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ON THE COVER:

The Center for Communications and Information Technology is more than just a pretty face. It's also a place for learning and collaboration using industry-standard technology. Meet CCIT starting on page 20.



Please recycle me or pass me on to a friend!

From the President

It seems hard to believe that this August will mark the end of my eighth year as president of Frostburg State University. During these eight years, *Profile* has chronicled many changes at our University and the remarkable accomplishments of our distinguished alumni.

One of the most noticeable changes will be a new focus on health sciences with an ultimate goal of a College of Health Sciences. We have approached this with our RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and our newly approved Master of Science in Nursing (Page 2). We are developing a Doctorate of Nursing Practice to be offered by 2016. Graduate education continues to evolve at FSU with our Ed.D. in Educational Leadership accepting the third cohort of doctoral students for the fall semester and our first cohort working on

Starting this semester, these students will learn in classrooms that replicate facilities they will use in their careers. But unlike professional studios, those in CCIT are designed to foster teaching moments, such as television control-board rooms that live-stream each student's instruction to the entire class. In years past, these Mass Comm lessons were taught in the Guild Center, entire classes hunched over a student and the professor in a converted closet. This was hardly the ideal way to teach.

The CCIT Building will not just impact our University's students, but regional K-12 students as well. When we demolished Tawes Hall, we removed the Potomac Highlands' only planetarium. Fortunately, CCIT brings the latest in sky-viewing technology to our community. The new

Multi-Media Learning Center is housed in CCIT's prominent circular granite and sandstone structure. It features cutting-edge projection and screen technology and the capability to display and record live sky-shows. School children will explore the mysteries of our universe from the comfort of CCIT and gain new appreciation for the night sky.

And beyond sparking childhood imaginations, CCIT also means FSU-TV3 and WFWM, our National Public Radio affiliate, have new broadcast studios. TV3 will have the studio space it needs to design and film modern, quality television programs for our students

and the community. WFWM will gain the ability to record and play live studio performances, adding breadth to its already popular programming.

Overall, CCIT represents an incredible update to our campus facilities. I invite all of our alumni to return to campus for our CCIT grand opening on Sept. 24. In person, you'll truly appreciate the enormous impact of the new facility and see how it helps make FSU *One University: A World of Experiences*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jonathan C. Gibraltar'.

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibraltar, President



President Gibraltar snaps a photo of U.S. Sen. Benjamin Cardin, second from left, during Cardin's tour of the new CCIT building in May. Gilbane Inc's senior project manager Chris Browning, left, and Dr. Joe Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, center, look on.

the proposals for their doctoral dissertations. In addition, we are creating a Doctorate in Applied Business. With these new offerings, FSU could soon have more than 1,000 students seeking their master's or doctoral degrees, as undergraduate enrollment continues to increase as well.

While these programs are evolving, the campus is changing as well. In September we will open the doors to our new Center for Communications and Information Technology, designed to meet LEED-Gold specifications. On page 20, you'll find in-depth coverage of this cutting-edge facility, but first I want to share what CCIT means for our campus.

For years, our faculty masterfully instructed computer science, information technology, mass communications and graphic design students in retrofitted classroom and studio spaces. Some alumni remember workarounds and troubleshooting to make their classroom equipment function. Thankfully, in CCIT, students no longer need to fit square pegs into round holes. Studios and classrooms have been designed to facilitate multimedia-enhanced learning for faculty and students alike.

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New Master of Science in
Nursing Expands FSU’s Health
Sciences Offerings

FSU will offer an online **Master of Science in Nursing** degree starting with the fall semester.

“This is an important step in FSU’s efforts to develop programs in the health sciences that will address issues involving rural health care,” said President Gibraltar. “In addition, the M.S.N. will further help meet vital workforce needs locally, across Maryland and nationwide.”

The M.S.N. program, in which coursework is delivered entirely online, will offer two tracks, Nursing Administration and Nursing Education. Prospective students would be registered nurses who have earned a bachelor’s degree.

The nursing education component is designed to meet an urgent state and national need for nursing school faculty and serve students who wish to become educators in nursing schools or patient, staff or community settings.

The administration track is designed to prepare nurses for management and leadership roles in nursing homes, hospital nursing departments or other clinical settings. Graduates in this track would also be qualified to teach with an administrative specialty.

“The advent of our online Master of Science in nursing is another step in the University’s new direction of education in the health sciences,” said Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

FSU will continue to work to expand its offerings in the health sciences, Gibraltar said. Long-term plans include a doctoral program in nursing practice and a physician assistant program, as well as the establishment of a School for Health Sciences. A proposal for a new Education and Health Sciences building, which will house this new school and the College of Education, is currently in the state’s Capital Improvement Plan for planning and design in 2019, but University officials hope to move the project earlier in the pipeline. ■



President Gibraltar presents W. Dennis Thomas with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Honorary Doctorate
Presented to Thomas

W. Dennis Thomas ’65 has achieved two distinguished careers, one in public affairs, culminating in service in the White House, and the second in private industry. For that stellar career and for his support of FSU and its students, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University, as approved by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.

The degree was bestowed at the 144th commencement on May 22 and presented to Thomas at the annual crab feast at his home in the presence of his wife, Dr. Dawn Thomas, and dozens of fellow alumni.

When Thomas learned he could not be present at the commencement ceremony, he sent on a message for the new graduates: “All of you – by always saying YES when asked to do things you do not think you can do – can far exceed anything I have been able to accomplish.”

Thomas graduated from FSU with a degree in education and earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Maryland in 1967. As a Frostburg student, he was class president and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Thomas served on the Board of Education of Carroll County and as an administrative assistant for two U.S. senators before President Reagan appointed him assistant secretary for

Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury. He then joined Reagan’s White House staff, ultimately serving as chief assistant to Chief of Staff Donald Regan, advising and assisting on a full range of policy and administrative matters and coordinating the drafting of State of the Union messages. Later, Thomas joined the firm International Paper, rising to senior vice president of Public Affairs and Communications.

His service to Frostburg has continued throughout his life. In addition to being a founding member of FSU’s Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, Thomas fostered the growth of the J. Glenn Beall Public Affairs Institute and established the Dennis and Dawn Thomas Presidential Leadership Scholarship. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 1985.

“Dennis Thomas is a brilliant and humble man who has, without hesitation, shared his time, talent and treasure with everyone



Dr. W. Dennis Thomas and his wife, Dr. Dawn Thomas, are joined by this year’s recipients of the Dennis and Dawn Thomas Presidential Merit Scholarship, Frank Taylor ’14 and Victoria Suess ’14.

at Frostburg State University. He cares deeply about FSU, and he has been a mentor to me personally and supported our students and faculty in so many ways,” said President Gibraltar. “It is my honor to be able to confer this degree on him.” ■



Relay For Life Raises More Than \$42,000 in the Fight Against Cancer

FSU’s annual Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society was a healthy success this year despite being chased indoors by the threat of thunderstorms. With 56 teams and 679 participants raising \$42,770.79 (as of July 11) in the fight against cancer, FSU’s Relay surpassed its stretch goal of \$40,000. The event, held every year in late April, unites the FSU community to honor cancer survivors, foster awareness about reducing cancer risk and raise money to help in the fight against cancer.

“I am enormously proud of everyone who worked to make Relay For Life a success,” said President Gibraltar. “This is literally a year-long event that takes the entire campus to coordinate.”

Top fundraising teams included What’s Up Docs (Pre-professional Medical Society); Alpha Sigma Alpha; the English Department; and Faculty, Staff and Retirees. The FSU Greek Community combined raised more than \$11,000.

Since FSU’s Relay began 13 years ago, more than \$400,000 has been raised. ■



Extreme-Strength Alcohol Ban

President Gibraltar joined Gov. Martin O’Malley, fellow members of the Maryland Collaborative to Reduce College Drinking and Related Problems and other advocates for the signing of the bill banning the retail sale of 190-proof alcohol (often called grain alcohol) in Maryland. President Gibraltar has championed the ban for several years.

College of Business Expands Focus on
Global Education

The College of Business has expanded the internationalization of its curriculum with new trips to Ecuador and China that explore topics in economic development and leadership.

“Destination China” focused on the contrasts and co-existing contradictions that make China such an enigmatic country that is constructing its modern identity as a leader in the global economy,” said Dr. Suzanne McCoskey, who specializes in economic development and macroeconomics. “As one of the fastest growing economies in the world, China is still balancing prosperity in the urban centers on the coast with the struggle to develop in the rural, inland areas.”

Participants toured urban landscapes and visited businesses and factories, saw a development project and interacted with professionals working to improve living standards for low-income, rural residents and with Chinese college students.

As part of the expansion of educational outreach in Latin America, students also joined “Experience Ecuador,” which explored leadership and its relevance, history and application in Latin America and featured visits with business leaders, a service project in a village and exploring Quito, Otavalo, Banos, Cuenca and Guayaquil.

“Ecuador is a country rich in diversity of all kinds. In addition to being one of the most biologically and geographically diverse countries in the world, it is also rich in its cultural and ethnic diversity,” said Dr. Jeffrey McClellan, assistant professor in the Department of Management. “As our students interacted with these diverse and wonderful people, they learned a lot about what it takes to lead others in a diverse multicultural society. They also learned about what it takes to be a successful business and social leader in a truly dynamic yet challenging environment.”

Both programs incorporate online course work and in-person leadership activities and development.



FSU students and faculty recently had the opportunity to learn about China’s economic growth and development firsthand during a presentation by the Commercial Section at the Embassy of the United States of America in Beijing.

THEATRE AND DANCE

2014.2015 SEASON



SHE KILLS MONSTERS

By Qui Nguyen
OCTOBER 17 – 25, 2014
An action-packed comedic drama that celebrates the D&D warrior and awesome geek within us all.

FALL DANCE CONCERT

Featuring the FSU Dance Company
NOVEMBER 14 & 15, 2014
An artistic journey of movement and music choreographed and designed in the round.

THE TRIAL OF EBENEZER SCROOGE

By Mark Brown
DECEMBER 5 – 13, 2014
In this hilarious trial of the century, Scrooge returns to his curmudgeonly ways by taking Jacob Marley and the Christmas Spirits to court!

A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

Book and Lyrics by Willie Reale and Music by Robert Reale
Based on the books by Arnold Lobel
FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 8, 2015
With a jazzy upbeat score and witty cast of characters, this charming musical is about a friendship that weathers all seasons.

ROMEO & JULIET: Choose Your Own Ending

By Shawn Fraistat and Ann Fraistat
APRIL 17 – 25, 2015
The audience gets to play Shakespeare by democratically deciding the direction of the play. This bundle of laughs isn't the tale of star-crossed lovers you read in high school.

SPRING DANCE CONCERT

Featuring the FSU Dance Company
MAY 8 & 9, 2015
Company members will focus on new works and collaboration, demonstrating artistic excellence through a variety of dance styles.

Information & Reservations

Theatre Box Office
M-F, 9 am – 12:30 pm | 1:30 – 4 pm | 301.687.7462
www.frostburg.edu/TheatreDance

Theatre and Dance at FSU

Student, Professor Present Unique Video Streaming Idea at Tech Conference

By Greg Larry '89

Following the invention of a combined media screening and instant messaging application, an FSU student and his computer science professor were invited to present the idea at a prestigious technology conference in San Francisco.

Kevin Free '14 and assistant professor Dr. Xunyu Pan presented the idea in February at an annual event held by the International Society for Optics and Photonics known as the SPIE conference.

Working from an idea begun by Pan, the application was developed by Free, who dubbed the project "Revma," the Greek word for "stream." The application combines real-time media streaming capabilities with instant messaging.

Pan said the media streaming and instant chat application is unique. "We think the project is the first of its kind in the world," said Pan.

The idea for the program came from a basic idea of sharing home videos. "It was supposed to be a social thing. It would let family or friends watch a movie and communicate at the same time," said Free.

The project began when Free took a course taught by Pan called Communications Networks. The students were asked to design a basic chat application. Free created an instant messaging program but saw it could have greater capabilities.

"It was supposed to be bare bones. But I turned it into something that was not bare bones," Free said.

The project continued to grow when Free took Pan's Multi-Media Communications class.

"I already had the chat system, so adding video made sense. I decided to refactor it and include the multi-media streaming," said Free. The application will allow viewing and communication while video and other media is being uploaded.

Revma enables people, through a peer-to-peer sharing system, to collaborate on video, photos, slideshow and more while communicating with each other in an instant messaging module on the same screen.

The abstract by Pan and Free describes it this way: "When using the peer-to-peer architecture, streaming media is shared directly between end-users, called peers, with minimal



Kevin Free '14, left, and Dr. Xunyu Pan explain Revma's features during a demo session at the SPIE conference.

or no reliance on a dedicated server."

Revma also gives the users the ability to control the application with stop, pause, play and other functions. It also contains technology that prevents the loss of data during usage.

Following positive feedback on the application at the campus Undergraduate Research Symposium, Pan sent the abstract to the officials at SPIE.

The duo traveled to San Francisco for the opening of the conference in February. In addition to setting up an information table on the project, Pan and Free were asked to give a 20-minute oral presentation. The invitation to speak on Revma, which is not extended to everyone, was an honor for the men.

"We got good feedback," said Free. The international SPIE conference had sponsors and representatives in attendance from Google, Canon, Qualcomm and many more.

Free said the technology in Revma has a wide variety of potential applications from filmmakers to law enforcement.

Free said he is also considering adding audio and video capabilities similar to Skype to the application. "I want to tear it apart and redesign it and make it more scalable," he said.

Pan and Free said that the application has tremendous potential and plan to continue to refine it.

"Once I start working on something, I don't want to stop," said Free.

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SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges Features FSU Again

FSU has been designated one of the 332 most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States and Canada, according to *The Princeton Review*. This is the third time, and the second year in a row, that FSU has been featured in the guide.

Schools are chosen based on a survey of college administrators to measure the schools' commitment to the environment and sustainability. The institutional survey included questions on the schools' course offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation.

"I'm so proud of our Bobcats and everything we're working on together to ensure that our University is upholding its commitment to sustainability," said President Gibraltar. "Whether it is participating in RecycleMania, deciding our new buildings must be LEED certified or organizing educational events that help our campus community discuss environmental issues, we are making strides to support sustainability every step of the way."

In the guide's profile on Frostburg, *The Princeton Review* highlights FSU's completely off-grid Sustainable Energy Research Facility, its annual day of learning on environmental sustainability and climate awareness known as Focus Frostburg, its new Frostburg Grows partnership and FSU's achievement of purchasing at least 15 percent of its electricity consumption from renewable resources, among other accomplishments.



Frostburg Grows Project a Finalist for National Sustainability Award

The innovative **Frostburg Grows** partnership was among 20 higher education finalists for this year's Second Nature Climate Leadership Awards, selected for the way they exemplify the mission of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment of addressing sustainability through education, research and community engagement.

The Frostburg Grows: Grow It Local Greenhouse Project joins FSU in partnership with the Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Council to convert a reclaimed strip mine into a greenhouse complex designed to serve multiple purposes.

Operated completely off the grid, this complex is teaching local growers to make better use of their land to increase the availability of local food, cultivating native tree seedlings for stream buffers and other restoration projects and providing a living classroom for FSU students.



Arbor Day, Tree Campus USA Recognition Celebrated During Focus Frostburg

FSU held an Arbor Day celebration and recognition of its Tree Campus USA designation on April 23, the centerpiece of Focus Frostburg, the annual day of learning on sustainability and climate awareness.

The Arbor Day celebration included poetry and music with tree-related themes, planting of a flowering dogwood tree in the clock tower plaza and more native trees planted in the campus arboretum. This is the third year FSU has held the Arbor Day celebration and the second straight year it has earned Tree Campus USA designation.

FSU continues to be the only campus in Maryland that has adopted a standard of planting native trees and shrubs.

CAMPUS HONORS

Kauffman Honored With USM Award for Public Service

Dr. Robert Kauffman, a professor in the Department of Recreation and Parks Management, has been awarded the Regents' Faculty Award for Public Service, the highest honor that the University System of Maryland Board of Regents bestows to recognize exemplary faculty achievement.

Kauffman's honor marks the sixth time since 2007 that an FSU faculty member has been honored by the regents.

For 25 years, Kauffman has made a significant public service contribution in recreational boating safety that has saved lives on the nation's waterways. His major contribution has been in the development of educational materials that are being used across the country as well as within Maryland.

"While Dr. Kauffman continues to produce an outstanding record in professional development and teaching, it is the dedication and passion to his outreach and service in the area of water safety that sets him apart as a national expert in this field," said President Gibraltar.

Kauffman was the primary author of the textbook, *Integrated Risk Management for Leisure Services*, which addresses the topics of negligence, the accident process, risk management plans and post-incident actions. Published in March 2013, the textbook brings full-circle Kauffman's safety involvement by bringing real-life case studies from the field back to the classroom. In addition, the book services the recreation and parks profession by creating new knowledge and infusing new content.

He produced award-winning videos and boating safety materials, including *Cold, Wet and Alive*, the most widely used boating safety video among boating law educators in the United States; *Decide to Return*; and *Almost a Perfect Day*, which is being used in state boating education programs in all 50 states.

Kauffman has received over 20 grants for a total of over \$1,100,000 from the U.S.



Dr. Robert Kauffman

Coast Guard to the American Canoe Association, National Safe Boating Council and the National Recreation and Parks Association for boating safety projects.

He developed an off-campus four-year program in Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies at the Community College of Baltimore County – Catonsville in 2000, developed a collaborative hospital-ity management program with Allegany College of Maryland in 1999 and developed, wrote the proposal and implemented a master's program in Park and Recreation Resource Management in 1995, which is now called Recreation and Parks Management.

Duncan Receives President's Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Sydney Duncan, chair of the Department of English and an associate professor in the department, has been selected as the third recipient of the President's Distinguished Faculty Award, an award President Gibraltar established to recognize and encourage those faculty members who advance the University's mission and goals and its strategic planning initiatives.

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

"Every educator hopes to make a difference in the lives of students; Dr. Duncan has more than achieved this goal," Gibraltar said. "She creates engaging challenges for her students by encouraging them to look at real-world issues in her technical writing classes."

In the English Department, she has worked hard to create a culture that provides chal-



Dr. Gibraltar presented this year's President's Distinguished Faculty Award to Dr. Sydney Duncan during the May Commencement ceremony.

lenges and support for students. "She is masterful at achieving that balance between holding students accountable and, at the same time, understanding the various challenges that they may be encountering," wrote Dr. Thomas Bowling in his letter of nomination.

Duncan also volunteered to serve as co-chair of the self-study process for the upcoming Middle States Commission on Higher Education reaccreditation evaluation visit, which Bowling said will benefit from her caring leadership, thoughtful analysis and skilled writing.

"In addition to recognizing her significant achievements, it is important to bring attention to the manner in which she has worked – with integrity, and with respect for her colleagues and her students," said Bowling.



Dr. Stephen Hartlaub



Dr. Scott Johnson



Dr. Julie Hartman-Linck



Dr. Ronald Horner

2014 Faculty Achievement Award Winners Honored at University Convocation

Three outstanding faculty members were recognized at the annual University Honors Convocation with faculty achievement awards:

Dr. Stephen Hartlaub, Department of Political Science, for Teaching; **Dr. Scott Johnson**, Department of Political Science, for Academic Achievement; and **Dr. Julie Hartman-Linck**, Department of Sociology, for University and Community Service. The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

As a professor of political science, Hartlaub has demonstrated a pattern of teaching excellence over 20 years at FSU. He has taught 14 different courses during his career at this institution, including freshman orientation, three courses outside of Political Science and well over a hundred independent readings courses. In addition, he has taught honors seminars and participated in learning communities. He is described by colleagues as a bright and analytical educator who maintains a keen ability to connect with undergraduate students. Students appreciate his ambition to improve constantly as a professor and develop as a student mentor.

Johnson, a professor of political science, has produced an impressive array of scholarly work in recent years. His recent book, *The Faces of Lee Harvey Oswald*, provides objective critiques

of the major conspiracy theories surrounding Oswald's role in the assassination of John F. Kennedy. In addition, Johnson released a two-volume encyclopedia titled *Trials of the Century: An Encyclopedia of Popular Culture and the Law in 2010*. The encyclopedia places popular court cases within historical frameworks. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and conference presentations over the course of his academic career.

As an assistant professor of sociology and women's studies, Hartman-Linck has exhibited an exceptional record of service to FSU and the surrounding community. She serves as chair of the President's Advisory Council Against Gender-Based Violence, as a faculty senator and as faculty advisor for Students for Women's Issues and Breaking Through Glass. In addition, she serves the community as a board member and secretary of the local Family Crisis Resource Center. She is passionate about making FSU a welcoming campus environment to help attract and retain a diverse range of students, particularly in making the campus and community a safer and more welcoming place for women and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and community members.

Dr. Ronald Horner a Quarterfinalist for GRAMMY's Music Education Award

Dr. Ronald G. Horner, who teaches percussion in the Department of Music, has been named a quarterfinalist for the Music Educator Award presented by The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation.

A total of 222 music teachers were selected from more than 7,000 initial nominations.

Horner is director of percussion studies at FSU. He is an active participant in the National Conference on Percussion Pedagogy, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the Percussive Arts Society. His performing experience includes former membership in the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and regular performances with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

He serves as principal timpanist of the Johnstown and Westmoreland Symphony orchestras in Pennsylvania and is timpanist for the acclaimed Keystone Wind Ensemble. He has recorded on the Deutsche Grammophon, London/Decca, CBS Masterworks and Citadel labels. Horner is a clinician for the Ludwig/Musser division of Selmer Industries and the author of the timpani method book *The Tuneful Timpanist*.

Semifinalists will be announced in September. The eventual winner will be flown to Los Angeles to accept the award, attend the GRAMMY Awards and receive a \$10,000 honorarium.

Brosi and McCampbell Receive Awards at Ethnobotany Conference

Dr. Sunshine Brosi, an assistant professor in the Department of Biology, won the Charles B. Heiser, Jr., Mentor Award at the joint Society of Ethnobotany 37th annual and Society for Economic Botany 55th annual international conference held in Cherokee, N.C., in May. In addition, **Michael McCampbell M'14**, won the Edmund H. Fulling Award for his presentation, "Seedling Establishment of American Chestnut, *Castanea dentata*, in Pennsylvania."

The Heiser mentor award recognizes outstanding economic botanists who have substantially affected the training and professional development of economic botany and ethnobotany students. This award, chosen by current students, spotlights dedicated educators who foster the development of the field by example and through student mentoring. It acknowledges mentors who are experienced, knowledgeable, trustworthy friends, counselors and teachers.

The Fulling award recognizes the best contributed oral paper at the annual meeting by a junior professional with a degree for no more than five years. It is the only prize given to student oral presentations at the conference.



Michael McCampbell M'14 and Dr. Sunshine Brosi

A L U M N I
NEWS

Stacey Kincaid Elected Fairfax
County's 1st Female Sheriff

In November 2013, Fairfax County voters elected **Stacey Kleiner Kincaid '87** as their sheriff, the first-ever female in that position in the history of the county of 1.1 million residents. Kincaid, who earned her bachelor's degree in political science/criminal justice

from FSU and began her career with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in June 1987, said her summer internship sparked her interest in a career as deputy sheriff.

"I'm looking forward to moving our agency forward, not only as the first woman but also as the only person on the ticket who has any experience with the sheriff's department," she said on election night. Kincaid, whose job involves overseeing the county jail and courthouse, has vowed to increase the diversity of the department and hopes to reduce recidivism and improve mental health services to inmates.

Kincaid has worked in all four divisions within the agency – Correctional Services, Administrative Services, Support Services and the Court Services Division. In 2008, she received the agency's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. Prior to 2007, the chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized her performance with Community Service Leadership as the team lead for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. She was also instrumental in obtaining grants and corporate and private donations to help fund the community outreach programs offered by the Sheriff's Office and was the coordinator in the development and growth of the Shop With a Sheriff program that funds back-to-school shopping for children who temporarily reside in the county's homeless shelters. ■

Beall Institute Event Highlights Appeal of Public Affairs Careers

In an effort to attract students to careers in public affairs, four alumni who chose to pursue that arena returned to Frostburg in March to describe their journeys.

Keynote speaker **Donald P. Hutchinson '67**, a former Maryland state delegate and senator as well as county executive for Baltimore County, discussed the aims of the J. Glenn Beall Jr. Institute for Public Affairs "trying, if you will, to 'seduce' students into public service, to try to convince you that it's a worthwhile endeavor, that it's something you ought to look forward to." Hutchinson is a member of the Beall Institute Board of Directors.

Hutchinson discussed the rare opportunities people living in Maryland have to learn about the nation's many forms of government. "You are within a two-and-a-half hour drive of every form of government that exists in the United States, and you can see it firsthand."

He also emphasized to the students the importance of personal reflection to determine where they want to use their influence. "Take this time, make this effort. Understand where you are. ... Understand the impact that you can have, then make the most of it," he said.

The program also recognized **Al Feldstein M'77**, of the Maryland Department of Planning, for the stewardship of millions of dollars of Appalachian Regional Commission funding to Western Maryland over the years. The Vietnam War, being waged during Feldstein's high school and college years, and the divisions that it brought, shaded his feelings toward politics and encouraged him to learn as much as he could about all sides. And despite having grown somewhat jaded over the years in a career of dealing with politicians, "There are still a lot of good people out there, public servants in the truest tradition, and I'm certainly hopeful that you will be one of these people," Feldstein told the students.

Robin Summerfield '90 and **Brian Grim '04/M'06** also spoke of their influences. Summerfield, who is the Western Maryland representative for U.S. Sen. Benjamin Cardin, said his public service began as an advocate for at-risk children. Grim is the mayor of Cumberland and an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Political Science. He was only 26 the first time he ran for office.

Beall Institute Executive Director **Tim Magrath** said the program, and the Institute overall, was designed to "encourage our students to see a bigger, broader world out there,"



Donald P. Hutchinson '67, who was the keynote speaker, encouraged students to reflect on who they are and what they care about, and then to decide how best to have an impact.

and to raise awareness of the importance of public service.

The Beall Institute, created by gifts through the FSU Foundation from Beall, a former U.S. senator, and his family, has, since 2005, assisted and financially supported students with opportunities to serve on Capitol Hill in Washington and in the General Assembly in Annapolis.

"I do not think it is too dramatic to say that most of these students have been transformed by the experience and were exposed to career paths that they might not have initially foreseen," Magrath said.

Magrath, **Daniel Weir '14** and **Katie Dignan '14**, members of the President's Leadership Circle, organized the program, sponsored by the Beall Institute and the FSU Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning. ■



Victoria Beall Muth, daughter of the late Sen. J. Glenn Beall, Jr., and chair of the Beall Institute Board of Directors, shown here with President Gibraltar, was in attendance.

TRACKING EACH OTHER DOWN



These three Frostburg graduates tracked each other down at the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters. From left are **Kevin Killigrew '85**, **Kevin McShane '89** and **Joseph "Jay" Stone '85**. All three are supervisory special agents. Killigrew is a supervisor in the Indian Country Crimes Unit, Stone is a supervisor in the Domestic Terrorism Operations Unit and McShane supervises the Violent Crime Unit in 15 field offices.

Firing of Engines, Thrill of the Crowd Convert Alum to NASCAR

By Robert Spahr

Though she spent much of 2014 rubbing elbows with NASCAR superstars, when **Madison Martin '12** first came to FSU from nearby Cumberland, Md., she wasn't yet a race fan. Now Martin is employed as Miss Sprint Cup, a brand ambassador for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.

"Being a Miss Sprint Cup is an amazing opportunity filled with so many different highs!" she said. "One of my favorite moments this season was getting to be a part of victory lane when Dale Earnhardt, Jr., won the Daytona 500 – it was so cool to be a part of history!"

Martin's fanaticism for the sport took root during her earliest weeks at FSU when her mother took her to her first race in Richmond. There, she experienced the thrilling sounds and fury, the massive crowds and excitement of NASCAR, and she met a former Miss Sprint Cup, Monica Palumbo.

"After that experience and the firing of the engines," Martin said, "I was sold."

Her experiences in the Mass Communication program prepared Martin to serve as a brand ambassador.

"While working with FSU-TV3, I was able to gain real experience for what it is like to interview athletes, coaches and more," she said. During her senior year, she combined her TV experience with her newfound love of stock car racing: "FSU-TV3 even allowed me to take a student-based crew to the spring 2012 race at Richmond International Raceway to conduct interviews and report on NASCAR."

Thanks to the hands-on support and encouragement she received at FSU, Martin carries her college experience with her to each stop on the NASCAR circuit.

"My favorite memories," she said, stem from "the great sense of community that Frostburg has. Each and every individual on the campus is helpful and really concerned about the well-being of others, making it an excellent environment for students to excel," especially those she called her "solid support system," including **President Gibraltar**, **Melanie Lombardi '98**, **Tim Magrath**, **Dr. Sydney Duncan** and **Andy Duncan**. "Each and every professor put in extra time and effort to hear out any ideas that I would have about extra-curricular activities, as well as answer any concerns or issues that I had."

Tune into the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series each weekend to see Martin in action, or visit her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/misssprintcup.



Alumni Honored at
Spring Ceremonies



President Gibraltar presented the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to **Joseph W. Lambert '79** at the May commencement ceremony. Lambert is director of Information Management for the Central Intelligence Agency, an agency he has served since 1984.

The day also marked the first time that Lambert had participated in a Frostburg commencement, having skipped his own, much to his father's disappointment. "Mr. Lambert's father is no longer with us, but he is most definitely here in spirit as his son is presented with one of his alma mater's highest awards," Gibraltar said.



Rick Brindle '82 was given the 2014 College of Business Alumnus of the Year Award at the annual Honors Reception in May. Brindle, who majored in business administration and management, leads Industry Development for Mondeléz International, North America. He has been in the packaged goods industry his entire career.

"Rick exemplifies what a true FSU Business graduate should be: an outstanding leader in his profession with commitment to honesty and integrity," said **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi**, dean of the College of Business.



Faherty Honored for Service

The FSU Alumni Association recently honored **Gladys Wensel Faherty '55**, center, for her more than two decades of service to the association's Board of Directors and the invaluable guidance, advocacy and support she has offered to alumni and students. Pictured with her are **Col. Ron Forrester '67**, Alumni Association board president, and **Laura McCullough**, director of Alumni Relations and Special Events.



Getting Together Is Golden

Members of the Class of '64 reunited for the Golden Anniversary on June 7. Pictured are, front row, from left, **Serena Kerr White**, **Patricia Capella Fair**, **Marilyn Garber Galley**, **Barbara Richardson Sundergill**, **Joanne Wardman McGregor**, **Sandy Satterthwaite Blough** and **Libby Harris McGinn**; second row, from left, **Bonnie Sweeney Heller**, **Dorothy Robertson Brown**, **Ned Boehm**, **Barbara Wakenight Lewis**, **Mary Jo Sirna Howie**, **Gene Wood** and **Donald Smith**; back row, from left, **Jack Patterson**, **Hank Heller**, **Richard Clingan**, **Robert Brown**, **Larry Tyree**, **Don Cline**, **Gerald Howie**, **Delma Burk Kemmet**, **Sam DeBone**, **Ron Kyhos** and **Wayne Lewis**.



Matt Merchant '97 throws **Nora Grider '14** over his shoulder during a stage combat workshop.

Merchant Returns to FSU Stage, Shares His Skills With Students

Los Angeles-based actor **Matt Merchant '97** returned to FSU as a guest artist, starring in the Department of Theatre and Dance's production of the rock musical, *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*.

After last performing on FSU's stage nearly 20 years ago, Merchant worked side by side with faculty and students on a series of workshops during his residency, such as the stage combat class, in addition to performing in the role that reinvented the seventh president of the United States as an emo-rock star rebel.

A member of the California-based and award-winning Troubadour Theatre Company, Merchant is credited for helping to create original pieces with the company, including *As U2 Like It*, *It's a Stevie Wonderful Life* and *A Midsummer Saturday Night's Fever Dream*. Through a collaboration with Garry Marshall and Paul Williams, Merchant created characters for the national tour of *Happy Days: A New Musical*.



Dr. Matthew Crawford '06

Crawford is chair of the local American Chemical Society and led the organization in sponsoring a STEM Day at FSU open to all Allegany County K-12 students. The group also sponsors an energy-themed poetry contest. In addition, Crawford is the secretary of Homeground, a nonprofit environmental group that sponsors Discovery Allegany Outdoors at Rocky Gap State Park near Flintstone.

The award highlights five areas of involvement, including communication, volunteering, learning, decision-making and community collaboration.

Some of the activities that Crawford supports include Discovery Days and STEM Family Night. He was also an active member of the PTA, the School Improvement Team, a homeroom parent and volunteer at the school store, and is the school's representative on the Parent Advisory Council.

"Three times during the school year Dr. Crawford brings FSU students and professors to our school to transform each classroom into an exciting laboratory where students actively participate in scientific experiments to enhance the grade-level curriculum," said Flintstone's principal, Sharon Morgan.

Alumni Take the Lead at School Systems

Fairfax County Public Schools

Dr. Steven Lockard '92, who was previously deputy superintendent of Frederick (Md.) County Public Schools, has been named deputy superintendent of Fairfax County (Va.) public schools, the 11th largest school district in the country.

"Dr. Lockard brings significant educational administration and professional experience to Fairfax County Public Schools," said Fairfax Superintendent Karen K. Garza. "We are fortunate to have someone with his expertise, vision and knowledge of the metropolitan area joining our executive team."

Lockard will be trading a school system of about 40,000 students for one of approximately 184,000 students. As Frederick County's deputy superintendent, Lockard led the district to the highest school performance index rating in Maryland – first out of 24 districts – in 2012 and worked to reduce the achievement gap among minority, special education, English language learners and economically disadvantaged students.

Lockard will be moving to another highly rated system: Fairfax County Schools regularly appear in "top 100 in the nation" lists, with a graduation rate of 92 percent. In the class of 2013 there were 229 National Merit Semifinalists, and 74 percent of Fairfax graduates went on to post-secondary programs.

A graduate of FSU with a bachelor's degree in elementary and early childhood education, Lockard began his career as a fourth grade teacher, winning the Sallie Mae First Year Teacher award for Maryland, and later taught second grade. In 2006, he received the *Washington Post* Distinguished Educational Leader Award while serving as principal of Tuscarora Elementary School.

And Lockard follows a family legacy both as a Frostburg graduate and as a school district administrator. He is the son of **Dr. Brian '65** and **Lynda '65 Lockard**. His father served as superintendent of Carroll County (Md.) schools in the 1990s.



Dr. Steven Lockard '92

Southern York County School District

Dr. Sandra Steiner Lemmon '86 was named superintendent for Southern York County School District, a district serving more than 3,000 students. Lemmon has worked in the district for 13 years in several different positions, including principal of Shrewsbury Elementary, director of curriculum and instruction and assistant superintendent.

"Dr. Lemmon's extensive experiences in coordinating, developing and evaluating effective curriculum, as well as organizing district-wide projects in the areas of instruction, assessment and staff development, make her a perfect fit for the position," said previous Superintendent Thomas Hensley, who retired at the end of the school year. "While her skills and experiences are impressive, her love of children and her belief that every child can succeed make her an exceptional person and educator."

In addition to her bachelor's in early childhood, elementary and middle school education from FSU, she holds a master's in education in management and supervision and a doctorate in educational leadership. ■



Dr. Sandra Steiner Lemmon '86

Alumni Teachers Continue to Earn Accolades

As Teachers of the Year for the 2014-15 school year begin to be announced in school systems around the region, the list, as usual, includes Frostburg alumni. Here are two:

Dana Reinhardt '04/M'06, a third-grade teacher at George's Creek Elementary School in Lonaconing, was named Teacher of the Year for Allegany County, Md. She earned her bachelor's degree in early childhood/elementary education. Reinhardt received a graduate assistantship and earned her master's degree in education, specializing in reading. She now serves as the chair of the Professional Development School Partnership with FSU and is a member of the Climate Action Team. "My job is not about the transference of information but the fostering of a student's ability to learn on their own, and instilling a level of confidence in each child that allows them to believe in themselves as a student and a person," Reinhardt said in an interview with the *Cumberland Times-News*.

Ryan Wolf '02 was named Teacher of the Year for Garrett County, Md. Wolf has worked since 2004 at Southern Garrett High School in Oakland, where he teaches algebra and geometry. He is seeking a master's degree in education theory and practice through Arkansas State University. He is a Professional Learning Communities leader in mathematics and was voted "Easiest Teacher to Understand" by SHS graduating classes from 2006 to 2012. He credits his time at FSU for awakening his passion for mathematics. Wolf's advice to teachers is to provide a positive learning environment in which students are not afraid to fail. "If students are afraid to fail in your classroom, then they will never be able to achieve their full learning potential," he told the *Cumberland Times-News*.



FSU's Children's Lit Festival
Inspires Irish Alums to Create
Their Own Across the Pond

By Candis Johnson

Every year the FSU Children's Literature Centre hosts a variety of events to promote a passion for reading, in particular the Spring Festival of Children's Literature, which has attracted internationally recognized authors for more than three decades. Now six alumni, all former Irish graduate assistants who earned their master's degrees in education from FSU, have teamed up to create their own version, Buzzing With Books: Celebrating Children's Engagement With Literature, at their home university, Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland.

It made perfect sense for FSU and Mary Immaculate to work together. FSU offers a study abroad program at MIC, and every year one MIC graduate is awarded a scholarship to study at FSU and work in its Education Department and Children's Literature Centre. The relationship between the two institutions dates back more than two decades.

The plan got off the ground in January 2013, when **Dr. Bill Bingman**, long-time professor of Educational Professions at FSU and director of the Children's Literature Centre, and **Dr. Barbara Ornstein**, also a professor of Educational Professions and associate director of the Centre, met with the six FSU alums, as well as with administrators and faculty of Mary Immaculate, to discuss the possibility of creating a children's literature conference similar to FSU's. Current grad student **Patrick Burke**, **Aisling Beecher M'13**, **Sinead McEnery M'09**, **Maeve O'Connell M'06**, **Noirin Stritch M'10**



FSU alumni who organized Buzzing with Books and the presenters include, from left, **Noirin Stritch M'10**, current grad student **Patrick Burke**, **Maeve O'Connell M'06**, illustrator P.J. Lynch, author Siobhán Parkinson, author and illustrator Mary Louise Fitzpatrick, illustrator Michael Emberley, **Sinead McEnery M'09** and **Aisling Beecher M'13**. Incidentally, Fitzpatrick and Emberley are a married couple who met at FSU's Spring Festival of Children's Literature in 2007.

and **Dr. Sarah Fitzpatrick M'95** all felt the experience they gained at FSU, particularly in the field of children's literature, gave them the background and skills they needed to organize a similar two-day event dedicated to the celebration of children's literature in Ireland.

Five of the alums are primary school teachers in Ireland. Fitzpatrick is deputy CEO of Ireland's National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, who served in an advisory role and helped secure some of the conference funding through NCCA.

In May of this year their dream became a reality. Buzzing With Books featured well-known Irish authors and illustrators, as well as a range of workshop sessions on literature,

literacy and the promotion of reading among school goers. Over 200 educators from all across Ireland attended the professional conference with keynote sessions and parallel workshops, and 300 school children attended the free children's festival.

In Touch, the journal of the Irish National Teachers Organisation, featured the new festival and its organizers and the long-term relationship between Mary Immaculate and Frostburg.

Burke told the journal that events like the Spring Festival of Children's Literature have a significant impact on children and education.

"I have learned that high-quality children's literature can have an enormous influence on children's motivation to read," he said.

Beecher credited her professors with inspiring her to do something more. "Dr. Bingman and Dr. Ornstein's infectious energy and enthusiasm for developing lifelong readers was ignited within me."

For more information on the conference, go to www.buzzingwithbooks.com.



Greatest Couples of All Time

Frostburg has been the origin of many a budding romance over its history. This year, a dance was held to commemorate these unions – and give the happy couples, some shown here, another chance to be cheek-to-cheek. The dance was the first of what will be an annual event, so if your love was born in the 'Burg, plan to come to next year's dance on Saturday, June 6, 2015.



Kenneth '64 and Julia Metz '96 celebrated 54 years of marriage that evening, making them the longest-married couple in attendance.



Ronald '63 and Patricia King Robeson '63



Robert '74 and Bev Schweitzer Danton '76



Ryan '04/M'07 and Melody Hanna Kentrus '05



Flag Far From Home

Lt. Col. James M. Bunyak, Jr. '97 presents FSU head baseball coach **Guy Robertson** with an American flag that flew over Forward Operating Base Fenty in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Bunyak is a former player for the Bobcat baseball team.

50 Years of Brotherhood

The brothers of Alpha Delta Chi, which was founded at Frostburg in 1964, held their Golden Anniversary celebration on campus during the first weekend of May. It was one of the largest alumni events held at FSU outside of Homecoming.

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Foundation Announces
New Officers and
Board Members

The FSU Foundation, Inc., is pleased to announce the election of seven new officers and welcome three new members to its Board of Directors.

The new officers are **Mary Clapsaddle '83** of Arnold, Md., president; **Ken Oldham, Jr. '98** of Frederick, Md., vice-president; **Sandi Saville** of Cumberland, Md., treasurer; **Larry McKenzie '94/M'01** of Frostburg, assistant-treasurer; Directors-at-Large **Jeff Fegan '76** of Austin, Texas, and **Marion Leonard** of Cumberland, Md.; and **Quincy Crawford '65** of Annapolis, Md., immediate past president. **Lynn Fike** of Frostburg continues as secretary, and **Gladys Faherty '55** of Frostburg continues as member-at-large.

Clapsaddle is a geography and sociology graduate who first joined the FSU Foundation as a member in 2006 and most recently served as vice president. "With the opening of CCIT, this is a thrilling time to be a Bobcat," she said. "I am excited to work with the new Foundation Board members and leaders to build on the momentum created by our predecessors and support FSU as it evolves to meet the needs of students in the 21st century."

The new members of the board are **Dr. J. Laron Locke '82**, **Dr. Mary Mumper** and **Donald Woodard, Jr. '94**.

Locke of Prince George's County, Md., a biology and psychology graduate, is assistant medical



The new officers for the FSU Foundation Board of Directors are, from left, Vice President **Ken Oldham '98**, Treasurer **Sandi Saville**, President **Mary Clapsaddle '83**, Immediate Past President **Quincy Crawford '65**, Assistant Treasurer **Larry McKenzie '94/M'01** and Secretary **Lynn Fike**.

examiner in the State of Maryland's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. He is also an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatric Research and clinical instructor in the Department of Pathology, University of Maryland at Baltimore; and a lecturer in the Department of Pathology at Johns Hopkins University. He established the J. Laron Locke, M.D., and Stephanie F. Locke, M.D., Presidential Merit Scholarship at FSU and sponsored the naming of the Black Student Alliance Office in the Lane University Center.

Mumper of Frostburg, retired professor of chemistry at FSU, earned the President's Distinguished Faculty Award in 2013 for her activities to advance the University's strategic planning initiatives. She came to FSU after careers as an elementary teacher and an interior designer and made her mark in higher education, supporting first-year students in the Professional Medicine Learning Community, advanced students in organic chemistry and graduating seniors with intent to enter the medical field. She served as chair of both the Faculty and the Chemistry Department and established the Virgil C. and Mildred A. Walters Presidential Merit

Scholarship in Chemistry in honor of her parents. She also regularly bakes pies to raise funds for Relay For Life at FSU.

Woodard of Charlotte, N.C., an accounting graduate, owns an Internet-based business and works as a professional consultant. He brings with him nearly 20 years of accounting, finance and account management expertise from his work with major companies in numerous industries. At FSU, he started all four years for the men's basketball team and was inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame in 2013.

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Dr. J. Laron Locke '82



Dr. Mary Mumper



Donald Woodard, Jr. '94

Single Parents Seeking an Ed.D. Offered Help
From One Who's Been There

Dr. Kelly Hall knows firsthand what it's like to try to pay for school while juggling parenthood and finances on one's own, but she also knows how inspiring it can be for dedicated educators to want to transform the institutions where they serve.

When Hall, an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Professions, was finishing her Ph.D., she was a single parent and working as a contractual employee in university administration. Funds for her position were dependent on soft-money contracts that she won to complete community-based evaluation and training projects, and that funding was always uncertain.

"Single, working-student parents are confronted and cope with unique stresses balancing home life, work responsibilities and graduate studies," she said. "I wanted to fund a scholarship which would relieve the stresses of another single parent's life."

Today Hall is using her experiences to inform her work, including researching why doctoral candidates struggle to graduate, and to "pay it forward." She is turning her personal journey into a meaningful opportunity through a scholarship for doctoral students. The Dr. Kelly Hall Doctor of Education Scholarship is for students pursuing FSU's Ed.D. in Educational Leadership who are single parents regardless of legal status (divorced, widowed, etc.) and is renewable throughout the program.

"The small scholarship I received while completing my doctorate was instrumental," she said, cushioning her frugal household budget while she completed her coursework.



Dr. Kelly Hall

As difficult as it is to earn a doctorate, however, Hall doesn't lose sight of how transformative the experience can be for those post-graduate students who are gaining the foundation to lead schools, districts, colleges and universities through times of change.

"Effective educational leaders at and from Frostburg have positively influenced local, regional, state and national arenas in education and other areas," she said. "Was it not the potential of

education and the persistence of community leaders which started Maryland State Normal School No. 2? The potential of the Ed.D. is to catalyze educational efforts so similar FSU legacies continue."

Those who apply for the Dr. Kelly Hall Doctor of Education Scholarship are asked to share a brief personal statement to describe how their circumstances meet required criteria to be considered for scholarship aid. Preference may be given to applicants with financial need.

To learn more about Frostburg's Ed.D. program, visit www.frostburg.edu/edd. For more information on how to support the Dr. Kelly Hall Doctor of Education Scholarship, visit foundation.frostburg.edu or call Shannon Gribble '98, director of Development, at 301.687.4161.

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— Dr. Kelly Hall

THANK YOU!



You're the Reason!

All of the Bobcats who answered calls this year from our phonathon students – like **DiJone Childs**, pictured here – are the reason that the phonathon exceeded its yearly fundraising goal of \$110,000 by more than \$15,500. Thank you!



Thank You to Faculty and Staff!

Fiscal Year 2014 proved to be another banner year for the support that FSU faculty and staff gave to the FSU Foundation, so much so that the members of the Office of University Advancement felt compelled to put their gratitude in writing. Faculty and staff gifts of more than \$238,000 will help make a difference in the lives of students through support for scholarships, athletics, the Annual Fund, WFWM and so much more.

Pictured are, front row, from left, **Brianne Huot '10/M'11**, **Shannon Gribble '98**, **Barbara Filer** and **Janelle Moffett**; second row, from left, **Liz Nelson '01**, **Lynn Ketterman**, **Laura McCullough** and **Todd Moffett**; back row, from left, **Eli Baker '10** and **Stephen Spahr**. All are willing to help you decide how best to make an impact for FSU and its students. Call them at 301.687.4161.

Planting Dreams, Then Helping Them Come True

Students from Frostburg have participated in the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program for more than 20 years. The McNair Program is in the business of encouraging students not in the habit of dreaming big to dream even bigger.

MIYAGI, More Than a Game, Will Help Children “Get” Math

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

Picture an elementary school math class. A teacher stands at the front of the room writing numbers and symbols on a board, as children squirm in their seats, copying those same numbers and symbols and trying to grasp the concept behind them.

Imagine instead a classroom where engaged children wave their arms and move their bodies as if they were playing a Nintendo Wii game, but their bodies, not remotes, control the action. And instead of controlling a ball on a TV screen, they’re controlling a basic algebra equation: They use the movement of their bodies to build the mental connection between the equations $a + b = c$ and $c - a = b$.

That’s the basic concept behind MIYAGI, software that is being developed by **Emmanuel Cephas, Jr. ’05**. It stands for “Move If You’re A Genius Inside,” but it’s more than just a game. It’s an educational concept designed to incorporate kinesthetic learning into the teaching of mathematics. Kinesthetic learning, also called tactile learning, is where people learn by performing a physical action, as opposed to hearing an explanation or seeing something demonstrated.

Cephas wants to capture the natural energy of young children at a time in their lives when they are most attuned to kinesthetic learning. He wants to harness all that squirming to help them find the math genius that is inside them.

“I hope this is used as a model to transform other areas of math. We’ll start with this small piece and build a foundation,” he said.

The seeds of this idea were planted when Cephas was a computer science and physics major at Frostburg, participating in the McNair program. It included summers working with his mentor, famed physicist Dr. James Gates, Jr., at University of Maryland, College Park. In the process of his research, he was trying to imagine a different way to represent mathematical equations that would be more suitable for the world of computer science. As he toyed with a new diagram, he pictured it moving on the paper, and the process came out correctly.

He rushed to show Gates his idea. Gates advised him to keep it to himself and to keep working on it. That was 2005, and Cephas worked on the problem here and



Emmanuel Cephas, Jr. '05

there while finishing his computer science degree at FSU, then a second bachelor’s in physics at Maryland. He kept at it while working as a software engineer at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center. He hoped pursuing a Ph.D. in computer science would allow him to dedicate more time to the idea, but neither the program he began at Virginia Tech, nor the one he

was accepted to but declined at UMBC, were bringing him any closer to his goal.

Instead, he kept his job at Goddard, where he had interned during college, and saved his money. He briefly was involved in a startup company working on web applications, which just emphasized to him that he needed to dedicate his time to his own startup instead. In May of 2012, he launched Human Storm, LLC, to create MIYAGI.

Not Always the “Math Guy”

For Cephas, changing the way children are taught math is more than just a career goal. It’s personal.

“I’ve not had a smooth journey with math,” said the inventor and scientist with degrees in computer science and physics. “I went through a process. I understand emotionally what it feels like to not ‘get it.’”

He lived a turbulent youth, with a mother with a mental illness and a father who struggled with addiction. He and his younger brother and sister bounced through a number of different homes and experienced dangerous and abusive living situations. Looking back, he notes that the more difficult his life became, the worse he did in his math classes.

“What I want people to know is I came from a starting point a lot of people can relate to. I had to struggle. There was no calm house and warm dinner waiting for me,” he said. “I had to fight my way through childhood.”

He managed to persevere. Being the class clown in middle school helped deflect the stigma of being labeled the “smart kid” among peers who didn’t value good grades. Drawing, illustration, dancing and science fiction were the interests he was known for – “I was the ‘art guy’” – and those interests are an important part of the MIYAGI concept, which aims to awaken a child’s natural math genius through different mental pathways.

About two months before he came to Frostburg for college, he convinced a judge to emancipate him and his two siblings from his troubled father so he would know his brother and sister were safe when he went away to school. But, as before, math suffered as his mind was occupied elsewhere.

“I started off at Frostburg in developmental math,” he said. “I got hit hard with that math placement test.” But he played mind games with himself to get himself to learn the less interesting concepts he needed to pursue those things that did interest him ... like

theoretical physics, which was the topic of his McNair research.

“I tell myself, if I really want to do it, I need to do this thing that I hate to be able to do the thing I want to do.”

What he wants to do now is finish the engineering of MIYAGI, test it through four development milestones to get it to the point where it is truly an adaptive learning tool that will revolutionize how people learn math. He’s received a lot of interest from schools and other educational organizations.

He has also received a good amount of encouragement along the way. A \$20,000 grant from BME, a “network of inspired black men and their friends” committed to making their communities stronger, is part of his seed money. Last summer, he was invited to the White House for workshops on educational technology as a White House Champions of Change nominee, even though MIYAGI was still in the early stages at that point. More recently, the Maryland Black Mayors honored him as an Outstanding Leader, he received the Rising Hope Award from the Baltimore-based Black Professional Men, Inc., and was given the Baltimore Social Innovators Award by the Warnock Foundation.

He was also chosen to mentor the teenagers in the “Hackathon” that was part of this summer’s Essence Music Festival in New Orleans, directed by the Yes We Code organization, which works to provide computer science education to youth who have few opportunities to learn it. These amazing young people spent the multi-day event writing their own software to solve a societal problem, like bullying or human sex trafficking, or bring about positive change in their communities, like giving urban youth a way to share their stories.

Possibilities – in the Hackathon teens, in the children who might embrace math at a young age, in the different concepts that MIYAGI could be used to teach, even the possibilities in the theoretical physics he studied in college – drive him to keep working.

“All people have this genius inside of us. I want to awaken it.”

For more information about MIYAGI, sign up for updates at www.MIYAGI.me, visit www.facebook.com/MIYAGI.me or email Cephas at emmanuel.cephas@miyagi.me.

What is the McNair Program?

The McNair Scholars Program is a federally funded TRIO program in which FSU participates, in partnership with University of Maryland, College Park, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, one of 200 such programs nationwide. The McNair program is designed to prepare college students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. Participants are either first-generation college students with financial need or members of a group traditionally underrepresented in graduate education who have demonstrated strong academic potential.

The program honors astronaut Dr. Ronald E. McNair, who was inspired to persevere in his studies by his family and a junior high school teacher who recognized his scientific potential. He graduated as valedictorian from high school and magna cum laude from college, enrolling for graduate study at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

At age 26, he earned his Ph.D. in laser physics and soon became a recognized expert in the field. McNair was the second African American to fly in space, but he died on his next mission when the Challenger space shuttle exploded soon after launch. He was 35.

After his death, Congress established the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, dedicated to the high standards of achievement inspired by McNair’s life.

Were You a McNair Scholar?

We would like to hear about your experience and learn what you are doing now. Email an update to alumni@frostburg.edu.



“Before you can make a dream come true, you must first have one.”

– Dr. Ronald E. McNair

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Mind: McNair Opens Door to Love of Neuroscience

Victoria Sanchez '07 came to Frostburg with the idea of becoming a primary school teacher, but her first chemistry class with **Dr. Mary Mumper** changed all that. Now a neuroscientist and postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Pharmacology of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Sanchez left Frostburg heading a direction she had never even considered when she first enrolled.

That chemistry class encouraged Sanchez to declare chemistry as her major. She began to consider attending pharmacy school. Her advisor, **Dr. Don Weser**, trying to learn more about her interests and plans, asked her why.

“When I explained that I was interested not only in patient care but also drug research, he suggested that I should strongly consider a Ph.D. rather than a Pharm.D.,” and urged her to apply for the McNair program. It proved to be an excellent fit.

The McNair program prepares college students for doctoral studies by involving them in research and other scholarly activities, and every step Sanchez took in that direction led her further into the neuroscience field.

The summers spent doing research with mentor faculty, taking classes and living with other McNair Scholars were illuminating. “It opened my eyes to all of the possibilities of being an academic,” she said. It also gave her the opportunity to explore competing interests.

“During my first summer internship, I worked for Dr. Linda Werling at George Washington University studying the effects of nicotine on the cellular machinery that regulates the neurotransmitter serotonin in the brain,” she said. “That experience was

my first exposure to neuroscience, and I was in love.”

She spent the next summer in Dr. Michael Doyle’s organic chemistry lab at the University of Maryland, College Park, doing work that would have been more relevant to pharmaceutical research – just to be sure that she didn’t want to continue her original track instead. Despite the better financial rewards to be found in pharmaceuticals, neuroscience won her heart.

It was largely thanks to her McNair experience that she was able to determine the best graduate school for her, and it gave her the background not only to be accepted, but to excel once there. “My participation

in the McNair program essentially defined my experience after Frostburg,” she said. She attended the University of Virginia and earned her Ph.D. in neuroscience this year.

“As a neuroscientist, I am interested in the long-term effects of drug exposure during critical periods of brain development, specifically adolescence, and developing treatments that are targeted to this age group.”

Her doctoral dissertation looked at whether exercise would help prevent young people from becoming addicted to nicotine or help them overcome an addiction. Now she is researching how exposure to opioid drugs in adolescence impacts an adult’s affective behavior and vulnerability to drug abuse.

She still relies on what she learned at Frostburg in the Department of Chemistry. She uses practical knowledge learned during independent research with **Meranda Helmick Crisp '07** under the supervision of **Dr. Fred Senese**, and she patterns her teaching after Mumper’s.

“Even to this day when I am preparing to teach in the classroom or laboratory, I try to think about how she might have taught the same concept,” Sanchez said. – LDM

McNair Program Provides the Right Formula for Chemistry Professor’s Academic Success

Dr. Matthew Crawford '06 entered FSU as a first-generation college student who had never considered pursuing a graduate degree. Thanks to the McNair Program, Crawford not only successfully completed his doctorate at Carnegie Mellon University, but he also became a faculty member at his alma mater of Frostburg.

“Matthew Crawford was the perfect student to send to the McNair program,” said **Dr. Mary Mumper**, professor emeritus in FSU’s Department of Chemistry, who encouraged Crawford to attend a McNair info session while he was a student. “He had already shown talent in his chemistry classes, but needed some experience outside of the FSU environment in order to increase his exposure to research. McNair was just the right thing.”

As a McNair Scholar, Crawford was able to work with two faculty mentors on two separate projects, gaining a foundation in research that he relied on as a graduate student in chemistry at Carnegie Mellon University.

“During my first year in the program, my mentor was Dr. Daniel Falvey from the

University of Maryland, College Park. My research involved photoremovable protecting groups. ... I was responsible for setting up, monitoring and evaluating some of the synthetic chemical reactions,” he said.

In his second year, he continued his research project at FSU with **Dr. Robert Larivee**, a professor of chemistry who would later become his colleague in the department.

“This project looked at determining sugar content in various samples of local honey using gas chromatography mass spectrometry,” Crawford said. “The overall goal of the project was to see if there was a correlation between the sugars and the amounts of each in the honey samples as to whether they had crystallized or not.”



Dr. Matthew Crawford '06

Crawford is forever grateful that he got to participate in the McNair program.

“I already had a passion and eagerness for learning and the McNair program helped showcase my full potential in life,” Crawford said, who sees McNair as an important building block for other first-generation students like him.

“Programs like this make students aware and prepare them for the expectations involved in achieving an advanced degree beyond the bachelor’s degree,” he said. “If students are not involved in some type of program like this or have a supportive advisor, they may slip through the cracks and not reach their full potential.”

Today, Crawford helps FSU students reach their full potential as an assistant professor of chemistry.

“Now that he is back here teaching at FSU, he has been able to extend the research experience to other students,” Mumper said. “He is a wonderful teacher and researcher who is paying forward much of what he received as a McNair Scholar.” – BR

Would-be Oprah Chooses Higher Education as Her Medium

As a teenager, the main goal for **Dr. Shavonne Shorter '07** was simple: “I wanted to be famous. I wanted to be like Oprah with my own talk show.”

Behind that urge for fame, however, was a broader desire: “I wanted to touch the world in a positive manner,” she said. “I just didn’t necessarily know how to achieve that.”

It was her adviser, **Dr. Michael Wallinger** in the Department of Communication Studies, who introduced the idea of making that positive impact – just in case that talk show thing didn’t work out – as a college professor. That way, her ideas about how to make the world a better place could spread through her students, who could then spread them through those they influenced. In time, she came around to Wallinger’s way of thinking.

She joined the McNair program at Frostburg and studied issues of communication and race in both of her summer McNair internships. The first project was a comparative study of political gender coverage in African-American magazines, which she presented in Annapolis the following year. The second examined how candidates for the Democratic nomination in the 2008 presidential election talked about race, a time when the field included Barack Obama and Bill Richardson. It led to a paper co-authored with her McNair mentor, Dr. Stacey Connaughton of Purdue University, and her first national conference presentation.

Connaughton became Shorter’s master’s and doctoral advisor at Purdue, where this summer Shorter earned her doctorate with a specialization in organizational communication from the Brian Lamb School of Communication. This fall, she will join the faculty of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania as an assistant professor of communication.

Shorter’s doctoral study began with a goal of understand-

ing why more African-American students were not choosing careers as college professors – only 5 percent of all professors in the U.S. are black. She examined messages that members of underrepresented groups received about careers, especially what they understood about academic careers. She interviewed African-American undergraduate and graduate students to gain their perspective, and she learned that academic careers were not widely encouraged among young people. Most were first exposed to the idea late in their undergraduate careers or even after they had gone on to graduate school.

Shorter herself had to be convinced. “We hear, ‘Be a doctor. Be a lawyer,’” high-profile, well-known and generally lucrative occupations, she said. Of the students she interviewed, even their own professors and academic staff rarely seemed to recommend the career path they themselves had followed, unlike Shorter’s experience with Wallinger and **Dr. Mary Gartner**, who was FSU’s McNair program coordinator at the time.

“When Dr. Gartner tried to get me to join McNair, I said no. But she didn’t stop. She was persistent,” Shorter said. “She said, ‘Let me show you why you would be good at it.’ And she was right. She was definitely right.”

Encouraging underrepresented students to pursue careers in academics and research is a goal of the McNair program, and it worked for Shorter.

“Over the course of the two years that I was part of the program, I began to develop a love for teaching and research,” she said.

Shorter managed to pursue the program while still being extremely active as a student leader. She was president of the Student Government Association, a member of the President’s Roundtable, secretary-treasurer of the University System of Maryland Student Council, an undergraduate teaching assistant, a Bobcat Ambassador and more. And she graduated in three and a half years.

Shorter was the student speaker for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at her commencement.

“Frostburg has shown me that dreams can come true,” Shorter said then. Seven years later, with her Ph.D. in hand, she’s proved her statement true. – LDM



Dr. Victoria Sanchez '07



Dr. Shavonne Shorter '07

THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

FSU's New Center for Communications & Information Technology

THIS FALL SEMESTER WILL BE AN EXCITING ONE with the opening of the much-anticipated Center for Communications and Information Technology, the first new academic building at FSU in 11 years and one that is truly cutting-edge in its approach to student learning and collaboration. Housing the University's most technology-intensive departments, it brings together the disciplines of computer science and information technologies, graphic design, mass communication and mathematics. Students will be provided with sophisticated technology similar to that which they will encounter in industry, building and room design that fosters learning and collaboration, and an example of a major academic structure that leaves a minor footprint on the environment.

Built and designed by a team of companies led by Gilbane Building Co. and Ayers Saint Gross Architects + Planners, the 127,000-square-foot structure sits in the middle of campus where Tawes Hall once stood. Like Compton Science Center and the Performing Arts Center before it, CCIT transforms the look of the campus while keeping its academic core in the same accessible and walkable space.

CCIT has so many amazing features, it's difficult to even begin to list them all, but here is a start. If you want to see more, come to campus on **Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 3:30 p.m.** for the grand opening of the building, followed by tours of this remarkable space.

-LDM



Dr. Mike Flinn, computer science, explains the features of a wired "pod" classroom.



Spacious computer labs, both for general and specialized use, are found on each floor.



WFWM's space boasts several studios with the highest quality equipment.



A green-screen, virtual reality set is being installed in the TV studio.

▼ Building lighting systems sense ambient light and adjust automatically.

BIG IMPACT. TINY FOOTPRINT.

◀ High-efficiency glass keeps rooms comfortable.

From the green roof to the rainwater collection and bio-retention rain garden to the daylight-harvesting lighting system that senses ambient light and adjusts accordingly, CCIT is designed to have a big impact on education but a small one on the environment.

Recycling began right at the beginning, with the demolition of Tawes Hall: 88 percent of the demolition and construction waste was diverted from landfills. Floors are sturdy, long-lasting terrazzo, made from recycled glass materials. And it will continue, as recycling containers are integrated into the design of the building's corridors.

Green touches are everywhere: solar-assisted hot water in restrooms and kitchens, water fountains that encourage the use of refillable bottles, motion detectors that turn off lights in unoccupied rooms, a high-efficiency Solarban 70 Curtainwall window system and exterior lamps that reduce light pollution. When all is said and done and LEED certification is complete (a Frostburg winter has to be part of the evaluation, after all), it is anticipated that CCIT will be certified LEED Gold.

▼ Solar-assisted hot water in restrooms
▼ Water bottle filling stations

▲ Motion detectors turn off lights in unoccupied spaces.

▼ Terrazo floor made from recycled glass



◀ The green roof reduces runoff, insulates and lengthens the life of the underlying roof.

CCIT BY THE NUMBERS

Three

The number of dimensions that can be printed by the Cubify CubePro Trio 3-D printer in the Graphic Design suite, where you'll also find a Digital Fabrication Studio with Epson SureColor Solvent and Stylus Pro Aqueous printers, as well as an Epilog Helix Laser Engraver.



14

The number of technology-enhanced break-out rooms where students can gather to work together on projects, with large LCD screens to which they can connect their own computers, allowing them to share their work easily. Collaboration, both formal and informal, is a key feature of the CCIT.



3,265

Cubic yards of grout and concrete used to stabilize the site by filling abandoned coal mines that sit below the surface.

24/7

Hours of the day and days of the week that students have access to a large, inviting 30-seat computer lab equipped with PC and Mac computers.



90%

Percentage of average rainfall prevented from entering the storm water system or from inundating groundwater. Rain waters rooftop sedum, cactus and grass plants, with excess water collected to drain into a rain garden bio-retention area.

\$71 million

Cost of the project, including design, construction and equipment. Funding came from the State of Maryland Capital Budget.



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Number of 90-degree angles in the recording studio at WFWM, FSU's National Public Radio affiliate, a feature that contributes to the best acoustical environment. The studio is large enough to host – and broadcast – live performances.

100

The number of terabytes of data the Mass Communication suite's Edit Share video server can store. It also allows all files to be accessed from any computer on the network, lets users to search through archived footage, handles the simultaneous recording of four live video feeds at once and provides instantaneous video/audio playback from the server within a live program.



Bigger on the Inside

That's how the airy, open design makes CCIT feel. The "main street" design lays out the building like a town, with wide, windowed corridors featuring acoustical treatment to reduce noise. These "main street" corridors lead to classrooms, with windows facing the corridors, and to large labs. "Side streets" branch off to smaller spaces, including faculty offices. The two-story atrium lobby adds to the open feel.



Billions and Billions

Stars that might be seen from the rooftop observatory or from the comfort of the Multimedia Learning Center, where viewers can watch live feeds from the rooftop telescope or enjoy planetarium shows on its 40-foot diameter tilted-dome ceiling. The MLC's digital projection and audio capability can provide a high definition experience for any discipline.

Put Your Stamp on FSU: Naming Opportunities in CCIT

By Robert Spahr

The opening of the new Center for Communications and Information Technology presents an opportunity for FSU alumni, parents, faculty, staff, friends and organizations to permanently associate their name, their business' name or the name of a loved one with a space in the building. These naming opportunities allow donors to make a tangible, lasting impression on current and future students and provide FSU with the endowment funds needed to support the CCIT, ensuring it remains a cutting-edge educational facility even as the state of the art evolves.

Donors choose to name spaces for deeply personal reasons, said **Stephen Spahr**, interim executive director of the FSU Foundation, Inc. "By naming a space in CCIT, donors forge a lasting legacy – for themselves or their loved ones – in a building dedicated to

education and self-improvement," Spahr said. "Students and educators, seeing the names of donors in classrooms and common rooms, may be inspired to one day have their own names grace the hallways of their alma mater."

Two spaces in the CCIT Building have already been named.

Dr. John Lombardi, Mass Communication professor, and his wife **Melanie Kastner Lombardi '98**, FSU-TV3 manager, committed to name the Green Room in what John Lombardi calls "the most impressive building on campus." For Melanie Lombardi, who studied and taught Mass Communication in FSU's previous facilities, "Frostburg is home." She hopes this gift will "make (CCIT) feel more like home" for her students.

The Lombardis see great potential in CCIT as a place where students and faculty will "collaborate, work together and socialize," said John Lombardi. He expects the building to increase interdisciplinary pursuits.

Moreover, it will set new standards for quality in Mass Comm. "We will be at the national broadcast level. We've had good equipment, but this brings us to industry



Dr. John and Melanie Kastner Lombardi '98

standards, such as with our new server room," Melanie Lombardi said. With the new equipment in CCIT, "our studio will rival or exceed those of local broadcasters," she said.

In naming the Green Room, the Lombardis want to inspire giving in future generations, and they felt that naming a space would be the best way to increase visibility of giving. "Simply having a name on a space is a subtle reminder to give back to others and help the next group," said John Lombardi.

Melanie Lombardi thinks that students who see the

space are likely to ask why it is named, or what the gift benefits, and that will open the conversation about the benefits of giving back to the University. "When our students first graduate, they're not always in a higher salary bracket," she noted, "but down the road, if a few (alumni) get together to make a gift to name a small space, it doesn't take a lot of money to do so over a number of years."

Gladys Faherty '55 committed to name the Math Education Laboratory in memory of two late family members and fellow alumni who taught mathematics in Western Maryland public schools. Her late husband, **William J. Faherty '53**, taught in Allegany County, and her brother-in-law, **Thomas F. Faherty '55**, taught in Washington County. Faherty, herself a former public school educator at Beall Elementary and Mount Savage School, said the brothers would appreciate their names gracing the sophisticated math education lab, given their lifelong dedication to the subject.

Faherty sees CCIT as "mind-boggling" and believes it will attract more students and serve them well. "It will

prepare them to really shine when they (graduate)."

Though the Fahertys had no children of their own, their lives focused on educating K-12 students. When she first heard friends talking about the burdensome cost of higher education, she thought about giving back. It is "great to think I'm helping them get something I had," she said. And Faherty has been giving back to the local community for many years. After their retirement, the Fahertys returned to her husband's grade school, Westernport Elementary, to teach the students how to



Gladys Faherty '55

use computers, which was, Faherty declared, "the most fun I'd ever had."

When people age and retire, "They should stay busy. Nothing like helping others to forget your own problems," Faherty said. She practices what she preaches. In addition to numerous community activities, Faherty remains involved with the FSU Foundation Board of Directors as member at large of the Executive Committee and is a past member of the Alumni Association board. She encourages everyone to do for others when they can.

"I don't think you can imagine the pleasure you get from doing something for someone else," she said.

There are many opportunities to associate names permanently with a CCIT space, starting at the \$5,000 gift level. At \$25,000 and above, donors will also have the option to endow a separate fund to support the department that resides there. For information, contact **Shannon Gribble '98**, director of Development, at 301.687.4161 or email slgribble@frostburg.edu. ■



Bobcat Hall of Fame Ceremony Honors Range of Athletic Achievement



Carlos Acker '86



Grant Burrough '04



Lisa DeLauter '89



Barry Holder '84

INDUCTEES' ACCOMPLISHMENTS SPAN THREE DECADES

Four new members will be inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame class at the annual dinner and ceremony on Friday, Oct. 17, as part of the Homecoming festivities. This induction brings the Hall to 184 members. The 2014 class represents four sports and spans three decades of athletic accomplishments. Here are the new inductees:

Carlos Acker '86 was a four-time All-American sprinter for the Bobcats from 1983 to 1986 and helped the track & field team capture the school's first National Championship team trophy at the 1986 NCAA Outdoor National Championships. As a senior in 1986, Acker and his teammates won the national title in the 4x100-meter relay and established a meet record (40.39) that lasted for 15 years. A 10-time All-Mason-Dixon Conference selection, Acker earned All-American honors in the 4x100-meter relay in each of his four years in a Bobcat uniform.

Grant Burrough '04 was a three-year starting quarterback for the Frostburg State football team and is arguably the program's most prolific passer. A two-time Atlantic Central Football Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Burrough holds FSU career passing records in yards (6,420), touchdowns (55), completions (541) and attempts (996). Burrough, a three-time All-ACFC selection, set 12 school records as a junior in 2002, including passing yards (3,401), touchdowns (26) and pass attempts (421).

Lisa DeLauter '89 was an All-American and four-year letter winner for the Bobcat field hockey program from 1985 to 1988. A three-time Regional All-American and two-time team co-captain, DeLauter finished her career with 17 goals and 11 assists, while helping Frostburg to the NCAA Playoffs in each of her first three seasons. As a sophomore in 1986, DeLauter captured All-American honors and was named the Eastern States Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player.

Barry Holder '84 was an All-American for the cross country team and is a school record holder in track & field. A member of both teams for just two years, Holder was an NCAA Division III All-East Region and All-American selection in cross country in 1983. As a member of the Bobcat track & field team, Holder was a two-time Division III finalist in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. He set the school record in the steeplechase at 9:09.13 in 1983, a mark that he still holds.

For information about the Hall of Fame Ceremony and Dinner, which will be held on Friday, Oct. 17 at 5:00 p.m., email alumni@frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4068. Reservations are required.

RECOGNIZING MILESTONES:



50 Years of the Women's Basketball Program

For 50 years, the FSU's Women's Basketball program has served as a point of pride to the University and has maintained a level of athletic excellence spanning five decades. Former players and their accomplishments will be recognized during the Hall of Fame Ceremony.



30th Anniversary of the 1984 Field Hockey Team

Three decades ago, FSU's field hockey team dribbled, scooped and shot its way into school history. With the guidance of FSU Hall of Fame coach Christine Lottes, the team earned its third trip to the NCAA Tournament – posting the team's first NCAA win – earned 107 total points (the seventh most in school history) and finished 15-4 overall, tying for the most wins in school history. To celebrate the 30th anniversary of these accomplishments, the team will be recognized during the Hall of Fame Ceremony.

“I Lived Title IX”:

Zerrlaut Retires After 41 Years of Building Athletics at UMBC

By Liz Douglas Medcalf

When **Kathy Zerrlautt '72/M'73** took a job coaching and teaching at University of Maryland, Baltimore County, straight out of graduate school at Frostburg, UMBC had only existed for seven years. Zerrlaut spent the next 41 there, helping to build athletics, especially women's athletics, from nearly nothing to the NCAA Division I program of 19 intercollegiate sports that it is today.



Kathy Zerrlautt '72/M'73

When she started at Frostburg, there were no women's sports in the NCAA, no athletic scholarships for women, few women's teams and almost none of the amenities that today's women athletes have come to expect. Even the opportunity to register for classes that didn't conflict with practices and games did not exist. In her days at Frostburg, class registration was in alphabetical order by last name – a bad time to be named Zerrlaut – and she could only get freshman English at 4 p.m. That meant she couldn't play field hockey – her main sport – during her first year at Frostburg.

Title IX was passed in 1972, the year she earned her bachelor's degree, but the changes in opportunity that the law called for were years in the making. Zerrlaut was on the front lines. Until her retirement this summer, Zerrlaut was senior associate athletic director for UMBC, a career that included building two programs, women's lacrosse and volleyball, into fully funded, Division I scholarship programs; coaching her lacrosse team to national No. 1 rankings twice and an Eastern College Athletic Conference title; serving on the first-ever NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship committee; and being inducted into the UMBC Athletics Hall of Fame.

“I was Title IX. I lived Title IX,” Zerrlaut said.

She joined the Bobcat lacrosse team her second semester at Frostburg – Zs registered first in the spring – a sport she had just discovered her senior year in high school.

“Lacrosse ended up being my passion. I spent 24 years coaching it,” she said.

Zerrlaut credits **Sharon Irwin**, who coached her in lacrosse and basketball, and **Barb Surgent**, who coached her in field hockey, for helping form the foundation she

used to build UMBC's program. “Sharon was a very good teacher of the game, very knowledgeable of the skills,” she said. “Barb helped form a lot of my coaching philosophy. She was a positive, encouraging coach.”

It was Irwin who directed Zerrlaut to the opening at UMBC that became her career. She was hired to coach and teach physical education. Going to UMBC was a return home for the Baltimore County native who went to middle school across the road from the university.

She was designated to coach lacrosse and had hoped for field hockey, but instead she was assigned volleyball, which she hadn't played since high school. She was grateful for the skills classes she had taken at Frostburg, and she immersed herself in learning more about the sport while she coached it that first fall season.

The UMBC lacrosse program she inherited was only a year old and struggling. When the then-athletic director told her she probably wouldn't be able to field a team that spring, “That was like waving a red flag in front of a bull.” Rising to the challenge, she convinced a

number of her volleyball players, from whom she had earned trust through the fall season, to learn how to play lacrosse. That became the foundation of the program that went on to win championships a decade later.

“I have alums who say, ‘You introduced me to lacrosse. I will be forever grateful,’” she said.

She misses coaching, but she doesn't miss the recruiting that goes with it. And as someone who has seen women's athletics evolve over the past decades and spent much of her career ensuring UMBC's compliance with NCAA rules, neither will she miss the changes in Division I athletics that has made business degrees more necessary than education degrees in athletic administration.

She still keeps in touch with the people who touched her life in Frostburg even after 41 years.

“My days up there were very good,” she said. 🐾



Susan Eisel

Honoring Susan Eisel

In recognition of her 40 years of service to Frostburg State University, its students and alumni, the University will rededicate Stadium Drive in memory of Susan Eisel (see “*In Memoriam*,” page 35) during Homecoming.

Please join President Gibraltar and fellow Bobcats on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11:30 a.m. as we unveil new signage for Susan Eisel Drive. Meet in the grassy area at the intersection of University Drive and Stadium Drive.

Guests are invited to join tailgating in the Stadium Lot following the ceremony.

Sports Wrap-up

WINTER/SPRING

Women's Indoor Track & Field

Highlight: The Bobcats captured sixth place at the Capital Athletic Conference Championships.

Recap: FSU capped its indoor season with a sixth-place showing at the CAC Championships. Junior Alexis Bush and freshman Ana Gomez each grabbed Second Team All-CAC honors after finishing in second place in the long jump (5.29 meters) and triple jump (10.15 meters), respectively. Senior Morgan Carroll took 69th (27.35) in the 200-meter dash at the ECAC Indoor Championships.

Next Season: Bush and Gomez headline a roster that looks to move up in the CAC Standings.

Men's Indoor Track & Field

Highlight: Frostburg earned sixth place at the CAC Championships.

Recap: As a team, Frostburg finished sixth at the CAC Championships and was ranked as high as 10th in the MidEast Region. Individually the Bobcats were more impressive. Sophomore J.R. Lowery set the school record in the weight throw (15.99), qualified for the ECAC Championships on numerous occasions and grabbed Second Team All-CAC honors in the shot put (15.16 meters) and weight throw (15.89 meters). At the ECAC Championships, Lowery captured eighth place

in the shot put and 18th in the weight throw, while senior Matt Collins finished 12th in the 500-meter dash.

Next Season: FSU lost some valuable upperclassman to graduation, but Lowery and freshman Ian Williams return to power a young and talented squad.

Baseball

Record: 28-13, 11-5 CAC

Highlight: Frostburg earned the fourth seed in the CAC Tournament.

Recap: The Bobcats reached the 20-win plateau for the 14th consecutive season and advanced to the CAC Tournament, and they did it with some pretty impressive numbers. Offensively, FSU led the CAC in doubles (110), triples (22), batting average (.338) and slugging percentage (.478). On the mound, Frostburg struck out the most batters in the league (285) and posted the fourth-lowest ERA (4.58). Individually, junior Zach Weiss was named to the All-CAC First Team and D3baseball.com All-South Region Third Team. He was also selected as an ECAC First Team All-Star.

Next Season: The Bobcats return a wealth of talent, including Weiss and fellow All-CAC selections Ricky Brady and Ricky Castro.

Softball

Record: 19-16, 8-4 CAC

Highlight: The Bobcats placed five on All-CAC Teams.

Next Season: Frostburg returns four of its top five scorers, including



Trey Davis won the hammer throw at CAC Championships.

Recap: Frostburg State finished in third place in the regular-season standings in the CAC despite spring weather that limited the Bobcats to just a handful of home games. Senior Caitlin Lovend, junior Savannah Hose, sophomores Renay Aubel and Lauren Capece, along with freshman Hannah Tavik were all named to the All-CAC Second Team. Lovend, the FSU Female Athlete of the Year, capped her brilliant career as the program's all-time leader in home runs (44), RBI (164), batting average (.415), slugging percentage (.765) and walks (96).

Next Season: Despite losing Lovend, Frostburg returns four players that hit over .300 this spring, including 12-game winner Tavik.

Women's Lacrosse

Record: 4-12, 1-6 CAC

Highlight: FSU landed two on the All-CAC teams.

Recap: Frostburg junior Malory Brunett and freshman Emani Byrd captured Second Team All-CAC honors after a solid spring season. Brunett led the Bobcats in points (48), goals (38), ground balls (46) and draw controls (57), while Byrd led FSU in caused turnovers (31). The duo helped the Bobcats to wins over New England, Southern Virginia, Wesley and St. Vincent.



Billy Lark became the men's lacrosse program's first All-CAC First Team honoree.

its top defenders and goalkeepers as it looks to improve in the CAC in 2015.

Men's Lacrosse

Record: 14-6, 4-3 CAC

Highlight: FSU hosted the ECAC Mid-Atlantic Championship.

Recap: The Bobcat men's lacrosse program saw plenty of "firsts" in its fourth season of varsity action this spring. Senior faceoff specialist Billy Lark became the program's first All-CAC First Team honoree and the Bobcats



Kaitlin Lemmert led the women's tennis team with a combined 16 wins.

won their first CAC Tournament game with a 17-9 home victory over St. Mary's. FSU also hosted the ECAC Mid-Atlantic Championship and finished runner-up for the second straight season. Frostburg finished 15th in the nation in face-off winning percentage (.633) and 15th in ground balls per game (39.45).

Next Season: The Bobcats will have to replace 17 seniors, including several four-year starters.

Women's Tennis

Record: 4-11, 1-5 CAC

Highlight: Frostburg finished the year with four wins.

Recap: Sophomore Kaitlin Lemmert led the way with a combined 16 wins, eight in both singles and doubles action. Lemmert joined fellow sophomore Kayla Kirk for eight wins in doubles action, including six at the No. 1 spot. Frostburg posted wins over McDaniel, Fairmont State, Penn State Harrisburg and Southern Virginia.

Next Season: Lemmert and Kirk should emerge as two of the top players in the CAC as they lead a young, but talented Bobcat squad.



Zach Weiss made the All-CAC First Team.

Men's Tennis

Record: 4-9, 1-5 CAC

Highlight: Frostburg finished the season with four wins.

Recap: Junior Kenneth Alban and sophomore Brandon Hall led the Bobcats with an 8-5 doubles record, the fifth most wins at No. 1 doubles in the CAC. In singles action, Alban posted six wins at No. 2, while Hall picked up five wins at No. 1. Frostburg finished with victories over Hood, Bethany, Penn State Altoona and Penn State Harrisburg.

Next Season: Alban and Hall return to guide the Bobcats as they look to move up the CAC Standings.

Men's Outdoor Track & Field

Highlight: Trey Davis won the hammer throw at CAC Championships.

Recap: For the second straight season, senior Trey Davis grabbed First Team All-CAC honors after winning the hammer throw at the CAC Championships. However, he saved his best

effort for his senior campaign as he twice set the school record (50.16 meters) at the CACs and qualified for the ECAC Championships in the process. At the ECACs, Davis finished 18th in the hammer, while the 4x400-meter relay team of sophomore Sterling Hardy, freshman Jeremiah Parker, senior Matt Collins and freshman Ian Williams captured 10th place out of 23 teams competing. Frostburg State finished sixth at the CAC Championships.

Next Season: The future looks bright for the Bobcat men's team as several of the team's top performers have several years of eligibility remaining.

Women's Outdoor Track & Field

Highlight: Alexis Bush earned All-ECAC and All-CAC honors.

Recap: Junior Alexis Bush highlighted the outdoor season by earning All-ECAC honors after taking sixth in the long jump at 5.55 meters at the ECAC Championships in mid-May. Two weeks prior, Bush grabbed a CAC Title in the long jump at 5.31 meters, leading FSU to a sixth-place overall finish. Freshman Tiffany Cancel also competed at the ECAC Championships, finishing 27th in the discus at 35.07 meters.

Next Season: Bush and Cancel will push for a spot at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in 2015. 🐾

— Noah Becker

BRAINY BOBCATS

FSU Places 117 on CAC All-Academic Team

FSU placed 117 student-athletes, nearly 35 percent of Bobcat athletes, on the 2013-14 Capital Athletic Conference All-Academic Team, which selects student-athletes who have earned a grade point average of 3.2 or above.

The men's lacrosse team had the most selections, with 20 men garnering All-Academic honors. Following were the women's soccer team with 17, men's track and field with 11, women's lacrosse with 9 and women's volleyball with 8.

FSU was ranked sixth among conference schools to place athletes on the All-Academic Team.

Pinkett Named Preseason All-American

Junior linebacker **Rowan Pinkett** has been named a 2014 Preseason Division III All-American by USA College Football.

A third-team selection, Pinkett had a breakout season last fall, leading the Bobcats and finishing fifth in the Empire 8 with 104 tackles. A Second Team All-Empire 8 honoree, Pinkett finished second in the league in solo tackles (61), fourth in tackles per game (10.4) and sixth in assisted tackles (43).

A Forestville native, Pinkett had 10 or more tackles in five games, including a career-best 17 against Utica. He also had eight tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks.

In his two seasons with the Bobcats he has totaled 144 tackles with 10 tackles for loss.

Grabill Returns to Hometown to Coach, Earns Honor

Ryan Grabill '05/M'13, coach of the boys basketball team at Williamsport High School, has earned the honor of *The Herald-Mail's* 2013-14 Washington County Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.



Ryan Grabill '05

basketball jersey, seeing the same lockers, to come back here as coach," he told *The Herald-Mail*.

He guided the team to a 21-4 overall record, including an 11-1 mark in the MVAL Antietam for the conference title.

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Courtesy of Herald-Mail Media

Lauren Capece was named to the All-CAC Second Team.

Reconnect with friends and faculty, explore the changing campus, cheer on the Bobcats and dance the night away at Homecoming 2014!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Noon, Third Floor Meeting Room, CCIT
Retired Employees Luncheon
By invitation only. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 3.

6:00 - 7:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Pep Rally
Sponsored by Student Government Association

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 am - Noon, Campuswide
Career Expo
For more information, contact Donna Sivic, Career Services, at dsivic2@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4403

1:00 - 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building
The Tie That Binds Exhibition
Artists: Blade Wynne, Megan Wynne and Katie Wynne. These three artists will each exhibit recent personal work, varying in subject matter and media.

3:30 - 4:30 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Bobcat Athletics Stadium Building Ribbon Cutting & Dedication
Come check out the new athletic facility, learn about opportunities to support athletics and have your photograph taken with the mascot!

5:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Bobcat Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour, Induction Ceremony & Dinner
Join us to welcome four new inductees, commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the 1984 Women's Field Hockey Team and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Women's Basketball program. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct 3. Cost: \$25/adult, \$15/children 12 and under. Cash bar. No walk-ins admitted.

7:30 pm, F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre, PAC
Department of Theatre students present
She Kills Monsters
\$12/general public, \$6/FSU students.
Tickets go on sale Sept. 22, Theatre Box Office, 301.687.7462.

7:30 pm and 10:00 pm, ARMAH, LUC
Cultural Events Series presents the classic rock band
FireFall
Club Seating, menu and cash bar. Tickets available at the LUC Box Office, or 301.687.3137, or online at: cestickets.frostburg.edu. \$200/VIP tables (seats 4) with Meet & Greet, \$30/\$38/reserved, \$10/students.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 - 11:00 am, ARMAH, LUC
Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Breakfast
RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 3. Cost \$20/adult, \$10/children 12 and under. No walk-ins admitted. Co-sponsored by Frostburg Baseball Alumni Association.

8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Stadium Lot
Tailgating
Free parking on a first come, first-served basis. Stop by the Alumni Tent for giveaways and refreshments! For a complete list of rules and regulations, visit our website at www.frostburg.edu/homecoming

9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Lobby, LUC
Alumni Welcome Center
Refreshments, games, balloon artist and face painting. Update contact information, leave a note for fellow alumni and register for awesome prizes. Students from the University Honors Program will be present.

11:00 am, Upper Lobby, LUC
Campus Tour
Get up close and personal with the buildings you grew to love and preview our new additions!

11:30 am, Intersection of University and Stadium Drives
A Celebration of the Life of Susan Eisel
Join us as we unveil Susan Eisel Drive and celebrate her life and generous contributions to FSU.

1:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Football Game Bobcats vs. Ithaca
Free Admission

1:00 - 3:00 pm, Hospitality Suite, Bobcat Stadium
President's Leadership Circle Reunion
Invitation only. RSVP Deadline: Friday, Oct. 10. Email Clarissa Lang, clang@frostburg.edu, 301.687.4210.

1:00 - 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building
The Tie That Binds Exhibition
Artists: Blade Wynne, Megan Wynne, and Katie Wynne

2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre, PAC
Department of Theatre students present
She Kills Monsters
\$12/general public, \$6/FSU students.
Tickets go on sale Sept. 22, Theatre Box Office, 301.687.7462.

6:00 - 8:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Step Show
Co-sponsored by FSU Alumni Association and Student Activities. \$5/current students, \$10/general admission, \$15/floor seating by stage.

11:00 pm - 2:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Student Homecoming Event
For more information, contact Robert Cooper, Student Activities, at rmcooper@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4049.

9:00 pm - 1:00 am, LUC
Frostburg Finale *(See box at right)*
Includes: DJ, Karaoke from Sight & Sound Entertainment, photo booth, arcade games, creation stations and more. Cash bar with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Must be 21, ID required, security check. Cost: \$10. For more information: alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068. Sponsored by the FSU Office of Alumni Relations.



HOME COMING 2014

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:30 am, Atkinson Room, LUC
Alumni Association Board Meeting

11:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Men's Basketball Alumni Game
For more information, contact Coach Webb Hatch, whatch@frostburg.edu or 301.687.3093.

11:30 am, Cook Chapel
Homecoming Worship Service
Open to all.

Noon, Lobby, LUC
SGA Big Event
Join our students to clean up the streets of Frostburg! Sponsored by SGA. RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 1, to Kathi Perkins, kperkins@frostburg.edu, 301.687.4304.

1:00 - 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building
The Tie That Binds Exhibition
Artists: Blade Wynne, Megan Wynne and Katie Wynne

2:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Men's Soccer vs. Salisbury
Free Admission

FROSTBURG FINALE

Saturday, October 18 - 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM, LUC
Join fellow Bobcats for a fabulous night of music, games and camaraderie!

INCLUDES:

- DJ mixing & mashing the tunes
- Karaoke from Sight & Sound Entertainment
- Photo booth, arcade games, creation stations
- Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash only bar

Cost: \$10. Must be 21 years old, ID required, security check.

For more information: alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068. Sponsored by the FSU Office of Alumni Relations.



To RSVP for any event listed:

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations, call 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu. To register online, go to the website at: www.frostburg.edu/homecoming.

LUC – Lane University Center
ARMAH – Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall
PAC – Performing Arts Center
CCIT – Center for Communications and Information Technology



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Books by Alumni

Dangerous Slopes

By Kenneth Janiec M’85

Combining his love of computers, skiing and raising basset hounds, Janiec presents his first novel, *Dangerous Slopes*. In the novel, Michael Doyle works as a computer consultant and part-time instructor at Colorado’s newest ski resort. As he struggles with being newly divorced, he faces a dilemma between the feelings he has for his ex-wife and the easy-to-meet women at the resort. At the same time, Michael, along with his trusted basset hound, Stanley, unravel an unfortunate accident on the resort’s newest gondola lift. Or was it sabotage by environmentalists, as the FBI suspects? In either case, *Dangerous Slopes* is about what happens when pride and greed are chosen over safety.

For more information, visit www.kennethjaniec.com. Available from online booksellers.



The Dying Process – A Hospice Social Worker’s Perspective on End-of-Life Care

By Dana Scott Plish ’89

Plish, who has worked in the social services field for the past 30 years, has written this book to reach people in times of heartache and provide helpful information that offers support, peace and comfort during end-of-life care. *The Dying Process* focuses on issues that arise when patients and their families are faced with a terminal illness and must make decisions about end-of life-care. Information regarding coping, barriers to acceptance, advance directives, end-of-life planning, hospice referral and admission are discussed. Issues pertaining to patient dignity and comfort are explained. The book concludes with constructive projects that can be initiated to assist the family to create long-term memories and substantiate a good death experience.

Available in eBook and print versions through Amazon.com.



Oh, to Be a Butterfly

By Katie Walker Sherman ’04

A former kindergarten teacher in Baltimore County, Sherman has published her first children’s book about the life cycle of an amazing insect.

With its beautiful illustrations, the book takes children on an exciting journey as a caterpillar morphs into a gorgeous butterfly. The text is thoughtfully written to improve the comprehension of the exciting transformation. Because of the book’s repetitive language, a child is soon able to read along with the parent. The text also provides clever rhymes that a child will be able to recognize throughout the story.

Available from online booksellers.



Sight Unseen

By Michael Coombs ’84

Inspired by the love of his life, Coombs’ romantic thriller and first novel, *Sight Unseen*, is about Simon Sinclair, a high-end courier and a dreamer, who may be in love with a woman he has never met. The woman, Sylvia Marshall, has suddenly vanished and left no trace. Her resignation from a day care catering to wealthy minorities could go a long way toward explaining things.

Sight Unseen was selected as one of five works to represent the Institute of Caribbean Studies during Caribbean American Heritage month in June.

Available from online booksellers.



CLASSNOTES

ClassNotes listed are those received as of June 30, 2014

1973

Dr. Anita Nedzel Voelker was promoted to professor at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa.

1975

Patty Horwath Bailey M’78 retired as an elementary teacher in Allegany County, Md., with 39 years of service.

1977

The Honorable Donald Fry was featured in an article in the *Baltimore Business Journal* titled “Need a Job Done? Greater Baltimore Committee CEO Is the Man to Call.”

1983

Noel Cyrus was named head track coach at Suitland High School in District Heights, Md., after a distinguished career at Ballou in Washington D.C., coaching that team to 20 district titles. His story was featured on WUSA 9.

1984

The Rev. Carl Parker II continues to serve as an elder at the Sacred Ground Praise and Worship Center in Forestville, Md. Carl also will begin his 30th year of teaching at Andrew Jackson Middle School. Carl is a brother of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America (spring 1981). He is married to Tijuana Juanita Parker, and they have a son, Carl III.

Richard Pfingsten was named senior supervising environmental scientist at Parsons Brinckerhoff, a global infrastructure strategic consulting, engineering and program/construction management organization. He is a lifelong Harford Countian living in Forest Hill, Md., with his wife of 25 years, Michelle, and daughter Emma.

Barbara Pyle M’84, CRNP, joined the Western Maryland Health System as a nurse practitioner.

1990

Lynn Pettigrew Wood and her husband, **Earl ’91**, have a daughter, Danielle, who will attend FSU in the fall of 2014.

1992

Martin Heavner M’92 had his images showcased by the global electronic greeting card website, HarmonyWishes Art E-Cards. Visit www.heavnerphoto.com.



Women’s Soccer Alumni Game

Members of the current Bobcat women’s soccer team got together with alumni for the Women’s Soccer Alumni Game in April.

1993

Judge Robert Fischer was appointed to serve as a judge on the Warren County Court. Previously, he served as a trial attorney at Sams, Fischer, Packard & Schuessler, LLC., and was named one of *Cincy Magazine’s* “Leading Lawyers” in the field of criminal law in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

1994

Dr. Heather Wende Petrelli earned a doctorate in educational leadership, higher education administration, from Barry University in Miami. She is associate dean for Student Affairs and Assessment and an assistant professor with the University of



South Florida College of Pharmacy. She also teaches motivational interview-

1999

Raquel Perry Shutt created Savvy Certified, a certification course for wedding planners with Wedding Wire, a national online wedding marketplace. Raquel is the owner of Wedding Savvy, Inc. She was featured in the April issue of *Latina Magazine*.

2002

Danielle Foote M’13 was named the Testing & Career Services coordinator at Allegany College of Maryland. Her husband, **Wes Landrum ’00/M’02**, is head softball coach at FSU.

2006

Petty Officer 2nd Class Ron Lipscomb was named the Enlisted Employee of the Year for the Marine Safety Unit in Pittsburgh and Sector Ohio Valley. Ron is a marine science technician in the U.S. Coast Guard and the Waterways Petty Officer for the Marine Safety Unit.

Coty Warn was featured in the spring 2014 Lunch With the Arts series at Allegany College of Maryland’s Culinaire Café.

2007

Joshua Flatley recently returned from an 11-month deployment to Afghanistan. He is a sergeant in the U.S Army Reserves.

2008

Krista Scarlett was named editor of *Celebrate Gettysburg* magazine, which has a circulation of up to 15,000 for each issue.

2009



Shannon Huber (using the stage name Shannon Riley) and **Jessica Behr Cooper ’12** wrote and performed in *Relationsh!t*, a Chicago-style sketch show produced as part of the 9th Annual Capital Fringe Festival in Washington, D.C. The show explores the ups and downs of the human connection through sketch comedy.

2011

Maurice Williams accepted an assistant coaching position with the men’s basketball team at Salisbury University. Maurice was a standout basketball player for three years, receiving the program’s first first-team all CAC conference award. After two years of being an assistant at Eastern University, Maurice returns to the Capital Athletic Conference as a coach.

2014

Carrie Saunders M’14 has been named FSU’s head women’s basketball coach for the 2014-2015 season. Carrie, who will serve in an interim role, has been a graduate assistant at Frostburg for the last two years.

Sara Volk’s oil painting “Star Lily” won an honorable mention in The American Artists Professional League Future Art Master Exhibition 2014 Annual Student Show. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 22

Buccaneers and Bobcats
Departure: Ann Street Pier
Baltimore Inner Harbor
8:30 p.m.

AUGUST 23

Men’s Soccer Alumni Game
Bobcat Stadium
2 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 5

Arlington Alumni Event
Hosted by Cmdr. Tom Jones ’97, JAGC, USN, and his wife, Erin
1804 24th St. South, Arlington, Va.
7 p.m.
RSVP to alumni@frostburg.edu

SEPTEMBER 9

Dinner With Strangers
Frostburg, Md.

SEPTEMBER 24

Grand Opening, Center for Communications and Information Technology
CCIT Lobby, FSU Campus
3:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27

Women’s Lacrosse Alumni Game
Bobcat Stadium, FSU Campus
7 p.m.

OCTOBER 16-19

Homecoming 2014
FSU Campus
(see page 30 for details)

NOVEMBER 4

Dinner With Strangers
Frostburg, Md.

NOVEMBER 8

WFWM Donor Reception & Concert
6 p.m., Reception, Lyric Theatre
8 p.m., Concert, Palace Theatre
Main Street, Frostburg, Md.

DECEMBER 20

145th Commencement
Cordts PE Center Main Arena
2 p.m.
Tickets required

MARCH 6-7

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

MARCH 27

Dinner With Strangers
Frostburg, Md.

APRIL 10

Learning From Leaders
Lane University Center

APRIL 25

6th Annual Baseball Spring Golf Invitational
Fore Sisters Golf Course
Rawlings, Md.

MAY 9

Spring Fest
Upper Quad, FSU Campus

MAY 21

146th Commencement
Cordts PE Center Main Arena
9:30 a.m., College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
2 p.m., Colleges of Business & Education
Tickets required

JUNE 5-6

Alumni Weekend:
Golden Anniversary, Greatest Couples of All Time Dance, Afternoon on the Quad, Friday Night Event
FSU Campus

OCTOBER 22-25

Homecoming 2015

For more information, email us at alumni@frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4068. You can also visit us online at alumni.frostburg.edu or join our Facebook page to get further details.



MILESTONES

Marriages

1969

Jennifer L. Jacques Bennett and Robert T. Bennett celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 14. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

2009

Abby Barclay M’10 married **Roy DeVore M’10** on May 11, 2013. Abby is employed as the autism waiver supervisor for The Arc of Washington County’s Stepping Stones Program. Roy is employed as a substitute teacher for the Allegany County Public Schools and is a freelance artist.

2011

Nicole Umstot M’13 married **Jacob Schoenadel ’09** on July 6, 2013. Nicole is a substitute teacher. Jacob is employed by the Mineral County Board of Education as a science teacher.

Births

1984

The Rev. **Carl Parker II** and his wife, Tijuana Juanita, announce the birth of their son, Carl III.

2001

Matthew Streett announces the birth of his daughter, Ruby Etta, on Feb. 23, 2014.

2002

Danielle Foote M’13 and her husband, **Wes Landrum ’00/M’02**, announce the birth of their daughter, Kenzie Jane, on Jan. 20, 2014. Kenzie joins big sister, Presley Anne, who is 5 years old. The family resides in Frostburg.

2004

Katie Walker Sherman and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their son, Robert, Jr., on June 12, 2013.

2005

Kimberly Reidler and her husband, Keith Convery, announce the birth of their son, Owen Scott, on March 19, 2014.

2008

Thomas Baden and his wife, Heather, announce the birth of their son, Eric, on June 27, 2013. Tommy is a senior park ranger with The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

2009

Gregory Shedd announces the birth of his daughter, Olivia.

2010

Ronald Collins announces the birth of his son, Kaden, on Jan. 4, 2014.

2011

Lauren Russell announces the birth of her son, Chase Evans, on March 19, 2014.

Farewell and Thank You

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

Dr. Rahim Ashkeboussi, professor of marketing and finance, joined FSU in 1996.

Earl Clark, postal services processor, joined FSU in 1986.

Dr. Maureen Connelly, professor of social work, joined FSU in 1975.

Dr. Marcia Cushall, professor of educational professions, joined FSU in 1991.

Patrick Deasy, counselor/coordinator of Veterans Affairs, joined FSU in 1971.

James Imes, locksmith, joined FSU in 1971.

Gary Love, administrator of Housekeeping Services, joined FSU in 1982.

Keith Pfaff, stationary engineer second grade, joined FSU in 1979.

Terry Walker, senior programmer analyst, joined FSU in 1977.

Retirements from March to August 2014 ■



Nifty 1960s

Twice a year, members of the Frostburg State Teachers College Class of 1960 meet to share memories and renew friendships in Thurmont, Md. The most recent luncheon on April 28 gathered, front row, from left, **Dorothy Sensenbaugh Loughlin, Elizabeth Ann Maher Lewis, Jane Bollinger Nolan and Barbara Wiles Summers**; back row, from left, **Dale Seburn, Carolyn Angle Seburn, Marilyn Mueller Eyler, Eloise Wildensteiner McDowell and John Zink**.

The gathering includes three of the senior class officers, Zink, president; Lewis, vice president; and Carolyn Seburn, treasurer. Nolan, Homecoming Queen 1959, attends every luncheon.

All 1960 graduates and their guests are welcome to attend the next luncheon, which is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Mountain Gate in Thurmont. Gatherings are informal. There’s no agenda, but talk and laughter are unending. Contact Carolyn Seburn at carolynseburn@aol.com for more information and to RSVP.

STILL PLAYING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS



Former Bobcat men’s soccer players made up the bulk of the team that made it to the semi-finals in the 2014 Red Wolf Indoor Soccer Tournament, an annual tournament held in Westminster, Md., in March. Pictured are, front row, **Derek Woodward ’93/M’95**; first row, from left, **Keith Walter, Jim Eppard ’91, Pete Tytus ’93, John Teluk, Brian McMearty ’87** and Lance James; and second row, from left, **Jay Hegeman ’73/M’81, Craig Silverglade ’92, Greg Dassele ’90, Mike St. Martin ’92, Brian Wright ’95, Phil Sporer ’91, James Fuss ’91** and Mark Urban.

IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam



Dr. John Park

Dr. John C. Park, who died March 28, 2014, was a professor of economics at Frostburg for 23 years. He was the first chair of what was then the Department of Economics, Business and Accounting. He was enthusiastic about making a difference in the lives of his students. Colleague Dr. Dan Mizak recalled his Spartan lifestyle and traditional views. “He was a minimalist who instead found pleasure (and much success) as an investor,” Mizak said. Another colleague, Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, said, “He always welcomed me to his office with a warm smile and

often spoke with me about our students, our programs, the global economy and international relations. He was knowledgeable, wise and highly dedicated.”

William Hollar, CPA, who died May 20, 2014, was a member of the Accounting Department faculty for nearly 21 years. A passion of his was making sure accounting graduates got the best possible start on their careers with his work compiling the pre-Internet Accounting Majors’ Resume Book, which held critiqued and corrected resumes from every graduating senior. It was distributed to his extensive mailing list of CPA firms, government agencies, nonprofits and small businesses. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the American Legion color guard at veterans’ funerals. “He had the best and biggest laugh I have ever heard,” said his colleague Connie Groer. “To accompany that laugh, though, was Bill’s optimism, good humor and good will.”



Sara Pierce

Sara L. Pierce, who died May 22, 2014, taught voice in the Department of Music for 35 years. She studied voice with opera singer Todd Duncan, who originated the role of Porgy in George Gershwin’s opera *Porgy and Bess*. Her passions were singing and teaching, and while at Frostburg, she also taught Opera Workshop and put on several full operas, such as Mozart’s *Magic Flute*. Her colleague, Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker, said she was a fine teacher and a mentor to her; “She was an amazing and kind lady, with a wonderful sense of humor.” She is survived by her husband of 59 years, **James Pierce**, also a longtime member of the Frostburg music faculty.

Susan Eisel, who died May 26, 2014, worked for 40 years in the Department of Physical Education and Bobcat athletics, dedicating her life to the student-athletes, coaches, faculty and staff who passed through. Her title was administrative assistant, but she served as a confidante, resource and friend, and she stayed closely connected to them. She was a dedicated supporter of Bobcat athletics and a member of the Old Main Society. She was also an avid advocate for the care of neglected and abused animals (*see page 27*).



Enid Kennedy

Enid Kennedy, who died July 7, 2014, was a dedicated supporter of FSU. Over the years, she and her husband, **Ken Kennedy M’72**, longtime FSU Foundation treasurer and Pinnacle Award recipient, served the Foundation, often behind the scenes. Surviving in addition to her husband are her daughters, Lynn Fike, member of and secretary for the FSU Foundation Board of Directors, Andrea DePalatis and Dr. Lorri Rumburg. ■



William Hollar

Alumni

1936 Ruth Keefe Grimm
Dec. 28, 2013

1943 Binnie K. Beeman Macomber
April 1, 2014

1951 William F. Best
April 30, 2014

1953 John R. Bryan, Jr.
March 24, 2013
Ann Wilson Stuckey
April 24, 2014

1955 Benjamin F. Elkins M’71
June 8, 2014

1956 Jean Ramsay McFarland
May 7, 2014
William C. Scott, Jr.
Feb. 21, 2014
Ethel Houck Anders Stambaugh
Dec. 21, 2013

1957 William R. Davis, Jr.
April 11, 2014
James E. Hicks
March 26, 2014

Joan L. Riley
Feb. 4, 2014
William R. Robertson, Jr.
Oct. 4, 2012

1959 Mr. James E. Kelly, Jr. M’65
Feb. 5, 2014
Clarence H. Rice
March 11, 2014

1961 James E. Mellon
March 14, 2014

1962 Martha McCoy Staub
Feb. 13, 2012

1963 Carolyn Williams Matthews
Feb. 23, 2014

1965 Carole A. High
March 25, 2014
Joyce Speicher Stotler
Jan. 27, 2014

1966 Barbara J. Davies Atwood
Jan. 6, 2014
Dr. Rita E. Brinker M’66
March 20, 2014

1967 Joseph C. Noone
April 8, 2014

1969 Christy Ervine Stoner, Jr. M’69
June 10, 2014

1973 Paul L. Smoot
June 20, 2014

1974 Katharine T. Neville
May 15, 2014

1977 Ronald K. Brown
May 8, 2014

1980 Christopher L. Fleming
June 2014

1981 Dani L. Daly
Feb. 25, 2014

1982 Jeffrey L. Frank
June 25, 2014

1985 Andrew T. Eury
Feb. 28, 2014
1987 Daniel F. McMullen
Feb. 13, 2014
1988 Cecilia Shelton Hooper Curry
June 1, 2013
1990 Debra A. Hott Amyot
May 28, 2014
Joseph B. Llewellyn
March 25, 2014
1993 Lee Ann Zlomek M’99
June 24, 2014
1994 Monica L. Bowers M’01
Jan. 31, 2014
1999 Todd P. Fink M’99
Sept. 2, 2012
Andrew W. Potter
June 30, 2014
2000 Adam M. Fortune
July 7, 2014

Friends of the University

John P. Bashaw
April 17, 2014
Albert G. Borden, Jr.
April 25, 2014
Edith Long Gamble
Feb. 20, 2014
William Hackerman
Feb. 10, 2014
Steven D. Heitmann
March 19, 2014
R. Thomas Hutcheson
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Martha Moses Jernigan
Feb. 1, 2014
David W. Knott, Sr.
Feb. 19, 2014
Theodore S. LoPresti
June 22, 2013
Joseph A. Murray
March 20, 2014
Dr. Margaret E. Reed
Feb. 28, 2014
Raymond E. Rosley
May 19, 2014
Dr. Frank A. Stone
March 6, 2014
Shawn A. Tasker
June 15, 2014
Marvin Thorpe, Jr.
Dec. 29, 2013
She-Ra Jean White
April 29, 2014
Diane M. Wood
Feb. 28, 2014 ■

THE LAST WORD

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Beautifying Their 'Burg

More than 500 people from the Frostburg community, including a large proportion of FSU students, gave the town its annual "spring cleaning" in early May during the Beautify the 'Burg event. Joining together to help make Frostburg a better place, volunteers provided more than 1,800 hours of service in a single day, sweeping grit from sidewalks, painting light posts and curbs, mulching playgrounds and gardens, planting trees and flowers, washing windows and police cars and generally cleaning up after a hard Frostburg winter.



Cultural Events Series

2014


SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 ■ 7:30 PM
 Appalachian Festival Capstone Concert
 featuring the
**Jay Ungar and
 Molly Mason Band**



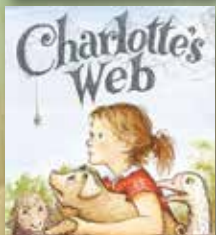
FRIDAY, OCT. 10 ■ 7:30 PM
Maryland Symphony Orchestra
 with guests Christina and Michelle Naughton
 presents Mozart and Mahler



FRIDAY, OCT. 17
7:30 PM & 10:00 PM
SPECIAL EVENT
 Homecoming Weekend featuring
FireFall

LIVE!
at StarScape


FRIDAY, NOV. 7 ■ 7:30 PM
Jim Brickman
The Platinum Tour
 Celebrating 20 Years



THURSDAY, NOV. 13 ■ 4:30 PM
SPECIAL EVENT
 TheatreworXUSA presents
Charlotte's Web



SUNDAY, DEC. 14 ■ 3:00 PM
 Reduced Shakespeare Company's
The Ultimate Christmas Show
(Abridged)

2015


SATURDAY, FEB. 14
7:30 PM
VALENTINE DINNER SPECIAL
LIVE!
at StarScape
Chris Brubeck's Triple Play
 featuring Peter Madcat Ruth and Joel Brown



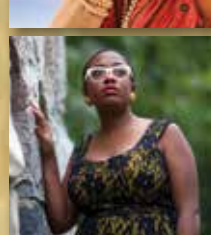
THURSDAY, MAR. 12 ■ 7:30 PM
 Russian National Ballet Theatre presents
Swan Lake



FRIDAY, MAR. 27
7:30 PM
LIVE!
at StarScape
**Cristina Pato and
 The Migrations Band**



THURSDAY, APR. 9 ■ 7:30 PM
 The Montana Repertory Theatre presents
The Great Gatsby



SATURDAY, APR. 18
7:30 PM
LIVE!
at StarScape
Cécile McLorin-Salvant



THURSDAY, APR. 23 ■ 7:30 PM
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 301.687.4102 (VRO 1.800.735.2258). Frostburg State University is a smoke-free campus.

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BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

New stadium building to be dedicated at Homecoming

The CCIT isn't the only new building on campus. Our new stadium building is complete and we can't wait to show it off! Please join us as we unveil the new building that dramatically improves the experience for Bobcat athletes and fans alike. The festivities will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours, as well as photos and autographs with the Bobcat mascot!



STADIUM BUILDING RIBBON CUTTING AND DEDICATION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014
3:30-4:30 PM
BOBCAT STADIUM

YOUR NAME HERE!

The new building and upgrades to the stadium complex create many recognition opportunities for individuals and organizations that wish to have their name permanently associated with the facility and Bobcat Athletics. Naming can also be made in honor of or in memory of loved ones.

Contact Shannon Gribble '98 at 301.687.4161 or email slgribble@frostburg.edu for more information.

