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When she tired of the bureaucratic monotony of her primary care practice in 2014, **Dr. Beth Smolko** embarked on a new challenge: providing health care in rural Haiti. There, in destitute and difficult conditions, the director of Frostburg's PA program rekindled her love of medicine.

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Dear Bobcat Alums, Parents and Friends,

Welcome to this edition of *Profile*. Frostburg State University has always been about transforming lives. From its inception in 1898, there was a clear need for a school in Western Maryland that would be the place of opportunity for many families whose parents aspired for their children to get the college education they themselves could never experience or afford.

Today's generation of students is in as much need of support during college as previous generations, if not more. In this issue, you will read about Student Support Services, a federal program that is one of our key supports for students. SSS is celebrating its 45th anniversary on campus this year. We continue to provide academic tutoring and advising to keep students on the path to graduation. However, we are dealing with a greater need for first-year students to transition successfully from high school to college in terms of study habits and time management. There are mental health challenges as well for many students, including overcoming loneliness and making new friends (beyond the smart phone!). FSU, like so many colleges and universities, invests time

and people to help students navigate college life. We monitor class attendance and student self-reports about how they are doing and reach out to those who need our attention.

For students who successfully make the transition into college, the importance of career readiness grows. I am extremely pleased that so many of our alums want to give back to their alma mater and get involved in mentoring and advising our students who are thinking about life after college. As a first-generation college student myself, I recall my parents being supportive, but they also told me that – other than telling me to work hard and stay motivated – they were unable to offer me much advice on career goals. A number of our alums have decided to step into that role. Career Summit is a vehicle to help guide the FSU student toward life after college. You will read about the proactive approach



our alums, working with faculty and staff, are taking to ensure our students are prepared for job interviews and to present themselves and their accomplishments in a positive light. We know that securing that ideal career position in today's competitive market goes beyond the course transcript and includes activities and internship experiences outside of the classroom. Opportunities for our students to network with FSU alums are crucial for student success.

I very much appreciate your efforts to stay connected and help our students follow your path to success!

Stay in touch, and Go Bobcats!

Cordially,

Ronald Nowaczyk, Ph.D.
President



President Nowaczyk speaks at the launch meeting of FSU's Excellence in Academic Advising project task force, a broad-ranging group of faculty, staff and students.

Leading the Way in Advising

Frostburg State University was selected to be one of only 12 institutions nationwide involved in the first-ever cohort of the Excellence in Academic Advising initiative. As part of this process, FSU will examine and enhance student advising services in recognition of the close link between quality academic advising and retention.

FSU faculty and staff secured a grant to support the two-year effort to improve academic advising so that students' abilities are aligned with the best disciplinary areas of study and graduation rates are improved.

ON THE COVER: Student Support Services has been providing the bridge to success for students at FSU for 45 years. Some of the current SSS students are, front row from left, **Judith Insilo** and **Kristen Illig**; second row from left, **Andrea Constant**, **Kelsey Saylor '18**, **Gaby Perez Torres** and **Brandi Binkley**; and third row from left, **Kameron Brooks**, **Kenneth Faulkner** and **Shawn Wall**.

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CAMPUS NEWS



Human Services Edu has recognized FSU's **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY** as one of the best and most affordable counseling programs in the nation for 2019 and one of only two recognized in Maryland.



OnlineMasters.com has ranked FSU's MBA as one of the **BEST ONLINE MBA** programs nationally, as well as one of the best for health care management, for 2019.



FSU's online **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE** has been ranked 21st by Affordable Colleges and 11th by the SR Education Group for 2019.



Our online **MASTER'S IN RECREATION AND PARKS MANAGEMENT** is ranked second in the U.S. by GetEducated.com.



PA faculty members **Dr. Matt Beckwith**, left, and **Doug Brown** learn to use the Anatomage table.

Demand High for New Physician Assistant Program

Frostburg's new physician assistant program that is being developed has proved to be very popular. More than 400 applicants have already applied for the 25 spots in the program to be offered at USM-Hagerstown. It has received approval from USM and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and it is currently undergoing the extensive disciplinary accreditation process. The program anticipates enrolling its first class in May.

The PA program is a testament to collaboration, offered at the USMH Agnita Stine Schreiber Health Science Center, a facility provided through a partnership with Meritus Health System. FSU is also partnering with Western Maryland Health System and other area health care providers.

New VP for Enrollment Management

FSU has established a new position of vice president for Enrollment Management, naming **Arlene Wesley Cash**, most recently vice president for Enrollment Management at Guilford College in North Carolina, to the office.

Bringing together Admissions, Financial Aid, the Office of the Registrar, Programs Advancing Student Success, the Center for Academic Advising and Retention and TRIO programs, Cash will bring a student success focus to FSU's enrollment initiatives.

"This position consolidates important support services for students who are considering Frostburg and throughout their college careers, with the aim of being more intentional and efficient in our student support offerings," said President Nowaczyk.

"Ms. Cash comes to us with valuable experience in all these stages of a student's college career and a record of student success and engagement."

Cash began her duties in mid-October and has been working to get to know Frostburg's faculty, staff and students and its campus culture, as well as identifying the ways Frostburg departments work together to support a student's progress.



Arlene Wesley Cash

New Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Dr. Kim Hixson has been named the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Hixson comes to Frostburg from Utah State University, where he was department head for the Journalism and Communication Department.

Hixson has a long career as a corporate communications specialist, an academic department chair in two regional comprehensive universities and a state representative in the Wisconsin legislature. He has been responsible for radio and television station programming as department chair, and he has a strong commitment to vibrant liberal arts education as a participant in Association of American Colleges and Universities Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) initiatives.

He has been active in networking with alumni and community members to strengthen the academic units he has served.

His Ph.D. in journalism is from Southern Illinois University, with a bachelor's degree in advertising and writing and a master's degree in professional writing from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



Dr. Kim Hixson

Frostburg and Johns Hopkins Collaborate on Vapor Sensor Technology

Vapor sensors are critical for modern life, monitoring industrial processes, ensuring air quality, detecting security threats and even aiding in medical diagnostics. One emerging technology offers great promise for cheaper, more versatile vapor sensors: organic semiconductors (OSC). Unfortunately, OSC vapor sensors are not quite ready for widespread use.

Dr. Wudyalew Wondmagegn, FSU associate professor of electrical engineering, and Dr. Howard Katz, professor of materials science and engineering at Johns Hopkins University, are combining their expertise to improve OSC vapor sensor tech. Their collaborative inter-university research project is supported by a three-year \$438,463 grant from the National Science Foundation, approximately \$160,000 of which will fund research at FSU.

"Dr. Katz's team, they have done a lot in this specific area," said Wondmagegn. "I am kind of new in terms of these sensors right now, but I have been working on organic transistors for a long time. My research background is organic semiconductors ... designing transistors for flexible displays and diodes."

OSCs are small, simple, inexpensive to produce and as mechanically flexible as plastic. However, environmental factors like heat, humidity and other gases can degrade the current OSC vapor sensors in as little as a few hours, causing readings to drift. That drift renders them unreliable in most real-world situations.

Wondmagegn and Katz are developing strategies to overcome or counteract those drifting outputs.

"We will be trying to achieve devices and circuits that detect gases with much better performance than we have now," Wondmagegn said. "That's the goal: to advance the current technology to a new level."

The two teams will test changes to the materials and design of individual OSC vapor sensors to optimize performance, collaborating regularly to refine their improvements.

At FSU, Wondmagegn's students will deploy computer models to simulate those sensors in service. Wondmagegn and his team will then design circuits of sensors to preserve sensitivity while minimizing output drift.

At JHU, Katz's team will physically produce various OSC sensor designs and collect experimental data on actual sensor performance over time.

The research project will also include STEM outreach efforts to high school students, both in Western Maryland and in Baltimore.

— Robert Spahr '13



Dr. Wudyalew Wondmagegn, an engineering faculty member, center, with his students, **Nicholas Baicar**, left, and **Spencer Hamblin**, will deploy computer models to simulate vapor sensors as part of a National Science Foundation Grant in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University.

Freese Awarded Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Leadership Award



Josiah Freese

Josiah Freese, a senior Wildlife and Fisheries major, is a winner of the 2018 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's Wildlife Leadership Award.

The program awards a \$3,000 scholarship to college juniors and seniors chosen for their leadership ability, dedication to wildlife conservation and scholastic achievements. Freese is one of only 12

students nationwide to receive the award.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's mission is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife, their habitat and the hunting heritage. The Wildlife Leadership Award was established to recognize, encourage and promote leadership among future wildlife management professionals.



From left are **Leon Wyden**, **Dr. Dorothy Campbell** and **President Nowaczyk**.

FSU Presents at The Registry

Members of FSU's leadership team were part of the annual conference last fall for The Registry, an organization that matches seasoned higher education professionals with colleges and universities seeking interim appointments to top executive positions. The conference focuses on the changing landscape in higher education and how institutions like FSU are responding.

FSU, which has worked with The Registry over the past several years, was invited to present a panel of speakers to an audience of nearly 150 presidents and other higher education executives. The topic focused on diversity and the recent strides FSU has made in hiring more women and people of color to senior administrative positions.

Presenting were two Registry members at FSU, **Dr. Dorothy Campbell**, who was interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences throughout 2018, and **Dr. Boyce Williams**, who is in her third year as interim dean of the College of Education, along with President Nowaczyk, Vice President for University Advancement **John Short** and Vice President for Administration and Finance **Leon Wyden**. Nowaczyk led the team by setting the broad context for leadership, diversity and inclusion.

Residence Hall Improvements Continue



The newly remodeled Annapolis Hall reopened to students this semester, featuring a full kitchen on the first floor, new lounge furniture and newly reconfigured bathrooms – all of which are now lockable single-person facilities. Residents of Cumberland Hall have been relocated into Annapolis to make way for the next phase of renovations, which are already under way. Cumberland Hall is expected to reopen in fall 2019. Construction on FSU’s brand-new residence hall continues to proceed on schedule for an anticipated completion in 2020.



Before spreading out to clean up the neighborhoods of Frostburg, Big Event participants gathered to recognize **Alex Giles ’94** (center, holding plaque) and the 1993 SGA Senate, which created the Big Event 25 years earlier.

Even Bigger Event

The Student Government Association Big Event at Homecoming, the annual activity in which student groups clean a designated street after Homecoming, turned 25 years old in 2018. This event started during the 1993 FSU Homecoming when the SGA Senate realized this would be a great opportunity for the campus community to build a stronger relationship with the Frostburg community.

For the 25th Anniversary, 1993 SGA President **Alex Giles ’94** came back to Frostburg to take part in this initiative. The 2019 SGA Senate honored Giles and the 1993 Senate with a resolution acknowledging the impact the event has had over its existence. Current SGA President **Benjamin Forrest** presented Former President Giles with a ceremonial copy of the resolution.



Students Present Study Documenting the History of African-Americans in Western Maryland

In December, students in **Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas’** sociology courses presented their work documenting Western Maryland African-American history with the Jane Gates Heritage House at the Appalachian Regional Commission’s Teaching Project in Arlington, Va., where they met up with some alumni as well. From left are Rogers Thomas, **Logan Thomas ’09** (ARC Staff), **Stephanie Ray**, **Davani Cooper**, **Kristen Logsdon**, ARC Federal Co-Chair **Tim Thomas**, **Kirsten Hedrick**, **Davonntae Washington**, **Ngozi Alia** and **Keith Witt ’96**. Student reps will also present their work at this year’s Appalachian Studies Association Conference in Asheville, N.C.

Professor’s New Book Unveils the Dangerous Hidden Game Lurking Online

From the days of ancient Greece, persuasive communication – rhetoric – considered invalid arguments as being not worthy of consideration or study.

Then came the internet.

Trying to use a traditional rhetorical argument with an internet troll is an exercise in futility, as the trolls delight in chasing their targets with threats and mockery. But a new book argues that these techniques should be studied just as regular rhetoric is to increase understanding.

In her new book, *The Internet as a Game*, **Dr. Jill Morris**, an expert in formal rhetoric, details where and how real online harassment campaigns have been organized, and she explains when and why their targets were chosen. Morris argues that rhetoric experts – rhetoricians, as they’re called – must begin studying those unrhetorical techniques commonly found online so they can cover them in classrooms.

“There’s this huge movement right now that nobody has studied yet,” said Morris, an associate professor of English and Foreign Languages. “Just because the things that are happening online are not traditionally rhetorical doesn’t mean they are not effective. ... It’s not enough to point at it and say, ‘It’s bad.’ We need to figure out how it works.”

The Internet as a Game begins that process, building on the work of other rhetoricians to offer a new framework for critically examining internet argumentation. Here it is presented as a game, guided by procedural rhetoric, the argument a game presents about the way the world works through its underlying rules and procedures.

By examining real-life online harassment campaigns that took place between 2006 and 2015, Morris unmask and defines some of the rules, techniques and processes used to organize online strangers into loose “adhocra-



Dr. Jill Morris

cies” built around the “game” of harassing their common foe.

While today’s students may not understand the organizational methods used by online harassers, Morris says many of her students have already seen online harassment play out.

“They need to be aware of what things can cause harassment,” Morris said. “... It’s especially important if you are going to work PR for a company that the things you’re posting to your company’s website and Facebook page aren’t going to get you slammed.”

It was as an undergraduate that Morris first became interested in internet argumentation and trolling. She was running a website from her dorm room when a troll set his sights on her. From harassing emails to contacting her university, even attacking her at other sites across the internet, the troll was unrelenting. Her interest was piqued not long afterward when she realized that any nuanced arguments she posted online were either ignored or mocked.

Her new book synthesizes decades of research, experiences as a web designer and lifelong internet user, and best practices that she has honed in physical and digital college classrooms.

The Internet as a Game is written primarily for an academic audience, but it is a valuable book for all who want to understand why they have been targeted for online harassment, how that harassment is being organized and by whom. As the world increasingly moves online, that understanding becomes more and more crucial every day.

Published by Parlor Press, *The Internet as a Game* is available from the publisher or from online and local booksellers.

— Robert Spahr ’13

Award-Winning Faculty Author Andy Duncan Publishes New Book

From a gallows in 16th-century England to a show in 1920s New York City, from the mythical Big Rock Candy Mountain to “Beluthahatchie” – the next railroad stop past Hell – award-winning author and faculty member **Andy Duncan** takes readers on a dozen fantastical adventures to real and imagined settings in his new book, *An Agent of Utopia: New and Selected Stories*.

For his third collection, Duncan’s editor declined to gather his latest stories, opting to create something closer to a “greatest hits” collection. *An Agent of Utopia* features two new stories alongside 10 of the author’s favorite previously published tales from 1997 to 2012.

While no two stories are alike in plot, setting or character, Duncan noted that all of the stories are united by a loose thread: things that bother him.

“John Kessel, one of my mentors, told me ... ‘You can’t help it. You wind up always writing about things that bother you,’” Duncan said. “Race bothers me. Religion and faith bother me. And politics bothers me. ... Who has power and who does not? The struggle between the haves and have-nots. Who’s in and who’s out? A lot of these stories are about people who are breaking boundaries ... rattling cages.”

Many of the book’s fictional stories sprang from actual historical events, personalities or oddities that somehow got stuck in the back of Duncan’s mind.

“Something has to lurk in my head for months or years before I eventually realize what the story is, and it coalesces around it like the pearl around the grit of sand,” he explained.

An Agent of Utopia, published by Small Beer Press, is available from online and local booksellers.

— Robert Spahr ’13



CAMPUS HONORS

Dunmyre Awarded USM Elkins Professorship

Dr. Justin Dunmyre's passion is to help students succeed at learning, and he wants to train and support his colleagues in methods to help their students succeed, too. It is that passion that earned Dunmyre the prestigious Wilson H. Elkins Professorship, an endowed professorship from the University System of Maryland.

"Many students come into my class, and they are used to having instructors talk at them for 50 minutes, but in here, we're asking them to learn to solve problems on their own. That can be scary," said Dunmyre, an associate professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics.

Using an inquiry-based approach to teaching, students become active participants in their learning, focusing more on developing skills rather than on transmitting information, he said. It requires that students DO something rather than just take notes, explore rather than memorize.

In Dunmyre's case, he organizes classes in two ways – group and whole class discussions.

"When students are in groups, they generate and build reasoning. That's where they work through problems and ask questions. It's guided reinvention of math concepts," Dunmyre said. Once students have worked through problems, they come together as a whole class to talk about what they discovered and then relate that to the standard math language they will hear in the outside world, he said.

To implement such an intense method of teaching, Dunmyre developed the Learning Assistant Program (LAP). Learning assistants are student employees available in each class, as well as Sundays through Thursdays in the tutoring lab. They answer questions and help students who might be stuck on some aspect of their problem solving.

"Students will ask questions of the learning assistants more readily than they will ask a professor," Dunmyre said.

Because LAP has achieved such great results, other Frostburg faculty, including those from other departments, want to learn how to implement the methods.

The monetary support of the Wilson H. Elkins Professorship will cover training interested faculty in the inquiry-based approach to teaching, as well as carefully choose and train exceptional learning assistants to support those faculty.

"We can't ask students to pay tuition, textbook costs and a course fee to cover all this. We have to keep costs low for students, so we had to find a way to pay our learning assistants, as well as incentivize faculty to completely redesign their classes over their summer," said Dunmyre about the significance of the Elkins Professorship.



Dr. Justin Dunmyre



John Brewer

Three Employees Honored With Staff Awards for Excellence

John Brewer '90, assistant director of Facilities, Planning/Construction and Housekeeping, was honored in the Exempt (salaried) employee category. An employee for 18 years, he reconstructed the Housekeeping Department and has worked on projects such as the new stadium/press box, public safety building and the Education and Health Sciences Building. Brewer also plays a significant role in his community through numerous organizations, including the Accident Zion Lutheran Church, and as the Fishing Tournament director, Little League vice president and coach, a member of the Garrett County Fair board of directors, 4-H volunteer and youth soccer coach.

Stacy Arnold, IT Data Control supervisor, won the award in the Nonexempt Employee category. She is one of the few people on campus who interacts with all members of the campus and community, from students and parents to food vendors both on and off campus. Knowledgeable about multiple systems, she maintains the database for meals, Bonus and Bobcat Dollars, building access and library codes. Arnold often must work into the evening on weekdays and continues her work on weekends to make sure everything is functioning properly.

Mark Williams was recognized in the Nonexempt Employee/Facilities/Maintenance category. A multi-trade chief I in the Physical Plant since 1998, he can fix just



Stacy Arnold



Mark Williams

about anything. Williams oversees a large majority of the work orders that the Multi-Trade Shop receives. He is called upon regularly to consult on various issues that arise on campus. In addition to his fine work on campus, he has been involved in the volunteer fire service for more than 33 years, currently serving as the deputy chief and financial officer for the Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Celebrating Faculty Mentors

Outstanding Mentor Awards were presented to **Dr. Paul Bernhardt**, Psychology, **Dr. Daniel Moorehead '01**, Sociology and **Dr. Thomas Sigerstad**, Management, at this year's Career Expo luncheon.

Bernhardt, an associate professor of psychology, was nominated by **Melanie Rowe-Partridge '11**. Bernhardt was acknowledged for his hard work and dedication to have his students understand his material and succeed in other areas as well. "As an advisor, Dr. Bernhardt was inviting and invested in our success. After taking several of Dr. Bernhardt's classes, I can say that I truly appreciated his commitment to



Dr. Paul Bernhardt



Dr. Thomas Sigerstad

teaching, focus on material and overall enthusiasm in his role as a professor and advisor," Rowe-Partridge wrote.

Moorehead was nominated for his outstanding teaching and support for his students by **Laura Nichols '09**. "He was so endearing and truly cared about students. He was always there to talk if you needed it, whether it be about school work or not," Nichols wrote. He also strives to make a "learning community" in his classrooms, and he genuinely wants his students to succeed. Moorehead is also involved in school committees, such as the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Handbook Subcommittee.

Nicole D'Atri '08 nominated Sigerstad for his excellent teaching skills and genuine support for his students in and outside of class. "Putting aside what I learned from Dr. Sigerstad in the classroom, he also helped me grow as an individual. He saw my discomfort at public speaking and pushed for me to be more involved. He helped me build confidence through our many one-on-one meetings," she wrote. Even today Sigerstad still makes himself available to his former students, she said.



Dr. Daniel Moorehead



Lisa Clark

The Outstanding Mentor Award is presented by the Career and Professional Development Center.

Lisa Clark Honored With Civic Engagement Award

Lisa Clark, director of the A STAR! AmeriCorps program, was selected as the winner of Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic's Civic Engagement Award for 2018.

"For Maryland's four westernmost counties, Lisa serves as a catalyst for bringing people, organizations and neighborhoods together to work toward collaborative solutions to the many challenges facing our 21st-century communities," said **Bill Mandicott**, assistant vice president of Student and Community Involvement.

As director of A STAR! Clark oversees 130-plus AmeriCorps members across 22 partnering agencies while serving as an ambassador and recruiter for FSU. The Civic Engagement Award recognizes her contributions to the development of civic learning and engagement in Western Maryland.

Professor's Documentary Competes in Queen City Film Festival

A documentary film, "Life's a Stage: The Gwen Lehman Story," by **Annie Danzi**, an assistant professor of communications, was accepted by the seventh annual Queen City Film Festival in October. Danzi directed an all-student crew of 30-plus during three years of production. The mass communication students on Danzi's crew gained real-world experiences as camera operators, associate producers, editors and more.

The film focuses on the career of Gwen Lehman, who devoted 47 years to teaching performing arts at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, Md. In high school, Danzi herself studied under Lehman.

"This film shines a light on a remarkable, magnetic educator and the issues that the arts face in the American public-school system," Danzi said. "Working with FSU students on a film about education seemed like a perfect fit to me, and we all learned so much throughout the process."

The film has been submitted to other film festivals and will be aired on Maryland Public Television at a future date.



Communications Assistant Professor **Annie Danzi**, center, interviews the topic of her documentary, teacher Gwen Lehman. Student crew members are, from left, **Thomas Gailey '15**, **Ryan Serio '15**, **Aubree Telck '15**, **Andrew Richardson '16** and **Shalaan Powell '15**.



Latta Receives Third Individual Artist Award

Physics professor **Dr. Greg Latta** has won his third Individual Artist Award from the Maryland State Arts Council. He was recognized in the category for Non-Classical Music: Solo Performance.

In addition to teaching physics, Latta is a singer, songwriter and award-winning performer on the hammered dulcimer, banjo, guitar, Irish bouzouki, cittern, harmonica, recorder, Appalachian dulcimer and concertina. He is also host and producer of the radio show "Just Plain Folks," which can be heard Saturday afternoons on WFWM, 91.9 FM, FSU's public radio station.

ALUMNI NEWS

Books by Alumni

Consecrated: A Woman's Guide to Virtuous, Liberated Love
Shellee Mitchell '88

Mitchell, an ordained pastor, challenges the stigma that a woman's principles are compromised if she wants to be confident, empowered and sexy with her mate. Mitchell specializes in women's issues and oversees a women's ministry. Mitchell also wrote *Divine Madness*

in 2006, a novel about a single mother with no one to turn to but God, who is determined to become the woman God says she is rather than whom she sees in the mirror.

What Was, What Is, What Is to Come: An Eye-opener for People of all Ages, Nationalities and Religions

Gary Downton '72

Downton shares his thoughts from God concerning the creation and how it relates to His love for us as His creation. Because God's creation is ongoing, Downton also shares insight on what God plans for the near future in all its variety. ■



FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow FSU Alumni:

I am excited to start a new year with the Alumni Association Board or Directors. We look forward to working with the University, alumni and students. We want to extend an invitation to everyone to come back to the FSU community we all know and love. There are many events planned for 2019, including our first Homecoming in NCAA Division II. We hope to see you all there!

This year, one of our focused initiatives is to connect alumni with current students. FSU alumni have so many experiences to share with students – mostly good and some bad – that create a learning opportunity for others. During this exchange, it provides alumni who are willing to participate a link back to the 'Burg. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4068.

FSU has many exciting changes coming this year. I encourage everyone to stop by, attend an event, make a gift or assist in recruiting new students. When you come to campus, bring the kids! I am always amazed at how excited my young son is to be on campus. FSU has a great past and, with help from our alumni, can continue to have a great future.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Alumni Board, please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Jason VanSickle '98



Jason VanSickle '98

Burke Honored as Under-30 Literary Champion



Patrick Burke M'14

Patrick Burke M'14, who was an Irish graduate assistant for the Children's Literature Centre in the 2013-14 academic year, was recently named by the International Literacy Association (ILA) as one of their 30 Under 30 literacy champions across the globe.

"We are incredibly proud of Patrick, but not surprised," said **Dr. Barbara Ornstein**, professor emerita and co-director of the Children's Literature Centre.

The 30 Under 30 award is given to leaders in literacy education. In Burke's case, his award-winning

research on literacy integration across the curriculum caught the attention of ILA.

Burke arrived at FSU through the University's study abroad partnership with Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland.

"It was a genuine pleasure to have been able to work with so many children and parents through events like Pirates Ahoy and Storybook Holiday," said Burke of his time at Frostburg. "I am envious of everybody who had the opportunity to attend the Harry Potter Book Night recently. It is another example of the incredible energy and imagination that the CLC and FSU staff bring to their work in the community."

Burke is now a faculty member at Mary Immaculate College working toward his doctorate at Dublin City University.

Bringing Books to the "Desert": Alum Launches Project LIT Chapter



Amanda Baldwin Kremnitzer '08

Project LIT is a nationwide movement that is addressing the issue of "book deserts," communities where children have little access to books that will help them develop literacy skills that will be the foundation of their education. It was started by a high school teacher in Nashville and has been picked up by teachers nationwide.

Amanda Baldwin Kremnitzer '08, an English teacher at Tuscarora High School in Frederick, Md., launched a chapter of Project LIT last year when she recognized that Tuscarora's feeder schools lack libraries.

At Tuscarora, Project LIT takes the form of a book club covering topics relevant to the students, and generally outside the realm of the typical English class assignment. Topics can be difficult or controversial – past topics have included hate crimes and ethnic identities – and the book club creates a place where debates and honest conversations can happen, an exploration that grows from the books they read.

Kremnitzer hopes to expand the club to other county schools and other teachers. Learn more at sites.google.com/fcps.org/thspojectlit or on Twitter and Instagram @THS_PROJECTLIT.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ripple Effects From Frostburg Experience Push CEO Bielski Toward Success

By Sherry White

With an annual revenue of \$11.6M and three-year-growth of more than 1,000 percent – yes, one thousand – there's no surprise that Ripple Effect is being ranked time and again as one of the nation's fastest-growing companies.

"How did this happen? I guess you just hire amazing people, support them and get out of their way!" posted founder and co-owner **Amy Kelsch Bielski '97** on the company's social media account.



Amy Kelsch Bielski '97

Ripple Effect, a woman-owned small business based in Rockville, Md., was ranked No. 467 in *Inc.* magazine's annual rankings of the fastest growing private companies in the nation and No. 15 in Maryland. *Washington Business Journal* ranked it at No. 41 in its 75 Fastest-Growing Companies list.

With 150 employees, the company provides services for private, government and nonprofit entities in the areas of research and evaluation, policy and project management and communications and outreach.

Many of these employees are Ph.D. scientists who chose to leave the research field in favor of affecting programs and policies.

Bielski worked for various consulting firms prior to starting Ripple Effect.

"I saw that how the business was run really impacted the staff's ability to perform their jobs at the highest level," said Bielski of her employment with other consulting firms. "Everything from hiring and training to simple office space influenced how the staff performed, so I decided I could offer something better to both staff and clients."

Bielski credits her time at Frostburg State for helping build a foundation for success. As a student, Bielski was a business administration major and noted that her academics laid a groundwork of knowledge. Professors such as **Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi** and other faculty and staff provided thoughtful guidance to her throughout her FSU years.

Outside of class, Bielski said her involvement in numerous student organizations added to her classroom instruction, especially the former GOLD Program (Generating Opportunities for Leadership Development), which encouraged students to attend weekly leadership training, participate in the hall council, work on committees and become involved in other activities.

Recalling her leadership roles in student organizations, "I wish I could do this as a job; I'd be awesome at it."

As a parent of college-age children – she and husband **James Bielski '97** have two daughters – Amy Bielski knows exactly what advice to give to current Frostburg State students: Seek out experiences.

"Experiences teach us who we are and what our place is in this world," said Bielski. "We spend a lot of time in our careers – too long for it to be the wrong career – so get out there and experience as much as possible to see what's the right fit." ■

Following Through to Honor Fallen Classmate

When the Class of 1966 was honored in 2016 for the 50th anniversary of its graduation, one seat was left vacant. The gesture was to honor their classmate, **1st Lt. H. Douglas Martin '66**, who was killed in action in Vietnam. Members of the class were presented anniversary medallions, and one was included for Martin. **Bob Lakenan '66**, **Dave Schrodel '66**, **Jim Richardson '66** and other classmates decided they wanted to find any of Martin's surviving family members to present them with the medallion. It took more than two years, but Schrodel finally located Martin's older brother, Dick. They invited him to a luncheon in February, where they presented him with a shadowbox containing the medallion and a photo of his brother's name on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.



Those who gathered to honor Doug Martin are, front row from left, **Diana Pennington Schrodel '67**, **Carolyn Smith Roy '67**, **Dennis Baker '66** and **Bob Lakenan '66**; back row from left, **Dave Schrodel '66**, **Bill Roy '66**, **Jim Richardson '66**, **Dick Martin**, **Bob Young '66** and **Paul Helm '66**.



Doug Martin's brother Dick, left, shown with **Bob Lakenan**, holds the shadowbox commemoration.

Join the Conversation!



Join **Shannon Gribble '98** and **Brooke Kirchner** via Facebook for **Thursday Night LIVE** from the Alumni Center at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month.

Ask questions, share comments or just watch for an update on what's going on at FSU.

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▲ In September, a group of alumni from the 1980s gathered in the 'Burg to celebrate more than 30 years of friendship and a love for the place that brought them all together. To show their support of current students, they made gifts to the Unfinished Business scholarship.

◀ Alumni of the kinesiology and recreation programs gathered on campus in September with their families for a cookout, departmental demonstrations and to cheer on the Bobcats.



The Alumni Association hosted a series of alumni gatherings last summer at three major league ballparks: Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore, above left; the Pirates' PNC Park in Pittsburgh, above right; and Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. The Bobcat pride was overflowing as alumni from all decades joined to cheer on their teams.



Meet Your New Alumni Board Members

STEVEN GLASBRENNER '18

Staff Accountant
Squire, Lemkin & Company, LLP

Accomplishments/Activities: President of Accounting Association, Commencement speaker, PNC College of Business Presidential Merit Scholar Award, Student Alumni Ambassador

What is your favorite FSU memory? Having the opportunity to play college basketball in my hometown and dressing as the mascot for the Office of University Advancement!

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a board member? In my time as a board member, I hope to strengthen the connection between students and alumni. I want to be a resource for students as they transition from college life to the real world.



KATIE MORGAN '15

Foreign Military Sales
Program Analyst
RBC Inc.

Accomplishments/Activities: SGA President, President's Leadership Circle, Alpha Sigma Tau

What is your favorite FSU memory? The people. The connections I made at Frostburg have become the people I rely most on in life. They are the ones I celebrate my accomplishments with and those I turn to when I need a shoulder to cry on. I don't know where I would be without them.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a board member? I would love to connect more alumni together. We are truly a force to be reckoned with and have a lot of potential for greatness. Frostburg connects us all and to be able to turn around and give back to an institution that formed us and gave us a home for years is truly rewarding.



MARY BISCOE-HALL, ESQ. '12

Litigation Associate
Attorney

Semmes, Brown & Semmes, P.C.

Accomplishments/Activities: President of SGA and Delta Zeta National Sorority, vice president of Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, member of President's Leadership Circle, Student Alumni Ambassador and SafeRide Driver. Following Frostburg, I attended the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and graduated in 2015. I serve on the Board of Directors for the Baltimore Teacher Supply Swap. I also serve as the risk management advisor for FSU's chapter of Delta Zeta National Sorority. In April 2018, I was honored by FSU and received the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

What is your favorite FSU memory? I have so many favorite memories. Aside from eating endless Chik-fil-A with my sorority sisters, I have two favorite memories. First, receiving the Pillar of the Community Award during my senior year. Receiving this award was a great culmination of my Frostburg experience. Second, having the opportunity to represent FSU at leadership conferences in Prague, Czech Republic, and Dubai, UAE.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a board member? I hope to facilitate a deeper connection between alumni who are mildly or not at all involved and the University. Many alumni want to stay connected with the University, but they do not know how. It is important that we as board members become a conduit that leads our alumni back to FSU.



recent trips to Africa where I summited Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, and Machu Picchu, and making plans to take on Mt. Aconcagua.

What is your favorite FSU memory? Some of the friends I met in Diehl and Gray halls during my freshman year whom I am still friends with today.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a Board Member? I would like to work to strengthen the connections between the University, surrounding community, students and alumni. We all have a common bond, and I hope we will continue to identify opportunities in which to engage with all audiences.

GLENN WAYSON '14

Owner, State Farm Agency

Accomplishments/Activities: Leading my fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, to success and becoming a leadership ambassador at the summer 2012 Sigma Alpha Epsilon Leadership School. I was the first Frostburg SAE to receive this distinction; only 16 in the whole nation were chosen that year to help run the leadership school with the staff.

Favorite FSU memory: My favorite memory of Frostburg was the blizzard of spring 2010. I created a lot of great friendships being snowed in with my roommates for a week and exploring the town, even though we had to walk in the middle of the streets because the snow was too high on the sidewalks.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as a board member: One thing that is already in the works in my committee is helping students navigate post-college employment. But first we have to help them get there, show them the dos and don'ts of an interview. I have talked to many students who are frustrated that they can't find a career that they are passionate about that can also provide a decent life for their family. I want to help fix that and steer them in the right direction.



ED HEROLD '83

Entrepreneur and
Business Owner

Principal, Edward F. Herold, Jr., CPA, LLC

Accomplishments/Activities: Successfully established a self-sustaining financial services business operating for over 28 years providing small businesses and individuals with a wide range of services. Having my own business provides time for other passions, including philanthropy, serving on nonprofit boards, participating and completing countless marathons, century bike rides, duathlons and triathlons with the goal of completing an ultramarathon in 2019. What also fuels my personal and professional drive is creating and collaborating with charitable and nonprofit organizations, "paying it forward," including ECHO, with a mission of providing education to children in Vietnam, The Team 1000 project to provide funding for arts programs in Washington, D.C., Annapolis Green promoting environmental stewardship and the Herold Family Scholarship at FSU. An avid traveler with





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During Homecoming, the FSU Foundation hosted the Leadership Donor Reception, which featured students from the Vocal Jazz Ensemble and classical guitar soloist Paul Zimmerman. The reception celebrated the philanthropy of leadership donors and highlighted our continued need for support to provide life-changing experiences for our students.



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Humble Standout Memorialized in Tennis Locker Room Dedication

By Robert Spahr '13

During Homecoming, Frostburg dedicated the women's tennis locker room in memory of **Lea Pfluger Flaim '82**, a natural athlete and Bobcat tennis star. Flaim, who passed away in 2012, taught physical education for decades at St. Columba School in Oxon Hill, Md.

Flaim's siblings made the dedication possible. They were inspired by a chance encounter with an old picture.

"I was thinking I'd like to do something for her, even if she was not big on having things done for her. I thought about a memorial scholarship or something," said brother **Kurt Pfluger '80**. "One day when I was on Facebook, up popped this picture of Lea and the team.

"I said, 'This is like divine intervention. Bingo. This is what I should do.'"



Kurt Pfluger '80 and his wife, Bonny, cut the ribbon to dedicate the Bobcat women's tennis locker room at Homecoming.

Kurt learned from the FSU Foundation that the Pflugers could dedicate the locker room in their sister's memory. Once he discussed the idea with his family, a plan was made.

The Pflugers knew how much tennis meant to their sister. Her siblings recalled

"We used to just hit balls and duck. She was naturally gifted."

—Len Pfluger

watching her grow from an easy-to-beat kid into an almost unstoppable force.

"In high school, she played volleyball, basketball and tennis, but tennis was her main thing from an early age," said Kurt. "When she got to probably 12 years old, I could no longer beat her."

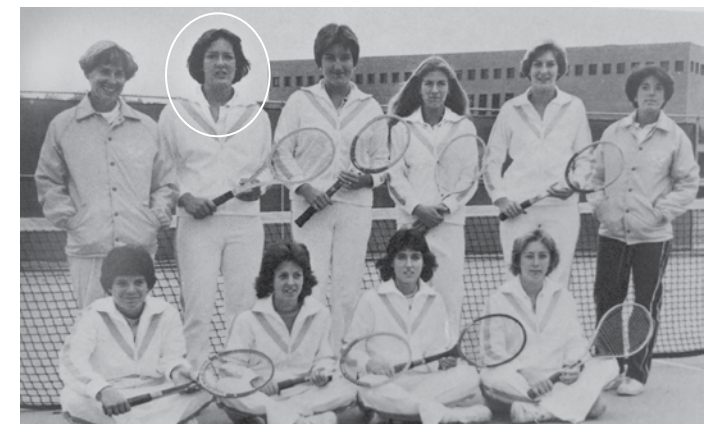
"We used to just hit balls and duck," said Len Pfluger, Flaim's twin brother. "She was naturally gifted."

Despite her natural skill, Flaim wasn't one for the spotlight – a trait the Pfluger siblings were reminded of by their sister's former tennis coach, **Nancy Crawley M'70**, who attended the dedication and talked about her former player.

"She said, 'I wanted Lea to be the number one player, but she never really wanted to be number one,'" said Kurt. "That sounds to me just like Lea."

"She didn't want to draw attention to herself," agreed Diana Pfluger, Flaim's younger sister. "She was a little shy."

The Pfluger siblings agreed that the locker room, tucked at the end of a hallway, was the perfect place to honor their humble sister.



This yearbook picture showing **Lea Pfluger Flaim '82**, in circle, on the Bobcat women's tennis team, inspired her brother to support the program that had meant so much to her.



Kurt and Bonny also funded the tennis complex's new scoreboard. It can simultaneously display live statistics for matches on all six of the recently resurfaced courts.

"I know she would have originally said, 'Don't do that,'" said Kurt. "I think when it's all said and done, if Lea went to take a look at it, she'd say, 'All right, actually this is pretty cool. Now let me get out of here!'"

To inquire about naming a space on campus, contact John Short, executive director of the FSU Foundation, at 301.687.4068. ■



Diana L. James '74 ~ 1952-2017

Scholarship Honors Memory of Friend who Took the Artist's Path

By Robert Spahr '13



Diana James '74 and Lisa Caplan Dane '74

Lisa Caplan Dane '74 arrived at Frostburg State College in a nontraditional way, transferring in as a junior in 1972. Housed in Cumberland Hall, she soon met a rising artist who'd taken the traditional path to college: **Diana L. James '74**.

"She was my RA, but we were the same age," Dane said. "She had one of those positive draws to virtually anybody she met. I was lucky to become a good friend of hers because we had similar interests. ... We immediately clicked as friends over a shared love of music, horses, hiking, art and travel."

The friendship soon deepened, and by Commencement it had broadened to include Dane's future husband, **John H. Dane '73**. James was a bridesmaid when the Danes married in June of 1974. When the Danes' children were born, she became a de facto aunt.

Their friendship persevered across the distance. Sometimes they visited one another. Other times they traveled together.

"It was fun for us to look at each other's lives," said Dane. "I had a more traditional path after college; she had the artist's path. There's something good about both. She had the independence, but I had the security, children and so forth. We sort of benefited from sharing both of those things."

James chose her artist's path deliberately. She had majored in art education. For a time, she taught art near her hometown of Aberdeen, Md. After a stint in Albuquerque, N.M., in the 1980s, she moved to Chicago. There, she found her talents in demand, painting commissioned artworks for celebrities, set pieces for noteworthy theatre companies, decorations for the Chicago Bears' headquarters and even period-appropriate wall designs for a commemoration of the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition.

When James moved to Central Texas to care for aging family members, she resumed teaching art at the Museum of Western Art and Shriners University and earned her MFA from San Francisco's Academy of Art in 2013.

In 2014, James' passions drew her back to the high desert landscapes of Albuquerque, where she lived her final years.

"She was very happy in Albuquerque. She had a horse, her dogs, her cat and a good life there," Dane said. "It was the open skies and ridges of mountains in the distance, and the sense of freedom. It was really where her soul was, I think."

After 46 years of friendship, James' and Dane's paths converged for the final time in

Albuquerque. Dane was present when James passed away on July 31, 2017, surrounded by loving friends.

As Dane mourned, she contemplated ways to keep her dear friend's name alive.

"With people who are so humble, there's often not a name attached to their life's work," Dane said. "Diana James was a very special person, and her name needs to go on. I chose Frostburg because this is where we met, our beginning, our common ground where we evolved into separate women."

Dane recently established the **Diana L. James '74 Art Scholarship**, which is open to full-time Frostburg students majoring in performing, visual or fine arts, as well as education majors seeking to teach in those disciplines. The first James Art Scholarship will be awarded this fall.

Those criteria align with James' artistic passions.

"Diana also acted and sang," Dane explained. "In high school, she had the lead role of Guinevere in *Camelot*. Her voice was superb – at one point she actually went off and joined a rock band. ... I like the fact that this scholarship could help someone keep propelling their dream, whether it's singing on stage, painting or teaching children. These are all things that I think best represent who Diana was."

Moving forward, James' scholarship will help generations of aspiring artists pursue their own passions – a fitting tribute to the woman who never stopped pursuing hers.

To explore starting a scholarship, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation or call the FSU Foundation at 301.687.4068.

To honor or memorialize a classmate or loved one on Frostburg's Wall of Honor, contact Shannon Gribble '98 at 301.687.4068. ■



Golden Spirit by Diana James ►

COMPASSION, LOVE AND COURAGE:

CLC HONORS CHILDREN'S BOOKS CELEBRATING THESE QUALITIES

By Sherry White

Compassion, love and courage – three qualities we try to instill in children. These are also the three attributes that the Children's Literature Centre celebrates in its annual CLC Book Award.

In its seventh year, the CLC award for 2018 was presented to author Caron Levis for her book, *Ida, Always*, a book about friendship and loss as told through the story of two polar bears. In addition to the 2018 winner, six other titles have the distinction of displaying the CLC Book Award insignia on the front cover.

"Our goal is that this would be the kind of book award that people will see in a bookstore – they will see the Newbery, they will see the Caldecott, they will see this seal on books that have been recognized by us," said **Dr. Emily Milleson**, assistant professor of educational professions and co-director of the Children's Literature Centre.

Created in 2012, the annual CLC Book Award honors a children's picture book that embodies the attributes of compassion, love and courage.

"Picture books provide the foundation for learning to read and write, transform aesthetic appreciation, refine social and personality skills and enhance imagination and cultural

understanding," said **Dr. Barbara Ornstein**, professor emerita and CLC co-director.

Nominees for the award are authors who are at the beginning of their careers.

"It's important for new authors to get feedback that what they're putting out into the world is being received and that the tone of their book is being seen as having admirable characteristics," Milleson said. One winner, the author of *Joone*, called her award a "life highlight," she said.

To qualify, authors must have fewer than three published works and must be published in the United States. Nominated books must also be in print at the time of the award, and only titles published within three years of the award are eligible.

Once nominated, local teachers, bookstore owners and librarians form the judging committee. The committee evaluates each nominated book based on quality of writing and illustrations as well as its ability to inspire readers.

The winning author is then honored at an annual award banquet, receiving \$500 and a crystal commemorative award.

A highlight of the banquet is the opportunity for the author to speak about the creative process taken in writing the book.

After the award is given, the Children's Literature Centre strives to cultivate and main-



tain relationships with the winning authors and their publishers.

"These authors are part of us now. We follow their careers, and when they write a new book, it's really kind of nice to see how many more they've published," said **Dr. William Bingman**, professor emeritus and co-director of the Children's Literature Centre.

In response to the growing fame of the CLC Book Award, the Children's Literature Centre has seen more publishers seek out the Centre for critical reviews, in turn allowing the Centre to have more input in the publishing industry. The Centre also noted an increase in authors seeking information on how to be nominated for the award.

Created in 1982, the Children's Literature Centre, housed in the College of Education, creates opportunities that give children, families, educators and teacher candidates direct access to children's authors, illustrators and a wide variety of quality children's literature. The Centre hosts a variety of events throughout the year that engage young and old alike, including the Storybook Holiday and Pirate's Ahoy! events in downtown Frostburg, the Harry Potter Book Night at Ort Library and the Spring Festival of Children's Literature, a two-day conference held every spring offering professional development opportunities.

The Children's Literature Centre is supported by the FSU Foundation. To add your support, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation or call 301.687.4068. ■





Ben Oelke and Michael Schoelen '14, Lead Geospatial Systems Administrator, Library of Congress



Wayne Scott '89, Senior Director, Internal Audit, SourceAmerica, and **Ivana Rematt**



Amy Kelsch Bielski '97, CEO, Ripple Effect



Dr. Jennifer Patterson Moroney '95, Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation



Justin van Fleet '02, President, Theirworld, and Executive Director, Global Business Coalition for Education



Nathaniel Langford and Joshua Trenum

FIRST STUDENT-ALUMNI CAREER SUMMIT A BIG SUCCESS

By Robert Spahr '13

A lot of wisdom and experience resides with Frostburg alumni. Frostburg students are on the verge of launching careers and could use some of that wisdom and experience. Now, the FSU Career Summit is harnessing the power of those who have “been there” to help those who are on the way up.

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor even a two-hour snow delay could keep 52 well-dressed students from boarding the bus to Washington, D.C., for the first Career Summit – an event designed to facilitate their college-career transitions. The Bobcats departed before dawn on a bleak mid-November morning.

Within an hour, campus had closed for the day. Yet with dozens of alumni waiting for them just blocks away from the White House, hosted by **Wayne Scott '89** at Universal Service Administrative Co., the Bobcat contingent pushed on. That made a strong first impression on the alumni.

“They are so driven – I would never have gotten out of bed on a snow day to come to an event in D.C.!” said **Mike Schoelen '14**, lead geospatial systems administrator for the Library of Congress’ Geospatial Hosting Environment.

Of course, those students had already spent weeks preparing for this special opportunity.

“The Career Summit was meant to give students a diversified skill set to compete in the job market or in applying to graduate school,” said **Dr. Joan Andorfer**, a professor of political science who helped organize the event. “That began with two on-campus activities about professional dress, etiquette, networking and individual résumé guidance provided by several local alumni.”

Their prep work paid off.

“I hope I came off as half as experienced as these guys are,” Schoelen said of his undergraduate days.

“I think this program is really neat,” said **Jocelyn Quade '16**, a quality engineer at

Northrop Grumman. “I wish it’s something I could’ve done while I was at Frostburg. They asked a lot of good questions – things I know I was wondering about when I was graduating, looking for a job and moving out on my own.”

Some of the students took a close interest in the experiences of younger alumni like Schoelen and Quade, while others gravitated toward the insights of alumni further into their careers.

Emma Duncan, a junior double majoring in political science and international studies, found inspiration from the unique career journey of **Joe Lambert '79**. Lambert was director of information management for the Central Intelligence Agency until his 2017 retirement, capping off a distinguished 33-year career. He majored in business administration.

“Maybe the plan I had in my head when I started my undergraduate career was not actually what I’ll end up doing, and that could work out even better,” Duncan said.

That realization – that remaining flex-



Stephanie McKnight-Bailey '03, MFM, MBA Contracts Officer, Federal Aviation Administration, and **Jessica Johnson-Clay**

ent ways I can do that,” said **Ngozi Alia**, a junior majoring in health science.

Ben Oelke, a senior environmental analysis and planning major, was pleased to realize there is no right or wrong path.

“Just because Plan A doesn’t work out, that doesn’t mean Plan B is bad,” Oelke said, who for now has not changed his career goal.

The students’ forward-thinking mindset impressed the alumni. **Joe Records '06**, an

for a more vibrant alumni community in D.C., found the Summit to be a rewarding experience.

“It was a walk down memory lane,” Records said “As an alum, I feel I have a responsibility to help students become alumni of Frostburg, and to become good alums. This has been a great opportunity for me to do that and hopefully to grow the alumni network in D.C.”

Andorfer and her fellow faculty organizers were thrilled with the results of the Career



Jocelyn Williams Quade '16, Mission Assurance Engineer, Northrop Grumman, and **Zyair Jennifer**

“This was a win-win for our motivated students, our enthusiastic alumni and the University!”

— **Dr. Joan Andorfer**, Career Summit organizer

ible with career plans can actually help them achieve their goals – was comforting to numerous students.

“I don’t think that the Career Summit has changed my career plans, but I just think it reassured me about what I really wanted to do and gave me an opportunity to see differ-

attorney in Washington, D.C., noted they were asking a lot of important questions.

Schoelen, for one, was caught off guard by some.

“They were super targeted. It was very intimidating actually, because they have such a good idea of what they want to do in the future,” he said with a smile. “They are definitely thinking about the future so intently right now in a way that I never did, which is what they really should be doing.”

Schoelen intends to stay in contact with the students he met, some of whom he advised on grad schools or invited to shadow him at the Library of Congress.

“Actually, I found a couple I want to work with – absolutely I’ll be in touch!” he said.

Records, who has long advocated



Pat Friel '88, Managing Partner, Lochlin Partners



Joe Lambert '79, Retired CIA, and **Emma Duncan**



Summit and are already working to make it a recurring event.

The program far exceeded the organizers’ expectations.

“Student surveys showed that the students really valued meeting and talking with our successful alumni. Our alumni gave them sage advice on wide-ranging topics and invited them to stay connected,” Andorfer said “This was a win-win for our motivated students, our enthusiastic alumni and the University!”

Frostburg’s Career Summit was made possible by an Opportunity Grant from the FSU Foundation’s Annual Fund, as well as collaborative support from the Beall Institute, the Office of Alumni Relations, the Student Development Office, College of Business, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Provost. To help create additional opportunities like these, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation or call 301.687.4068.

To participate in a future Career Summit, email your contact information, current employment details and areas of relevant expertise to Shannon Gribble at slgribble@frostburg.edu. ■

Haiti Helps PA Program Director Reconnect With Love for Medicine

By Moriah O'Neal '18



“I didn’t know the people I was staying with. I didn’t know the language ... but what I did know is human interaction is the same in any language.”

In November 2016, Haiti – like the United States – was experiencing massive protest following a presidential election. **Dr. Beth Smolko**, director of FSU’s new physician assistant program, witnessed unrest firsthand in the capital city of Port-au-Prince as she headed to a clinic crowded with people who had been waiting to be seen since sunrise.

“You would arrive at a place, and they would have been sitting there – sitting there with their babies all day long, starving,” Smolko recalled.

The streets of Port-au-Prince were swarming with people and police. She was warned of “roadblocks and robberies” and, while taking precautions to ensure her safety, Smolko made it to the clinic. In four hours she saw 100 patients.

Back in the U.S. and with more trips under her belt, Smolko recalls the brutal reality that is Haiti’s health care.

“If I needed to see 100 patients because they sat there all day, I was going to see them,” she said with bold devotion.

In addition to leading the development of the physician assistant program, Smolko is also the founder of Heart of Medicine, a nonprofit that connects health care providers drained from the demands of their daily routine and helps them “reconnect with what they love” through humanitarian efforts. For her contributions, the Maryland Academy of PAs named Smolko PA of the Year.

Prior to taking on the task of establishing the new PA program, Smolko was one of those drained health-care providers. Working in primary care clinics had begun to consume all of her time. She would leave work only to bring more work home. Smolko was getting burned out and felt stuck. She began to lose sight of her purpose.



“I knew my patients better than my own kids,” Smolko admitted.

Searching for more, she reached out to a colleague who had a clinic in Haiti. Set on escaping the monotonous routine that had become her life, Smolko went to Haiti for the first time in 2014.

EXPECTATION VS. REALITY

With no concrete expectations of what to expect, Smolko found joy in the most unlikely of places. Her surroundings were destitute, but she was met with smiles and laughter.

“When I got to serve, I didn’t know what to expect,” Smolko reflected. “I didn’t know the people I was staying with. I didn’t know the language ... but what I did know is human interaction is the same in any language.”

For one to two weeks at a time, Smolko provides care to the people of Haiti, offering some their first exposure to proper health care. In her blog on heartofmedicine.net, she writes about her visits and highlights the difficulties that the underprivileged go through to receive proper treatment when they have little to no money for the expenses.

In one entry, Smolko writes about a woman who had recently given birth and needed medication not available through the clinic. She explained to the woman that her condition was dire and that she needed to go to the hospital. Smolko accompanied the woman to describe her symptoms to the doctor. Soon after their arrival, Smolko realized why many of her patients refuse hospitalization. She describes her realization in the entry, “Trusting Your Gut.”

“When we arrived, I explained her presentation, what medications she was taking, and she was immediately taken to a room. A doctor came out of the room with a piece of paper. Written on the paper were three medications (two were IV meds). They felt she was septic. Now, I was confused. Why were they giving us a list when she could be dying???” she wrote.

Smolko’s friend explained that the hospital wouldn’t treat her patient until they bought the medication, which could not be acquired from the hospital pharmacy. Shocked, Smolko changed money, sought out an open pharmacy and covered the medication costs with donations made to Heart of Medicine.

With that money, Smolko was able to save the woman’s life, but for many that isn’t the case.



HEART OF MEDICINE

After Smolko’s first trip – and a feeling renewed after subsequent trips – she was sure that Haiti was exactly what she needed to renew her love for medicine, and she was determined to share this experience with other physicians who were experiencing the same disconnect.

“We’re typing on computers instead of looking our patients in the eyes,” she protested.

Through Heart of Medicine, primary care providers have the opportunity to journey to Haiti to join them in providing primary health care services to communities with very little access to such care.

Smolko would also like to develop a capstone project that would allow interested students to travel to Haiti while focusing on global health. She hopes that this exposure will help them reconnect with physical medicine.

Smolko confessed, “We’ve gotten so used to ordering labs and MRIs and X-rays. ... You don’t have that in Haiti. You only have your knowledge and your compassion.”

Once there, she would like her students to study the area, identify a problem and come up with a solution involving evidence-based medicine. Smolko believes the opportunity will be an experience that they will never forget.

Smolko continues traveling to Haiti. Over time, she has become a part of that small community that has welcomed her into their lives just as she has let them into hers.

“If I see the people who have helped me, they will stop me in the street, they will come out of their houses, give me hugs, and I try to say something in Kreyol. ...” She laughs as she attempts to imitate the lighthearted reaction of her Haitian friends to her attempts at speaking their language. “The people that I’ve met have been capable of finding joy no matter what.”

For more information about Heart of Medicine and to read Smolko’s blog, visit heartofmedicine.net. ■



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES: Uplifting Bobcats for 45 Years

By Robert Spahr '13

For generations, educators across the country have watched the children of college graduates succeed in higher education more readily than their peers whose parents never completed college. Numerous factors contribute to that inequality, but two largest ones are tough to overcome: Children of graduates learn from their parents' college experiences, and those parents tend to be wealthier than parents of first-generation students. The experience and income gaps are a chasm the first-generation student has to cross.

In the 45 years that Student Support Services (SSS) has been at FSU, the federally funded TRIO program has been building the bridge to help first-generation students and students from other disadvantaged groups cross a number of significant barriers to success.

When **Breara Douglas '16** first arrived at FSU, she felt displaced and overwhelmed. As a first-generation college student, she had no idea what to do first. "I attempted to put on a brave face for my family and friends. In reality, I was scared I was making a huge mistake. College was just an idea I had, but now I was on campus. I definitely felt very out of my element," Douglas said.

Judith Insilo felt the same way: "Being a first-generation student, you often find yourself figuring life out on your own," she said. Fortunately for Douglas and Insilo – and thousands of others like them over the past 45 years, FSU's Student Support Services team provides just what first-generation students need: guidance and encouragement for many aspects of college life, such as academic advising, professional tutoring, financial and economic literacy training, study skills and time management courses, assistance with financial aid, personal counseling, career and graduate school guidance and much more.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIPS

The FSU team's approach begins with a basic human concept. "We have such a great team, and it's all about the relationships," said **Tamara Lowry '91/M'01**, director of SSS since 2011. "When you talk to students, it's the relationships that make the difference."



Breara Douglas '16



Judith Insilo



The SSS team includes, front row from left, **Tam Lowry** and **Holly Clark**; back row from left, **Bridgette Karalewitz**, **Don Maxwell** and **Shawn Jones**.

Lowry's team serves 275-plus students each year, many of whom come to think of the office as their on-campus family.

"[The SSS team] had my best interest at heart from day one and grew to be like a family to me: a family that understood what it was like to be far away from home, trying hard to make Mom and Dad proud," said **William Frank '17**.

Those relationships often last long beyond graduation.

"Post-graduation, living in Scottsdale, Ariz., I still keep in touch with my [SSS] mentors. It's awesome to know that I have built relationships with people that will last a lifetime," said **Franchesca Garland '16**.

AND IT WORKS

Time and again, the SSS formula has proven effective. Nationally, the six-year graduation rate for children of graduates is about 20 percent higher than for first-generation students. At FSU, in the most recent class year, SSS students outperformed the student body as a whole by an astounding 30 percent.

Unsurprisingly, SSS seats, limited by the amount of federal funding received, are in very high demand at FSU.

"It's who we are. It's the people we serve," explained Lowry.

"Every year, we survey Frostburg's first-year students, and upwards of 47 percent are first-generation. Even more of them are otherwise eligible through having low income or in other categories."

The federal government specifies program eligibility. Two-thirds of the participants must be first-generation or disabled students who come from low-income families. For the students fortunate enough to be selected into SSS, the program is an express lane toward college success. For many SSS students, the life-changing nature of the program becomes most obvious in hindsight.

"I wish I had time-lapse videos to show these students the progression they make over four years the way I see it!" Lowry said.



Franchesca Garland '16



Kameron Brooks



Shawn Wall

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SSS VOICES

We asked some Student Support Services graduates and current junior and senior students how SSS had made the difference in their college journeys. They had some common themes: a sense of feeling lost and uncertain in the unfamiliar college atmosphere, encountering obstacles that otherwise might have derailed their progress, specific tools or assistance that got them over the hump, and gratitude toward the caring and knowledgeable staff that kept them going. Not to mention lots of pride in what they accomplished. Here are their words.

Many students reported feeling lost and uncertain when they got to Frostburg, especially not having families with knowledge about the college experience.

"The entire process was overwhelming and moderately scary. The second I entered Tam Lowry's office, things began to look more manageable."

— **Sara Hughes '15**, FSU grad student

"I came to FSU not knowing anything about the college life and how it worked. The advisors at SSS have helped me tremendously with settling in, financial aid, study tips and so much more."

— **Gaby Perez Torres**, Accounting and Business Administration major

For many, being involved in SSS truly was the difference between staying or dropping out.

"Student Support Services was an answer to my prayers. Meeting Tam changed my mind about staying at FSU and pushing through this journey. SSS became my support system in many ways. I would enter the office stressed or upset, and I would leave the office with a plan."

— **Breara Douglas '16**

"If it weren't for the empowering staff that makes up SSS, I would most certainly not be where I am today. During my first semester, I encountered a situation that ultimately resulted in me withdrawing. However, after some self-evaluation and with the remarkable support from Tam and her superstar team, I was able to come back to the University the following fall semester and still managed to graduate on time as part of the class of 2017!"

— **William Frank '17**, facility and special events manager, Cape Henlopen State Park, Delaware

"I can honestly say I don't know how I would have finished school without the Student Support Services program. ... Without this program, I would have truly been lost."

— **Sophia Cooper '15**

The assistance provided could be general, or sometimes very specific. SSS staff in particular made sure to help students find assistance with academic shortcomings, such as conquering math.

"I was not strong in math and my study habits needed a lot of work. ... When the time arose to take those dreaded math courses, **Mr. Don Maxwell** provided tutoring that made it possible for me to pass. ... With the help of SSS, I made it on the Dean's List, which I never thought would happen. I thought of myself as an average student, but SSS convinced me I was capable of so much more."

— **Cpl. Ron Williams '14**, Department of Defense Police Department

Or conquering English.

"My eagerness to begin my college journey ended very quickly during my first year. I remember struggling with English 101 — the professor telling me that my thought process was outstanding but the way that I wrote needed major improvement. After about my fourth failing assignment, I decided to take advantage of the one-on-one assistance that SSS offered. **Mrs. Harriet Douglas M'96** helped me to better understand sentence structure. We met regularly throughout the school year. As I improved, she got me excited about school again after my rough early start."

— **Brandon Kelly '13/M'15**, director of Parks and Programming, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore

Sometimes the assistance is more tangible.

"I recall searching high and low for textbooks until one day, entering SSS, I was told their books are available to us. I needed calculators or laptops many times, and each time SSS had me covered. Their financial help always made this journey that much easier. **Bridgette Karalewitz** also made sure I was placed with work. I worked with the office just about up until graduation."

— **Breara Douglas**

“The second I entered Tam Lowry's office, things began to look more manageable.”

— **Sara Hughes '15**





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Kelsey Saylor '18



Jaleel Moore '16



Andrea Constant

But beyond help with academics or financial issues, SSS participation often led to students achieving things they had never imagined.

“I applied and completed a Disney College Program, where I moved to Orlando, Fla., to take classes and work at Walt Disney World. Upon returning to FSU, SSS helped me connect with the Center for International Education. With a massive amount of help, I was accepted into the Semester at Sea program through the University of Virginia. I visited 17 countries over four months aboard the MV Explorer, taking classes in marine biology, oceanography and anthropology. This experience changed my life.”

— Sara Hughes

“After transferring to Frostburg, SSS ... helped me stay on track for graduation, provided the opportunity to become a McNair Scholar (a TRIO program that prepares students for postgraduate and doctoral study) and representative, and lastly, provides trustworthy individuals that I know care for my academic and personal well-being.”

— Andrea Constant, Sociology and Social Science major

The real secret to the success of FSU’s Student Support Services has to do with the people, a consistent theme among all involved. As SSS director Tamara Lowry said, “It’s all about the relationships.”

“It’s strange to think that this was ‘just their job.’ Now that I am in the workforce, I appreciate the time they took for each student. The family-like culture that this office breeds is what I believe makes it a success.”

— Franchesca Garland '16, advertising account executive, Yelp

“Tam was always supportive. She never judged me for any of the wild or funny stories she heard. She cared, genuinely, and I could always feel that was true. She backed me in everything. If our plan got off track, she knew how to tell me, ‘Let’s get it together.’ Over four years, I sat with each mentor in the office at one point or another. Especially when I couldn’t figure out what exactly was wrong, I was very blessed to have them as my family away from home. SSS was my foundation, my physical reminders that ‘I can do this.’ I will always appreciate SSS.”

— Breara Douglas

“I was counseled by Holly Clark '08/M'10, who always did her best to make sure I stayed on the right track. ... The entire staff is amazing. They were always there for me no matter what I needed. I am forever grateful.”

— Sophia Cooper '15

“Lots of memories and lifelong friends were made at FSU, but I can honestly say that I would not have graduated college if not for the support of Holly Clark and Student Support Services. ... Holly made sure that I was in the right classes, told me where to look for scholarships and always reminded me how close I was to graduating. We would sit down and set short- and long-term goals that we would often revisit and reflect on.”

— Jaleel Moore '16, health and physical education teacher, Howard County Public Schools

“Shawn Jones was my academic advisor and soon became my mentor. Shawn challenged me to want more for myself — pushing me to strive to go above average in my life. ... Shawn taught me how to balance my life between academics, family, friends, personal time and work. He would always remind me to make time for myself so that I would not get burned out. ... It’s safe to say we became great friends and still keep in contact regularly.”

— Brandon Kelly

“I met Tamara Lowry, who was so helpful during my time at the University. She was able to help in every aspect of my education. First, I was just interested in finding a tutor to help me get through math-related courses; however, she was able to help in many other areas. Not only did she help me with my classwork, she was able to help with selecting courses and which professor would be a good fit for me. I was a new father at the time I started Frostburg, and she was always someone I could talk with about the stresses of college life and being a dad at the same time. I am forever grateful to Tamara and the SSS program at Frostburg State.”

— Michael Bishop '09



“The staff go over and beyond with anything that I need help with. For example, one time they helped me write an essay step by step when I had absolutely no clue where to start, and another time, they helped me create a class guideline to follow for graduating on time with both majors I want. I could not be prouder to call myself a member of the Student Support Services Program knowing that they always have my back when I need help.”

— Shawn Wall, Political Science and Law & Society major

The important thing to remember is these students made it to the finish line when society or even they themselves may not have offered much hope or encouragement.

“SSS has helped me succeed at FSU as a first-generation college student by being there when I needed them most. ... I can’t thank them enough for everything they have done for me ... because if it wasn’t for them, I wouldn’t be where I am today: a soon-to-be graduating senior at Frostburg State University.”

— Gaby Perez Torres

“It has been four years since I graduated from Frostburg, and in that time I have become a federal police officer, an adjunct criminal justice college instructor, a deputy director of policing and security for three bars and a section chief of a national Joint Task Force. None of this would have been possible without the diligent work of the SSS staff, and I will forever be grateful to the program!”

— Cpl. Ron Williams

“SSS is an invaluable asset to the student body, and it allows you to access your full potential in ways that you may have never expected. I will always be indebted to Tam and her staff for all that they have done for students like me who just need a leg up in a world that is brand new to us and our families. I succeeded (and continue to succeed) because of the network of support that grew from the first step through the door all those years ago.”

— Sara Hughes

“Balancing being a full-time student, a high school football and basketball coach, working 30 hours per week and tutoring at an after-school program was extremely tough in college. I still cannot believe that I graduated from college while doing all of this.”

— Jaleel Moore ■

SSS Scholarship Born of Parents’ Gratitude

Each year, one junior or senior SSS student is chosen as the **Student Support Services TRIO Scholarship** recipient. The scholarship benefits a student who has participated in SSS for two or more semesters, demonstrating an active role in co-curricular activities.

“Receiving the scholarship could not have come at a better time,” said Jaleel Moore '16. Moore said he was struggling financially and had been considering applying for a bank loan for his senior year. But the scholarship did more than boost his finances.

“The scholarship helped give me confidence for the following school year. I had been busting my tail really hard to finish my career strong at FSU. Receiving the scholarship was extremely rewarding to see that I was being recognized for my efforts in the classroom, on campus and in the community. ... I felt like SSS gave me the recognition and confidence that I would not have gotten elsewhere.”

The SSS TRIO Scholarship was born through the generosity of an SSS student’s appreciative parents, John Rosine and Claire Cassidy, who decided to pay forward the support shown their daughter, Julie Cassidy-Rosine '04.

“I’m sure that made a difference in her college success,” said Cassidy, who said FSU was the only school they looked at that offered a real support program for students with learning difficulties. “She did very well there. Our daughter is now a happy, successful adult.”

They began their giving under former SSS director, Judy Wolfe '67/M'80. Her successor, Harriet Douglas M'96, worked with the Foundation to turn the gifts into a scholarship fund.

The scholarship’s endowment received an unexpected boost when Douglas’ colleagues launched a giving campaign in honor of her retirement last June, and dozens of gifts were received from her former students, colleagues and friends.

To support the TRIO SSS Scholarship, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation, call 301.687.4068 or send a gift designated to the “TRIO SSS Scholarship” using the enclosed envelope.

— Robert Spahr '13

Fall Sports by the Numbers:

14	All-NJAC selections
7	All-CAC selections
3	D3football.com All-Region awards
5	ECAC All-Stars (football)
2	All-American honors (football)

Standouts:

NJAC Coach of the Year – DeLane Fitzgerald
NJAC Offensive Player of the Year – Connor Cox
ECAC Offensive Player of the Year – Connor Cox
CAC Men's Soccer Co-Rookie of the Year – Joel Assal



Women's Soccer Earns Ethics Award for 11th Straight Year

The women's soccer team recently captured its 11th consecutive United Soccer Coaches College Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award, this year earning the Gold Ethics and Sportsmanship Award.

Under the direction of head coach **Brian Parker '92**, Frostburg was one of just 19 schools in the nation to earn the Gold Ethics and Sportsmanship Award. The United Soccer Coaches recognized 167 schools across the country for exhibiting fair play, sporting behavior and an adherence to the laws of the game.

The gold-level award is based on a percentage (between 1 and 10 percent) calculated by the total number of cards received by players or coaches divided by the team's total number of games played. The Bobcats received just one yellow card in 17 games this fall.



DII Application Submitted

FSU officially submitted its application for NCAA Division II membership in January at the NCAA Convention. Pictured from left are **Eric Seifarth**, assistant athletic director for compliance; Reid Amos, commissioner of the Mountain East Conference; **Troy Dell**, director of Athletics; **Emma Gerhold**, athletics intern (seated); and **Crystal Redinger**, assistant director of athletics, senior woman administrator.

Football All-American

Senior right tackle **Riley Hartman** garnered a pair of All-American awards following the 2018 fall season. Hartman was named an American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) First Team All-American, and he was selected as a Second Team All-American by D3football.com.

Hartman started all 11 games at right tackle for the Bobcats this fall and helped the team to its second straight trip to the NCAA Playoffs. Frostburg finished the season at 10-1 overall and spent the entire season ranked inside the top 10 of both major polls. The Bobcats also claimed the first undefeated regular season in program history and, for the first time, hosted two NCAA Playoff games.

Hartman blocked for one of the nation's top offenses this past season as FSU ranked 39th in the nation in total offense (435.9), 20th in scoring offense (40.7), 29th in red zone offense (0.849) and 16th in third-down conversion percentage (0.484). The Bobcats threw for nearly 250 yards per game and ran for almost 190. Hartman didn't allow a sack in 11 games.

Hartman is Frostburg's 13th AFCA All-American and is just the sixth D3football.com All-American.

— Noah Becker M'06

◀ Riley Hartman

Men's Lacrosse Has a New Conference

Beginning in the 2020 season, Frostburg State will join the NCAA Division II East Coast Conference as an associate member in the sport of men's lacrosse.

Frostburg announced in July that it has accepted an offer of membership with the Mountain East Conference, a Division II conference. MEC does not offer men's lacrosse as a varsity sport, allowing Frostburg and ECC to enter into the associate membership agreement.

Frostburg's associate membership is contingent on being accepted into Division II by NCAA. FSU submitted its application in January. A decision from NCAA on Frostburg's application to Division II will come before the 2019-2020 academic year.

The Frostburg men's lacrosse program was elevated to varsity status starting in the spring of 2011, and since then, the team has won 85 games with six straight trips to the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament. The Bobcats also spent most of the 2015 and 2016 season ranked in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) Top 20 poll. The team boasts five USILA All-Americans since the program's restart in 2011.



Bobcats, Fresh From Best Season Ever, Look to Mountain East



On National Signing Day Feb. 6, the Bobcats recruited 33 new players to join those returning students from Bobcat Football's most successful season ever, looking toward the team's first season in the NCAA Division II Mountain East Conference. Meanwhile, accolades continue to roll in for graduating seniors. Quarterback **Connor Cox**, center, was named NJAC and ECAC Offensive Player of the Year, and Cox joined **Joey Powell**, left, and Riley Hartman, right, for D3football.com All-Region Honors.



WLAX Alumni Game

Last fall, the Women's Lacrosse alumni returned to campus for a friendly game against current student-athletes. No one was hurt, and everyone had great fun catching up with teammates!



Check Out The Bobcast!

Visit FrostburgSports.com every Monday afternoon for the Athletic Department's weekly podcast. *The Bobcast* features Athletic Communications Office interviews with head coaches, who give their thoughts on the previous weekend's action and what to look for in the week ahead.

Current and past *Bobcasts* are posted on FrostburgSports.com and the Frostburg Athletic YouTube channel, [frostburgsports1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfrostburgsports1).





2018 Hall of Fame Induction Class: Janet Webb '86, Pete Tytus '93, Peter Merrill '99, Duane DeVance '83, and Mark Wells '92. Missing is Sean Warfield '93.



The Homecoming Court raised \$2,737 for charity. From left, Homecoming King Milan Williams, Princess Nadia Khan, Queen Mahlet Tesfaye and President Nowaczyk.



Members of the Class of 1968 enjoyed an afternoon celebrating their Golden Anniversary.



2003 Women's Soccer Team was honored at the Hall of Fame.



Patrick and Anne Marie McLane enjoy catching up during the Retired Employee Luncheon.



Phi Beta Sigma – 40th Anniversary.



Nicole Leighty '18 and Noah Becker M'06 at the Bobcat Hall of Fame.



Baseball Alumni from the 1970s return each year for the Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Brunch and a chance to see their coach, Bob Wells.



Kurt '80 and Bonny Pfluger with the women's tennis players and coach, after the locker room was dedicated in memory of Kurt's sister, Lea Pfluger Flaim '82. See page 13.



Men's Basketball Alumni Game



Accounting Alumni Reunion



The family of Jim Anderson '79, for whom the brunch is named, return each year to help us celebrate the legacy of their brother and the success of the baseball program.



Student Government Association Reunion



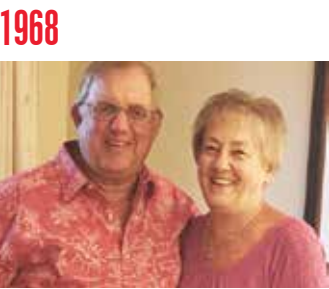
For many more Homecoming photos, follow us on Flickr. Search Frostburg State University Alumni Association.

CLASSNOTES

ClassNotes listed are those received as of Jan. 4, 2019

1962
Dr. Ed Root M'65 was selected by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education as the 2018 Distinguished School Board Service Award recipient.

1966
Lois Miller Crossland and her husband, Larry, are the recipients of the Allegany County Farm Bureau's 2018 Service to Agriculture Award.



Judith Stein Curry and her husband, Richard, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2018 in Maui.

1972
Anthony Futyma has retired after 45 years of teaching (K-6), coaching middle school (football, wrestling and baseball) and counseling in Prince William County, Va. He received his M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling from George Mason University in 1978 and was part of GMU's clinical faculty in the School of Professional Development, having mentored 14 teacher interns. He served as president for local NEA and AFT chapters. Anthony volunteers as general manager for his grandson's youth Amateur Athletic Union travel basketball league.

1973
Susan Lolas Nolan M'82 was awarded the 2018 Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award at Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland.

1975
Dr. Jean Morris Wilson earned her doctorate in psychology from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix in June 2018.

Jane Wendelin recently retired from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., where she served for 18 years as the assistant director for Budget and Research Administration at the Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study, leading a team supporting faculty engaged in neuroscience and computational social science research.



1977
Dr. Mervin Daugherty has been selected as superintendent for Chesterfield County Public Schools in Virginia. He is a former teacher, coach and Superintendent of the Year in Delaware.

The Honorable Don Fry, president and CEO of the Greater Baltimore Committee, was selected as one of Maryland's Most Admired CEOs by *The Daily Record*.



Mabel Studler Wilson, who earned her bachelor's degree at the age of 59, was recognized on her 100th birthday in a feature story in the *Cumberland Times-News*.

1979
George Shoenberger retired from the University System of Maryland in June 2018, after nearly 40 years. He worked at Towson University, University of Maryland, Baltimore and University of Maryland University College. He earned his MBA from UMB. He lives in Marco Island, Fla., with his wife, Mary; his son, Matt, is an engineering student at the University of Maryland, College Park. "Love FSU! Never forget those days there," he said.



Terry Robinson Stough retired from Northern Garrett High School in Accident, Md., after teaching health and physical education for 30 years. Terry was hired after her mother, Jo Ann Fisher Robinson '53, retired in 1988 after 30 years of teaching. The two Robinson women dominated the NHS gym for 60 years! Terry was also the

school's certified athletic trainer. She wants to thank Tony Zaloga for being her mentor and encouraging her to pursue a career in sports medicine.

1982
Chris Conway has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Credit Union Foundation of Maryland and Washington, D.C. He also serves as vice president of the Board of Directors of the Education Credit Union Council.

1983
Maj. Ron Martin M'83 has been appointed to the International Foundation for Protection Officers Board of Directors.



1986
Anthony Carlisi has been elected to the status of fellow by the National Contract Management Association. He is the deputy director for Acquisition Management and Analytics for the U.S. Navy Medical Logistics Command.

Heidi Laupert M'93 has been named interim principal at Allegany High School in Cumberland. Heidi has spent her entire professional career within Allegany County Public Schools, starting in 1987.



1988
Capt. Bob Schug M'88 has been appointed Warriors Working manager for Clear Path for Veterans. In addition, he is a captain in the Navy Reserves.

Michelle Davis Wynder has been recognized for 30 years of public service with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service. She serves as one of five service-wide senior records analysts who assist the IRS Records officer with the policies and guidelines issued to more than 80,000 IRS employees and contractors on managing federal records.

1990
Robert "Buck" Eagle, Jr., M'90 has been appointed as the interim city administrator of Keyser, W.Va.

Glenna Miller Edwards has been appointed as principal of Margaret Brent Middle School in Mechanicsville, Md.

1991
Dr. Jerri Howland has been named interim vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at the State University of New York at Oswego.



1992
Gary Reichenbecher M'92 retired from Northern High School in Accident, Md., after 32 years of service. He began his career teaching marketing and mathematics, then served as assistant principal for six years before becoming principal. He completed his 19th year in that position.

1994
David Stovenour earned his MBA from Towson University in December 2018. He also holds a master's degree in special education, along with his administration certification from McDaniel College in Westminster, Md. He is an assistant principal at Kenwood High School in Essex, Md. Dave credits his time at Frostburg and his undergraduate degree for spurring on his lifetime love of teaching and learning.



Kris Windlinx has accepted the position of vice president of Product for EVS. Kris will be responsible for enhancing the mobi3 WMS product experience. He was previously vice president of Digital Operations for eBuys, a subsidiary of Designer Shoe Warehouse.

1995
Julie Creek DuVall has joined Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., as an instructor of university studies. She has a master's in Christian education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Shannon Shaw Green M'01 was appointed principal at West Side Elementary School in Cumberland.

Tracie Yommer Miller M'02 has been appointed principal of Grantsville Elementary School. She has been a teacher with Garrett County Public Schools since 1999.

1997
Dr. Ben Brauer M'02 has been appointed the Title IX coordinator at FSU. He was previously a supervisor of Student Services for Allegany County Public Schools.

1999
Dennis DiCintio, after 17 years of state service, has formed Blue Wave Environmental Consulting, LLC, a firm dedicated to providing assistance for all types of environmental permits.

Kathryn Hnatio Vicere accepted the position of managing director at Maryland Ensemble Theatre in Frederick, Md., a nationally recognized professional ensemble theatre. She was previously director of development for Adventure Theatre MTC.

Emily White spent the summer of 2018 studying coral reefs, manatees, howler monkeys, jaguars and other wildlife while learning the sustainability methods used by communities in Belize. She is an alliance coordinator at South Dakota Geographic Alliance, lives in Brookings, S.D., and is a graduate student in Miami University's Global Field Program.

2000
Rizwan Jan has been appointed chief information officer for The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine. Rizwan has held several leadership roles in the healthcare industry and has spent close to two decades in the planning, development, delivery and monitoring of technical solutions that address the needs of Fortune 500 companies and not-for-profit organizations.



Rick Rando II was inducted into the U.S. Martial Artist Association Hall of Fame. He was also recognized by the city of Frostburg for his outstanding service to the community and chosen by *Allegany Magazine* as one of the 20 Most Fascinating People of the Year. He is the owner and president of Kick Masters Karate in Frostburg.

Dr. Shannon Rexrode M'01 earned a doctorate in health administration from Capella University.

2003
Dr. Jon Wickert M'06 was elected to serve two consecutive one-year terms as board chair for Junior Achievement of Delaware.

Jared Moffett M'05 has been promoted to executive director of Career Services at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C.

2005
Ryan Graves has been named assistant principal at Watkins Mill High School in Gaithersburg, Md.

2007
Sarah Garcia Dawson was named Teacher of the Year at Southern Middle School in Lusby, Md. She teaches Spanish.

2009
Dr. Joseph Snyder accepted a tenure-track position as assistant professor of modern British history at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

2010
Alex Haslacker became an EMT with the Baltimore City Fire Department in October 2017.



Eric Manns, Jr., was selected as Teacher of the Month in December 2018 by the Upper School Academy. He is a social studies teacher at Richard Wright Public Charter School for Journalism and Media Arts in Washington, D.C.

James McCrobie was named the 2018 Maryland Outstanding Educator Using Technology by the Maryland Society for Educational Technology. He is a social studies/

STEM teacher for Wicomico County Public Schools in the NexGen STEM Academy at Salisbury Middle School.

2011
Aisha Atkins earned an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from George Washington University in the spring of 2018.



Jeanine Horst M'15 was named the 2018-2019 Washington County Teacher of the

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL 3**
Career & Internship Fair
Alumni Breakfast
Room 111, Lane University Center
8-10 a.m.

APRIL 13
Alumni Assn. Board of Directors Spring Retreat
FSU Campus

APRIL 17
Education Job Fair Alumni Breakfast
Room 111, Lane University Center
7:30-9:30 a.m.

APRIL 26
Children's Literature Centre Alumni Reception
Manicur Hall, Lane University Center
5:30-7 p.m.
- APRIL 27**
Swimming Alumni Meet & Reception
1-4 p.m.
FSU Pool, Cordts PE Center

MAY 2
Nursing Alumni Mixer
Dutch's Daughter, Frederick, Md.
6-8 p.m.

MAY 4
Bobcat Helping Hands
Multiple Locations

MAY 9
Faculty & Staff Alumni Mixer
The Draft Sports Bar, Frostburg
5-7 p.m.

JUNE 7-8
Football Golf Outing & Reunion
Rocky Gap Casino & Golf Resort

OCTOBER 3-6
Homecoming 2019
- Alumni Awards Banquet**
ARMAH, Lane University Center
By Invitation Only
5-8 p.m.
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Three former Bobcats graduated together with Doctor of Education degrees from the University of Maryland School of Education in December of 2017. From left are **Dr. Jennifer Jones Gilman '87**, **Dr. Dale Farrell '96** and **Dr. Kelly Murray Hall '86**. All three are administrators in St. Mary's County Public Schools in Southern Maryland.

Year. She is a fifth-grade teacher at Cascade Elementary School in Cascade, Md.

Dr. Rachel Skipper earned her doctorate in mathematics from Binghamton University, State University of New York. She is in a post-doctoral position at the University of Goettingen in Germany and in residence at the École normale supérieure de Lyon in France; she will then join the faculty at Ohio State University in a post-doctoral position as a Ross assistant professor .

2012

Julie Raddell LaFave M'12 has been appointed commissioner of the Syracuse Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs. She was previously deputy commissioner and worked as the director of Parks and Recreation for the town of Sullivan, N.Y.

Casey Morris M'12 has been named assistant vice president and commercial services relationship manager for F&M Trust in Chambersburg, Pa. He will be responsible for local market business development and manage existing commercial relationships.

2014

Brandon Rodgers, PT, DPT, ATC, accepted the position of physical therapist/assistant strength and conditioning coach for the NHL Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey Club.



Glenn Wayson has been selected to be the new State Farm agent-owner in Pasadena, Md. Doors will open on June 1.

2015

Brenda Friend has accepted the position of executive assistant to the chief of Community Development with the National Community Reinvestment Coalition in Washington, D.C. She was previously executive director of the Greater Cumberland Committee.

Morgan Hoover has been named the assistant volleyball coach at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

2016

Emily Hendershot was named senior program director for the YMCA of Cumberland. She has worked at the Y for more than eight years.

2017



Trace Livengood has accepted a position at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission. This position consists of communication with both houses of Congress, running the commission's front office and assisting with the presentation of President Eisenhower's legacy. He appreciates his time working as a student in the Ort Library with Special Collections librarian **MaryJo Price M'01** and for the knowledge and tools he gained from FSU's Department of History to properly execute historical research.

2018

CJ Barnett has been named the Head Operations assistant at the Reagan Administration Trade Center in Washington, D.C. In addition, he is audi-

tioning for the *American Ninja Warrior* 2019-2020 season and opening a personal training business called Fourth Down Fitness.



Emily McDonough M'18 has been appointed as head softball coach at Southern Vermont College in Bennington, Vt. ■

Marriages

2008



Stephanie Rickards married **Devon Banks '08** on June 24, 2018, at The Villa in Beltsville, Md. They met during Stephanie's first year at FSU (Devon was a sophomore) and have been friends ever since. They started dating in July 2013 and were engaged on Thanksgiving in 2016. The couple resides in Columbia, Md. Devon is a high school science teacher in Anne Arundel County and Stephanie is a high school counselor at the Academy of the Holy Cross in Rockville, Md.

2011

Mark Freeman married **Joshua Price** in the summer of 2018. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.

2013



Brianne Zimmerman and **Michael Firth '14** got married on July 14, 2018, in Western Maryland. Brianne is a doctoral candidate at West Virginia University and Michael is in the military. They reside in Fayetteville, N.C.



Holly Logsdon married **Mathew Montana** in Salisbury, Pa., on June 25, 2016.

2015



Victoria Adams M'16 married **Adam Bosley '15/M'16** on Sept. 23, 2018. **Travis English**, FSU associate professor of Visual Arts, officiated at the ceremony.



Joice Fields married **D'Vante Smith** on Aug. 5, 2018. The wedding took place at Running Hare Vineyard in Prince Frederick, Md.

2016

Nicole Beal and **Joseph Hartline, Jr.**, were joined in marriage on July 21, 2018, at Zion Lutheran Church in Meyersdale, Pa.

2018

Kelsey Pittsnogle married **Brandon Butrick** on June 23, 2018, at Springfield Barn in Williamsport, Md.

Families

1978



Sharon Musselman and her husband, **Stephen '80**, announce the birth of their first grandchild, **Austin "AJ," Jr.**, on May 18, 2018.

2002



Jennifer Smith Conte M'04 and her husband, **Justin '02**, welcomed **Joy Elizabeth** on Dec. 10, 2018. She joins big sister, **Julianna** (9).



Leann Behrend Mongelluzzo and her husband, **Bobby, Jr.**, welcomed their fourth child, **Elizabeth Ann**, on July 26, 2018. She joins big brothers, **Thomas**, **Robert** and **Anthony**.

2004



Allison Kitzmiller Candelas and her husband, **John**, welcomed a daughter, **Brynlee**. She joins big brothers, **Noah** and **Jagger**.

2005

Kim Reidler Convery and her husband, **Keith**, have welcomed a daughter, **Quinn Rose**. She joins big brother, **Owen**.

2006



Ann Johnson Furr M'08 and her husband, **Brent '05**, welcomed their son, **Matthew Thomas**, on May 26, 2018. He joins big sister, **Julianne**.



Elizabeth Barry Stahlman M'13 and her husband, **Matt**, welcomed their son, **Lane Audley**, on Sept. 6, 2018. He joins big sister, **Willow**.

2007



Meagan McDaniels Donald and her husband, **Curtis '07**, welcomed their first son, **Owen Curtis**, on July 21, 2017.



Talia Warsaw D'Adamo and her husband, **Ed**, welcomed a daughter, **Lia Rose**, on Aug. 9, 2018. Lia joins big brother, **AJ**.



Nicole Wigfield D'Atri M'08 and her husband, **Mick**, welcomed their daughter, **Josie Davis**, on June 28, 2018. She joins big brother, **Jordan**.



Lauren Knecht Jones and her husband, **Dylan**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Wilma Evelyn**, on March 11, 2018.



Cortney Tucci Pokrop and her husband, **Patrick**, welcomed their daughter, **Stella**. She joins big brother, **Oliver**.

Steven Skipper M'09 and his wife, **Robbin**, welcomed their new addition, **Britten**, on July 14, 2017.



Christopher Wedding welcomed his son, **Ryan Lee**, on Sept. 7, 2017.

2009



Christina Lorello Marucci and her husband, **Regis '08**, are the proud parents of **Rocco Anthony** (5) and **Enzo Francis** (1).

2010



Hannah Byler M'12 and her husband, **Matt**, welcomed their son, **Leo**, on Aug. 20, 2018. He joins big sister, **Amelia**.



Katy Baird Gates and her husband, **Corey**, welcomed their son, **Chaney Maverick**, on Nov. 1, 2018.



Katherine Cao Hinkson and her husband, **Jason**, announce the birth of their son, **Jaiden**, on Aug. 8, 2017.



Sasha Werner Leasure and her husband, Blaine, welcomed their second child, Spencer Shyne, on May 31, 2018. She joins big sister, Berkley.



Sarah Llewellyn and Matthew Lisk welcomed their son, Theodore Lisk.

2011



Andrea Warnick Fitzwater and her husband, Joshua '11, welcomed their second son, Samuel Jude, on July 15, 2018. He joins big brother, Gabriel.



Jen Gover Haslacker and her husband, Alex '10, welcomed their daughter, Jaclyn Victoria Elaine, on July 4, 2018. She joins big sister, Addison.

Christina Conrad Super M'13 and her husband, Alex '11, welcomed their son, Rhett Joseph.

2012

Markese Hayden announces the birth of his son, Zion, on May 13, 2018.



Kelsey Cook Jensen and her husband, John, Jr. '11, welcomed their son, Cole Alexander, on June 6, 2018.



Amanda Kerstetter and Blake Walker '10/M'13 welcomed their son, Paxton Scott Walker, on June 18, 2018.



Kimberly Varros Powell and her husband, Ben '10, announce the birth of their son, Mason, on June 1, 2018.

2015



Jessica Jones Haupt and her husband, Scott '14, welcomed their daughter, Emma Grace, on May 21, 2018.

2016



Christina Alessandrini Bartz welcomed her daughter, Jordyn Nicole, on Jan. 25, 2018.



Sharon Hines M'17 welcomed her daughter, Aubrynn Noelle, on Aug. 21, 2018.



Adam Whear and his wife, Hayley, welcomed their son, Easton Andrew, on June 26, 2018. ■

Farewell and Thank You

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

Michael Beeman, maintenance aide II in Residence Life, joined FSU in 1994.

Ann Buskirk '99/M'01, program management specialist in the Center for Academic Advising and Retention, joined FSU in 1987.

Merry Lee Kroll, postal services processor in Mail and Printing Services, joined FSU in 2011.

John Miller, program management specialist in the University Store, joined FSU in 1976.

John Sensabaugh, stationary engineer 2nd grade, Physical Plant, joined FSU in 2007.

Colleen Stump, associate vice president for University Advancement, joined FSU in 1983.

Retirements from September 2018 to February 2019.

In Memoriam

Alumni

- 1943 **Mary E. Greenya Hanks** July 31, 2018
- 1952 **James G. Jones** Dec. 11, 2018
- 1955 **Jane Souders Bugg** Nov. 6, 2018
- 1957 **Robert B. Alexander** Dec. 4, 2018
- Ruth Schade Chapman M'74** Sept. 9, 2018
- 1958 **Mary L. Eisentrout Robertson** Nov. 27, 2018
- John E. Wambaugh M'64** Aug. 10, 2018
- 1959 **William R. Fair** Aug. 9, 2018
- Mary A. Hesson Kriner** July 3, 2018
- Harry G. Reynolds M'69** Nov. 16, 2018
- William E. Williams M'69** Jan. 24, 2019

- 1960 **Charles D. Hutson** April 2, 2016
- 1961 **William E. O'Hara, Jr.** Jan. 17, 2019
- Christine Ditto Stenger** Nov. 29, 2018
- 1963 **Michael H. Scheerer** Jan. 2, 2019
- James G. Thompson M'74** Oct. 13, 2018
- 1964 **Samuel C. James** Dec. 29, 2017
- Francis J. Patterson** Aug. 2, 2018
- 1966 **Janice M. Shank Gearhart** Nov. 21, 2018
- Conrad L. Hoska** Sept. 20, 2018
- William P. Kelly, Jr.** Nov. 6, 2018
- Archie C. McDonald, Jr.** Aug. 25, 2018
- 1967 **Cmdr. Richard E. Greer** Nov. 13, 2018
- Sharren M. Kelly** Dec. 5, 2018
- 1969 **John F. Capossela** Oct. 6, 2018
- Joyce L. Holler Tuccinardi** Dec. 12, 2018
- 1971 **Joseph E. Bartolomeo** Sept. 30, 2018
- Walter H. Buchman III** June 17, 2018
- William E. Zinn M'76** July 10, 2018
- 1972 **Brenda Henry Hosken M'76** Sept. 21, 2018
- Kathryn A. Green Lannon** Jan. 21, 2019
- John P. Reuschlein M'76** Nov. 5, 2018
- 1975 **The Hon. Asa M. McCain, Jr. M'75** Aug. 21, 2018
- James N. Preston, Jr.** Nov. 23, 2018
- 1976 **Kenneth M. Koenig** Aug. 3, 2018
- Debbi J. Maloid** June 9, 2018
- Thomas N. Murphy** July 1, 2018
- Jo-Ann Umstod-Verdiglione** Oct. 15, 2018
- 1977 **Jack O. Burke, Jr.** June 19, 2018
- Catherine E. Martin Hartell** July 28, 2018
- Carol J. Morgan** June 18, 2018
- Sandra K. Parish Warne** Nov. 28, 2018
- Nancy J. Wyant Wold M'77** June 22, 2018

- 1978 **Gary L. Rogers** Aug. 13, 2018
- David R. Sadtler** July 21, 2018
- 1980 **Larry C. Miller** Jan. 8, 2019
- 1981 **Thomas A. Buxton** Jan. 1, 2019
- Jamey E. Fort George** July 8, 2018
- 1982 **Cerece L. Meade Claiborne** June 1, 2018
- Christine Angelotti Moore** June 8, 2018
- 1983 **Herbert Jeo M'83** Jan. 28, 2016
- Michael K. Poch** May 27, 2018
- 1985 **Lynwood C. Rexrode** Dec. 29, 2018
- 1986 **Tara J. Boyle Eshelman M'86** May 23, 2012
- 1987 **Rhonda Wilt DeJoice** July 7, 2018
- Louise Anderson Grove M'98** July 17, 2018
- Thomas G. Waltman M'00** July 6, 2018
- 1988 **Brenda L. O'Neil Bassford** Nov. 5, 2018
- 1989 **Catherine T. Tippet** Nov. 17, 2018
- 1990 **Andrew P. Letzsch** Aug. 1, 2018
- Harland W. Miller** March 9, 2018
- 1991 **David A. Fairbank** April 8, 2017
- 1993 **Stella V. Robinette Davis** June 28, 2018
- Gidget N. Maffitt Gallahan** Aug. 6, 2018
- 1996 **Dale J. Houdersheldt** Sept. 9, 2016
- 1997 **Diana L. Blair Klick** Sept. 13, 2018
- 1998 **Andrea Pappas Camuto** Nov. 18, 2018
- 2000 **Carisa I. Cook Mannone** July 14, 2018
- 2015 **Joseph V. Howser** Oct. 7, 2018

Friends of the University

- Arthur Beal, Jr.** July 17, 2018
- Todd Becker** June 26, 2018
- Betty J. Glotfelty Blair*** Aug. 19, 2018
- Ruth F. Fisher Brown** May 6, 2018
- Robert E. Browning** Aug. 31, 2018

- John E. Burkey** Jan. 4, 2019
- Beverley L. Wagner Dalton** Aug. 31, 2018
- Julie R. Dean** Jan. 13, 2019
- Maxine H. Ferer** Jan. 6, 2018
- Catherine E. Fetchero** June 21, 2018
- Nancy Fowble Gamber** Oct. 8, 2018
- William J.P. "Pat" Hartman*** June 8, 2018
- Dr. Joan Asher Henley** July 7, 2018
- Cleo Davis Henry** Nov. 20, 2018
- Virginia Williams Kelly** Dec. 23, 2018
- Briton J. Kessel** July 9, 2018
- Patricia Harper Kirwan** Oct. 3, 2018
- Frank R. Lancelotta, Jr.** April 25, 2018
- Kaj A. Larsson** Sept. 7, 2018
- Charles L. Mackert, Jr.** Sept. 12, 2018
- Cecil E. Martin** Dec. 14, 2018
- Edward Orben Metz** Jan. 23, 2019
- Debra A. Dickens Miller** July 19, 2018
- Gene H. Mumper** Dec. 27, 2018
- Scott E. Nelson** Jan. 4, 2019
- Ruth E. White Oliverio** July 2, 2018
- Ardtha F. Dunn Richards*** Sept. 11, 2018
- Frederick C. Rohlfing, Sr.** Sept. 10, 2018
- Dr. Mary M. Herman Rubinstein** June 9, 2017
- Samuel Joseph Snyder*** July 18, 2018
- Catherine A. Smiley Stevens** Jan. 2, 2019
- Donald L. Tomlinson*** Dec. 16, 2018
- Teri Hawkins Tossounian** July 24, 2018

* Former faculty or staff member. ■

René Atkinson M'78, who died Oct. 19, 2018, started at FSU in 1970, and over the course of his 38-year career served as advisor to the president, director of public relations and later the station director at WFWM, the University radio station. He also taught in the Department of History, continuing for several years following his retirement from the radio station. Significantly, WFWM became a National Public Radio-affiliate station during his time as station director. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife, **Linda Atkinson '73/M'85**, and children, Geoffrey, Pamela and Robert.



Rene Atkinson M'78



Dr. Thomas Small

In addition to being a dedicated educator with a focus on soil geomorphology, he led the effort to bring the U.S. Geological Survey to FSU in 2004, which continues to provide opportunities for student experience. Ever the teacher, even after retirement he shared his knowledge of regional geography on field trips with new FSU faculty and local teachers. He is survived by his wife, **Frances Sommerville Small '89**, and son, Stephen.

Dr. Fred Yaffe, who died on June 23, 2018, was dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1999 to 2003. Yaffe was the first dean of the College after it was created by merging the School of Natural and Social Sciences with the School of Arts and Humanities. His office was notable for his impressive collection of eye-related figurines, a nod to his research focus on visual perception within his field of psychology. He was also involved in local arts organizations, including acting at The Cumberland Theatre. ■



Dr. Fred Yaffe



Connecting Generations From Afar

In August 2018, **Col. Drew Pekala '97** had an American flag flown on a combat mission over Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Operation Resolute Support. Pekala is a member of the legendary 1993 Bobcat football team, which was honored on its 25th anniversary at the Hall of Fame dinner during Homecoming.

Pekala intended to present the flag to the 2018 Bobcats, but he was deployed in Afghanistan in October. His teammates took care of business. The '93 Bobcats, the first to make an NCAA playoff appearance, were all smiles when they presented that flag on Pekala's behalf to Head Coach **DeLane Fitzgerald** and the 2018 team – which became the *second* team to enter the NCAA playoffs.



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