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Bobcats are making great strides in **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**. From advanced manufacturing techniques, new automotive recycling processes and improved body armor designs to presentations at international academic conferences, STEM at FSU is rolling full-steam ahead.

ON THE COVER:

New Home of the Bobcats

Meet Josie the Bobcat. She's one of two bobcats now residing in the Maryland Wilderness area of the Maryland Zoo. The bobcat exhibit, which is sponsored by FSU, was unveiled at a special University System of Maryland Day at the Zoo in April.

Josie, a 6-year-old female, shares the space with Kilgore, a 1-year-old male.

"Frostburg is the sponsor of this new exhibit because **THEY ARE** the Frostburg Bobcats," said Maryland Zoo President **Don Hutchinson '67**, as Kilgore watched from his perch atop some boulders. FSU is the only USM school with an exhibit in the Maryland Zoo.

Bobcats, the feline kind, are native to Western Maryland.



Kilgore

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From the President:

I hope 2017 has been good to you,

your family and friends. Frostburg State University had a very productive and engaging year, with one of the largest graduating classes in May for what was our 150th commencement.



Dr. Ron Nowaczyk

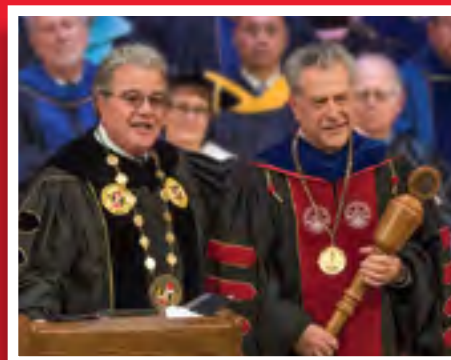
I continue to tell the story of how FSU has shaped the lives of its students and graduates. You will read about the successes of **Justin van Fleet '02**. He serves as chief of staff for the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education and as the director of the International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity. I suspect Justin's experience with the Washington Model Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly for Universities while an FSU student made a difference. Like so many alums, I hear praise of our faculty and staff. Justin talks about developing self-confidence during his time at FSU. Justin clearly epitomizes what we strive for in every one of our FSU graduates.

While you might applaud Justin's successes, we want you to know that the future continues to be bright. For example, you will learn of the successes of **CJ Barnett '17**, **Cameron Shanton**, **A'Lexus Blue '17**, **Jessica Johnson Clay**, **Omar Taylor '17** and **Will Woodcock**, who participated in the Model OAS this year. This delegation of students represented the nation of Colombia in this real-world diplomatic exercise.

This stellar experience is made possible in part because of the wise guidance of Political Science Professor **Dr. Joan Serafin Andorfer**, who uses her knowledge on this international stage to prepare her students well for the intense weeklong experience. She is president of the Institute for Diplomatic Dialogue in the Americas and a co-organizer of the Model OAS.

It is also made possible in part by your support of the FSU Foundation, as Opportunity Grants helped to pay the students' expenses.

In today's world of global challenges and opportunities, all of us in the FSU family should be proud of the contributions of our students and alumni. We are living the "World of Experiences" in and outside of the classroom and making a difference!



As part of President Nowaczyk's formal investiture, University System of Maryland Chancellor Robert Caret presented him with the symbols of the office, the University mace and medallion.

Your continued engagement and support for Frostburg State University will help our students uncover their hidden talents and reach their full potential for the betterment of all.

Go Bobcats across the world!

Cordially,



Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk
President



Inauguration speakers were, from left, FSU Foundation Board Vice President Ken Oldham '98, Presiding Officer Dr. Martha Dolly '74, SGA President Nick DeMichele '17, Chancellor Caret, Chair of the Faculty Dr. Michael Murtagh, President Nowaczyk, Grand Marshal Dr. Kevin Peterson, Maryland Secretary of Higher Education Dr. James J. Fielder, Jr., USM Regent Thomas Slater '66, USM Regents Chair James Brady and Mayor Robert Flanigan '92.



The audience in the Pealer Recital Hall gave President Nowaczyk a standing ovation at the end of the ceremony. His inaugural address focused on living the commitment of Frostburg State University.

CAMPUS NEWS

Recruiting Targeted Industries Could Keep More Grads in Region

The city of Frostburg ordered a study to determine which industries are most likely to employ Frostburg graduates, which will give the city guidance as it recruits businesses to locate here. FSU and the Appalachian Regional Commission helped fund the study. The report said that organizations across Western Maryland must work together to promote FSU's academic programs and graduates, as well as the region's inherent competitive advantages.

The results of the research identified several majors at FSU that interest employers and suggested several industrial sectors to target, including finance and accounting operations, life sciences businesses, small technology firms, back-office operations for metropolitan-area businesses and environmental and medical testing facilities. The report also offered an actionable marketing plan to help attract such businesses.

The city is in the process of developing plans based on this information.

James Kirk Honored With Newman Civic Fellowship

James Kirk, a junior double majoring in political science and economics, was honored by the Campus Compact Network as a 2017 Newman Civic Fellow, acknowledging his motivation and potential in public leadership. He is one of 273 fellows nationwide, the first such group, who will be cultivating their community-committed leadership abilities.

Kirk was president of the USM Student Council last year and will be president of Frostburg's Student Government Association in the coming year. He serves as a student alumni ambassador for the Alumni Association and works for *The Bottom Line* student newspaper as the sports section editor and a contributing campus news writer.



James Kirk

Experienced Administrator Joins FSU as Provost

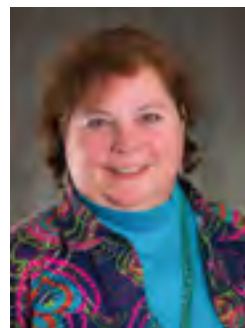
Dr. Elizabeth Throop, former acting provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, has been named provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Throop, whose academic background is in cultural anthropology and social work, was dean of the UW-Platteville College of Liberal Arts and Sciences prior to her appointment as acting provost. She has experience leading university divisions in liberal arts, education, business and the sciences, covering the disciplines of FSU's three colleges.

"When I visited, I was so impressed with the thoughtfulness and professionalism of the faculty; it was clear to me that we share many values, especially emphasizing student learning and success," Throop said. "I found the students to be serious and engaging. FSU's deliberate focus on diversity speaks to me in important ways, and, of course, the campus is beautiful!"

As provost, Throop serves as the University's chief academic officer, overseeing FSU's three academic colleges, academic support programs and the Lewis J. Ort Library.

Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi had been serving as interim provost since July of 2015. He retired from FSU in June and has taken a position at Eastern Washington University.



Dr. Elizabeth Throop

Nationally Known Educator Named Interim College of Education Dean

Dr. Boyce C. Williams, a nationally renowned educator in the field of public and teacher education, has been named interim dean of the College of Education. She is president and CEO of the higher education consulting agency National Alliance for Learning, Inc., and has worked in numerous roles for higher education institutions and organizations around the world.

Williams will serve for one year as interim dean as Frostburg undertakes a search to replace **Dr. Clarence Golden '72/M'74/M'78**, who retired in June.

"My career has come full circle," Williams said. "This position calls on my many diverse experiences, especially in terms of collaborating and reaching consensus, and brings me back to my roots in supporting students and advancing the vision of an institution."



Dr. Boyce Williams

Students Celebrate National Athletic Training Month by Volunteering

Frostburg's athletic training majors spent the month of March volunteering and spreading word of their profession as part of National Athletic Training Month.

They served as volunteer athletic trainers and taught CPR and first aid at area high schools, offered blood pressure screenings on campus and hosted a lecture by Bobcat Athletics team physician **Dr. Joseph Hahn**.

"I like to tell people that we help athletes; we're the first ones out there when someone goes down on the field. I think National Athletic Training Month really gets it out there what we actually do," said junior **Holly Biggs**.



Athletic training majors, from left, **Jessica Bugtong**, **Kourtney McLain**, **Camaran Dodge**, **Gerromi Sullivan**, **Allison Short**, **Holly Biggs** and **Jordan Owens** volunteered at an event at Frostburg's Mountain Ridge High School as part of Athletic Training Month.



President Nowaczyk presents the Distinguished Faculty Award to **Dr. Karen Keller '89/M'92**.

Faculty and Staff Honors

Dr. Karen Keller '89/M'92, Department of Biology, received the sixth **President's Distinguished Faculty Award** during Commencement. The award recognizes faculty members who provide exceptional service to the University and advance its mission, goals and strategic planning initiatives.

"She has taken the principle of Frostburg's World of Experiences to heart," said **President Nowaczyk**. "She is actively engaged in promoting and improving the FSU community, works closely with students inside and outside the classroom and has served on numerous University committees."

Keller chairs the Undergraduate Research Working Group, co-chairs the Strategic Planning Task Force and receives high ratings as an instructor and advisor. She helped develop the Health Science major and still finds time to mentor numerous students each semester.

Dr. Amy Branam Armiento, Department of English, received the **Faculty Achievement Award** for teaching. In her 11 years at FSU, Armiento has consistently received exceptional student evaluation scores. She has developed classes, challenges her students to venture into new territory and fosters self-directed learning. Her involvement with students was also recognized in 2015 with an Outstanding Mentor Award.

Armiento, was also honored as the **2017 Outstanding Faculty Member** at the



Dr. Amy Branam Armiento



Dr. Justin Dunmyre



Dr. Gregory Wood

Leadership Awards Reception. Described as compassionate, empathetic, energetic and a positive support for her students, Armiento serves on the steering committees for minors in African-American Studies and Women's Studies, co-advises V-Day@FSU and connects students with the help they need.

Dr. Justin Dunmyre, Department of Mathematics, received the **Faculty Achievement Award** for teaching. A caring, effective teacher, Dunmyre encourages lively discussions in class, builds rapport with his students and uses research-based strategies to motivate and improve learning. He manages his department's learning assistant program and participates in the Center for Teaching Excellence. He also founded The Dead Poets Society, a popular math-oriented social club.

Dr. Gregory Wood, Department of History, received the **Faculty Achievement Award** for academic achievement. An outstanding educator and scholar, Wood has presented and published numerous scholarly works, including conference papers, book reviews, articles, a book chapter and an academic book (*see p. 5*). Beyond his contributions to the History faculty, Wood has directed the Honors Program since 2014, enhancing enrollment and the quality of the program.

Dr. Rebecca Birnie, an associate professor in the Department of Music, was named the **Outstanding Student Organization Advisor** at the Leadership Awards Reception. The award recognized someone who helps students overcome obstacles, grow as individuals and learn how to triumph as a team. Birnie has advised the National Association of Music Education student group since 2013. Nearly dormant before Birnie's arrival, the group now boasts more than 50 members.

Danielle Dabrowski, director of Veterans Services, was honored with the **Outstanding Staff Award** at the Leadership Awards



Dr. Rebecca Birnie



Danielle Dabrowski

Reception. She is dedicated to serving those who have served our nation's military, going above and beyond the duties of her job description. From helping a veteran get food to offering counsel to a veteran experiencing domestic issues, Dabrowski is always on call and willing to help. She is a shining example of the kindhearted spirit people can find in Frostburg. ■



A STAR! Program Recognized

Frostburg Mayor **Robert Flanigan '92**, right, recognized the contributions of the Western Maryland AmeriCorps program Appalachian Service Through Action and Resources (A STAR!) during AmeriCorps Mayors and County Day of Recognition for National Service in May. He presented the award to **Ashley Daniels '11**, coordinator for AmeriCorps National Service.



A MAGICAL NIGHT

A young wizard in training carefully examines his craft project as part of the third annual Harry Potter Book Night, a Pottertastic evening presented by the Children's Literature Centre and the Ort Library. The event drew hundreds of children eager for some magical fun.

MCMEARTY AMONG TOP RADIO PROGRAM DIRECTORS IN U.S.

Radio Ink magazine, the radio industry trade publication, recently ranked the nation's radio program directors, and **Mike McMearty '87**, director of News & Programming for WTOP radio in Washington, D.C., came in as number 13 in the nation.



WTOP, according to *Radio Ink*, is one of the top all-news stations in the country. The station is tops in billing for advertising, despite being in the seventh largest market, and is the recipient of numerous national Edward R. Murrow Awards for Excellence.

An open mind and open ears are key to success in the role, McMearty said.

"Listening to everything and everyone and learning how your station operates through a wide lens is important. Treat and respect everyone you work with as the individuals that they are," he said.

His colleagues agree. "This added recognition of Mike's dedication and hard work highlights how good he is at what he does, not to mention how very well-liked and respected he is among the people who work with and for him," said **Molly Welton '95**, WTOP newsroom administrator and public affairs specialist.

MONEY Ranking Puts Frostburg in the "Paycheck League"

For the second year, Frostburg State University has been ranked among 711 Best Value Colleges, as determined by *MONEY Magazine*. *MONEY* looked at U.S. colleges and universities to determine which delivered the most value.

MONEY ranked colleges based on 27 measures of educational quality, affordability and alumni success. In each category, at least one "value-added" measure revealed a school's performance after subtracting the impact of its average student's test scores and percentage of low-income students. This statistical technique also avoids simply rewarding schools for taking in students who'd likely succeed anywhere. More than 2,000 colleges and universities were reviewed, with only 711 making the cut.

MONEY wrote in its accompanying article, "You've heard of the Ivy League? Nowadays, bragging rights are going to colleges in what we'll dub the 'Paycheck League' – schools that the real numbers show provide a boost in the job market."

FROSTBURG "ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY" AT HELPING STUDENTS FINANCIALLY

FSU was ranked among the Most Affordable Colleges nationwide for incoming freshmen with financial need in the Student Loan Report from studentloans.net, a site that helps students make smart financial decisions about student loans.

"Frostburg State University is one of the best in the country at helping its students financially," said Drew Cloud, founder of the Student Loan Report, "Providing an affordable education is extremely important, so Frostburg State University is doing a great job!"

The report analyzed more than 1,000 institutions of higher education and narrowed the report down to the top 250; Frostburg was ranked 228 in the nation.



FSU NAMED VOTER FRIENDLY CAMPUS

Frostburg has been designated a Voter Friendly Campus – one of just 83 such campuses nationwide – by the Campus Vote Project in partnership with NASPA, Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education.

Designated campuses registered, educated and saw high student-voter turnout in 2016 and have plans in place to keep students engaged through 2017 and 2018. Only one other Maryland school merited this distinction.

Frostburg's Online Master of Applied Computer Science was ranked one of the nation's top 23 most affordable by SR Education Group, an education publisher.



Minor Adds Dimension to Workplace Study

FSU has added an interdisciplinary minor in industrial and organizational psychology, one that would particularly serve students planning to work in the business management or human resources area of any field. This scientific study of working can be applied to workplace issues facing individuals, teams and organizations.

It also prepares students for graduate school study in related fields.

New Seven-Week Format for MBA

The Master of Business Administration program format has become more flexible and convenient for working professionals, thanks to input from its students and other research. Instead of 15-week sessions each semester, beginning this fall, the same 3-credit classes will be offered via two seven-week sessions per semester, or two six-week sessions over the summer.

This change allows busy students to focus on one subject at a time. New students can now enter the program during any one of the six yearly sessions, rather than waiting until the traditional beginning of the semester.

"Students responded in large numbers, and we listened and adjusted very quickly," said **Dr. Sudhir Singh**, interim dean of the College of Business and professor of finance. "It is important to emphasize that this delivery model does not dilute the rigor or change the content. The same course will be delivered over seven weeks."

The capstone course, MGMT 680 Strategic Integration, will still be offered in the 15-week model.



LAFEMINA PUBLISHES STUDENT-FRIENDLY POETRY TEXTBOOK

Gerry LaFemina, associate professor of English and Pushcart Prize-winning poet, has taught poetry writing for 20-plus years, published 12 books of poetry and studied the effective teaching of poetry. He shares that knowledge in his first textbook, *Composing Poetry: A Guide to Writing Poems and Thinking Lyrically*, available now from publisher Kendall Hunt.



Gerry LaFemina

"It's very conversational and student-friendly," said LaFemina. "It's designed to be engaging to the student reader, and it's also kind of perfectly structured for a semester-long poetry-writing course."

The book also comes at a student-friendly price that LaFemina sought from the outset.



CLEARING THE AIR

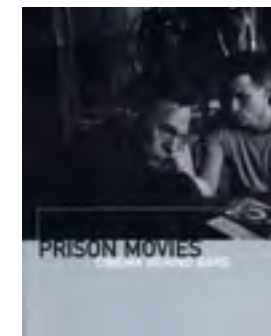
Did the ability to smoke on the job serve as a barometer on labor relations in the last 100 years? Associate Professor of History **Dr. Gregory Wood** explores that question and others in his new book about the 20th-century struggles between employers and their tobacco-using employees.

Wood wants readers to understand the complex relationship between workplace power dynamics and the stress-relieving habits of workers. *Clearing the Air: The Rise and Fall of Smoking in the Workplace*, published by Cornell University Press, forms the basis of Wood's HIST 299 Writing and Research in History course.

PROFESSOR'S TEXTBOOK STRIKES CHORD WITH PRISON REFORMISTS

Prison movies have long captivated American audiences. They offer a unique view of a frightening space, unknown to most viewers, and offer microcosms to examine difficult social issues. **Dr. Kevin Kehrwald**, professor of English and coordinator of the Film Studies program, explores those ideas and more in his new textbook, *Prison Movies: Cinema Behind Bars*, published by Wallflower Press, an imprint of Columbia University Press.

Kehrwald defines the prison movie as a genre, challenges previous academic assertions about its origins and traces changes within the genre alongside landmark societal shifts. The book also caught the eye of prison-reform advocates. Following its release, two universities invited Kehrwald for discussions on public perception of criminology and prison via the cinema.



NURSING SKILLS LAB GETS BOOST FROM ARC

Frostburg's nursing program continues to grow. The latest shot in the arm came from an Appalachian Regional Commission grant of \$100,000 to develop the nursing skills lab and simulation center.

The funds, to be matched from local sources, will purchase and install technologically advanced equipment and help with



renovations. High-fidelity adult and pediatric mannequins, which mimic some natural reactions to stimuli, will be among the equipment purchases.



CURTAIN RISES ON MUSICAL THEATRE MINOR

For Bobcats who can't resist the lullaby of Broadway, FSU's departments of Music and Theatre are collaborating to offer a minor in musical theatre starting this fall. The program, which will require students to audition in singing, acting and dancing, will focus on the performance, history and techniques of musical theatre.

A L U M N I NEWS



President Nowaczyk presents the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to **Galen Clagett '64/M'72**.

Clagett Honored With Alumni Achievement Award

Galen Clagett '64/M'72, an accomplished educator and former member of the House of Delegates, was honored with one of FSU's most prestigious honors, the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, at the Alumni Awards Banquet in April.

He is the founder and president of Clagett Enterprises, a property management firm in Frederick, Md. He served more than 12 years in the House of Delegates and was a member of a dozen integral committees. Prior to that, he was a member and president of the Frederick County Commissioners.

Clagett has served on countless boards and volunteered selflessly, including with the Frederick Rotary Club, the Humane Society, the Chamber of Commerce, Little Boy's Book Club, National Parks and Conservation Association and the National Wildlife Federation.

As a student, he was recognized by *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*, president of Sigma Tau Gamma Beta Pi Chapter, president of the Foreign Relations Club, a member of Student Government and a member of Phi Alpha Theta Honorary History Fraternity.

The former public school teacher and administrator founded the Sigma Tau Gamma Scholarship to help provide today's students with the same opportunities he had.

Pfluger Named College of Business Alumnus of the Year

The College of Business honored **Kurt A. Pfluger '80** as its 2017 Alumnus of the Year. Pfluger was recognized at the Honors Ceremony in May.

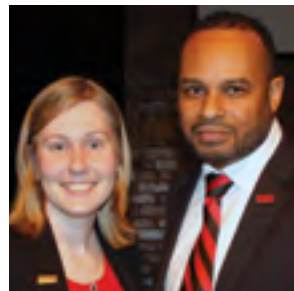
Pfluger graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Despite a stagnant job market, an internship experience helped him land a job with the Department of the Treasury. In 1981, he became a certified public accountant with a private accounting firm in Virginia. By the time Pfluger retired in 2003, he was CFO and treasurer of a firm he helped expand from 12 employees to 1,200. In his semi-retirement, Pfluger began consulting for small and medium-sized businesses and serving on nonprofit organization boards. He has also endowed an athletic scholarship at George Mason University and a scholarship for graduates at the high school of his parent's hometown.

Pfluger presently serves on the FSU Foundation Board. In 2010, he established the Pfluger Family Accounting Scholarship as a way of recognizing FSU's role in his success. The scholarship has already helped several FSU accounting students afford their education.



Kurt Pfluger '80

Hines and Younkens Earn Service to Alma Mater Award



Ashley Wisner Vascik '08/M'09 and **Royal Hines '94**



Russ Younkens '68 and **Shannon Gribble '98**

During the Alumni Awards Banquet in April, the Service to Alma Mater Award was presented to **Royal Hines '94** and **Russ Younkens '68**, honoring their exceptional contributions to assisting, advancing and promoting their alma mater; their consistent involvement; their efforts to encourage other alumni to take an active role in FSU; and the commitment of time, talent and treasure.

Hines has remained engaged with FSU in some fashion from shortly after he graduated. He served for many years on the FSU Alumni Association Board, including a term as president, and has since served on the Foundation Board. He has provided consistent financial support and been involved in many events in support of students, faculty, staff and alumni. Hines was one of the founding members of the Frostburg Connections affinity group that provides mentoring and career counseling assistance to students. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and is leading a planning committee to endow a scholarship in honor of APA's 40th anniversary this year.

Younkens and his wife, Penny, have actively supported athletics, student-athletes and scholarships at FSU. He is an active member of the FSU Foundation Board and assists the Office of University Advancement in reaching out to alumni to encourage them to reconnect with and support their alma mater. Younkens, "a true Bobcat through and through," is an

exceptionally strong advocate for FSU. He and Penny can be counted on to be in the stands cheering on the Bobcats, whether at home or on the road.



HELP TO ENGAGE ALUMNI

Estelle Martin '77, representing the USM Alumni Association International, presents Alumni Association Board of Directors President **Ashley Wisner Vascik '08/M'09** with a check for \$4,000 to be used for initiatives to increase alumni engagement.

Six FSU Advocates Earn Honorary Alumni Status

Six people were recognized this spring as honorary alumni, individuals who did not graduate from FSU but have nonetheless made consistent and noteworthy contributions to the advancement of FSU. At the Alumni Awards Banquet in April, **Carl and Jane Belt**, **Pam Griffith**, **Dr. Cindy Herzog** and **Colleen Stump** were honored, while **Dr. Dawn Thomas** was honored in June.



Carl Belt, right, served on the FSU Foundation Board of Directors for many years. Both Carl and his wife **Jane**, center, have been extremely generous donors, supporting the arts and Cultural Events Series and providing much-needed resources for student athletes. Owners of The Belt Group, a set of construction-related businesses in Cumberland, they are acknowledged as leaders in the Cumberland business and civic community. They advocate to other community organizations in support of FSU programs and activities. Their "diploma" was presented by **John Short**, vice president for University Advancement, left.



Colleen Stump, left, is the associate vice president for University Advancement and has served the University for more than 30 years. She has always been a strong, vocal advocate for alumni and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that programs and events for the Office of Alumni Relations and other University Advancement initiatives were promoted and planned flawlessly. Her dedication to spreading the good news about FSU in person and in print displays the true spirit of a Bobcat. Stump is a consistent financial supporter of the Annual Fund, the arts and WFWM. She was nominated by Alumni Board member **Ron Forrester '67**, right.



Dr. Dawn Thomas, left, is the widow of **Dennis Thomas '65**. She has continued the unbroken annual tradition for the past 50 years of hosting a crab feast at her farm to gather FSU alumni from the 1960s. Dawn attended Frostburg for three years but completed her degree at Towson. She spent her career as an educator, teaching social studies at the middle school level, then later teaching teachers at McDaniel College (Western Maryland) and American University. The Thomases established the Dennis and Dawn Thomas Presidential Leadership Scholarship to support students who qualify for FSU's President's Leadership Circle with an interest in public policy and public service. Her "diploma" was presented by **Shannon Gribble '98**, right, director of Alumni Relations.



Pam Griffith, right, is the wife of Sam Griffith, former president of the FSU Foundation Board of Directors, who received this same award in 2010. She hosted events in her home for key volunteers, alumni, board members and members of the University community, most notably for the FSU phonathon students who work tirelessly calling alumni to support FSU. Pam and Sam are strong supporters of the FSU Foundation and inspiring advocates with the greater Cumberland and Allegany County business communities for FSU's students, alumni, faculty and staff.



Cindy Herzog, left, is FSU's associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. An active supporter of University Advancement and its programs, she served on the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Selection Committee and made the FSU Foundation a priority in her philanthropy. Herzog supports CES, Theatre & Dance, music, WFWM, baseball and a scholarship in honor of her family. She can be found at numerous campus events as an expression of her love for FSU, its students and alumni. She was nominated by **Lynn Ketterman**, right.



First row, from left, are **Estelle Martin '77**, **Melanie Rowe-Partridge '11**, **Suzi West '96**, **Al Martin '75**, **Eric Manns '10** and **Sarah Kuhn '12**. Second row, from left, are **Gregory Hughes '99**, **Sonja Peterson Hughes '99**, **Blair Bedford '11**, **Jason VanSickle '98**, **Mark Freeman '11**, **Tiffany Myers Franc '05**, **Carol Trohan Harrison '89**, **Ron Forrester '67**, **Lacy Dickel '06**, **Ashley Wisner Vascik '08/M'09**, **Anthony Carlisi '86**, **Jen Gover Haslacker '11** and **Joe Lambert '79**. In the back row are **Dominic McAlilly '12**, **Raymond "Buster" Nelson '77** and **Kirk Engle '90**.

MEET YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD!

Greetings from the Alumni Association Board of Directors! We meet four times a year to discuss ways to engage alumni with students, develop opportunities for alumni to connect with their alma mater, consider ways to recognize the personal and professional successes of our alumni and work to make sure the voices of 44,000 proud graduates are heard and represented. We encourage you to contact us at alumni@frostburg.edu with your questions, concerns and suggestions. And please connect with the Frostburg State University Alumni Association on social media!



Alumni Spring

It was a spring of alumni gatherings, some featuring old friends, some with current colleagues and some offering a chance to make new connections.



A bevy of alumni who work at **Beall Elementary School** got together on May 18 for a networking breakfast.



The **nursing program** hosted its first-ever alumni gathering this spring with a Frederick-area get-together on April 20.



Alumni, including Maryland Zoo President **Don Hutchinson '67**, fourth from left, and FSU staff gather at the zoo's Home of the Bobcats, sponsored by FSU, during **USM Day at the Zoo** on April 27. (See inside front.)



Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership participants and the alumni who guided them take a moment for a picture during the March 4 weekend event.



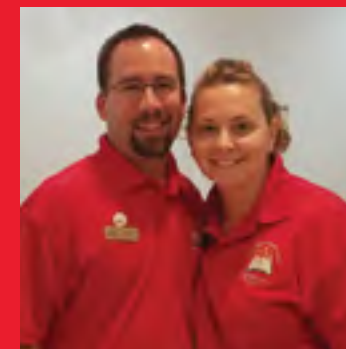
Annapolis-area alumni met Feb. 22 during the General Assembly Session.



Alumni Target employees **Alex Super '11**, center, and **Kate Gladhill '05/M'08**, right, join their colleague Samantha Aviles at the spring **Career and Internship Fair** on April 5. Super and Gladhill were among the more than 30 alumni who returned to recruit the next set of grads.



A dozen **Alpha Delta Chi** alumni reunited on April 28.



Ben Hurley '01 and **Christine Amyot Hurley '02/M'04** were part of the April 28 Children's Literature Centre Spring Festival Alumni Meet & Greet event.

Alumni working at **Westernport Elementary** celebrated their Bobcat roots during an Alumni Networking Luncheon on March 17.

THE DOCTORS ARE IN

Don't be fooled by the absence of a medical school at Frostburg State University.

For generations, students majoring in a variety of fields at FSU have gone on to become physicians, physician assistants, chiropractors, dentists, surgeons, optometrists, veterinarians and more.

"That is where most pre-medical students come from: colleges and universities that don't have medical schools," said Assistant Professor of Biology **Dr. Karen Keller '89/M'92**, an alumna who has a doctorate in physiology from the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Small schools like FSU have the opportunity for faculty to mentor students and better prepare each of them for their next steps. As a bonus, medical students who train in a rural area tend to stay in a rural area, which is why the University is committed to increasing the number of qualified health-care professionals with the new health science major.

The biology pre-health professions option has about 70 students enrolled, 144 students are enrolled in exercise and sport science, and there are 150 majors in the new health science program, signaling a bright future for more health professionals getting their start at FSU.

Here are a few grads who have recently graduated from medical school or earned clinical doctoral degrees:

Physicians:

Dr. Sheena Willison Buskirk '13

Degree: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, 2017

Vital Signs: Graduated in top 10 percent of class at WVSOM. Starting family medicine residency at Mon General Hospital in Morgantown, W.Va. Received the Drs. Christopher and Anita Vagnoni Future Physicians Scholarship in 2013 at FSU.

Dr. Christopher D. Ackerman '11

Degree: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, 2017

Vital Signs: Beginning residency at Inspira Medical Center Vineland in Vineland, N.J., in obstetrics and gynecology.



Dr. Sheena Willison Buskirk '13



Dr. Christopher D. Ackerman '11



Dr. Megan Kenney '14



Dr. Brandon Rodgers '14 and **Dr. Janelle Walbert '14**

Clinical Doctorates:

Dr. Brandon Rodgers '14

Degree: Doctor of Physical Therapy
University of Pittsburgh, 2017

Vital Signs: Employed as physical therapist and assistant athletic trainer for the Dallas Stars in the National Hockey League

Dr. Janelle Walbert '14

Degree: Doctor of Physical Therapy
University of Pittsburgh, 2017

Vital Signs: Starting rotation as a travel physical therapist with Advanced Travel Therapy in Pennsylvania. Received 2013 Derek Thomson Sheely Leadership Award and Scholarship while at FSU.

Dr. Megan Kenney '14

Degree: Doctor of Physical Therapy
Chatham University, 2016

Vital Signs: Currently a physical therapist for Genesis Rehab in Frostburg.

"Frostburg State University gave me an excellent foundation in science prior to beginning PT school. I found that I was ahead of the game when starting the PT program, especially with my anatomy and physiology knowledge."

— **Dr. Megan Kenney**

Young Alumni Achievement Award

The Alumni Association has established a new award to recognize emerging leaders among alumni. This award recognizes individuals who have used their FSU experiences to make significant impacts in their professions, local communities, service organizations, professional associations, etc.

Honorees must be younger than 40 at the time the award is presented. Recipients are expected to accept the award in person at FSU.

To nominate a young alum or for more details, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4068.

— **Charles Schelle**



From left are LaVale Lions Scholarship Committee Chair Mark Kyle, **President Nowaczyk** and Lions President John Warnick.

One Helping of Community Service and a Side of Leadership:

The LaVale Lions Club Scholarship

The LaVale Lions Club's chicken barbeque fundraisers are popular events in Allegany County, with people from all over flocking to Lions Field in LaVale for chicken prepared in the Lions' secret marinade. Each year, the Lions serve about 40,000 chicken meals.

Funds raised through those barbeques directly support the Lions Club's charitable mission in Allegany County. A new Lions initiative will also help two county residents study at Frostburg each year.

The new LaVale Lions Club Scholarship, established through the FSU Foundation, Inc., will provide two awards per year of \$1,500 each. Allegany County residents enrolled at FSU with junior status and a 3.0-plus GPA are eligible to apply for the award. The first two scholarships will be awarded to students for the fall semester of 2017.

LaVale Lions Club First Vice President **Michael Wallinger**, professor emeritus of communication studies at FSU, said the Frostburg scholarship was a good fit for the Lions, following on the club's existing scholarships to Allegany College of Maryland.

"It makes eminent sense to me, given our traditions of service, of service to youth and our roots in the community, to give a significant scholarship to an institution that is increasingly rooted in the community," said Wallinger. ■

Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

New members:

Greg Getty

Cumberland, Md.

Getty is a partner in the general practice law firm Geppert, McMullen, Paye & Getty, and a longtime resident of Allegany County. He earned his bachelor's and master of education degrees from Western Maryland (now McDaniel) College and his law degree from the University of Baltimore.

In addition to practicing law, Getty serves numerous charitable and civic organizations in Western Maryland, including on the boards of directors for the Lions Center for Rehabilitation and Extended Care, the Children's League and the City of Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission, and performs volunteer work for various other organizations.



Greg Getty

With her husband, **Brian '02**, Masser has endowed a scholarship to support chemistry majors planning on health care careers, a fund to support the FSU women's basketball team and the Masser Family Unfinished Business Scholarship.

New officers:

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Kenneth A. Oldham, Jr. '98

Vice President

Sandra D. Adams '86

Secretary

Marion S. Leonard

Treasurer

Larry McKenzie '94/M'01 (reappointment)

Assistant Treasurer

Dr. Mary W. Mumper (reappointment)

Immediate Past-President

Mary E. Clapsaddle '83 ■

Dr. Jessica Yahnert Masser '01

Johnstown, Pa.

Masser is an osteopathic doctor at Conemaugh Physician Group. She earned her master's and D.O. degrees from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is an active member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Osteopathic Association, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society, The Cranial Academy and several others.

In addition to practicing medicine, Masser holds faculty appointments at Duquesne University, Penn State Hershey, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and serves on many committees for her professional organizations.



Dr. Jessica Yahnert Masser '01



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New Named Funds

(as of June 22, 2017)

Foundation for Frostburg Scholarship

Masser Family Unfinished Business Scholarship

Mountain Maryland Renewable Energy Scholarship

Unfinished Business Scholarship

Dr. Michael C. Wilt Physics Scholarship

FSU Ranked First in Percentage of Contributions Directed to Financial Aid

A report from the Council for Aid to Education's Voluntary Support of Education survey, reported by *Marketwatch.com*, listed FSU first among universities and third among all colleges for directing the largest percentage of contributions toward financial aid in 2016.

The jump showed how much impact donors can have when they make gifts directed to scholarships. In 2016, the FSU Foundation received a bequest of more than \$2.5 million from the estate of Woodward Pealer, a Cumberland businessman.

"Mr. Pealer's gift, because it was designated to scholarships, allowed us to significantly increase the percentage of funds available to students," **President Nowaczyk** said.

VSE data showed that FSU designated 77.6 percent of each dollar raised by the FSU Foundation to financial aid in 2016. Of all U.S. institutions surveyed, only two community colleges surpassed FSU. The national average is approximately 16 percent.

"This highlights Frostburg's ongoing focus: student success. Providing financial support to students is our first fundraising priority," said **John Short**, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the Foundation. "Each dollar we receive makes a very real impact on Frostburg students." ■

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Performing Arts Center Named for Woodward D. Pealer

On June 16, FSU dedicated the University's Performing Arts Center to Woodward D. "Woody" Pealer in recognition of the generous support the late businessman provided to FSU in his lifetime and in his estate, which was the largest gift in FSU's history. **President Nowaczyk** and University System of Maryland Chancellor Robert Caret cut the ribbon to mark the occasion.

"Although Woody was not an FSU alumnus, he recognized the contribution of FSU to the region," Nowaczyk said. "We are truly blessed to have friends like Woody and Virginia, who recognized the importance of higher education." ■

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University PALS: A Summer Camp Where Book Lovers Are Born

By Robert Spahr '13

Parents, beware the treacherous summer slide! Not sunbaked playground equipment – this slide sees children lose reading skills over summer vacation. Seen most commonly in children from low-income families, summer slides add up each year. By middle school, mounting skill losses can become a two-year reading skills gap.

Statistically speaking, however, children who read four or more books for pleasure during summer can avoid the slide. University Promoting Awareness of Literacy Skills (U-PALS), an FSU program held at the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown, has taken that step to eliminate the summer slide for low-income K-5 students in Washington County.

U-PALS makes reading fun – a summer camp where book lovers are born.

Program founder **Dr. Kristine McGee M'97**, assistant professor of educational professions, taught in Washington County Public Schools (WCPS) for 22 years. She envisioned the U-PALS concept there while teaching summer school.

"Students are in school all year, and they answer to the demands of what teachers need to do for the school," said McGee. "If I'm going to continue working with a student in the summer, I want to flip the tables and really make this focused on their needs."

U-PALS introduces fun themes each week, such as farms, space, oceans and even pirates. Students interact with lessons, make arts and



Dr. Sally Dhruvá Stephenson '09, AKA Captain SallyWag, spins a yarn for U-PALS students.

crafts, hear from special musical guests and readers, take field trips and even spread towels on USMH's lawns for "reading on the beach."

For children, U-PALS feels like playtime, but the impact of that play is clear. WCPS data showed that U-PALS students maintained or even advanced reading levels by fall.

"Reading and playing with a purpose really helps them hold on to their lessons better," McGee explained.

McGee started U-PALS in 2013 on her wits alone.

"Public school teachers can launch rockets with nothing, and that's exactly what I did,"

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McGee said. "So the first two semesters, I ran the program completely unfunded."

In 2013 and 2014, volunteers from FSU's undergraduate and graduate teaching programs taught for the experience. WCPS' Summer Food Service Program provided free breakfast and lunch for each student.

As word spread, McGee heard from potential supporters. She connected with the Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Foundation, and their funding enabled McGee to pay U-PALS teachers and increase enrollment. In 2014, McGee turned to the FSU President's Experiential Learning Enhancement Fund and has received support each year since. Opportunity Grants from the FSU Foundation helped in 2014 and

2016. In 2016, U-PALS also partnered with Washington County's Judy Center. The FSU Foundation has since established a fund to support U-PALS.

All that support gave U-PALS a boost. McGee started with seven students in 2013 and about 15 in 2014. For 2015, U-PALS expanded to serve 25 children with six paid pre-service teachers. The program met two days each week.

Last summer, the program served 57 students, expanded to four days per week and brought in a guest children's book author. For 2017, U-PALS has a full roster of 70 students and a busy schedule planned.

McGee works with WCPS to integrate lessons from U-PALS into year-round coursework.

Participants also receive free tutoring throughout the school year from an FSU pre-service teacher.

For the children in U-PALS, the impact is even more profound. McGee related an anecdote from the mother of a 7-year-old student.

"Mom told him, 'You've got football this summer!' The kid looked up at her and said, 'Mom, you know I go to college in the summer!' Everyone talks about making our kids college- and career-ready, but having this program on the college campus ... well, that's just it right there."

Visit bit.ly/U-PALS16 for a video.

Scholarship Supports the Pursuit of Music for Love, Not Money

By Robert Spahr '13

Playing music is a passion for many, but only a few make it a career. For many other musicians, they know all about the power of music to move people, build connections and break down barriers, but they also know they shouldn't quit their day job.

These are the kind of students who will find support from a unique new scholarship. The Buckheit-Ketterman Family Scholarship is open to full-time FSU students with a 3.0 or better GPA who play a musical instrument, but there's a catch: Students majoring or minoring in music are not eligible.

"For everyone in my family who played, it was always on the side because they loved music," explained **Lynn Ketterman**, development research analyst for FSU's Office of Advancement. "There are so many students out there who don't want music as their major, but it's a big part of their lives."



Lynn and Dr. Jesse Ketterman M'98/M'01

Lynn founded the scholarship with her husband, **Dr. Jesse Ketterman M'98/M'01**, whose families are united in a love of music. Lynn's grandfather was an organist, as was her mother. Her father played several instruments. Her brother plays bass guitar. Jesse and his Uncle Billy play banjo, and they regularly entertain patients at a nearby nursing home. Ketterman family reunions even feature a family band.

That shared love of music helped guide the award criteria, but the Kettermans also drew inspiration from the FSU student who taught Jesse to play banjo more than a decade ago.

"I want to help the student like **Frankie Revell**," Lynn said.

Revell earned his degree in communications in 2005 and now works as the pastor at LaVale



The Rev. **Frankie Revell '05** and his father, Fred Revell, perform at FSU's Appalachian Festival. The younger Revell is the inspiration for the Buckheit-Ketterman scholarship.

United Methodist Church, but music remains a major part of his life.

An eight-time Maryland State Banjo Champion, Revell learned traditional Appalachian styles from his father and grandfather, passed down through the generations. Yet when he first enrolled at FSU, his grandfather had just passed away, and Revell wasn't sure if he still wanted to play after losing that inspiration.

However, when he saw an announcement for a talent contest a couple of weeks into the semester, Revell fetched his trusty banjo. The banjo helped him win the contest, but the surprise came when he saw how it helped him connect with others.

"About five people stopped me on the way to my dorm," he said. "The minute people understand that I play the banjo, it opens a whole new conversation and a whole new door."

The music also kept him connected to his own family. For many years, Revell played with his father, Fred, and Uncle Junior as the Lickety Split Banjo Boys. About five years ago, however, Revell's father was stricken with

Alzheimer's disease, which quickly began eroding his memory, but not his musical ability.

"He could still play the banjo even in the very, very late stages of the disease, when he remembered very little else," Revell said. "That really helped to keep him going. ... It was healing. He was himself when he had the banjo in his hands."

That's part of the power of music. "Music to me is healing, and it's powerful," Revell said.

The Kettermans understand that music is important to many students, and they hope the scholarship will reinforce its value as a life skill.

"There are so many students out there who don't want music as their major, but it's a big part of their lives."

— Lynn Ketterman

when you're not professional, you're playing for free and you get the sense that people don't really value the music," he said. "(A scholarship like this) would have added value to the music for me." ■

In Revell's estimation, beyond helping students avoid debt, the award will do just that.

"Very often,

Diplomats in Training

FSU Students Master Diplomacy in D.C.

By Charles Schelle



Across the street from the Washington Monument, Frostburg State University student **CJ Barnett '17** struck up a conversation with anyone he could see in the sunlit grand hall of the Organization of American States' main building.

The mammoth room suddenly became an intimate affair as Barnett worked to get to know other students, so he could persuade them to take his side in the discussions to come. To the strangers he met, Barnett wasn't representing FSU. He was representing the nation of Colombia, leading the delegation in this real-world diplomatic exercise, the 2017 Washington Model Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly for Universities.

"Talking to the people is honestly my favorite part," the political science major said. "I've enjoyed every second of meeting with people from all different backgrounds, all different cultures."

Not every student is so at ease in large social settings, but they had better be prepared to speak about policy, too.

"It was a stressful nightmare," political science major **Cameron Shanton** said, smiling as he recalled his first year at the Model OAS. "Slowly, you get used to it. It's like being thrown into a massive social situation. Anyone would be uncomfortable. You have to speak in front of everyone and convince them of your viewpoint."

Those nightmares quickly turn into a dream week for students. Public speaking is just one of the lessons learned during the weeklong simulation, promoting democracy through diplomacy. It's the hallmark experience of political science course 435: Model Organization of American States.

"You do everything a diplomat would do," political science major **A'Lexus Blue '17** said. "That's meeting with other members, talking about bilateral agreements, multilateral agreements."

OAS, headquartered in the nation's capital, is the world's longest-running regional political union, promoting democracy and defending human rights among member nations in the Western Hemisphere. The event is coordinated with the Institute for Diplomatic Dialogue in the Americas. It provides a simulated environment for students to conduct diplomatic negotiations, as well as handle an opening-day surprise, a scenario involving an accusation that two



CJ Barnett '17 casts a vote as a member of the Colombian delegation.

member countries were developing nuclear capabilities, a treaty violation.

Barnett, Blue and Shanton were joined by students **Jessica Johnson Clay**, **Omar Taylor '17** and **Will Woodcock**.

A Mental and Social Exercise

Being book smart will serve students well at the Washington Model OAS General Assembly. That knowledge has to be expressed in a friendly and strategic way at a dais or in one-on-one chats called unmoderated caucuses. Each student had his and her own topics of concentration in committees that deal with democratization, poverty, human rights or drugs.

Political Science Professor **Dr. Joan Serafin Andorfer** has been the president of the Institute for Diplomatic Dialogue in the Americas since 2000, and serves as a co-organizer of the Model OAS. FSU has sent students to the assembly for more than 30 years. Since Andorfer's involvement began in 1990, she has witnessed students blossom there, realizing their dreams by solving problems on their own.

"Our students see that they have talents that they didn't realize they had, or talents they want to acquire," Andorfer said. "They see there is a place in the world for them to make a difference. I try to teach that in the classroom, but until they actually experience it, they really don't see how it can be so valuable."

Before students arrive at OAS, they spend the semester learning about the history of the country they represent, researching



Will Woodcock and **Jessica Johnson Clay** listen to arguments.

policies, preparing draft resolutions and learning how to conduct themselves in the meetings. It all can feel abstract until a student is faced with a microphone while surrounded by hundreds of peers, having to adjust strategy on the fly.

"Studying for Colombia and the various policies isn't the hard part," Barnett said. "The hard part is understanding how every single other state within the OAS is going to respond."

"If you really have great ideas, you have to be able to communicate them in a language everybody can understand," Andorfer said. "When they get here, they realize a misplaced comma can be diabolical to what they're trying to achieve."

Alumnus **Dr. Justin van Fleet '02** (see p. 17) participated twice in the assembly when he was an FSU student. Today, he is the director of the International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity and chief of staff for the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education.

His preparation for the G20 summit in Germany felt a lot like what he did in the Model OAS.

"We're trying to get all these countries to get on board with policies," van Fleet said. "It's interesting. It's a very similar sort of skill I can trace back through that experience. It's diplomacy. You've got to ring up people, trying to get them on board, trying to get language in a final document. It's very much the Model OAS experience."

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"It gives you a broader range of knowledge of where people come from, what they expect and what's expected of them. Hopefully, that will help me interact with people from different cultures."

— Will Woodcock



A'Lexus Blue '17 and Cameron Shanton relax during a lighter moment.

A Global Perspective

Students in the Model OAS class are seeing already how the course and trip will help them during their next steps.

Woodcock wants to attend law school and work for a nonprofit dedicated to protecting animals. He anticipates the Model OAS experience helping him bridge divides.

“It gives you a broader range of knowledge of where people come from, what they expect and what’s expected of them,” Woodcock said. “Hopefully, that will help me interact with people from different cultures.”

Taylor, a law and society major concentrating in criminal justice, found it reassuring that students from the real Colombia found that he was on the right track with his resolution for judicial reform on drug use by expanding rehabilitation. He’s feeling optimistic, as he wants to go into a career involving international politics.

“Going in the field that I want to, it helps that I have some expertise in diplomacy,” Taylor said.

In the end, FSU as Colombia’s resolution passed 18-9.

The experience was made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation Annual Fund. To support the Annual Fund, visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/makeagift or call 301.687.4161.



Omar Taylor '17 reviews materials during the opening session.



Dr. Justin van Fleet '02 confers with United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education and former United Kingdom Prime Minister Gordon Brown during a trip to Pakistan. (credit: United Nations/Aala Tirmiz)

Mr. International

Alumnus Justin van Fleet '02 travels the globe to ensure no child is without an education

By Charles Schelle

Dr. Justin van Fleet wants to make sure every child in the world has access to education.

It’s a daunting undertaking that the LaVale native looks forward to resolving through his work with several agencies. He is the chief of staff for the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education, director of the International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity, chief advisor to the charity Theirworld and advisory board member at the Global Business Coalition for Education.

It’s a full-circle journey for van Fleet, who participated in the Model OAS and the Model UN while at FSU.

Van Fleet earned his bachelor’s degree in international politics and Spanish foreign language and literature from FSU, a master’s degree at Harvard University in international education policy and his doctorate in the same field from University of Maryland, College Park. He lives in New York City, where his brother **Ryan van Fleet '04** resides and works as vice president of analytics for the marketing and advertising firm Zenith.

Profile caught up with van Fleet to talk about his career and memories of Frostburg State. The interview is excerpted here.

Profile: Describe your role with the organizations you’re involved in dedicated to global education.

Justin van Fleet: The big challenge we’re faced with is this: across the globe, by 2030, the United Nations and international organizations have all come together to say, “We want to have every child and young person in school and learning.”

We’ve done some research which show that the trends, in the absence of action, are really bad. By 2030, 825 million – more than half of the youth population – are going to be left behind. . . . This is in developed countries and developing countries around the world. In many places, it’s very grim. . . . That’s what we’ve set out to change.

There are a few organizations I primarily work with:

One is the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education, former United Kingdom Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who serves the Secretary-General. Our key objective is to mobilize governments, communities and international organizations to take



Sarah Brown and van Fleet prepare for an interview during the International Monetary Fund/World Bank Spring Meetings. (Credit: Lana Wong, Education Commission)

this issue seriously and to invest and reform their education systems, ensuring they’re reaching the most marginalized kids. . . .

Second is the International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity. It’s chaired by Gordon Brown, and linked to his U.N. role.

The Commission brought together 25 world leaders and we said, “. . . What would it take to get to a place where children in low-income countries would get the same opportunities as children growing up in high-income countries?” We spent the past year putting together the commission report, “The Learning Generation.”

“The Learning Generation” actually shows it’s possible. . . . It practically looks at what would need to happen in countries around the world in terms of investment and reforms of their education systems, and what the international community would need to do to support this, to achieve the largest education expansion in human history. . . . We’re now implementing these recommendations, including setting up a new \$10 billion funding stream.

Third is Theirworld, a children’s organization that campaigns to make the policy changes that seem out of reach a reality. What we achieve through our campaigns impacts the lives of children everywhere.

Profile: What are your biggest challenges in your various roles? How do you handle them?

JvF: (Laughs) There are a lot of challenges.

One of the biggest challenges we have is conflict and emergencies around the globe. If you look at the Syrian refugee crisis, where millions of children are displaced or living in new countries and having their education disrupted. On average, if you’re in a refugee situation, you will be out of school for about 17 years. . . . Some of the most vulnerable young people are left without opportunity, left without hope, and they become prey to all sorts of negative influences, whether it be child labor, child trafficking or vulnerability to extremism. . . .



Van Fleet encounters UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, right, during a casual hallway meeting. (Credit: Theirworld/Sarah Brown)

The other challenge that I see is globally . . . there’s less of a sense of global challenges requiring global solutions. I find we’re constantly trying to convince people that we can’t solve some of these big challenges unless we work together. . . . Everyone wants to go it alone with incremental projects, but if we work together for big ideas, we can all benefit. When children everywhere have rights and opportunities, they’re able to survive, thrive and become the next innovators, engineers and scientists. They can create jobs and new economies in their own communities. It lifts everybody up. . . .

Profile: Where do you see the greatest success with how the private sector commits money or resources with what you’re trying to accomplish?

JvF: The Global Business Coalition for Education, under the leadership of Sarah Brown, came out of some of the research I was doing with my Ph.D., at College Park and The Brookings Institution. We saw companies were not contributing in education the same way they do in health.

. . . There’s a business rationale (to invest in young people’s education) . . . helping create a generation of young people who can be fit for the labor market. They could get jobs, buy goods and services from a company or actually work for a particular company. . . .

Profile: What do you remember about your experience at FSU, participating in the Model OAS and the associated course?

JvF: Each week we would spend time learning about a specific issue, a new country, policy and diplomacy – and then having to come up a resolution to propose.

I’ll never forget, I would prepare a resolution all week for my class and Dr. Joan Serafin Andorfer would sort of rip it apart each week. I’d get it back and keep reworking it and reworking it.

By the time I got to the Washington Model OAS, I knew what I was doing, but I was also terrified. . . . but that experience prepared me to work in policy today.



Van Fleet visits a classroom in Turkey where Turkish children and Syrian refugees are learning in the same school. (Credit: Theirworld/Jessica Bryant)

Profile: How did your experience as FSU shape you as a person?

JvF: It really gave me the personal attention that I needed to get to the next level academically. . . . The experience is really what you make of it. . . .

Initially I thought I’d go to FSU for two years and transfer to somewhere else, because I grew up in LaVale. But I felt at home there in what I was learning, who I was learning with and the faculty. . . .

If I had gone to a bigger university, I would have felt swallowed up.

Profile: Did anyone at the university leave you with any profound advice?

JvF: One of the things I always remember from Father Ed Hendricks is “Do whatever is the right and interesting thing to do with the career and makes you happy. . . . Do what feels like the right direction.”

With Harvard, it was a huge leap of faith, but it was a huge opportunity that I had to take up.

Profile: Anything you’d like to share with fellow alumni?

JvF: Find ways to give back to the University. When I look back, FSU was something that gave so much to me. I make an annual donation, and it’s not like I give a huge sum of money, but it’s a little bit I can do to help out. I encourage others to do the same.

. . . It was also a great experience to mentor somebody who came through the program, then worked for me recently. Having more opportunities to engage with current and former students would be great. We all have a duty and an obligation to give back given what was invested in us at the University.

More Online: View van Fleet’s complete Q&A, as well as videos about the students’ OAS experience, at bit.ly/ProfilePlus_Fall17.

Follow Justin van Fleet on Twitter @justinvanfleet. ■

FSU's Budding Fashion Scene Producing Models and Trendsetters

FASHION BURG

By Charles Schelle

With two active fashion clubs helping students to build their confidence and Frostburg alumni making their mark in the industry, maybe FSU should stand for FashionBurg State University.



IMENA LIKE WOW:

ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF VISUAL COUTURE LIVING HER DREAM LIFE

Every day is a bit of a surprise for **Imena de Barros '12**.

At 5 p.m., she has her schedule for the following day in her hand. Is it a shoot for Macy's? Footwear casting call? A flight to Europe for work?

No wonder her Instagram handle is @Imenalikewow.

The easy-going Bobcat is in the Big Apple now, living the not-easy life as a professional model.

But before she started getting calls to model on the department store circuit in ads for Belk, Bon-Ton, Kohl's, Macy's, Sears and

'Yeah, no.' I had to talk to him after class. 'Dude, I'm a nerd! I have to be in the front!'"

That thirst for knowledge prepared her to enter one of the most competitive occupations in the world, where clients have strict

needs from their models, including height, weight, hairstyle and smile, to serve their carefully calculated advertising campaigns.

"I try to be as approachable as possible," she said. "I try to be as open-minded and free-spirited, doing whatever it takes to make the client happy."



Imena de Barros '12

Building Confidence

Before turning pro, de Barros was part of a budding fashion scene at FSU. That scene has since taken hold, and

Target, de Barros earned her business degree from FSU, a backup plan after she was told in high school that modeling was not in her future. Coming to FSU eased that initial pressure and opened up doors.

"I honestly fell in love with Frostburg the moment I got there," she said.

A willing learner, she knew what she wanted to get out of her classes.

"I was the person sitting in front of the class, eager to learn and wanting to be there," she said. "One time a teacher tried to put me in the back, and I was like,

the campus now has two active and distinct student organizations focused on fashion, Visual Couture Runway Modeling and Paparazzi Perfect.

De Barros' early involvement with Visual Couture as a founding member is a memory that she'll carry with her the rest of her life, including meeting her best friends there. It's also how she met her boyfriend, **Alexander Dominguez '12**, who also models professionally (see opposite page).

"We were best friends in college, and we never thought that we would be doing this together," she said.

Visual Couture tends to focus on runway couture fashion shows, such as the one shown at left.

The clubs also serve as a formidable training ground for future models.

"It gives you an opportunity to express yourself," de Barros said. "A lot of people in the fashion industry are very creative. ... It definitely broke me out of my shell."

For example, Visual Couture offers Couture Clinics to train members on new techniques. It helps the young women and men involved build confidence.

"We spend time building confidence through how you walk, how you talk, how you show yourself through those looks," said Visual Couture president **Elizabeth Morafa**, a senior. "We're all about confidence through fashion."

The Business of Being a Model

Before de Barros earned her degree, she flew to South Beach during her senior year spring break to make one last go of becoming a professional.

"I went to every single modeling agency that came to mind. I did a

lot of research and everyone said no again," de Barros said. "Except on my very last day, the very last agency I went to was Next. They gave me a contract on the spot, and I cried like a baby!"

She soon left Miami for her first job, modeling for German retailer Otto.

De Barros needs representation in each market. Agencies coordinate to avoid conflicts or seek higher-paying gigs. De Barros is also represented by Wilhelmenia in Miami, MGM in Hamburg, Germany, and Q Management in New York and Los Angeles.

Passport to Her Dreams

While she already had the bubbly personality and good genes, FSU helped prepare de Barros.

Promoting student events for the Social Marketing Team enhanced her experience, too.

"When I was with **Missy Martz '95**, we were always on Twitter, trying to get the campus community involved," de Barros said.

"Taking what she taught us in a small community and applying it

to the world, I have to get everybody on my side and not just a small community like Frostburg."

Managing social media is part of her job, and in some cases, it affects whether she will get a job. De Barros has more than 8,000 followers on Instagram. For some, that's perfect because that number tells clients that she has a local or regional audience. For others, they demand at least 10,000 followers before considering a model.

Through it all, De Barros feels like she's living the dream, feeling those "Is this real?" moments traveling to exotic locales like the Maldives and Mauritius. She needs a new passport now from all of her traveling, and she hopes someday a shoot with Victoria's Secret or *Sports Illustrated* is in the offing.

"I've never been happier in my life," she said. "I am so thankful to be able to wake up and do something that I love."

It's good to be Imena. ■

THESE BOBCATS ARE TRES CHIC

Scholastique Koolimo '11

Widely known by her moniker Skye Charlie, Koolimo majored in law and society, attended the Sloop Institute for Excellence and participated in a

Beall Institute internship in Annapolis.

Koolimo is the co-founder of ThriveLounge, which serves entrepreneurial millennial women in the Washington

metro area. She also has directed the DC Fashion Incubator at Macy's Metro Center runway shows, directed the Smithsonian Women's Committee Craf2Wear runway show and designed the wardrobe concept for the play, *Thoughts of a COLORED MAN on a day when the sun set too early*, by **Keenan M. Scott II '09**. Koolimo was also the director of Fashion for Fest Africa USA from 2011 to 2015. Follow Skye Charlie on Instagram @the_afropolitan.

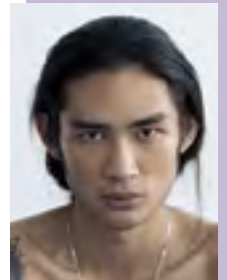


Alexander Dominguez '12

A member of Visual Couture and a law and society graduate, Dominguez can be seen online for Urban Outfitters

and in print ads for Champion Streetwear and Opening Ceremony. He also was one of the first male models for hair care brand Redken. He's represented by Q Management,

Models and Talent in New York and MGM Models in Germany. Dominguez has more than 8,600 Instagram followers on @alxdoom.



FashionBurg

FSU is home to two active fashion clubs.

Visual Couture focuses on high-fashion runway modeling, giving students opportunities in modeling, photography, graphic design, film, marketing and more – all the elements it takes to produce a fashion show and to be a model. The club travels to universities around the state to put on shows, networks with designers and fundraises for charity. More students from the Washington metro area are in this club.

The **Paparazzi Perfect** troupe also performs runway shows, but it is more performance-based, involving choreography, dance and cinematographic backdrops. This group attracts more Baltimore-area students.

"Frostburg is starting to be put on the map for fashion."

– Visual Couture President Elizabeth Morafa



Paparazzi Perfect shows feature choreography and dance with the fashion.

Paparazzi Perfect Photographer: Joseph Ogunsanya, Jr. – FSU Social Marketing Team 2017

Did we miss you?

Use #FashionBurg and tag @frostburgalumni with your photo and a description of your involvement with fashion.

TEAMING UP IN STEM



Students **Jacob Williams**, left, and **Aili Wade** apply the final touches of paint to the model that they helped create through 3D printing in the Department of Physics and Engineering's machine shop.

Students Combine Art and Science to Produce Commercial-Quality Teaching Model

Frostburg students and faculty continue to make strides in the STEM fields – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – very often through cooperation across these disciplines and calling on a surprising range of skills. Here are some recent achievements.

When students in **Dr. Rebekah Taylor's** biology labs handle an immunoglobulin (antibody) model, they see a scale representation about 1.8-million times larger than the real molecule, but they don't see the inter-departmental collaboration and student and faculty effort that created it.

The complex plastic structure looks like many modern commercial models. Yet Taylor's is the result of a Faculty Development Grant, a cross-departmental collaboration and the efforts of two talented student lab workers.

Taylor, an assistant professor, used to borrow plaster commercial models from a scientific lending library, which would cost about \$150 each to purchase.

"I didn't let the students touch them because I was afraid they would get dropped. They were painted plaster. They looked really great, but if they were dropped, they would



Mechanical engineering major **Aili Wade** carefully brushes paint onto a new model, which will be used in biology classes to demonstrate the function and structures of the immunoglobulin molecule.

be in a million pieces, and they didn't belong to me," Taylor said. Durable plastic models would cost upwards of \$1,000.

Taylor and **Dr. Mahdi Norouzi**, assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Engineering, supplied the model's specifications. Sophomore **Aili Wade** and junior **Jacob Williams**, lab workers in the Physics and Engineering Machine Shop, then crafted it from durable ABS plastic through additive manufacturing (3D printing).

The materials cost about \$100 – a 10th of what comparable commercial models cost – and replacements can be produced in two days with a few hours of labor. The first copy, however, took much longer.

Before printing an object layer by layer, 3D printers require much legwork. Tolerances vary with numerous factors, typically requiring multiple print runs to perfect an object. Wade, lab manager, and Williams, tolerance and process engineer, are now experts. Under the guidance of Academic Lab Manager **Duane Miller**, they took Taylor and Norouzi's data and ran with it.

They first increased the strength-to-weight ratio, modifying the model's internal structure. Then they worked on a technique to smooth the surface to the right texture, which resulted in at least one horribly disfigured molecule. Once that was perfected, they became artists, using durable enamel hobby model paints.

Wade and Williams documented every step to improve the Machine Shop's capabilities and cut production times.

"I really think they've got an amazing thing going," Taylor said, predicting an array of potential uses for nearly every scientific discipline at FSU. She aims to build a range of teaching models.

"I can just give them the diagrams and they can make it, and it's just beautiful," she said. "I love it – I'm going to be their biggest customer!"

The experience should serve the two well after graduation. Industry is rapidly adding 3D-printing capabilities, putting skilled practitioners of the craft in high demand. FSU has responded by integrating increasingly difficult 3D-printing assignments into all four years of the engineering curricula, preparing Bobcat engineers to take the lead in a rapidly growing field.

— **Robert Spahr '13**

Deep Space Discoveries

This data-rich age of astrophysics is ripe for new discoveries, and students at Frostburg are using this data – collected from the Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array telescope in Socorro, N.M., and the Spitzer Space Telescope – to make findings of their own.

Five students this year earned the opportunity to present their findings at the 2017 American Astronomical Society Conference, working in collaboration with assistant professor of physics **Dr. Jason Speights**.

"This shows that Frostburg State students are capable of doing real astrophysics research for publication and are capable of presenting this type of material to a worldwide audience," Speights said.

Here is what they found:



Jake Lichtenberg '17

Examining the Behavior of a Galaxy's Spiral Arms

Just how the spiral arms of a galaxy behave was the question **Jake Lichtenberg '17** took on. What he found was evidence for a rigidly rotating spiral density wave in the central region of NGC 3184, a disk-shaped galaxy in the Ursa Major constellation.

He examined the rotational speed of the spiral arms to help astrophysicists better understand their behavior, about which there are competing theories.

"One of (the theories) is spiral density wave theory ... (that) tries to explain the formation of the spiral arms," Lichtenberg said.

The spiral arms are denser regions of gas, dust and stars. Think of the density wave as a wake created by an ocean wave, Speights said.

"One idea in the theory is that the material travels through its wake, and when it does, it triggers things like star formation," he said. "It's important to understand processes like those that could trigger star formation so we can better understand how galaxies evolve."

"Jake's results are interesting because this is the first time we find evidence for spiral density waves using our methods," Speights

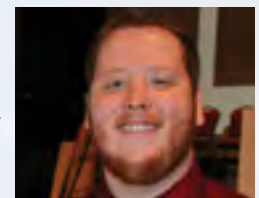
"I'm getting the experience these top-tier schools are providing from Frostburg State, and I'm getting a one-on-one conversation with an astrophysicist."

— **Jake Lichtenberg '17**

said. "Unlike most other methods for studying density waves, we don't make any assumptions about their existence, so a positive detection is a really big deal that needs to be examined carefully, and that's what we'll do in the paper we're working on."

The findings are being submitted for publication in *The Astrophysical Journal*.

"We're in an era of astronomy right now where there are these large surveys and people are putting



Allen Benton '17



Robert Lemaire



Caleb Godwin



Becca Reimer '17

data online for other astronomers to use," Speights said.

Lichtenberg admits being unsure of his abilities as he was learning MATLAB, the special coding software for his research, but he found he enjoyed it more than he ever anticipated.

The resources at FSU to do high-level undergraduate research are making Lichtenberg's experience invaluable.

"I'm getting the experience these top-tier schools are providing from Frostburg State, and I'm getting a one-on-one conversation with an astrophysicist," Lichtenberg said. "It really helped to guide me to what I want to do."

Finding a New Galactic Flow

Allen Benton '17, Caleb Godwin, Robert Lemaire and Becca Reimer '17 looked into the heart of a galaxy to see what makes it tick. They are collaborating to identify material along a galaxy disc in Galaxy NGC4736, also known as Messier 94, important to understand where the fuel for star formation comes from.

"We know galaxies rotate circularly, but we were also trying to show they have radial flows inward and outward," Reimer explained. They learned that existing models of galaxies may not be complete because data should be accounting for radial flows of galaxies in addition to circular flows.

"Most people, when they do models of galaxies, they ignore radial flows completely, so by showing that they could (flow radially) in fact, it shows that previous models aren't entirely correct," Reimer said. "Although the radial flows that we did find were small, they could still have an effect on the dynamics of the system."

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Their research relies heavily on coding and algorithms, crunching the data. It's the type of physics that interests Benton, who started out studying computer programming.

"I wanted to know how we applied standard calculus to galaxies and how you can explain how trillions of objects interact," Benton said. "The most challenging part was learning how to program in a way that fits all of the math and all of the studies that have been done over all these years."

Godwin is also keen on marrying his math and computer science skills. Using those skills to find out how a galaxy behaves gave him a new perspective.

"It hit me how math could truly describe just about anything," said Godwin. Math showed how the galaxy "is developing, how it moves – the speed of the material as it rotates," he added.

It takes millions of years to observe a rotation, so researchers examine models and what clues those models could give.

"We're fitting equations to the data and solving for the unknown parts of the equations that we're trying to understand better," Speights said.

– Charles Schelle



FSU engineering students from Cecil College presented two projects at FSU's annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. From left are **Fatih Elmali '17**, **Nathan Compher '17** and **Travis Wiles '17**, all displaying elements of a project that would reduce the weight of body armor; their professor, **Dr. Scott Hemphill**; and **James Bickling '17**, **Renee Piatt '17** and **Mike Randolph**, showing products from their project that would allow the auto industry to recycle composites.

First Cecil-Frostburg Engineering Students Set High Bar

The first group of graduates from the Cecil College articulation program in engineering have already tackled projects that have been puzzling industry engineers. One group tackled a missing link in the automotive recycling industry: recycling carbon fiber. The other offered a novel method to reduce the weight of military and police armor plates without reducing effectiveness.

The students, who attend Frostburg's program in North East, Md., presented two projects at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium.

"The projects are timely and relevant, both for global resource management and for industry demand," said **Dr. Eric Moore '00**, chair of the Department of Physics and Engineering. "Professor Hemphill and his students have set a high bar for students who will follow in their footsteps."

Dr. Scott Hemphill, Cecil's program coordinator, said the Frostburg-at-Cecil program was a life-changing opportunity for his students, whom he also advises and teaches.

"They all have full-time jobs," Hemphill explained. "If they had to go another route, there was no way for them to get an engineering degree at a community college. The program allowed them flexibility."

The skills his students developed are highly applicable in industrial settings, said Hemphill, who also operates a materials engineering firm.

James Bickling '17 had already been accepted into the University of Delaware's civil engineering program

when he learned that Frostburg's materials engineering program at Cecil, which fit his academic interests, was more affordable and allowed him to keep working.

It also helped Bickling and his partners focus on their research. They confronted a vexing automotive industry issue: how to



Figuring out how to separate carbon fiber, above, so it can be recycled has applications in the auto industry.

recycle composites like carbon fiber. Strong and lightweight, composites help boost fuel efficiency but introduce drawbacks.

"The biggest issue that inhibits widespread use of composite materials is the reconcilability issue. Composite materials are not recycled easily because separating fibers from the matrix is extremely hard," said **Dr. Mahdi Norouzi**, assistant professor of physics and engineering.

Bickling's team developed a technique to sort scrapped materials by fiber length, remove residual resin and

Their research demonstrated a technique to lighten ceramic plates by more than 20 percent while maintaining better than 99 percent of their original strength.

create recycled composite material. The material they produced is comparable to short-fiber composites already in industrial use.

Travis Wiles '17, who originally planned to attend UMBC, jumped at the chance to save money and advance his career near home. At the symposium, Wiles



Levi Hartsock demonstrates the mechanism that makes his Window Wizard engage and close windows when a sensor detects that it has begun raining. Other members of the Window Wizard team are **Zane Beal**, **Jairus Chaney '17**, **Isaac Robinson** and **Chris Santina '17**.



Conceptualizing Inventions With the Help of 3D Printers

Most masterpieces begin with a rough draft. Great inventions are no different.

Students in the collaborative mechanical engineering program with the University of Maryland College Park use state-of-the-art 3D printers to make components for their invention concepts.

"I really enjoyed the experience. We hear of 3D printers and think of it as a sci-fi thing or a relatively emerging technology, but we have them right here at Frostburg," said engineering student **Levi Hartsock**.

In the program's capstone course, the class is divided into teams to make an everyday household product. It begins with a concept, drawing and designing the products using specialized computer-aided design and drafting, or CAD, software.

Hartsock was part of a team that designed components for a household power window that automatically closes when it rains, called the Window Wizard. (**View video at bit.ly/FSUWindow**.) Another team designed a countertop washing system for protein shaker bottles. (**View video at bit.ly/FSUWasher**.)



"This is a great experience for students to prepare them for their first job in the market," said Assistant Professor of Engineering **Dr. Mahdi Norouzi**.

– Charles Schelle



Kyle Maust '17 shows a component of the Spic N Span Bottle Cleaner, designed to clean out reusable beverage containers like protein shaker bottles, that was created by a 3D printer. The design team, which also created the animation demonstration, above at left, includes Maust, **Joshua Tichinel '17**, **Dillon Russell '17** and **Kyle Chin**.

marveled that Moore, his department chair, knew his name and wanted to discuss his research.

"That's been a wonderful thing, to have them invest in you and want to see you do well," Wiles said.

He and his partners aimed to lighten the

body-worn strike plates – weighing 15-plus pounds – that protect soldiers from rifle fire. Their research demonstrated a way to lighten ceramic plates by more than 20 percent while maintaining nearly all their original strength. As 3D printing evolves, the research could lead to lighter, stronger armor.

– Robert Spahr '13

INNOVATION CORNER



Christopher Gill '17, left, presented his encrypted group chat app at the International Symposium on Electronic Imaging with his professor, **Dr. Xunyu Pan**.

Student Presents Chat App at International Conference

Technology companies specializing in instant messaging are always looking at ways to make their applications more secure. Computer science major **Christopher Gill '17** is already building a product that helps evolve existing chat applications.

Gill built a desktop prototype group messaging application with real-time attribute-based encryption. He presented his app at the Society of Imaging Science and Technology International Symposium on Electronic Imaging.

Gill's app encrypts and decrypts messages on the user's device, preventing the message's capture by intermediary servers, which may retain a copy of each message they forward.

"At the moment, we have applications out there where you're sending messages to other people, and you don't know what the server is storing," Gill said. "It could have full access to all of the messages that are sent, and you don't know who's able to gain access to that server."

While Gill's app sacrifices some speed for tighter security, it offers improved group messaging functionality over existing programs, allowing users to sort contacts by interest areas for topical group chats.

– Charles Schelle

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Winter/Spring Sports by the Numbers:

3	CoSIDA Academic All-District
2	CAC Coaches of the Year
1	ECAC Coach of the Year (Wes Landrum, softball)
4	USTFCCCA Outdoor All-Region honors
3	USTFCCCA Indoor All-Region honors
13	All-CAC honorees (winter)
30	All-CAC honorees (spring)
4	All-ECAC honors (spring)
3	All-Region award winners



Macey Nitchie



Christian March

Swimmers Dominate CAC

Juniors **Macey Nitchie** and **Christian March** captured the CAC's Female and Male Athlete of the Year honors, producing record-setting performances at the CACs and guiding their squads to FSU's best finishes as part of CAC.

Nitchie won and set school records in all events and hit NCAA "B" cut times in two, getting three First Team All-CAC awards. In the 50- and 200-yard freestyles, Nitchie set the school record twice in the same day. She won the 50- (24.00), 100- (52.08) and 200-yard freestyles (1:52.80), with "B" times in the 100 and 200, and helped the 200- (1:52.10) and 400-yard medley relay (4:04.79) to school records.

March hit two "B" cut times and set two more school records. He opened with a win in the 50-yard freestyle in 21.23 after setting a school record in the preliminaries (21.10). He followed with wins and NCAA "B" cut times in the 100- (56.53) and 200-yard breaststrokes (2:03.25) and broke his own school record in the 200. He was named First Team All-CAC.



Kirsten Rayner

Rayner Named Academic All-American

Women's basketball player **Kirsten Rayner '17** was named a Third Team Academic All-American, carrying a perfect 4.0 GPA. She was one of 15, and just one of five Academic All-Americans with a perfect 4.0 GPA. The two-year starter earned a spot on the All-CAC Second Team. Rayner is the second in the program's history to earn Academic All-American, 11th overall across all sports.

Truesdel Named Indoor and Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year

Junior **Kayla Truesdel** dominated the indoor and outdoor track seasons, capturing the CAC's Female Athlete of the Year each time and carrying that momentum to the NCAAs.

To cap her indoor season, she took 11th in the 60-meter dash at the NCAA Indoor Championships. To get there, she won the 60-meter dash at the ECACs and CACs with All-Region honors. In the 200-meter dash, she won the CAC title, set a school record (25.59) and took third at the ECACs. She earned an All-Mideast region award in the 200 and two First Team All-CAC honors.

For outdoor track, she again represented Frostburg at the NCAAs, finishing 15th in the 200-meter dash. Her school record in the 200 (24.67) at the ECACs earned her that spot, propelling her from 32nd in the nation to 16th. She won CAC league champion and earned First Team All-CAC awards, winning the 100- (12.61) and 200-meter dashes (25.92) and two Second Team All-CAC awards as part of the 4x100- (51.06) and 4x400-meter relay (4:12.08) runners-up.

Diggs Starts Strong

Sophomore guard **Victoria Diggs** had an impressive first season, making the ECAC DIII Women's Basketball South Region All-Star team and being named CAC and ECAC Rookie of the Year.

Diggs was critical to the Bobcats' turnaround. They made the CAC Tournament for the first time since 2012-13. She finished third on the team in scoring (11.3 PPG) and assists (2.2 APG). Diggs ended the season third in scoring. Her three-point goal percentage (35.3 percent) was the team highest and fifth in the CAC.



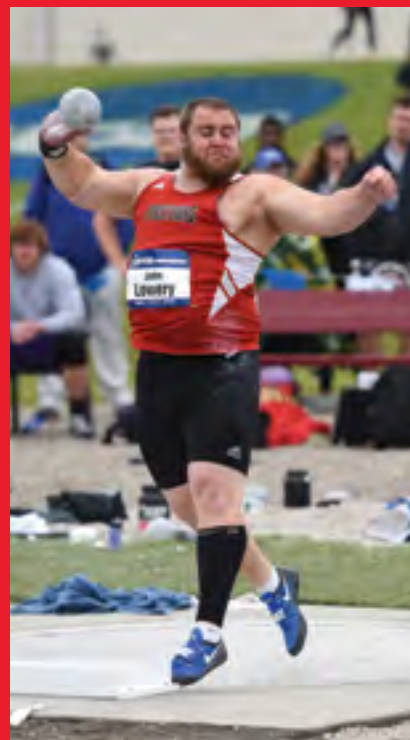
Victoria Diggs

Lowery Caps Off Stellar Career

In four years with the track & field program, **J.R. Lowery '17** has proven he belongs among the nation's top throwers.

Lowery ended grandly at the NCAA DIII Outdoor Track & Field Championships as the national runner-up in the shot put with his final throw (17.65 meters). He made the finals tossing a 16.90 in the trials.

This also landed him All-American honors for the first time and Frostburg's first in that event since 1993. He also set the Frostburg and Capital Athletic Conference record at 18.05 meters, won two First Team All-CAC awards in shot put and hammer throw, two All-Mideast Region awards from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association and an ECAC runner-up spot in shot put (16.85 meters).



Kayla Truesdel



On April 1, alumni of men's lacrosse club and varsity teams got together for a reception.



Field hockey alumni joined up to revisit the playing field for the alumni game on May 6.

ONCE A BOBCAT, ALWAYS A BOBCAT

Athletics alumni took advantage of opportunities this spring to get together and reminisce, while also supporting today's Bobcat student-athletes.



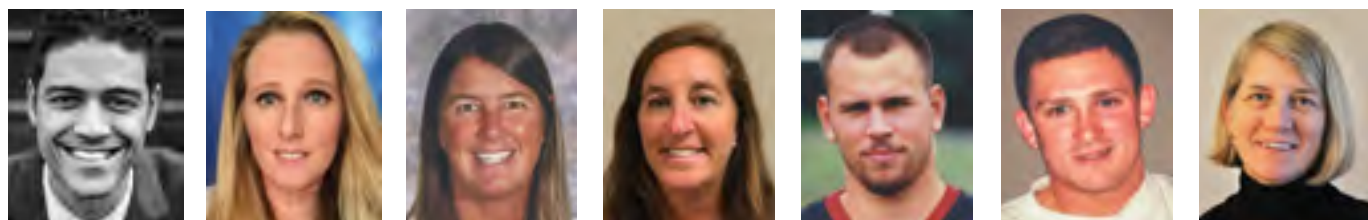
The eighth annual Spring Golf Invitational to support FSU Baseball was held April 29.



Alumni of the women's soccer teams returned to their Bobcat roots to play a game on April 29.



A golf match was the highlight of the Football Golf Outing and Reunion in support of Bobcat Football the weekend of June 10 and 11.



Pierre Bowery '05 Trisha Brown '06 Trina Kirsch '88/M'90 Jennifer Murphy '91 George O'Brien '04 Alan Sebold '99 Caryn Shearer '85

Hall of Fame Inducts Seven in Largest Class Since 1971

Seven former student-athletes will be inducted into the Bobcat Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 20, as part of Homecoming Weekend. The 2017 class is the largest since the 1971 inaugural class. It represents seven sports, two All-Americans and the first softball inductee in the program's 21-year history.

Pierre Bowery '05, basketball, captured numerous awards during four years. Bowery is the program's all-time leader in free throws made (444), second in blocks (192) and points (1,209) and third in field goals (667). Bowery helped the Bobcats to their only AMCC Tournament Championship in 2000-01; they went on to finish runner-up in the ECAC South Championship. He was a three-time First Team All-AMCC honoree.

Trisha Brown '06, softball, is the first softball player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. With a record-setting, four-year career, she was a three-time All-AMCC selection and

helped the Bobcats to 80 victories, including three appearances in the AMCC Tournament and the 2004 ECAC Division III South Championship. She is the program's current all-time leader in doubles (35) and is third in batting average (.419), fifth in both RBIs (111) and total bases (244), and sixth in hits (150) and home runs (15). At her graduation, she was Frostburg's all-time leader in all six categories.

Trina Kirsch '88/M'90, basketball, was a four-year letter-winner for the women's team and helped the program to 74 wins. She helped lead Frostburg to the program's third NCAA Tournament following the 1984-85 season, and she helped the Bobcats to the ECAC Tournament in '86 and '88. She is 13th all-time in program history with 1,207 points and fifth with 996 rebounds. She later served as the Bobcats' graduate assistant coach for two seasons, helping the team to 40 wins, including the ECAC Championship in 1990.

Jennifer Murphy '91, lacrosse, was a two-time All-American following a standout three-year career. As a senior she was named a

Brine All-American Honorable Mention, and as a junior she was named to the All-American Second Team. Murphy helped Frostburg to 33 wins, and she finished with 107 goals, 70 assists and 177 total points. A two-time All-Maryland First Team selection, Murphy helped Frostburg to a program-record 15 wins during her 1991 senior season.

George O'Brien '04, football, was a two-time All-American following a three-year career. He was named a Hewlett-Packard Division III All-American Second Team and an American Football Coaches Association All-American following his senior season, leading the Bobcats with 89 tackles and pacing the Atlantic Central Football Conference (ACFC) with 9.5 sacks. As a junior, O'Brien was named to the Hewlett Packard All-America Third Team and selected as the ACFC Defensive Player of the Year. He led the conference in tackles for loss (18) and sacks (9.0).

Alan Sebold '99, baseball, a catcher, was a three-year letter-winner, helping the Bobcats to 71 wins in his three seasons, including three

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Recognizing the 1967 Baseball Team

The Hall of Fame Ceremony will honor the successes of the 1967 baseball team, which was coached by the legendary Bob Wells. Some of their accomplishments:

- First team to make post-season play, advancing to NAIA Regionals
- Finished 19-9
- Area champions
- Maryland Collegiate Conference champions (10-0)
- Finished ranked 19th in the NAIA
- Four players in the Bobcat Hall of Fame

Brunett Named Marietta's First-Ever Head Women's Lacrosse Coach

Marietta College in Ohio is launching a varsity lacrosse program, and they have chosen **Malory Brunett '15** to lead the development of the women's team as head coach. The Pioneers will take the field for their inaugural season during the 2018-19 school year.

"Building a lacrosse program from the ground up is something I have coveted since I began coaching," said Brunett. "I am looking forward to creating a dedicated and driven culture that translates from the field into the classroom. I am thrilled to showcase what Marietta College and the beautiful town have to offer student-athletes."



Malory Brunett '15

Brunett previously worked as a graduate assistant coach at Lake Erie College, serving as the defensive coordinator and goalie coach, as well as strength and conditioning coordinator.

In her two seasons there, Brunett helped develop three all-conference players, including two first team honorees. Her defense ranked first in their conference in goals allowed in 2017 and second in 2016.

At Frostburg, Brunett was a four-time All-Capital Athletic Conference selection and Rookie of the Year in 2011. A three-year team captain and two-time MVP for the Bobcats, Brunett capped her career with first-team Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association All-Region honors. She holds the Frostburg single season and career records for draw controls.

Brunett counts **Davia Procida '10** as one of her lacrosse mentors.

Wilf Selected to Coach Team USA in Maccabiah Olympics

Head Tennis Coach **Aaron Wilf** was named the head coach for Team USA's junior national tennis team in the Maccabiah Olympics this summer. His team took home four bronze medals in the international event.

The Maccabiah Olympics, held every four years in Israel, are a division of the International Olympic Committee and the third-largest sporting event in the world, behind only the Olympics and the Pan-American Games. About 10,000 athletes from more than 80 countries participated in this prestigious international competition.

The U.S. junior national team, with six male and six female players competing in singles, doubles and mixed doubles, earned bronze medals in mixed doubles and girls doubles. In "very elite international competition against players from all corners of the world," Wilf said, the team played 78 matches and went 45-33 in those matches.

"We have a great group of athletes that are competing on the tennis team, and I've enjoyed getting to know them and their families," Wilf said. "I'm truly humbled to have the opportunity to represent my family and friends, Frostburg State University and Team USA on the world stage."



Aaron Wilf

Hall of Fame, continued

trips to the ECAC South Tournament. FSU also captured the AMCC Championship in its first year in the league in 1998. A two-time team MVP, Sebold garnered All-Region Second Team honors as a sophomore, was a two-time All-ECAC Mid-Atlantic honoree and named All-AMCC as a senior. Sebold ranks ninth in program history in batting average (.388), eighth in sacrifice flies (8) and 11th in slugging percentage (.612).

Caryn Shearer '85 was an NCAA All-American Honorable Mention in field hockey after her senior season. A four-year letter-winner from 1981-84, Shearer helped the Bobcats to one of the best four-year runs in program history, winning 51 games and

losing just 16. They made three trips to the NCAA Tournament, including the program's first-ever berth in 1981. The Bobcats finished with 15 wins following the '82 and '84 seasons; those teams are tied for the most season wins in school history. Shearer helped the Bobcats to four consecutive Maryland State Championship titles and is the program's second-ever All-American. She was named an NCAA Regional All-American and an All-Maryland Award winner as a senior.

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



Diane Carter Richardson '80

Richardson Named Towson Head Women's Basketball Coach

Diane Carter Richardson '80 has been named the Towson University women's basketball head coach, the 10th head coach in program history. She brings 16 years of women's basketball coaching experience to her new position.

"Diane separated herself (from the pool of candidates) through her experience, winning at all levels, and the strong degree of professionalism that you would expect from someone with her business background," said Tim Leonard, director of Athletics.

"I look forward to adding to the tradition of community and championships," said Richardson, who called her selection an honor.

Richardson was most recently an assistant coach and the recruiting coordinator at West Virginia University. Previously, Richardson was an assistant coach at George Washington University, head coach at Riverdale Baptist High School in Upper Marlboro, Md., and an assistant coach at the University of Maryland and American University.

At Frostburg, Richardson was the NCAA regional field goal percentage leader as a freshman. She also ran track at Frostburg and was the 1979 NCAA regional champion in the 200- and 400-meter races. She earned a spot on the 1980 U.S. Olympic team, which did not compete in the games. ■



HOMEcoming '17

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Meet up with friends and faculty, enjoy some great food, music and festivities, and check out what's new around campus. Don't miss all the Homecoming athletic events, and top it all off with our fabulous Saturday late-night party – Oktoburgfest!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Noon, ARMAH, LUC
Retired Employee Luncheon

By invitation only. RSVP Deadline: October 11.

7:00 - 8:00 pm, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Pep Rally

Sponsored by the Student Homecoming Committee



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 am - Noon, Campus wide
Career Expo – “Engage”

For more information, contact Dr. Robbie Cordle or Donna Sivic, Office of Career Services, at 301.687.4403.

5:00 pm, Lane University Center
Bobcat Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Dinner

Join us to welcome seven new inductees and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Baseball Team. **RSVP Deadline: October 11.** Cost: \$30/adult, \$12/children 12 and under. CASH BAR. No walk-ins admitted.

7:30 pm, Pealer Recital Hall, Pealer Center
West Shore Piano Trio

Featuring FSU Faculty. FREE Admission.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 am - 12:45 pm and 1 hour after the game
Tailgating

Cost: \$10 per space. Parking on a first-come, first-served basis. For a complete list of rules and regulations, visit our website: www.frostburg.edu/homecoming

9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Lobby, LUC
Alumni Welcome Center

Refreshments, games and activities for kids! Update contact information, leave a note for fellow alumni and register to win prizes.

9:00 – 10:00 am, Derezhinski Lounge, LUC
Coffee & Donuts with President Ron Nowaczyk

Take this chance to meet FSU's president, ask him questions and give him ideas!

9:30 am, Main Arena, Cordts PE Center
Women's Basketball Alumni Game

For more information, contact Coach Carrie Saunders at cesaunders@frostburg.edu or 301.687.3222.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm, ARMAH, LUC
Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Brunch

RSVP Deadline: October 11. Cost: \$20/adult, \$10/children 12 and under. No walk-ins admitted. Co-sponsored by the Frostburg Baseball Alumni Association.

10:00 am, Grass Practice Field
Women's Lacrosse Alumni Game

For more information, contact Coach Hayley Whear at hmengster@frostburg.edu or 301.687.4273.



11:00 am, Upper Lobby, LUC
Walking Campus Tour

Get a chance to check out the old and the new!

11:00 am, Veterans Center
Veterans Center Dedication

FREE and open to the public. Refreshments.

Noon, Atkinson Room, LUC
Accounting Alumni Reception

By invitation only. **RSVP Deadline: October 11.** Co-sponsored by the FSU Accounting Association.

Noon - 2:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building
“ALL FIRED UP!”
Alumni Ceramics Exhibit. Refreshments.

12:30 pm, Baseball Locker Room
Cordts PE Center
Locker Room Dedication

In memory of James “Jimmy” T. Anderson '79

1:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Football Game
Bobcats vs. Montclair State University
FREE Admission

1:00 – 3:00 pm, Derezhinski Lounge, LUC
Student Alumni Ambassador Reunion

By invitation only. Join us to watch the football game LIVE on the big screen! **RSVP deadline: October 11.**



5:00 – 7:00 pm, Hall of Fame Room, Cordts PE Center

Student Government Association Reunion

By invitation only. **RSVP deadline: October 11.**

3:30 – 6:00 pm, Lobby & Room 397, Gira Center
Alpha Phi Alpha 40th Anniversary Celebration

By invitation only. **RSVP deadline: October 11.**

4:00 pm, Multimedia Learning Center, Gira Center
“Oasis in Space”

Embark on a startling and beautiful voyage through our Solar System. Donations welcomed at the door. *Running time 24 min.*

5:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Women's Soccer Game
Bobcats vs. Salisbury University
FREE Admission

6:30 pm, Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St., Frostburg
Leadership Donor Reception
By invitation only. **RSVP Deadline: October 11.**

7:00 pm, Bobcat Stadium
Men's Soccer Game
Bobcats vs. Salisbury University
FREE Admission

9:00 pm - 1:00 am, Lane University Center
Oktoburgfest
Music, music and more music, make-and-take crafts, snack stations and a cash bar! Cost: \$10/person. **Tickets go on sale Sept. 11.** You can purchase tickets online at www.frostburg.edu/studenteventstix Co-sponsored by the Student Homecoming Committee and Late@Lane.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 am, Room 397, Gira Center
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. **RSVP Deadline: October 11.**

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

Noon - 4:00 pm, Roper Gallery, Fine Arts Building
“ALL FIRED UP!”
Alumni Ceramics Exhibit

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

Noon, Lobby, LUC
Student Government Association Big Event
Join our students to clean up the streets of Frostburg!



SATURDAY, 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM
LANE UNIVERSITY CENTER
Bring your friends and join us for a great time with fellow Bobcats!

- Music, music & more music
- Make-and-take crafts
- Snack stations
- Cash bar!

Valid ID required to enter, security check.

Cost: \$10/person
Tickets go on sale September 11.
Purchase online at www.frostburg.edu/studenteventstix

To RSVP for any event

Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations and register via one of the following options:

Online: www.frostburg.edu/homecoming
Phone: 301.687.4068
Email: alumni@frostburg.edu

Find additional information and updates by following the Frostburg State University Alumni Association on social media.



LUC – Lane University Center
ARMAH – Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall

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CLASSNOTES

ClassNotes listed are those received as of June 30, 2017.

1959

Judith L. Snyder M'68 was inducted into the 2016 Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for her extensive volunteer work and later recognized by the Allegany County Commissioners for the honor.

1963

Lowell L. Chapman M'68 received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maryland Society of Surveyors. A land surveyor and engineer, he has owned and operated Lowell Chapman Surveying & Engineering for more than 50 years.

1969

J. Ron Hennings is an associate professor of Educational Leadership and chair of the M.Ed.-EDL Principal Certification Program for Prescott College, in Prescott, Ariz. He will co-direct the International Educational Leadership Seminars series in 2018 at the University of Malta. Ron retired in 2012 after 43 years as teacher, principal and superintendent. He lives with his wife, Joy, on the Colorado River Indian Reservation.

1970

Tim M. Martin retired last year as professor emeritus from Sage College of Albany, N.Y., after 43 years. He is now building a clay and wood studio at home and preparing for a vacation to Italy with his wife, Karin, to celebrate their 42nd anniversary.

1975

Alfred E. Martin was named Business Person of the Year during the 18th annual Washington County Business Awards Ceremony in February. He is a certified public accountant and retired from the city

of Hagerstown in 2011 after working in the Finance Department for 30 years, including 27 as finance director.

1978

Joyce A. Bailey M'79 is the owner of NC Coastal Concierge, LLC, in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C.

Earl A. Brewer III was inducted into the U.S. Lacrosse – Potomac Chapter Hall of Fame. He is owner/director of Virginia Elite Lacrosse.

Anthony Laing retired in 2016 from the U.S. Department of Education after more than 37 years. He held a variety of positions, ranging from budget analyst to director of Internal Controls in Student Financial Aid. He also served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, Joyce, reside in Olney, Md. He spends his free time or as he calls it, his “encore,” participating in a local walking club and with the C&O Canal Association.

1979

Eric B. Phillips, a CPA in Manheim, Pa., has been in accounting practice for 26 years. He is very active in the community, serving on the Borough Council and then as mayor. He is most proud of his daughter, Chloe, born with Down syndrome in 1998, who has blossomed in many ways, including representing Pennsylvania in the Special Olympics “Day on the Hill” to meet with her representatives in Congress in February, accompanied by her parents.



Chloe Phillips meets Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and Special Olympics Chair Tim Shriver while advocating for Special Olympics on Capitol Hill.

1981

Robin D. Cohen retired from the federal government after 32 years with the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Baltimore regional office.

1983

Carol Corliss Gregg was inducted into the Garrett County Commission Women's Hall of Fame. She owns Gregg's Pharmacy.

Leslie Ludwig was appointed to the Board of Directors of EagleBank in Bethesda, Md. She is a partner and chair of the Management Committee at The JBG Companies.

1987

Donald Amon, Jr., was elected chair of the Cushing, Okla., City Commission, a position similar to mayor. He earned a master's degree in theatre from Oklahoma State University. He has taught at Cushing High School for 21 years.

1988

Gregory Leake was named the Western Maryland Health System's director of Safety and Security. He retired as a captain from the Cumberland Police Department.

1990

Cindy A. Dove was named Faculty of the Year for Hagerstown Community College. She is an associate professor and biotechnology coordinator, has been a leader in student learning assessment and played an important role in several National Science Foundation grants.

Beth Choate Burgee has joined Brunswick Forest, a community in Leland, N.C., as a marketing manager.

1991

Allison L. Wenzel Reynolds earned her Master of Education degree from Concordia University in Portland, Ore.

1992

Tina Bathory M'94 is serving as a field official in her second appearance at a Federation of International Women's

Lacrosse World Cup this summer in Rathbones, England. “I owe it all to the high level of lacrosse coaching and standards set at FSU,” Tina said.



Lisa Canas Garcia was promoted to chief operating officer at Sachs Media Group in Tallahassee, Fla. She is responsible for the firm's working processes and daily operations. She will head up the firm's diversity and inclusion efforts.



1993

Kendra K. Trail M'99 was appointed as superintendent of Greencastle-Antrim School District in Franklin County, Pa. She was previously executive director in the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit in Mifflin County.

1995

LaNisha Reece Cassell is the new executive director of the African American Museum of Iowa. She plans to create more visibility and statewide relevance to the museum, which preserves, exhibits and teaches black heritage.



1997

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Tom Jones was awarded the prestigious German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency (Gold). He was the only U.S. Navy service member to achieve gold level in 2016. The exercise gave him the opportunity to interact with and learn from NATO partners at U.S. European Command, where he is deputy staff judge advocate.

1998

Paige A. McFarland was promoted to account executive at CBIZ Insurance Services in Cumberland, Md.

Aaron M. Puckett, an LPL Financial-affiliated advisor at Puckett & Sturgill Financial Group in Westminster, Md., was

recognized as a top financial advisor and named to LPL's Chairman's Club. Fewer than 6 percent of the firm's approximately 14,000 advisors nationwide receive this recognition.

1999

Elaine J. Davis Raesly M'10 received the Robert Finton Outdoor Educator of the Year Award at the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Conference. She is director of education for Evergreen Heritage Center.

Judge Deanna R. Rock was sworn in as the judge for the 23rd Family Court Circuit, serving Hampshire, Mineral and Morgan counties in West Virginia.

Raquel M. Perry Shutt was nominated by the Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for the Rising Star of the Year Award. Raquel is the founder of Wedding Savvy, Inc.

2000

Tony Bridges was named director of Human Services and Operations at Park Heights Renaissance in Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Sara Beth James Bittinger earned her Ed.D. from Frostburg. She is the director of Assessment and Institutional Research at FSU.



2001

Lt. Scott F. Doyle received the 2016 Martinsburg (W.Va.) Police Officer of the Year award from the Elks.

Dr. Jessica L. Yahnert Masser was recognized with the award of Fellow by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

2002



Dr. Charles “Chip” Boling M'04 received his doctorate in education, focusing in instructional technology and math-

ematics education, from Towson University in the fall of 2016.

Christine M. Amyot Hurley M'04 was the Washington County nominee for 2017 Maryland School Librarian of the Year.

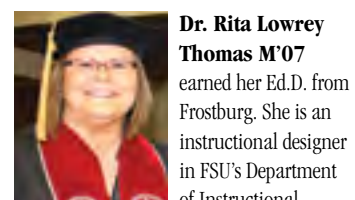
2003



Jay Levesque has been selected to the U.S. National Australian Rules Football Team. The International Cup will be played in Australia, competing against 20 countries.

2005

Laurie B. Baer Hall was selected as the Phillip C. Showell Elementary School's 2017 Teacher of the Year. She teaches art.



Dr. Rita Lowrey Thomas M'07 earned her Ed.D. from Frostburg. She is an instructional designer in FSU's Department of Instructional Design and Delivery.

2006

Dr. Christopher W. Williams was selected for the 44th class of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science & Technology Policy Fellows.

Travon D. Morgan M'08 was named the 2017 Cecil County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, where he has taught since 2007. He teaches sixth-grade language arts at Perryville Middle School and coaches high school track & field.



2008

Rep. Jesse W. Topper serves as the state representative for the 78th Legislative District in Pennsylvania, where he is deputy whip and chair of the Subcommittee on Health Care.

2009

Kelly A. Elliton Lundeen M'11 was named the Charles County finalist for the 2017 Washington Post Teacher of the Year Award. She teaches third grade at Dr. James E. Craik Elementary School in Pomfret, Md.

Robby K. May, a social studies teacher at Fort Hill High School, was selected by the National World War II Museum to be part of its prestigious two-summer teaching fellowship.

2010

Eli C. Baker was selected by *Allegany Magazine* as a member of the 35 Under 35: Class of 2017, for the positive influence he has in the community.

2012

Kelly M. Courtney was selected by *Allegany Magazine* as a member of the 35 Under 35: Class of 2017. She is a marketing consultant for Allegany Radio Corporation.

Stephanie R. Sindy has been named a program assistant in the Office of Enrollment Services at Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

2014

Christie L. Keplinger Clark M'14 was named CEO, president and treasurer of the Allegany County Teachers Federal Credit Union.

2015

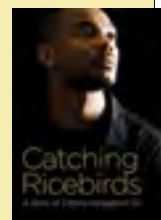
Ebone C. McDaniel joins Potomac State College of West Virginia University as an admissions counselor in the Enrollment Services Office. ■

Books by Alumni

Catching Ricebirds: A Story of Letting Vengeance Go

By Marcus Doe '03

This memoir chronicles the author's journey from terror, violence and despair into freedom, peace and joy. It follows him through the horrors of the Liberian Civil War, losing his parents and living as a refugee, and his transition to America. Once reaching adulthood, he was captive to the desire for vengeance until God's light reached him in the darkness, where he learned to forgive. He has since begun a nonprofit to help refugees and is working to bring libraries to rural Liberia. Available from online booksellers.



A Sustainable Practices Workbook for Wine Grape Growing in Maryland

By Bruce Perrygo '71

This Maryland Grape Growers Association workbook allows wine grape growers to assess their vineyard's cultural practices regarding sustainability, both environmentally and economically, and to develop management plans to improve their operations. To help producers improve practices, the workbook can serve as a measurement and an educational tool. Available on the University of Maryland Extension website: extension.umd.edu/smallfruit.

Authority and Virtue: The Resurrection of the American Christian Republic

By Larry Glotfelty '69

A conversation concerning the necessity of returning to the faith and form of the country's founding, the book serves as a proposal to move toward religious-based limited government to assist the nation in regaining the predominance of virtue. Available for download at av2017.wordpress.com or by writing 2000 Stony Road, New Bethlehem, PA 16242. ■

Veterans — Sound Off!

Are you a graduate of FSU who is a veteran or active military?

We want to make sure our alumni records reflect your service. Please contact us at alumni@frostburg.edu or call 301.687.4068 to update your records. Once you have done so, watch for an invitation to the dedication of our new Veterans Center during Homecoming!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 26

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

SEPTEMBER 8

Public Safety Building Dedication
FSU Campus
11 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 19

USM Alumni Night in Atlanta
Atlanta Braves vs. Washington Nationals
SunTrust Park
SOLD OUT!

SEPTEMBER 30

Recreation & Parks Management Alumni Picnic
10 a.m.: Campus Tour, Gira Center Lobby
Noon: Reunion Picnic, Rocky Gap State Park

OCTOBER 7

Golden Anniversary Reunion Celebrating the Class of 1967 & Before
Gira Center
5:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 19-22

Homecoming Weekend
See page 28-29 for schedule.

NOVEMBER 4

WFWM Donor Appreciation Reception
Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St., Frostburg
6 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 301.687.4068 or alumni@frostburg.edu.

DECEMBER 10

Music Alumni Reception & Holiday Concert
Reception: 1:30 p.m., Gira Center
Concert: 3 p.m., Pealer Recital Hall

JANUARY 20

Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
USM-Hagerstown
9 a.m. – Noon

MARCH 10

Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership
Manicur Assembly Hall, Lane University Center
6 p.m.

APRIL 7

Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
Hall of Fame Room, Cordts PE Center
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Alumni Awards Banquet

Lyric Theatre, 20 E. Main St., Frostburg
6:30 p.m.

APRIL 27

Spring Festival of Children's Literature
Alumni Meet & Greet
Room 133 B-C, Lane University Center
5:30 p.m.

JUNE 8-9

11th Annual Football Golf Outing & Reunion
Rocky Gap Casino & Resort



These friends who met through SGA and UPC gathered in Montego Bay, Jamaica, on June 15, 2017, to celebrate the wedding of **Dr. Shavonne Shorter Borelli '07**. From left are **Nancy Parrott '08**, **LaChelle Squire Davis '06**, Shavonne, **LaDartaye Person '08**, **Eric Manns, Jr. '10** and **Riane McWain '08**.

Marriages

1976

Ronald J. Geatz married John Hager on Dec. 27, 2016, after a 30-year engagement. They reside in Palm Springs, Calif. Ron received the Alumni Achievement Award in 1983.

1997



Brian T. Fike married Chrissy Oehmann on Feb. 25, 2017. The couple resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

2010

Eli C. Baker married **Joseph M. Snyder '09** on Nov. 18, 2016, in Cumberland, Md.

2012



Mollie Downey M'12 married Zachary L. Simonetti on March 18, 2017. The couple resides in Abingdon, Md.

2015



Matthew H. Riley married Samantha Upole on April 22, 2017.



Tucker Gladhill '06 married Kristen Piatkowski on June 10, 2017, at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J. A surprise visit to their reception from President Trump landed their faces on every major news show and all over social media.

The presidential surprise didn't bother the couple, Gladhill said, nor did it feel like an intrusion. He praised the Secret Service and the resort's staff for their professionalism, and patriotism rose above politics.

"Anytime you get to meet the leader of the free world, regardless of your political affiliation, is an honor," Gladhill said.

The couple lives in Alexandria, Va., with their daughter, Ava.

Photo Credit: Drew Noel Photography

2016

Paige Humber married **Glenn Lavin IV '16** on March 15, 2017, at the Royal Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

Jordan L. McDonald married Tyler L. Ausherman on July 30, 2016, at Liberty Mountain Resort in Carroll Valley, Pa. ■

Births

1970

Dr. John N. Bambacus and his wife, Karen, announce the birth of their grandson, Wyatt Christopher Fost, on April 10, 2017.

2002

Joseph F. Eakle welcomed his third child, a daughter, Sloan Farrah, on May 1, 2017.

2005



Diana L. Moore and her husband, Mauricio Loria, announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Ryan Loria, on April 3, 2017. Victoria is named in honor of her great uncle, **Vic Ryan, Jr. '71**.

2007



Kristle M. Lentz Fullerton and her husband, Paul, welcomed their second daughter, Kelsey Jean, on Jan. 26, 2017. She joins big sister, Karley Ann.

2008



Tara N. Wagner Strickland and her husband, **Blake '07**, announce the birth of their daughter, Ruby Lynn, in August of 2016.



Andrew B. Thornes M'10 and his wife welcomed their second child, Eileen Marie.

2009



Alyson L. Myers Merrill and her husband, **Jeffrey '08**, welcomed their first child, Apollo Kay, on Aug. 16, 2016.

Sam R. Waltemeyer and his wife, Alexandra, announce the birth of their son, Patrick McClane, on March 20, 2017.

2010



Kristie L. Brehm Wenzinger and her husband, **Matthew '11**, announce the birth of their son, Hudson Brehm, on March 27, 2017. They currently reside in North Beach, Md.

2011

Amy M. Thompson Schaller and her husband announce the birth of their son, Smith, on Nov. 21, 2016.

2013



Kathleen Prather Fath and her husband, Tyler, welcomed a son, Kasey Wayne, on Nov. 4, 2016.



Chealsy Vidas-Baliga and her husband, Frankie Baliga, announce the birth of their daughter, Cecilia Giovanna Baliga, on April 15, 2016.



Brianna Lipscombe Watson and her husband, TaVon, announce the birth of their daughter, Ari Patricia, on March 6, 2017.

2014



Jasmine N. Alston Monroe and her husband, **Michael '14**, welcomed their first child, Savannah Louise, on Jan. 11, 2017. ■



Farewell and Thank You

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

Nancy Boore, administrative assistant in the Department of Management, joined FSU in 1975.

Dr. Henry Bullamore, professor of geography, joined FSU in 1986.

Rebecca Carrington, administrative assistant in Residence Life, joined FSU in 1987.

Dr. Martha Dolly ’74, professor of English and foreign languages, joined FSU in 1983.

Betty Geary, administrative assistant in Financial Aid and Student Employment, joined FSU in 1980.

Dr. Clarence Golden ’72/M’74/M’78, dean of the College of Education, joined FSU in 1999.

Dr. Susan Gray, professor of kinesiology and recreation, joined FSU in 1999.

John Green, lead groundskeeper, joined FSU in 2003.

Arthur Hanlin, temperature control technician, joined FSU in 1990.

Rhonda Hensel, Library Services specialist, joined FSU in 1996.

Brian Jenkins, director of Networking and Telecommunications, joined FSU in 1989.

Roberta Kyle, housekeeper, joined FSU in 2007.

Wendy Miller, administrative assistant in the Department of Physics and Engineering, joined FSU in 1980.

Dr. Daniel Mizak, professor of economics, joined FSU in 1977.

Dr. Daniel Plucinski, professor of marketing and finance, joined FSU in 1976.

Mary Jane Plummer, director of Cultural Events in Student and Community Involvement, joined FSU in 1998.

Ronald Ritchie, maintenance aide, joined FSU in 1980.

Cherie Ryan ’84, security analyst in Enterprise Applications, joined FSU in 1986.

Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, interim provost, joined FSU in 1989.

Anthony Zaloga, lecturer of kinesiology and recreation, joined FSU in 1978.

Retirements from April to August 2017

In Memoriam

Alumni

- 1945 Isabel D. Devine Austin**
March 5, 2015
- 1947 Darleen Warnick Harris**
May 1, 2017
- 1951 Doris G. Wilkins Rexrode**
March 24, 2017
- 1954 Vaughn H. Dullabaun**
Jan. 9, 2017
- 1959 William E. Barry, Jr.**
April 3, 2017
- Catherine Reagan Rhoads**
Jan. 25, 2017
- 1960 Alice L. Gaither Hyatt**
Dec. 21, 2016
- Norma J. Ravenscroft Lambert M’72**
Jan. 13, 2017
- 1962 John H. Clark**
Feb. 17, 2017
- Marion Rice Hoopengardner M’67**
March 19, 2017
- George W. Pitzer**
May 21, 2017
- Lenora E. Snyder**
Feb. 23, 2017
- Rev. Donald Lee Turley**
April 20, 2017
- Geoffrey W. Whitmore**
Nov. 26, 2016
- 1963 Kerry L. Highsmith**
April 8, 2017
- John “Jack” Gilmore**
June 19, 2017
- Ronna L. Grim Stierstorfer**
Feb. 16, 2017
- James D. “JD” Williams**
Jan. 9, 2017
- 1965 Teresa A. Miller Burch**
May 14, 2017
- David F. Davis**
May 7, 2017
- 1966 Mary Catherine Florentine Cole**
April 20, 2017
- Mary Williamson Warren**
July 14, 2016
- 1967 John C. McVicker**
April 10, 2017
- 1968 Alma L. McLean**
April 9, 2017
- Carroll E. Romney, Jr.**
March 5, 2017
- Charles M. “Sonny” Schramm**
April 1, 2017
- 1970 Ronald E. “Newt” Carter**
Jan. 28, 2017

- Jeffrey L. Wagner**
April 29, 2017
- 1971 Dr. James P. McCarthy**
Nov. 11, 2016
- Irene Cone Strieby M’71**
March 21, 2017
- 1972 Joel D. Curran**
Jan. 7, 2017
- 1973 Rev. Richard C. Broome, Jr.**
Jan. 21, 2017
- Carman Carey Lynch**
March 15, 2017
- 1974 Sue Bartlett Eckhart M’79**
May 25, 2017
- 1975 Laura M. Roginski Blades**
June 11, 2017
- Retired Lt. Col. Bruce H. Cleaver M’75**
Dec. 8, 2016
- John Kennedy, Jr. M’75**
June 19, 2017
- Emily L. Wheeler Wittman**
April 28, 2017
- 1976 Britten Leo Martin, Jr.**
June 25, 2017
- Frank W. Ward**
April 5, 2017
- 1977 Jeffrey D. McKaughan**
Jan. 17, 2017
- 1978 Maureen Rentschler Sharps M’85**
Feb. 5, 2017
- 1979 Lynn E. Livingston**
June 13, 2017
- Christian F. Zale M’79**
June 9, 2017
- 1980 Brian K. Lang**
March 1, 2017
- 1981 Thomas W. Stanton M’81**
Aug. 2, 2016
- Harold L. “Butch” Hendershot**
May 6, 2017
- 1986 Charles W. Shobe, Jr.**
Dec. 14, 2016
- Christopher D. Yarrington**
May 26, 2017
- 1987 Delton A. Bobo M’89**
April 28, 2017
- 1988 Beth L. Ash M’88**
Feb. 18, 2016
- 1989 Jennifer R. Randles**
March 27, 2017
- 1991 Gary W. Angle**
Jan. 30, 2017
- William “David” Spicer, Jr.**
March 3, 2017
- 1994 Holden Becker**
Feb. 10, 2017
- 1995 Arie E. Ambrose Wagner M’99***
April 22, 2017

- 1997 Mary E. McAnelly Nubler**
Oct. 11, 2015
- 2006 Justin C. Tauszky**
April 3, 2017
- 2007 Pfc. Sean Aaron Hudson**
June 17, 2017
- 2009 Dominique M. Cozatt Taylor**
May 22, 2017
- 2011 Daniel J. Hutchins**
March 5, 2017

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- Cody A. Butts**
Feb. 24, 2017
- John H. Carman III**
April 27, 2017
- Robert G. Christ, Sr.**
March 23, 2017
- Catherine Spitznagel Clarke**
Aug. 1, 2016
- Willie E. Conyers**
March 24, 2017
- John P. Denison**
May 25, 2017
- Arthur F. Friedland**
Feb. 25, 2017
- Steven D. Glanville**
Nov. 15, 2015
- Richard R. Grosbier**
May 12, 2017
- Wyatt Haggerty**
July 22, 2017
- Antoney Hanna**
June 26, 2017
- Charles W. Harris***
June 25, 2017
- George H. Harris**
Feb. 18, 2017
- Angela I. Pellerzi Heltzel**
Jan. 14, 2017
- John R. Hughes, Sr.***
Feb. 22, 2017
- Jacqueline McKenzie Johnson**
May 29, 2017
- Emile Schwartzhaupt Jones**
June 11, 2017
- L. Maria Farrell Layman**
June 12, 2017
- Jo Ellen Spangler Lennox**
July 19, 2016
- Gary H. Majors**
March 16, 2017

- Donald J. McCabe***
May 23, 2017
- Phyllis I. Trully McCreary***
Jan. 8, 2017
- Arlene Thompson Morey**
March 14, 2017
- Bart R. Myers**
June 5, 2017
- Linda Lee Petrea***
June 19, 2017
- Fay E. Martz Plummer***
Jan. 7, 2017
- Regina M. Savchuk**
May 8, 2017
- Robert L. Scanlan**
April 10, 2017
- Bernard J. Stierstorfer, Jr.**
March 27, 2017
- Jessalyn “Lynn” Bellamy Swann**
Dec. 27, 2016
- Wallace G. Ullery**
May 13, 2017
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Feb. 1, 2017
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Aug. 15, 2015

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Dr. J. Hopwood “Hop” Wooddell ’96, who died June 21, 2017, was a dentist with a practice in Hyattsville, Md.



As a young man, his Frostburg studies were cut short, but he served as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and later earned his dental degree. He retired to Garrett County where he had grown up, and in 1996, he finally received the degree he was weeks from earning in 1940. He and his wife established the Dr. J. Hopwood and Karen Wooddell Scholarship at FSU for Garrett County students.



Dr. Harry Stegmaier, Jr., who died Feb. 16, 2017, was a history professor and author whose academic focus was U.S. history since 1865 with emphasis on 20th-century military, diplomatic and transportation fields. He authored or co-authored at least 10 books, as well as numerous articles for railroad publications. Among his many professional and community activities was the leadership of the Allegany County Bicentennial celebration and Chessie steam train excursions.



Bill Graves was a teacher and guidance counselor in Maryland schools and a dedicated alumnus and longtime member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, he was one of “The Boys” – young men mentored by **Dr. Richard Sloop** – who established the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership in honor of their mentor. He received the Alumni Achievement Award in 2000. He is survived by his widow, **Barbara Renick Graves ’66**.

Dr. Ronald L. Van Ryswyk, who died March 4, 2017, was a former head basketball and head football coach at Frostburg and a professor of education. He established Frostburg’s first football program and authored a coaching book, *Ball Control Offense and Disciplined Defense in Basketball*, while at Frostburg. He later became dean at Mount Mercy College and Monmouth College, and eventually was named president of Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa.



Robert M. Hutcheson ’54/M’62, who died May 17, 2017, was a 10-year Allegany County Commissioner, and before that was a teacher, coach and administrator, serving as principal of Allegany High School in Cumberland, Md., for 19 years. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army. The Maryland Association of Counties awarded him the Marilyn J. Praisner Public Service Award in 2013. He is survived by his children, **Karen Hutcheson McCabe ’82** and **Kevin M. Hutcheson ’86**.



Richard Henry Sauer, who died June 12, 2017, managed multimillion dollar projects in the electrical and communications industries for organizations primarily in the New York metropolitan area. One project was the Statue of Liberty Renovation. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. In his retirement, he served as operations officer for the Evergreen Heritage

Foundation, a historic farm site in Allegany County that provides historical and environmental education programs for children and adults, including through several partnerships with FSU.



Bertram A. Thiel M’81, who died July 29, 2017, was a professor emeritus of computer science. Bert started working at FSU in the planetarium in 1970, later teaching in the Department of Computer Science. He retired in 2012 but continued as an adjunct instructor until this spring. He was also a photographer, woodworker and member of Mensa. ■

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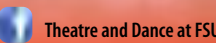
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REACHING FORWARD:

'17 Grad Discovers a Century's Legacy

Nicholas DeMichele '17 thought he chose Frostburg on his own, but there may have been an invisible hand involved.

Three weeks before commencement, DeMichele found his great-great-grandmother's Frostburg Normal School degree. It was an old gift from his great-grandmother, one that he'd never understood. When he showed **Dr. Tom Bowling** his find, Bowling pointed out the date: **Gertrude Brady Smith** also graduated in '17, exactly 100 years earlier.

"It was bizarre, but I felt it was meant to happen," DeMichele said. "Now that I've graduated, it means more to me to realize we had such a deep history here."

DeMichele later learned that he's actually a fourth-generation Bobcat, following the same path as his great-grand uncle **Robert Louis Smith '51**, great uncle **James Thomas Nelson '69** and great aunt **Irene Lucille Nelson '74**. Though his parents' generation passed on FSU, DeMichele unintentionally brought the family back home.

"I feel like I've fulfilled a family tradition but made it a very unique experience," said the former SGA president and English-political science double major.

His younger brother, **Noah DeMichele**, will continue the tradition this fall as a freshman.

— Robert Spahr '13

DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A BOBCAT LEGACY?

The Office of Alumni Relations would love to hear about it. Send your story — and a picture if you have one — to alumni@frostburg.edu.



Nicholas DeMichele '17, right, and his brother, incoming freshman Noah



Gertrude Brady Smith 1917

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