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ON THE COVER:

Profile polled alumni from various generations and professional fields for their views on the meaning of success. Read what they have to say, starting on page 16.



Please recycle me or pass me on to a friend!

From the President

If the economic turmoil of recent years has taught us anything, it is that to stand out in the job market and gain employment, graduates need a variety of skills and experiences to round out their college degrees. In many ways, Frostburg has always made this possible for our students. Ask alumni from any generation about what it was like to learn here, and they'll tell you that their professors changed their lives and that the close-knit campus gave them larger-than-life opportunities to do interesting projects and research, which helped them prepare for careers.

Today, we are focusing on new ways to ensure that our graduates are ready for the workforce, including creating new programs to send them around the world, building state-of-the-art facilities where they can learn and making sure students get numerous opportunities to meet our many successful and dedicated alumni who lead interesting and inspiring lives. Our latest issue of *Profile*, which celebrates how a Frostburg degree leads to professional success, is full of stories showing how our educational experiences are right in line with what today's students need to do well once they graduate.



This past August, Laurie and I welcomed our first grandson and newest Bobcat, **Mason**.

As you read about all the great things happening at Frostburg, I invite you to add your story to the mix and think about how you can get involved with what we're accomplishing every day on behalf of our students. Perhaps you can share your insights with Bobcats by participating in our Dinner With Strangers program (*Page 8*). Maybe you are ready to support a program or department that made a difference in your education or that of someone you cared about, like one legacy family did (*Page 14*). And there has never been a better time to come back and visit your alma mater. Our campus is being transformed through much-needed upgrades, and a bright and beautiful new building, our Center for Communications and Information Technology, will open this year. The next issue of *Profile* will offer a closer look at this remarkable structure.

I thank each and every one of you for the ways you represent Frostburg, through your leadership, involvement and support. Know that your actions and ideas are so important to the ways our students will succeed professionally in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan C. Gibalter'.

Dr. Jonathan C. Gibalter, President



Lateef Gazal

Remembering Lateef Gazal

I am very sad to inform you that one of our students, Lateef Gazal, a senior majoring in business administration, died as a result of an accidental fire in the early morning of Feb. 14. Lateef was highly regarded by his faculty and is remembered by friends as enthusiastic, energetic and kind. He was already an entrepreneur who had started his own line of clothing.

I have been heartened by the way the campus has rallied to support his family and his three roommates, who lost everything in the fire. Nearly \$11,000 has been raised to aid them. On Feb. 20, the campus community gathered in a moving and meaningful memorial service that ended with the candlelight vigil pictured here. And a concerted effort is growing at many levels to educate our students about fire safety.

Lateef's loss will be felt for a long time, and his memory will be kept alive by those who loved him.

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DeLane Fitzgerald has been hired as FSU's 13th head football coach in the program's 54-year history. He brings with him from Southern Virginia University a history of building winning programs. "I've always thought . . . that the Frostburg State University football program is a sleeping giant," he said.



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Freshman and Transfer
Enrollment Grows,
Retention Strengthens

FSU's efforts to raise its profile and to encourage student success and college completion bore fruit this fall with the University's largest transfer class ever, a 9.5 percent increase over the previous year in the size of the freshman class and the largest percentage of freshmen returning for their sophomore year in at least seven years.

"The word is getting out that Frostburg State University is a great place to get a great education," said President Gibraltar. "Considering that we have set higher entrance standards for students and the population of traditional-aged students in our state is declining, this news is even more encouraging."

The fall 2013 transfer class of 507 students is FSU's highest ever, and reflects the University's concerted effort to help its students fulfill their goals of a bachelor's degree. The centerpiece of that effort is the Associate Degree Scholars Award, which offers top graduates of Maryland community colleges and Potomac State College of West Virginia University an award of up to \$2,500 per year in an effort to bring Frostburg tuition close to the level of a community college. The number of transfers has grown steadily over the past several years.

The freshman class of 897 is 9.5 percent higher than the previous year's class of 819.

Additionally, retention – the percentage of freshmen who come back for their sophomore year – is 77 percent, above the national average of 71.5 percent, and the highest at FSU for at least seven years.

"Some of the success can be credited to the increased engagement of faculty and staff across campus both in the process of recruiting students and ensuring their success once they are here," Gibraltar said. ■

Gibraltar Appointed to Climate Commitment Steering Committee

Continuing advocacy for sustainability in higher education, President Gibraltar was reappointed to the Steering Committee for the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), of which FSU is a charter signatory.

"I consider being involved with the ACUPCC one of the most important parts of my work," Gibraltar said. "Climate change is a defining challenge of our time, and I believe that higher education is leading the way in creating the needed educational, research and operational changes to fight it." Gibraltar was first appointed to the steering committee in 2011.

Gibraltar will be responsible for assuring the integrity, credibility and success of the ACUPCC and creating policy and direction for the organization. Recruiting new colleges and universities to join the ACUPCC is a particularly meaningful and impactful part of being on the steering committee, Gibraltar said.

"Institutions have the power and the potential to make an impact that lasts for generations by educating and inspiring our students and supporting their advocacy, and collaborating with our communities." ■

Childs Named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



Dr. William Childs

Dr. William Childs has been named provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

"Childs brings to this position years of administrative expertise and has provided valuable and steady leadership amid a period of positive and significant change for Frostburg State University," President Gibraltar said. "He is a strategic thinker who works collaboratively with faculty, deans and department chairs. In a very short time, his administrative style has been incredibly impressive and an asset to us all. This is a critical time for this University, as we are just beginning the process of Middle States reaccreditation."

He has been interim provost since the summer, when he began the work of developing new programs and reviewing current ones. "This appointment provides the needed momentum to create a sustainable and well-integrated retention, academic advisement and student success model for FSU," Gibraltar said.

Childs, who was previously associate dean of the College of Education, came to FSU in 2001 after 30 years in public education in Virginia. Childs served an important role in the development, approval and launching of the Doctor of Education program, as well as in the preparation of successful national accreditation reports. He also played a key part in the submission to the state of Maryland of the proposal for a new Education and Health Sciences building, which has been included in the Governor's Capital Improvement Plan for the first time this year.

Freshmen Can Start College Online Through New Program

In recognition of the changing needs of today's students, FSU has created an option for freshmen to complete their first semester online through a new initiative called the Freshman Choice Program.

"We understand that not all freshmen are always able to move to Frostburg and attend our University in a conventional way during their first semester," said Vice Provost John Bowman. "The Freshman Choice Program provides an option for these students to take their first classes with us online."

With the Freshman Choice Program, course materials and activities are published and executed online through the use of FSU's Blackboard course management system.

Once accepted, students enrolling in their first semester can register either for a full-time, 13-credit schedule or a part-time, seven-credit schedule from a select group of courses. ■

NEW MARKETING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED AT FALL CONVOCATION

FSU "Turns Up the Volume"
With New Marketing Campaign

President Gibraltar's annual fall convocation marked the unveiling of the University's new marketing campaign. Featuring a new tagline, "One University. A World of Experiences," the campaign reflects Frostburg's growing emphasis on providing students with transformative experiences as part of their educational journey and is designed to better share Frostburg's story with the larger community.

A new video, with a focus on three main themes – experiential, sustainable, affordable – was shown at the end of Gibraltar's address (see it at www.frostburg.edu/one). Following the convocation, the audience left the Manicur Assembly Hall to find the Lane University Center dramatically transformed into a festival celebrating the new campaign.

"Students are looking for a university where they can participate in programs and activities that reflect how interconnected and complex everything is," Gibraltar said. "They want to live and learn in quality facilities and interact with diverse and talented faculty and staff who care about them and the work they're doing. And they want to do all of this by investing in a solid educational experience and accruing the least amount of debt possible." These are elements that are inherent in a Frostburg education, which the new marketing campaign will emphasize.

The campaign was built from the results of market research that surveyed current and prospective students and parents, alumni, guidance counselors, donors and faculty and staff. Two strong themes emerged from that

research. One stated that FSU had a strong program of experiential education where students are given many opportunities to reinforce what is learned in the classroom by activities. The other stated that FSU launches its graduates to professional success, achieved not only through strong academics and experiential education, but also through personal attention and guidance that help students find their best paths upon graduation.

The "World of Experiences" also refers to FSU's expanding global initiatives, in bringing students from other countries – 23 nations this year – to campus for the new perspectives they can share with American students, and in the many affordable opportunities for FSU students to visit other parts of the nation or the globe, both in long-term and short-term programs, from which they return with a broader world perspective.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you are our storytellers," Gibraltar said to those assembled and to the broader University community of alumni and friends. "You are creating our story. You make it believable. As you have seen, we have many stories to tell, and unlike Vegas, what happens in Frostburg no longer stays in Frostburg. We have so much to celebrate." ■



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VIEW FSU'S NEW VIDEO AT
WWW.FROSTBURG.EDU/ONE



FSU's Thomas Appointed to American Cancer Society Leadership Team

Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation, Inc., has been appointed as the South Atlantic



Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas

Division Liaison for the American Cancer Society's (ACS) Nationwide Leadership Training Team. National trainers help spread the American Cancer Society's messages at the national, divisional and regional levels.

"It is a privilege to serve in the liaison position for the South Atlantic Division and to help coordinate trainings for amazing Relay For Life events," Thomas said.

This appointment is the latest way Thomas, who has served on the leadership training team since 2011, has shown her commitment to ACS. Since 2006, Thomas has served as an ACS community ambassador for Region 12, covering Delaware and the Delmarva Peninsula. She also has been a part of the leadership council for ACS' Tri-County Leadership Team since 2003. She previously served on a three-year term on the ACS South Atlantic Division board of directors. She was a member of the Relay For Life Mid-Atlantic Task Force from 1996 to 2000 and served on Relay committees in Maryland and West Virginia.

"Dr. Thomas has done an outstanding job of supporting the mission of the American Cancer Society to help us finish the fight against cancer. She has been an integral part of many highly successful Relay For Life events. Her leadership, expertise and passion are greatly appreciated by the Society," said Michelle Daichman, senior director for Relay For Life. ■



The students in the 2013-14 ECHOSTARS living-learning-serving community gathered for a picture at the beginning of their year of service.

ECHOSTARS Wins Two Awards in a Week in AmeriCorps' 20th Year at FSU

ECHOSTARS, a group of 60 students in FSU's living-learning-serving community, received two statewide service awards in one week last fall: the Community Partnership Award from Maryland-DC Campus Compact (MDCCC) and a Governor's Service Award as a Special AmeriCorps Honoree. These awards came as A STAR! in Western Maryland, the AmeriCorps program of which ECHOSTARS is a part, marked its 20th year at FSU.

The Community Partnership Award honors one outstanding campus-community partnership that produces measurable improvements in people's lives while enhancing higher education. It honors a partnership that has successfully demonstrated a commitment between higher education and the community, resulting in a tangible community impact. The winners were honored at the 2013 Presidents' Institute MDCCC CONNECTS (Communities Organizing Networks Now to Engage Citizens Through Service) conference.

The Governor's Service Awards, which reflect the diversity of Maryland and demonstrate its spirit of service, were bestowed at the 2013 Governor's Service Awards Ceremony.

ECHOSTARS – Empowering Communities, Helping Others, Service Through Action, Resources and Sustainability – is comprised primarily of incoming freshman. While completing their freshman year, they are charged with providing 300 hours of direct service throughout Allegany and Garrett counties at service sites such as Read to Succeed, Frostburg Senior Center, Tech Wizards, Salvation Army, Beall Elementary and Kids Corner.

Established in 1994, A STAR! started with 20 AmeriCorps service volunteers serving seven community partners in Allegany and Garrett counties. Over 20 years, A STAR! expanded to serve the four westernmost counties in Maryland, providing capacity building, environmental stewardship, academic enrichment, health and wellness as well as volunteer management throughout Western Maryland. Each year the program reaches over 6,500 beneficiaries through more than 64,000 hours of service provided by over 125 AmeriCorps members. ■

NASPA Names FSU a Lead Institution in Civic Engagement

FSU has been selected to participate in a national initiative on civic learning and democratic engagement, one of 73 colleges and universities nationwide designated as a Lead Institution by NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

As a participating institution, FSU will continue to encourage students' civic development through thoughtful community partnerships, engaging leadership opportunities and democratic participation.

"Being recognized as a national leader in this field is a reflection of quality of our current efforts and our ongoing commitment to inspiring students to challenge themselves through leadership and service," said President Gibralter.

FSU has committed to make civic learning and democratic engagement an integrated and core component of Student and Educational Services through planning, partnerships and assessment. ■



FSU Showcased in Annapolis

FSU faculty, staff, students and alumni joined Maryland legislators at a reception on Feb. 26 to showcase the current achievements and the future vision of the University, as well as to celebrate the new marketing campaign, One University. A World of Experiences. Students and alumni pictured above are students Michael Schoelen, Kelly Bean and Cody Brill; Keri McCumber and Jeremy McCumber '00; student Victoria Sues; Gregory Akers M'13; Antonio Hayes '00; Joe Lambert '79, student Jasmine Alston; and Joe Comer '00.

At left, Del. Norman Conway, who represents Wicomico and Worcester counties and chairs the House Appropriations Committee, poses for a picture with President Gibralter.

Messman-Mandicott Named Director of Ort Library



Dr. Lea Messman-Mandicott

Dr. Lea Messman-Mandicott has been named director of the Lewis J. Ort Library, selected following a national search. A part of the library staff since 1991, she was most recently associate director for library technology.

"Her knowledge of all areas of library services, and her intimate knowledge of the Ort Library in particular, indicate that Frostburg State is well-positioned to meet cutting-edge library services as we continue to transform into a future-focused institution," said Provost Dr. William Childs.

Before joining Frostburg in 1989, Messman-Mandicott worked in libraries at Cornell University and Clemson University. Her research interests include copyright laws and intellectual property rights, and library services to distance and remote users.

Messman-Mandicott succeeds **Dr. David Gillespie**, who retired after nearly 30 years of service. ■

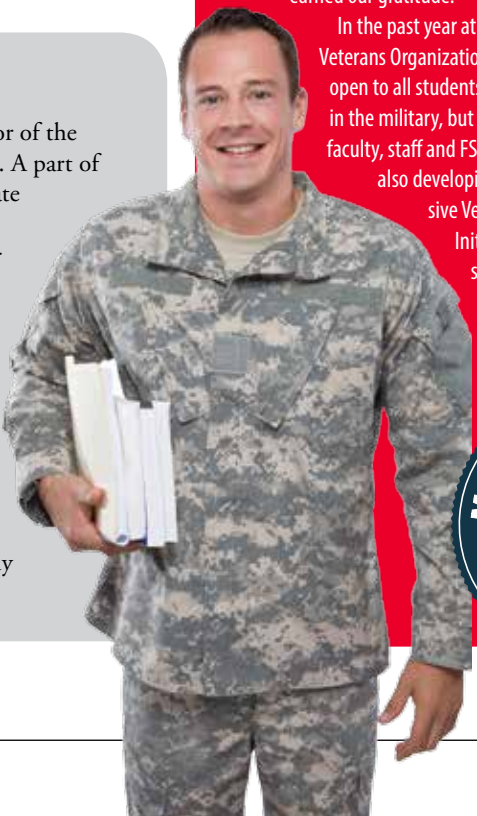
FSU's Service to Veterans Noted by U.S. News and World Report and Victory Media

The 2014 edition of the *U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges for Veterans* named FSU to its list recognizing top ranked schools that participate in federal initiatives helping veterans and active service members apply, pay for and complete their degrees. The 234 schools in this list scored well in terms of graduation rate, faculty resources, reputation and other markers of academic quality. To qualify for the new rankings, the schools had to be certified for the GI Bill, participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program and be members of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Consortium.

In addition, Victory Media, which serves military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named FSU to its coveted Military Friendly Schools list for the third year in a row. This list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"This recognition is further evidence of Frostburg State University's commitment to ensuring that our veteran and active-duty military students have access to the opportunities that higher education will provide," said President Gibralter. "They have earned our gratitude."

In the past year at FSU, the Student Veterans Organization was established, open to all students who had served in the military, but also to veteran faculty, staff and FSU alumni. FSU is also developing a comprehensive Veterans Support Initiative to support scholarships and programming for veterans. ■



CAMPUS HONORS

USM Board of Regents Honors Lois Bennett

Lois Bennett, administrative assistant II for Programs Advancing Student Success (PASS), Disability Support Services and the Registrar's Office, has received the 2013 University System of Maryland Board of Regents Staff Award, the highest honor bestowed on USM staff employees. She is being honored for outstanding service to students in an academic or residential environment.

An FSU employee since 1984, Bennett is the administrative assistant for three offices, providing complex technical and secretarial support to six professional administrators and instructors. The intangible tasks she performs, however, make her a star.

"One of Lois' strongest attributes is her ability to listen, something students seem to recognize instinctively," said Harriet B. Douglas, the director of the PASS office. "They will share all kinds of concerns and problems with Lois, knowing that she will not judge them and will give them the wisdom of her experience and knowledge. Sometimes all the student needs is a compassionate listener and a hug; Lois provides both."



Lois Bennett



Jeff Graham



Lynn Davis



David Wiland

FSU Honors Three With Staff Awards for Excellence

FSU honored three outstanding employees, **Jeffrey Graham**, **Lynn Davis** and **David Wiland**, with annual Staff Awards for Excellence for outstanding service to the institution. Selected by their colleagues, this year's honorees have a combined 62 years of service to FSU.

Graham, associate dean of students, was honored in the Exempt (salaried) employee category. Employed by FSU for six years, he devotes a large part of his energy to the President's Alcohol Task Force and administering the University disciplinary system with fairness and consistency. Graham serves as FSU's point person for the Maryland Collaborative on High-Risk Drinking, a partnership involving a number of state higher educational institutions, and as a key team member for the National College Health Improvement Project. In addition, he supervises the Academic Advising Center and Career Services.

Davis, who began her employment at FSU in 1976, was honored in the category of Non-exempt (hourly) employee. She serves as a senior administrative assistant and unofficial office manager in the Admissions office, where her primary responsibility is to process student applications, approximately 5,500 per year, and the accompanying documents required to review an applicant's file. She is a dedicated worker and capable multi-tasker whose caring attitude makes a lasting impression on students and their families.

Wiland was recognized under the Non-exempt employee/facilities-maintenance category. Employed at FSU for 19 years as a housekeeper, he has been assigned to various buildings across campus, most recently, the Performing Arts Center, where he also mentors new hires or transfers. He is known for his very high standards of cleanliness and safety. His duties extend to being a "spokesman" for FSU, as he often helps students and parents find their way across campus.

Staff Awards for Excellence are funded by the FSU Foundation's Annual Fund. ■

Computer Science Professor Receives Grant to Partner With Technology Company

A team of computer science faculty members led by **Dr. Brad Rinard** will partner with a Cumberland, Md.-based technology company, Berkeley Springs Instruments LLC (BSI), to develop the user interface for its oil pipeline monitoring system. The partnership is made possible thanks to a \$135,912 grant Rinard received from the Maryland Industrial Partnerships program.

Rinard, chair of the Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies, is leading a team of fellow faculty members, **Dr. Michael Flinn** and **Dr. Xinliang Zheng**, and six FSU computer science students on the year-long project with BSI. The company's Eagle Sentry Wireless Erosion-Corrosion Monitoring System uses ultrasonic sensors to monitor characteristics such as flow, humidity, temperature and vibration. ■



Gerry LaFemina

Center for Creative Writing Director Publishes Novel, Prose Poem Collection

Gerry LaFemina, associate professor of English and director of the Frostburg Center for Creative Writing, has recently published two books, a novel, *Clamor*, and a book of prose poems, *Notes for the Novice Ventriloquist*.

Clamor, LaFemina's debut novel, is about the emotional journey of punk rock star, Johnny Malice, as he attempts to reconcile his past and his family with his present. The story attempts to bridge emotional distances as part prodigal son and part indie concept album, forged from Malice's mosaic of sexual deviance, emotional codependency and distorted rock and roll.

Notes for the Novice Ventriloquist is a compilation of LaFemina's curious and quirky prose poems. From surrealist art to magic shows and mythological creatures, these poems paint a canvas in which the real and what may be real are framed together.

LaFemina is the author of nine previous collections of poetry and prose including *Vanishing Horizon* and *Steam Punk*. ■

Bingman Named to WVU College of Ed. Hall of Fame

Dr. William Bingman, director of the FSU Children's Literature Centre, was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame at the West Virginia University College of Education and Human Services in Morgantown, W.Va., during the 2013 Scholars' Honors/Hall of Fame Reception in early October. In addition to the Hall of Fame honor, Bingman was chosen as the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient.



Dr. Bill Bingman

"By recognizing these well-respected individuals, we emphasize the value we place on a strong work ethic, intelligence, creativity, motivation and achievement," said Carolyn Atkins, chair of the selection committee.

Bingman, who received his master's and doctoral degrees from WVU, taught for more than 38 years at Frostburg State in the Department of Educational Professions. Now faculty emeritus at FSU, he remains active, continuously promoting literacy and exposure to quality literature.

Bingman founded the Children's Literature Centre to enhance study and dissemination of children's literature. The Children's Literature Festival he started has operated for 33 years. The festival is one of the largest on the East Coast and provides librarians, educators, students and other literacy advocates the opportunity to experience firsthand interaction with celebrated authors, illustrators and storytellers. Additionally, he oversaw the creation of an exchange program with Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland.

In January, Bingman and **Dr. Barbara Ornstein**, a professor in the Department of Educational Professions, led a study abroad class to better use the connections developed through FSU's two-decade collaboration with Mary Immaculate, assisted by an FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant. "International Perspectives in Ireland" was a series of comparative workshops linked to experiential clinical work in schools across Ireland where former FSU Irish exchange students now teach or serve as administrators.

Bingman and Ornstein will travel again to Limerick in late May as part of CLC's sponsorship of a children's literature festival being organized and hosted for the first time by Mary Immaculate. ■

Lisa Clark Earns Peace Crafter Award



Lisa Clark

Lisa Clark, director of A STAR! in Western Maryland, has received a Peace Crafter Award, which honors and recognizes contributions made to promote peaceful resolution in the Frederick, Md., community.

The Peace Crafter Award is sponsored by CALM, Community Alternative Meditation, a nonprofit organization that provides affordable and accessible conflict resolution services to all Frederick County residents through education, mediation, community conferencing and facilitation. Each year CALM presents this award to members of the community who have done all they can to support alternative ways to bring peace to family, school and community. ■



Frostburg Peace March

Nearly 100 members of the Frostburg community, both FSU students and year-round residents, joined together for a Peace March on Oct. 15, immediately prior to the Sustaining Campus and Community Dialogue, part of the ongoing effort to create safe, secure living conditions and civil relationships between long- and short-term residents in Frostburg.

The walk began near Old Main and made its way to the Lyric Building on Main Street for the dialogue session. The march, celebrating the American Bar Association's Mediation Week and the Association for Conflict Resolution's International Conflict Resolution Day, was sponsored by the Frostburg Sustaining Campus and Community Dialogue Series, FSU's Intercultural Communication class, the FSU Department of Philosophy and the Peace Studies Club of Allegany College of Maryland. ■

ALUMNI NEWS

Greg Whyte Awarded Order of the British Empire

Queen Elizabeth II named **Dr. Greg Whyte '93** to the heralded Order of the British Empire (OBE) on the New Year Honours List for his services to sports, sport science and charity. The OBE is awarded to individuals or groups who have made a significant difference in the lives of many people, and it is one of England's highest honors.

Whyte is renowned in his field for his expertise in sport science, and he has gained recognition with the public from his work with Comic Relief, a UK-based charity that fights poverty. For Comic Relief's fundraising campaign Sport Relief, he trained celebrities to complete epic sporting challenges – such as swimming the Thames and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro – and has helped them raise over £17 million for charity.

Whyte earned his Master of Science degree in human performance from FSU in 1993. It was around that time that Whyte represented Britain as a modern pentathlete in two Olympic Games, 1992 and 1996, and won a silver medal at the 1994 World Championships.

Whyte is a professor of applied sport and exercise science at Liverpool John Moores University, and he leads the Centre for Health and Human Performance in London. He has also contributed his expertise to promoting children's physical activities, lending his opinion to sports journals about the importance of learning health and exercise habits in childhood, and working as a technical advisor for BBC's "Ultimate Sports Day," a children's sports show featuring top young athletes from around the world.

"I think it's really important that young people see their peers competing on TV," he told the BBC.

For all of his work training and inspiring people to push themselves to their physical limits and for his contributions to the field of exercise science, The Science Council recently named him among the Top 10 Communicator Scientists in the UK as part of their list of 100 leading UK practicing scientists.

– Skye Pinney

Dr. Greg Whyte '93



Students and alumni came together at the first Dinner With Strangers in September. In the front row, from left, are **Jasmine Alston**, **Kelly Bean**, **Sharita Sivels '12**, **Shayna Sandbank** and **Michele Mutschler '98**. In the back, from left, are **Jason VanSickle '98**, **Cady Kirkwood**, **Brad Miller**, **Andy Branigan '08**, **Keith Davidson** and **Jacob Reed**.

Dinner With Strangers Brings Alumni and Students Together for Candid Conversations

Sometimes a simple face-to-face conversation can make an impact that lasts a lifetime. That was the case this past September, when a group of FSU students and alumni got together at Giuseppe's Restaurant in Frostburg for the first Dinner With Strangers, a new program organized by Director of Alumni Relations and Special Events

Laura McCullough.

"Students were hanging on the words of these alumni, writing feverishly to capture the information they were sharing," McCullough said.

The event was the first of what McCullough envisions will be part of an ongoing effort to give alumni and students more opportunities to meet each other and have candid conversations about careers and life after graduation.

Andy Branigan '08, a paralegal specialist at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Baltimore, was one of the alumni who participated.

"It was amazing to see how eager the students were to hear about the 'real world' and listen to the great questions that they had to ask about it," he said. "We spoke about everything from job interviews and networking to interoffice politics and commuting to work. I was highly impressed by how prepared each student was for the 'next step,' whether it was the workforce or grad school. ... It was an honor for me to be able to give honest advice that I wish that I had before graduating."

Kelly Bean, an FSU senior who is majoring in mass communication and psychology, was thrilled to have the opportunity to talk to real-world professionals.

"FSU should definitely help students and alumni to connect more through events like this for the sake of making the most of our degrees," Bean said. "Many of us know what we want to do, but are still lost in the process of how to get there. FSU alumni are great mentors and can be helpful to network with in order to get advice and possibly internships or jobs."

FSU will be organizing more Dinners With Strangers this spring. To find out how get involved, contact McCullough at 301.687.4068 or lmccullough@frostburg.edu. ■



Dr. Edward "Ned" G. Boehm '64

Boehm Retires After Record-Breaking Career at Keystone College

Dr. Edward "Ned" G. Boehm '64 retired from his position as president of Keystone College at the end of the 2012-2013 school year after 18 years. Boehm, who has the longest presidential tenure in Keystone history, reimagined the school, guided it out of economic instability and led the Keystone team in transforming the school from a small junior college to one of the most respected baccalaureate schools in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He is now president emeritus and still serves the school and community, focusing on fundraising.

Prior to Keystone, Boehm also served six years as senior vice president for institutional advancement at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., and administrative roles at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Boehm has been a member of the FSU Foundation Board of Directors since 1994. ■



Marghella Named Director of NY Office of Emergency Management

Dr. Peter D. Marghella '84 has been named the director of the New York State Office of Emergency Management, part of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. His new role places him at the head of the department responsible for all matters related to preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery for any large-scale emergencies that occur within the state.



Dr. Peter D. Marghella '84

Marghella has focused the majority of his career on the areas of medical and public health preparedness and response for large-scale disasters, and he has worked at the state and national levels. He recently served as a professorial lecturer at the School of Public Health and Health Services and as an adjunct professor in the Executive Healthcare MBA Program in the School of Business at The George Washington University. He frequently speaks at national and international conferences and symposia addressing catastrophic events and threats of terrorism.

After FSU, Marghella earned a doctorate in Health Sciences from A.T. Still University of Health Sciences as well as served as a career Medical Plans, Operations and Intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy. ■

BOBCATS FOR BUSINESS

Donald C. Fry '77, right, president and CEO of the Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC), addressed the Rotary Club of Frederick, Md., in December about the GBC's Competitive Edge Report, which details eight core pillars for job creation and economic growth in Maryland. Classmate **Kenneth Coffey II '77** was one of the Rotarians serving as Fry's host.

Carrabba Receives Steel Industry's Highest Honor

Joseph Carrabba M'86, retired chairman, president and chief executive officer of Cliffs Natural Resources, has been awarded the 2013 Gary Memorial Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI).

The medal reads: In recognition of his leadership, breadth of industry insight and tremendous understanding of the global marketplace during a pivotal time for the North American steel industry; for his optimism in challenging times; for his commitment to strengthening pro-manufacturing policies; and his strong belief in steel's importance to America's manufacturing renaissance.

"In his role as previous chairman of AISI, and in his eight years at Cliff's and 22 years of leadership with our mining partners, he has been a strong and passionate voice for steel," said Mike Rehwinkel, AISI chairman and executive chairman of EVRAZ North America. "AISI has valued his articulate advocacy on policy issues, wise strategic counsel and dedication to the industry."

Mr. Carrabba was named the 2012 College of Business Alumnus of the Year. ■



Joe Carrabba M'86, left, poses with AISI President and CEO Thomas J. Gibson after receiving the Gary Memorial Medal.



Unaired Greg Garcia Pilot Available Online

FSU alum and TV mogul **Greg Garcia '92** is finding success with his new CBS show *The Millers*, which has been declared the top-rated sitcom of the new TV season. However, the Emmy Award-winning creator of *My Name is Earl*, *Yes, Dear* and *Raising Hope* also developed and filmed a second pilot for the network that was not picked up for the fall schedule.

Super Clyde told the story of a shy comic book fanatic played by Rupert Grint, best known as Ron in the *Harry Potter* franchise, who discovers his calling as a super hero after inheriting millions from his eccentric uncle. This described “zero-to-hero” tale also starred British comedian and actor Stephen Fry. While the network passed on the project, it did place the pilot on the CBS website. Garcia invited friends and family to take a look at it online.

“I’m really proud of this show,” Garcia said. “If you want to kill 20 minutes at work, click on the link and check it out.”

You can view the never-aired pilot of *Super Clyde* at www.cbs.com/shows/super-clyde and watch episodes of *The Millers* on CBS on Thursday nights. ■



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Alum Banks on New Community Arts Center in Frostburg

By Becca Ramspott

When Frostburg native **Coty Warn '06** finished her bachelor’s degree in theatre, she was determined to get out, see the world and keep growing professionally. She threw herself into a variety of interesting jobs and creative opportunities for six years – performing, teaching, directing and doing choreography in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., New York and other cities.



Coty Warn '06

However, when Warn came home for a visit in June of 2013, she kept thinking it would be nice to be closer than 3,000 miles from her hometown.

“I just felt this weird pull that there was something I needed to do here,” she said.

In addition to her love for the arts, Warn had always had a desire to run a business (her parents are owners of The Hen House, a local restaurant). She and her dad noticed an old bank was for sale on Frostburg’s Main Street.

“When I walked into that building, I got goose bumps!” she said. “I thought, ‘There’s some magic in here.’”

And that was how Warn became the founder of Mountain City Center for the Arts, which opened in September 2013 and offers classes for all ages in ballet, tap, musical theatre, acting, Zumba, yoga and Dance It Out, a work-out that combines different types of dance.

The Center, which began with 50 students and has grown significantly in the past months, is a labor of love – and a culmination of talent of several other FSU alumni and instructors in addition to Warn.

Mallory Smith '09; **Jessica Seminerio '09**; **Erin Dettinburn '08**; **Jamie McGreevy '06**, who directs the University’s dance company; and **Melanie Lombardi '98**, FSU-TV3’s Cable Channel 3 manager, all teach at the Center. FSU students have served as interns and instructors, as well.

Warn, who also does choreography and talks to local schools about health and wellness, is passionate about how the arts change people inside and out. She’s witnessed it firsthand in the children she’s taught at the Center.

“Kids who initially seemed very shy and reserved now exude so much confidence and positive energy,” she said. “I’ve gotten a lot of nice feedback from parents who have said, ‘Thank you. You’re bringing something out in my child.’ ... If I’ve done that even for just one person, then I consider this a success.”

“The young artists and parents of this area are so fortunate that Coty chose to come full circle back to Frostburg,” said **Nicole Mattis**, associate professor and chair of Frostburg’s Department of Theatre and Dance and one of Warn’s mentors. Warn would always email or call Mattis when she was trying to figure out what to do next with her acting and directing career.

Warn appreciates how Frostburg’s intimate learning environment allowed her to be well-rounded and to gain experience in a variety of areas. She studied acting, directing and the “business side of the industry,” something missing from the experience of friends she met



The staff of instructors at Mountain City Center for the Arts is well represented by Bobcats, including **Jessica Seminerio '09**, FSU student **Maddie Bohrer**, **Jamie McGreevy '06**, **Erin Dettinburn '08**, **Coty Warn '06**, **Melanie Lombardi '98** and **Mallory Smith '09**.

on Broadway and in television who studied at other schools, she said.

“I really feel like if I hadn’t been at Frostburg, it wouldn’t have led me to do the things I ended up doing. ... It shaped my future.”

To learn more about Warn’s work at the Center, visit www.mtncityarts.com.

Movie-Making Grads Team Up for Second Feature

There’s no business like show business for two FSU alums who met on stage in the old Compton Theatre.

JW Myers '89 and **Ty DeMartino '90** both tried out for the lead in Larry Shue’s *The Foreigner* back in 1986. Now, the two have partnered up and are producing family-themed feature films through their company, Route 40 Films. Myers directs the scripts that DeMartino writes.

“It’s amazing that we’re friends now because I hated Ty for stealing that lead role from me,” laughed Myers, who spent years as an actor in Hollywood before recently turning to directing.

“He got to terrorize me in that play. I think that’s where our friendship began,” joked DeMartino, a playwright whose works have been produced in New York City and Los Angeles.



JW Myers '89 and Ty DeMartino '90

In 2011, Myers and DeMartino teamed up with Flyover Films out of Wheeling, W.Va., for a two-picture deal and first produced the critically acclaimed patriotic drama *The Pledge* (formerly known as *Doughboy*). In 2013, they released the holiday film *A Christmas Tree Miracle*. The story focuses on a self-centered family who is hit by hard times and learns the true meaning of the holiday when they are taken in by an eccentric Christmas tree farmer. The movie had its world premiere in Wheeling in November and played to a sold-out audience at the Frostburg Storybook Holiday before being released on DVD. Many online distributors such as Amazon.com, Best Buy and Barnes & Noble sold out of the film.

“We were shocked when we heard that retailers couldn’t keep it in stock,” Myers said.

“The movie’s themes of kindness and helping others are really resonating with audiences,” DeMartino added.

The two are working on new projects and exploring the creation of a studio in their hometown of Frostburg, where both reside.

“There’s so much talent here with the resources at the University,” Myers said. “It’s an exciting time to be an independent filmmaker.”

A Christmas Tree Miracle is available at www.achristmastreemiracle.com. *The Pledge* is available at www.thepledgethemovie.com. ■

“Fascinating and Life-Changing Opportunities”

Editor’s note: Wayne Keefer '09/M'12 sent the following letter to Dr. Carol Gaumer, which she shared as an example of the kind of impact that the FSU College of Business’ program of Global Experiential Learning can have.

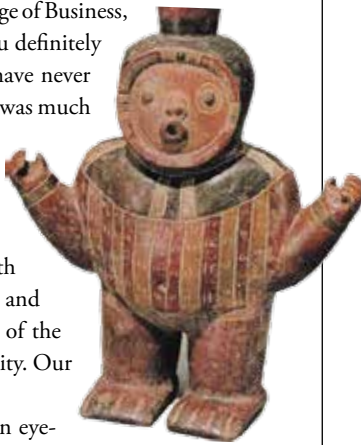
Dear Dr. Gaumer,

As an FSU alumnus, I may be somewhat partial to the College of Business, but a study abroad experience like I had this summer in Peru definitely sets Frostburg State apart from other universities. I would have never considered a full semester abroad, but a two-week experience was much more realistic. ... I can honestly say that every aspect of the trip was a learning experience – a lesson that cannot be repeated in a textbook or from a lecture given by the best professor on campus. Hands-on experience like this can only be synthesized at the source. Take, for example, our meeting with the mayor of Cuzco. To be in Peru learning about leadership, and then to be part of a private meeting with the mayor of one of the country’s most important cities, was a phenomenal opportunity. Our group should be the envy of any leadership class.

Our day of service in a remote Andean village was also an eye-opening experience. Prior to this class, I was not familiar with the concept of servant leadership. Since then, I have developed a great appreciation for the virtues of this leadership style. The trust- and confidence-building exercise we participated in with the Quechan children is essential to cementing a better relationship between Native Peruvians and outsiders. In turn, this will allow medical humanitarian groups, such as Reach Out And Learn, to come in and be trusted by the community because of positive past experiences. It was an awesome feeling to be part of something so great.

I feel so fortunate to have participated in ... this trip to Peru and the 2011 MBA study abroad to China. Both were fascinating and life-changing opportunities for me. Although both trips were to learn about topics in business, I feel that I learned a lot about myself as well. Having seen the world, I have a much greater understanding of global issues – can “connect the dots,” so to speak.

I should also mention the more subtle benefits of learning abroad ... like a visit to a McDonald’s in Peru or a Walmart in China. Both were lessons in and of themselves. In order to be successful in a foreign land, these stores must adapt to the local culture. Understanding how an industry meets a local demand is crucial for a successful global enterprise.



I hope that FSU continues to be a leader in global experiential learning. These trips have prepared me to become a better leader – I hope future FSU students will have the same opportunity.

Regards,
Wayne Keefer
Assistant Controller, CNB Bank, Inc.

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Wayne Keefer '09/M'12, right, poses with fellow Bobcat **Saúl Peña Gamero**, who is also a native of Peru, during a visit to Macchu Piccu.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Fund to Keep the Life's Work of "Mr. Frostburg" Going Strong

Following the sudden death last June of **Bernard "Bernie" Wynder '78/M'84**, his family, led by his widow, **Robin Vowels Wynder '80/M'87**, created the Bernard Wynder Legacy Fund through the FSU Foundation so that the important work that Bernie did in his lifetime could continue through the students of Frostburg State University. The funding will be used to support the Diversity Center's educational programming for students on topics such as anti-violence, peace and diversity.



Bernard Wynder

"Mr. Frostburg," as he was called, mentored thousands of students throughout his 30-plus years at FSU. He often said coming to Frostburg had saved his life by giving him an alternative to the dangers of the streets of Baltimore where he grew up. He consistently gave his energies and wisdom to organizations that would help other young people, especially young African-Americans, make a similar journey, groups like the NAACP, the Human Relations Commission, Maryland Salem Children's Trust, Potomac Council Boy Scouts of America and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, as well as Omega Psi Phi, his fraternity.

He continued to receive honors following his death last June, including College Admissions Counselor of the Year from the College Bound Foundation and an award made to the Black Student Alliance in his honor by the 2013 BSA Reunion.

Sen. Benjamin Cardin remembered him on the floor of the U.S. Senate on Oct. 29, as someone who had devoted his life to service to others:

Bernie overcame the challenges of a childhood on the streets of East Baltimore and made it his life's work to mentor young Black men and help them to succeed as students, professionals, husbands and fathers. ... I was privileged to ... get to know his love for his community and to be inspired by his passion for social justice. ... His love and concern transformed the lives of so many generations of Frostburg students. ... Bernie Wynder was a man of uncommon integrity, wisdom, compassion and commitment. We will miss his courage and vision and voice.

For information about supporting the Bernard Wynder Legacy Fund, call 301.687.4161 or visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation.

Allegany County Opportunity Scholarship Puts Casino Revenues to Important Use

When the Allegany County Commissioners began to ponder how best to spend the county's share of revenues from the new Rocky Gap Casino Resort, plenty of needs presented themselves, but the one that stood out the most was the need for an educated population.

With that in mind, they designated the lions share of those revenues, 75 percent, to be applied directly to scholarships for Allegany County students attending Frostburg State University and Allegany College of Maryland, the local community college.

The Allegany County Opportunity Scholarship is a positive step to help accomplish many goals," said Commissioner William R. Valentine. "This encourages population retention and growth, enhances the quality of the local workforce for current and prospective employers and supports economic development and the associated prosperity it creates."

FSU, through the FSU Foundation, Inc., will receive 25 percent of the county casino revenues, anticipated to be an estimated \$175,000 in the first year, with all funds to be applied to scholarships for residents of three years or longer.

"I cannot emphasize enough how forward-thinking and innovative this plan is," said President Gibraltar. "The Allegany County Commissioners deserve the thanks of those many, many Allegany County residents who can now anticipate being able to follow a path of higher education that had previously been out of reach. The possibilities for those students and this county will increase exponentially."

The first scholarships will be awarded during 2014. Full-time undergraduate and graduate students or those pursuing professional certification with a 3.0 G.P.A. will be eligible. ■



Seated, from left, are Commissioner William R. Valentine, President Gibraltar and Commissioners Michael W. McKay and Creade V. Brodie, Jr. Standing, from left, are Provost William Childs, FSU Foundation Director of Finance and Administration Alicia White '85, Vice President of Student and Educational Services Tom Bowling and County Administrator David Eberly '84/M'01.



Who's on the Line?

If you receive a call from Frostburg State University during our annual spring phonathon, we thought you would like to see who is at the other end of the line. These are our callers at a thank-you dinner last fall. All of our callers are current students who are anxious to make the connection with you, our alumni. So when you see Frostburg State University on your Caller ID, please answer the phone! Know that on the other end of the phone is a real FSU student who wants to talk to you.



Current and retired officers of University Police have banded together to create a scholarship to support those students seeking a career in law enforcement.

Police Scholarship Fund Celebrates Legacy and Future of Law Enforcement

By Becca Ramspott

Sometimes setting up a scholarship is as simple as looking around and recognizing that the people in your everyday world need your help.

That's what it was like for **Bill Stewart**, a retired University Police captain and operations officer, who spent nearly 35 years surrounded by ticket writers, dispatchers and other employees who all happened to be Frostburg students – some of whom went on to work alongside him as FSU police officers once they graduated.

So Stewart decided to establish the University Police Scholarship Fund, which supports FSU students seeking a career in law enforcement either through a major course of study or through employment and extracurricular activities. He asked his fellow law enforcement officers to get involved, and they started making biweekly contributions and encouraging others to do the same.

"Police offices have a history of trying to help each other," he said. "That's number one in police: Back up your buddy, have your buddy's back. This is a way of having someone's back who is potentially going to be your partner ... if not yours, then someone else's."

Cindy Powers '88 retired in 2009 after 29 years of service with University Police as an officer and eventually a sergeant. A military veteran, she remembers firsthand what it was like to work her way through school, relying

on her VA benefits and her paychecks to afford an education at Frostburg.

"When Bill came up with this idea, I thought, 'That's great.' A lot of my family members have gone to Frostburg. It was just a good way to give back and pay forward," she said. "That way, a lot of people could hopefully eventually get the scholarship and then

"This is a way to personally ensure I'm doing something to help the future of the profession."

— FSU Chief of Police Cynthia Smith

there's a possibility that they may want to stay at FSU and perhaps join our department."

Eventually a scholarship committee was formed to continue the growth of the fund, chaired by FSU Chief of Police **Cynthia Smith**. The committee also includes Stewart, Powers, **Lt. John Ralston** and **Lt. Scott Donahue**.

"I've been in law enforcement for a long time," Smith said. "It's getting more and more complicated, and it requires staff who are educated and up on current events and what's going on in the field. This is a way to personally ensure I'm doing something to help

the future of the profession. And there are so many great students at Frostburg. It just feels good personally to do something to ensure their success of their educational endeavors and their future professional lives."

The reasons for people to get involved in helping the University Police Scholarship Fund are endless, Stewart said. "I sincerely hope that people who are working in law enforcement who are alumni, especially the ones who have worked for the University Police department, see the value of the scholarship and the need to give back," he said.

The local law enforcement community, which often comes to FSU for training and works closely with the University on various initiatives, would also benefit from supporting the fund, Stewart said, as some of FSU's graduates end up working in the area.

"Law enforcement does cross jurisdictional lines, and we do support one another's activities. ... I hope those out there who will read this

will say, 'Hey, he's right. We should support this.' We've had a lot of people come through our department as student employees and friends. ... I think this would be a wonderful opportunity for them to recognize where they came from."

To learn more about the University Police Scholarship Fund and find out how to get involved, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation or call 301.687.4161.

Christmas Gift Reflects Love for Family and Alma Mater

by Becca Ramspott

It was Christmastime in 2011, and the Rev. George Harpold and his wife, Phyllis '60, were staring down at a huge box their son, Michael '95, had just handed to them.

"Michael kept telling us, 'This is the best present I've ever bought you,'" George said. What was inside could hardly be contained by a package, or even their hearts, which were bursting with pride, love and gratitude toward their son when they realized it was a scholarship he had created in their name.

"We both cried," Phyllis said. The Reverend George M. and Mrs. Phyllis C. Harpold Presidential Merit Scholarship in Biology supports FSU biology majors who are residents of Allegany or Garrett counties – a

reflection of the Harpold family's history of supporting each other's dreams to pursue an education and employment in Western Maryland, where their roots run deep. Michael used the biology degree he earned from FSU to go on to become a chiropractor.

"In the 51 Christmases we've been married, that was the best gift we've ever gotten."

— Rev. George Harpold

His sister, Lynn '84, completed a degree in chemistry at Frostburg State College and eventually became a veterinarian. Phyllis graduated with her degree in education from Frostburg State Teachers College.

The legacy stretches back even further to Phyllis' aunt, Esther Carter '32, who graduated from Frostburg Normal School and enjoyed an admirable career as a leader in special education. Esther supported her family, including her niece, for many years – taking care of many expenses and even paying Phyllis' way through college.

"I mean, she paid for my lunch. ... She bought my lunch every day. She was our hero," Phyllis said.

Michael was very close to Esther, who passed away from lung cancer just five days before Christmas in 1980. He has recently

established a second scholarship in her honor, the Esther May Carter Education Scholarship, which will benefit local education majors.

The Harpolds appreciate the fact that the Harpold scholarship focuses on helping local students with a preference for academic ability and demonstrated financial need, so they can stay close to home and their families and benefit from parental guidance.

The Harpold Scholarship is also strategic in that it supports students in the sciences who may very well remain in Western Maryland and start careers there, George said.

All in all, it was a Christmas present that will last well beyond that first season, and is one the Harpolds will enjoy for the rest of their lives.

"In the 51 Christmases we've been married, that was the best gift we've ever gotten," George said.

"We have really good kids," Phyllis laughed. The Harpolds have a third daughter named Anita.

To learn more about supporting the Reverend George M. and Mrs. Phyllis C. Harpold Presidential Merit Scholarship, the Esther Mae Carter Education Scholarship or the FSU Foundation, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation or call 301.687.4161.

The Rev. George Harpold and his wife, Phyllis, at right, meet Lindsey Glottfely, center, a recipient of the scholarship in their name. The Harpolds were given a tour of a Compton Science Center lab by lab manager Valerie Fritz, left, and Dr. Scott Fritz, assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.



WFWM Marks 30 Years on the Air

WFWM 91.9, Frostburg State University's public radio station, is celebrating 30 years of service to the University and the Western Maryland area in 2014.

The Federal Communications Commission granted a license to Frostburg State College for a 100-watt, non-commercial, educational FM radio station. WFWM began broadcasting at 91.7 FM in May 1984. From the start, the mission of the station has been to serve as a positive public reflection of the University, to provide experiential learning opportunities for its students and to enhance the quality of life of the local community.

From its humble beginnings in small studios in Compton Hall, WFWM has continued to grow over the past 30 years. In 1992, a small professional staff was hired to train and supervise the student and community volunteers who still serve as most of the station's on-air personnel. A translator station, W242AD, was added in Oakland, Md., to provide coverage in Garrett County.

In 1996, WFWM increased its main transmitter's power to 1300 watts. The boost expanded the station's listening area and required it to change its frequency to the current 91.9. WFWM became an affiliate



member of National Public Radio in 1998. In 2002, WFWM created XFSR, an intranet radio station, to provide additional opportunities for FSU students to gain experience in broadcasting.

As WFWM celebrates its 30th anniversary, it will move into brand new state-of-the-art studios when the Center for Communications and Information Technology opens later in 2014. WFWM's new home will feature five student studios, a recording studio and a live on-air performance studio. The new facility will greatly enhance the radio station's ability to better serve the University, its students and its listeners through the next 30 years.

Since its start, public support has been crucial for WFWM to continue to grow. In 2013, WFWM held successful on-air fund drives that enabled the station to purchase a new transmitter and satellite dish.

To support WFWM, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ ways-to-give/ (specify WFWM) or call 301.687.4161.

— Chuck Dicken '96



Dr. Mary M. Herman Rubinstein, center, gave a significant collection of art to FSU in honor of Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker, right. They are joined by Soderberg-Sarnaker's husband, Benedict.

Artwork Donated From Esteemed Collection Honors Professor

FSU recently got a new infusion of art in the form of a generous gift of 14 works from the Mary and Lucien Rubinstein Collection in honor of the Rubinsteins' friend, Dr. Karen Soderberg-Sarnaker, a professor in the University's Department of Music and director of vocal and choral activities.

Dr. Mary M. Herman Rubinstein, a neuropathologist and senior staff scientist in the Clinical Brain Disorders Branch of the Division of Intramural Research Programs, National Institute of Mental Health, and her husband, Dr. Lucien J. Rubinstein, developed a great appreciation for art and acquired a noteworthy collection over the years, including lithographs, colorful, abstract oil paintings, etchings and other pieces.

They bequeathed part of their collection to Frostburg through the FSU Foundation, Inc. The works will be on display in the Lyric Building on Frostburg's Main Street and in President Gibraltar's office.

President's Residence Made Possible Through Generous Gift

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of retired physician Dr. Suresh M. Shrestha and his wife, Sajani, FSU will once again have a president's residence after a lapse of several decades.

Late last year, Shrestha made an in-kind gift of his home on Bishop Walsh Road in Cumberland to the FSU Foundation, Inc., which will eventually lease it to the University as a residence for the president.

"I am very grateful to the Shresthas for their thoughtfulness and generosity toward Frostburg State University," said President Gibraltar. "This gift will provide benefits for years to come as FSU continues to advance in status among institutions of higher education."

It is traditional for most colleges to provide a home for their presidents, and for many years Frostburg State maintained a president's residence near downtown Frostburg. That building was sold several decades ago, and Frostburg presidents since then have received a housing allowance instead, standard policy for the University System of Maryland in cases when a president's residence is not provided.

The house will be updated, with renovations expected to be complete this summer. Renovations are being funded entirely by gifts from alumni and Foundation board members that were specified solely for that purpose. ■



THE FSU FOUNDATION, INC.

New Named Funds

(as of Jan. 15, 2014)

- Allegany County Opportunity Scholarship
- Esther Mae Carter Education Scholarship
- CCIT Department of Mass Communication Endowment
- CCIT Department of Mathematics Endowment
- Dr. Kelly Hall Doctor of Education Scholarship
- McElfish Family Scholarship
- Dr. Evan H. Offstein and Del Perdew Leadership Scholarship
- Theresa R. Williams-Harrison and Roosevelt Harrison College of Business Scholarship ■

SECRETS OF THEIR SUCCESS

Theodore Roosevelt said it was “knowing how to get along with others.”

Sophocles chalked it up to “effort.” Mark Twain said it was a simple combination of “ignorance and confidence.”

Success – how do you define it?

The formula for “what is success” varies from person to person offering the perspective. It could be the result of opportunities, education, experiences, mindsets or just plain luck.

As an institution of higher learning, Frostburg State University has the objective for all of its students to reach success academically, personally and, as they graduate, professionally. According to a new report, Frostburg is having great success with success.

The top two positioning statements resulting from a recent market study were “Frostburg equips students with the knowledge, skills, experience and confidence they need to successfully launch their careers and charge boldly into the next phase of their life” and “FSU provides students with an engaging experiential learning program of hands-on, out-of-the-classroom learning opportunities.”

These bold statements that Frostburg is successfully helping graduates find careers after giving them “a world of experience” inspired us to look at our alumni and find out how they define success and what role Frostburg played in helping them achieve it.

Profile polled seven alumni from various generations and professional fields and asked them the same questions about success. Their responses were personal, varied and inspiring.



“Success comes when you marry your experience – good and bad – with new opportunities to learn and grow that may force you out of your comfort zone.”

– Barbara Graves '66, Retired Educator

EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Barbara Graves '66

THE FACTS: Barbara Graves is a retired educator from Prince George's and Charles counties where she also worked in supervision and curriculum development. Knowing the importance of mentorship, Graves created and led the Charles County Teacher Colleague Program, in which established educators guide and mentor new teachers. Active with Frostburg alumni functions, Graves received the FSU Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 2010.

PROFILE: How do you define success?

GRAVES: Success is personal. It is not measured by position or reward. It is determined by one's assessment of his or her personal and professional goals. Success comes when you marry your experience – good and bad – with new opportunities to learn and grow that may force you out of your comfort zone. This new challenge may mean you have to reconsider or revise your goals. One of the questions I ask myself to filter my success is, have I left this project/situation/issue better than I found it?

PROFILE: Who or what was a major influence in your success, and why?

GRAVES: College life gave me the academic preparation and several leadership experiences that helped to shape my career. After college, I was fortunate to be mentored by several outstanding professional educators who challenged me to build my capacity as a professional, often moving me outside my comfort zone. As a result, I have enjoyed various experiences and opportunities as an educator and consultant working at the state, national and international levels, as well as in my classroom and school system as a teacher, department chair, supervisor and director.

PROFILE: If you could go back in time, what advice would you give yourself as a college freshman?

GRAVES: Go for it! Step out of your comfort zone and give that experience a try. Do not limit yourself by what others are doing or saying. Develop your options by firsthand experience. GO FOR IT!

PROFILE: What role has Frostburg State played in your success?

GRAVES: Frostburg provided a whole new venue of experience and opportunity. Being involved on campus ... in my sorority, class offices, student government and campus activities provided many experiences for me to learn about myself. Additionally, the relationship with a few professors and then Dean of Students Dr. Alice Manicur was a confidence-building experience. For this reason, I continue to stay involved with FSU as an alum who would like every student to have the meaningful experience campus life has to offer. It can be a springboard to your future success. When I look at my circle of friends, most of them are Frostburg connections, and many have provided ongoing support during my career. One of them is my husband Bill (Graves '65) – another FSU experience. Or was he an opportunity?

THE FACTS: Barbara Kreppel is the retired associate vice president for administrative services at the University of Delaware, where she was responsible for campus facilities and dining and conference services. Previously, she served as director of auxiliary services at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, where she got her master's degree in public administration. At Frostburg, she double-majored in French and social science and minored in political science. Currently, she is a realtor and home stager whose company is called BLK Enterprises.

PROFILE: How do you define success?

KREPPPEL: For me, success is taking satisfaction in doing something well and to the best of my ability whatever the job or challenge. Hopefully, I will be fortunate enough to enjoy what I am doing.

TAKING TIME FOR FRIENDS AND FUN

Barbara Kreppel '75

"My four years at Frostburg were probably the best time to try new things."

— Barbara Kreppel '75
Retired Vice President, University of Delaware



PROFILE: If you could go back in time, what advice would you give yourself as a college freshman?

KREPPPEL: I wish I had taken more time to spend with friends, to get to know the local area and to take some courses just for fun. With academic and work commitments, my four years at Frostburg were probably the best time to try new things and do what I wanted before taking on the serious aspects of a career.

PROFILE: What role has Frostburg State played in your success?

KREPPPEL: When I applied for admission, I planned to teach. By the time I arrived on campus ... I was less certain of a career path. While living on campus, I was exposed to the role of the resident assistants and found that I was interested in what they did and why. The Housing and Residence Life staff was very

encouraging and ultimately I was selected as an office manager and later a resident assistant. The FSU staff's support and this work experience outside of the classroom led me to seek out positions related to campus life. I was offered positions in student housing administration and later in campus auxiliary services.

Living at Frostburg was a great experience for me. It offered me an opportunity to challenge myself academically, to meet lots of different people with many interests, to make my own decisions as an adult and to learn about a new field of interest that would ultimately become my profession.

"Try not to stress so much about exams, schoolwork, etc., because the real stress comes later in life."

— Dr. Mark Nelson '83
Director of The Heart Institute, Western Maryland Health System

GETTING TO THE "HEART" OF THE MATTER

Dr. Mark Nelson '83

THE FACTS: Dr. Mark Nelson is a cardio/thoracic surgeon and director of The Heart Institute of the Western Maryland Health System in Cumberland, Md. A native of the Frostburg area, Nelson is also a noted fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

PROFILE: How do you define success?

NELSON: I would define success as the achievement of carefully planned personal goals.

PROFILE: If you could go back in time, what advice would you give yourself as a college freshman?

NELSON: [I would tell myself to] try not to stress so much about exams, schoolwork, etc., because the real stress comes later in life. Also, friends come and go, but family provides continuity throughout life.

PROFILE: Who or what was a major influence in your success, and why?

NELSON: My parents provided advice and encouragement throughout the formative years, as did my teachers at Beall High School. ... Dr. Paul Hunt (former professor of chemistry at Frostburg State) was a mentor for me in deciding to pursue a career in medicine. Physicians and surgeons at University of Maryland School of Medicine and West Virginia University hospitals helped cultivate my desire for my chosen specialty.

PROFILE: What role has Frostburg State played in your success?

NELSON: Frostburg State has played a huge role in my success. My initial decision to pursue a career in medicine occurred while at Frostburg State. In addition, majoring in chemistry provided a sound basis for the subsequent pursuit of a degree in medicine. In essence, it provided a "launching pad" for further educational endeavors.





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– Leonard Wright '88
IT Works! Programmer/Analyst, Bobcat Hall of Famer

BUILDING AND EXERCISING GOOD CHARACTER

Leonard Wright '88

THE FACTS: Leonard Wright works as a senior programmer/analyst with IT Works! in the Washington, D.C., area. At FSU, he was a member of the 1986 and 1987 National Champion Track and Field teams and made All-American six times. In 2013, Wright was inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame.

PROFILE: How do you define success?

WRIGHT: Success to me is reaching an achievable and desirable target that requires hard work. A target can be a goal or a milestone to a long-term goal. I've found that the more I build and exercise good character, the easier it is to overtake my challenges and reach my targets. I've found that being slow to speak, choosing my words carefully, not judging and being humble are pillars to my success.

PROFILE: If you could go back in time, what advice would you give yourself as a college freshman?

WRIGHT: I would tell myself to dwell on the positives in life. Stay positive in your thinking and everything you do. If you find yourself in a negative situation, challenge yourself to find the positives. There is always a positive. This will help train your mind in creative and innovative thinking. This will also keep you moving forward when times are weighing down on you. Don't sit still to dwell on the negative, and don't allow pride to keep you from asking for help.

PROFILE: What role has Frostburg State played in your success?

WRIGHT: Frostburg State played a significant role in my success by giving me an extraordinary education. I received a marketable degree to use in getting a job in technology within three months of graduating. As a Frostburg athlete, I was able to travel to see

different towns, cities and universities, which has given me a better perspective on the history of our beautiful country. I've developed a network of professional and personal friends. It was the start I needed to not just get my foot in the door but to develop a long career as a programmer/analyst.

PROFILE: What was a major influence in your success, and why?

WRIGHT: A major influence in my success was building a support team. Having someone to bounce ideas off, someone to discuss my challenges, someone to give me a different perspective on a situation and someone to help me understand the things I don't understand was imperative to my success. Having other people in your life will help you get past the challenges in life that are difficult to overcome because of your imperfections. Also, other people will help you smile in the ugliest of situations. Smiling and laughter reduce stress and freshen your mind to rethink the problem at hand.

THE FACTS: Pete Forno is regional sales director for Gigamon, an international company that provides traffic visibility solutions for businesses, data centers and service providers. Forno was a member of the Bobcat football team at Frostburg. He resides in the Winchester, Va., area.

PROFILE: How do you define success?

FORNO: Success is setting goals and achieving them. They can be simple and small or as elaborate as you choose. The most important part for me is ensuring that those goals have a positive and meaningful impact on people around you.

PROFILE: If you could go back in time, what advice would you give yourself as a college freshman?

FORNO: I would tell myself to focus on doing more for other people, to be more considerate of others and to always assume that a person is facing his or her own battles and struggles.

PROFILE: Who or what was a major influence in your success, and why?

FORNO: My parents and my sisters are the most important factor in my success in life. They taught me the importance of working hard, having a positive attitude and always having fun.

PROFILE: What role has Frostburg State played in your success?

FORNO: Frostburg provided me with a strong foundation on which to build my professional experience. My academic program helped to prepare me for my career by giving me the fundamentals of computer science. Additionally, my participation in football at Frostburg strengthened my teamwork skills. Those skills have been critical in every aspect of my professional career. Lastly, the relationships that I built in the classroom and on the field are lasting ones that I hold very close to this day.



TEAMWORK IS CRITICAL

Pete Forno '98

“Success is setting goals and achieving them ... The most important part for me is ensuring that those goals have a positive and meaningful impact on people around you.”

– Pete Forno '98
Regional Sales Director, Gigamon

NEVER GIVE UP

Jill King '05

“When you can look around at what you have and be grateful and happy – to me, that’s ultimate success.”

– Jill King '05
Producer, The Rachael Ray Show



THE FACTS: Jill King moved to New York City after college with dreams of making it in the entertainment industry. A former concert commissioner for the University Programming Council, King was instrumental in bringing a little-known band named Maroon 5 to campus back in 2004. She is currently a producer on the Emmy Award-winning Rachel Ray Show.

PROFILE: How do you define success?

KING: I define success with happiness. When you can look around at what you have and be grateful and happy – to me, that’s ultimate success. I have one of my favorite quotes framed in my office. It’s from John Lennon: “When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down ‘happy.’ They told me I didn’t understand the assignment, and I told them they didn’t understand life.”

PROFILE: If you could go back in time, what advice would you give yourself as a college freshman?

KING: I would tell myself to enjoy the college experience more and not try to rush through it. I was very driven in college and had a radio job that took me away from campus every weekend. It wasn’t until my junior year when I joined UPC that I started having a college experience, and even then, it was like I couldn’t wait to graduate and have a job. Now I miss having my parents put money on my Bobcat card, go to free movie screenings in the Lane Center and late night in the cafeteria.

PROFILE: What role has Frostburg State played in your success?

KING: Frostburg State played a crucial part in my success. I had amazing professors like Dr. (Lindsay) Pack, Dr. (John) Lombardi and Dr. (Robert) Scott. Dr. (Tyra) Phipps’ Mass Communication 101 class helped me realize that changing my major from elementary education to mass comm was the right thing to do. Dr. Phipps’ passion for her students to get excited about television and entertainment was contagious, and I couldn’t wait to get a job after college. Being a part of UPC was also very rewarding. I loved learning how to put on big concert productions with [my advisor, Gary Van Zinderen]. We did amazing shows together like Maroon 5, Sara Bareilles, The

Doobie Brothers and REO Speedwagon. Those nights are some of my most treasured memories from college.

PROFILE: Who or what was a major influence in your success, and why?

KING: Many people in my life have influenced my success. When I worked for HOT 99.5 in Rockville, Md., I had a co-worker who told me, “This industry is hard. You need to think about how many times you can be told ‘no’ before you move on. And if the answer is ‘I’ll never give up,’ then this is the right field for you.” I will never forget that and because I never give up. I guess this is the business for me.

My grandfather was another person in my life who made me want to strive for success. He always believed in me and taught me to always think positive. While positive thinking doesn’t always come easy to me at times, I still always remember to look for a silver lining in every situation. I lost my grandfather when I was just 15 years old, but every day in my successes and in my failures, I always stop to think “Would my grandfather be proud of me?” Hoping to make my grandfather proud has pushed me toward success, and always will.

THE FACTS: Blair Bedford is a production coordinator with Gannett, one of the nation’s largest and most recognizable media and marketing companies with a diverse and recognizable broadcast, digital, mobile and publishing portfolio (including the newspaper USA TODAY). She was previously a music programming coordinator at Viacom for the BET Networks and Centric TV. In her spare time, Bedford is a freelance writer and multi-media journalist for the online publication *Madame Noire*. She resides in the Washington, D.C., area.

PROFILE: How do you define success?

BEDFORD: To me, great relationships and experience are success. If I can impact someone else’s professional and personal life by connecting with him or her and establishing a lasting relationship, I feel that I have succeeded. Since graduating, I have met some amazing professionals who have become not only great networks, but friends.

PROFILE: If you could go back in time, what advice would you give yourself as a college freshman?

BEDFORD: One piece of advice I would give myself is that you are allowed to make mistakes and explore other areas of interest. I went into college thinking I knew exactly who I wanted to be in the years to come, and I focused my attention solely on making that a reality without straying. Now as a graduate, that dream has altered so many times in so many ways. I now realize that if I allowed myself to explore every option college had to offer, I would be better prepared for the changes you face as a professional.

I would also advise myself to be fearless. College is full of possibilities and opportunities, and I wish I had been more courageous earlier in my college career to take risks and enjoy them.

PROFILE: Who or what was a major influence in your success, and why?

BEDFORD: The younger generation of my family is a major influence in my journey to success. They motivate me every day to be a better person, personally and professionally. I want to teach them that hard work, confidence and cultivating authentic relationships throughout life are the way to achieve true success.

PROFILE: What role has Frostburg State played in your success?

BEDFORD: My experience at Frostburg State has proven to be a great chapter for me as I continue to cultivate my budding career in media. Frostburg gave me the sense of leadership I was looking for in myself. From working as president of the National Broadcasting Society and copy editor with The Bottom Line, Frostburg State allowed me to become a leader, make mistakes and prove to myself that I was capable of being a leader in life. ■

“One piece of advice I would give myself is that you are allowed to make mistakes.”

– Blair A. Bedford '11
Production Coordinator, Gannett Media and Marketing



RELATIONSHIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Blair A. Bedford '11

SOWING THE SEEDS OF Sustainability

Advancing sustainability remains at the forefront of FSU's institutional goals, and these advances are being achieved through efforts on many fronts. Read about two ongoing projects that in their own ways are creating a healthier environment for the region and sowing the seeds of sustainability for the future.

From the Ground Up: FSU, Community Plant the Future of Frostburg as Tree City, USA

By Scott McDonough '14

On a cool autumn morning, students from Frostburg State University dropped their papers, pencils and books in exchange for shovels and garden gloves. As part of a Forest Ecology and Conservation Biology class' service learning project, students and community members joined together for a collaborative effort to turn the local area into "Tree City USA," by planting tree saplings along Frost Avenue in Frostburg.

"After FSU became a 'Tree Campus USA', we've been working to make Frostburg 'Tree City, USA,'" said Dr. Sunshine Brosi, an assistant professor in the FSU Department of Biology and chair of the Campus Tree Advisory committee. "It's our way of highlighting sustainability in the community as well as on campus."

FSU has since been named a Tree Campus USA for a second year.

The roots of the project, funded through the Chesapeake Bay Trust, were planted as early as July 1, when an outreach grant was awarded to FSU to promote volunteerism, expand the area's tree canopy and increase awareness

about the environmental benefits of trees to the local urban environment and the larger watershed area.

"We're really excited to communicate the importance of trees, especially in the urban environment," said senior Laura Smith, an ethnobotany major interning with the City of Cumberland Urban Forestry Program and the author of the grant. "They are often overlooked for the work that they do to improve air and water quality." To ensure that the message is conveyed by the Frostburg campus and community, 50 trees were planted along Frost Avenue, much to the satisfaction of Smith, who added, "Frost Avenue will be saturated [with trees]."

Volunteer FSU ethnobotany students will monitor the newly planted trees every two to three months. Signs at multiple planting sites will be used as an educational component of the ongoing project to inform the public about the benefits of the newly planted trees in their neighborhood. These signs will also promote the Western Maryland region's place in the Chesapeake Watershed. Data will be collected and analyzed by FSU students using i-Tree software, which will highlight the importance of allowing trees to reach mature size. Other opportunities for



Students Katharine Pratt, left, and Ericka Randolph prepare a tree for planting, while Brian Vought '94/M'97 from the City of Frostburg, watches.

more in-depth, future study of tree-planting behavior will include community surveys and further observations.

The project will benefit students and the local area, as well as Allegany County and the region as a whole. As students sowed the seeds of sustainability at Frostburg, Paula Munson, who has lived on Frost Avenue since 1976 and has seen a number of mature trees removed in recent years for safety reasons, said, "I think it's wonderful making this street back to being beautiful again. Planting trees gives everybody a sense of ownership. I'd like to see more on every street in Frostburg."

The success of the project and previous tree plantings in the Frostburg area bring FSU closer to its long-term goal of seeing an increased awareness of urban trees' integral role in protecting and enhancing local ecology. The seedlings students and community members planted along Frost Avenue will blossom into fully grown crabapples, eastern redbuds, pin oaks, flowering dogwoods and other trees native to this region. Now, FSU's distinction of being the only campus in Maryland that has adopted a standard of planting native trees and shrubs will grow along with them.



The tree-planting crew paused for a photo. In the front row, from left, are David Fletcher, Ericka Randolph, Katharine Pratt, Grant Smith (behind her), Hannah Goodmuth, Becca Hiller, Alex Cathcart, Cathy Hughes and Anthony Kirby, Jr. In the back row, from left, are Ben Brow, Joseph Linsalata, Jerod Williams, Kamren Jefferson, Mike Ringler, Bryan Whitmore, Ron Troutman, Donovan Daniels, Michael McCampbell and Laura Smith.

Unique Frostburg Grows Project Nurturing More Than Just Plants

by Liz Douglas Medcalf

A project growing on a barren, strip-mined mountaintop a few miles from campus is not only incubating plants like native trees and tomatoes, but it may soon be nurturing small businesses and a healthier environment for the Western Maryland region.

FSU, in partnership with the Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Council, has launched the Frostburg Grows: Grow It Local Greenhouse Project, an innovative program that is converting a reclaimed strip mine and parking lot for FEMA trailers into a greenhouse complex designed to serve multiple purposes.

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

The location features two high-tunnel greenhouses producing abundant yields of foods such as tomatoes, peppers and raspber-

by solar cells. Old highway signs that were donated by the Maryland State Highway Administration have been recycled into planters and water storage tanks.

"One of our main goals is to provide locally grown plants to the community," said project coordinator Corey Armstrong. Teams of volunteers collect seeds, such as acorns from white and red oaks, beechnuts and nuts from black walnut trees, which are then planted and cultivated in the shade house. Special care is taken to make sure the seedlings are adapted to the local climate. Hundreds of seedlings were cultivated in the first year, a number expected to triple in the second year.

"Locally, there's an interest in native plants as well as healthy, available food, and I think we're going to see more of that in the future," Armstrong said. "Right now in the works, we are raising seedlings to eventually plant in stream bank restoration projects, reforestation efforts and on strip-mined areas that really need it – sooner than later."

Increasing the availability of local food began as a secondary goal, but the success and



Hundreds of native tree seedlings were cultivated in the first year, ready to be used in stream restoration and mine reclamation projects.

"Food production wasn't one of our main focuses to start, but it became practical for us to consider because of our overall mission regarding sustainability and our many partnerships," Armstrong said. "One of the things we wanted to do was implement cost-effective and innovative ways to grow produce. We want to be able to teach others in the community ... how to grow healthy food. We began growing tomatoes vertically, nearly one plant per square foot, to maximize fruit production in a given space, as well as revenue potential."

For growers trying to maximize their land's output, the techniques being tested at Frostburg Grows can mean a secure future income.

"These have the capacity to generate anywhere from \$5,000 to \$20,000 a year per high tunnel if you grow high-value crops like tomatoes, raspberries and greens," said Dr. Dan Fiscus, FSU's sustainability liaison and instructor in biology and sustainability courses. "Do the math, and figure that one person could potentially operate four of these single-handedly. You could get a really good annual income, a very lucrative job, a good-paying job for this area."

"Maybe you want to go into the business of, say, growing lavender, which at this point in time is a very hot item in agriculture," said Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "You could work with us, plant seeds and develop your protocol for growing your plants. ... We'll measure the product as it develops and give you as an agricultural entrepreneur a chance to test your ideas."

For information about Frostburg Grows, contact Armstrong or Fiscus at 301-687-3136, or visit www.frostburg.edu/aces/frostburg-grows or search for Frostburg Grows on Facebook. ■



FSU student and Frostburg Grows site manager Nathan Bennett walks among rows of tomato and raspberry plants in the first completed greenhouse.

ries, and a shade house for tree seedlings. Four more high-tunnel greenhouses are planned.

The project is powered entirely by renewable resources: the plants are watered largely by collected rainwater utilizing a solar-heated drip irrigation system, with pumps powered

possibilities are increasing quickly. Frostburg Grows is identifying ways to grow local fruits and vegetables in a greenhouse environment, techniques to be shared with area growers to extend their growing season and make more efficient use of their land.



BOBCAT SPORTS

Fitzgerald Named Football Coach

DeLane Fitzgerald will be FSU's next head football coach, the 13th in the 54-year history of the Bobcat football program. Coming from Southern Virginia University, he was chosen following a national search, following the retirement of six-year head coach Tom Rogish (*see related story*).

"I'm ecstatic to be here, and I can't wait to get to work," said Fitzgerald. "I've always thought, throughout my career, that the Frostburg State University football program is a sleeping giant. We will build a successful program on discipline and competitiveness and we (coaching staff and team) will finish everything we start."

"DeLane Fitzgerald brings to Frostburg State University a true love of the game of football, but even more, a love of teaching football to student-athletes," said President Gibraltar. "His skills are those needed to build a winning program and be a positive, inspiring force to his team."

Fitzgerald comes to Frostburg after coaching at SVU for the past eight years, including the last five as head coach. He was tasked with turning around the Knights, who had averaged just two wins per year over the program's history.

Fitzgerald, who has 24 wins in

five seasons at the helm of SVU, helped the Knights set the single-season school record for wins twice. This past season, he led SVU to a program-best 8-2 record behind a six-game winning streak. The Knights finished the season ranked first in the U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association coaches' poll.

Prior to Southern Virginia, Fitzgerald served for one season as offensive coordinator at NAIA-affiliated Bethel University (Tenn.), two years on the football staff at the University of Tennessee Martin and coached at James Madison University in 2002.

His collegiate career started at Potomac State College of West Virginia University from 1995-96. As a sophomore, he was named team captain and was a Lough Award and Student-Athlete Award winner. At James Madison, he helped lead JMU to an 8-4 record in '99 with a spot in the NCAA Playoffs and a share of the Atlantic 10 Championship. He was twice selected to the Academic All-Atlantic 10 team.

Fitzgerald received his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from James Madison in 1999. In 2012, he earned his master's degree in education from Bethel University.

— Noah Becker

Rogish Retires After Six Years as Head Coach

FSU head football coach **Tom Rogish M'81** announced his retirement at the end of his sixth season of guiding the program.

"I want to thank the University's administration, faculty and staff members and the entire campus community at Frostburg State University for all of its help and support throughout my six years," said Rogish. "I also want to thank my current and former players and the members of my coaching staff for their hard work and dedication to the Bobcat football program. The entire athletic department has been very supportive of the program, and I have really enjoyed my time as the head football coach."

Under Rogish's direction, FSU totaled 45 all-conference selections and nearly 70 academic all-conference honorees between the Atlantic Central Football Conference (ACFC) and Empire 8 Conference. He led the Bobcats to three-straight third-place finishes in the ACFC from 2008-10. In its first year in the Empire 8 in 2011, FSU finished fifth and produced some of the best offensive numbers in the league.

Rogish caps a career that spanned 35 seasons as a collegiate coach. After starting his career at Juniata College in 1977, he has served on the coaching staffs at Lehigh University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Shepherd University before coming to Frostburg in the spring of 2008. He helped lead his teams to 16 NCAA Playoff appearances and a combined 261 wins. 



Tom Rogish M'81



Football Teammates Back Together

These Bobcat gridiron alumni reunited in Baltimore recently and decided to show their Frostburg Pride. From left are **Patrick Hoiler '01**, **Phillip Wagner '02**, **Brent Stum '01/M'04**, **Benjamin Morrow '01**, **Philip Swann '01**, **Christopher Perkins '01**, **Brendan Rath '01** and **Jed Smith '03**.

BOBCATS FIND SUCCESS BY GUIDING OTHERS TO VICTORY

Meade High Names Gym Floor After Retired Coach Butch Young

After 26 years of coaching basketball at Meade High School in Anne Arundel County, Md., and 10 years into retirement, Frostburg alum **Ronald "Butch" Young '61** had his name placed on the gym floor where he guided countless young athletes to victory.

During his overall 36-year tenure in the county, he had a record of 507-321. His tenure with the Meade Mustangs included 16 winning seasons, eight county titles, five region titles and four times as state semifinalists. He retired in 2003.

"I have the highest regard for Butch," John Brady, Annapolis High School's boys' basketball coach, told the Annapolis Capital. "He was the first coach at Meade and put them on the map. He established the tradition over there. He is one guy that I have a great deal of respect for, and this honor is well-deserved."

In bold brown lettering, "BUTCH YOUNG FLOOR" will now be seen by students, players and audience members for decades to come, assuring that the coach goes down in the school's history.

"I really had some good kids here, and I really love the game," Young told the Capital. "I enjoyed coaching all of those years. I never thought of being a legend or an elite coach. I did my job the best I could do it."



Meade Athletic Director David Lanham presents a dedication award to former Meade Coach **Butch Young '61** in December.

Mark Cole/The Capital Newspaper

Two Inducted Into Frederick County Soccer Hall of Fame

Roy Sigler '62 and **John Horine '59**, both Bobcat Hall of Famers, joined another hall last year when they were inducted into the Frederick County, Md., Soccer Hall of Fame.



Roy Sigler '62



John Horine '59

Sigler began a soccer program in Middletown that ran from 1962 to 1967; his program is regarded as the launching pad for youth soccer in Frederick County, with seven original players going on to play NCAA Division I soccer. He spent 12 years as a college coach, eight of those years as head coach at Boston University.

In his Frostburg athletic career, Sigler was known for his assists in soccer, had a four-year match play record of 37-2 in golf, was undefeated in the mile event in track for three years and was winner of the Most Outstanding Athlete Award in 1962. He earned 15 letters total and was the first inductee into the Bobcat Hall of Fame.

Horine coached high school soccer for six years in Frederick County. His teams won two county championships. In 1983, he started the first girls' high school soccer team in the county, and Middletown went 40-8-1 in his four years as coach.

At Frostburg, Horine scored 19 goals in his career, led his team in scoring three seasons and set an all-time Frostburg single-game record, scoring four goals in one half. He was first-team All-South three times and named an alternate to the U.S. team in the 1959 Pan American games. He also ran track for two years and played basketball and golf for one year each. He earned four letters.

— Skye Pinney

Thomas to Lead LaGrange Volleyball



Jamie Thomas '11

Former Bobcat standout **Jamie Thomas '11** has been named new head volleyball coach at LaGrange College in Georgia.

Thomas played four years at Frostburg as the starting right-side hitter and helped lead FSU to four consecutive NCAA tournament trips. She was the captain of the 2010 squad that reached the NCAA Division III Sweet 16, finished the season 34-4 and won the Capital Athletic Conference championship. Thomas graduated with the FSU record for aces in a single match and ranked second in career aces with 237 and 1,532 digs. She received second-team All-Capital Athletic Conference honors during her senior season.

The exercise and sport science major served as a strength and conditioning intern at Frostburg, training all FSU sports teams, as well as personal clients.

Hunt-Shepherd Head Coach of Gettysburg Softball



Annette Hunt-Shepherd M'04

Annette Hunt-Shepherd M'04 has been named the head coach of the softball program at Gettysburg College. She is the eighth head coach of the college's softball program.

From 2004 to 2010, Hunt-Shepherd was the head coach at Ohio Northern University, where she guided the team to three Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) championships and one NCAA regional title. She was named OAC Coach of the Year three times and Regional Coach of the Year in 2009. She has also served as the head softball coach at Pittsburg State University in Kansas and most recently as assistant softball coach and director of the Wilderness Adventures program at Houghton College in New York.

Hunt-Shepherd earned her Master of Science degree in Recreation and Parks Management from FSU.

Thompson to Direct Soccer at University of Hawaii at Hilo




Lance Thompson '95

Lance Thompson '95 has been named the first director of the soccer program at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. He serves a dual role as head coach of both the men's and the women's soccer teams.

Thompson, who was a health and physical education major and played soccer and baseball at FSU, coached the past four seasons in the California Collegiate Athletic Association, including three winning years at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. Most recently, he coached at California State University, San Bernardino, where his team finished 5-5-7 and held opponents scoreless in eight matches in 2012.

Reams Tapped to Coach ACM Men's Basketball

Tommie Reams '12 has been named the new head coach of men's basketball at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland. He had served as assistant coach under the previous head coach. It is his first season as a head coach.

Reams, a health and physical education (kinesiology) major who was recently hired as an instructor at ACM, played football, baseball and basketball for Southern Garrett High School before attending FSU. He was also a catcher for the 2009 ACM baseball team that won the region title and went on to the NJCAA Division II World Series in Enid, Okla. 

DeLane Fitzgerald

Sports Wrap-up

FALL

Men's Cross Country

Highlight: Pat Meade garnered All-Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) honors for the second straight year.

Recap: Frostburg posted four top-10 finishes out of seven meets, including a fifth-place showing at the CAC Championships. The Bobcats capped their season with 34th place at the NCAA Midwest Regional and posted a season-best fourth place at the St. Vincent College Invitational. Senior Meade grabbed All-CAC First Team honors after finishing fifth at the league championships.

Next Season: The future looks bright, as the team loses just one senior (Meade) and could return 13 runners from this past fall.

Women's Cross Country

Highlight: FSU captured eighth place at the CAC Championships.

Recap: The Bobcats captured four top-10 finishes on the season, including an eighth-place showing at the CAC Championships. Freshman Casey Columbus was the squad's top finisher, taking 31st place in 24:24.20. She also led FSU at the NCAA Midwest Regional, crossing the line in 218th place.

Next Season: The Bobcats were without a senior on the roster for the second straight year and could potentially return all eight runners from this past fall.

Field Hockey

Record: 7-13 Overall, 1-5 CAC

Highlight: Alisha Salomon named to All-CAC Second Team.

Recap: Frostburg State posted seven wins for the second consecutive season, including four shutouts and four wins at Bobcat Stadium. FSU led the CAC in saves (204) and finished fourth in the conference in goals scored (47). Freshman defender Salomon was named to the All-CAC Second Team after leading the league with 21 defensive saves.

Next Season: The Bobcats return three of their top four scorers, including their starting goalkeeper in 2014.

Football

Record: 1-9 Overall, 0-7 Empire 8

Highlight: Four players earned All-Empire 8 honors.

Recap: Frostburg posted a last-second win over Case Western (36-33) for the second straight season, finished second in the Empire 8 in rushing offense (156.8 ypg) and placed four players on the All-Empire 8 teams. Senior Darius Arrington was named to the All-Empire 8 First Team for the third straight year, while junior Rowan Pinkett and sophomores Roland Kamara and Marcus Moody were named to the second team.

Next Season: Frostburg could return as many as 20 starters on both offense and defense, including a three-year

Quincy Hegeman earned All-CAC first team honors.



Pablo Torrano earned All-CAC First Team, NSCAA All-South Atlantic Region and ECAC South All-Star honors.

starting quarterback and the Bobcats' top seven tacklers.

Men's Soccer

Record: 13-7 Overall, 4-4 CAC

Highlight: Bobcats advanced to CAC Tournament semifinals for the third straight season.

Recap: Frostburg posted 13 wins, captured the FSU Tournament championship trophy for the second consecutive season and earned a spot in both the CAC and ECAC Tournaments for the third straight year. The senior duo of Chris Jones and Pablo Torrano garnered All-CAC First Team, NSCAA All-South Atlantic Region and ECAC South All-Star honors.

Next Season: FSU will have to replace 13 seniors and its top four scorers as it heads into the 2014 season.

Women's Soccer

Record: 8-7-3 Overall, 4-2-2 CAC

Highlight: Senior Adria Graham and junior Stephanie Fazenbaker repeat as Capital One Academic All-Americans.

Recap: Frostburg posted eight wins, including six at home, advanced to the CAC Tournament and was awarded the NSCAA Team Academic and Ethics Awards, both for the sixth straight season. Five players were named to the All-CAC teams as Graham and junior Quincy Hegeman garnered first team honors. Four players were named to the NSCAA Scholar All-East Region honorable mention team, while Graham and Fazenbaker repeated as Capital One Academic All-Americans.



Pat Meade garnered All-CAC honors for the second straight year.

Next Season: The Bobcats return four of their top five scorers, including five starters as they look to return to the NCAA Tournament next fall.

Volleyball

Record: 7-27 Overall, 3-5 CAC

Highlight: FSU advanced to the CAC Tournament.

Recap: Frostburg finished with seven wins, including three in the CAC, and advanced to the league tournament for the fourth straight season. The Bobcats posted back-to-back CAC wins in mid-October over Penn State Harrisburg (3-1) and Wesley (3-2) and capped the regular season with a 3-0 shutout of Hollins.

Next Season: Despite graduating three seniors, Frostburg will return some key talent across the squad, including this year's leaders in kills and assists. 🐾



Kaitlyn Donch led the women's swimming team with 13 individual wins on the year.



Elaina Hummel finished second in the CAC in scoring and is the 11th highest all-time scorer in FSU history.

Next Season: Peters and Kamau, along with junior Nick Smoot, the team's third leading scorer, all return for their senior years.

Women's Basketball

Record: 8-17 Overall, 3-13 CAC

Highlight: Elaina Hummel finished second in CAC in scoring.

Recap: The Frostburg State women's basketball team won five of its final nine games to finish the 2013-14 campaign with eight wins, the most in four seasons. Senior Hummel led the Bobcats and finished second in the CAC at 16.5 points per game. She capped her career with 1,320 points, good for 11th all-time in school history. Junior Ronje James was second on the team and 10th in the CAC in scoring at 14.4 points per game, while junior Simone Wise was third at 13.3 points per game. As a team, FSU finished third in the CAC at 68.8 points per game and third with 42.5 rebounds per contest.

Next Season: James and Wise return as seniors to power the Bobcats.

Men's Swimming

Record: 2-11 Overall, 0-5 CAC

Highlight: The Bobcats earned sixth place at the CAC Championships.

Recap: The Frostburg State men's swimming team posted wins over Gallaudet (112-89) and Pitt-Bradford (103-87) during the regular season before capping the year with a sixth-place showing at the CAC Championships. Senior Jesse Gregory finished the year with seven individual wins, while sophomore Jonathan Shepard led the team with 10 wins.

Next Season: Shepard will lead a solid core of returning swimmers for the Bobcats.

Women's Swimming

Record: 7-8 Overall, 0-5 CAC

Highlight: FSU posted seven wins.

Recap: Frostburg State finished the season with seven overall wins, including five in January. The Bobcats capped the season with sixth place at the CAC Championships as another school record was established. The 200-yard medley relay team of juniors Kaitlyn Donch, Jaclyn Franzak and Meredith Johnson, along with sophomore Maci Quintanilla, earned fourth place at CAC Championships in 1:55.16 and set the school record for the second-straight year. Donch led the women's team with 13 individual wins on the year.

Next Season: Without the loss of a single senior, the Bobcats return a wealth of talent.
— Noah Becker

Post-Season Awards

Arrington Earns D3football.com Honors

Senior offensive lineman **Darius Arrington** was named to the D3football.com 2013 All-East Region team. A two-time USA Football News Preseason All-American, Arrington started 37 of 40 games during his four years, including nine this past season. He powered an offensive line that blocked for the league's second-best rushing attack (156.8). Arrington was also a two-time USA Football News Division III Preseason All-American.



Darius Arrington

Six on Empire 8 President's List

Six players were named to the Empire 8 Athletic Conference Fall 2013 President's List for their academic success in the classroom.


The six selections, two sophomores and four freshmen, are led by tight end **Josh Burch** (sophomore) and defensive back **Joe Conrad** (freshman). The duo led the group with perfect 4.0 GPAs during the fall semester and both major in business administration. Freshman kicker **Isaac Robinson** posted a 3.786 GPA and is majoring in engineering. Rounding out the six are sophomore kicker **Jake Armstrong** (mass communication), freshman defensive back **Aaron Roy** (secure computing and information assurance) and freshman offensive lineman **Brian Taylor** (psychology). The trio finished the fall semester with 3.769 GPAs.

The six honorees are a school record for FSU through its first three years in the Empire 8. To be named to the list, a student-athlete must earn a 3.75 GPA or higher.

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FSU STUDENTS CLIMBING THE WALLS!



A new climbing facility, stretching across both floors of the Cordts Physical Education Center, was dedicated in November, launched with an activity that had people really climbing the walls. Built in the former squash courts, the new climbing room features interesting new challenges, such as a cliff overhang and a bouldering wall.



OCTOBER 24-27, 2013



The Bobcat Hall of Fame inducted its latest class, from left, Leonard Wright '88, Steve Forsythe '84, Donny Woodard '94, Susan Mahoney Keehan '87 and Kimberly Faust Frantz '03.



Andy Branigan '08, a director on the Alumni Association Board, and his band Driven to Clarity entertain alumni at the Frostburg Finale.



Dr. Fred Surgent, standing, greets Susan Eisel and Baseball Head Coach Guy Robertson.



Alex Mutschler '14, Nick Mills '14, Michele Midgett Mutschler '98 and Mark Mutschler enjoy the Frostburg Finale.



Members of the championship 1973 Lacrosse Team and Pre-Title IX female athletes were honored at Homecoming. From left are Dr. Linda Farver '70, Jan Arnold '73, Ann Ludwig '75, Jim and Nancy Crawley, Pam Hadly Henry-Sievert '75, Janice Morrell-Lippincott '75 and Coach Sharon Irwin.



The football game began with ceremony honoring members of the military, part of the Capt. James A. Graham Memorial Project in honor of the 1963 graduate and Medal of Honor recipient. Pictured before the ceremony are, from the left, Col. Robert Golden III, Col. Donald J. White, USAF '75, President Gibraltar, Karen Chaffee '76, Graham's granddaughter Savannah Graham and son Col. John C. Graham '85.



The Alumni Association partnered with the State Employees Credit Union (SECU) to host the first annual FSU Finale Celebration. SECU representatives Penny Alkire, left, and Deborah Carlomany joined alumni for the night of music, dancing, food and games.

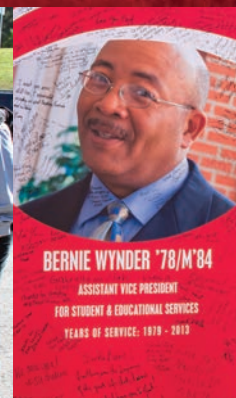


Homecoming Queen Candyce Thomas '14 and King Andy Krehbiel '14.



Coach Bob Lewis and Dr. Suanne Lewis M'86 at the Bobcat Hall of Fame.

... and a good time was had by all!



CLASSNOTES

ClassNotes listed are those received as of January 15, 2014

1965
Jim McAlpine retired after 41 years. His new “occupation” is travel (sans kids) to Europe, China, Egypt and many places in the U.S. He continues to co-author instructional materials in book form and has more than 40 titles in print.

1966
Ed Mullaney retired as downtown manager for the City of Cumberland, Md., after 15 years of service promoting and creating programs to develop Cumberland’s town center.

1973
Stan Soper was recognized as the longest-tenured coach at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va. He has been named the Capital Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in men’s or women’s cross country 22 times, leading the teams to 25 league crowns.

1975
Retired Air Force Col. Donnie White has been selected as a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society, London.
Barbara Wilkins was named the new government relations officer for Anne Arundel County, Md.

1976
Mitch Stoller was appointed executive director of the American Association for Cancer Research Foundation for the Prevention and Cure of Cancer.

1978
The Rev. Dr. Debra Young Powell-Maxwell earned her Doctor of Ministry degree in May 2013.

1981
Dr. Mary Kay Finan M’81 was re-elected vice president of the Maryland State Board of Education.

1982
Dr. Karen Krause Vignare was named associate provost at University of Maryland University College in Adelphi, Md., and will lead the new Center for Innovation in Learning.

Tony Zook has been elected to the board of directors for Inhibikase Therapeutics, Inc., a pharmaceutical company with a focus on fighting infectious diseases.

1983
Rose Kennedy Fagler, manager of Community Relations Florida, Plum Creek, oversees the Envision Alachua community-planning process, which was recently recognized by the Florida chapter of the American Planning Association with its Award of Excellence in Best Practices. Envision Alachua is one of the largest land-planning efforts in the state.

1984
Mark Chandlee was named Calvert County Circuit Court judge. He is a partner in the firm Zoglio and Chandlee.

1986
Joseph Carrabba M’86 was appointed to the Board of Directors of Aecon Group, Inc. He is the outgoing chairman, president and chief executive officer of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

Col. Jeff D’Antonio retired from the U.S. Army. His last duty assignment was in Seoul, Korea. He, his wife and two daughters now live in Hawaii.

Benita Hicks Lance has been a special educator in Prince George’s County (Md.) Public Schools for 18 years. She became a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certified teacher, Exceptional Needs Specialist, in 2012.

1987
Timothy Turner M’93 was granted tenure at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, Md. He is an associate professor of biological sciences.

1990
Dr. Stacey Pancake Boggs M’93 was granted tenure and advanced to professor at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, Md. She is a mathematics faculty member.

1991
Reynaldo A. Evangelista (formerly Singletary) is the 2014 recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Zeitgeist Award, presented at an Anne Arundel Community College event that honored community members who best represent the spirit of the late civil rights leader. Evangelista is a professor of criminal justice at AACC.

1993
Dr. Efrain Avila, Jr., M’96 was appointed to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. He is a professional counselor at Managed Health Network Government Services.

Shiryl Henry Barto was published in *A Public Health Approach to Bullying Prevention* by the American Public Health Association, as author of the chapter,

“Developing Organizational and Educational Capacity for Ongoing Implementation.” Employed by the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the Windber Research Institute, Barto also served as a consultant on the book.

The Rev. Glen Butterworth was ordained a Jesuit priest. He is assigned to St. Joseph Parish in Seattle.

Tara Fazenbaker M’01 was appointed principal at George’s Creek Elementary School in Lonaconing, Md.

William Griggs was hired as a business development officer for BB&T Retirement and Institutional Services. He holds FINRA Series 7, 6 and 63 licenses.

Wendy Moyer Tarr was appointed supervisor of instruction – World Languages and English Language Learners in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Professional Development for St Mary’s County, Md., Public Schools.

1996
Dan Clark M’03 was appointed principal at Northeast Elementary School in Cumberland, Md.

Nicole Olson Cooley was awarded a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Seminary in Louisville, Ky. She also received the Bernice Bean and Gladys Kendall Price Award and the Joseph T. Sudduth Award.

Dawn Scheffel Lewis was named one of the 2013 Next Leaders in Banking by the Maryland Bankers Association, The Warren Group and *Maryland Banker* magazine. The 2013 Next Leaders in Banking award recognizes up-and-coming leaders in the Maryland banking industry.

1997
Cmdr. Tom “Jason” Jones will be taking a position in the summer of 2014 as an international/operational law attorney at the Navy’s International and Operational Law Division at the Pentagon. The division provides legal advice, including international agreements, air and space law, law of the sea and other international law issues affecting the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense interests.
James Kurtz was appointed principal at Windy Hill Middle School in Owings, Md.

Dr. Brian Plitnik was appointed to the position of visiting instructor of music at Potomac State College.

1998
Lisa Rocks M’98 was granted tenure at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, Md. She is an associate professor and practicum coordinator in the medical assistant program.

1999
Dr. R. Lee Viar, IV, M’01 participated in the 2013 Class of the Management Development Program in Higher Education at Harvard University, earning a post-doctoral certificate. He is interim program chair in the College of Business Management at Colorado Technical University and president of ANTSHE, a nonprofit that helps nontraditional students graduate.

Gary Betts was named senior consultant, disability and life, for Sagewell Partners, a Pittsburgh-based benefits consulting firm, charged with providing technical consulting to clients, managing client relationships and developing new business opportunities.

2001
Carlos Mellott was hired as the Maryland State Education Association UniServ director, assigned to the Washington County Teachers Association.

Matt Puffenberger was appointed head football coach for Berkeley Springs High School in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

2002
Leann Behrend Mongelluzzo received a master’s certificate in bilingual special education from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She is a second-grade teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland.

2003
Thomas Striplin M’03 advanced to professor at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, Md. He teaches respiratory therapy and is the department’s director of clinical education.

2004
Dr. Daniel Filer M’06/M’08 graduated from West Virginia University with a doctorate in higher education administration. He is employed by the National Park Service as the partnerships coordinator for the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park. He is also employed as an adjunct instructor for the History and Management departments at FSU. In addition, Daniel is the president of the Foundation for Frostburg, Inc.

2007
Janell Coffman was elected president of the Community College of Baltimore County’s Alumni Association.

Rachel Burkholder Johnson was selected as executive director of the National Safe Boating Council. She was previously the council’s communications director. She has recently earned the title of Certified Association Executive from the American Society of Association Executives.

2011
Katy Barger represented Rocky Gap State Park at the 2013 Maryland State Fair.

2012
Tai Lowry helped Stetson University College of Law win the Florida Justice Association Mock Trial competition. She is a second-year law student at Stetson Law in the Tampa Bay Area. She is also secretary of the Black Law Students Association.

2013
Jonathan Franklin had a design placed in the AMA (American Music Awards) program book. It was an advertisement for Paralyzed Veterans of America.
Carita Logsdon Mills was appointed athletic trainer at Potomac State College of West Virginia University in Keyser, W.Va. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 29
Geography Reunion Dinner
Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St.
6 p.m.

MARCH 30
Baseball Student Athlete Family Reception
Hall of Fame Room
12:30 p.m.

APRIL 26
Baseball Spring Golf Invitational
Fore Sisters, Rawlings, Md.
Noon, Registration
1 p.m., Shotgun Start

MAY 2-3
Alpha Delta Chi 50th Reunion
FSU Campus

MAY 3
Football Golf Outing & Reunion
Golf at Bay Hills Golf Club
Arnold, Md.
Reunion at Armadillo’s
Annapolis, Md.

MAY 10
SpringFest/Alumni Association Senior Send-off
Upper Quad, FSU Campus
11 a.m.-4 p.m.

MAY 22
144th Commencement Ceremony
Cordts PE Center Main Arena
Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Presentation
Tickets required

JUNE 6
Old Main Society Reception
Compton 2nd Floor Atrium
5:30 p.m.

JUNE 7
Golden Anniversary Reunion
Celebrating the Class of 1964 & Before
Lane University Center
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Greatest Couples of All Time
Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St.
8 p.m. - Midnight

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MILESTONES

Marriages

2001

Stephen Cohen married Christina Dabulskis on May 24, 2013, in Ellicott City, Md. The couple resides in Frederick, Md.

2002

Tye Miller married Emily Kenney on June 23, 2012. Tye is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education as a teacher. The couple resides in Cumberland, Md.

2004

Alfonso Motta married Roxana Mondragon on Aug. 17, 2013, in Winnetka, Ill.

2008

Cora Langan M'11 married Phillip Carter on June 30, 2012. Cora is employed by the Allegany County Board of Education. The couple resides in Frostburg.

Brett Noonan married Ashley Ryan on Aug. 16, 2013.

Ashley Barnes married **Allen Peake, III '08** on June 15, 2013.

2009

Holly Bell married Andrew Kesner on Aug. 18, 2012. Holly is employed by the federal government in Washington, D.C. The couple resides in Chantilly, Va.

Brandi Fazenbaker married Ryan Sines on Dec. 13, 2012. Brandi is employed as a service advisor at Patriot Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc., in Oakland, Md. The couple resides in Deer Park.



When **Rebecca Litz '11**, center, married Ben Rishell, four of her six bridesmaids were fellow alums. From left, **Rachel Burke Johnson** is first, **Jamie Thomas '11** is third, **Brittany McVeary '11** is sixth and **Kierstin Stevenson '11** is seventh.

2010

Dylan Shives married Krista Gordon on Oct. 12, 2013.



Sasha Werner married Blaine Leasure on Aug. 17, 2013. Sasha is employed with the Maryland Parole Commission as an institutional parole associate.

2011

Stephanie Carney married **Matthew Jones '11** on Oct. 13, 2012. Stephanie is employed by Kent Soil and Water Conservation District in Chestertown, Md. Matthew is employed by his family's busi-

ness, Lester C. Jones & Sons, Massey, Md. The couple resides in Millington, Md.

Rebekah Litz married Ben Rishell on Sept. 14, 2013. *See photo above.*

Jennie Elizabeth Miltenberger married **Nicholas Sefcik '11** on Sept. 22, 2012. Jennie is employed as a financial analyst at Wells Fargo in Frederick, Md. Nicholas is employed as a first-grade teacher at Cedar Grove Elementary School in Germantown, Md. The couple resides in Frederick.

Births

2000

Courtney Kissell announces the birth of her daughter, Madeline Marie, on July 25, 2013.

2002

Melissa Hoover Persak announces the birth of her daughter, Emery Amanda, on Sept. 26, 2013. She joins her older sister, Madilyn June.

2007

Jamie Schell Echefu M'09 and her husband, **Mandela M'12**, announce the birth of their daughter, Adaeze, on May 2, 2013.

Farewell and Thank You

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

William Griffith, maintenance, maintenance aide II, joined FSU in 2000.

Michael Kamauff, maintenance, mechanical trades chief, joined FSU in 1996.

Dr. Stephanie Pack, assistant professor of educational professions, joined FSU in 1994.

Maureen Palardy, instructor of educational professions, joined FSU in 1989.

Dr. Thomas Palardy, professor of educational professions, joined FSU in 1973.

Dr. Keramat Poorsoltan, professor of management, joined FSU in 1986.

Thomas Rogish, head football coach, joined FSU in 2008.

Dr. Arthur Siemann, associate professor of kinesiology, joined FSU in 1992.

James Steele, groundskeeper, joined FSU in 1994.

Dr. Joyce Wheaton, professor of educational professions, joined FSU in 1981.

Sandra Youngblood, housekeeping supervisor II, joined FSU in 1980.

Retirements from September 2013 to February 2014. ■

Friend of Frostburg

FSU lost a good friend with the passing of **Woodward D. "Woody" Pealer** who died Jan. 21, 2014, in Sun City Center, Fla.

His name will be familiar to anyone who has enjoyed performances in the Pealer Recital Hall, which was named to honor him and his wife, Virginia, in recognition of their generosity to FSU and its students. Since 1990, the Pealers have helped countless students, especially non-traditional-aged students, through the Woodward and Virginia Pealer Scholarship.

In 2009, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from FSU in honor of his lifetime of accomplishments and service.

A native of Cumberland, Pealer was a business leader and judge of the Maryland Tax Court who served his community and country in a wide variety of ways. He held leadership roles in the Ali Ghan Shrine Temple, Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, Sacred Heart Hospital and the Cumberland Lions Club. He served instrumentally in the County United Fund, the Salvation Army and Central YMCA.

Pealer served his country with honor; he flew 55 combat missions with the 12th Air Force, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster. He had an audience with Pope Pius XII.

FSU benefitted from his care and concern for many years, and his legacy will live on in our students.



Woodward Pealer



The Rev. Edward Chapman

The Rev. Edward "Bo" Chapman, who died suddenly on Feb. 16, 2014, was a long-time adjunct faculty member of the FSU Philosophy Department and friend of the University. He was the pastor of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cumberland, Md. He was known for mentoring students in his "Contemporary Ethical Problems" course, offering insights from his dedication and work in the clergy. "His joyful presence will be sorely missed in our department and community, while his kindness, devotion and erudition will continue to inspire us," his colleagues in the Department of Philosophy noted. Bo was the loving husband of **Mary Ann Chapman** of the FSU Department of English.

Elsie Delaney, who passed away in Frostburg on Aug. 29, 2013, had a long career working the circulation desk at the Lewis J. Ort Library. Having a large family of her own, Delaney was also known as "mother" to many Frostburg students. She forged relationships with them as they checked out books or stopped by just to say "hello." In her lifetime, Delaney donated 80 pints of blood to the American Red Cross and wished that people would continue to support this cause in her memory.

Alumni

1936 Elizabeth I. Flake
Oct. 20, 2013

1940 Betty J. Schneider Haselwood
June 27, 2013

1941 Pauline Forsyth Piraino
Oct. 15, 2012

1942 Dr. Robert J. Shockley
Jan. 13, 2014 (*see back cover*)

1943 Eleanor Miller Valentine
July 21, 2013

1944 Anna M. DeVore M'69
Dec. 24, 2013

Thelma Close Fuller
Sept. 24, 2013

1946 Nancy Gibney Binkley
July 8, 2013

1949 John D. Kelly
Aug. 2, 2013

1951 John E. Frank M'65
Sept. 16, 2013

1953 Anna Nelson Crowe
Jan. 13, 2013

Mary E. "Libby" Straw Malamphy
Oct. 28, 2013

Raymond Ralston
June 4, 2013

1955 Lois "Peg" Neilson Kesner
Aug. 7, 2013

1956 Robert DeWayne Eckstine
Nov. 22, 2012

Ethel Houck Stambaugh
Dec. 21, 2013

1957 Ronald L. Sheally
Nov. 25, 2012

Joseph G. Steen
Aug. 24, 2013

1961 Sandra Dillon Grandstaff M'68
Oct. 12, 2013

Patricia Tabler Russell
Jan. 31, 2013

1962 Mary A. Kelly
April 9, 2013

1963 Ralph E. Folk
Jan. 4, 2014

Nancy Diaz Foreback
June 20, 2013

Charles J. "Jim" Williams
Dec. 19, 2013

1964 Emilie Korzybski Dembeck
April 2, 2012

1965 Bernadine Devine Friend
Aug. 7, 2013

Dr. John A. Hamilton, Jr.
Oct. 23, 2013

1968 Marlyce Rustad Parker
June 4, 2012

1969 Thomas W. Armbruster
Dec. 15, 2013

Wayne D. Morton
June 11, 2013

1970 Barbara A. Newlon
Nov. 6, 2012

1974 Deborah A. Barringer
Jan. 12, 2014

John F. Chisholm, Jr. M'74
Dec. 19, 2012

Patricia A. Kennedy
June 1, 2012

1975 Michael E. Tipton
Dec. 9, 2013

Richard J. Williams, Jr. M'75
Nov. 1, 2013

1976 Dr. Howard T. Bausum
Jan. 11, 2013

John C. Calgelia
Jan. 31, 2013

Phillip B. Hitchings
May 8, 2013

Gerald L. Thrasher
Nov. 8, 2013

1979 Joseph Leon Miller
Sept. 26, 2013

1980 Rev. Richard W. Andrews
July 3, 2013

Richard L. Armentrout M'80
Feb. 21, 2013

1981 C. Lynne Henrichs Chick
Nov. 4, 2013

Steven H. Shaw
April 9, 2013

Gary K. Wilson M'81
Nov. 20, 2013

1982 Lea A. Pfluger Flaim
Dec. 6, 2012

Vincent A. Ignatius
Oct. 24, 2013

1984 John W. Ott
Feb. 8, 2013

1985 Thomas M. Rowan
Dec. 9, 2013

1986 JoNile Crabtree
March 28, 2012

Bernard Williams, Jr. M'88
May 28, 2013

1987 James A. Chase
Jan. 19, 2013

1988 Kevin R. Baer
Oct. 17, 2013

1989 Dr. Jayme Wilson Bussell
June 12, 2013

Karl Edward Goslin M'89
Dec. 7, 2013

1990 Peter H. Miller M'90
Sept. 24, 2013

1992 Charles R. Player, III
Dec. 26, 2013

1993 Heather Rustad Parker Burrows
June 21, 2013

Steven F. Mehlman
Sept. 9, 2013

1994 Albert W. Keener
July 17, 2013

William L. Volk
Nov. 23, 2013

1995 Maj. Robert G. Leatherman, Jr.
Oct. 2, 2013

2001 Marietta Schmitt Mullen M'06
Nov. 5, 2013

2004 Ronald J. Appleyard M'04
Dec. 21, 2012

Friends of the University

Donald D. Boldon
Dec. 3, 2013

Thomas M. Daley
Dec. 7, 2013

Donna Taraborrelli Derr
Dec. 4, 2013

Gwendolyn D. Price Gillis
Dec. 7, 2013

William A. Lashbaugh
May 9, 2013

Dr. Sarah M. Regan
July 15, 2013

Mary Martha Burke Salathe
Nov. 19, 2013

Dr. Sikander L. Sandhir
Nov. 19, 2013 ■



SURPRISE SAE PILGRIMAGE

While in Chicago for the wedding of their Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brother **Alfonso Motta '04**, at left (see related item above), his groomsmen **Kristopher "KC" Connor '05**, rear, and **Chris Gonzalez '01** surprised him with a trip to the Levere Memorial Temple, SAE's national headquarters in Evanston, Ill. There they received a tour of the building, museum and chapel from **Jason Andrick '97**, the SAE Foundation's associate executive director, then shared Frostburg memories over lunch.

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DREAM ACHIEVED

Every Frostburg diploma represents a journey and a destination. Some journeys are just longer and the route to the destination more complex. Such is the case of **John Keating '13**, who, at the age of 70, reached his destination – and his lifelong goal – of a bachelor's degree. His achievement and the response from his classmates at commencement created a moment to be cherished by all.

As names were being called, the audience slowly took notice of the grandfatherly graduate, white hair peeking from beneath his mortar board, wearing a royal blue academic stole denoting military service. The applause slowly built as he approached President Gibraltar for his scroll and handshake. It grew into thunder, punctuated by whistles and cheers, as the entire assembly became aware of the special moment they were witnessing. By the time the new graduate had stopped to pose for his photo, the crowd was on its feet. The standing ovation continued as he made his way around the edges of the arena to return to his seat.

Keating's journey to that diploma is a testament to perseverance. It began with his first college classes in 1966, early in his service in the U.S. Air Force. Over the course of that 20-year career, he and his family were restationed 14 times, but he continued to pick up courses wherever he could. Following his military retirement and busy with a career in the computer industry as a senior systems engineer, he put his dream of a degree on hold, but he ensured that both of his sons would earn theirs.

When he finally retired, he and his wife, Mary, decided to live in Frostburg, a beautiful place that's "kind of got everything," where Keating had spent many a summer with his extended family. And with a University right in town, he figured it was time to join his sons as college graduates.

"You could say it was on my bucket list." He collected his years of credits and took the classes necessary to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Studies with a focus on computer science and business, areas of interest for which his career left him well-prepared.

What he was completely unprepared for, on the other hand, was the reception – and attention – his simple act of crossing the stage to pick up his diploma would generate.

"I was amazed. Shocked. Astounded. It was an honor I didn't expect."

There is a story behind every journey to a Frostburg degree. Thank you, Graduate John Keating, for reminding us of how special that journey can be – and for proving that dreams do come true. ■

John Keating receives his diploma from Dr. Gibraltar during December's Commencement ceremony.







“Big Man on Campus” Leaves Big Impact



Dr. Robert “Joe” Shockley ‘42

From all accounts, **DR. ROBERT “JOE” SHOCKLEY ‘42** was a big man on campus. Flipping through the yearbooks of that era, one can sense his presence in the photos – a young man with a big smile, ready to change the world. When Joe passed away on Jan. 13, 2014, at age 92, he left the world in a better place. In his career as an educator and later assistant superintendent for Prince George’s County Schools, Joe touched many lives.

He and his first wife, **Thelma ‘45** (affectionately known as “Tommy”), knew the importance of giving back to their alma mater and created a scholarship to help FSU students in the performing arts. Their children have renamed it the **Dr. Robert Joseph and Thelma M. Shockley Endowed Scholarship** to honor both of their parents.

After Tommy’s death, Joe and his second wife, Patria, continued to support the Shockley legacy and often returned to campus for Golden Anniversary celebrations and friendly visits. Former FSU President **Dr. Catherine Gira** established a friendship with Joe – one that would last until his death. “Joe was wise beyond measure,” recalls Gira. “In recent years, Joe and I corresponded via email almost daily. ... I miss those emails. I miss those smiles, that soft voice, the twinkle in those eyes. And I shall ever be grateful that this remarkable alumnus of Frostburg State became a close and cherished friend for well over 20 years.”

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