it been done piecemeal."

The improvements are being paid for by auxiliary facilities funds that cannot be used for academic buildings, Rose said. State funding and tuition money cannot be used for athletics. Some work was done in-house to keep costs down, and a newer section of the replaced bleachers was moved to the visitor's side of the field.

The results will be "a premier Division III facility," Rose said, which will be an important tool in recruiting future students. Approximately 17 percent of incoming freshmen play on sports teams, he said.

For more information about supporting athletics at FSU, contact Shannon Gribble at 301.687.4161 or [slgribble@frostburg.edu](mailto:slgribble@frostburg.edu). 🐾

## Riggleman Managing AAA in Louisville

**Jim Riggleman '74** has spent this season managing the Louisville Bats, the Cincinnati Reds' AAA affiliate. The 2013 season is the managerial veteran's second in the Cincinnati Reds organization — he managed the Red's Double-A affiliate, the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, last season. It also marks a return to Louisville after serving there with the St. Louis Cardinals' affiliate.

"It's great to be back," Riggleman told [mlb.com](http://mlb.com). He said that the return to the minor leagues after a number of years in the majors has brought him no surprises. "It's a little more of a grind that you go through and a little bit less comfort," he said. But it is only a shock for managers less seasoned in the minor leagues than he is, as someone who has spent nearly half of his managerial career nurturing young talent in the minors. 🐾



Jim Riggleman '74



Artist's rendering of new stadium building



# Spring Sports Wrap-up



▲ Devin Francillon      Morgan Carroll ►

## Baseball

**Record:** 25-15, 7-8 Capital Athletic Conference (CAC)

**Highlight:** FSU earned a berth in CAC Tournament.

**Recap:** FSU won 20 or more games for the 13th consecutive season and reached as high as sixth in the D3baseball.com South Region rankings. The Bobcats placed six on the All-CAC teams, while junior Kevin Kean garnered Player of the Year honors. Kean went on to earn D3Baseball.com All-American honors and ABCA All-Region First Team accolades.

**Next Season:** Kean and fellow Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) All-Star Dylan Shupe headline a returning roster loaded with talent as the Bobcats try to recapture the CAC Tournament Title.



Spenser Love

## Softball

**Record:** 33-12, 6-3 CAC

**Highlight:** School-record 33 wins and ECAC South Tournament Title.

**Recap:** Frostburg capped one of the most successful seasons in school history in 2013. The Bobcats set a program record with 33 wins, advanced to the CAC Finals for the third consecutive year and rolled to the ECAC South Tournament Title. FSU was one of the scariest hitting teams in the country, finishing fourth in the nation in home runs, fifth in slugging percentage, 10th in scoring and 14th in batting average. Senior Taylor Vandegrift became the program's first-ever NFCA All-American, while junior Caitlin Lovend earned Capital One Academic All-American honors for the second-straight year.

**Next Season:** Frostburg returns four of its top six hitters, along with freshman pitcher Mary Ann Moore, who won 20 games.



Taylor Cassatt



Taylor Vandegrift

saves (258) and finished second in the league in goals (234) and assists (147). Freshman Spenser Love was named the league's Rookie of the Year, while head coach Tommy Pearce was named the Coach of the Year.

**Next Season:** The Bobcats return all but one starter from this year's team, including their top 10 scorers as they fight for a league title in 2014.

## Women's Lacrosse

**Record:** 5-11, 1-5 CAC

**Highlight:** Bobcats place three players on All-CAC team.

**Recap:** Frostburg State earned a trip to the CAC Tournament and finished the spring season with five wins. Senior Taylor Cassatt highlighted three All-CAC selections as she led the Bobcats in several statistical categories including points (41) and ground balls (38). She set the single-season school record with 79 draw controls.

**Next Season:** The team took a hit with the graduation of nine seniors, but returns three of its top scorers for the 2014 season.

## Men's Lacrosse

**Record:** 13-7, 3-3 CAC

**Highlight:** Bobcats finish runner-up in ECAC Mid-Atlantic Tournament.

**Recap:** In just its third year as a varsity sport, FSU men's lacrosse posted 13 wins, earned a trip to the CAC Tournament and finished runner-up in the 2013 ECAC Mid-Atlantic Region Tournament. FSU paced the CAC in

third place at the CAC Championships behind eight top-five finishes, while Smith (shot put) and junior Trey Davis (hammer throw) garnered All-CAC honors.

**Next Season:** The Bobcats return talent up and down the roster, including eight members of the team who grabbed top-five finishes at the CAC Championships.

## Men's Tennis

**Record:** 2-13, 1-4 CAC

**Highlight:** Bobcats earn spot in CAC Tournament.

**Recap:** Frostburg State capped the spring season by earning the fifth seed in the CAC Tournament. During the regular season, the Bobcats posted a pair of 7-2 wins over Wesley and Southern Virginia.

**Next Season:** Despite graduating five seniors, the Bobcats return a wealth of young talent for their fourth season in the CAC.

## Women's Tennis

**Record:** 8-8, 2-3 CAC

**Highlight:** Bobcats earn CAC Tournament berth for third-straight season.

**Recap:** Frostburg State capped an 8-8 season with an 8-1 thrashing of York in the first round of the CAC Tournament in late April. The Bobcats closed out their spring schedule with five wins in their final six matches to reach eight wins for the first time since 2009. Senior Megan Martin capped her final year with eight singles victories and 11 in doubles.

**Next Season:** With Martin being the only senior, the Bobcats return nearly 50 wins from this year's roster. 🐾

## WHERE ARE THE WINTER SPORTS?

To bring Bobcat sports fans more timely roundups of their favorite teams, we are shifting future Winter Sports Wrap-ups into the spring issue of *Profile* magazine. To read the 2012-13 Winter Sports wrap-up, visit <http://bit.ly/Bobcat12-13>.



Malory Brunett



## FSU Student Starts Nationwide Campaign in Support of Grieving Lacrosse Team

By Skye Pinney

Moral support for a college lacrosse team that suffered the loss of its coach earlier this year has been pouring in from the nation's sports community. Teams from around the country are wearing gold and crimson ribbons and waving banners that say they "Play 4 Seton Hill" in support of Seton Hill University's women's lacrosse team, and **Malory Brunett**, the FSU student who kick-started the campaign, is thrilled to see it all happen.

Brunett, a junior on the FSU women's lacrosse team and the incoming president of FSU's Student Athlete Advisory Committee, heard about the accident on the news and social media: On their way to a game on March 16, the Seton Hill women's lacrosse team's bus crashed into a tree in Carlisle, Pa., resulting in the deaths of the driver, the team's coach, Kristina Quigley, and Quigley's unborn son. None of the players was critically injured, but some suffered injuries that would end the lacrosse season for them, and all suffered the painful loss of their beloved coach.

Soon after learning of the accident, Brunett told her cousin, Lindsay Bullock, that she was going to make gold and crimson ribbons for her team to wear during their game the next day. Bullock, a lacrosse player at Marymount University, loved the idea and made ribbons for her team, too. Soon, word of the ribbons got around, and lacrosse players from other schools started following suit. So many teams decided to wear the ribbons that Brunett and Bullock created a Facebook page, "Play 4 Seton Hill," where players could send pictures of their teams wearing Seton Hill's colors. The page, which has nearly 12,000 "likes" and has reached close to 100,000 people, is now lined with photos of supportive lacrosse teams from Nevada to Florida to Massachusetts. Their effort was mentioned in an article in USA Today. To view the tributes, visit [bit.ly/Play4Seton](http://bit.ly/Play4Seton).

"The lacrosse community truly is one big family," Brunett says. "We had support coming from middle school club teams all the way up to D-I programs. It didn't matter what level or how good the team was, everyone wanted to support the Seton Hill team." Men's teams have also shown their support, lacing their lacrosse sticks with the school's colors and wearing Quigley's initials on their helmets. The FSU men's lacrosse team joined the campaign; Brunett made ribbons for their cleats.

"Play 4 Seton Hill" has evolved into a fundraising effort for Quigley's husband and their young son, Gavin, with more than \$87,000 raised so far, including proceeds from the sales of T-shirts (featuring a logo that Brunett created) that were sold at games across the region. For information, visit [www.gofundme.com/2bt9g4](http://www.gofundme.com/2bt9g4). 🐾



Mike Longabardi '96

## Longabardi Joins Phoenix Suns Coaching Staff

**Mike Longabardi '96** has joined the Phoenix Suns as an assistant coach after six seasons as an assistant coach with the Boston Celtics under Doc Rivers.

"I'm very excited to complete my coaching staff with such established, well-rounded basketball people," said Suns Head Coach Jeff Hornacek of the addition of Longabardi and five others to his staff. "What they all have in common is a willingness to work hard, communicate well and help our players and our team get better every day."

Longabardi's tenure in Boston, which began in 2007, included three appearances in the Eastern Conference Finals, two trips to the NBA Finals and the 2008 NBA title. The last three seasons he has coordinated one of the league's premier defenses, a Celtics team that finished first in points allowed and third in field goal defense in 2010-11, and second in points allowed and first in field goal defense in 2011-12.

Longabardi made the jump to Boston after spending four seasons with the Houston Rockets alongside defensive specialist Tom Thibodeau, now the head coach of the Chicago Bulls.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Longabardi was an assistant coach on the collegiate level for seven seasons. 🐾





# FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

# HOMECOMING 2013

OCTOBER 24-27

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Noon, Atkinson Room, LUC

### Retired Employees Luncheon

By invitation only. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 11.

6:00 - 7:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts Center

### Pep Rally

Sponsored by Student Government Association

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 am - Noon, Campuswide

### Career Expo

For more information, contact Donna Sivic, Career Services, at dsivic2@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4403

3:00 - 5:00 pm, South Addition, LUC

### President's Leadership Circle Reunion

Invitation only. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 11.  
For more information, contact Clarissa Lang at clang@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4210

5:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

### Bobcat Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour, Induction Ceremony & Dinner

Join us to welcome five new inductees, commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the 1973 Women's Lacrosse Team, celebrate the accomplishments of all pre-Title IX female athletes and honor legacy coaches Sharon Irwin, Nancy Crawley and Barb Surgent. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 11. Cost: \$30/adult, \$15/children 12 and under. No walk-ins admitted.

9:00 pm, ARMAH, LUC

### Black Student Alliance Comedy Night

Cost: \$7/FSU students, \$12/non-students  
Sponsored by Black Student Alliance

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 - 11:00 am, ARMAH, LUC

### Jim Anderson Memorial

### Baseball Breakfast

RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 11

Cost: \$20/person, \$10/children 12 and under

Co-sponsored by Frostburg Baseball Alumni Association

No walk-ins admitted

9:00 - 11:00 am, Room 111, LUC

### College of Business

### Student Pride Breakfast

By invitation only. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 11.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm, LUC

### Welcome Center

Update contact information, leave a note for fellow alumni and register for awesome prizes. Refreshments.

11:00 am, Upper Lobby, LUC

### Campus Tour

11:00 am - 12:45 pm, Stadium Lot

Continues one hour after the game

### Tailgating

Free parking on a first-come, first-served basis. Stop by the Alumni Tent for giveaways, refreshments and food! For a complete list of rules and regulations, visit our website at [www.frostburg.edu/Homecoming](http://www.frostburg.edu/Homecoming).

12:45 pm, Bobcat Stadium

### United States Military Recognition

In honor of the Capt. James. A. Graham Memorial Project, we will acknowledge the dedication of key volunteers and have a moment of silence to recognize the men and women who have and continue to serve our country. In addition, Col. John Graham '85 will assist in the coin toss.

1:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium

### Football Game

### Frostburg State University

### vs. Alfred University

We will be honoring the 1973 Frostburg State College Show Band, Kittenettes and Majorettes to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of being nationally recognized by the NFL. Free admission.

1:00 - 4:00 pm, Stephanie Roper Gallery, Fine Arts

### "Subrural" Art Exhibition

A collaborative installation by artists Jenn Figg, Matthew McCormack and Karen Snouffer

6:00 - 8:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

### Step Show

Co-sponsored by FSU Alumni Association and Office of Student Activities

11:00 pm - 2:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

### Student Dance

For more information, contact Robert Cooper, Student Activities, at [rncooper@frostburg.edu](mailto:rncooper@frostburg.edu) or 301.687.4049

8:00 pm - 1:00 am, LUC

### Frostburg Finale

A special night to celebrate FSU Homecoming. See box to right. Sponsored by the FSU Alumni Association.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:30 am, Atkinson Room, LUC

### Alumni Association

### Board of Directors Meeting

11:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center

### Alumni Men's Basketball Game

For more information, contact Coach Webb Hatch at [whatch@frostburg.edu](mailto:whatch@frostburg.edu) or 301.687.3093

Noon, Meeting in LUC

### Student Government Association

### BIG EVENT

1:00 - 4:00 pm, Stephanie Roper Gallery, Fine Arts

### "Subrural" Art Exhibition

A collaborative installation by the artists Jenn Figg, Matthew McCormack and Karen Snouffer

### To RSVP for any event listed:

Please contact the Office of Alumni Programs, call 301.687.4068 or email [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu). To register online, go to [www.frostburg.edu/Homecoming](http://www.frostburg.edu/Homecoming).

Don't forget to check out the Alumni Association website and the Alumni Association Facebook page, your main sources for information on the festivities.

LUC - Lane University Center

ARMAH - Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall

PAC - Performing Arts Center

## FROSTBURG FINALE

8:00 PM - 1:00 AM, LUC

Join fellow Bobcats for a fabulous night of music, games and camaraderie!

INCLUDES:

- Live band, "Driven to Clarity"
- DJ mixing & mashing the tunes
- Karaoke from Sight & Sound Entertainment
- Photo booth, arcade games, creation stations
- Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
- Fantasy Alumni Game winners announced

Cost: \$10 with advance RSVP, \$15 at the door. Must be 21 years old.  
RSVP to [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu) or 301.687.4068  
Sponsored by the FSU Alumni Association



#FrostburgHomecoming



Play Now!  
Draft your Fantasy Alumni Team today!

Who would you like to see at Homecoming 2013? Roommates, teammates, old flames? Just assemble a dream team roster of nine alumni you'd love to see, then register your team on the FSU Alumni website, and earn points to win awesome prizes! The winners will be announced at the Frostburg Finale.





# CLASSNOTES

ClassNotes listed are those received as of July 1, 2013

## 1967

**The Rev. Dr. Donald Forrester** serves as president of Garrett County (Md.) Memorial Hospital's Chaplaincy Program. The program consists of 30 members representing most local denominations.

## 1969

**Michael Gouker's** sunburst drawing was featured on *CBS Sunday Morning*. Michael's colored-pencil sunburst featured the charcoal eyes and mouth and carrot nose of a snowman.

## 1971

**Deborah Glover Bittner M'76** retired after more than 40 years as a teacher and administrator in Baltimore County public schools.

## 1973

**Craig D. Albright, Ph.D.,** is enjoying a challenging second career as a senior medical writer with a healthcare consulting firm in Chadds Ford, Pa., after a fulfilling 15 years as an associate professor of public health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Michael Edwards M'82** retired after 37 years as a PE/athletic director, the last 28 at the School of the Cathedral in Baltimore. He spent several years as a head basketball coach at the high school and community college levels and was an assistant coach at Loyola College for three years. He is the proud grandfather of two girls.

**T. Edward Smith M'73** was inducted into the Keyser High School Legion of Honor for 2013.

## 1975

**The Rev. James Mason M'87** was ordained to the permanent diaconate, a service ministry of the Catholic church. He is employed as a financial manager with Keystone Fruit Marketing, Inc.

**Kathleen Miller McClure** was honored as the 2013 Citizen of the Year by the Meyersdale, Pa., Lions Club.

## 1976

**Katherine Cranford Kershner** has supported the U.S. Department of Defense office in Canberra, Australia, as the business executive since November 2009. She will return to Virginia in November 2013.

## 1977

**Dana Hall** was promoted to senior associate director of Athletics at the University of Mary Washington. Dana coached the field hockey and women's lacrosse teams simultaneously for 21 years and lacrosse for the past 23 seasons.

## 1978

**Bill Milligan** was named vice president of Business Operations and chief financial officer at FGi Federal.

## 1979

**John Isaac** was recognized by Northwestern Mutual for his service hours and volunteer commitment to the Howard County community. As a result of this recognition, a \$2,500 donation was made to Leadership Howard County, which John chose as the recipient, by Northwestern Mutual.



## 1981

**Martin Crump M'90** was appointed as the new principal at Mount Savage Elementary/Middle School in Allegany County, Md. He has been a teacher/administrator in the county's public school system for 31 years. He and his wife, **Kathleen '82**, have been married for 32 years and have two grown daughters and three grandchildren.

**Tim Johnson M'89** was appointed interim CEO for Menno Haven Retirement Communities. Tim has been with Menno Haven for 12 years.

## 1982

**Florine Taylor** was recognized as a role model at Braddock Middle School due to her "energizer bunny"-style of helping teachers have more time for students. Florine came to Braddock to do clerical

work through the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

## 1983

**W. Jay George, Jr.,** was chosen to receive the Individual Local Public Service Janet L. Hoffman Award from the Maryland Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

## 1986

**Dr. Kim Green M'93** was named chief academic officer for Allegany County public schools.

## 1988

**Patrick Friel** joined Lochlin Partners as a managing partner. He also serves on the board of a not-for-profit called Back on My Feet ([www.backonmyfeet.org](http://www.backonmyfeet.org)) that has a unique approach to the nation's homeless situation. This organization has chapters in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., areas.

## 1989

**Brian Funkhouser** was named a senior project manager by CDM Smith, a planning and engineering consulting firm in Harrisburg, Pa.

## 1991

**Patrick O'Donnell M'91** was named president and chief executive officer of Summit Health.



## 1992

**Cristee (C.J.) Cangianelli M'94** acquired certification as a wellness coach through The Spencer Institute.

## 1993

**Shane Dentinger** was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army.

**Lt. Kevin Johnson**, U.S. Navy, serves as the chaplain aboard USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43), homeported in Virginia Beach, Va. He deployed with the Fort Mac in 2012 to Europe and North Africa.

## 1995

**Sean Pierce M'97** took on the role of director for Student Life at the Southampton, N.Y., campus of Stony Brook University. With more than 16 years of working in higher education, Sean is helping to grow the campus and program since the campus re-opened for the fall 2012 semester after being closed for four years.

## 1996

**Robert Cravaritis** was named executive vice president of Sales for Houston Chronicle Media Group, a Hearst Corp. company.

**Dwayne Northcraft M'96** was named superintendent of the Berlin Brothersvalley School District in Berlin, Pa.

**Scott Sisler M'05** was named principal at South Penn Elementary School. He had served as the assistant principal for the past four years.

## 1997

**Jodi Lum Blair**, CPA, has been elected as an associate member of Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC. Jodi joined the firm in 1997.

## 1998

**Kerri Wilks Caporale M'00** was named the revenue chairwoman for the March for Babies. Kerri is vice president of Operations at ACT Personnel Service, Inc.

**Andrea Pappas** was the producer for the documentary, *Unforgettable Fire: The Story of a U2 Tribute Band*, which explores the personal lives and challenges of the members of one of the longest-running U2 tribute bands in the world.

## 1999

**Ross Beach**, CPA, has joined Haines & Lagerquist, CPAs, LLC, as accounting manager. Ross is responsible for supervising staff accountants, managing client accounting and tax engagements and is involved with tax preparation and consulting.

## 2001

**David St. Clair**, CPA, was named manager at Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC.

**Sgt. Bradley Williams** was selected as McHenry Barrack 2012 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year by barrack command staff.

## 2002

**Dr. Shawn Golden-Llewellyn M'05** received the Outstanding Alumni Award at the annual BACCHUS Regional Conference at Elon University in North Carolina.



## 2005

**Evan Slonaker** was named executive director of The Gordon-Roberts House, a Second Empire-style home in the Washington Street Historical District that serves as a house museum for the Allegany County Historical Society.

## 2006

**David Snipes** showcased his talent in the Instructors' Exhibition at Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel, Md., where he teaches children's art classes.

## 2009

**Matthew Cole** has left his computer engineer career with NASA and is now a senior software engineer with Curtis-Wright Controls, developing mainly radar applications.

**Lindsay Droll** was named museum assistant for The Gordon-Roberts House, a Second Empire-style home in the Washington Street Historical District that serves as a house museum for the Allegany County Historical Society.

## 2010

**Sherry Beer Donovan** joined Shepherd University's Martinsburg Center as a program specialist.

**Rachel Kalin** joined ADG/Creative as a designer, after working for FILA as an apparel photographer and photo editor for FILA's website and catalog.

**Joanna Murray** is an assistant athletic trainer at Bucknell University.

## 2012

**Carla Romo** is working in LA for RelativityTV (formerly known as RelativityREAL), a production company. She is the casting assistant in the Casting Department. ■

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 14

**Women's Volleyball Alumni Game**  
Cordts PE Center  
6:00 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 17

**Annapolis Alumni Gathering**  
Pusser's Caribbean Grill, Marriot Waterfront  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 19

**Cumberland MBA Group**  
Home of Marion & Kim Leonard  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 21

**Cross Country Reception**  
For families of current student-athletes  
Maplehurst Country Club  
10:00-11:30 a.m.

## OCTOBER 3

**Washington, D.C., Government Relations and Public Policy Alumni Event**  
Zaytinya  
701 9th Street NW  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

## OCTOBER 5

**Field Hockey Alumni Game**  
Bobcat Stadium  
6:00 p.m.

## OCTOBER 12

**Family Weekend**  
FSU Campus

## Football/Cheerleading Reception

For families of current student-athletes and cheerleaders  
Hall of Fame Room, Cordts PE Center  
Noon-1:00 p.m.

## OCTOBER 13

**Legacy Breakfast**  
Manicur Assembly Hall  
Lane University Center  
9:00 a.m.-Noon

## OCTOBER 19

**Women's Soccer Reception**  
For families of current student-athletes  
Hall of Fame Room, Cordts PE Center  
Noon-1:00 p.m.

## Volleyball Reception

For families of current student-athletes  
Hall of Fame Room, Cordts PE Center  
1:00-2:00 p.m.

## Men's Soccer Reception

For families of current student-athletes  
Hall of Fame Room, Cordts PE Center  
2:30-3:30 p.m.

## Field Hockey Reception

For families of current student-athletes  
Hall of Fame Room, Cordts PE Center  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

## OCTOBER 24-27

**Homecoming Weekend 2013**  
FSU Campus

## DECEMBER 21

**143rd Commencement Ceremony**  
Cordts PE Center Main Arena  
2:00 p.m., All Colleges  
Tickets required

## JANUARY 25

**Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting**  
FSU Campus  
9:00 a.m.-Noon

## FEBRUARY 27

**SAA Blackout Day**  
Lane University Center

## MARCH 7-8

**Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership**  
Turf Valley  
Ellicott City, Md.

## MARCH 29

**Geography Reunion Dinner**  
Lyric Theater, 20 E. Main St.  
6:00 p.m.

## APRIL 4

**Learning From Leaders**  
Lane University Center  
All Day

## APRIL 5-6

**Alumni Association Board of Directors Retreat**  
FSU Campus

## APRIL 26

**Baseball Spring Golf invitational**  
Fore Sisters, Rawlings, Md.  
Noon, Registration  
1:00 p.m., Shotgun Start

## MAY 2-3

**Alpha Delta Chi Reunion**  
FSU Campus

## MAY 3

**Football Golf Outing & Reunion**  
Golf at Bay Hills Golf Club  
Arnold, Md.  
Reunion at Armadillo's  
Annapolis, Md.

## MAY 10

**Spring Fest/Alumni Association Senior Send-off**  
Upper Quad, FSU Campus

## MAY 22

**144th Commencement Ceremony**  
Cordts PE Center Main Arena  
9:30 a.m., Colleges of Business & Education  
2:00 p.m., College of Liberal Arts & Sciences  
Tickets required

## JUNE 7

**Golden Anniversary Reunion Celebrating the Class of 1964 & Before**  
Lane University Center  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

## Greatest Couples of All Time

Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St.  
5:00-10:00 p.m.

For more information, email us at [alumni@frostburg.edu](mailto:alumni@frostburg.edu) or call 301.687.4068. You can also visit us online at [alumni.frostburg.edu](http://alumni.frostburg.edu) or join our Facebook page to get further details.



MILESTONES

Marriages

1986

**Michaela Linn** married Luke Hale on June 16, 2012. Michaela is employed as the vocal music and drama director at Mountain Ridge High School in Frostburg.

1988

**Michael S. Kulik II**, married Myrna David on May 3, 2013, in Angeles City in the Republic of the Philippines. They eventually hope to move to Denver, Colo.

2002

**Jacob Costello** married Jennifer Gordon on Oct. 20, 2012. Jacob is employed with Tetra Tech., Inc., as an environmental scientist in Christiana, Del.

2008

**Alexandra (Alix) Schroeck** married **Andrew Freeze '07** on April 6, 2013, in Ashburn, Va. (*see below*).

2009

**Erin Lothian** married **John Augustyniak '09** on Sept. 29, 2012.

2010

**Tyler Lancaster M'11** married **Abigail Rawlings** on Nov. 26, 2011. Tyler is a seventh-grade teacher at Romney Middle School in Romney, W.Va. Abby is a student at FSU, pursuing a degree in social work.

2012

**David Gorgol** married **Jenna Mathews** on Aug. 11, 2012. Jenna is a student at FSU. They reside in Cumberland, Md.

**Megan Bush M'12** married Matthew Lumm on Sept. 30, 2012.

Births

2002

**Andrew Mangle** and his wife, Erin, announce the birth of twin daughters, Charleen and Cassandra, on May 29, 2013.

2004



James and Kate Stone and baby Kensley

**Kate Kelley Stone** and her husband, **James '04**, announce the birth of their daughter, Kensley Michael, on Dec. 20, 2012.

2005

**Janet Gooch Kramer** and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their daughter, Katharine Isabell, on Feb. 12, 2013.

Katharine joins big brother, James Aidan, who is 3 years old. The family resides in Richmond, Va.

2006



Nicholas and Jacqueline Durst and baby Brock

**Jacqueline Tonsing Durst** and **Nicholas Durst '06** welcomed their son, Brock Mason, on Jan. 1, 2013.

**Sara Darby Wagner** is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter, Amy Noel.

**Amanda Warner-Hofmann** and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their son, Parker Warner-Hofmann, on May 4, 2013.

2008

**Molly Moulden-Barnes** and **Tim Barnes '08**, announce the birth of twin sons, Marcus and Spencer, on July 5, 2012.

Farewell and Thank You

Frostburg State University wishes the following faculty and staff the best of luck in their retirements:

**Richard Beeghly**, maintenance, structural trades chief I, joined FSU in 1984.

**Dr. Nicholas Clulee**, professor of history, joined FSU in 1972.

**Dr. Margaret Dalton**, professor of economics, joined FSU in 1983.

**Shelley Drees**, administrative assistant II, joined FSU in 1969.

**Dr. David Gillespie**, director of Library Services, joined FSU in 1984.

**Dr. Ellen Grolman**, professor of music, joined FSU in 1983.

**Dr. Jacquelynne McLellan**, associate professor of management, joined FSU in 1994.

**Dr. Mary Mumper**, associate professor of chemistry, joined FSU in 1997.

**Dr. Lindsay Pack**, professor of mass communication, joined FSU in 1994.

**Linda K. Pifer**, postal services processor, joined FSU in 1990.

**Dr. Judith J. Pula**, professor of English, joined FSU in 1987.

**Karen Reidler**, administrative assistant II, joined FSU in 1974.

**Sharon Robinson**, professor of accounting, joined FSU in 1973.

Retirements from March to September 2013.

As **Alexandra (Alix) Schroeck Freeze '08** said, "It was a good day to be a Bobcat" on April 6, 2013, when she and **Andrew Freeze '07** got married in Ashburn, Va. Seven of the 10 people in their wedding party were fellow alumni. They are, starting second from left, **Mitchell Gawthrop '08** (seated), **John Augustyniak '09** (behind him), **R.J. Caster '09** (behind the groom), **Eileen O'Day '08** (next to the bride), **Jeremy Malnar '09**, **Wyatt Kerfoot '09** and **Krissy Parks '09** (far right).

Mr. Frostburg

**Bernard "Bernie" Wynder '78/M'84**, who died suddenly on June 20, 2013, was assistant vice president for Student and Educational Services at FSU, a title that only expressed a fraction of what he meant to the University and its people. Bernie worked for FSU in a variety of roles for most of the time since he graduated, and he played an enormous role in creating the diverse, vibrant community it is today.

In addition, numerous organizations in his adopted home of Allegany County benefitted from his wisdom and commitment, including the NAACP, the Human Relations Commission, Maryland Salem Children's Trust, Potomac Council Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and many others. He was a brother in Omega Psi Phi. His many awards included the NAACP Image Award, the FSU Alumni Achievement Award and the Living Legend Award from the Associated Black Charities.

In a tribute in the *Cumberland Times-News*, sports editor Mike Burke wrote, "Bernie Wynder was Mr. Frostburg State, not just in my eyes . . . but to the thousands of students he loved and mentored, and who will hold him in their hearts and love him for the rest of their lives."

His family, led by his widow, **Robin Vowels Wynder '80/M'87**, has created the Bernard Wynder Legacy Fund through the FSU Foundation. More information will be shared in the coming months as its purpose is defined.

Bernie was the father of two (Bernard "Bear" Wynder Jr. and **Brandie Wynder McIntyre '05**), grandfather of three and mentor and friend to thousands. ■



Alumni

**1938 William A. Byers M'66**  
May 27, 2013

**1944 Betty J. Oller M'65**  
Dec. 28, 2012

**1949 Jane M. Bowen Harris**  
April 9, 2013

**1950 Elizabeth C. Long**  
June 2, 2013

**1951 Richard Fram**  
March 28, 2013

**1954 Roy M. Burley**  
Jan. 21, 2013

**1955 Robert Bruce Ambrose M'63**  
Nov. 29, 2012

**1958 James D. Eckard**  
May 1, 2013  
**Ralph M. Scarlett**  
May 4, 2013

**1959 Lawrence T. Koch**  
Jan. 11, 2013

**1960 Dorcil W. Kline, Jr.**  
March 4, 2013

**1961 James H. Gentry, Jr.**  
March 11, 2013

**1963 Barbara A. Litchauer Baker**  
Oct. 21, 2012  
**Barbara C. Smith Rephann**  
April 23, 2013

**1966 Stephen Emanuel**  
Jan. 26, 2013

**Elmer F. McDorman, Jr.**  
Nov. 10, 2012

**W. Douglas Thomas**  
April 27, 2013

**1967 Sharon N. Sweitzer Ashby M'80**  
Jan. 2, 2013

**1968 Kurt W. Bittle**  
Dec. 11, 2012

**Gary J. Turney**  
March 3, 2013

**1971 M. Wayne Danley**  
June 28, 2013

**John W. Jones, Jr.**  
Dec. 3, 2012

**1972 Robert C. Gaffney**  
May 14, 2013  
**Kathleen F. Filsinger Sine**  
Dec. 8, 2012

**1973 Joseph E. McRobie**  
June 24, 2013

**1974 Robert E. Kallstrom**  
Dec. 16, 2012

**1975 Jean E. Hansen Cranmer**  
May 14, 2013  
**Neva Courrier Taylor M'77**  
June 12, 2013

**1976 Christopher L. Waas**  
April 18, 2013

**1977 Dennis G. Burke M'77/M'82**  
Feb. 22, 2013

**Jeffrey G. Dieter**  
May 20, 2013

**Joanne L. Erickson**  
June 24, 2012

**1979 John A. Gurtshaw**  
Jan. 8, 2013

**1980 Linda J. Duckson**  
March 30, 2013

**1981 Bradford A. Lloyd**  
Feb. 13, 2013

**Frederick D. Longhenry**  
March 18, 2013

**1982 Francis Barry**  
May 18, 2013

**Joané A. Boduy-Flournoy**  
May 8, 2013

**Donna J. Turner Kinser M'88**  
Feb. 15, 2013

**1985 Virginia M. Dike Baer**  
March 8, 2013

**Troy L. Twigg**  
Feb. 16, 2013

**1990 Peter T. Karns**  
Jan. 7, 2013

**1991 Troy S. Todd**  
April 9, 2013

**1995 Stephen H. Atwell**  
May 26, 2013

**1996 Mischa R. Dorr-Ames**  
March 22, 2013

**1997 David W. Merrill**  
Sept. 7, 2012

**1998 Aaron J. Hoopengardner**  
Feb. 2, 2013

**1999 David S. Schrecongost**  
Jan. 23, 2013

**2008 Travis L. Klingler M'09**  
Dec. 20, 2012

**2011 Carmen Veneziano**  
July 17, 2013

Friends of the University

**Natacha Beres**  
March 24, 2012

**Terry R. Bower**  
April 27, 2013

**Willard P. Cleavenger**  
June 9, 2013

**Leon Patrick Dougherty**  
Jan. 16, 2013

**Walter E. Gomer**  
May 11, 2013

**Jake Alan Limbach**  
Dec. 11, 2012

**Curtis R. Meadows**  
Dec. 18, 2012

**Patricia A. Kirk Shaffer**  
Nov. 15, 2012

**Jeffry Tyler Way**  
April 14, 2013 ■

**Dr. Margaret McAuley Preckel**, who died on June 30, 2013, was a 24-year faculty member in the Frostburg Department of Chemistry, retiring in 1989 as a professor. She earned her doctorate in organic chemistry from Northwestern University. At Frostburg she taught organic chemistry and general chemistry. "She had a brilliant mind, and she really brought some fresh ideas into the program," said her colleague, **Dr. Don Weser**. She was well-traveled and a lover of the arts, he said, and was an active member of the Western Maryland section of the American Chemical Society and Alpha Chi Omega.



Leonard C. Schwab,

who died on May 14, 2013, was a charter member of the FSU Foundation's executive board, serving as a board member for more than two decades, including five years as vice president. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict, and following his service, he held many roles in the family firm of S. Schwab Co., which designed and produced world-renowned baby clothing. With his wife, Jane, he established the Schwab Theatre Scholarship at FSU to support students in the art form they loved.



**Capt. Vincent W. Roper**, who died April 4, 2013, became a champion for the rights of crime victims after the brutal murder in 1982 of his daughter, **Stephanie Roper**, an FSU art student. With his wife, Roberta, they created the Stephanie Roper Committee & Foundation (now the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center) as a grassroots organization to lobby for victims' rights and services. The gallery in the Fine Arts Building is named in Stephanie's memory, and the Ropers established a scholarship in her name for students in visual arts. ■





# THE LAST WORD



## Steps in the Right Direction

The Sustaining Campus and Community Dialogue Series began in spring 2012 to strengthen relationships within the Frostburg community. Ongoing open discussions in which students and year-round residents could voice their concerns, consider solutions to problems and share what they value about Frostburg have developed into groups achieving specific actions. The results have been initiatives that are breaking down barriers, uniting the campus with its surrounding community and showing tangible signs of progress.

One sign: Giant red paw prints leading down Bowery Street toward campus. More than just directional guides to the University, they symbolize pride — pride in Frostburg as a school and a community. So when you see the red paw print, you know you are where you belong.



# FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

# Cultural Events Series

## 2013 ~ 2014 SEASON



### Rennie Harris RHAW World Premiere

*Love American Style!*

*A Hip-Hop American Short Story*

Thursday, September 12 • 7:30 PM

Friday, September 13 • 8:00 PM



The Appalachian Festival Capstone Concert  
*From Ireland to Appalachia*

### Seán Keane & Friends

with special guests

Al Petteway & Amy White

Saturday, September 21 • 8:00 PM



### Maryland Symphony Orchestra

Featuring *Time for Three*

Friday, October 11 • 8:00 PM



### Pedrito Martinez Group

Saturday, October 12

Shows at 1:00 PM, 2:15 PM, 3:30 PM



### Julie Fowlis:

### Music of the Scottish Isles

Tuesday, October 29 • 7:30 PM



The Two Beans Production presents

### Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Thursday, November 7 • 4:30 PM

**LIVE!**  
at StarScape

### Catherine Russell

Friday, November 22 • 8:00 PM



### Vienna Boys Choir

Thursday, December 12 • 7:30 PM



Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, PA  
Bernard Havard, *Producing Artistic Director*

presents

### Driving Miss Daisy

by Alfred Uhry

Tuesday, March 11 • 7:30 PM



### The Math Maniac Show with Max Millions

Monday, March 24 • 4:30 PM



### Broadway's Next H!T Musical

**LIVE!**  
at StarScape

Saturday, March 29 • 8:00 PM

Sunday, March 30 • 3:00 PM



### Spanish Harlem Orchestra

**LIVE!**  
at StarScape

Saturday, April 12 • 8:00 PM



### Robin Spielberg

An Afternoon Brunch With Solo Piano

Sunday, April 27

Brunch 1:15 PM • Music 2:30 PM



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In 40 years of working for Bobcat Athletics and the Department of Physical Education, **SUSAN EISEL** dedicated her life to caring for generations of student-athletes, serving as confidante, resource and friend to them and the coaches, faculty and staff who mentored them. She was the first FSU staff member honored with the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Award for Exceptional Contribution to the Institution.

Her exceptional contributions did not end with her retirement or the graduation of all those student-athletes, and she intends for her legacy of care to continue for years to come. Susan is a longtime supporter of all of athletics and a member of the Old Main Society. That means she has included FSU in her estate plans, with particular support for the Bob Wells Field to ensure a great experience for future baseball players.

Susan will never stop caring. "I want to be part of the future," Susan says, adding, "GO BOBCATS!"

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