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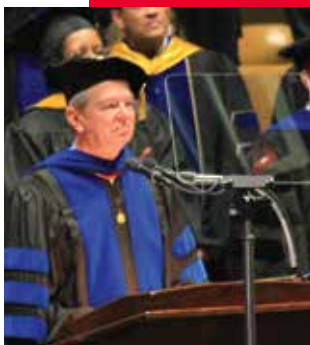


From the Interim President:

Editor's note: Dr. Thomas L. Bowling was named interim president of FSU effective July 1. For more information, see page 2.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

During my 39 years at Frostburg, many of you have known me in different roles. Perhaps I was your academic advisor, or your sociology or orientation instructor. You may have been in the Honors Program while I served as its founding director. We may have met on the ropes course during the leadership retreat or at a student conduct hearing (I hope that turned out OK). Perhaps you were in SGA while I served as its advisor. My work with students has been the richest part of my career in higher education. I have also greatly valued my faculty and staff colleagues – past and present; many of you have served as mentors and good friends, and I deeply appreciate all that I have learned from you.



I am also very mindful of the late Dr. Harold Delaney and his legacy as interim president during 1990-91. He taught me the difference between power and influence. While power is ephemeral, influence is enduring since it is acquired through the quality of one's relationships, the trust established and the respect that you give to others. In my new role, I hope to always demonstrate the respect that I have for our University.

Since taking office, "stewardship of place," a concept I was introduced to at a conference last summer, has taken on greater meaning. It is a phrase used by Anchor Institutions, a consortium of universities that play a significant role in their communities. FSU is unquestionably an anchor institution for Western Maryland. I look forward to further conversations with business leaders, our legislators and other community leaders to explore how we can create partnerships that



Dr. Thomas Bowling

will enable us to make an even greater contribution to the economic vitality of this area. Being a good steward of this region is part of our institutional DNA.

Another part of our DNA is "the world of experiences" that is

becoming integral to our identity. Our partnership with Gallup and its research will continue to inform our work in this arena. "Having a mentor" and "being engaged in a long-term project focused on real-world problems" are the two experiences they have identified as most predictive of professional success. I look forward to exploring with our campus community how we can encourage our students to play an active role in designing these experiences. Doing so will add to the meaning and authenticity of their student experience.

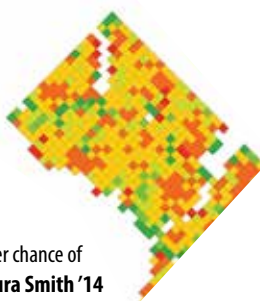
I invite you to enjoy this issue of *Profile*, which will provide you with some glimpses into the world of experiences that our students encounter today.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas L. Bowling
Interim President

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Appalachian Regional Commission Funds Geochemistry Lab

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded a \$100,000 federal grant to Frostburg State University for the development of a geochemistry laboratory, which will help prepare students to work in the energy and environmental sectors.

The facility, to be operational by fall 2016, will be used by undergraduate and graduate students in the applied science of geochemistry at the intersection of the geography and chemistry fields. The equipment will bring some existing courses up to date and allow for the introduction of new, more advanced courses. The major activities of the geochemistry lab will be hands-on analysis of samples in the field and the laboratory using industry-standard technology such as X-ray fluorescence spectrometer, laser diffraction particle size analyzer, a closed chamber piston corer and portable spectrophotometers.

In addition to the \$100,000 in ARC funds, state sources will provide another \$100,000, bringing the total project funding to \$200,000.

Bowling Named Interim President

In April, University System of Maryland Chancellor William E. Kirwan appointed Vice President for Student Affairs **Thomas Bowling** as interim president of FSU, an appointment effective with Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar's becoming president of Wells College in Aurora, N.Y., in July.

"We are fortunate that Dr. Bowling is willing to lead Frostburg State University during this period of transition," said Kirwan. "Throughout his career, he has worked tirelessly to expand opportunities for Frostburg students and help the University achieve greater excellence."

Bowling joined the FSU community in 1976 and has served as vice president for student affairs since 2006. Nationally, he has been active in several professional associations, including the Fulbright Association following his own experience as a Fulbright Scholar in Germany. He also has served as a member of the ACT Board of Trustees and a team member on several accreditation site visits for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Bowling received his doctorate in higher education administration from Florida State University, his master's from Wayne State University while serving with the U.S. Army in Germany and his bachelor's from Illinois State University.

"I am deeply appreciative of the support that I have received from Chancellor Kirwan and his staff, from my colleagues on campus and from leaders in the community," said Bowling. "Frostburg State University has been a big part of my life for almost 39 years. I am looking forward to the challenges of this new role, and deepening my service to a university that plays such a key role in Western Maryland and makes such a difference in the lives of our students."

A presidential search and screening committee has started work on its charge of conducting a national search for FSU's next president. The committee's work will conclude with its recommendation of finalists for consideration by the chancellor and the Board of Regents. The board will make the final selection.



Dr. Thomas Bowling

FSU Awards First Doctorates

Three years after establishing the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, FSU awarded degrees to the first 13 graduates at May's Commencement ceremony, making FSU officially a doctoral-granting institution.

"What has happened at Frostburg State University is more than just the creation of a new degree program at the doctoral level. What has happened here has transformed our University and presented options to employees throughout Allegany and Garrett counties and beyond never before available," President Gibraltar told the doctoral candidates. "The program has raised the bar at Frostburg State University to a place where others never imagined we could ever go."

More students from this inaugural group are expected to complete their dissertations in the coming months. Two other groups, including one based at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown, are working their way through the program, while the fourth cohort will start at USMH in fall 2015.



The inaugural Doctor of Education graduates are, front row, from left, **Nicole Bosley '02/M'05**, **Vickie Mazer**, **Stephanie Marchbank '01/M'06**, **Tim Campbell '07/M'09** and **Kay Sheehe '90/M'92**; back row, from left, **Terry Kasecamp '83/M'87**, **Suzanne Wilburn**, **Jane Wildesen '89**, **Robert Smith '86/M'91**, **Lori Brown '89/M'92**, **Jeff Graham**, **Kristine Jackson '02/M'05** and **Kurt Hoffman**.

Two Organizations List FSU's MBA Among Nation's Top 50

Two online organizations focused on identifying best values in online MBA programs have ranked FSU's program among the top 50 in the nation.

Affordable Colleges Online (ACO) has ranked FSU number 12 of the Best Online MBA Programs in the country. Rated by ACO for the second year in a row, FSU moved up from number 25. At the same time, Value Colleges, an online resource of accredited programs, rated FSU's MBA number 41 among its Top 50 Best Value Online MBA Programs of 2015.

ACO emphasized the FSU program's low cost, student-faculty ratio, percentage of full-time faculty with a doctorate, accreditation by AACSB International and its aim – imparting the well-rounded business knowledge students need to be successful in any organization.

In addition to low cost and AACSB accreditation, Value Colleges pointed out FSU's global perspective in the world of business, in which online learners can take advantage of international learning experiences offered through the University. Value Colleges also noted that the online MBA program can be completed in as little as 12 months going full time.

– Candis Johnson



Student **Jeff Heath**, second from left, was among six cancer survivors who kicked off this year's Relay event with the survivor's lap around Bobcat Stadium.

Relay For Life Raises Nearly \$33,000 in Fight Against Cancer

Cold weather wasn't going to bring down the nearly 600 participants unified to help conquer cancer at FSU's Relay For Life.

This year's fundraising event for the American Cancer Society raised \$32,916 by mid-July, featuring 43 teams and 588 participants.

"Relay For Life is really a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, but it's also about celebrating our survivors, remembering those that we lost and fighting back," said **Patrick O'Brien '07**, director of Civic Engagement at FSU. "The fighting back is really where the fundraising comes in."

Friends and classmates rallied behind 19-year-old **Jeff Heath** who survived a fight against synovial sarcoma. The cancer, which attacked connective tissue in his neck, caused the sophomore geography major to miss the entire senior year of high school after he was diagnosed in August of 2012. He finished treatment March 2013.

"Just seeing everybody out here come together to support me and everybody else who's going through the same struggle – it's just awesome," Heath said. "I'm pretty grateful to be here."

– Charles Schelle

University System of Maryland at Hagerstown Turns 10

This past winter, the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown began its celebration of a "Decade of Building Futures," marking the 10th anniversary of the regional higher education center's opening.

FSU's involvement dates back to even before the founding of USMH, to the FSU Hagerstown Center established in 1988 to offer local baccalaureate and master's education to Washington County students for the first time.

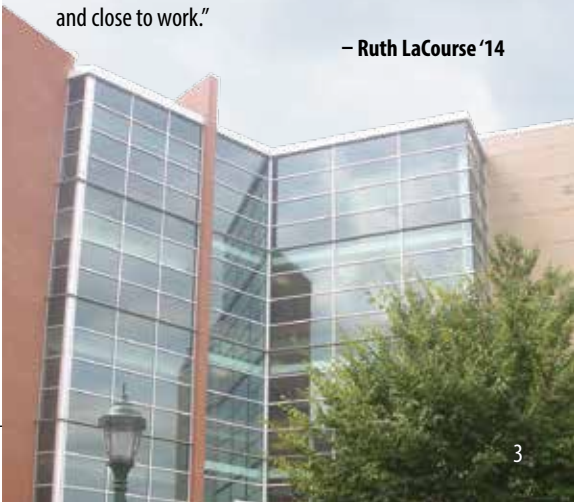
USMH is celebrating its "Decade of Building Futures" with a year-long series of events, including an Alumni Ambassador Picnic, an Alumni Ambassador parade party, open houses and tours, ending with a Feast at Yuletide Scholarship Fundraiser in December.

USMH opened its doors to students in January of 2005 and has been growing ever since. From three initial partner universities, including FSU, USMH now offers 27 academic programs through FSU, the University of Maryland University College, College Park, Towson, Salisbury and Coppin State University. FSU's newest offering is the Master of Education with a concentration in School Counseling, beginning this fall.

USMH's convenient location and flexible course scheduling have proven to have a strong appeal to those balancing studies with family or job responsibilities. "I was able to work part-time while being a full-time student," said **Danielle Donovan '09**. "Through Frostburg State, I was able to pay each semester using the payment plan option, which kept me from having to use student loan money. Most of my friends who attended a university campus and stayed in dorms earned a bachelor's degree with substantial student loan debt, but I wasn't in that category."

Wayne Keefer '09, an assistant vice president and branch manager for CNB Bank, credits his time at USMH for helping him understand how his business functions as a whole. "I have never been a traditional student," said Keefer. "I've never been part of a fraternity, or lived in a dorm room. But I was able to be a college student – be an FSU Bobcat – close to home and close to work."

– Ruth LaCourse '14



CAMPUS HONORS



Dr. Carol Gaumer

Gaumer Earns President's Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Carol Gaumer '89/M'91, a professor in the Department of Marketing and Finance, has been selected as the fourth recipient of the President's Distinguished Faculty Award, an award that recognizes and encourages faculty members who advance the University's mission and goals and its strategic planning initiatives.

"Carol Gaumer embodies the qualities of the Distinguished Faculty Award in so many ways: She is forward-thinking and imaginative in considering the University's future, she has boundless energy and enthusiasm, and she is a talented and caring teacher and colleague," President Gibraltar said.

"Carol Gaumer is a unique blend of talent and commitment, dedication and purpose, integrity and caring, and a truly superior model of how an ideal faculty member, departmental colleague, administrative chair and authentic citizen-leader should be," said Dr. Sudhir Singh, the associate dean in FSU's College of Business.

2015 marks Gaumer's 26th year at FSU. Since 2013, she has served as the co-chair for the University's Experiential Education Task Force with the purpose of defining experiential learning and creating a program that can demonstrate FSU's educational distinction.

Gaumer is dedicated to increasing retention and improving student persistence to



Dr. Brent Kice



Gerry LaFemina



Dr. Benjamin Norris '04

graduation. Her personal teaching philosophy is based on a student-centered learning environment that leads to a high level of student engagement in and satisfaction with the learning process.

She serves as co-coordinator of the College's Global Experiential Learning Program, helping to organize study abroad trips to Brazil, Ecuador and Peru. She revised the Global Business Concentration to include international internships as an elective and has helped place four students in international internships.

This award is supported by gifts to the FSU Foundation.

-CJ

Faculty Achievement Awards

FOR TEACHING:

Dr. Brent Kice, Department of Communication

As an associate professor of communication studies, Kice has demonstrated outstanding teaching performance in his seven years at FSU. Colleagues appreciate his passion for teaching and his willingness to collaborate – all of which creates a positive atmosphere for student learning. Students appreciate his challenging and rewarding classroom activities that inspire them and his genuine interest in their learning. He is an enthusiastic teacher who continually strives to develop the critical thinking skills of his students in each and every class he teaches.

FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

Gerry LaFemina, Department of English

LaFemina, an associate professor of English, has produced an impressive array of works in his 11 years at FSU. Since 2004, he has published eight books of poetry, fiction and criticism and a chapbook of poetry, as well as edited or co-edited three anthologies. Recently, he has published a novel, *Clamor*; two full-length collections of poetry, *Notes for the Novice Ventriloquist* and *Little Heretic*; and a book of critical essays on poetry, *Palpable*

Magic: Essays on Poets and Prosody. LaFemina is also very active in publishing his work in literary journals. He has appeared on the national and international scene as a poet and scholar.

FOR UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Dr. Benjamin Norris '04, Department of Chemistry

As an assistant professor of chemistry, Norris has exhibited an exceptional record of service to FSU and the community in his five-year tenure. He is the coordinator of the STEM Scholars@Sowers Hall program for freshman. He is an original member of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Working Group that plans the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Norris is a member of the Experiential Education Task Force, and as a member of the American Chemical Society, he is actively involved in K-12 outreach and serves as the faculty advisor for the student members of the American Chemical Society.

The awards are made possible through gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

Serfass Named Wildlife Society Fellow

Dr. Thomas L. Serfass, chair of the Department of Biology, has been named a lifetime fellow of The Wildlife Society.

Serfass, a professor of wildlife ecology, was among 10 individuals named as the latest TWS Fellows. He is a renowned international expert in the design, implementation and evaluation of wildlife restoration programs, including mesocarnivores, particularly river otters.

"It's an honor to be recognized for years of work and reintroducing wildlife and contributing to the profession," Serfass said. "Some of the award winners are from the most prominent wildlife universities in the country. This award demonstrates the quality of the wildlife conservation programs here at Frostburg State University."



Dr. Thomas Serfass



Barbara Hurd



Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar

Among Serfass' current research is a study in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem to assess the potential of using the river otter to promote aquatic conservation around Yellowstone National Park.

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Hurd Awarded Guggenheim Fellowship

Barbara Hurd, English professor emerita, was awarded a 2015 Guggenheim Fellowship for her nonfiction writing.

"It's an enormous thrill and great honor. I had applied in the past and had been turned down, so to receive one this time feels like the culmination of a lot of years of hard work," she said.

She plans to spend her Fellowship year researching and traveling as she begins sketching out her next book. Much of Hurd's work is grounded in the natural world, both in the Frostburg area and other regions.

"Western Maryland is my long-ago adopted home. I love the landscape here, the expanses of forest and mountains."

Despite her love of nature, that emotion doesn't directly inspire Hurd's writing. "Mostly I feel drawn to write about not what I love but what piques my curiosity. And there's plenty of curious stuff here that interests me: boreal swamps and caves, etc. So my investigative mind is stimulated by where I live, and I'm driven to write about those investigations."

Hurd has two books pending for release in 2016. In February, the University of Georgia Press will release *Listening to the Savage: River Notes and Half-Heard Melodies*, a series of essays set along Garrett County's Savage River "that keeps spiraling around the exploration of acoustical imaginations, especially as they relate to environmental concerns." In the summer, the George F. Thompson Press will release *Tidal Rhythms*, a collaborative project with photographer Stephen Strom that explores the impact of climate change on tidal regions.

- Robert Spahr '13

NIAAA Honors Gibraltar With Sen. Harold Hughes Award

President Gibraltar was honored with the Sen. Harold Hughes Memorial Award in June from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), part of the National Institutes of Health.

The Hughes Award recognizes the contributions of a non-researcher whose work translates research into practice and builds bridges across the alcohol prevention, treatment and policy-making communities. The award is named for Harold Hughes, a former governor of Iowa and U.S. senator and a major force behind the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, which created NIAAA.

"Underage and high-risk drinking among college students are very serious public health issues facing young people today. Dr. Gibraltar is helping to combat this problem by working with NIAAA to bring science-based information to college presidents, campuses and students across the country," said Dr. George Koob, NIAAA director. "His unyielding dedication and infectious enthusiasm for improving the health of college students make him a most worthy recipient of the 2015 Hughes Award."

Since 2012, Gibraltar has served as the chair of the NIAAA College Presidents' Working Group to Address Harmful Student Drinking. He is also a public voice for this issue – regularly urging his fellow college and university presidents to address high-risk drinking on their campuses and discussing the topic nationally with major news organizations. ■



A Distinguished Pillar of the Profession

Dr. Alice Manicur, vice president emerita of Student Affairs, was honored by NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education's Foundation with its John L. Blackburn Distinguished Pillar Award at NASPA's annual conference in March. The organization's highest honor, the award is reserved for those who had previously been named a Pillar of the Profession, but who have continued to grow and strengthen the student affairs field. Manicur was named a Pillar in 1999, the first year the award was bestowed to leaders, teachers and scholars in student affairs and higher education. NASPA previously honored her with an annual symposium in her name for women aspiring to student affairs leadership. "[Dr. Manicur] plays an important role in the history of our profession – it was an honor to have her with us," said NASPA President Kevin Kruger. She is pictured with Frank Ardiolo of the NASPA Foundation Board.

Golden-Llewellyn, Baer Honored at Leadership Awards

Dr. Shawn Golden-Llewellyn '02/M'05, director of Counseling and Psychological Services, was honored with the 2015 Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member Award, and **Douglas Baer**, director of the Office of Leadership and Experiential Learning, was honored with the Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award at this spring's FSU Leadership Awards Reception.

Golden-Llewellyn's nominator described her as someone who "sets the bar for what it means to be a student-centered professional."

The Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award recognizes a faculty or staff advisor at FSU who helps students overcome obstacles, grow as individuals and learn how to triumph as a team.

LEARNING GREEN



FSU's Wildlife Society team members pose with the framed wildlife painting that was part of their prize.

Wildlife Society Students Excel in Regional Skills Competition

A team representing the **FSU Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society** placed third in the Southeastern Wildlife Conclave this spring among 20 regional colleges and universities and 400 students who competed in the intense competition of mental and physical feats showing mastery and knowledge of wildlife skills.

FSU's top-three finish demonstrates the commitment of the students to excelling at the competition as well as shows off the quality of FSU's Department of Biology, said Dr. Frank Ammer, associate professor and faculty adviser for the student chapter.

"It makes our University look outstanding and our biology students strong," Ammer said. Students had to identify plant and animal specimens; navigate an obstacle course and an orienteering course; demonstrate sharpshooting skills with rifle and bow; display precision of fly casting; show off artistic skills with field photography, free-form art and drawing; call game; and then square off in a Quiz Bowl – a "Wildlife Jeopardy" of sorts. – CS



For the third year in a row, FSU has been honored as a **Tree Campus USA** for its commitment to effective urban forest management.



Student's Work With D.C. Trees Sends Her to South Africa

By Charles Schelle

Which tree-lined streets in our nation's capital could be different in future generations because of research completed by FSU students? Ethnobotany graduate student **Laura Smith '14** may know. She has spent the last two years combing through and visualizing data of 157,000 trees in Washington, D.C., to evaluate pest and disease impact on the urban forest.

Her work earned her a prestigious Society of Economic Botany Travel Award that sent her to Clanwilliam, South Africa, this summer, where she presented her thesis research at SEB's 56th annual meeting, held jointly with the Indigenous Plant Use Forum.

The project began with ethnobotany student **Mitch Hall '12/M'14**, who evaluated the risk factors of each tree by obtaining a Pest Vulnerability Matrix database from California and modifying it for pests and diseases on the East Coast.

The D.C. Urban Forestry Administration, which funded the research, completed the fieldwork to gather the genus, species, diameter and health rating of its trees.

Smith then visualized the data with a grid map using layers showing the pest and disease risk in each D.C. council ward and single-member districts of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission.

"We can give the Neighborhood Advisory Commission their pest vulnerability score and what they can do to lower it," said Smith. "That way it can actually be used on the ground."

The study also examined how diverse D.C.'s street trees are and suggested action plans for replacing trees after one dies to help fend off pest and disease issues. For example, Smith saw that problem with an abundance of American Elm trees, which can be susceptible to Dutch Elm Disease. To avoid an outbreak of tree-specific diseases, no more than 10 percent of a single species, 20 percent of a single genus or 30 percent of a single family should be planted in an area. In addition, the emerald ash borer, which attacks ash trees, is starting to move to its second-best host, a white fringe tree, Smith said.

"If all of that genus is gone from an area, it will move to other trees," Smith said.

Trees are clearly Smith's passion. Smith's time at Frostburg also allowed her to sit on the Campus Tree Advisory Committee, helping the campus being named a Tree Campus USA for three years in a row. Smith also interned with the City of Cumberland to study the social impact of trees to influence residents to plant trees in their own yard.

"It's going to become more important in the future to make sure these are functional ecological systems instead of concrete deserts," Smith said. ■

One University. Caring for One Planet.

FSU has been designated one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the country for the fourth time by *The Princeton Review*, based on data from the company's survey of hundreds of four-year colleges about their commitments to the environment and sustainability.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Adventure Sports Management

FSU and Garrett College will offer a new collaborative Bachelor of Science in Adventure Sports Management. Students in the program will have the opportunity to gain expertise in recreation activities while developing the management skills and professional connections necessary to become successful leaders in the tourism industry. The program utilizes the unique natural resource base found in Western Maryland.

The program builds on FSU's Adventure Sports concentration in the Recreation and Parks Management major and Garrett's two-year program at the Adventuresports Institute. The new program adds leadership experiences and professional preparation while maintaining an emphasis on specific adventure sports skills. This model addresses students' need for the advanced knowledge offered by a bachelor's degree, and the industry's need for leaders and innovators in the outdoor recreation and tourism fields, a growing component of the economy in Western Maryland and beyond.

Hospitality Management

FSU students will have a unique immersive international opportunity in hospitality management thanks to a new partnership with Vanung University in Taiwan and University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Starting in spring 2016, students can earn a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Hospitality Management from FSU.

While students are taking courses at three universities, Frostburg offers them a seamless collaborative program. After completing general education credits, students will take management, small business, entrepreneurship, human resources management and management electives from FSU's accredited College of Business. Students are also required to complete an internship, whether it's through Rocky Gap Casino Resort or another area hotel or resort.

UMES will offer online hospitality management courses.

During fall semesters, Frostburg students will travel to Vanung University in Taiwan



with a faculty advisor, where they will enroll in four six-week courses, gaining experience in restaurant management, beverage control and airline customer service management, partake in a wine seminar and more.

Vanung has its own teaching hotel, a teaching travel agency, demonstration kitchens, meal service classrooms, bartending classrooms, an aviation reservation system room that is a replica of an airport terminal and a simulated flight cabin classroom.

"It's a valuable learning experience that breaks down barriers, including being exposed to different languages. With such a variety of experiences, students will know what constitutes superior customer service," said Dr. Michael Monahan, chair of the Department of Management.

Health Science

FSU will offer a Bachelor of Science in Health Science degree, which is designed to prepare students to enter health-focused careers, including the areas of medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physician assistant or optometry. The program is designed to prepare students for graduate-level



A Taiwanese student shows off Vanung University's airport terminal check-in simulator.

studies in this broad spectrum of health-focused careers.

With the increased need for health care providers, particularly in rural communities, the health science programs will address the changing needs of health care in rural Appalachia and disparities and workforce shortages in rural Maryland.

FSU's will be the only Maryland program to offer a bachelor's degree specifically targeted to broadly prepare students for graduate or professional schools in the health-related fields.

Education

In keeping with the changing needs of teacher candidates and the schools they will serve, FSU has restructured some of its education programs.

FSU's Elementary Education program, which previously included a specialization in one of several fields, now offers four concentrations in integrated arts, language and literacy, social science and civics, and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). These new areas will enable graduates to develop specialty teaching competencies in a specific area for grades 1-6.

FSU also offers a bachelor's degree in secondary teacher education, designed for students seeking certification to teach a particular subject in grades 7-12. The program was previously offered as a teaching certificate but is now available as a second major, complementing a primary major in a field such as biology, mathematics or social science. ■



ALUMNI NEWS

Poet/Law Professor's Work Drawing National Attention

The poetry of **Brian Gilmore '87** is once again drawing national attention. Nominated for an NAACP Image Award in Poetry in 2014, Gilmore's collection *We Didn't Know Any Gangsters* has now also been nominated for the 2015 Hurston/Wright Foundation Legacy Award for Poetry.



Brian Gilmore '87

"The book is about growing up basically in Washington, D.C.," said Gilmore, "and also it is about my parents, my father in particular. It sort of tracks my life from boyhood to adulthood."

Gilmore's poetry tugs readers in with honesty and simplicity, inviting them to meet the people and live the experiences of his adolescence. His poems touch on topics across the board: family, community, politics and several about coming to Frostburg from a predominantly African-American city. One of his favorite poems, "Billy Bathgate," draws inspiration from the film of the same name and opens the collection with an image of city boys innocently, naively, enjoying a mountain summer day.

"I matured in that period," he said of his time at FSU, "and got to know lots of great people, professors. ... I departed Frostburg [wanting] to be a poet and [knew] I could be a poet, and it has worked out pretty well."

Gilmore teaches at Michigan State University College of Law. He has dedicated 15 years to his work as a public interest attorney with a focus on fair housing and takes pride in fighting for underrepresented groups, particularly the poor.

Gilmore's poetry has been featured in *The Progressive*, *The Nation*, *American Songwriter Magazine*, *Book Forum*, *The Utne Reader* and *Callaloo* and has been collected into three books, *Gangsters*, *Elvis Presley Is Alive and Well* and *Living in Harlem and Jungle Nights and Soda Fountain Rags*.

— Ruth LaCourse '14



Mary Clapsaddle '83



Col. Ron Forrester '67



Terry Headlee M'03

Alumni Honored at Spring Ceremonies

Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards

FSU presented one of its most prestigious honors, the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards, to **Mary Clapsaddle '83**, a community planner for the city of Baltimore, and **Col. Ron Forrester '67**, retired senior military analyst, at the May commencement ceremonies.

Clapsaddle joined the Baltimore City Department of Planning in 2014, where she serves as a community planner in the northwest area of the city, working to revitalize communities and build healthy, vibrant neighborhoods. She is president of the FSU Foundation Board of Directors.

Clapsaddle asked the graduates she addressed to consider the classes that had come before. "They left here with the same eager anticipation as you are now feeling and with the same strong foundation for success. And they have carried a little bit of Frostburg everywhere they have traveled in life, just like you will. And many of them embraced that 'Frostburgness,' remembering the important place that Frostburg holds in making them who they are" and have stayed connected with their alma mater.

Forrester dedicated 45 years to the U.S. military. He spent 26 years in the U.S. Air Force as a missile and space operator, a detachment and squadron commander and chief of the Global Forces division before retiring while serving at the Pentagon. As a civilian, he was a senior military analyst at Science Applications International Corp. He is the president of the FSU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

In accepting his award, Forrester credited his parents' guidance in his success. "They taught me the importance of having a strong

work ethic, the importance of valuing equality and accountability in myself and others, to follow rules, policies and procedures and, in turn, ensure that they applied fairly and uniformly across the board to all people."

College of Business Alumnus of the Year

Terry Headlee M'03, who recently retired as managing editor of *The Frederick News-Post*, was honored as the College of Business' 2015 Alumnus of the Year.

Headlee said that the principles he learned in the pursuit of his MBA have been invaluable as he took on the leadership of newsrooms in Hagerstown and Frederick, where he found that he needed a strong background in the foundations of business as well as journalism.

"I know you all know that I'm in a very turbulent industry right now. It's undergoing change all the time, and to keep up with that you not only have to have strong journalistic standards and knowledge, but you also have to have a keen sense of the business world, everything from marketing to troubleshooting and problem solving as well as human resources. ... You have to understand all facets of the business," Headlee said.

Headlee is also chair of the Editorial Committee for the Maryland, Delaware and D.C. (MDDC) Press Association. While in the MBA program, he served on the newly formed Student Advisory Council and now serves on the College of Business Advisory Board. ■

ON THE AIR: Call Letters Change but Radio Friendships Remain

By Charles Schelle

From Steely Dan to Dizzy Gillespie, Frostburg State's first campus radio station played just about everything.

In the 1970s, the station, dubbed WFSC for Frostburg State College, was just a group of students with a passion for music who became friends.

In 1976, the name would change to WFNR – Frostburg Nemaquin Radio.

When **Lee Oxford '80** spun LPs on the station turntables, he did so inside a tiny room behind the old candy counter at the Lane College Center. His jazz fusion show, "In and Out the Chakras," was an homage to Todd Rundgren.

"I'd take up a milk crate full of my LPs and go over to the Lane Center where the studio was. We only had two small rooms and one was the studio," the Salisbury resident said. "Our advertisements were on 4-track carts and those would be hanging on the wall."

He'd review the handwritten block schedule to check show times, sit in the studio and cue up his music while the previous deejay wrapped up.

WFSC/WFNR's signal transmitted through the electrical current in 10 campus buildings, requiring radios to be plugged into those outlets to get the signal on 640 AM.



The 1975-76 WFSC staff



The 1976-77 staff forms the WFNR call letters on the floor of the Lane Center.

Mike Gellar '79 served as a WFNR general manager and remembers the work involved in expanding the station's audience by broadcasting over cable TV, necessitating the change in the call letters from WFSC to WFNR.

"It was a big effort, and the biggest accomplishment was getting us off campus," said the computer software implementation contractor and jazz guitarist. "It took a lot of persevering because the administration was



WFNR deejays **Lee Oxford '80**, **John Lorch '79** and **Mike Gellar '79** traveled across the state to tour FSU's new radio station this past spring.

concerned about people living in town and what's going to go out on cable as opposed to broadcasting on campus."

John Lorch '79, now assistant director for International Services at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, said back then there were no classes to learn how to run a radio station. It was the love of music that brought him to it.

"It made me more open to different styles of music," he said, adding that it helped start his record collection that once topped 2,000 LPs.

Lorch would go on to do campus radio for six years at Johns Hopkins University, and his path would cross with that of future NPR

"All Songs Considered" host Bob Boilen when they both worked at a warehouse for Waxie Maxie's Record Stores.

On campus, Gellar and others had to earn administrators' trust by making the student-created/operated station more professional, hiring students as music, program and news directors. One of the station's notable personalities was Frank Mitchell, who became program and production director at WFMD talk radio and production director at WFRE in Frederick, Md.

The station was more of a predecessor than a precursor to WFWM, FSU's current NPR affiliate station, as the stations and mission were on separate tracks. WFWM was an initiative by the administration at Frostburg State, begun in 1984 as WGTK.

Gellar, Oxford and Lorch all returned to campus in April for the open house of WFWM in the Catherine R. Gira Center for Communications and Information Technology. They marveled at the space with the latest technology – and a couple of turntables for good measure.

"The studios are so impressive," Gellar said. "They're more impressive than some commercial and college studios I've been in. It's just unbelievable."

The difference from then and now is night and day, said Oxford, now the CEO of ZERA Mission International and author of *The Civil War on Hatteras*.

"When we were there, we didn't have to pre-prepare our program. We did it all live," he said. "Of course, we had to drum up our own audience. The amount of space, the professionalism, is totally different." ■

“Blum-ing” Research Career Germinated at FSU

Samuel Blum '15 has a keen interest in research.

The biology major, who minored in chemistry, said that passion, along with the education he received at FSU, earned him a job following graduation at the Baylor College of Medicine Bettini Lab inside Texas Children's Hospital.

The Houston lab researches CD4+ T cells and T cell receptors to better understand Type 1 diabetes.

The Pikesville native is a lab technician working with a mouse colony, using polymerase chain reaction and genotyping to see if the mice have genes for an immune system, as well as performing additional testing to see if the mice are diabetic.

“When I was at Frostburg, I got into doing research and found I really enjoyed it,” Blum said.

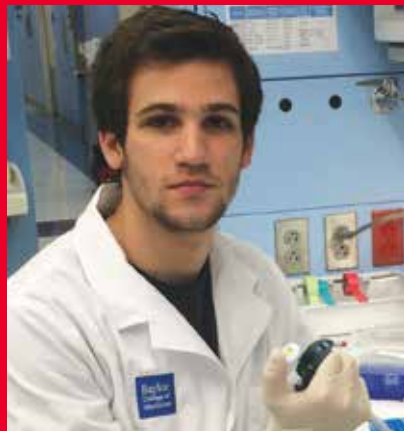
His undergraduate research focused on soil sampling and how transgenic tomatoes, which included wheat genes, affected worms' growth.

The small size of Frostburg's program better allowed him to conduct research, Blum said, adding that if he had attended a larger university, it would have been more difficult to find research opportunities.

Blum encourages students to take advantage of their time at Frostburg and leverage the expertise and networking of their professors.

“Take the opportunities you're given and, when you can, broaden your horizons so you can use those experiences to influence you later in life,” he said.

– Charles Schelle



Samuel Blum '15

Foundation Key for Alumnus Building Relationships and Business

Just like building a stable company, **Brian Mattingly '83** knows that success is constructed upon a strong foundation. Yet the president and owner of the excavation company Goldin & Stafford also knows when a top-down approach is necessary.



Brian Mattingly '83

His Marriott Marquis D.C. Convention Center Hotel project was the first in Washington, D.C., using construction methods to build a high-rise from both the top and bottom simultaneously, digging 95 feet deep using caissons to stabilize the building in the swampy underbelly of the District. He traveled to Boston to study the construction method himself before his team executed the plan. The four-star, 14-story hotel opened in May 2014.

The parallels are undeniable in Mattingly's D.C.-based excavation company and his active involvement with FSU.

“I always felt Frostburg was instrumental in giving me a solid foundation that I could use to go into business, and I felt the need to give back and continue to see the University prosper,” the Cumberland native said.

Mattingly, now a Howard County, Md., resident, bought out the founding partners of Goldin & Stafford to become the sole owner and president in 2007 after being a longtime partner in the firm. Part of the foundation of that success is having a work-life balance, thanks to wife Connie and his four children, Joseph, Erin, Karrah and Ryann.

“I'm able to stay significantly involved in the business. At the same time, I make sure I balance that being a father for my four children,” Mattingly said.

Mattingly is a member of the FSU Foundation Board of Directors, named the University Program Council office in the Lane University Center and established the Brian and Connie Mattingly Presidential Merit Scholarship for incoming freshmen or transfer students who excel academically and demonstrate financial need.

It's just a small way he can keep ties to his native Allegany County while working in the nation's capital, recognizing the quality of students and workers who come from the region.

“People in Western Maryland always had a passion and a hard-work ethic and a community spirit that has not been found anywhere else in the state,” he said.

– Charles Schelle

Shaffer Honored for Helping his Fellow Man

Tom Shaffer '59/M'63 was honored in June with the William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award for his work in the community, an award presented by Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot.

“You all should go out of here and find one thing you can do for your fellow man,” Shaffer said at the presentation. “My philosophy is, help other people. Do what you can for other people.”

Shaffer is a retired Allegany High School teacher of 26 years. He volunteers at the Interfaith Community Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, the Cancer Center at Western Maryland Health System and the Allegany Museum.

Shaffer and his fellow honorees across Maryland are among the “unbelievably talented folks who have contributed to their state and community,” Franchot said.

“I believe we're brothers and sisters and each of us has an obligation to do what we can,” Shaffer said. “I think that's what's wrong with our society, not enough of us care for each other.”

The William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award winners are selected based on work improving the community, swiftly solving a citizen problem through effective government intervention, directly aiding the most vulnerable in society or creating a public/private partnership to improve the lives of Marylanders.

Class of '62 Continues to Give Back to Student Teachers

Sometimes the smallest groups can have a profound impact.

Anywhere from 25 to 50 people from the **Class of 1962** regularly attend class reunions to reminisce and find ways to give back to FSU – impressive considering the freshman class was a mere 155 students.

This cadre of friends decided to leave a legacy behind and help future teachers graduating from Frostburg. Thanks to the generosity of this group of retired teachers, the Class of 1962 Scholarship was created to help education majors in the midst of their teaching internship semester.

“We wanted to leave something in our name that would be an endowed scholarship instead of a pass-through,” said **Dr. Ed Root**, a retired dean of the School of Education and current Allegany County Board of Education member. The goal is to raise \$25,000 to \$35,000 to provide significant awards over time, Root said.

Root, **Geoff Whitmore** and **Ann S. Moyer** are all helping to connect with their fellow '62 alumni to provide this financial assistance for education majors. The class has a special place in their hearts for teachers.

“We were the last graduating class from Frostburg State Teachers College. The next year they dropped ‘teachers’ from the name and it became Frostburg State College,” Root said. “We all became teachers.”

Some of the fund's success is thanks to twin brothers **Bill** and **Wayne Bruchey**. The scholarship reached the minimum level to award funds in late spring, but Bill Bruchey wrote a check to ensure that the scholarship could be awarded a year early.

Teaching interns face financial challenges because they're unable to hold a job during the experience, because of teaching during the day and creating lesson plans by night. They also have to buy professional attire and need gas money to drive to the schools. This scholarship helps defray those costs.

– Charles Schelle



Members of the Class of '62, the last to graduate from Frostburg State Teachers College, have created a scholarship to assist students with expenses during their crucial teaching internships. The class is shown here during its Golden Anniversary celebration in 2012.

Golden Anniversary

The Golden Anniversary weekend in early June has become a time of honoring cherished memories, starting with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Class of '65, an evening of Bobcat love with the Greatest Couples of All Time and generally rekindling old friendships that never seem to tarnish.



Members of the class of '65 gathered to celebrate 50 years of friendship and visit their alma mater. In the front row, from left, are **Stephanie Goode McDonough**, **Amy Monaco**, **Frank Krug**, **A. Thomas Fleming**, **Virginia Troxler Wolford**, **Benny Wolford**, **Jackie Joyce Crum**, **Judy Koenig Almony**, **Linda Zerfing**, **Elizabeth Ledbetter Poirier** and **Lynda Tinsley Lockard**. In the second row, from left, are **Gary Peterson M'86**, **the Rev. Charles Holder M'69**, **Sharon Ebaugh DeBone**, **Quincy Crawford**, **Pam Gardiner Enger**, **Philip Haynes**, **Anne Beane Slater**, **Michael Solomon** and **Mel Harris M'75**.

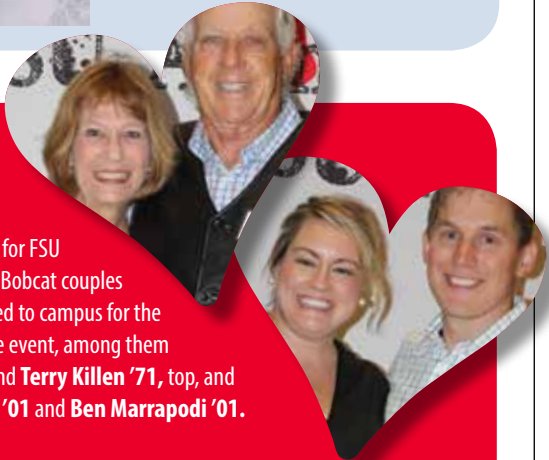


Golden Moment

During the Golden Anniversary Reunion Luncheon, **Lynda Tinsley Lockard '65**, right, had a golden moment when she reunited with her supervising teacher **Amy Meek '50** after 50 years.

Bobcat Love

It was an evening of love – for FSU and for each other – when Bobcat couples from many decades returned to campus for the Greatest Couples of All Time event, among them **Sandy Berry Killen '70** and **Terry Killen '71**, top, and **Valerie Stork Marrapodi '01** and **Ben Marrapodi '01**.



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Sandra Adams '86
Reisterstown, Md.

An education graduate, Adams is director of publishing operations at the National Academies Press, where she oversees the creation of a variety of service products and 200 books annually. Previously, she held director and management positions at Congressional Quarterly Press, the Naval Institute Press and Johns Hopkins University Press. She also assists at Anysolv Technologies, Inc., and teaches in the Communications Department at Loyola University of Maryland. She and her husband established the Tyrone Adams and Sandra Wyche Adams Scholarship, assisting students from Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

Royal Hines '94
Baltimore

An accounting graduate, Hines is a finance associate manager with the Pepsi Beverages Co., previously working as a financial analyst for CitiFinancial and for Black & Decker. As a student, he served as president of FSU's chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and remains involved in the organization as an alum, advising the FSU chapter and directing Area II in Western Maryland. He is also treasurer of the Clarence H. "Du" Burns Foundation and has held several positions, including president, on the FSU Alumni Association Board.

Joseph Lambert '79
Bowie, Md.

A business administration graduate, Lambert has served as the director of information management for the Central Intelligence Agency since 2007. He began working with the CIA in 1984 and has served in a number of organizations within the agency. He is a recipient of the Intelligence Community's National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction and a Meritorious Presidential Rank Award. He was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 2014 and was the keynote speaker at that year's Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership.



Sandra Wyche Adams '86



Royal Hines '94



Joseph Lambert '79

A Defining Moment

By Robert Spahr '13

Kurt A. Pfluger '80 graduated into a stagnant job market, but an internship experience helped him land a job with the Department of the Treasury. In 1981, he became a CPA with a private accounting firm in Virginia. By the time Pfluger retired in 2003, he was CFO and treasurer of a firm he helped expand from 12 employees to 1,200. In "semi-retirement," he provides CFO consulting for small businesses and volunteers for various nonprofits.

Yet Pfluger was not always industrious. "I had been a lazy student throughout grade school and high school. I always put play before schoolwork. I did OK in my first semester, but the second semester provided many opportunities to go skiing."

His first Econ test came on a Monday. "My plan was to come back from skiing on Sunday and hit the studying hard all night." Exhausted from skiing, he fell asleep on his textbooks and awoke just in time to run to class.

"Needless to say, I failed the test."

Pfluger's professor advised him to drop the class, saying perhaps it wasn't for him.

"That became a major wakeup call for me. If I were to approach college like I did high school, I probably wasn't going to make it." He refocused on his studies and earned an A in Econ. "I owe a lot to that professor for setting me straight."

Pfluger also learned outside the classroom, experiencing an accounting symposium in Baltimore. "It gave a non-textbook perspective of the accounting field and what an accountant actually does in the working world."

He gained firsthand experience during his internship with the Department of the Army.

"Not only was the chance to work in the Pentagon tremendous, but the work was interesting, paid well and looked good on my résumé. This all helped as I struggled to find my first job in what was in 1980 a very difficult job market," Pfluger said.



Kurt Pfluger '80

"My parents struggled to put five kids through college and any assistance would have been helpful. Remembering this, hopefully we can make it easier for another FSU family."

— Kurt Pfluger '80

In 2010, he established the Pfluger Family Accounting Scholarship as a way of recognizing FSU's role in his success.

"My parents struggled to put five kids through college and any assistance would have been helpful. Remembering this, hopefully we can make it easier for another FSU family." The Pfluger scholarship has already helped several FSU accounting students afford their education.

Pfluger and his wife, Bonny, are members of the Old Main Society, and they plan to support their endowment through their estate plan.

For additional information about the Pfluger Family Accounting Scholarship or the Old Main Society, contact the FSU Foundation at 301.687.4161 or visit www.frostburg.edu/makeagift. ■

Perfect Legacy for a Renaissance Woman

By Robert Spahr '13

The late Enid Musser Kennedy was only a teenager when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, but she pledged her service as soon as she graduated from high school, entering the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps to serve in the U.S. Navy. World War II ended before she graduated from Memorial Hospital Nursing School in 1947, however, so she became an operating room nurse at Miner's Hospital in Frostburg instead.

"I was down at the University of Maryland, going to school on the GI Bill of Rights, and living at the veterans barracks," recalls her husband, **Ken Kennedy M'72**. "We got married, and I applied for a spot in the veterans family barracks." Enid expanded her skills to emergency room nursing, serving at Prince George's General Hospital.

After Ken graduated, they returned to Allegany County, where Ken took an engineering job at Westvaco's Luke Mill, and Enid set about raising their growing family.

Enid's family has decided to memorialize her and her dedication to the nursing profession with the Enid P. Kennedy Endowed Nursing



Enid Kennedy shortly after graduating from nursing school.

away in 2014, remained connected to her profession while raising her family. She stayed current by taking nursing courses over the years, Ken said.

"I can remember her helping with blood drives here in town," said youngest daughter, Lorri Rumburg.

When Fike started college, Enid returned to employment, working for a physician in Frostburg. She also ran Allegany County Health Department clinics for expectant mothers, immunizations and child wellness. Later the Health Department hired her as a traveling school nurse for Oldtown and Flintstone schools in rural eastern Allegany County.

"Each thing you do, you have to learn a new skill set, and that's what she was good at," said middle daughter, Andrea De Palatis.

"There weren't that many opportunities when she

started her career," said Rumburg. "She was all about education and knowing as much as you could possibly know. Even after she finished working ... she went to Frostburg State and took some college classes, just to show that she could do it."

"And she was straight A's," added Ken.

Enid also enjoyed a rich personal and family life with many hobbies and interests, including active church membership, quilting, photography, knitting, reading, golf, bridge and traveling the world. She also loved and cared for her grandchildren, and set high expectations for them. As of this year, all seven of them have earned college degrees.

"She liked things done well," said Fike, "and had nothing but kind words about everybody."

All three sisters considered their mother a true Renaissance woman. Ken agreed.

"I thought that this would be a better way to memorialize her life than investing it in bricks and mortar or something with a more finite life. This will theoretically go on as long as Frostburg State is here," Ken said.

De Palatis simply called the scholarship, "a perfect legacy."

To support the Enid P. Kennedy Nursing Scholarship, visit www.frostburg.edu/makeagift or call 301.687.4161. ■



Ken and Enid Kennedy with their daughters, from left, Lorri Rumburg, Lynn Fike and Andrea De Palatis.



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Above, Bob Norr's parents, Bob and Nancy Norr, join their son's classmate, **Alex Coleman '12**, who was the impetus behind the first I Swim for Bob event. The scholarship fundraiser, now held annually, features a variety of games, including pool volleyball, at left.

and how much it reflects their son. "We continue to be amazed that they honor Bob this way," his father said.

"It's awesome just to hear his name all the time," Coleman said.

To support the Robert A. Norr Presidential Merit Scholarship, visit www.frostburg.edu/makeagift or call 301.687.4161.



Forrester Gift Supports Academic Programs

Col. Ronald G. Forrester '67 and **Dianna "Dee" Forrester '67** cut the ribbon on the third-floor break-out area in the Catherine R. Gira Center for Communications and Information Technology, as President Jonathan Gibralter assists. The Forresters' gift will help to fund an endowment supporting the programs housed in CCIT, which include communications, computer science and information technology, graphic design and mathematics. Opportunities to create a permanent association with a space on the FSU campus may be explored by contacting the FSU Foundation at 301.687.4161.

I Swim for Bob Brings Joy From Heartbreak

By Charles Schelle

Hearthbreak following the 2012 death of Bob Norr in a kayaking accident has been transformed into a joyous and fun annual event that honors the Recreation and Parks Management major's memory while supporting future students.

Nearly 200 people enjoyed pool games, laser tag and dodgeball and scaled the rock-climbing wall at the fourth annual I Swim for Bob Day – Discover Your Own Adventure this spring.

The first such event came together a few months after Norr's death, when students, including classmate **Alex Coleman '12**, came to Blankenship with the idea to start a scholarship and event in his memory.



Bob Norr

"Recreation and Parks majors, we approach life in a very different way. We like to get together and have a good time," said **Dr. Diane Blankenship**, associate professor of recreation and parks management, one of Norr's instructors. "We just felt like, in the spirit of Bob, to have a pool party and all these crazy events. ... This is how he would want his life celebrated."

This year's event raised \$7,000, and about \$47,000 has been raised since 2012 for the Robert A. Norr Presidential Merit Scholarship, Blankenship said.

It's now an annual tradition taken on by students who never even knew Norr. They work tirelessly to plan the ongoing event year-round because they see how much it means to the community and campus. Four classes across two semesters help plan, produce and evaluate the event.

"You can look at Dr. B and you can tell how much he meant to her, and his parents are here, and you can tell how much they care about how we do this," said **Brian Bussard**, a senior parks and recreation management major. "I think that our whole class groups together, and we want to make sure that we succeed."

Norr's roommate, **Kevin Neitzey '14**, returned to support the event, marveling at all the new faces as he watched a dodgeball game.

"I can count about 50 people I've never seen before in my life. I think it's awesome that Dr. B really incorporates this not only in her curriculum but that the kids want to be here," Neitzey said.

Norr's parents, Bob and Nancy Norr, are pleased to see the event and scholarship grow

About \$47,000 has been raised since 2012 for the Robert A. Norr Presidential Merit Scholarship.

Its Purpose Fulfilled, Student Committee Finds New Direction

By Robert Spahr '13

When the **College of Business Student Pride Committee** was formed, its members figured that its goal of creating a purely student-led scholarship – including raising the \$10,000 needed to endow it – would take some time.

"But we got really lucky with it, and we were fortunate enough to raise it in one year," said former committee president and current MBA student **Mary Kehoe '15**. "It speaks a lot to our alumni and the support we got from our faculty."

The first College of Business Student Pride Scholarship was awarded for the upcoming academic year to senior **India Lacey**, who joined the committee to raise funds for the endowment. The eventual goal is a large enough endowment to support a full-ride scholarship.

Yet with the scholarship established, the Student Pride Committee looked for more ways to help the College of Business inspire students to become leaders. They renamed their committee the Student Business Leadership Committee (SBLC) to reflect the new mission.

As they were discussing new directions, Kehoe, now the graduate advisor to the group, shared the journey that led her to FSU and the committee. That story formed the backbone of a pitch to convince faculty and students to support SBLC's next venture.

Before Kehoe transferred to Frostburg, she had struggled to engage with her studies at two previous institutions. She passed her classes, but she was dispassionate. "I was just kind of floating around. I was considering everything from the Peace Corps to the Air Force," she said. Her parents convinced her to give college another chance first. Drawn by the mountains of Western Maryland, Kehoe transferred to Frostburg as a junior.

"And that was the best thing I've ever done." From Kehoe's first day on campus, her academic advisor, **Carol Gaumer '89/M'91**,

inspired her. "She just believed in me in a way that I did not believe in myself," Kehoe said.

Newly engaged in her education, Kehoe made the Dean's List three times. "That was something I had never imagined for myself. That completely changed here, and that's because these professors saw the potential in me and really worked and spent the extra time and energy to pull that out."

Gaumer and **Ryan Kentrus '04/M'07**, faculty co-advisor to SBLC, encouraged Kehoe to join the group, whose activities are based on three pillars: giving, leadership development and networking with alumni.

While considering their next major activity, SBLC members saw the potential to inspire average students to excel by emulating the activities of the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, an opportunity reserved for top students.

"I know there are hundreds of other students that are just kind of coasting along, getting C's and wanting to get out and get on with their lives," Kehoe said. Those students became SBLC's focus.

In September, SBLC will host its inaugural Leadership Retreat at Wisp Resort. It will feature activities that combine professional workplace environments and networking opportunities with team-building and leadership activities suited to the Mountain Maryland setting. **Craig Bowman '92**, vice president of defense and security systems for Adobe Systems, will deliver the keynote speech.

"The point of the retreat is to see these students that have the potential to be something better and to tell them, 'Knock it off, get



Members of the Student Business Leadership Committee, from left, are liaison **Dan Bible '15**, **Brooke Logan**, President **Alanna Hirshman**, Treasurer **Kiersten Butler**, **Mary Kehoe '15** and co-advisor **Ryan Kentrus '04/M'07**. Not pictured are India Lacey, head of Scholarship Fundraising and recipient of the group's first scholarship; Secretary Ryan Lynch; and co-advisor Dr. JoAnna Shore '96/M'98.

yourself together and do great things, because you're capable of it.' It's kind of a retreat for the underdogs."

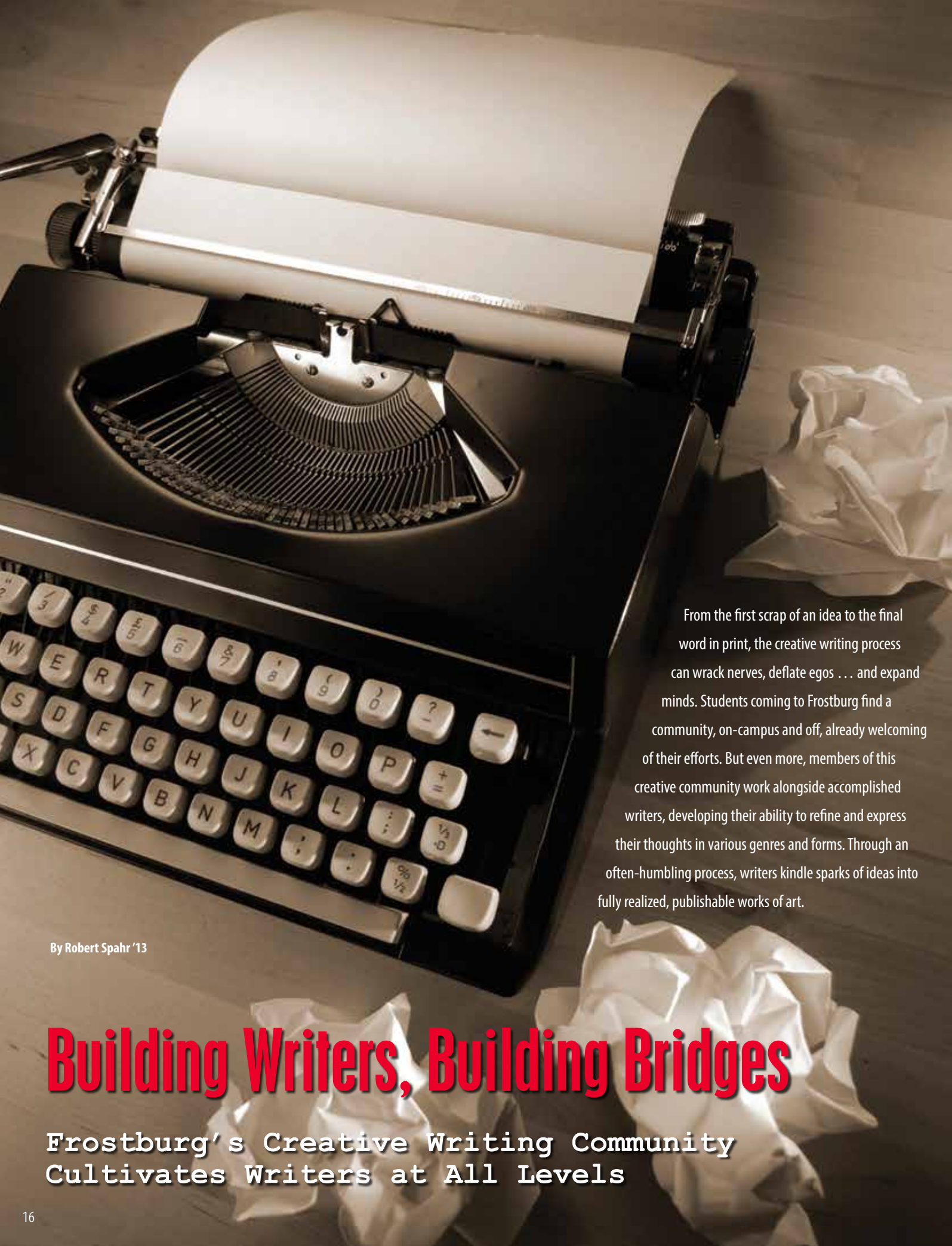
Kehoe sees it as an opportunity to help other students the way Gaumer, Kentrus and the group's other co-advisor **Dr. JoAnna Shore '96/M'98** helped her. She credits Shore with specific assistance on the retreat and general mentoring otherwise.

"Not only did she help us stay on track with the process of planning the retreat, but she was always there to help us with the stress of balancing our committee projects with school, work, other organizations and everything else," Kehoe said. "We are all so grateful to have our 'FSU Mom' there to guide us along!"

SBLC hopes to make the Leadership Retreat an annual event, but they will need to raise the money to make that happen. Fortunately, their experience with the Student Pride Scholarship has given the members the fundraising skills, confidence and network they will need.

To support the efforts of the Student Business Leadership Committee, call the FSU Foundation at 301.687.4161 or visit www.frostburg.edu/makeagift.

To participate in the retreat, contact Kehoe at mckehoe0@frostburg.edu.



By Robert Spahr '13

Building Writers, Building Bridges

Frostburg's Creative Writing Community Cultivates Writers at All Levels

From the first scrap of an idea to the final word in print, the creative writing process can wrack nerves, deflate egos ... and expand minds. Students coming to Frostburg find a community, on-campus and off, already welcoming of their efforts. But even more, members of this creative community work alongside accomplished writers, developing their ability to refine and express their thoughts in various genres and forms. Through an often-humbling process, writers kindle sparks of ideas into fully realized, publishable works of art.

Vintage Underwood and Remington typewriters sit on pedestals, artistically arranged in the storefront windows, books leaning beside them, enticing Frostburg Main Street pedestrians to enter. Inside, a Dali-inspired clock melts above one of the bookshelves that cover half of the plum-colored walls.

One shelf contains only books from local authors: **Brad Barkley**, **Barbara Hurd**, **Gerry LaFemina**, Stephen Dunn and many others – poetry, fiction, nonfiction and even children's books. Some are distinctly Appalachian. Other shelves are full of literary journals, iconic novels and nonfiction books, sculpture, origami and writerly board games. Posters advertising past readings by authors from around the world ring the walls. There are cushy armchairs and coffee for guests. Yet aside from a vending machine that dispenses "Pop-'Em Poetry" for a quarter, nothing is for sale.

The Frostburg Center for Creative Writing, newly renamed **Frostburg Center for the Literary Arts** (FCLA), exists to foster the creation of literature, in all its forms, for students and community members alike, and to build bridges between the campus and local Frostburg communities.

Poet, novelist, associate professor and director of FCLA LaFemina has studied, taught and performed accreditation reviews for creative writing programs around the country.

"One of the big criticisms of creative writing programs is that students are taken out of the 'real world.' Having a place like the Center for the Literary Arts that is funded by the University but housed in the community really breaks down that criticism. Our students have access to their peers, but also to a lot of community members that share the same interests and loves as the students do."

Associate professor and author **Andy Duncan**, winner of three World Fantasy Awards, the Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Award and a Nebula Award, teaches fiction writing at Frostburg in addition to journalism and professional writing.

"Certainly, creative writing programs like ours with the quality of the faculty we have are not easy to find at the undergrad level. Any graduate program would be happy to bring in the visiting writers we bring. ... [Students] really get to know their faculty."

The **3 a.m. Society**, FSU's creative writing student organization, often meets in FCLA. The organization is an ideal place for new writers to become involved. When the group was founded in 2001, then-advisor Barkley, associate professor of English, lent them the name.

"It's based on what a professor told me in college. When I would reach a hard or difficult part of a story or poem, she would say, 'That's one of those decisions you will have to make sitting at your desk at 3 a.m.' It's a metaphor for writing," he said then.

"Murder Your Darlings"

Difficulty is an integral part of creative writing. One of the most famous pieces of writing advice is "murder your darlings." In other words, writers must delete those beloved but self-indulgent phrases to make the piece better.

Creative writing is taught at FSU mainly through workshops. Students share their writing and then listen as the professor and fellow students analyze and critique their stories or poems aloud. For first-time workshopers, the process is often humbling. The urge to defend against criticisms or correct perceived misunderstandings is strong, yet the writer is forbidden to speak, and for good reason.

Criticism is a fact of life for all writers wishing to see their work published. Readers and publishers judge writing without the author's explanations. The workshop model replicates that experience. As it is in life, if the work does not stand alone, it gets torn apart in a workshop. Until writers harden themselves against sustained, detailed criticism, they will find workshops a stressful place.

The 3 a.m. Society offers members critical feedback on their work without the stress of a professor's presence or a grade on the line. No comments are barred, and the wide variety of viewpoints sparks frequent, vigorous debates about the merits and weaknesses of a piece. If writers haven't "murdered their darlings," their peers in 3 a.m. will call them out on it.

"I think the students enjoy having the low-stress workshop environment. [Their writing] doesn't have to be perfect. I think everybody likes having this place to read what they've written and beat the hell out of it to make it better," said **Blake Moore '15**, past-president of 3 a.m.

Freshman **Alex McAfee**, the organization's treasurer, is an English major in the creative writing concentration. He found out about the 3 a.m. Society through FSU's website before arriving in Frostburg.

"It was one of the first things that stuck out, and it sounded good. Before I came here, I was always interested in writing, since I was 8 years old. Finding out there was a writing community on campus inspired me to write more," he said.

In his first semester at FSU, McAfee had yet to take a creative writing class. The 3 a.m. Society served as his introduction to university-level creative writing, and the group's informal workshops taught him about dialogue and structure. He leaves the meetings with lots of new ideas, he said.

Slam in the Spotlight

Also run through FCLA, Frostburg's **Poetry and Fiction Slam Series** lets students test their work against their peers and other writers in the community. Competitors take the stage to read aloud for a panel of five



Blake Moore '15



Alex McAfee





Author **Michael Martone**



Author **Reginald McKnight**



Corey Oglesby '14 at a poetry slam



One-Act Play Festival marquee



Jonelle Clingman discusses her work in *Bittersweet*

volunteer judges. The first two rounds are open to all, yet only the three highest finishers will progress to the final round. Rounds in the poetry slam last three minutes; fiction rounds last five. All finalists earn prize money, raised through a nominal cover charge.

Under the heat of the spotlight, with peers sitting in judgment, slams can wrack competitors' nerves. Voices crack. Hands shake. Some competitors bow out early, perhaps underestimating the pressure of the spotlight. But that pressure forges stronger writers. Reading pieces aloud highlights weaknesses in phrasing. The audience's reaction provides feedback on strengths and shortcomings. In victory or defeat, writers learn.

Some students quickly acclimate to competition under the heat of the spotlight. **Corey Oglesby '14** won several poetry slams during his years at FSU and has published poetry in past issues of FSU's student literary magazine *Bittersweet*, as well as in *Backbone Mountain Review* (see sidebar) and *Clash by Night*, a collection of poetry inspired by The Clash's seminal punk rock album, *London Calling*. Oglesby found the creative writing concentration and the community of writers in Frostburg offered a supportive place to grow.

"For such a small school in such a small town, it's unbelievable how many resources a growing writer has access to here in Frostburg, both in and out of the classroom. There are poetry and short story slams, writer's conferences, student and community workshops, and visiting writers from every part of the country."

Until this summer Oglesby ran the community writers' workshop at FCLA, which offers the workshop experience for adult writers in Frostburg. This fall, Oglesby will leverage his experiences when he begins studying for his Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

A Taste of the Process

Like Oglesby, many FSU students get their first taste of the publication process through *Bittersweet*, which is produced by students in the English 100 Publication Practicum. There, student editors critique blind submissions, vote for their picks and write acceptance or rejection notices. Once the edition has been laid out, proofread and printed, the students arrange a release party.

On a sunny, early May afternoon, students gather with faculty members in FCLA to celebrate the 2015 edition. A capacity crowd listens to newly published student authors and artists read their poems and stories or describe their artistic processes. Some study creative writing or literature. Some study visual arts. Some come from other fields and create art on the side. Yet for each of them, *Bittersweet* gives them the chance to see their work in print, and the release party offers a taste of the experience published writers have when they give readings.

Throughout their studies, creative writing students attend readings from established authors at FCLA's popular **Reading Series**, the source of the posters that line the center's walls. Before readings, the visiting writers join FSU's workshop courses to field questions from students and share perspectives on the modern writers' life.

During the 2014-15 academic year alone, the Reading Series welcomed a talented and diverse group of visiting writers: Reginald McKnight, multiple-award-winning author of novels and short stories and the Hamilton Holms Professor of English at the University

of Georgia in Athens; T.R. Hummer, Pushcart Award-winning poet and director of the creative writing program at Arizona State University; Jane Satterfield, award-winning British-American poet, essayist, editor and professor at Loyola College; Jeffrey Ford, winner of six World Fantasy Awards, the Nebula Award, the Edgar Allen Poe Award and a Shirley Jackson Award for his genre-transcending speculative fiction; Marion Winick, award-winning and humorous memoirist and columnist; Frank Portman, aka Dr. Frank, a singer, songwriter and guitarist who now publishes young adult novels; and Stephen Dunn, Pulitzer Prize winning poet and local resident, who moved to Western Maryland out of love.

"I came to Frostburg 12 years ago to marry [professor emerita of English] Barbara Hurd, and expected nothing more than the pleasure of that," Dunn explained. "But I discovered she had been holding a bi-monthly writing group at her house, and that there was a handful of serious writers that attended. I was welcomed into that group, which turned out to be a richer writing environment than had existed for me in New Jersey, where I had lived for over 30 years."

Dunn's reading drew the largest crowd of the 2014-15 series, but Moore, himself an aspiring novelist, was most impressed with the Reginald McKnight reading, which he said was the best of his Frostburg experience.

From the time he took the microphone, McKnight drew boisterous laughter and applause from the audience. As McKnight read two of his short stories in his honeyed, baritone voice, the emotional impact of his words echoed back through the crowd. The first story, a dramatic one about a man, a boy and a toad, drew the audience in with its mysticism. The second story interjected humorous moments of relief into a gritty, realistic story of life in urban America circa the mid-1990s, the struggle for a peaceful, quiet home life in a place filled with noisome neighbors and possible murderers.

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet **Stephen Dunn**

Beyond the Reading Series, FCLA also welcomes writers on the first Saturday morning of each month for **Coffee With a Writer**. During these informal events, guests enjoy coffee and pastries, listen to a brief reading and discuss literature, publishing and the writing life.

To plan and carry out FCLA's busy schedule successfully, LaFemina and FCLA rely on student interns and volunteers. Those students gain valuable practical experience in event planning and promotions, as well as the opportunity to interact closely with many established authors, editors and publishers.

"What I've done here, I've gotten more from this than I did out of my classes," said **Bethany Doyle '14**, the FCLA's AmeriCorps Community Outreach coordinator. "It prepared me for a professional life better than my classes did. I've gotten skills here that I never would have gotten: grants and press release writing, all the PR skills. My own personal writing skills have improved, too."

As part of her service, Doyle ran K-12 workshops for elementary and middle school students. These workshops are designed to get children interested in writing and reading rather than critiquing every little mistake. By reaching out to children, FCLA hopes to foster literacy in Appalachia and promote an interest in the literary arts that will grow with the children.

Through the workshops, Doyle had the chance to spread her love of poetry to a new generation. At first, "nobody wanted to talk about poetry, but by the end everyone was excited and ready to come back and do it again. My middle-school workshopers came up and gave me big hugs on their last day," Doyle said.

"It's so important to teach them that writing is cool and doesn't have to be a hard thing," she said. ■



Bethany Doyle '14

Notable Opportunities

Nightsun Writers Conference

Each July, FCLA welcomes dozens of writers to downtown Frostburg for the **Nightsun Writers Conference**. Participants workshop with visiting authors in their genre, and peers and the visiting authors offer critical feedback.

Nightsun also offers its participants writing prompt sessions, panel and roundtable discussions on aspects of craft and the publishing industry, readings from the visiting authors and even a participant reading. Throughout the weekend, Nightsun gives participants a taste of the working-writer's life and prepares them to critique, proof and submit their own work for publication in various markets.

Indie Lit Fest

FCLA hosts its annual **Indie Lit Festival** in October. This three-day celebration, this year from Oct. 22 to 24, of independent literature brings publishers and editors together with writers and local educators in Frostburg.

This year's Indie Lit, the ninth annual festival, starts on Thursday night with a poetry slam, offering visiting publishers, editors and authors a glimpse at Frostburg's competitive literary scene and a chance to win prize money.

Friday evening features a reading at Main Street Books by authors with introductions from their publishers: Michael Ratcliffe of *Free State Review*, Mark Brazaitis of *Autumn House Press*, Margaret Bashaar of *Sundress Publications* and Michael Gerhard Martin of *Braddock Avenue Books*.

Saturday brings the main event: a day-long book fair in the Lyric Theater, combined with a series of panel and roundtable discussions on various aspects of the writing and publishing industry. Discussions range from such diverse topics as digital tools for writers, topics for children's literature, graphic novels and comics, writing dialogue and more.

One-Act Play Festival

In January, FCLA issues a call for previously unproduced submissions for its **One-Act Playwriting Competition**. Last year's competition drew more than 50 entries from across the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Judges rank the plays based on a blind reading.

The winning play is staged at the Palace Theater during both evenings of the **One-Act Play Festival**, held this year on Sept. 25 and 26. The winning author also receives a prize of \$750. Authors of the second- and third-place plays are awarded prizes of \$250 and \$100, respectively, and their works are read onstage each night by the mixed cast of FSU students, faculty, staff and community members.

Backbone Mountain Review

Allegany County's annual literary magazine, *Backbone Mountain Review*, is published by the Allegany Arts Council, the Allegany County Library System and FCLA, with assistance from FSU and the Community Trust Foundation. The magazine welcomes submissions from residents of Allegany County and surrounding Appalachian counties, as well as submissions set in the geographic region and from students studying in the area.



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One-Act Play Festival winner *Love in a Minor Key*



A discussion at the *Nightsun Writers Conference*

A WORLD OF EXPERIENCES

Learning is so much richer when that connection is made between what we read or are told and what we do. The following pages show how FSU students took that connection and ran with it: creating products, making research strides built on real data and contributing to greater efforts.

Symposiums Highlight Student Research Strides

By Charles Schelle

Research isn't just for doctoral students. As early as freshman year, Frostburg students can collaborate with faculty on hands-on research not being completed anywhere else.

"Some of these projects, they could go out and patent some of this research," said **Dr. Karen Keller '89/M92**, assistant professor of biology and co-organizer of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium.

This is the fourth year for the growing Undergraduate Research Symposium, and the first for the Graduate Research Symposium, which featured the advanced work of doctoral students in the educational leadership program and those pursuing master's degrees.

"We wanted to start a new way of developing our graduate students at the master's and doctoral level with their professional skills and honing their presentation skills," said **Dr. Doris Santamaria-Makang**, assistant professor of Educational Professions and co-organizer of the Graduate Research Symposium. "At the same time they can value feedback from other faculty members about their presentation."

Each symposium features a roomful of students who bring a poster and other elements to demonstrate their research and its findings. Visitors can browse through the presentations and interact with the researchers. These presentations give students valuable experience in explaining their work to those who are not versed in their subject matter.

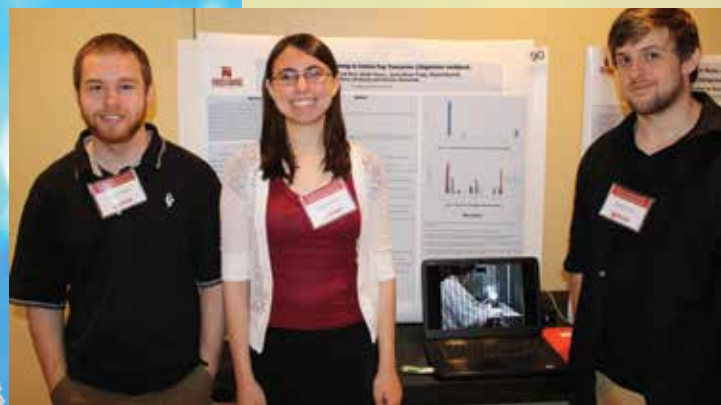
The FSU Foundation sponsored the graduate symposium through contributions made to the Annual Fund and the Woodward and Virginia Pealer Endowed Fund. The FSU Foundation also supported the undergraduate symposium.

Here is a sampling from the 120-plus projects featured at the two events:

Touchscreen Tamarins

In a project that involved separate projects in two departments, animal behavior minors **Kristofer Ervin**, **Sarah Pesi '15** and **Shane Sours** wanted to find out how well tiny tamarin monkeys, members of a colony at FSU, would interact with a circle shown on the screen of a touchscreen tablet.

"We're hoping this is an introduction to the touchscreen for them," Pesi said. "We're keeping it really simple. But once they know how to use it, other people can do more complex studies."



From left, **Kristofer Ervin**, **Sara Pesi '15** and **Shane Sours** show their video of the tamarins interacting with a touchscreen tablet.

The kitten-sized tamarins would be rewarded with a clicking sound followed by food when they touched the circle. Certain of the tamarins at FSU have been proven to be food-motivated in other studies, and those animals showed a bias with the touch screen as well. Others were inherently shy and didn't want to interact. Eight of the 12 tamarins interacted with the tablet, and three tamarins touched at least one circle.

Computer science majors **Johnathan Tripp** and **Sayed Raoofi** designed the touchscreen app that tracked the tamarin's touches. Tripp's program measured how long it would take the tamarins to touch the circle.

Students continued to work with the tamarins over the summer and hope to train the monkeys to interact with the screen without the use of clicks and food and then test accuracy of the touch, Sours said.

Dr. Erica Hoy Kennedy, associate professor of psychology, and **Steven Kennedy**, instructor in the Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, served as faculty advisors.



Janet Adesina '15 discusses her study of singlehood, self-efficacy and depression in black women.

Waiting to Exhale

In addition to the poster presentations, select students were chosen to make oral presentations throughout the symposium, such as **Janet Adesina '15**, a political science and law & society double major, who presented "Waiting to Exhale: Singlehood, Self-Efficacy and Depression in Black Women." Adesina, who conducted the research as part of her participation in the McNair Scholars Program, looked at the implications of how a person's perception of the permanence of singlehood could affect mental health outcomes in middle class black women. She also examined the importance of self-efficacy, the belief in one's ability to be independent, in alleviating their anxiety.

The percentage of black "Single and Living Alone" households has reached a quarter of the demographic, with black women making up a significant number in that population, she said. She examined her information through the lenses of three theories: Intersectionality, Critical Race and Social Stratification. Adesina indicated that results were preliminary because of the small size of her survey sample, but among the interesting results is a strong belief among the women that their single status was temporary, regardless of their ages; that they were unwilling to "settle" for a lesser partner or to date outside their race; and that they were more likely to seek help from a social support group rather than a therapist to handle feelings of depression, although they were unlikely to call it that.

Commemorating Brownsville

Brownsville, the historic African-American neighborhood that once existed where FSU's Upper Quad is today, could retain its mark on Frostburg's campus thanks to Frostburg history students.

Frostburg public history students **Adam Kriner '15**, **Amanda Huddleston**, **Bobby Weatherly**, **Caity Felix '15**, **Eric Dodson**, **Madie Wilson** and **Steven Fernandez '15** all participated.

"As Frostburg students, as Frostburg residents, it's our own local history," Felix said. "Without Brownsville, Frostburg State University's campus may not be the way it is today. The Brownsville people who lived in the neighborhood helped a lot in the beginning stages of the campus and its community."

Dr. Eleanor McConnell, assistant professor of history, served as faculty mentor.

Brownsville stretched from Center Street west to Beall Street (now University Drive) and from behind Old Main to where Compton Science Center stands today. Brownsville was home to about 240 residents in 1920, but the properties were sold off to the state of Maryland, often at deep discounts, to make way for a growing Frostburg State.

The History Club will kick off a project in the fall to seek approval for a monument and street signs on the Upper Quad to commemorate Brownsville. The proposed project is estimated to cost \$13,000, funding a 4 1/2-foot-tall monument and bronze panels in the heart of Brownsville, which was between Allen and Simpson halls.



Adam Kriner '15 leads the presentation of a proposal to commemorate the Brownsville community.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH



Zachary Wolodkin '15 discusses the components of the Frostburg Sky Cannon telescope that he and **Michael Miklewski** are rebuilding for FSU's use.

Deep-Space Telescope

Planetarium Director **Dr. Robert Doyle** proudly built the Frostburg Sky Cannon in the 1980s to give then-Frostburg State College a 17.5-inch reflector telescope to peer into deep space.

The weight of time – and the weight of the telescope itself – caused the telescope to be relegated mainly to storage thanks to its hulking 150-pound, 7-foot-tall wooden frame.

A modern telescope to benefit current and future students is now taking shape thanks to an Opportunity Grant administered through the FSU Foundation, Inc. These grants provide an applied learning experience involving technology outside the classroom while aiding student retention.

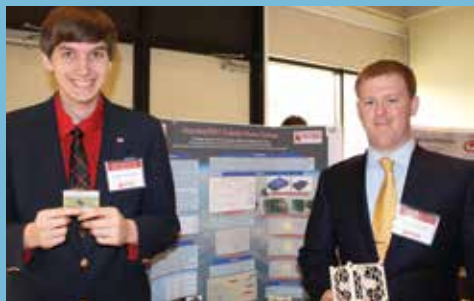
Physics majors **Michael Miklewski** and **Zachary Wolodkin '15** took up a project to build a better and more mobile telescope.

"The joke was you needed two large people, a pickup truck and a nice day to move the thing," Miklewski said. Wolodkin and Miklewski salvaged mirrors and the base from the telescope and redesigned and built a new lightweight aluminum telescope. It will be the same height but only weigh about 70 pounds. The concave mirror apparatus itself weighs 53 pounds.

"We'll be able to take it apart and fit it in the car," Wolodkin said.

That mobility will help planetarium faculty, staff and students to take the telescope to the observatory atop CCIT or to local schools for demonstrations and should be ready for the fall semester.

Doyle served as faculty mentor for the project. The project also earned the Tam Student Science Research Award to help fund the telescope.



Nicholas Bowers '15, left, displays their Cubesat's motherboard while **Edward Dorsey '15** shows the framework's small size.

Satellites for NASA

Edward Dorsey '15 and **Nicholas Bowers '15** had the chance to work with NASA engineers at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt to figure out how to power a small-scale satellite called a CubeSat.

These small satellites, as small as 10 centimeters square, can be used for anything from communications to atmospheric research to photographs. First launched into space in 2003, their small size helps reduce space debris.

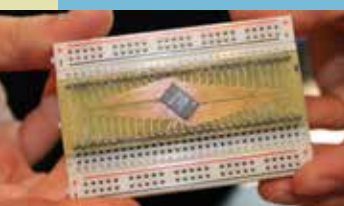
Bowers and Dorsey are graduates of FSU's electrical engineering concentration program at Arundel Mills Regional Higher Education Center in Hanover, Md. Dorsey researched solar panel arrays and Bowers focused on the microchip and motherboard and on sourcing the parts so the two could power a small satellite.

Few universities work on CubeSat research with NASA.

The two students also built a prototype using a microchip and \$160 version of the CubeSat chip. The chip would convert the solar energy into power and be the brains of the satellite, Dorsey said.

Future classes and students could study the microchips further for use in the satellites.

Fellow Arundel Mills students **Michael Langlois '15** and **James Wise '15** also contributed to the study and **Dr. Marjorie Rawhouser**, assistant professor of engineering, served as faculty mentor.



The microchip and motherboard at the heart of their CubeSat.

GRADUATE RESEARCH

Unfaithfully Yours

When **Kristen Dewitt '14** returned to Frostburg to pursue her master's in counseling psychology, she wanted to see how honest men and women were about cheating in relationships.

Dewitt surveyed 182 Frostburg students about how much they think men and women would cheat – six emotional ways and six physical ways.

"My main takeaway was the gender stereotype that exists where men are praised when they do have more sexual partners and cheat, whereas women are criticized," Dewitt said. "Even in this report, where men and women report the same amount of cheating, women think men are more likely to cheat."

Both sexes said men are more likely to cheat physically (76 percent) while women were more likely to cheat emotionally (61 percent).

Holding hands earned top marks for a type of cheating for both women and men, but women were more upset by hand-holding, according to the survey. While hand-holding is physical contact, the study defined it as emotional.

"Holding hands doesn't have to have the sexuality behind it," Dewitt said, explaining the debate behind relegating hand-holding to the emotional category.

Dewitt will continue her master's program this fall and aims to expand on her research. Her goal is to work in addictions counseling to help people to have healthier relationships.

Dr. Michael Murtagh, associate professor of psychology, served as faculty advisor.

Influences on Online Education

Making an online course successful is affected by a myriad of influences on the faculty who want to teach them.

"Faculty believe that quality in online education can be achieved, but the critical component that's central to them is the support of the administration in structure, policy and practice to achieve quality in



Kristen Dewitt '14, a graduate student in counseling psychology, examined attitudes between men and women about infidelity.

online education," said **Vickie Mazer D'15**, who obtained her doctorate in educational leadership from Frostburg through this case study of 387 FSU faculty members.

Some faculty resist teaching online courses because of a perception of their being inferior to the old-fashioned, face-to-face approach, among other perceived issues.

Access to equipment, training, professional development and resources like a 24/7 help desk were all motivators that would influence faculty to teach online courses.

"They believe quality and instruction is and can be achieved but not without those things provided by an institution that helps them achieve that," Mazer said.

Frostburg's online offerings have grown rapidly since the first online class was offered in 2003, and especially in recent years with its online MBA program being nationally ranked. However, such quick growth makes it difficult to make changes in policies and practices, Mazer said.

"It's research projects like this that help us determine the next step," she said, and hopefully will be used by FSU.

Dr. Santamaria-Makang served as faculty advisor.



Dr. Vickie Mazer 'D15 explains her research on the influences inherent in successful online teaching.

Grad Students' Great Swamp Research Is for the Birds

By Charles Schelle

Studies by FSU applied ecology and conservation biology students are helping to ensure the survival of waterfowl and other birds in an enclave of nature just 25 miles west of Manhattan in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey.

Graduate students **Sean Knox '14** and **Meta Griffin** are starting two of the newest projects in the Great Swamp in New Jersey. Their work continues a partnership with the wildlife refuge that has seen numerous other Frostburg students complete fieldwork there.

Knox became interested in studying birds more closely after taking an ornithology class as an undergraduate student, then completed fieldwork with a graduate assistant as part of an independent project.

"After that, there was no getting away from it," Knox said. "I already figured out I wanted to work with waterfowl."

Dr. Frank Ammer, an associate professor in the Department of Biology, is advising Knox and Griffin, who are in their first semesters as graduate students. Frostburg alumna **Dorothy Fecske M'97**, a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is supervising the studies at Great Swamp.

"I know the quality of work that comes out of the University," Fecske said. "Our refuge is pretty fortunate to have Frostburg State University as a partner in these different projects."

MIGRATION STUDY

Knox is looking at migration chronology of waterfowl at the Great Swamp to see when certain species are coming to the refuge.

The Great Swamp is a popular spot for northern pintails, wood ducks, mallards and Canada geese to use as a pit stop during migration.

"You could get completely different species composition from one week to the next," Knox said.

He is also doing a bioenergetics study with the waterfowl to see how much food is available, specifically vegetation, seeds and invertebrates.



Meta Griffin

Most waterfowl will still migrate to the swamp, Knox said, but the timing of when they arrive can change, affecting the food system and water management practices. The recorded migration changes will also help park rangers tell visitors when and where they might see certain wildlife, Knox added.

The refuge manages waterflow during strategic times to help encourage vegetation growth, which provides food for the wildlife, Ammer explained.

"If the food resources don't keep up with the waterfowl, the waterfowl might not have any food," Ammer said.

For Knox, the weekly trips between Frostburg and New Jersey during peak migration season are necessary and worth the long miles.

"It's research that can immediately have a purpose," Knox said. "We're getting a chance to not only do research – and quality research – but work with Fish and Wildlife personnel and on refuges."



Sean Knox '14 studied Great Swamp's waterfowl migration patterns.



Meta Griffin focused on doing bird counts and examining related vegetation in Great Swamp.

BIRDING HABITATS

Griffin is looking at which birds are using brushland and grassland habitats, doing bird counts and correlating the vegetation samplings with birds already in those habitats. If different species are using those habitats now, then the refuge can change its management practices, including modifying the mowing schedule of the upland forest or grassland.

The refuge knows what should be happening, but having a solid link would help improve the birding habitat, Griffin said. The work Griffin is doing is building upon field counts completed last year.

"The study might reveal important areas we might want to maintain for rare species," Fecske added.

The Fish and Wildlife Service provided \$20,000 to fund Griffin's project and the work of graduate student **Casey Wagon**, who is studying mammalian predators' impact on waterfowl at the Great Swamp under the eye of **Dr. Thomas Serfass**, chair of the Department of Biology.

"All of these projects are a cooperative effort with Frostburg State University to collect information we need to address our impoundment management," Fecske said. "All of those projects are different pieces of the puzzle."

Student's App Hits the Right Note at International Conference

By Charles Schelle

A new application developed by a recent graduate could strike a chord with self-taught musicians one day.

Timothy Cross '14 created a program called Musicians Aid before graduating from FSU with a bachelor's degree in computer science. Musicians Aid could be a blessing for aspiring musicians if fully developed, and the promise of the technology captured the attention of Silicon Valley companies at an international conference in February.

Cross wanted to see if he could build a program that teaches how to play sheet music by turning notes played by a musician into lines of sheet music with the help of software.

"Musicians Aid was a program I developed to assist musicians with the concept of coming up with their own ideas of music," Cross said, "and being able to play the notes, then also have the notes shown on screen, so if they want to play them again, they could."

The research was presented in February at the IS&T/SPIE Electronic Imaging Conference in San Francisco with the research paper "Musical Examination to Bridge Audio Data and Sheet Music." Cross' work was under the guidance of **Dr. Xunyu Pan**, assis-



Timothy Cross '14

tant professor in the Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies. Pan's FSU colleagues **Dr. Liangliang Xiao**, assistant professor, and **Xiali Hei**, instructor, assisted with the research paper.

SPIE is an international organization for optics and photonics professionals whose electronic imaging conference is attended by well-known companies like Google and Hewlett-Packard.

"I'm very honored," Cross said. He was intrigued by the interest shown by various people and their reasons, "because there are so many different ways you could expand on the project."

The FSU President's Experiential Learning Enhancement Fund Program and an FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant provided funding for the research.

HOW MUSICIANS AID WORKS

For the software to work, Cross would play "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on his guitar as a computer program records his audio. A database would translate the notes played into sheet music format. The musician could then play the performance back, and the application can compare the audio recorded with the database's sheet music. The accuracy would be determined by the pitch and audio frequency of each note.

"We would be able to find out how to evaluate your performance," Pan said. "You wouldn't need a musical instructor there."

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

Cross and Pan know the program has limitations in recognizing complex songs and different instruments. Pan hopes to develop the technology further.

Cross now works full-time as an applications developer at IBM Alagany Ballistics Laboratory Federal Data Center in Rocket Center, W.Va. He said the research he completed at FSU was valuable as he was interviewing for his new job.

"It helped me be a way better programmer and helped me to get deep into learning concepts of Java," Cross said.

Even with all the course work, Cross acknowledged that passion is just as important as good grades.

"I have the advantage that I think that programming is fun," he said.

Behind-the-Scenes Students Vital to Onstage Performance

By Charles Schelle

When the lights come up, the show must go on.

The FSU theatre students who work behind the scenes are essential in making any stage production possible. As plays and musicals gear up, designers for lights, sound, seating and costumes all pitch in to stage shows through the FSU Theatre Technology Program. During a recent visit to the Costume Shop, students gave a sneak peek on what they love about bringing out details to fit each character.

"It's really fun because you get to see how the show could look until you have your vision of what it really should look like," said **Rachel Saylor**. The freshman theatre major added that she wants to continue with working with costumes after she graduates or become a scenographer – a person in charge of scene, costume, lighting and sound design.

Saylor added she is glad she came to FSU.

"The small, intimate atmosphere really drew me into Frostburg, knowing I would get one-on-one and personal relationships with my professors," she said. "Knowing that I wasn't going to be a number, and that I would actually have a name for myself in this department was really a big deal for me coming to this school."

Theatre students had some tricky problems to solve when it came to *Romeo and Juliet*:

Choose Your Own Ending, which was performed this spring. Each audience voted on the progression of the story.

"Because it's a choose-your-own-ending show, there are various possibilities that the audience can vote on which way the show goes," said **Jennifer Clark '99**, costume shop supervisor. "So the designers had to be prepared for those possibilities. For instance, the lighting designer and sound designer had to do extra cues, extra work and extra design in case this vote happens this way.

"And costumes had to make sure there was a costume for a specific person that may or may not appear depending on how the vote goes. It was a little bit of extra work but it proved to be interesting to see how everybody's minds work as they worked to develop the designs."

The Costume Shop students said they loved being challenged to create stunning, yet practical, pieces.

"I realize the costume sort of helps the character become the character, or the actor become the character," said **Apryl Wilson**, an English major and theatre minor. "It helps me understand the dynamic between the actor and the costumes."

"I'm all about problem solving and trial and error because then you really get it to be perfect and how it should look," Saylor added.

Becoming a professional in the theatre business requires more than learning from a book.

"Without this hands-on experience, they can't go forward in other jobs or grad school or whatever it may be. Theatre is definitely a hands-on major. It's not really a book-learning major," Clark said. "Yes, we have basic script analysis and all that stuff where we actually read and develop all those skills. However, it's the hands-on working with equipment, working



Apryl Wilson sought to create costumes that were stunning but still practical.

with fabrics, working with tools, whatever it may be, under the guidance of the other designers and faculty that they can actually grow and take their knowledge elsewhere."

When the actors finally take the stage, these behind-the-scenes workers have tremendous pride.

"I feel like this is how Jen feels like every day," Wilson said. "She gets to see her work on stage and in person. It's like a mother seeing her child, I guess. I get to be a part of that and get to experience that to a certain extent." ■



Assistant Stage Manager **Jasmine Proctor** follows the action of *Romeo and Juliet: Choose Your Own Ending* from backstage.

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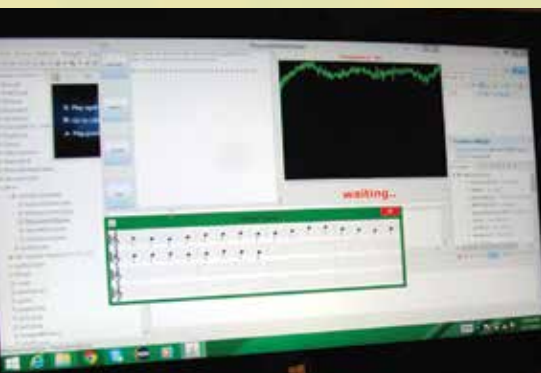
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Theatre and Dance at FSU



Cross' app shows a line of musical notes that correspond to the sounds created by his guitar.



One Championship, Five Records

Freshman swimmer **Macey Nitchie** set five school records, including three individual, at the Capital Athletic Championship Meet in February. She now holds three freestyle records — for 50, 100 and 200 yards — and is a part the teams that broke the 200- and 400-yard medley relay records. Each of these records also earned Nitchie and her teams spots in the ECAC Championships.



Throwing His Weight Around

For the 2014-15 seasons, men's track & field thrower **J.R. Lowery** set five school records, posted 11 wins, qualified for the ECAC Championships 21 times, earned three All-CAC awards and appeared in the NCAA Championships.



Summering With Spirit

Women's soccer's **Erin Worthman** has kept busy over the last two summers by, no surprise, playing more soccer. Earlier this summer, Worthman was selected to the reserve team of the Washington Spirit of the National Women's Soccer League, a nine-team Division I women's professional soccer league. The Spirit Reserves compete in the W-League or Women's Pro-Am Soccer, the longest-standing women's soccer league in North America. Worthman spent the summer of 2014 on the Spirit U-20 team.

Baseball's Best

The 2015 Bobcat baseball team cemented its place in FSU history with the program's first appearance in the NCAA World Series, which followed wins in the Capital Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championships, and a school and CAC record 43 wins. The team also led the nearly 380 NCAA Division III baseball teams with 46 home runs this season and had One Capital One Academic All-America team member, two American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-American Team members and three D3baseball.com All-Americans.



Tony Chase '87



Maria Ferguson '03



Kathy Harding '88



Tracey Little '05



Dante Myles '03



Dr. David Tuel

Hall of Fame Ceremony to Honor Six Inductees, the '90 Football Team and the CAC's 25th Anniversary

Six members will be inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame at the ceremony on Friday, Oct. 16, during Homecoming. The ceremony will also recognize the 1990 football team on the 25th anniversary of its record-setting season and student-athletes named to the CAC's Silver Anniversary Team.

The inductees include five athletes and a team physician.

The late **Tony Chase '87** was a two-sport All-American for the men's soccer and men's track & field teams from 1982-86. In 1985, Chase was named a National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-American, the All-Maryland Small College Player of the Year and an All-Maryland Small College First Team honoree. He finished his career with 26 goals. Chase helped the 4x100-meter relay team to All-American status during the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships. Chase passed away in 2013.

Maria Ferguson '03 was a three-time All-American and six-event school record-holder for the women's track & field team from 2000-03. She earned All-American honors during the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 100- and 200-meter dashes as

a junior and in the 100-meter as a sophomore. A 21-time All-Mason Dixon Conference honoree, Ferguson was named the 2003 U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Midwest Region Outdoor Female Athlete of the Year. One of the top sprinters in FSU history, Ferguson still holds school indoor records in the 55-, 60-, 200-, 400- and 500-meter dashes, as well as the 100- and 200-meter dash outdoor records.

Kathy Harding '88 was an NCAA All-American during the most successful four years in the history of the field hockey program. Harding helped the Bobcats to 54 wins during her career (1984-87), which included four trips to the NCAA Tournament, two Eastern States Athletic Conference Championships and one Maryland State Championship. As a senior and co-captain for the nationally ranked team, Harding was named the No. 1 sweeper (fullback) in NCAA D-III on her way to All-American and Regional All-American honors.

Tracey Little '05 was a standout on the women's basketball team from 2001-05, earning countless awards. She was named an NCAA Division III Kodak/Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-American and an ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American. She was also named to the D3Hoops.com All-Atlantic Region First Team, the ECAC Southern Division All-Star

First Team, AMCC Co-Player of the Year and First Team honoree and Frostburg's Co-Female Athlete of the Year. She is fourth in program history in scoring and fifth in rebounding.

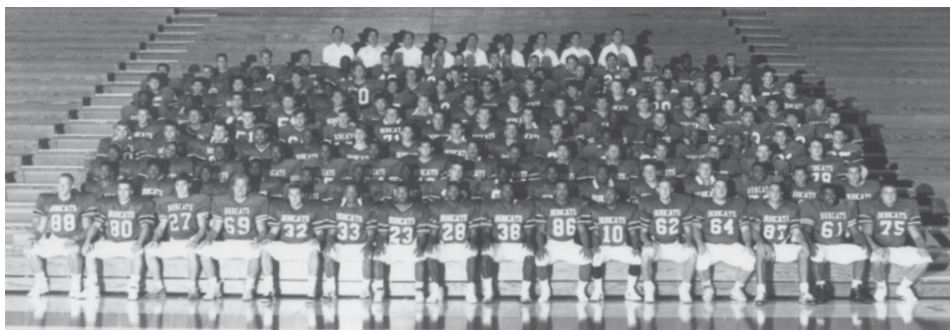
Dante Myles '03 was a National Champion and six-time All-American for the men's track & field team from 2000-02 and Men's Track Athlete of the Meet for the 2001 NCAA Outdoor National Championships. In his sophomore year, Myles earned a National Championship, taking the 200-meter outdoor dash title. He garnered All-American honors in the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the outdoor championships and All-American honors in the 55-meter dash during the indoor season. Myles earned seven titles and 11 all conference selections in the Mason-Dixon Conference.

Dr. David Tuel was team physician from 1993-2012 as well as the medical director for the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP). Tuel provided medical care for hundreds of student-athletes and was an invaluable asset to the Athletic Department. As medical director for ATEP, Tuel often made presentations to athletic training students and staff, reviewed student-athlete injuries with student athletic trainers and allowed students to observe surgeries to help develop their knowledge of human anatomy.

CAC Silver Anniversary Team

This year, the Capital Athletic Conference celebrates 25 years with the formation of a Silver Anniversary Team, a collection of student-athletes who have played a key role in making CAC one of the strongest NCAA DIII conferences. FSU is represented by four athletes who will be recognized at the Hall of Fame ceremony: **Adria Graham '14** for women's soccer, **Ryan Russell** for men's soccer, **Chauncey Manson '12** for men's track & field and **Caitlin Lovend '14** for softball. This recognition marks each honoree as among the top 25 CAC student-athletes in his or her sport.

For information on the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner, email alumni@frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4068. Reservations are required.



Twenty-five years ago, Coach Dennis Riccio led the FSU Football team in one of its most remarkable seasons to date. The team scored a school record of 379 points that season and made history with the football program's first-ever trip to the postseason, wrapping up the year with nine straight wins and three shutouts. FSU is proud to welcome back this extraordinary team for a special recognition during the Hall of Fame Ceremony.

It might be easy to forget that FSU's nationally ranked men's lacrosse team, coming off a 16-2 season that included 14 straight wins, just became a varsity team in 2011. Fast forward five varsity seasons, and Frostburg has become a nationally competitive program.



Members of the lacrosse team gather around head coach **Tommy Pearce**.

Men's Lacrosse: Five Years in the Making

By Noah Becker M'06

Following the conclusion of its fifth season, Frostburg has increased its win total in each of the last three years, has spent the final six weeks of the season ranked in the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Weekly Coaches Poll and ranked in the top 10 in several national statistical categories. The Bobcats show no signs of slowing down.

"It's hard to keep in perspective where it started and where it is now because the team is so goal-oriented," said head coach **Tommy Pearce**. "They set awesome goals for themselves and go after them with everything they have."

In 2009, FSU announced that men's lacrosse would become the school's 21st sport and Pearce would revive the program that had been relegated to club status since the late 1970s.

Pearce brought an impressive résumé, including leading Gettysburg College to the NCAA Division III National Championship twice, once as a player and once as a coach. He hit the ground running at Frostburg, recruiting 35 student-athletes who would serve as the building blocks for the program. The Bobcats won their first game in 2011 with a 10-3 defeat of Shenandoah that set the tone for a 6-11 season that included a Capital Athletic Conference win. However, the 2012 season was riddled with injuries, and the Bobcats mustered just two wins and a handful of close losses.

"Oddly enough, I think maybe the best thing to happen to Frostburg lacrosse was to go 2-15 in our second year," added Pearce.

"That season showed who was committed, willing to do the hard work and have the dedication to make us a strong lacrosse team in Division III.

"I credit that year for creating the leaders that set the tone. ... That led us out of a tough year and created the current culture of Frostburg Lacrosse."

And he was right, because Pearce and his program have been on a roll ever since.

"... the team is so goal-oriented. They set awesome goals for themselves and go after them with everything they have."

—Head Coach **Tommy Pearce**

"When guys get to campus, if they do what the upperclassmen are doing, then they're doing the right things," stated Pearce. "It's not me telling them what they should be doing. ... Guys are getting it done."

Frostburg scooted to a 13-7 overall record following a 3-0 start in 2013, including a three-game winning streak to cap the regular season. The Bobcats earned their first trip to the CAC Tournament and a berth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Mid-Atlantic Region Championship.

In 2014, Frostburg posted 14 wins, hosted its first-ever CAC Tournament game, advanced to the CAC Tournament semifinals for the first time and again earned a berth in the ECAC Mid-Atlantic Championship.

- That season's highlight was back-to-back wins over St. Mary's at Bobcat Stadium, the first in the regular-season finale, which clinched the first-round home game in the CAC Tournament, and the second four days later in the tournament's first round.
- Seventeen players, the first four-year recruiting class in the second chapter of men's lacrosse, were honored for senior day. Those seniors were **Korey Bosley '15, Jake McNew '14, Andy Luhmann, Britton Hoover '14, Marcus Kyriacou '15, Zach Douglas '14, Phil Hess '14, Ryan Serio '15, Lucas Flaig '14, Devon Stailey '15, Chase Crislip '14, Kevin Kinney '14, Ricky Kneebone '14, Tyler Haines '14, Billy Lark '15, Branden Geldart '14 and Aston King '15.**
- While it might be too early to completely understand what the 2015 team accomplished, here goes:
- The Bobcats opened their season 14-0 and were one of the final undefeated teams in Division III.
 - Frostburg earned the program's first bye in the CAC Tournament, won its first-ever CAC Tournament semifinal game and advanced to the league championship for the first time.
 - Following a 14-8 home win over Christopher Newport in late March, the Bobcats jumped into the USILA Poll for the first time in program history and remained there throughout the remainder of the season.
 - FSU scored 10 or more goals in 14 contests and led the nation in fewest turnovers per contest (13.53). The Bobcats also finished their season ranked fourth in the nation in assists (164), sixth in clearing percentage (.891), seventh in ground balls (704), eighth in scoring defense (6.16) and ninth in scoring margin (7.11).
 - Eight players were All-CAC honorees, five on the first team, while senior defenders **Zach Burkhardt** and **Paul Newman** garnered their third-consecutive All-CAC awards.
 - Three players, Burkhardt, **Chris Rios** and **Tom Kraemer**, were named to the USILA All-American Honorable Mention team, the first in the program's history. Burkhardt was also named a USILA Scholar All-American after earning a 3.8 GPA.
 - Pearce was selected as the CAC Coach of the Year for the second time in three years.

Frostburg Lands 155 Student-Athletes on CAC All-Academic Team

FSU had a school-record 155 student-athletes honored by the Capital Athletic Conference for its 2014-15 All-Academic Team.

Frostburg has seen a steady increase over the last several years in the number of student-athletes honored by the league, and this year's 155 ranks fourth among the 10 conference schools for number of student-athletes on the team and fifth in percentage of total student-athletes, 44.5 percent (155 of 348).

The Frostburg women's soccer team boasted 19 selections behind four-time honorees **Stephanie Fazenbaker '15** and **Katie Smith '15**. Field hockey and women's lacrosse each finished with 11 selections. In total, 77 female student-athletes were named to the 2014-15 All-Academic Team.

The FSU track & field team paved the way on the men's side with 24 honorees, including a pair of four-time selections in **Devin Francillon '15** and **Seth Stine '15**. Men's lacrosse finished with 17 selections, while baseball had 16. The Bobcat men totaled 79 selections.



ANNUAL FOOTBALL GOLF OUTING



In June, football alumni and friends gathered for the Eighth Annual Football Golf Outing and Reunion at Rocky Gap Casino and Resort. It was a day filled with tales of exploits on and off the field. Pictured in the front row, from left, are **Assistant Coach Tye Hiatt, Aaron Deeb '03, Darrius Smith '95, Head Coach DeLane Fitzgerald, Associate Athletic Director Rubin Stevenson, Matt Cornelius '00, Jason VanMeter '01 and Stephen Messier**. In the second row, from left, are **Tim Feldman '95, Russell Williams '95, Herb Thomas '96, Joe Holland '95, Assistant Coach John Kelling, Steve Erlxeben '02, Richard Messier '73 and Tom Jones '97**. In the third row, from left, are **Ryan Lee '99, Drew Dinbokowitz '02, Jason Henry '99, Scott Haupt '14, Assistant Coach Ben Crowder, Mike Thiede and Matt Henry**. In the back row, from left, are **Brian Ball '02, A.J. Bell '95, Assistant Coach Pete Mayer and Alex Baldwin '14**.

"They (players) want the bar high. When we lost the conference championship this year, they were upset," Pearce said. "They didn't want the season to end. ... I got a text message from my assistant coach [the day after the loss] because the guys were asking about lifting times for Monday; we met Tuesday night to set our goals for 2016, and they're back to work. I had to go down and patch the practice nets today. It's awesome."

The future indeed looks bright for Pearce and the Bobcats as they return five of their top eight scorers, both faceoff specialists who won over 60 percent of their attempts and their starting keeper as they look for another program first in 2016, a CAC Championship trophy. 🐾



HOMECOMING

Join us for a weekend celebrating FSU!

Meet up with friends and faculty, enjoy some great food and festivities and check out what's new around campus. Don't forget to top it all off with the Homecoming football game and our late-night party, the Frostburg Finale!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

Noon, Room 397, CCIT
Retired Employee Luncheon
By invitation only. RSVP deadline: Oct. 7.

7:00 – 8:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Pep Rally
Sponsored by the Student Government Association

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 am – Noon, Campuswide
Career Expo – “Aspire”
For more information, contact Dr. Robbie L. Cordle or Donna Sivic, Office of Career Services, at dsivic2@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4403.

1:00 – 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building
SYNERGY ReDUX Alumni Art Exhibition
FSU Art alumni return after 11 years to reprise their “Synergy” art exhibit and share how life has morphed their creative work and process. Works by Justin Sleeman '04, Rebecca Sleeman '04, Cary Werner '04, Andrew James Castillo '04, Emily Friend Fogle '04, Laurie Hall '05 and art instructor Tom Finke.

5:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Bobcat Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner
Join us to welcome six new inductees, commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the 1990 Football Team and celebrate four athletes being selected for the Capital Athletic Conference 25th Anniversary Team. RSVP deadline Oct. 7. Cost: \$25/adult, \$12/children 12 and under. CASH BAR. No walk-ins admitted.

7:30 pm, Drama Theatre, PAC
Department of Theatre students present
The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie
Tickets go on sale Sept. 21, Box Office, 301.687.7462.

9:00 pm, ARMAH, LUC
Late Night Comedy Night
Sponsored by University Programming Council
For more information, contact Robert Cooper at 301.687.4049.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:00 am – 12:30 pm, ARMAH, LUC
Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Brunch
RSVP Deadline: Oct. 7. Cost: \$20/adult, \$10/children 12 and under. No walk-ins admitted. Co-sponsored by the 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 and activities for the kids! Update contact information, leave a note for fellow alumni and register for awesome prizes.

11:00 am, Lobby, LUC
Walking Campus Tour
Get up close and personal with the buildings you grew to love!

11:30 am, Tent, Bobcat Stadium
Football Alumni and Family Reception
Football alumni and families of current players are invited to join us for a pre-game reception. RSVP Deadline: Oct. 7

1:00 – 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building
SYNERGY ReDUX Alumni Art Exhibition
(See Friday)

1:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Football Game
Bobcats vs. The College of New Jersey Lions
Free Admission

2:00 pm, Drama Theatre, PAC
Department of Theatre students present
The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie
Tickets go on sale Sept. 21, Box Office, 301.687.7462.

2:30 pm, Hall of Fame Room, Cordts PE Center
Volleyball Alumni and Family Reception
Volleyball alumni and families of current players are invited to join us for a pre-game reception. RSVP Deadline: Oct. 7

4:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Volleyball Game
Bobcats vs. Wesley College Wolverines
Free Admission

4:30 pm, Hospitality Suite, Bobcat Stadium
Men's Soccer Alumni and Family Reception
Men's Soccer alumni and families of current players are invited to join us for a pre-game reception. RSVP Deadline: Oct. 7

5:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Men's Soccer Game
Bobcats vs. St. Mary's College Seahawks
Free Admission

7:30 pm, Drama Theatre, PAC
Department of Theatre students present
The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie
Tickets go on sale Sept. 21, Box Office, 301.687.7462.

9:00 pm – 1:00 am, LUC
Frostburg Finale (see box at right)
Includes: DJ, karaoke, photo booth, arcade games, food, drinks and more! CASH BAR with complimentary appetizers. Must be 21, ID required. Cost \$10. Advance registration is recommended. For more information, contact us at alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.

11:00 pm – 2:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Student Homecoming Dance
Sponsored by Black Student Alliance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:30 am, Atkinson Room, LUC
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend! For more information, call 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu.

11:00 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Men's Basketball Alumni Game
For more information, contact Coach Webb Hatch at 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 the Student Government Association

Noon, Hospitality Suite, Bobcat Stadium
Field Hockey Alumni and Family Reception
Field Hockey alumni and families of current players are invited to join us for a pre-game reception. RSVP Deadline: Oct. 7



FROSTBURG FINALE

Saturday, October 17 - 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM, LUC
Join fellow Bobcats for a fabulous night of music, games and camaraderie!

INCLUDES:

- Karaoke
- DJ mixing and mashing the tunes
- Photo booth, arcade games, creation stations
- Complimentary appetizers and CASH 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 and SECU

1:00 – 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building
SYNERGY ReDUX Alumni Art Exhibition
(See Friday)

1:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Field Hockey Game
Bobcats vs. Wesley College Wolverines
Free Admission

2:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Volleyball Game
Bobcats vs. Susquehanna University Crusaders
Free Admission

To RSVP for any event listed

Unless otherwise noted, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, call 301.687.4068 or email alumni@frostburg.edu. To register online, go to www.frostburg.edu/homecoming.

LUC – Lane University Center
ARMAH – Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall
PAC – Performing Arts Center
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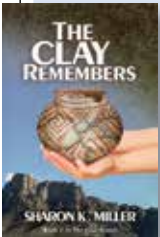
1970



Barry Hecker retired after 40 years of coaching, 21 of which were spent as assistant coach and player personnel with the Cavs, Clippers and Memphis Grizzlies.

Books by Alumni

The Clay Remembers
By Sharon K. Miller '65
Oppressed by a husband who treats her as his property, Anna Robinson flees to the Southwestern desert.



The artifacts she finds there draw her more intimately into the stories of Esperanza Ramirez, a 19th-century homesteader, and of the Hohokam woman before her. Can their experience here under a rugged ridge in the Santa Catalina Mountains give Anna the strength to face Foster, the armed and dangerous husband on her trail? The eternal story of a woman struggling to find her voice and power, *The Clay Remembers* unearths the legacy of the past, deepening and enriching life in the present. Available from online booksellers or at www.sharonkmiller.com.
An educator for more than 40 years, Sharon Miller is now a freelance writer, editor and owner of the publisher, Buckskin Books, and Writing and Editing Services by Sharon.

1973

Debra Monk was named to the 2015-16 Tony Awards Nominating Committee.

1975

Cathy Eslin Cope was promoted to director of contracts, pricing, procurement and material management at AMSEC LLC, a subsidiary of Huntington Ingalls Industries.

1977

Ken Coffey, Frederick (Md.) Memorial Hospital's longtime director of development, has joined the Self Regional Healthcare Foundation in Greenwood, S.C., as executive director.

1981

B.J. Davisson, II, was named West Virginia University Foundation's senior vice president of development and chief development officer. He was previously senior associate vice president for development and alumni relations at George Washington University and before that was vice president for Advancement at FSU.

David Kuhl was named vice president of information technology services at Alaska Airlines.

1984

Timothy D. Baker was appointed Maryland State Archivist and Commissioner of Land Patents. Timothy will oversee all aspects of the agency, which houses Maryland's historical records from the 17th century to the present. He was previously deputy state archivist, where he oversaw the development of the agency's digitization efforts, making millions of records accessible to the public.

1986

Mike DeHaven was named a "super lawyer" by *Super Lawyers* magazine, a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. He is a partner in the firm of Smith, Gildea & Schmidt LLC.

1988

Dr. Mary Beth Grove won the Pennsylvania Distinguished Principal Award. She will represent Pennsylvania at a conference in Washington, D.C., with the U.S. Secretary of Education and other distinguished principals from across the United States. Mary Beth has been with the York Suburban School District since 1993. She was named principal of East York Elementary School in 2006.

1989

Brian Funkhouser joined Michael Baker Engineering, Inc., a unit of Michael Baker International, as senior transportation planner at the engineering and consulting services firm.

John Nock was named director of natural resources — permitting at Dawood Engineering, Inc. John will be responsible for the oversight of environmental permitting related to natural resources and ecology throughout all of Dawood's locations.

1992

Jeff Metz M'03 was appointed by Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan to the Maryland Health Care Commission. Jeff has been the president and administrator at Egle Nursing and Rehab Center, a member organization of LifeSpan Network, since 1995.



1993

Scott Hostetler was promoted to vice president and residential lending sales manager at First United Bank & Trust.



Susan Showalter Snyder M'01/M'10 was selected as a recipient of the 2014-15 Outstanding Teacher Award sponsored by the Shippensburg University School Study Council. She is employed at Everett Area School District as a reading specialist. She and her husband, Clyde, reside in Everett, Pa.

Lisa Swenton-Eppard is director of programming at the Silver Spring, Md., dance school, Knock on Wood, and founder and artistic director of its resident dance company, Capitol Tap. Knock on Wood specializes in rhythm tap, a form of percussive

dance, and is the only dance school in the region that focuses on tap dancing.

1995

Sean Pierce M'97 took on a new job as the director of housing and residential life at Queens College in Flushing, N.Y.

1996

Christine Lowman M'11 was promoted to vice president of finance/corporate controller for Valley Health System, Winchester, Va. She has been with Valley Health since 1998, serving in varying roles as an internal auditor, corporate director of internal audit, and vice president of finance/chief financial officer for two of the system's regional hospitals. A certified public accountant, she is completing a fellowship with The Advisory Board Co. in Washington, D.C., with plans to complete the Fellow program in early 2016.



1998

Jeremy Colville, certified public accountant, was promoted to partner at CohnReznick LLP, one of the top accounting, tax and advisory firms in the U.S.

2001

Dr. Stephanie Marchbank M'06/D'15 was named the 2015-2016 Allegany County Teacher of the Year. An English language arts instructional leader, she also served as a mentor teacher and is on the School Improvement Team, Emergency Planning Team, Public Relations Committee and the Scholarship Committee at Mountain Ridge High School.

Cassandra Pritts was named Professor of the Year at Potomac State College of West Virginia University for 2015. She is a history instructor and academic adviser for history and secondary education majors.

2002

Carolyn Holcomb M'02 was nominated for Washington County Public Schools 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year. Carolyn has been a teacher for 13 years, three in county public schools. It is the second time she has been a teacher-of-the-year finalist.



Kevin '05 and Tiffany Myers Franc '05 traveled cross country this summer with their daughters Lexi and Raeanne, pictured here with Tiffany at Mount Rushmore. The FSU gear they wore helped them connect with Frostburg natives and FSU alumni along the way.

Allen Hopkins, a history teacher at Milton M. Somers Middle School in La Plata, Md., received the *Washington Post's* Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, an honor for outstanding teachers in the Washington metropolitan area.



straight year. She received National Board Certification in social studies in 2013. Ashley has also been a coach for Boonsboro High's We the People team for the past five years, leading them to district championships and state runner-up finishes each year. She is vice president of the FSU Alumni Association and helps with Boonsboro's homecoming and other school and community events.

2007

Kimberly Chicca M'11 was selected to serve in the Peace Corps in The Gambia as a primary education teacher trainer.

2008

Erin Gurtler McElyea M'08 was named the 2014-2015 State of Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars Middle School Teacher of the Year. The VFW Teacher of the Year award recognizes exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism.

Ashley Wisner M'09 was nominated for Washington County Public Schools 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year. Ashley has taught in county schools for six years and is a teacher-of-the-year finalist for the second



general Army and military knowledge. She is a member of the 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion.

2010

Desiree Bullard launched Vital Eco Solutions (VES), a Cumberland, Md.-based green living consulting business. VES aims to help clients discover that green living is healthy living and is often cost-effective, helping them develop habits that offset negative environmental impacts.

2013

Tara Devezin was awarded the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, which addresses health issues and social service needs of underserved and vulnerable populations.

She is a student at University of Pittsburgh in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

Joan Leatherman was awarded the highly competitive Peggy Browning Fellowship. She will spend the 10-week fellowship working at the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Office of the Commissioners and Office of the General Counsel, in Washington, D.C. Joan is a second-year student at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law, where she has participated in the Labor and Employment Law Trial Advocacy Team and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Team and won the 2014 Intra-School Competition with her partner. ■



2009

Jackie Donovan M'11 was named Lourdes University's first head women's soccer coach. Jackie arrived at Lourdes from Adrian College where she was the associate women's head coach and head reserve coach for four seasons.

U.S. Army Spc. Sasha Rogers won the Soldier of the Year competition among members of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, known as the Iron Brigade. Sasha faced physical and mental challenges, including an Army Physical Fitness Test, various timed warrior skills and battle drills and a board exam on



Like Father, Like Son

Cade McCarty '12 followed in the footsteps of his father, retired **Sgt. Steve McCarty '90**, upon graduating from the Maryland State Police Academy. In addition, Cade received an award for having the highest grade point average in his class.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 29
Men's Soccer Alumni Game
2 p.m. - Bobcat Stadium

OCTOBER 15-18
Homecoming 2015
FSU Campus
(See schedule on page 30.)

OCTOBER 24
Women's Soccer Alumni & Family Reception
Noon - Hospitality Suite, Bobcat Stadium
RSVP by October 16

DECEMBER 19
147th Commencement
2 p.m. - Cordts PE Center Main Arena
Tickets required

JANUARY 23
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
All alumni are welcome to attend!

MARCH 4-5
Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership
Turf Valley Resort
Ellicott City, Md.

APRIL 16
Alumni Association Board of Directors Spring Retreat
FSU Campus

APRIL 30
7th Annual Baseball Spring Golf Invitational
Fore Sisters Golf Course
Rawlings, Md.

OCTOBER 20-23
Homecoming 2016
SAVE THE DATE NOW!

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MILESTONES

Marriages

1987

Laetitia Martin married **Christopher Krebs '85** on April 11, 2015. Tish is a litigation specialist for Erie Insurance Company. Chris is a teacher for the Baltimore City School System. The couple resides in Bethesda, Md. Tish is the daughter of Professor Emeritus **James Martin**.

2001

Jeffrey Perrin married Jennifer Hoover on Aug. 31, 2013. Jeffrey is an accountant at CBIZ, Inc. The couple resides in LaVale, Md.

2007

Jenny Tab married **Daniel Hill '06** on Aug. 2, 2014. Dan is employed as general manager for Propstore. The couple resides in Los Angeles, Calif. *(See photo below.)*

2009

Sara Harris married Michael Giano on June 6, 2015.



Jenny Tab '07 and **Daniel Hill '06** met when they were cast as love interests in the FSU production of *The Diviners*. They thought it fitting to be married on stage, this time at the Hippodrome Theatre in Baltimore.

Brandi Heavner M'09 married Daniel Krampf on Oct. 19, 2013. Brandi is employed at Carefirst Blue Cross Blue Shield. The couples resides in Cumberland, Md.

2011

Rebecca Slate married Robert Benjamin James Brown on Jan. 5, 2015. Rebecca is employed by Family Behavioral Resources.

2012



Kristin Marie Moore '12 married **Bryce Alan Sigler '11** on May 9, 2015.

Farewell and Thank You

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

Juanita Bender, housekeeper, joined FSU in 2004.

Rose Booth, housekeeper, joined FSU in 1996.

Mary Ann Chapman, lecturer in the departments of English and Foreign Languages, joined FSU in 1990.

Bonnie Jackson, executive administrative assistant in Student Affairs, joined FSU in 1984.

Valerie Lashley, IT program analyst in Enterprise Applications, joined FSU in 1986.

Dr. Karen Soderberg Sarnaker, professor in the Department of Music, joined FSU in 1989.

Pamela Shirk, payroll processing associate, joined FSU in 1981.

Dr. Oma Gail Simmons, professor in the Department of Educational Professions, joined FSU in 1998.

Robert Smith, assistant VP for planning, assessment and institutional research, joined FSU in 1995.

Retirements from May to August 2015 ■

Families

1996

Greg Poland and his wife, Alison, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Franklin, on March 14, 2015. Andrew joins Lexi (5) and Ian (4). Andrew is the grandson of FSU professors **Dr. Karen Parks** and the late **Dr. Frank Parks**.



1999

Amy Shaffer and Caleb Warrington announce the birth of their son, Caleb Van Warrington V, on March 6, 2015.



2000



Dr. David Gurzick and his wife, Martha, announce the birth of twins, Chandler Brooks and Alexander Chase, on March 29, 2015.

2002

Tricia Kitzmiller Emerick M'08 and her husband, **Kenny '98**, announce the birth of their son, Ripken Lee, on June 25, 2015. Ripken joins big brothers Camden and Hayden.



2003

Billy Jackson M'07 and his wife, Crystal, announce the birth of their daughter, Summer Olivia, on May 26, 2015.



2007

Melanie Tepsick Branigan and her husband, **Andrew '08**, announce the birth of their son, Ace Michael, on June 9, 2015.



Nicole Wigfield D'Atri M'08, and her husband, Mick, announce the birth of their son, Jordan Cole, on June 12, 2015.



2009

Brittany Davis Miller and her husband, **John '09**, announce the birth of their son, Garrett, on May 23, 2015.



2010

Hannah Byler M'12 and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Charlotte, on May 6, 2015.



2011

Jen Gover Haslacker and her husband, **Alex '10**, announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Evelyn Joyce, on Jan. 26, 2015.



2012

Jason Thomas announces the birth of his son, Edward Ted Kennedy, on Feb. 18, 2015. ■

In Memoriam

Alumni

1944 LaVerda L. Glime Oglebay
March 25, 2015

1946 Matilda P. Over Reynolds
Feb. 14, 2015

1947 Ann E. Llewellyn McGill
June 3, 2015

1950 Augustine A. Diaz
June 15, 2015
Beatrice Linn Wenner
April 4, 2014

1951 Rose A. Willison Hilleary
April 14, 2015

1952 Irene C. Michael Scott M'74
March 5, 2015
Raymond C. Wenner
April 6, 2015

1955 James M. VanMeter
Jan. 20, 2015

1956 Dr. Mary F. Mertz Elsen
April 29, 2015

1957 Edgar L. Hounshell, Jr. M'64
Feb. 3, 2015

1959 Allen T. Robertson
April 10, 2015

1960 Alice Day "Impy" Sulin
Feb. 15, 2015

1966 Clyde R. Broadwater
Feb. 14, 2015
Charles J. Wightman
May 17, 2015

1967 Scott E. Dixon I
April 11, 2015
Kacia Robertson Smouse
April 5, 2015

1969 Dorothy J. Tichnell
Jan. 6, 2015

1970 Gail D. Locke Patrick
March 12, 2015
James C. Thompson
Feb. 23, 2015

1971 Kathy L. Cutter
April 7, 2015
William J. Kelly, Jr.
Nov. 20, 2014

1976 Frederick K. Learey M'76
Jan. 18, 2015

1979 Chase C. Gove III M'79
Feb. 12, 2015

1980 Craig S. Lea
Jan. 8, 2015

1982 Patricia R. Mooney Beem
May 8, 2015
Richard J. Dunn
Feb. 4, 2015

Dr. Barbara B. Fink Roque
May 27, 2015

1985 Michael F. O'Rourke
Feb. 16, 2015

1990 Paul T. Billy
April 15, 2015
Vickie L. Altizer Swink
June 17, 2015

1991 Laura D. Vann
May 2, 2015

1994 The Rev. Earlene K. Richardson Mason M'94
Aug. 23, 2014

1997 Joseph E.L. Knight, Jr.
Feb. 27, 2015
Kimberly R. Welch Shirer
Feb. 1, 2015

2004 Lt. Col. Todd D. Thomson M'04
March 13, 2015

2007 Nicholas S. Conley
June 28, 2015

2010 Stephen S. Gobeil
June 20, 2015

Friends of the University
Joanne Harris Edwards
May 22, 2015

William G. Elsen
April 28, 2015

The Honorable Donald C. Hott
May 3, 2015

Maryanne Corley Kovack
March 12, 2015

Thomas L. "Tucker" Layman
Jan. 30, 2015

Margaret A. Stoner Meyers
Feb. 24, 2015

Matthew D. Russell
Feb. 12, 2015

Jason S. Semler
March 1, 2015

David M. Shriver
March 8, 2015

Julia Downey Slagle
Jan. 16, 2015

Robert E. Stovenour
Feb. 23, 2015

Gloria J. Krzeminski Tamburo
Feb. 23, 2015

Sandra D. Nichols Toms
May 1, 2015

Clarification:
The full name of **Anthony Petrelli, Sr.**, father of **Anthony R. Petrelli '92** and **Jonathan H. Petrelli '92**, was omitted in the spring issue of *Profile*.



Nancy Beall
in FSU's Lewis J. Ort Library, along with those of her husband. She is survived by her daughter, Victoria Beall Muth, chair of the board of directors of the Beall Institute for Public Affairs, which is housed at FSU and was established by the Bealls to promote a spirit of civic responsibility and an increased knowledge of government affairs and the political process.

Enordo R. "Moose" Arnone '57/M'64, who died on Jan. 19, 2015, was a lifelong educator, following up a 30-year career as a teacher, coach, vice principal and principal by serving four four-year terms on the Allegany County Board of Education, including three times as president. He was inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame for four years as a soccer goalie, and he pitched professionally in the St. Louis Browns/Baltimore Orioles organization. Arnone was deeply involved in his community and spearheaded many successful fundraisers over the years.



Enordo "Moose" Arnone '57/M'64



Dr. Mark Middleton
including mentoring scouts with his wife, Martha. A native of Frostburg, he was dedicated to Appalachia, its culture and its environment. ■



Honoring Those Who Touched Our Hearts
The Wall of Honor stands as a memorial to the many faculty, staff, alumni and friends who have touched our hearts and helped make FSU what it is today. Located in a prominent yet serene spot between Pullen Hall and the Performing Arts Center, it serves as a reminder of the remarkable individuals and supportive community found in and around Frostburg.
If you would like to add the name of a loved one, friend or mentor, living or passed, to the Wall of Honor, please contact Shannon Gribble '98, director of alumni and donor relations, at 301.687.4068.



Not Your Average Summer Class

The forestry minor at FSU includes the study of subjects you might expect – botany, dendrology, forest ecology – and something you might not: chainsaws. Forestry students must prove that they can cut down a tree in a training program called Game of Logging, part of a particularly hands-on field practice class. Students like ethnobotany major **Karen Johnson** learn the proper techniques to clear out dead and diseased trees in a way that minimizes damage to other trees.

Read more or watch a video at bit.ly/FSUChainsaw



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Sandy Shortridge

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 • 7:30 PM

**Sandy Shortridge and
The Whitetop Mountain Band**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 • 12:30 PM

The Whitetop Mountain Band

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 • 12:30 PM

**Adam McPeak and
Mountain Thunder**

Appalachian Festival Capstone Concert
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Maryland Symphony Orchestra
With Guest Artist Francisco Fullana
FRIDAY, OCT. 9 • 7:30 PM

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De Temps Antan
SATURDAY, NOV. 21 • 7:30 PM

The Hot Sardines
SATURDAY, APRIL 23 • 7:30 PM

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4 • 4:30 PM

Indian Ink Theatre Company
The Elephant Wrestler
FRIDAY, NOV. 6 • 7:30 PM

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SATURDAY, DEC. 12 • 1:00, 4:00 & 7:00 PM

Flashdance – The Musical
THURSDAY, MARCH 10 • 7:30 PM

A Columbia Artists Production
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Moscow Festival Ballet
Company of 50
The Sleeping Beauty
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 • 7:30 PM
THURSDAY, MARCH 24 • 7:30 PM

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OVEOUS: Poetry and Music • THURSDAY, NOV. 19

Becca Stevens Band • THURSDAY, DEC. 3

Well-Strung • THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Zuzu African Acrobats • THURSDAY, APRIL 21



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Two resourceful FSU students, physics majors **Michael Miklewski**, right, and **Zachary Wolodkin '15**, wanted to turn the 17.5-inch reflector telescope into something mobile and usable, and they are doing so, thanks to the assistance of an FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant. Come this fall, a retrofitted telescope will be ready to open the horizons of current and future students.

Grants like this, supported through gifts to the Annual Fund, provide scores of similar applied learning experiences. Not only do these opportunities provide these students with practical experience related to their academic studies, but they have been shown to keep students on track for graduation.

Read more about their project on page 21.



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