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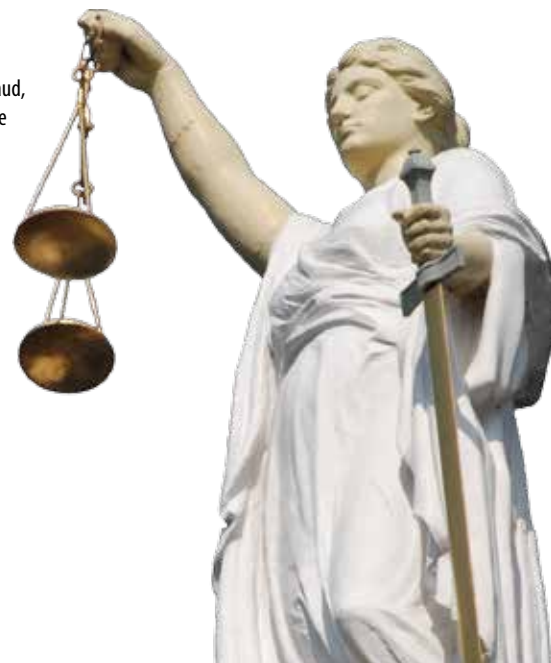
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This Is a Special Year in Frostburg!

I hope 2018 is off to a great start for everyone. It is here in Frostburg, and this is a special year! It is the 120th anniversary of the state authorizing State Normal School No. 2 in Frostburg. I suspect the miners and citizens of this region in 1898 would be surprised and impressed by what they helped to create.



Dr. Ron Nowaczyk

The physical campus continues to flourish with plans for two new buildings, a residence hall near the Chesapeake dining facility and a new Education and Health Sciences Building currently planned to be built between the Cordts Physical Education Center and the Lane University Center.

While the buildings are one representation of Frostburg State University, it is the people – the faculty, staff, students and alumni – who make us unique. Those miners and citizens from 1898 would be proud to

see how the regional school that started with 57 students has grown to a state university with students from every Maryland county and 17 other states. While Allegany County sends the highest number of students to FSU, three counties, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's, account for nearly 1 in 3 Frostburg undergraduates. Nearly 49 percent of our undergraduates are students of color or international students. Diversity in many ways is reflected in our approach to learning today, and you will see that in our stories. I hope you are proud that your alma mater is preparing students with a global and inclusive perspective. As one example of this approach, I am pleased that we can share the story of our partnership with Coppin State University to better prepare future teachers in Maryland and the region.

As many of you know, the experiences at FSU often enhance the confidence of alums and shape the direction of their careers and personal successes. We continue that commitment, and expect students to explore their interests and engage in a variety of educational

experiences, including those beyond the classroom. I regularly answer the question from parents of prospective students, "Are there opportunities for internships?" The answer is yes, and you will read about the varied and valuable experiences some of our students had on recent internships. As an aside, please reach out to the Alumni Office at alumni@frostburg.edu if you would like to discuss having a student intern working with and learning from you.

I hope you enjoy reading about the successes of our student-athletes, coaches and athletic staff. Success comes in the classroom, as well as on the field, court, track or pool! Be proud of these accomplished student-athletes, and I invite you to attend an event when our students are competing in your area.

As you can tell, Frostburg State University is going strong due to the efforts of those with a vision 120 years ago, as well as the faculty, staff and students who are here today and those who preceded us over the previous 12 decades.

Go Bobcats!

Cordially,

Ronald Nowaczyk, Ph.D.
President



The 2017 Bobcat football squad's accomplishments were many, including winning the Regents Cup, making it to the NCAA Playoffs and breaking the school record in points.

On the Cover: Stellar Season

A jubilant 2017 Bobcat football team hoists the Regents Cup in Sea Gull Stadium following their victory over in-state rival Salisbury University, just one unforgettable moment in a truly historic season!

With their 11-2 record, the '17 Bobcats are officially the winningest football team in FSU history. For only the second time, the Bobcats made the NCAA Playoffs, where they defeated two of the toughest teams in Division III history to earn a spot in the quarterfinals.

In the end, it took the 2017 national champs, Mount Union, to halt the Bobcats' historic championship drive.

Along the way, the Bobcats tied a program-record 13 straight wins, scored a school-record 468 total points and spent the entire season nationally ranked in the top 20. The 2016 and 2017 seasons are the first back-to-back seasons with 10-plus wins for Bobcat football. Read all about this season to remember here: bit.ly/2017Bobcats.

D3football.com spoke with Head Coach **DeLane Fitzgerald**, some of his '17 Bobcats and several players from the historic '93 Bobcat squad for a feature story, comparing and contrasting the two greatest football teams in Frostburg State history: bit.ly/1993-2017Bobcats.

GO BOBCATS!

CAMPUS NEWS

Frostburg's Accreditation Reaffirmed

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education has reaffirmed FSU's institutional accreditation, meaning that the University – including all of its off-campus sites – continues to meet the requirements put in place by the Commission in its Characteristics of Excellence.

The next evaluation visit will come in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Master's in Applied Computer Science Ranked a "Best Buy"

FSU's online Master of Science in Applied Computer Science has been ranked fourth on GetEducated.com's newest "Best Buy" list of the nation's most affordable online master's of computer science degrees.

"This program represents the future of online learning, providing students real-life computer science challenges in an affordable program," said Tony Huffman, president of GetEducated.com. "Frostburg's program ranked fourth in a group of over 40 institutions. Not only is it affordable, but alumni of the program working at organizations like the FBI, NSA, NASA, Google and Apple attest to its quality."



U.S. News & World Report Ranks FSU Online Programs

Four of FSU's online degree programs appear in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* Best Online Programs rankings.

FSU's ranked programs appear on the organization's lists for Master of Business Administration (MBA), Graduate Business, Graduate Nursing (Master of Science in Nursing), Graduate Education (Master of Education, special education concentration) and Bachelor's (Bachelor of Science in Nursing).

The online graduate programs were ranked on factors of student engagement, admissions selectivity, peer reputation, faculty credentials and training, and student service and technology. The bachelor's program did not include the admissions selectivity metric.

The greatest weight is given to the metric of student engagement, in which online students have the opportunity to interact readily with instructors and classmates to create a similar level of engagement as in in-person programs.

In the MBA ranking list in particular, FSU's Faculty Credentials and Training score was 90 out of 100 possible points.

Accreditation from AACSB International (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), in the case of the MBA program, or the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, in the case of the M.Ed.-Special Education, were key elements in the student engagement metric. FSU has both accreditations.

College of Education Nationally Accredited

The College of Education recently received accreditation for an additional seven years, based on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards. NCATE's performance-based accreditation system for teacher preparation



The Standard of Excellence in Teacher Preparation

ensures that teacher candidates are prepared to make a difference in P-12 student learning.

"I am proud that FSU is continuing its century-long tradition of preparing the best teachers in the state of Maryland," said President Nowaczyk.

"NCATE accreditation confirms the strength of our teacher preparation program," said Dr. Boyce Williams, interim dean of the College of Education. "Frostburg has been continuously accredited by NCATE since 2002, which attests to the consistency of this program."

FSU Recognized for Student Voter Engagement

FSU has received a Bronze Seal from the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge for student voter engagement, besting the national average. FSU achieved a student voting rate of 55.7 percent in the 2016 national election, an increase of 9.6 percentage points over 2012's 46.1 percent.

In 2016, 85.5 percent of FSU students were registered to vote, compared to 81.8 percent in 2012.

FSU is following a national trend of increased student engagement, showing that between the 2012 and the 2016 U.S. presidential elections, student voting nationally went from 45.1 percent of eligible voters in 2012 (69 percent registered) to 48.3 percent in 2016 (70.6 percent registered). ■



Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Chartered at FSU

FSU has been accepted to form a chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, America's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Founded in 1897, the society inducts about 30,000 members from 300-plus colleges and universities each year. Frostburg's chapter will initiate its first members this spring.

"The new chapter of Phi Kappa Phi at FSU will provide a wonderful opportunity for our best students to receive the high academic honor that they definitely deserve," said Dr. Gregory Wood, coordinator of the chapter.

FSU counts several Phi Kappa Phi members among its faculty and administration, including President Nowaczyk.

"The contacts and opportunities I've found through Phi Kappa Phi have been an asset throughout my career," Nowaczyk said. "The society's openness to all disciplines results in an intellectually diverse assembly of scholars and leaders, all united in a mutual commitment to academic excellence and service to others."

Phi Kappa Phi's mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others," and its motto is "Let the love of learning rule humanity." ■

Food Recovery Network Cuts Food Waste and Feeds a Need

About 46 million Americans rely on food banks to feed themselves and their families each year. Yet the USDA estimates that 30 to 40 percent of America's annual food production – 133 billion pounds, or \$161 billion worth – goes to waste.

FSU is now working to reduce that disparity in Western Maryland, thanks to the group of students behind Frostburg's chapter of the Food Recovery Network (FRN). The chapter gained official recognition in September from FRN's national organization.

Twice a week, unserved food is collected from Chesapeake Dining Hall and the food court in Lane University Center and donated to the Western Maryland Food Bank (WMFB), which warehouses and distributes food to charities, serving between 10,000 and 13,000 hungry people each month.

Kristin Ratliff, president of Frostburg's FRN and a biology major, first learned of the national FRN project from Tracy Edwards, geography lecturer and Sustainability Studies program coordinator, in her Sustainability 155 class.

"A group of us decided that was going to be our project, and it's taken off from there," Ratliff said.

Ratliff's group presented the idea to the staff at Chartwells, FSU's food service provider, and found enthusiastic support from David Glenn, director of Dining Services, and Adam Kenney, executive chef at FSU. Chartwells partners with FRN chapters elsewhere.

"It's great to be able to help those in need, especially within our own community," Glenn said. "We do what we can to limit the waste, but when we have over-production, it feels great knowing something good can come of it."

Frostburg's dining hall donates full trays of food that were

prepared for students but never served. The food court operation provides a wide variety of freshly packaged and cooked single-serving foods such as salads, fruit cups, chicken sandwiches, burgers, soups and more.

"And all it takes is someone picking it up and driving it somewhere, and suddenly that food is actually going to fulfill its purpose," Ratliff said.

More than 1,300 pounds of food were recovered by the end of the fall semester.

Previously, that leftover but untouched food would have gone to feed plants. Since 2015, Dining Services has composted excess food for the sustainable greenhouse project Frostburg Grows, but now that composting will primarily be half-eaten food waste that otherwise would have gone into the garbage.

The Food Bank's Amy Moyer said FRN's donations have already proven popular among the organizations and people WMFB serves. Trays of cooked food go to organizations that serve meals directly to people in need. The freshly prepared vegetables, salads, sandwiches and other items also move quickly, as such fresh, ready-to-eat foods are often prohibitively expensive in stores.

"It's definitely making a difference," said Moyer.

— Robert Spahr '13



Students from FSU's Food Recovery Network, **Dylan Redman** and **Kristin Ratliff** (top), pass Executive Chef Adam Kenney trays of unserved food from Chesapeake Dining Hall for donation to the Western Maryland Food Bank.



From left, Del. Mike McKay, Veterans Services Director **Danielle Dabrowski**, Student Veterans of America President **Kodi Bowers**, President **Nowaczyk**, **Dr. John Bambacus '70** and Allegany County Commissioner Bill Valentine cut the ribbon on the new Veterans Center during Homecoming Weekend.

To Veteran Students, New Center Means Much More Than Extra Space

Alumni who are military veterans joined local and campus officials to dedicate FSU's Veterans Center during Homecoming, and they got to hear firsthand from a student who is benefiting from the center and the services it provides.

Kodi Bowers, president of the FSU Student Veterans of America, called the center a "life-saver" that has helped him become more social and integrate into the campus community.

"When I first started here, I knew no one. I didn't really care to be around anyone that didn't know or understand the things I had been through," said the Marine veteran and FSU junior. "I spent many hours alone in my car because of that, either working on homework or hanging out between classes."

Bowers served in Iraq and was awarded the Purple Heart after being injured in combat.

"Having this center has helped me in so many ways, not just giving me a place to go, but allowing me to interact with people who have been through what I've been through, seen what I've seen, felt what I felt. It also made me be more social and feel more comfortable to be on campus," he said. "I can't express enough how grateful I am to everyone involved in the creation of this." ■

FSU Military Friendly for Seventh Straight Year

FSU is one of only two USM schools to make the list.



CAMPUS HONORS



Don Swogger M'01

Swogger Named Outstanding Mentor

Don Swogger M'01, the director of the S.A.F.E. office and an advisor for BURG Peer Education Network for more than 20 years, has been named this year's Outstanding Mentor to recognize his support for students.

"I truly believe that Don Swogger is a real-life definition and embodiment of servant leadership, both here on campus and within his own community," wrote Mark Freeman, a 2011 graduate and former member of BURG.

Swogger encouraged students that he mentored to strive for constant progression in their leadership skills, Freeman said.

Staff Awards for Excellence

Lisa Toni Clark, director of A STAR! AmeriCorps, Exempt (salaried) category, has been an employee for 22 years. She serves as an FSU ambassador, recruiter, community leader, peace crafter, mentor and artist. Clark has served FSU and Western Maryland with distinction. As one of her letters of support attests – "I have a home, car and a real-life dream because of Mrs. Lisa Clark, and every day when people tell me they are proud of me, I thank God for introducing me to Lisa Toni Clark."



Lisa Toni Clark

Sgt. Thomas Bevan '07, of University Police, Nonexempt Employee, was first hired as a summer student worker for the Facilities Department, then became a groundskeeper. In 2010, Bevan was hired as a University Police Officer I. In addition to being evening shift supervisor, he serves as first aid training coordinator, helps supervise the body-worn camera program and is the Fire Department liaison. In 2016, Bevan distinguished himself working with the Student Leadership Conference. Through his participation in this initiative, he was able to dispel negative perceptions some students have about police officers. He is also a volunteer firefighter.

Jeffrey Pfister, Nonexempt/Facilities/Maintenance, has been a carpenter in the multi-trades shop since October 2010. He is approachable and always willing to help with whatever needs to be done. In addition to his fine work on campus, Pfister has been involved in the volunteer fire service for more than 32 years. He serves as the assistant fire chief for the Shaft Volunteer Fire Department.

Staff Awards for Excellence have been presented for 20 years, honoring 57 employees to date. The awards are funded by the FSU Foundation's Annual Fund.

Russo Awarded Fulbright Scholarship

Dr. Richard A. Russo, an associate professor of geography, spent the fall semester as a Fulbright Scholar to the University of Regina in Saskatchewan, Canada.

He was a Fulbright Canada Visiting Research Chair at the



Sgt. Thomas Bevan '07



Dr. Richard Russo

Canadian Centre for Research on Francophone Communities in Minority Settings, housed in "La Cité universitaire francophone," a French-language academic unit of the University of Regina.

The award allowed Russo to explore the humanities' role in supporting the cultural spaces of the minority French-speaking population of Saskatchewan.

Russo's project looked at the links among books, language, place, identity and belonging. Books help create tangible spaces, such as those created in libraries and bookstores, as well as symbolic spaces and narratives. These spaces help linguistic minorities maintain their identity.

Russo hopes this research will contribute to a richer understanding of how a threatened linguistic group's "textual" side can better support its community of speakers, in this case, French speakers in Saskatchewan.

Russo blogged about his experience at fulbrightfransaskois.wordpress.com.

Student Earns National Relay for Life Honor

Senior **Stephanie Claar** discovered her passion for Relay For Life in the unity she found in FSU's annual event.



Jeffrey Pfister



Stephanie Claar

"Relay For Life is magic on Frostburg's campus, which is what made me fall in love with it," Claar shared with the national Relay For Life Campus Blog. "Relay is where every single student on our campus can come together for one cause and be one university."

Her passion spurred her to raise \$1,475 for the American Cancer Society during FSU's Homecoming Court charitable drive, making her the top fundraiser and earning her the national title of Relayer of the Month for October.

Claar told the blog that she Relays for her mother Melisa, whom she lost last April following a seven-year battle with breast cancer. The early childhood/elementary education major is a member of FSU's Colleges Against Cancer chapter and a regular participant in FSU's Relay.

"I Relay so no one has to graduate college without their biggest cheerleader being in the audience," Claar told the blog. "I Relay so that one day no one has to lose their best friend, daily phone call, role model and hero."

FSU's Relay will be April 27, and has a \$32,000 goal. Visit www.relayforlife.org/fsumd.



Dr. Sudhir Singh

Singh Named College of Business Dean

Dr. Sudhir Singh has been named the new dean of FSU's College of Business by Provost **Elizabeth Throop**. Singh has served as interim dean since 2015 and was associate dean from 2010 to 2015. He joined FSU in 1992, with a teaching focus on finance. He has also served as director of the College of Business' Center for Leadership Development since 2011.

"Dr. Singh has a wide expertise in finance and global business, he has revitalized the College of Business Advisory Board, and he has been an integral part of rebuilding the provost's academic leadership team," Throop said. "In addition to his clear pedagogical vision, Dr. Singh is a genuinely kind person who advocates for students, faculty, staff and alumni. He plays a significant role in the community and represents Frostburg State University very well."

As interim dean, Singh spearheaded important revisions at the college, including a comprehensive reorganization of the College's advisory board to foster greater connections and interactions between the experienced business leaders and students. Singh led a series of enhancements to the Master of Business Administration program, including new concentrations (see related story at right) and a seven-week session model that facilitates timely graduation for working students.

Singh's work has been honored by the College of Business and the University System of Maryland. He has published regularly on business and finance throughout his career, including co-authoring FSU's 2013 study, "The Economic Impact of Frostburg State University Upon Western Maryland, the Surrounding Region and the State of Maryland."

New Academic Programs

Three New Nursing Programs

FSU is launching two new master's level **nurse practitioner programs** and an **in-person, 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** program.

The nurse practitioner program, starting in fall 2018, will offer concentrations in family practice and psychiatric and mental health practice.

"FSU's MSN programs are ideal for the seasoned, experienced registered nurse who already lives and works in a rural, medically underserved area," said Assistant Professor of Nursing Dr. Kelly Rock, the program director.

The family nurse practitioner graduate, when licensed, will be educationally and experientially prepared to be a primary care provider.

The psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) will be prepared to seek licensing to be a psychiatric care provider. PMHNPs are the only other group of health care providers besides psychiatrists who can be credentialed and certified in psychiatry. The program will help provide a pipeline of health care professionals who can treat addiction.

FSU is the only USM institution to offer these MSN programs as blended options, offered full- and part-time, which allows the working professional to complete much of the program online, with about 5 percent of the program spent on campus.

IN-PERSON BSN

The new face-to-face Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, established in partnership with Allegany College of Maryland, is the only four-year program of its kind available in Western Maryland.

In addition to taking courses at FSU, students will take clinical nursing courses through Allegany

College of Maryland's registered nurse program. When they finish, they will be able to graduate with both an associate and bachelor's degree in nursing.

Students in the new FSU nursing curriculum will also have the option of joining a Living-Learning Community, clustering nursing majors as they take courses together, receive additional mentoring opportunities, attend lunch-and-learns and shadow nurses on the job within their specialty.

FSU's BSN is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

New MBA Concentrations

FSU has been approved to offer concentrations in its online Master of Business Administration program in **health care management** and in **business analytics**, in addition to a **management** concentration similar to the current MBA.

FSU consulted two primary regional employers to seek input into the curriculum, and both agreed that these specialized skill sets are needed to keep pace with the growing demand for graduates with deep analytical skills, given policy changes in the health care field and the dynamic environment of management overall.

The redesigned program, starting in fall 2018, will add four

specialized courses for each concentration. The length of the program will remain the same: 36 credits if the student studied business as an undergraduate major and 42 credits for those from other majors, with two three-credit "essentials" courses to provide the background for the remaining program.

"The new concentrations prepare our graduates for careers in a more discerning knowledge economy that continues to confer a premium on specialized education across a diverse set of work contexts," said Dr. Sudhir Singh, dean of the College of Business.

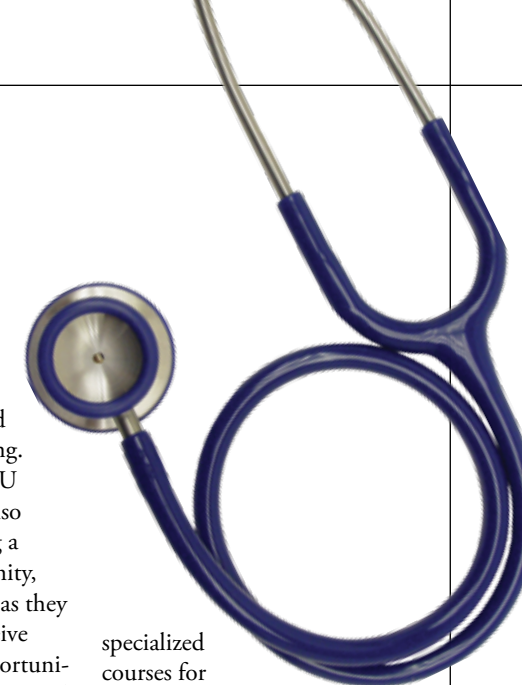
FSU's MBA is offered completely online, with all classes except the final capstone course offered in six- or seven-week sessions. All FSU business programs are accredited by AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). ■

Living Green Is Gold for FSU

FSU has once again been included in the The Princeton Review's "Guide to 375 Green Colleges: 2017 Edition."

The Princeton Review selects institutions "... with the most exceptional commitments to sustainability based on their academic offerings and career preparation for students, campus policies, initiatives and activities."

College selections were based on "Green Rating" scores. Ratings of 80 or higher earned a place. Frostburg's Green Rating was 87. ■



A L U M N I NEWS



Scott Damon '95

Alumnus Leads Bridgestone Commercial Group

Like a good set of snow tires, **Scott Damon '95** has a firm grip on his road to success with Bridgestone Americas.

Damon was elevated to president of Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations' commercial group for U.S. and Canada in the fall. Damon oversees the company's commercial tire sales and service operations in North America. He was most recently president of Firestone Industrial Products and previously was executive director of strategic planning for Bridgestone Americas Technical Center.

"Scott started his Bridgestone career in the commercial organizations, and has since gained diversified leadership experience across the Bridgestone portfolio, said Gordon Knapp, CEO and president of Bridgestone Americas. "We are eager to bring his talents to such a pivotal role within the company."

Damon, who earned his Master of Business Administration degree from FSU, is tasked to grow market share; streamline business operations; bring new products, services and technology to market; and develop talent.

Astronaut Arnold Returning to Space

NASA astronaut **Ricky Arnold '85** is returning to space in March for a six-month mission on the International Space Station as part of NASA's Year of Education on the Station, an initiative designed to inspire would-be educators and to encourage students to pursue STEM subjects.

Arnold and Astronaut Joe Acaba, another educator astronaut who has spent the last six months on the ISS, will present some of the lessons the late Christa McAuliffe had planned for her mission in space. The first designated teacher in space and her six crewmates died during the liftoff of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.

Arnold is scheduled to speak live on Monday, April 9, from the ISS with FSU teacher education students, a conversation that will be streamed to local middle schoolers and education students at FSU's University System of Maryland sister institutions, Bowie State University and University of Maryland, College Park. Watch FSU social media for updates.



Ricky Arnold '85

Teaching Bobcat Pride

Last summer, the Alumni Association launched the Bobcat Box initiative. Specifically targeting alumni who are educators – like **Casey Dawson '02/M'07**, right – the goal was to get FSU memorabilia and information in their classrooms, allowing them to show their FSU pride and inspire future generations of Bobcats.

To date, 442 boxes have been distributed to Bobcats across the country.

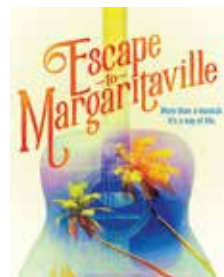


BOBCAT'S FIRST MUSICAL MAKES BROADWAY DEBUT

Television writer and producer **Greg Garcia '92** never thought of writing a stage musical, let alone one featuring the music of Jimmy Buffett, but fate intervened. This spring, *Escape to Margaritaville* debuts on Broadway.

The project started when Garcia received a random call from actor/writer Mike O'Malley, one of the stars of Garcia's show, *Yes, Dear*. The two have remained friends.

"He asked me if I wanted to write a Broadway musical with him, and I asked him if he was crazy. I didn't know what he was talking about!" said Garcia.



O'Malley knew of a kismet connection.

"Apparently, Jimmy Buffett was a fan of *My Name Is Earl*, and somebody had talked to Mike about

writing the book for a Jimmy Buffett musical," Garcia said. O'Malley brought Garcia's name up with the idea that the two would write it together.

Garcia and O'Malley spent about five years developing the script, rehearsing, refining and preparing the show.

"It's been a totally different world than what I'm used to ... but it's been a lot of fun," Garcia said.

Escape to Margaritaville opened in La Jolla, Calif., last summer. It has been staged in New Orleans, Chicago and Houston. The New Orleans show turned into a reunion of family – and Bobcat family – for Garcia.

"My family, my wife's family and a bunch of my fraternity brothers from Frostburg came down, and it was a blast! We all saw the show and went out to dinner," Garcia said. "A lot of us listened to Jimmy Buffett music when we were at Frostburg, so to be sitting there in any theatre watching this musical, it was a trip!"

The show has been in previews at the Marquis Theatre in New York, with an official opening of March 15.

To learn more, visit www.escapetomargaritavillemusical.com.

– Robert Spahr '13

Disaster Specialist Keeps a Personal Connection to Mission in Devastated Puerto Rico

ALUMNUS HELPING TO RESTORE ISLAND'S HEALTH CARE STRUCTURE

By Charles Schelle

Dr. Peter Marghella '84 is finding a renewed sense of purpose amid tragedy in Puerto Rico. Marghella is used to helping areas plan, respond to and recover from public health crises and natural disasters. He wrote the United States' first Catastrophic Incident Response Plan for domestic and nuclear terrorism and the National Smallpox Response Plan. He's been to disaster zones all over the world.

This one was different.

Marguella's late wife, **Zenaida Sanchez Marghella**, who died of cancer four years ago, grew up in Rincón, Puerto Rico. She was a Frostburg State student from 1980-82, where they met. Because of Hurricane Maria, he had a chance to return to his wife's home.

"I've been going with her for 30 years and visiting family and that beautiful island," he said in a phone interview from his Northern Virginia home.

"I've deployed to many, many disasters all over the world and on islands. I haven't seen the extent of devastation as I have seen with this," he said.

Marghella was appointed as special advisor to the Secretary of Health of Puerto Rico to help develop a response and recovery plan to address Hurricane Maria's destruction and assist the 3.5 million Americans on the island. While on the ground, he was able



Seeing the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in his wife's native Puerto Rico from a helicopter, Marghella said, "it reminded me of a giant who might take an enormous box of bleached-white toothpicks and break them on the floor."

to visit Rincon on the island's west coast, where he could look into the eyes of his late wife's family and see a reminder why he does his job.

"If there is anything I could have done to help, I did. This is really important."

Marghella has an extensive resumé with public health and disaster response, maintaining a position as an adjunct research scholar at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, as well as being a certified emergency manager in the International Association of Emergency Managers and a lecturer on health policy and management at George Washington University's Milken Institute School of Public Health.

The path to public health from a history degree from Frostburg was a winding one for Marghella. He passionately wanted to be in the Navy, and his physical fitness and score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test made it seem like a sure thing.

That is, until the mechanical comprehension portion of the test.

"I was raised by my mom and three sisters," he said. "I couldn't tell you where a spark plug is."

He was told to go the enlisted route, and he focused on

operational medicine in the Navy. He was able to then earn his Master of Science in Healthcare Administration at Central Michigan University, a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from Naval War College and a Doctor of Health Sciences in Organizational Behavior and Leadership from A.T. Still University of Health Sciences.

"Sometimes the best thing that happens in life is when people tell you no," Marghella said.

"I've deployed to many, many disasters all over the world and on islands. I haven't seen the extent of devastation as I have seen with this."

– Dr. Peter Marghella '84

Marghella joined the Puerto Rico response as part of a contract Witt Global Partners has with the commonwealth to help plan and respond to what's called an "emergency of national significance." They wrote an immediate response transition and recovery plan for the U.S. territory that focuses on medical and public health infrastructure, which is



Dr. Peter Marghella '84

causing logistics issues to this day. He plans to return to Puerto Rico to help implement the plan.

The issues he saw on the ground largely concern the logistics of delivering medical needs like insulin or dialysis equipment. The core of the immediate response plan was separating the island into nine regions. Using a hub-and-spoke concept, they use the biggest hospital in each region to serve as a one-stop shop – serving as pharmacy, hospital and just about anything related to health care.

Marghella estimated that Puerto Rico's recovery could take 20 years. He encourages Frostburg alumni to give support through a trusted nonprofit or volunteer to help with recovery through participating agencies.

No matter how long the recovery, Marghella sees the resiliency of the Puerto Ricans who stayed,

taking care of their families to help with the turnaround.

"This has become a phoenix from the ashes scenario," he said. ■

Alumni Connections

Frostburg alumni spread their spirit far and wide this past summer and fall, proving that Bobcat pride doesn't just live on campus.



More than 65 alumni gathered in August, cheering on the Baltimore Orioles at Oriole Park at Camden Yards during the game, and cheering on members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, who sang the National Anthem before the game.



In September, the Alumni Association hosted the first-ever reunion of Recreation and Parks Management alumni at Rocky Gap State Park.



Alumni in Southern Maryland gathered in July for an evening of Bobcat spirit at a Bowie Baysox game in Prince George's Stadium.



It was a summer for baseball! Alumni joined together in July to see the Frederick Keys play in Harry Grove Stadium.



In December, music graduates got together on campus with some faculty members. In the photo above, from left are **Richard Frush '73**, **Donna Martin '78**, her husband, the Rev. John Martin, and faculty member **Gary Phillips**. In the photo right, are faculty member **Dr. Jay DeWire**, **Jeb Cliber '17** and Abigail Hoague.



Celebrating the Last 50 Years, Helping to Ensure the Next 50

Members of the **Class of '67** gathered in October to mark 50 years since their graduation and celebrate five decades of friendship. Pictured in the front row, from left, are **Gail Tipsword Hahn**, **Sam Wynkoop**, **Diana Pennington Schrodell**, **Marty Hall Kump**, **Carol Fullenkamp Stovenour**, **Dee Calhoun Forrester**, **Carole Hough Swisdak**, **Kathleen Strother**, **Carlinda McKenzie Jimerfield**, **Judy McGuire Mihalka**, **Bonnie Schupp**, **Jan Stocklinski**, **Glenda Norris** and **Carolyn Smith Roy**.

In the second row, from left, are **Linda Dahl Graham**, **Sunday Hammett Wynkoop**, **Sandy Priebe Day**, **Terry Ward**, **Marsha Ernest Payne**, **Sue Thomas Collins '68**, **Nancy Kelso**, **Betty White Holton**, **Linda Goodrich**, **Ed Bodmer '68**, **Anne Gaskill Forrester** and the **Rev. Darrell Layman**.

In the third row, middle of the group, from left, are **Angie Phillips Kelly**, **Genie Zorn Crawford** and **Jim Holton**.

In the back row, from left, are **Don Hutchinson**, **Bill Vogtman**, **Bill Orndorff M'70**, **Ron Forrester**, **Clark Sharpless '66/M'72**, **Terry Diehl M'72**, the **Rev. Don Forrester**, **Charlie Grace '66** and **Jack Hahn**.



The **Class of '67** was all smiles in October when they formally named a small breakout room on the second floor of the Gira Center for Communications and Information Technology. Commemorating their Golden Anniversary with an investment in today's students, the class' gift of \$5,000 supports the academic programs housed in the Gira Center. And because they raised almost twice their initial goal, they made an additional gift of nearly \$4,000 to Forever Frostburg, FSU's scholarship fund for students facing emergency need.

Frostburg, FSU Roots Run Deep for First Foundation for Frostburg Scholarship Recipient

Rising high school students from Frostburg now have another compelling reason to continue their education close to home at FSU, thanks to a new scholarship from the Foundation for Frostburg, a nonprofit community organization established in 1995 to support the Frostburg community and its citizens.

The Foundation for Frostburg Scholarship at FSU supports Frostburg residents who choose to enroll at the hometown university, strengthening a long relationship between FSU and the city of Frostburg and acknowledging FSU's contribution to the quality of life in the Mountain City.

"From its birth in 1898 as State Normal School No. 2, this educational institution has been an economic driver and a center

of culture," the Foundation for Frostburg said in a letter to city residents. "There is no better way to express our community's appreciation than to support the mission and well-being of FSU with this series of community-driven scholarships."

First-year student **Joshua Trenum**, a Mountain Ridge High School graduate, was selected as the award's first recipient this fall, recognizing his deep familial roots with FSU and the city of Frostburg.

Joshua's parents, **Gary** and **Ann Trenum**, are both residents and Frostburg alumni. Ann '93/M'96 teaches third grade at Frost Elementary School. Gary '91 works as a network administrator in the Office of Information Technology at FSU. Joshua's maternal grandfather,



From left are **Dr. Daniel Filer '04/M'06/M'08**, president of the Foundation for Frostburg; **Joshua Trenum**, the Foundation for Frostburg's first scholarship recipient; **President Nowaczyk**; and Frostburg Mayor **Robert Flanigan '92**.

John F. Roland '67/M'75, served as mayor of Frostburg from 1986 to 1992.

The Foundation for Frostburg Scholarship is intended to support four local residents by 2021 — one in each class, as a new first-year recipient will be chosen each year. Previous recipients will continue receiving the award for up to four years if they remain full-time FSU students and

maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.

The Foundation for Frostburg Scholarship supports full-time students who reside in the 21532 ZIP Code, have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 and graduated from Mountain Ridge High School or Bishop Walsh School. Applicants must write one brief essay of 150 to 200 words, titled "Why I Love My Hometown of Frostburg."

— **Robert Spahr '13**

Women's Soccer Locker Room Naming Honors Nightingales

By Robert Spahr '13

In October, a group of women soccer players clustered outside a newly renovated locker room in the Cordts Physical Education Center, an entire team of Bobcats ... and one Mary Washington University Eagle.

They were awaiting the formal dedication of the new space, the Bobcats because it would be their new home, and the Eagle because it was being named in honor of her grandparents, Professor Emeritus **Dr. Norman W. Nightingale '60/M'67** and his wife, the late Juanita Nightingale.

Hannah Nightingale, the Eagle whose team would play the Bobcats later that day, is the daughter of **Brian Nightingale '85**, who named the room in honor of his parents and his family's legacy at the University. Brian's father served as a professor of education at FSU for three decades until retiring in 1997.

"As long as I can remember, Frostburg State University was just sort of part of my life. It was never just my alma mater. As a kid, I can't tell you how many Frostburg sporting events we went to, even before the PE center was there," said Brian, who grew up in Frostburg with his brother, **Mark Nightingale '82**. "I went to all the football games on Saturday. It was just our ritual."



Juanita and Dr. Norman Nightingale

Brian watched his father's work continue beyond the classroom at home as Dr. Nightingale graded papers into the evenings, advanced his professional knowledge to stay current in his field and worked summers. He would bring his sons and neighborhood kids to campus to learn from guest lecturers and feed them lunch.

"I saw how much time and effort teachers put into their job that people just don't see," said Brian. "I said, this is something that he needs to be recognized for."

More than a decade earlier, Brian created the Dr. Norman W. Nightingale Education Scholarship to support students in the Department of Educational Professions. The award in his father's honor has since helped nearly 20 students.

Naming the women's soccer locker room in their honor offered a concrete testament to



Dr. Norman Nightingale joins his granddaughter, Hannah Nightingale, at the locker room entrance. Hannah plays for Mary Washington's soccer team, the Bobcats' opponents the day of the dedication.

how important FSU was to the Nightingales and the many ways they contributed to the success of the University. Sadly, Juanita Nightingale passed away in 2016 prior to the naming event, but not before learning that the locker room would be dedicated in her and her husband's honor.

"Dad's name will always be there. My mom's name will always be there. My mom and my dad were partners in everything," said Brian. "They did everything together. To see both of their names up there was really something special for my brother and me."

Supporting Bobcat women's soccer is the culmination of several factors for Brian, beyond his family ties to the University. His father was a successful halfback for the Frostburg varsity men's soccer squad, earning a place on the all-South team. Brian's daughter played for traveling teams and continues to play as a Mary Washington student-athlete. While he couldn't quite persuade his daughter to continue in the Frostburg footsteps, he was proud to support collegiate women's soccer at the school that meant so much to his family.

Hannah nonetheless was pleased to see her grandparents recognized at the school that had played such a large role in her family's history.

"She understood what the University meant to her grandfather, so she was very proud of him," said Brian. "Obviously, she's been told about him all her life, how he was a great halfback on the soccer team, how that gene pool probably carried through to her. ... She was very happy that he was recognized." ■

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Steve Beauregard '87
Computer Science Scholarship

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Dr. David A. Ruth
Math Education Scholarship

Jim Anderson's Legacy Grows With Baseball Locker Room Naming

By Robert Spahr '13

Since 1994, a Homecoming highlight has been the Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Brunch, honoring former Bobcat centerfielder **Jim Anderson '79**, who succumbed to leukemia in 1984 at just the age of 27. The brunch has united former players with the current team each fall, having begun with a series of gifts to support Bobcat baseball from Anderson's mother, Doris Anderson, and his widow, **Susan Karlheim '81**, with the support of then-Head Coach Bob Wells.

For 2017, Anderson's friends and family moved to further preserve his legacy, naming the newly renovated Bobcat baseball locker room in his memory.

"I think for (our mother) – she is 87 – to have a permanent fixture at the college gave her peace of mind in the event that the brunch ends up moving, shifting or not being what it is today," said Helen Anderson Botsaris, Anderson's younger sister and a driving force behind the naming effort. "I really wanted her to see that it's a permanent dedication ... to give her some peace of mind that he wouldn't be forgotten."

Botsaris was in college herself when her brother was diagnosed. She was astonished at the support he received from his Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity brothers and Bobcat teammates.

"During his illness, that's who was at the hospital 24/7 with him, with us and supporting his wife," she said. "That's really what impacted me the most was

just seeing how many people he touched who wanted to be there to support not just him, but us."

Tom Corbitt '79, Anderson's fraternity brother and teammate, was one of those supporters. They met playing baseball before coming to Frostburg, where they would become close friends.

Corbitt has stayed close to the Anderson family.

"Jim was a great guy. He had a ton of friends. He was very personable, very intelligent, well-respected on the baseball team," Corbitt said. "He was a very good player ... played as hard as can be. He'd run through the wall for you."

The sport was central to Anderson's life, said his sister, who remembered being "dragged to all of his games." Playing collegiate baseball was a pivotal opportunity for him.

"He was a middle child, and he really did walk to the beat of his own drummer, but he was seriously dedicated to the game of baseball," she said. "I think that it helped focus him, gave him purpose. ... I honestly think baseball was much more important than getting a degree," she laughed.

When FSU announced that it had renovated the baseball locker room, Corbitt and Jim's eldest brother, Mark Anderson, named a locker for Jim. Mark then wondered whether they could name the whole room, and they approached the FSU Foundation.

They would need to raise \$25,000, and to name the room during Homecoming, they would have until summer to succeed.



The Anderson family gathered at Homecoming to dedicate the Baseball Locker Room in memory of Jim Anderson '79. From left are Brad Anderson; Mark Anderson, Jim's brother; Jake Chavez; Jordyn Chavez (in front of Jake); Michael Botsaris; Nicholas Botsaris; Doris Anderson, Jim's mother; Lauren Chavez; Helen Botsaris, Jim's sister; and Alex Botsaris.

With no time to spare, Corbitt and Botsaris took the lead, calling and reconnecting with Anderson's fraternity brothers, his teammates and friends.

"It was really nice reconnecting with a lot of them that I haven't talked to lately. I told them what was going on, and everyone thought the world of Jim. Everyone wanted to memorialize him and thought it was a tremendous idea," said Corbitt. "That's how it got legs."

The gifts and pledges came in quickly. By July, Corbitt and Botsaris had blown past their goal, ultimately raising about \$35,000 in gifts and pledges from nearly 40 donors.

Following the 2017 Anderson Brunch, the attendees moved to the Cordts Physical Education Center to formally dedicate the Bobcat Baseball Locker Room: In Memory of James "Jimmy" Anderson '79, Sigma Tau Gamma.

Before the ribbon cutting, Head Coach Guy Robertson addressed why Bobcat baseball makes such a lasting impact on players, and why the locker room was a fitting memorial.

"This has been a special place for us, a place where the guys can get together," Robertson said. "When (college) is all over and everybody goes back and says 'What do you miss the most?' It's

the guys, it's the relationships, and it's the stuff that happens on the bus and in the locker room."

It was those relationships that Anderson formed four decades ago that have kept his memory so fresh at FSU. As his friends and family reconnected, they shared their memories.

Former Coach Wells made a special return to Frostburg for the dedication and found Jim's sister and mother for an emotional reunion. Botsaris was awed to hear him speak about her brother as if he'd only just passed away.

"He knows Jimmy's statistics to this day, games where my brother's performance changed the trajectory of the game," she said.

Botsaris said her mother was very appreciative and absolutely stunned, particularly after so many years.

"To know that it still matters, not just to her, but to others, to have his memory preserved in a permanent way at the college, it keeps his memory alive for her."

Editor's note: Sadly, Doris Anderson passed away on Feb. 18, shortly before *Profile* went to press.

To name a room at FSU in memory or honor of a friend or loved one, contact the FSU Foundation at 301.687.4068, or visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation/ways-to-give/naming-opportunities/.

Amigos de Garcia Scholarship Brings Unique Opportunity for Creative Bobcats

"I'M NOT GOING TO LIE, it's a dream come true!" said **Greg Garcia '92** of his career in television. "To be able to go to work and do what you love – I'm very, very aware of how lucky I am."

Since moving to California in pursuit of his dreams, Garcia has written and produced numerous successful television projects, such as *Yes, Dear*; *My Name Is Earl*; *Raising Hope*; *The Millers* and *The Guest Book*. His first stage musical, *Escape to Margaritaville*, debuts on Broadway in March (*see story p 6*).

FSU students now have a unique opportunity to pursue their own Hollywood dreams through Garcia's **Amigos de Garcia Scholarship**.

"I'm very fortunate that I've been able to make a decent living doing what I love to do, so the idea of giving back and helping people trying to do the same thing, that's just something that is very attractive to me," he said.

He was inspired, in part, by two scholarships established by his former professor, **Dr. Tyra**

Phipps '71. (*See related story p. 31*). The Mass Communication professor emerita established the Marjorie C. Phipps Mass Communication Scholarship and the Dr. Tyra C. Phipps Scholarship.

"She is someone that I look up to and who was very instrumental in my positive experience at Frostburg," he said. "I knew that she did it and was inspired to start my own."

Garcia attributes much of his success to that experience and the opportunities he found at FSU.

"I learned a lot at Frostburg, not only in the classrooms but also just going there and making a lot of great friends who I'm still close with. I met my wife at Frostburg (**Kimberly Ludke Garcia '93**). I took a TV writing class at Frostburg that started

"I wanted it to be a little different from your normal scholarship."

– Greg Garcia '92



Three-time Amigos de Garcia scholarship recipient **Rachel Saylor**, a theatre major, submitted her creative costume designs as part of her scholarship application.

my whole idea to go out to California," Garcia said.

The class required Garcia to submit a completed television script to Warner Bros. Entertainment.

"Because of that, people at Warner Bros. read my script, and

"Man, everyone's got talent and is working hard," Garcia said.

Garcia also set the GPA requirements for the Amigos de Garcia Scholarship below that of a typical merit-based scholarship.

"You don't have to be an amazing student to get my scholarship. There are other things we're looking at," Garcia said. "Certainly, we do not frown upon good grades, but having a C is not going to preclude you from getting the scholarship."

In 2015, Garcia met several of the finalists for his scholarship in Frostburg.

"They got to ask me questions. I got to ask them questions. And it was a lot of fun," Garcia said.

At that meeting, Garcia announced the award's primary recipient for 2015-16: **Rachel Saylor**, a theatre major whose costume designs impressed the faculty panel. Her designs have earned her the award twice more.

"It was really incredible to meet him and to speak to him about my work and what I hope to do in the future," Saylor said. "Since receiving the scholarship, I have learned to be more confident in my design work and in what I



Meanwhile, **Greg Garcia's** work as a creator of popular television sitcoms continues. TBS has picked up his anthology series, *The Guest Book*, for a second season. Garcia wrote all 10 episodes of the first season and directed two, including the one shown here featuring Jaime Pressly, who also starred in his series, *My Name Is Earl*.

By Robert Spahr '13

bring to the table, but I have also been more critical of my work. You never really know who will be looking at what you are doing and who they know in the business."

After graduation, she intends to pursue graduate school and a career in entertainment. Her work has already impressed one entertainment veteran.

"She's very talented," Garcia said of Saylor. "Who knows? Maybe one day she'll come to Los Angeles and be a wardrobe designer for me."

Garcia recognizes the importance of experiences beyond academics on personal and professional growth. Especially for writers, Garcia said, experiences spark the development of characters, story ideas, scenarios and more.

At FSU, he hosted a show for the campus radio station, which led to a job working for Tony Kornheiser, the Washington, D.C., sports journalist and radio and TV personality. The two formed a friendship that has continued ever since.

"And Tony had friends, including a friend who wrote for *Seinfeld*, and when I went to Los Angeles, I ended up getting notes on a script that I had written from Tony's friend, and that was very helpful," Garcia said.

Even with that connection, finding success took years of hard work and a fair share of luck, as well as a risky leap of faith. Garcia said every Hollywood success story includes those three elements.

"When I came out here, I was lucky that I had parents who said, 'Go do this. You'll always kick yourself if you don't try it, and you can always come back and work here,'" he said.

Garcia encourages students to chase their dreams, but to be smart about it.

"My biggest advice would be, if you wanted to be a television writer, say, to keep writing. ... With every script you write, you're going to learn something more. At first, however, many are going to stink, and that doesn't matter," he said. "You're going to keep learning. ... Whatever you want to do, you need to try to get in that world."

Yet he also encourages dreamers to have realistic contingency plans.

"I think everyone should go for their dreams in a very realistic and practical way," said Garcia, attributing the caveat to being a dad himself. "Let's go for everything, but at the same time, let's look for a soft landing place should we need it."

With his own children now college-bound, Garcia is encouraging them to look beyond the classroom environment to maximize their experiences.

"There's just so many opportunities of things to do in clubs and activities. ... You're going to learn just as much outside the classroom as long as you're willing to go out and do different things." ■

DEDICATING A TREE OF PEACE



Members of the Sandhir family, from left, Aneesh Sandhir, Vinay Sandhir, Dr. Ajai Sandhir, Mrs. Prabhat Sandhir and Dr. Sanjay Sandhir, stand beside Frostburg's new Tree of Peace and Humanity, which the Sandhir Foundation dedicated last fall on the International Day of Peace. An accompanying plaque is inscribed, "Peace and Humanity: The Sandhir Foundation, 2017."

The dedication was in connection with a presentation, arranged by Mrs. Sandhir, about the life work of Mahatma Gandhi, given by Srimati Karuna, director of the Gandhi Memorial Center. The tree, dedicated to honor Gandhi's enduring message of humanity and peace, can be found in the plaza between the Gira Center and the Compton Science Center.



Prabhat Sandhir arrived in Allegany County with her husband in 1972. Her husband's career as a physician provided a comfortable life for their family, and the couple worked to give back to their community, forming the Sandhir Foundation in 2004. The Dr. Sikander and Mrs. Prabhat Sandhir Education Scholarship was established at FSU in 2012.



One of Rachel Saylor's early costume projects was for the Department of Theatre and Dance's whimsical 2015 production of the children's musical, *A Year With Frog and Toad*.

Frostburg alumni, employees and other friends of the University have countless reasons for giving to the FSU Foundation, Inc. And they do so in ways that are nearly as varied as their motivation, methods that fit different stages of life, income levels or goals.

Some are one-time gifts of cash, checks, property or stocks. Others are smaller, automatically recurring gifts that, in time, add up to significant contributions. Still others are planned years in advance, to be realized only upon the donor's passing. The stories that follow offer several examples.

ONE UNIVERSITY: A WORLD OF WAYS TO GIVE

Set It and Forget It: The Easy Option

With automated giving, anyone can make a sizeable difference at Frostburg without making a large one-time gift. Frostburg offers several different automated-giving options, including payroll deduction for FSU employees.

For **Bill Mandicott**, assistant vice president for Student & Community Involvement (SCI), and his wife **Dr. Lea Messman-Mandicott**, director of the Lewis J. Ort Library, giving through payroll deduction became a habit years ago.

"Civic commitment is the responsibility of citizens to make a difference in their community," Mandicott said. "FSU has been at the center of our community for almost 30 years, and from day one, we have been committed to supporting our University, students, colleagues and community."

Over their careers, Mandicott and Messman-Mandicott have given tens of thousands of dollars to support causes at FSU, including in their own areas and to support the work of their colleagues.

Messman-Mandicott's predecessor, **Dr. David Gillespie**, often sang the praises of the FSU Foundation. She saw the difference it made firsthand.

"So often, creative initiatives cannot be funded through state funds, so you need some other source of financial support," she said.

Foundation funds have helped Messman-Mandicott to reposition the Ort Library as a community meeting place and partner in educational activities, such as with the Harry Potter Book Night, an event held every February that brings hundreds of local children into the library.



Dr. Lea Messman-Mandicott and Bill Mandicott

Foundation funding has also helped sustain the popular Cultural Events Series, host student leadership trainings, send students on Alternative Spring Break to volunteer in distressed communities and much more.

"As individuals, sometimes you think you can't make a difference," Mandicott said. "You're influencing a project or initiative, something that will move the institution forward, and there's power in that that you don't even realize."

As campus leaders, Mandicott and Messman-Mandicott see another purpose in their recurring giving: modeling the way for students and younger staff. It's a habit that was modeled for them.

Automatic giving is also stress-free. "Why give through payroll? Because it's easy. Because you don't have to worry about it," Mandicott said. "It eases what I call the 'giving pain.' Unless you win \$1 million in the lottery, it's easier just to do it along the way. You don't always realize what the impact of that is."

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The Ultimate Gift

Money – we can't take it with us, but, with foresight, we can choose where it goes, including to support a cause we hold dear. Individuals who plan a gift from their estate to the FSU Foundation become members of an exclusive group: the Old Main Society.

Jane H. Grindel '32, who died in 2015 at the age of 103, was an Old Main member who made the most of her final act. Outliving her close relatives and friends, Grindel decided to leave considerable gifts to two scholarships at FSU.



Jane Grindel '32

Grindel's education began at Maryland State Normal School No. 2 (now FSU), spending her first eight years in the campus model school. She returned as a college student to earn her teaching certificate in 1932, and became a teacher and guidance counselor. She served as president of the Cumberland and Frostburg chapters of the American Association of University Women, an organization she was part of for seven decades. She was also a member of the FSU Foundation Board. In 1993, Grindel was honored as Frostburg's Woman of the Year.

In 2015, Grindel left her estate to support the **American Association of University Women Frostburg Scholarship**, which she'd helped create in the 1970s, and the **Jane H. Grindel Endowed Scholarship**, which she established in 1998. The awards had already helped dozens of Frostburg students, and Grindel's ultimate gift ensured that her legacy will benefit countless generations to come.

The Power of Matching Gifts: The Buster Nelson Scholarship

In July, Bobcat Basketball Hall of Famer and Alumni Board of Directors member **Raymond "Buster" Nelson '77** will mark 35 years as owner-operator of a State Farm Insurance Agency in Fredericksburg, Va. Over his career, he has told many clients and employees how instrumental Frostburg was in his development, providing the acumen and cultural skills he needed to thrive in business – even the connection that drew him to Fredericksburg and State Farm.

The eldest child of two blue-collar workers growing up in the segregated projects of Portsmouth, Va., Nelson almost skipped college. Few in his neighborhood had gone. But his mother encouraged him, convincing him to skip the Air Force and enroll in college. His younger siblings would follow him.

Recently, using State Farm's corporate gift-matching program to compound the power of his giving, Nelson established the **Buster Nelson Scholarship** for first-generation business students at FSU. Many employers offer similar programs, in which the business makes a gift to match part or all of its employee's contribution.

The Buster Nelson Scholarship offers preference to participants in the Black Student Alliance or the TRiO Student Support Services program, both of which helped him adapt to college life.

Frostburg was Nelson's first exposure to a primarily white environment. He was one of just two African-American business majors at the time. Coming from the South, he expected to encounter racial friction at Frostburg, but his experience proved to be different.

"It was just like everyone was accepted for who they were. We all had one common goal: to get a college degree," he said. "So race wasn't an issue."

Still, the culture shock was palpable. Nelson said his brother, **Frazer Nelson '78**, neatly summarized the experience: "The two things we learned at Frostburg were lasagna and lacrosse."

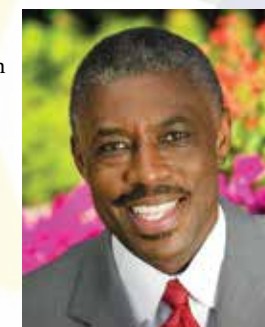
At Frostburg, BSA helped Nelson feel more comfortable.

"The BSA meant a sense of identity, of connection, and the mentorship," Nelson said. "**Mr. (William) and Mrs. (Pansy) Atkinson** and the students that were there before me helped me understand how to adapt to college, classes, the schedule."

Nelson's ability to be comfortable regardless of his surroundings proved invaluable in business. His first job out of college again placed him in a primarily white setting, but he was prepared. When he followed two Bobcat basketball teammates to State Farm in Fredericksburg for a claims adjuster position, Nelson's personality and business education caught corporate attention, and he was soon recruited to operate his own agency.

Over 35 years as a State Farm agent, he has led one of State Farm's top producing agencies, earning every award the company bestows, appearing in State Farm commercials and serving on numerous corporate leadership committees and boards.

Nelson's Frostburg degree helped him provide a comfortable life for his family, allowing him to show them a much bigger world than he knew as a child. He knows what a transformation education can make in a person's life, and thanks to matching gifts, he was able to pass on that experience to FSU students sooner than he ever thought possible.



Raymond "Buster" Nelson '77

Some Endowments Start With Dow (Jones)

Dr. Michael Wilt '69 long hoped to create a scholarship award for physics students at FSU, inspired by two former professors. One, **Francis Tam**, created a similar scholarship years earlier. Another, the late **Dr. Edward Stepp**, mentored him as a student. Both helped prepare Wilt for a career across a variety of industries.



Dr. Michael Wilt '69

Last year, Wilt established the **Dr. Michael C. Wilt Physics Scholarship** with a gift of stock, allowing him to endow the award immediately. Rather than selling the stock, paying capital

gains taxes and donating the proceeds, Wilt donated the stock directly. That method transferred the stock's full value to the endowment.

"Giving this way, financially, it works out from that perspective for both the school and me," said Wilt, who was honored with the Alumni Achievement Award in 1992. "I wanted to start a scholarship, and this is a good way to do it."

The scholarship supports physics majors with at least a 3.0 GPA, with a preference for students with financial need.

"Physics really trains you to solve problems. It allows you to look at problems across all kinds of fields, and how to approach a problem," Wilt said. "The ability to solve problems allowed me to play in a lot of different functional areas."

Wilt's first leadership experience came as founder and president of the Society for Physics Students at Frostburg, and those lessons came in handy multiple times throughout his career.

While creating his scholarship, Wilt explored the current physics curricula at FSU to see how his department had evolved over time.

"The number of electives and the range are fascinating in terms of what's available," Wilt said. "There wasn't anything like that when I was at school."

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Student Engineers Getting a Head Start on the Future of Manufacturing

Capstone projects provide an opportunity for engineering students to conceive, test and produce a product.

By Charles Schelle

Imagine a day when your wintertime flight isn't delayed so the airplane can be doused with deicing solution. Or your rear-window defroster instantly melts ice without visible lines.

Undergraduate materials engineering majors are getting hands-on experience in advancing that technology. A team of six students created a prototype for a high-powered, low-voltage heater applied to a thin plastic film. Working from published research, they were able to use a desktop inkjet printer that could be purchased from any office supply store.

"The product that we created is similar to the defroster lines on the back of car windows," said senior **Tucker Witt**. "Our applications could reach further, as this could be a clear heater that could be applied to glass and low-voltage electronics."

These students are learning a new wave of electronics "nanomanufacturing" by programming, building and testing a futuristic product themselves. Products are now coming to market for similar inventions, where thin-filmed materials are placed on airfoils to deice a plane without chemicals, along with applications in automobiles. The undergraduate research shines a light on using low-cost materials and supplies for nanomanufacturing, said **Dr. Zhen Liu**, assistant professor of physics and engineering.

The six students involved in the creation, **Stacey Acheampong '17**, **Jacob Lichtenberg '17**, **Garrett Kessell**, **Javeau Robinson**, **Jonathan Walton** and Witt, were participating in their materials engineering capstone project. The peer-reviewed project was presented at the 2017 Materials Science & Technology conference in Pittsburgh in October. The conference abstract was published and will be listed as an invited project at MS&T's upcoming proceedings.

A Tam Student Science Research Award from the FSU Foundation was presented to Acheampong, Lichtenberg and Witt to travel in support of research and present at the conference.

The students were able to adapt a similar invention and adjust it to low-cost materials and supplies, such as a consumer model inkjet printer.

Materials engineering capstone projects provide an opportunity for students to conceive, test and produce a product to ready them for their careers.

"Teams display and pitch their inventions and marketability to an engineering panel of FSU faculty members and invited academia and industrial guests, while competing for top honors every May," Liu said. "Capstone projects serve as the foundation and preparation for most job or internship interviews and may also help shape many engineers' career paths."

HOW THIN FILM HEATERS WORK

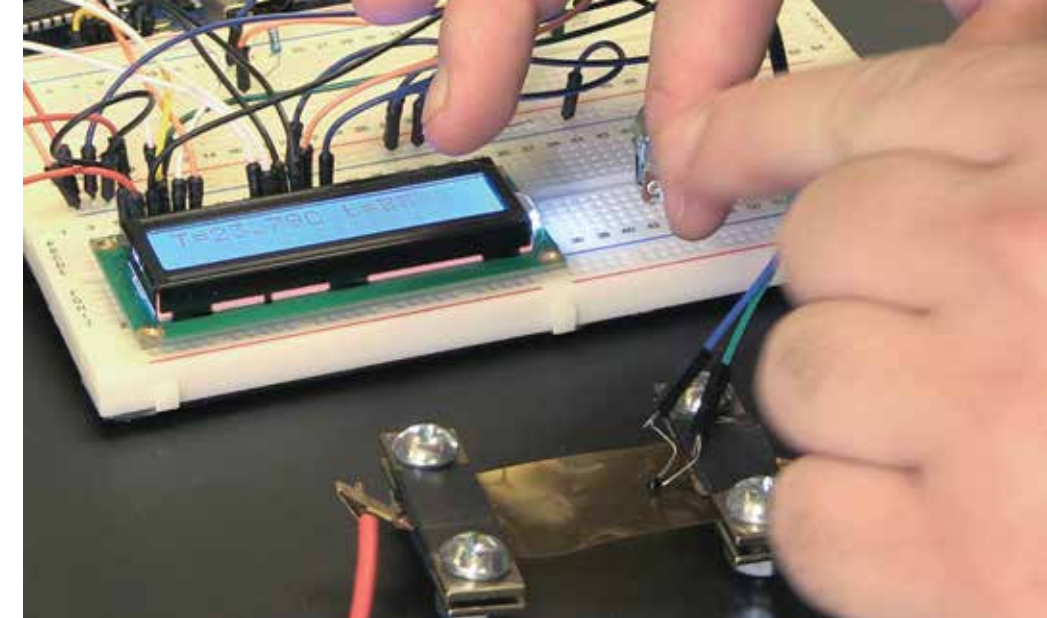
The magic happens on a microscopic level, using a zigzag nanocarbon circuit design with a carbon-based "ink" containing carbon nanotubes. The ink is inserted into refillable printer cartridges at the FSU materials engineering laboratory, and the nanotubes are then printed onto polyamide film through the HP printer.

"This team further discovered that carbon nanotube thin-film heaters are more energy-efficient and have far superior heating properties than current thin-film heaters," Liu said. "These heaters will be applicable to any system that requires thin-film heaters, while being cost-effective."

Quick science lesson: What is a carbon nanotube?

"Carbon nanotubes – specifically single-walled carbon nanotubes – are a graphene layer (a single layer of carbon atoms) that are rolled up into cylinder shapes," said Lichtenberg, who graduated with his physics degree in spring 2017 and is wrapping up his materials engineering degree. "We use these to produce a highly charged electrical current that will produce heat."

The current passes through a zigzag pathway that is designed in such a way that the current quickly produces a high heat and then cools to room temperature almost instantly.



Contact is made with a polyamide film to transmit a temperature reading to a thermistor, a resistor used to read temperature.

Students programmed an Arduino board to record data for the system and installed a thermistor, a type of resistor used to read temperature. That data was fed into a program called MATLAB to model the film's resistance and temperature at various power levels.

"This was our analysis for the product for the different voltages we applied to the circuit to see if it worked at different voltages and what temperatures we could reach at different voltages," Lichtenberg said.

The system was most efficient at 25 volts of power passing through 300 printed carbon nanotube layers, rapidly heating up to 125 C and rapidly cooling to room temperature.

While FSU students used desktop inkjet printers, if the concept would ever be produced at scale for mass production, more advanced and expensive equipment would be needed, including a benchtop printer – at a cost of a new car – which allows for printing on full sheets of polyamide film, Lichtenberg said.

CREATING A FUTURE

The students said they feel more prepared for life after graduation because of their experience in this course.

"The Engineering Department has prepared me for the professionalism and work ethic involved in becoming an engineer," Witt said. "I'm hoping after graduation to continue with a master's engineering program or continue in the workforce."

Acheampong hopes that her time at FSU will lead her to a dream of engineering a product that could help reduce automobile fatalities.

"I love problem solving," she said. "There's always a problem to solve."

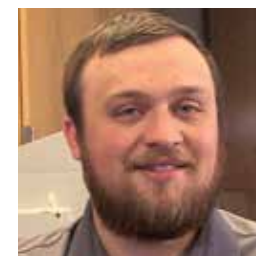
Sometimes, problem solving isn't equation-based – it's how to work on a large group project.

"I've learned a lot about working with people. I'm a very introverted person," she said. "After working with this big group of six people, I've made really good friends. When you're an engineer, everyone has a part, and all those parts come together to create one result."

Lichtenberg, who has accepted a job offer from Orbital ATK for mechanical design, said he was able to learn a little bit of everything involved with engineering at FSU.

"I've gotten all the different views from the engineering standpoint," Lichtenberg said, from doing hands-on work, computational tasks and intensive project work, all of which he is sure will show off the kind of skills that Frostburg produces in its graduates.

"My experience at Frostburg State has been second to none." ■



Tucker Witt



Jacob Lichtenberg '17



Stacey Acheampong '17

Coppin-Frostburg Partnership Prepares Teachers For All Classroom Environments

By Charles Schelle

The lessons for these teacher candidates extend to an understanding of their own backgrounds and assumptions and how that affects their teaching, as well as insight into how a student’s environment impacts learning.

When **Brianna Hopkins ’17** needed a student to behave, she thought staring down the student with a stern look might do the trick.

In Baltimore’s Gwynns Falls Elementary School, it worked flawlessly. At Mount Savage Elementary School, located in a small Allegany County town, the student giggled. Lesson learned for Hopkins.

“She said, ‘Miss Hopkins, why are you looking at me like that? Is there something in your eye?’” Hopkins said. “I thought that it was funny because it was such a culture difference.”

That’s the point of a new U.S. Department of Education grant-funded program implemented through Coppin State University and FSU: to allow teacher candidates to be prepared for anything in any classroom. It’s called Pathways 2 Professions, or P2P, and it officially launched last fall.

Maryland is in many ways a miniature America, with mountains in the west transitioning to farmland and cities and then to sandy beaches along the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean. The population is

as diverse across the state as the geography, and if teacher candidates can figure out how to navigate unfamiliar terrain in two starkly different Maryland classrooms, they can teach anywhere in the country.

To make this program possible, Coppin and Frostburg – both part of the University System of Maryland – collaborated to redesign curriculum to improve teacher effectiveness and student success. Coppin was awarded a five-year, \$3.6 million Teacher Quality Partnership Grant to develop the partnership with Frostburg State.

Dr. Yi Huang, associate dean/associate professor of CSU College of Arts and Sciences and Education, is the author and principal investigator of the grant.

Dr. Kim Rotruck M’94, acting associate dean of FSU’s College of Education, is the co-principal investigator. They designed the program with faculty from both institutions as well as partners with various agencies.

“Teachers are the single most important factor in terms of impacting if a student can learn and improve or not,” Huang said. “By improving teacher effectiveness, you have

a much greater chance to improve student learning. That was the ultimate goal. We have a greater goal of inclusive excellence.”

The challenge was worth pursuing for faculty at Coppin and Frostburg to take prospective teachers out of their comfort zones to expand their skillset by managing classrooms in a different part of the state, Rotruck said.

“FSU instructors believe their students need every opportunity to meet the challenges of today’s classroom. We want to provide as many opportunities for their success,” Rotruck said. “This Coppin partnership has definitely changed their perspective and allowed them to grow as teachers.”

HOW PATHWAYS 2 PROFESSIONS WORKS

To understand how teacher candidates can work outside of a system, it’s important to know how they work within a system to become a teacher.

Maryland’s Professional Development Schools, where teacher candidates complete their required 100-day internships, are affiliated with a higher education institution within their region.

FSU, for instance, has partner schools in Allegany County, Washington County, western Frederick County and eastern Garrett County. CSU’s network extends to several Baltimore city schools in a 3-mile radius of the campus.

CSU and FSU, both with nationally accredited teaching programs, ensure that the schools and teachers they work with in these K-12 sites are meeting standards to teach future teachers. Also, it helps that the schools are in a defined area to prevent, for example, a Garrett County teacher having to drive to Ocean City for a required site visit.

The multi-layered P2P program provides an additional opportunity within the 100-day internship to practice teaching to a different demographic in a contrasting geographical setting. This can happen because of the support that each university provides to the K-12 sites. The Coppin-Frostburg partnership works because it’s a defined set of schools, along with college faculty who already worked together to

define standards and expectations of what this would look like.

These one-week internships take place following the education majors’ six-week internship at their home institution’s professional development schools. Students also complete group site visits to partner schools earlier in the process.

“We tried many different models of people observing and spending time in Baltimore classrooms, but we never found a collaborative model that is so well-coordinated to provide these students with experiences beyond observation,” Rotruck said. “Now they are participating in diverse environments.”

These teacher candidates examine their own stereotypes – along with their background, upbringing and misconceptions about teaching in urban or rural schools – and check them at the door.

“Until somebody asks you to do it, you don’t think about how your culture influences your instruction and your decision making,” said FSU Professor of Educational Professions **Dr. Janet Mattern**, who is the FSU site director for P2P.

Here’s how students identify how their personality and their way of life influence their teaching:

In the first phase, FSU and CSU education majors conduct site visits at professional development schools to observe classrooms and gain initial exposure to schools in a different part of the state. The first visits took place in October. FSU and CSU students collaborated on assignments online and developed curriculum together.

In the second phase, which is occurring during the spring of 2018, FSU students have a one-week internship, or residential clinical rotation, in an urban professional development school near Coppin. CSU students do the same at an FSU professional development network school. Teacher-candidates must complete P2P competency-based activities to be part of this experience.

Students who successfully complete components of the program are awarded P2P MicroCredentials that will appear on their transcripts to show they acquired specialized skills through this unique experience.

FROM BIG SAVAGE MOUNTAIN TO BALTIMORE

When students traded places in a pilot clinical round, their perceptions changed.

FSU students learned why Baltimore public schools require uniforms, experienced a city where minorities are the majority and saw students facing the same issues that students in Western Maryland face. CSU students could see the effects of poverty in



Coppin student Kayla Moore, left, assists with an activity in the first-grade classroom of **Jennifer Arbogast ’04/M’12**, right, at Beall Elementary School in Frostburg.

some rural communities and the lack of racial diversity in K-12 schools.

“One of the students’ assumption was that African-American students would face economic challenges. In rural areas that are predominately white, poverty is still a major aspect that impacts a student’s life, emotional development,” Huang said. “That’s one thing that they were able to connect to – that students faced challenges in rural and urban environments.”

The experiences help teacher candidates make adjustments. That could be something as little as enforcing certain classroom rules like raising a hand to ask or answer a question or if certain students are more comfortable with using a tablet instead of pen and paper, Mattern said.

“Until you start unpacking those things, you don’t even realize you do it because it’s just a part of who you are,” Mattern said. “The way you were raised influences every interaction you have.”

The program isn’t intended to make teachers feel like they have to have all the answers, said **Dr. Boyce Williams**, interim dean for FSU’s College of Education.

“You give them the tools they need, not to be able to solve all the problems children come with, but to have been exposed to best practices and to know that I need to seek help,” such as from a school nurse or psychologist, Williams said. “I’m expected to teach all students, but I can’t be everything to all. But I certainly ought to know and identify when there is some type of need, an issue or a challenge, and be able to go to the resources for support.”

“THEY WANT TO BE LOVED”

Hopkins, a Baltimore resident, was part of a pilot test of the program before the official launch, teaching at Gwynns Falls Elementary in Baltimore and at Mount Savage Elementary School, outside of Frostburg. She

also interned at Route 40 Elementary School in Garrett County, where she opened up the eyes of some rural, white children.

“I had kids who were brushing my skin because they thought my skin was going to feel different because it was brown. I didn’t mind, and I was happy to share with them that we’re all humans,” said Hopkins, who is African-American. “We have different shades of skin, but that doesn’t matter. You get hungry; I get hungry. You get thirsty; I get thirsty. If someone says something mean to you, it hurts your feelings. The same with mine. It was nice to have that experience.”

Hopkins learned how much and how little race is part of the conversation in education. Hopkins attended a predominately white elementary school. She said she had to adjust to a different culture in middle school, which was more of a diverse melting pot, then adjust again at a predominately African-American high school, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. Her schooling background taught her a lot, but it’s another aspect to teach students accustomed to certain environments.

The young students Hopkins taught were not fixated on race, she said.

“I realized after this internship that children don’t see color unless you make it a big deal. They just want to be loved, regardless if it’s Allegany County or Baltimore City Public Schools,” Hopkins said. “They just want to learn, and they want to be loved.”

That’s the key: that all children deserve to be taught and to feel validated. And if teacher candidates like Hopkins can recognize that, the program will be a success by improving both teachers and students.

“Brianna will be able to teach anywhere. The idea is that sometimes urban and rural schools are very similar but also very different,” Huang said. “The idea is now they have the advantage over the typical teacher preparation program. They actually have that kind of experience.” ■



Brianna Hopkins ’17 teaches math to students at Gwynns Falls Elementary School students in Baltimore, where she now teaches full-time. She interned there as part of the pilot test of the new Pathways 2 Professions diversity exchange experience.

INTRIGUING INTERNS DEMONSTRATE AN ECLECTIC WORLD OF LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Great internships enhance what students learn in the classroom to better prepare them for their dream jobs. Last summer, more FSU students discovered engaging and interesting ways to gain valuable experience. They also demonstrate that anything is possible as Frostburg students.

“We have the ability to build strong relationships not only with the students, but we’re building strong relationships with organizations that are interested in taking on FSU students,” said **Amy Robison Shimko ’94**, director of Student Development.

Experiences include learning the legal system by helping prevent immigration marriage fraud, fundraising with the Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation and analyzing unappealing beer flavors. Other interns mapped trails, assisted weary travelers at a luxury Tel Aviv hotel, trained police dogs or rebranded a marketing client. All of the students’ experiences allowed them to apply the education they had received in their classrooms.

“An internship allows the student to learn so much more about themselves, what they’re passionate about and what skills they have gained,” Shimko said. “It is almost critical in this day and age for students to have hands-on, real-life work experience,” Shimko said.



BEFRIENDING THE SHARKS

Abiodun Olojo has a plan in place for his career, and his internship with boutique creative firm SRB Communications solidified that.

The College Park resident wants to become a chief marketing officer for a Fortune 500 company, and what better place to start than with an internship in ultra-competitive Washington, D.C.?

“I knew D.C. was a small pond with big sharks, and there are two ways to survive,” Olojo said. “The first way is to become a shark. The second way is to befriend a shark, and I did that with SRB.”

Olojo is a business administration major with a marketing concentration and a graphic design minor. He put all of those skills together to work for a pro bono client at his internship, mapping out a logo choice, website rebranding, newsletters, social media and a launch party.

He wasn’t just handed any client. He had the pressure of doing work for Rodney Brooks, who is the senior writer and editor of SRB Communications, and husband to founder and CEO Shelia Brooks. Rodney Brooks worked for 30 years as a deputy managing editor and personal finance and retirement columnist for *USA Today*, as well as a columnist for *The Washington Post*. Now retired from newspapers, he wanted a new look for his freelance and consulting work.

The internship crystalized Olojo’s goals. “I found clarity with what I wanted to do,” he said.

Olojo also absorbed the experience, seeing how the firm worked with large clients like Exelon, which oversees power companies like BGE, Constellation and Pepco.

“Having all of these skilled people around me and being able to walk around and experience how they get their work done and how their thought process worked was really interesting,” Olojo said.

The internship taught Olojo how to please and



Abiodun Olojo, Business Administration Major

guide the client. He was able to specify what would and wouldn’t work, something he couldn’t have done without his FSU experience.

“The big thing everyone talks about is the difference in the knowledge you learn in the classroom and outside of the classroom. The thing I love about FSU is they cut that difference – they reduce that margin,” said Olojo.

Olojo’s 32 hours a week at SRB Communications was enhanced through The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. The experience included a Tuesday night course in strategic communication, advising and professional development feedback from his instructor and participation in community service.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING GOING TO THE DOGS

Growing up, senior **Paul Oakley** always had a dog in his house and always had a passion for law enforcement, thanks to his grandfather.

He started putting those pieces together with his internship at the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office K9 Unit. Oakley now plans to apply to the sheriff’s office to start his dream job.

“It’s been something I always wanted to do, a career in law enforcement, and if I could, to have a dog on top of that,” Oakley said about working for his hometown patrol agency.

LEARNING AN OPERA FESTIVAL’S INS AND OUTS

Sometimes the perks of an internship are reason enough to say yes.

Alexandra Hemphill ’17 worked as a box office intern at the Utah Festival of Opera and Musical Theatre in Logan, Utah. The paid internship gave her a behind-the-scenes look and training of a professional theatre company, both in the box office and on stage.

The world-renowned event is a five-week summer festival founded by accomplished operatic singer Michael Ballam in the city an hour north of Salt Lake City.

“It showed me that I know what it takes to be in a professional opera company,” said Hemphill, who has appeared at FSU in *She Stoops to Conquer*; *I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change*; and *Seussical*.

She’s been so busy with theatre productions that she hasn’t had the opportunity to participate in one of the Opera Theatre productions at FSU. The Utah Festival of Opera helped fill that void.



Alexandra Hemphill ’17, Theatre Major

Working with German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois, Oakley had to pick up some German to give commands. It was a world away from playing with his beagle Harley at home.

“While there were a bunch of commands, it was like learning English – you knew what the words are supposed to be,” he said.

Oakley’s training for the 18-month-old dogs included obedience training, drug sniffing and retrieval. He also was able to go on ride-alongs to see how K9s are deployed in the field and received professional development advice from deputies.

“You hear that every day is going to be different, and when you’re out there, every day is

“Before I came here I didn’t know much about opera,” Hemphill said. “I saw ‘Pirates of Penzance’ before, and that was it.”

Hemphill received great career experience for her theatre major in the acting track and her minor in marketing.

As the box office intern, she learned specialized ticketing software, talked to advertisers and spoke to competition winners. She was considered a member of the theatre company during her internship, which also gave her free access to classes to learn about auditioning, finding a manager and other professional development topics.

“It broadened my view of theatre,” she said. “It opened up a lot more doors for me. It really helped me understand the whole finished product to put a show on.”

She also had opportunities to watch the top-notch productions of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Seussical*, the show in which she played Gertrude last fall at FSU. “That also meant rubbing elbows with opera stars and hearing advice from Actors Equity members.

The internship showed Hemphill that she’s on her way to following her dreams.

“It’s strengthening my love of theatre and shows me that a career in theatre doesn’t have to be only acting,” she said. “It’s showing me that I definitely want to do this with my life, and these are the steps that I have to take to do it.”



Paul Oakley, Law and Society Major

different, being in law enforcement,” Oakley said.

FSU helped Oakley prepare for the internship with his Common Law course and his writing classes, to hone his communications skills when writing to law enforcement officers and the public.



Shanna Marcelino, Chemistry Major

FINDING WHAT’S BAD IN BEER

Shanna Marcelino can’t think of beer the same way ever again.

Marcelino looked at certain flavor properties of beer using a gas chromatography mass spectrometer at her internship with Shimadzu in Columbia, Md. The Japanese company manufactures scientific equipment. This one analyzes and identifies compounds.

Marcelino’s beer experiment isn’t one where you’d want to do a taste test. Her supervisor provided an IPA and a Shiner Strawberry Blonde that were past their best-by dates to examine the not-so-pleasant side of beers, like a metallic taste or a skunky aroma.

“Anything that is unsatisfying,” said Marcelino, who is also pursuing a concentration in biochemistry.

The experiment’s aim was to show different uses for the gas chromatography mass spectrometer. She created a poster about her research for a future expo or conference.

Marcelino got hands-on experience using the gas chromatography mass spectrometer, including troubleshooting. At Frostburg, she was introduced to that instrument and was taught how to read results on a chromatogram, readying her for the internship.

Marcelino initially had an interest in forensics before the internship, but that might have changed.

“I feel like I’d want to work for a scientific instrument manufacturing company, because you’d get to do all these different applications and any project you’d want to do,” she said.





Cassidy Zagone '17, Mass Communication Major

GOING FOR THE GOAL IN HER FIELD

Cassidy Zagone is a diehard Washington Redskins fan with a passion for promoting events. Being the special events and development intern for the Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation felt like a dream come true.

"I think this experience is the best thing I've done with my time here at Frostburg," said Zagone, who has a concentration in event planning and a minor in public relations.

Zagone took an in-depth look at how a charitable foundation attached to a National Football League franchise works with players, staff, team alumni, donors and community organizations during her summer at Redskins Park in Ashburn, Va.

Zagone was tasked with organizing and executing the silent auction for the 56th Annual Welcome Home Luncheon, which is the foundation's biggest event of the year. She was tasked with filing regular reports and an annual report, doing outreach, acquiring silent auction items and learning that Excel spreadsheets are her friend when it comes to staying organized.

"I really enjoy that they trust me with some of these bigger projects," she said.

The internship has inspired Zagone to pursue event planning career opportunities in sports or with a sports foundation.

"I like that all of our events raise money to benefit amazing programs in our community," she said.

Zagone parlayed her summer internship to return as a Game Day intern for the foundation last fall, where she helped with marketing and new strategies for the 50/50 raffle, which benefits the foundation.

Being involved at FSU and having a prior internship, also through FSU, helped prepare her for this high-profile opportunity. Zagone is a member of the University Programming Council, where she does event planning, and was in charge of planning Greek Week as the vice president of Greek Council.

"Working with Coop (FSU Director of Student Activities **Robert Cooper**), every little thing I experienced with UPC, I took away from and used here," she said.

BUILDING TRUST IN RECREATIONAL THERAPY

Jillian Steinert has seen how building trust can blossom into an opportunity for children and teenagers.

Steinert worked as a recreational therapy intern at St. Vincent's Villa in Timonium, where the Catholic Charities program provides therapy for children with behavioral and emotional needs.

"One thing I learned here that I didn't learn in a classroom is how to build relationships with children, with me becoming closer to the children, and them getting to know me," Steinert said.

As a recreation therapy intern, Steinert led group therapy sessions, conducted assessments and created summer camp activities. The activities

included classic water games, arts and crafts, and themed activities for a multicultural day.

When she provided the children with individual attention, she saw how they transitioned from being disinterested to being eager to join her, while they exercised and had fun.

Steinert is in the therapeutic recreation concentration within her recreation and parks management major. Therapeutic recreation has been her calling since she volunteered at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Perry Point while in high school. She hopes to work with children or veterans as a full-time job.

While at FSU, she helped play a role in planning the annual Halloween party and parade for the city

of Frostburg as part of her classes, as well as the annual city Easter event.

"It helped me become a little more comfortable in the field," she said. "It forced me to go out and meet new people and different organizations."



Jillian Steinert '17, Recreation and Parks Management Major

Her time at St. Vincent's Villa provided her with a wider perspective of children with differing needs.

"I took this internship because I never worked with children with emotional and behavioral issues before," Steinert said. "I wanted to broaden my spectrum with a different population."

It also helps that she's found a connection to help guide her: Her supervisor at St. Vincent's, **Trisha Orndorff Ey '01**, is an FSU alumna!

"Making those connections in a professional way has really helped me out," Steinert said.

VIRTUALLY TRAVELING THE GLOBE TO MAKE MAPS

Paul Churchyard traveled all over the country last summer without leaving his office.

That's because he mapped trails for the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's website traillink.com. The Washington, D.C., nonprofit has been vital in helping convert unused railroads into recreational trails, including the Great Allegheny Passage that runs through Frostburg.

"It's a dream internship that allowed me to apply my knowledge in the practical sense," he said.

This summer, he mapped trails in several states, including the Green Circle Trail in Wisconsin and the C.J. Ramstad/North Shore State Trail in Minnesota, part of an extensive snowmobile trail network.

"I look at satellite imagery and compile information from other sources to create digital maps of existing trails and new trails," Churchyard said.

Churchyard's work included layering the satellite imagery with waypoints, such as parking lots and restrooms, and using Google Maps Streetview to create the digital map.

He had a great time diving into online



Paul Churchyard '17, Earth Science and Geography Major

maps and exploring places he's never been, finding a way to navigate areas to help others.

"You really need to do something like this to get a view of how you're actually using what you're learning in the classroom and apply it to the real world," Churchyard said.

The internship gave him a sense of the type of workload and constraints he'd face in a full-time job, as well as what it would be like to continue to take classes with a career. He was also part of The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, where every week he would take a forensic psychology course and receive advising and career advice.

"One of the assignments required us to do two informational interviews with people in D.C. within our field," Churchyard said. "It was a good experience for networking and to get to know people in the field whom you can lean on in the future."

SERVING GUESTS AT INTERCONTINENTAL DAVID HOTEL IN TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

You can tell **Audrey Aron** is a people pleaser with her wide smile.

That was put to the test to see how the recreation and parks management major could make guests feel at ease after long international flights, wanting to get a good night's sleep at the InterContinental David Tel Aviv Hotel & Resort in Israel.

Aron's nightly courtesy calls to guests (sometimes to every single room in the hotel) were one way she developed quick-thinking customer service skills.

"Being able to resolve problems on your feet, being able to deal with different types of people, it was cool being able to learn different tactics to make sure they're happy with what we are providing them," she said. "That can apply to almost any job."

One day she took matters in her own hands to help a Canadian man who had a rough travel day. He spent 30 hours on a flight and was still waiting for his luggage to arrive at his room 45 minutes after checking in. With no bellhops around in the middle of the night, she took the bags up to the guest herself. Aron could see how a small gesture improved a guest's experience.



Audrey Aron, Recreation and Parks Management Major

"He was very appreciative. We ended up having a really great conversation. I helped him get everything he needed, get him situated," she said. "He was very, very grateful for that one interaction."

Her duties at the luxury hotel and resort included taking care of VIPs' requests, all with her limited Hebrew, and making sure airline crews have everything they need so they can check in and go straight to sleep. The busy tourism season also brought in athletes competing in the Maccabiah Games.

Aron, who practices Judaism, loves Israel. The internship was facilitated through Masa Israel Journey's Career Israel, which included a \$1,000 scholarship to help offset her travel expenses. She fell in love with the artisan town Tzfat and also toured Jerusalem, the Western Wall and other holy landmarks. Being in Israel also allowed her to have a full Shabbat experience, when businesses would close each week for Judaism's day of rest.

"It brought me back to my roots, and it was really nice to be with people who have one common ground," she said. "We'd do Shabbat meals, and it made me feel at home."

After graduation, Aron plans to find a job with an after-school program as a launching pad for her career. Her dream is to create her own program for children in at-risk neighborhoods.

"It starts with the youth," Aron said. "It makes a huge impact to make sure kids are in a safe environment, they're doing everything they need to be doing and are on the right track."



Amanda Sirleaf, Law and Society Major

HELPING VICTIMS OF FRAUD

Amanda Sirleaf is familiar with the barriers that immigrants face becoming U.S. citizens.

Her father is from Liberia and her mother is from Sierra Leone, each of whom had their own journey to the U.S., where they met, married and have lived happily ever since.

Sirleaf's internship dealt with an aspect of American immigration and marriage that was foreign to her, and to her parents' experience.

As a legal intern for the nonprofit Victims of Immigration Fraud in Frederick, Md., Sirleaf prepared materials for legal cases for American citizens who, with the expectation that they had married an immigrant out of love, found themselves entangled in a fraudulent relationship designed solely to gain citizenship. The citizens who were defrauded then found it difficult to win their cases.

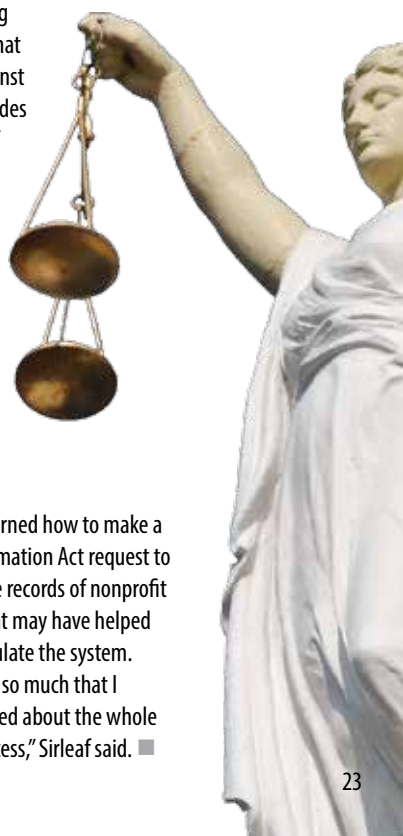
"We're trying to help American citizens being played by our system," Sirleaf said.

She learned during her internship how dishonest foreign national spouses have made use of a loophole in the K-1 Fiancé(e) visa

system, exploiting the protections that the Violence Against Women Act provides to help victims of domestic abuse. They make false abuse claims, which allow the accuser to stay in the country longer and avoid the consequences of a fraudulent relationship.

Sirleaf also learned how to make a Freedom of Information Act request to gain access to the records of nonprofit organizations that may have helped people to manipulate the system.

"I just learned so much that I didn't know existed about the whole immigration process," Sirleaf said. ■



Fall Sports by the Numbers:

2	All-Americans (football)
1	Academic All-American
1	Scholar All-Region
6	All-CAC honorees
17	All-NJAC honorees
5	All-Region award winners (football)
4	All-ECAC selections (football)



Christian Walsh



Niles Scott

Walsh and Scott Earn All-American Honors

Seniors **Christian Walsh** (left guard) and **Niles Scott** (defensive tackle) garnered D3football.com All-American honors following Frostburg's historic 2017 campaign.

Walsh was named to the First Team, while Scott was voted to the Second Team after being named to the preseason Second Team.

The duo, each of whom was named to the D3football.com All-East Region First Team, helped Frostburg to one of the best seasons in school history with an 11-2 overall record. Scott was previously named to the Associated Press Little All-American DIII First Team, the first Bobcat so honored since 1993.

On the offensive line, Walsh started 43 games and helped the Bobcat offense lead the New Jersey Athletic Conference in scoring offense (36.0), first downs (276) and third down conversions (46.6) in 2017.

The D3football.com All-East Region Defensive Player of the Year, Scott capped his Bobcat career with 150 total tackles, including 43 tackles for loss (245 yds.) and 25 sacks (185 yds.). He is third all-time in program history in sacks and tied for eighth in tackles for loss.

Parker Inducted Into the Frederick Soccer Hall of Fame

Brian Parker '92, who completed his 16th season at the helm of the Frostburg State women's soccer program last fall, was inducted into the Frederick County Soccer Hall of Fame following the season.

The Hall of Fame honors those whose contributions to the sport of soccer in Frederick County, on and off the field, merit the highest recognition.

Parker is Frostburg's all-time winningest coach, having guided his Bobcat women to 211 wins, eight conference championships and 15 postseason appearances between the NCAA and ECAC Tournaments.

Prior to coming to Frostburg, Parker served as the first head coach for the Urbana High School girl's soccer team, where he won the school's first-ever regional championship. During his second year at Urbana, he was honored with the Frederick County Coach of the Year award.

Parker was also a founder of the Frederick United Soccer Club (now FC Frederick) and served as a director and staff for the program.



Coach Brian Parker '92

Hatch Retiring After 2017-18 Season

Prior to the start of his 19th season, Frostburg head men's basketball coach **Webb Hatch** announced that he will retire following the 2017-18 season.

Hatch, who is the longest-serving head coach at Frostburg in any sport, took over the reins of the Bobcat basketball program in August of 1999. Fast forward 18 seasons, and Hatch will leave Frostburg with the most basketball wins as well.

Hatch and his Bobcat teams have captured 207 wins, including 90 in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference and 36 in seven seasons in the CAC.

Under Hatch's tutelage, Frostburg has made 12 postseason appearances and 24 players have earned all-conference honors.

Following the 2014-15 season, Hatch pushed his career win total to more than 300 and was honored at the National Association of Basketball Coaches National Convention for reaching the milestone.



Coach Webb Hatch

Bell Named Academic All-American

Frostburg women's soccer senior **Melanie Bell** became the program's seventh Academic All-American this fall as the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) named her to the Third Team.

Bell carries a perfect 4.0 GPA and majors in law and society. Nationally, she was one of 34 student-athletes named to the three teams and is just one of 13 Academic All-Americans with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

She has been named to the Dean's List in every semester at Frostburg since arriving before the 2014 season. A three-time Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) All-Academic award winner, Bell was named a CoSIDA All-Academic District II First Team selection in early November.

Bell has been a four-year starter for the Bobcats and capped her career by being named to the All-CAC First Team for the third straight year following the '17 regular season.

Frostburg has had 12 student-athletes earn Academic All-American honors.

— Noah Becker M'06



◀ Melanie Bell

Alumna Exercises Leadership on NCAA D-III Student-Athlete Committee

By Charles Schelle

As a freshman, **Kayla Porter '17** wanted to find something in addition to playing volleyball to round out her time at Frostburg State.

The Grantsville resident found her calling after head coach Becky Fletcher encouraged her to be on Frostburg's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Liking it to an "SGA for athletes," Porter immediately knew this is what she wanted to do after her first meeting. Through the years, Porter rose to Frostburg SAAC president and, on a national level, to chair of NCAA Division III SAAC.

"I feel like it's bigger than yourself. You're helping student-athletes," Porter said in a phone interview from her final SAAC meeting at the NCAA Convention in Indianapolis. "What I enjoyed the most about national SAAC is being able to be a part of big initiatives such as It's On Us, and we're preparing for a mental health campaign. Those campaigns all touch student-athletes in different ways and encourage them not to be afraid of different situations."

On Division III SAAC, Porter represented 20 institutions in the

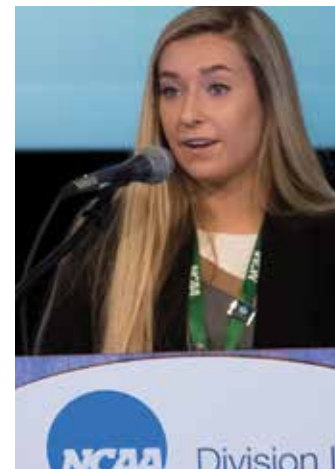
Capital Athletic Conference and Presidents' Athletic Conference. She was a liaison for student-athletes from those universities to the national committee, in addition to being a spokeswoman to the media on Division III student-athlete issues. Porter previously served as vice chair. Shouldering those responsibilities helped develop her into a stronger leader, and in turn, a role model for others as she navigated legislation, campus initiatives, conference calls and four in-person SAAC meetings in Indianapolis each year.

"A lot of people look up to me in the meeting room, especially younger SAAC members because it's such an intimidating place to be. They look up to me for guidance and to grow into their own leadership positions," Porter said. "That's helped me grow myself, because once you're a leader, you can help other people become a leader. That's when you know you're doing a good job."

The leadership at SAAC translated into confidence in the locker room with the Bobcats Volleyball squad.

"It's a real humbling experience, and I think that has definitely given me confidence to be a leader on the court with my team for sure," Porter said.

The commitment was a practice in time management. In addition to SAAC, classes and playing volleyball, she was a member of the FSU President's Leadership Circle and, following graduation, is interning as an athletic trainer for Navy Football. While at times it was overwhelming, Porter shrugged it off.



Kayla Porter '17 spoke at the 2018 NCAA Convention as national chair of the DIII Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

"I think it's really easy when you're passionate about something and passionate about making changes that are beneficial to student-athletes," she said.

Topics ran the gamut. "We discuss things that ultimately are going to benefit the student-athlete and enhance the student-athlete experience,"

Porter said. That could include priority registration for student-athletes at the institutional level, advocating to allow Division I graduate students with a year of eligibility to transfer to a Division III school or her proudest accomplishment: leading It's On Us, a 2017 national campaign to support sexual assault prevention.

"It's a topic that touches so many lives and not just Division III student-athletes, but everybody on your campus," Porter said. "It really can unite everybody."

The athletic training graduate is in the midst of her internship with Navy Football through May, and then she plans to apply to graduate schools to reach her goal to become a physician's assistant. Without Frostburg, Porter doesn't see how she would have had such a memorable time as a student-athlete.

"Frostburg has the perfect balance between academics, athletics and extra-curricular activities that I think is truly unique out of any other university, especially in Division III," Porter said. "I'm so grateful for all of the opportunities it gave me." ■



Porter, with NCAA President Mark Emmert



Softball Alums Return to the Field

In September, softball alumni strapped on their cleats and took to the field again in a game with current Bobcats. Pictured are, front row (kneeling), from left, **Rae Harrison '17** holding **Kenzie Landrum**, **Presley Landrum**, **Selina Matulonis '17**, **Taylor Blevins '16**, **Mary Ann Moore '16**, **Emily McDonough** and **Emily Moll**; second row from left, **Olivia Ford** (in the white cap), **Megan Tracey '17**, **Samantha Gatton**, **Kaitlyn Griffin** and **Carly Wirth**; third row, from left, **Coach Wes Landrum**, **Emily Harvey**, **Cierra Hearn**, **Kristen Catlin**, **Katherine Treff**, **Shylo Arneson** and **Samantha Carver**; **Jennifer Cook Hall '08**, **Andria Cook '05**, **Renay Aubel '16**, **Brittney Platt**, **Allison Short** and **Taylor McCarty**.

After Years of Still Waters, Bobcat Swimming Making a Splash Again

By Robert Spahr '13

In years past, Bobcat swimming made **18 NCAA Championship appearances**, producing **21 All-American performances** and an **NCAA Division III National Champion**. Yet when Head Coach Justin Anderson arrived in August of 2013, he found a program on life support.

The team had withered. In a sport where teams can have up to 18 men and 18 women at championship meets, the 2013-14 Bobcats numbered just 12 swimmers total. “We had about a third of what you need to be competitive,” said Anderson. “So I thought the biggest challenge was just going to be recruiting serious swimmers out of high school who could really make an impact.”

When he met his swimmers, Anderson was dumbstruck when one asked if any practices would still be optional. He quickly realized what his biggest challenge was going to be: “Establishing a culture where the expectation was that you are at practice every single day, you are giving 110 percent every time you are there and trying to create an environment that was not only competitive but fun and attractive to other people.”



Coach Justin Anderson

Creating a Culture

Anderson introduced four new “pillars” for the program: Integrity, Commitment, Ethics and Fun. He laid out nonnegotiable expectations: weight training three days a week. They’d practice in the pool every weekday – twice on Fridays – and again on Saturday if they weren’t competing. Then he put everyone to work. In Anderson’s first season, the Bobcat women won seven meets, earning him the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Women’s Co-Coach of the Year honors. The men and women both set new school records for total points at CAC Championships. Those early successes helped Anderson recruit 19 new Bobcats for 2014-15. “Two of the best swimmers in Frostburg



FSU’s swim teams took their annual spring training trip to Florida in January, a journey that also helps them bond as a team.

history were in that class: Macey Nitchie and Christian March,” said Anderson. Nitchie and March, now seniors, were respectively honored as the CAC’s Female and Male Swimmers of the Year for the 2016-17 season – a program first. Nitchie said the program’s four pillars helped unite the team. “A team that has fun gets along well. A team that has integrity usually is honest with themselves and their teammates. A team that has commitment is putting 100 percent in the pool every day. Finally, a team with ethics all have similar goals to achieve and be successful,” she said. Since arriving, Nitchie saw her teammates’ confidence improve and times get faster. She attributed her own improvements to Anderson’s program and her commitment to it. Early on, “I was in no way one of the top swimmers in the CAC,” said Nitchie. “Coach Anderson has trained me to be the top swimmer in the conference by showing me to trust the process of it all, and that everything we do training-wise, and getting our bodies ready for competition, has a reason to it.” By the end of her first season, Nitchie began breaking Bobcat records. Midway through her senior season, she has now set or reset records for individual and relay events 30-plus times.

Her counterpart on the men’s team, March, set numerous records as well. He was FSU’s first All-CAC Honoree. Last season, March and Nitchie became the first swimmers at FSU to earn First-Team All-Conference honors. With appearances in multiple CAC Championships and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships, junior Maddie Weinberger is also setting new Bobcat records. A former high school club team swimmer, she found college swimming to be a significant change of pace. “The intensity and expectations are higher, but the rewards are also higher. Coach Anderson has always pushed us in a way that he knows will help us achieve our goals,” said Weinberger. “For me personally, he has believed that I can do great things in and out of the water, even when I didn’t believe in myself. It’s a great feeling when your coach has your back.” Another record-breaker had never swum competitively before joining the Bobcats in 2014-15. Then-first-year student Zach Shattuck asked Anderson for some swimming tips to help him compete in the Dwarf National Games. Anderson offered some tips. Then he asked Shattuck to join the team. Shattuck soon made waves, setting 30 Paralympic American records his sophomore season. He won four gold medals at the

U.S. Paralympic trials in 2016, earning a spot on Team USA for the 2017 World Para Swimming Championships in Mexico City, where he earned a bronze medal (*see related story, below*). He is also Frostburg’s first-ever ECAC Champion, having won the mixed Paralympic 100-yard freestyle at the ECAC Championships last March. “Swimming here has created so many opportunities for me to travel and swim for Team USA, and that is an experience I will never forget. It’s all because Coach Anderson was willing to give me a chance,” Shattuck said. “I hope that what I do helps inspire younger kids with dwarfism, disabilities or all abilities to compete and strive to reach their goals.” Shattuck was joined in Mexico by a fellow Bobcat, first-year student Connor Gioffreda. The rest of the Bobcats followed their exploits via livestream, cheering as their teammates represented America against the world. “They are doing things on the world stage and national stage that no one else in our conference is doing, so that’s been really cool for the team and kind of a rallying point that everyone brings something to the table,” Anderson said. That supportive team dynamic speaks to the culture Anderson has been building.

“I think what people see in our team is that if you are willing to work hard, we will work with you regardless of your background and ability level. If you come in every day and give your all in the pool, we will make it work,” said Anderson. **On the Horizon** The team has high expectations moving forward. Midway through the 2017-18 season, both squads sit above .500. In the final meet of 2017, the Bobcats broke nine team records and set numerous lifetime bests. “It’s exciting for me because it’s a good indication that we are going to be even faster,” said Anderson. He continues to recruit promising high school swimmers and spread the word among high school coaches that Bobcat swimming is ascendant. With each recruit, that job has become easier. “After that first group of kids bought in to the program, it made it so much easier than the year before,” said Anderson. “The athletes are doing most of the actual hard work. It’s just a matter of getting them here.” Weinberger, the rising senior, is excited to see where that hard work will lead. “The team has gotten stronger every year that I’ve been here.” ■

Bretscher Leads VMI Keydets Swim Program

Andrew Bretscher M’14 is raising his profile in the swim coach ranks. Bretscher is in his first season as head coach of Virginia Military Institute’s NCAA Division I swimming and diving program after leading Norwich University’s swim programs to 18 school records during his three years at the helm. Bretscher spent three years at FSU as a graduate assistant for the swim team while he earned his master’s degree in wildlife biology. Under the leadership of head coach **Justin Anderson**, Bretscher assisted the women’s squad to reach 200-yard medley relay school records at the Capital Athletic Conference Championships for two consecutive years. Bretscher helped the FSU program reach its highest CAC point totals at the time. He also received the prestigious 2014 College Swimming Coaches Association of America Jean Freeman Scholarship while at FSU. He was one of only six coaches in the country to receive that award, and one of only two NCAA Division III coaches. The native of Greencastle, Ind., earned his undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University in 2010. While in the pool, Bretscher competed at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials, 2009 World Championships trials and U.S. National Championships from 2007 to 2009. ■

Frostburg Swimmers Hit the Global Stage

By Noah Becker M’06

The tandem of **Zach Shattuck** and **Connor Gioffreda** represented Frostburg on an international scale at the 2017 World Para Swimming Championships in Mexico City in early December, and they posted some impressive results. Shattuck captured a bronze medal as part of the 4x100-meter medley relay as the team finished in 4:55.79. Team USA finished behind Brazil and Argentina. Shattuck and Gioffreda, who both have dwarfism, earned their spot among the 10 male athletes competing on Team USA by ranking inside the top 10 in the world in their respective events. “Zach and Connor swam incredibly well. Each of them came away with multiple lifetime bests and finals swims,” said Frostburg coach Justin Anderson. “They didn’t let the pressure of the moment affect them in the slightest.”

Individually, Shattuck also took fourth in the 100-meter breaststroke finals and helped the 4x100-meter freestyle relay to fourth place. In the 50-meter butterfly finals, Shattuck took eighth. “Mexico City was awesome and I had an amazing time with my teammates and coaches and really enjoyed the overall experience,” noted Shattuck. “It was really cool to be there with Connor, too. Looking back and being able to say that two kids from a Division III school were at one of the biggest competitions of the year is pretty awesome, and getting to represent your country is an honor in itself.” “Being able to win a medal is something that means a lot. There isn’t a feeling quite like standing on the podium and watching your flag being raised,” Shattuck said. Gioffreda swam to a pair of sixth-place finishes in the finals of the 50-meter butterfly and the 200-meter



Zach Shattuck and Connor Gioffreda

individual medley. He took eighth in the 100-meter breaststroke finals. “In my first World Championship experience I had the honor to meet and compete against many different athletes from across the globe,” said Gioffreda. ■

HOMEcoming

Scrapbook



Members of the Homecoming Court, from left, are Princess Kalyn Brown, King Bentley Ukonu, President Nowaczyk, Queen Ameyu Ayana and Prince Walter Tchougoue. The candidates for Homecoming court raised a combined \$5,370 for charities and collected toys for Toys for Tots.



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



Members of the 1967 Baseball Team joined their coach, Bob Wells, front center, at the Hall of Fame dinner to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their historic season.



The 2017 Hall of Fame Inductees are Caryn Shearer '85, Trisha Brown '06, George O'Brien '04, Pierre Bowery '05, Trina Kirsch '88/M'90, Alan Sebold '99 and Jen Murphy '91.



President Ron Nowaczyk, his son, Jake, and his wife, Maureen Lavan, join in on the fun at the Alumni Welcome Center.



Dorothy and Dick Pesta are pictured with the recipient of their scholarship, John Poole, center, whom they met for the first time during the Leadership Donor Reception.



Karen Reidler and Becky Carrington, both retired FSU employees, enjoyed Homecoming activities.



The Tims family enjoyed a weekend of sharing memories of FSU with their children, future Bobcats!



Dr. John Bambacus '70 and his wife, Karen, both retired FSU employees, enjoyed the Retired Employee Luncheon and the chance to catch up with former colleagues.



Joe Drury '89, Dwayne Hedrick '91 and Philip Caruso '75 were honored during the Jim Anderson Memorial Baseball Brunch.



Alumni continue to enjoy tailgating year after year and the weather this year was absolutely beautiful!



Donna and Ben Barry attended the Leadership Donor Reception and enjoyed meeting other friends and alumni of FSU.



Members of the Accounting Association swapped stories and asked for professional advice from alumni at the Accounting Alumni Reception.

FSU



Alpha Phi Alpha — 40th Anniversary Reunion



Women's Lacrosse Alumni Game



FSU ceramic alumni exhibition, "All Fired Up"




Men's Basketball Alumni Game

CLASSNOTES

ClassNotes listed are those received as of Jan. 10, 2018.

1972
Anthony Futyma, an instructor, counselor and coach — middle school football, wrestling and baseball — for Prince William County, Va., Public Schools, retired after 44 years of service. He was on the faculty of George Mason University, where he earned his M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, and taught at Shenandoah University. He mentored 12 teacher and counselor interns and was president of the local American Federation of Teachers and National Education Association. He lives with his two grandsons in Woodbridge, Va.

1977
Linda Lewis, a teacher at Cash Valley Elementary School in Cumberland, was selected as the 2017 You Raise Me Up award recipient in the Certified Employee category.

1980

Dr. Patrick Murphy received his master's degree in audiology from the University of Virginia and his doctorate in audiology from A.T. Still University. He has been in private practice as an audiologist in Doylestown, Pa., since 1987. He writes on topics concerning hearing loss, amplification and related issues.

1982
Karen Kamauff DeVore M'99 was appointed executive director of Curriculum, Instruction and Administration for Garrett County, Md., Public Schools.

1983
Edward Wildesen was inducted into the Garrett College Athletic Hall of Fame.

1984
Billie Boddie Wilson, with more than 20 years' coaching experience in the DMV area, was named assistant coach for the Towson University women's basketball team. She resides in Upper Marlboro, Md., with her three children.

1987

Prof. Ron Bertolina, a retired professor of computer science — graphic web design and business applications — tenured at Garrett College, has educated more than 2,500 students in the course of 15 years. He pioneered a two-year A.A.S. degree in graphic web design, started a Microsoft Office Specialist certification program and holds MOS certifications. He chaired the Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee, was elected by students to multiple editions of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and published technical articles for the graphic arts industry. He has taught as an adjunct professor at FSU, Kaplan University at Hagerstown and Potomac State College of West Virginia

University. He previously taught in the corporate world and served as a quality control auditor and technical consultant for the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation for publishing companies requiring certifications. He lives in Cumberland, Md., enjoys fishing and traveling and volunteers for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

1988
Capt. Bob Schug, USNR M'98 was recently promoted to the rank of navy captain in the Navy Reserves. His current assignment is the Reserve deputy chief of staff of Naval Operations Fleet Readiness and Logistics at the Pentagon.

1990
Robert L. Edmonson II was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Army in August 2017. He is the commandant of the U.S. Army Signal School. He earned master's degrees in information resource management from Central Michigan University and in national security strategy from the National Defense University.

1991
Kathryn Roland Buskirk M'96 is supervisor of English Language Arts and World Languages for the Allegany County Board of Education.

1995
Wood Street, Inc., a web design and development firm in Frederick, Md., co-founded by **Jon-Mikel Bailey '95** and **Jamie Stup '97**, is celebrating 15 years in business.

1997

Amy Kelsch Bielski is the founder and CEO of Ripple Effect Communications, Inc., in Rockville, Md., which was ranked as one of the nation's fastest-growing private companies by *Inc. 5000*. It took the 595 spot overall and ranked number 10 in Maryland.

TNL

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Join the Conversation!

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

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

1998
Dr. Jesse Ketterman, Jr. M'98/M'01, joined the West Virginia Wesleyan College Board of Trustees. He is president of the Alumni Council for the Buckhannon, W.Va., college.

Adam Shively, founder and lead agent of 4 State Real Estate in Charles Town, W.Va., was chosen as a Distinguished Real Estate Professional based on peer reviews and ratings, recognitions and accomplishments, and was invited to join the Expert Network as a result.

1999

David Morris M'99 was named head coach for the Evergreen State College women's soccer team. He takes over the Geoducks program in Olympia, Wash., following his most recent coaching stint at Green Mountain College in Vermont.

John Durst, Jr., was awarded the 2017 Chairman's Award from LabCorp. The company's most prestigious award was presented to 71 employees out of 65,000 worldwide. He serves as the supervisor of Special Coagulation.

Dr. Amber Stuver joined the faculty at Villanova University in Villanova, Pa., as an assistant professor of physics in fall 2017.

Courtney Thomas-Winterberg is the director of Allegany County Department of Social Services.

Cassandra Moser Weaver was appointed to the Smithsburg, Md., Town Council in September 2017. She is the executive director of Fahrney-Keedy Senior Living Community in Boonsboro.

2000

Dr. Sara Beth James Bittinger D'17 was honored by the University of Delaware in Newark, Del., as a Distinguished Young Alumna for outstanding professional and community accomplishments in service and leadership.

Kathleen Silvis Eirich M'00 is assistant supervisor of Special Education for Allegany County Public Schools. She lives in Cumberland with her husband, **Todd '82**, and their three children.

2001
Daniel James was appointed to serve as top prosecuting attorney in Morgan County, W.Va. He graduated from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in 2005.


Ricardo Trujillo was promoted to partner in the Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman CPA firm in Bethesda, Md., in January 2018. As partner, he will be responsible for all aspects of client service and engagement administration in addition to expanding the firm's Information Technology Audit practice.

2004
Stephanie Sfrisi's thesis study, "The Investigation of the Learning Style Preferences and Academic Performance of Elementary Students with ADHD," was published in the summer 2017 edition of *The Excellence in Education Journal*.

Dr. Ryan Kentrus M'07 earned his Doctor of Management Degree from University of Maryland University College. His dissertation was titled, "Do Mentoring Programs Really Work? Attributes and Implementation Strategies of Mentoring Programs in Support of Employee Engagement Outcomes." He is a lecturer in the FSU Department of Management.

2005
Brandon Butler was appointed Allegany County administrator, effective March 1, 2018. He was formerly the deputy assistant secretary for the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning.

2006
Elizabeth Barry Stahlman M'13 was named the Western Maryland Jaycees 2017 Outstanding Young Professional. Elizabeth is the director of Community Development for the city of Frostburg.

2007

Hollie McKenzie Lynch M'09, education coordinator for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, received the 2017 Freeman Tilden Award, the National Park Service's highest honor for excellence in interpretation and education. Lynch was recognized for her role in developing and implementing innovative curriculum-based park programs for 200 schools in Maryland, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

2008
Ashli Mazer Workman was named the new director of Tourism for Allegany County effective July 2017. She was introduced into the field of tourism in 2007 and possesses regional tourism project experience for rural regions.

2010
Blake Walker M'13 was honored with the Lilian T. Moffat Award for the 2017 session by the Maryland Banking School. Blake is the commercial relationship manager for First United Bank & Trust.

2012
Amanda Kerstetter was selected by her peers as the 2017 Social Worker of the Year at the Allegany County Department of Social Services. She is responsible for providing a variety of social work services and is pursuing her master's in social work from West Virginia University.

Dr. Ainsley Raley recently completed her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (Virginia Polytechnic Institute), and accepted a position at LaVale Veterinary Hospital.

2013
Whitney Glotfelty is residential director at Maryland Salem Children's Trust in Garrett County, Md.

2014


Dr. Jamie Frank graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in May 2017 with a doctorate in physical therapy. She is employed as a physical therapist with Carroll County, Md., Public Schools.

Martin Proulx M'17 is Agriculture Business Development manager for Charles County, Md. He is responsible for developing, implementing and administering initiatives to promote, enhance and market the county's agricultural industries.

2015
John Bone M'15 was granted tenure at Allegany College of Maryland, where he has been a faculty member since 2011. He is an assistant professor and program director of multimedia technology.

Mary Beth Moore M'15 accepted a position at West Virginia University Potomac State College in Keyser, W.Va., as instructor of computer information systems.

Andrew Richardson won three awards from the Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association for his work with the Maryland Independent newspaper.

Brenda Smith, executive director of The Greater Cumberland Committee, received a gold award as part of Leadership Maryland's 25th anniversary celebration for her role in nonprofit leadership.

Books by Alumni
Long-Term Care: What You Need to Know
By Dr. Tyra Phipps '71
Professor Emerita of Mass Communication
A cautionary tale for anyone considering a long-term care facility for a loved one, the book offers must-ask questions and must-know information. Based on the author's firsthand experiences in assisted living facilities, the book offers an eye-opening look at the nursing shortages, untrained staff, paternalistic attitudes, elder law and eviction issues that residents may face, as well as recommendations on dealing with them.



Dr. Tyra Phipps '71

All book proceeds will support the Dr. Tyra C. Phipps Scholarship at FSU. The book is available at createspace.com or amazon.com.

Contemplation: Imagery, Sound & Form in Lyricism
By Candace Meredith '08
The author's debut book of poetry captures moments, objects, places and ideas, as well as the emotions they engender, bringing them to life and preserving them in lyrical moments on the page.



Available at www.ctupublishinggroup.com and online booksellers. ■

2016
Samantha Truax M'16 was appointed the assistant principal at Eagle School Intermediate in Martinsburg, W.Va., for the 2017-2018 school year. ■

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL 7**
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FSU Campus

Alumni Awards Banquet
5:00 p.m.
Gira Center
By Invitation Only
- MAY 3**
Faculty & Staff Alumni Event
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Savage River Lodge
By Invitation Only

MAY 5
Bobcat Helping Hands (Alumni Service Project Day)
Various Locations
- APRIL 14**
Field Hockey Alumni Game & Reception
10:00 a.m.
Game: Bobcat Stadium
Reception: Hall of Fame Room

Men's Lacrosse Alumni Reception
1:00 p.m.
Hospitality Suite, Bobcat Stadium
- JUNE 8-9**
Football Golf Outing & Reunion
Rocky Gap Casino & Golf Resort

JUNE 16
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
9:30 am.
USM Hagerstown
- APRIL 27**
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The Gira Center courtyard was the backdrop for wedding photos when **Monique Kimble '12** married **Justin Bittner '12** on June 24, 2017.

Marriages

2000



Charley Briskey M'04, married **Derek Edwards '97** on Aug. 31, 2017.



Dr. Shannon Rexrode M'01, right, married Kara Little on Oct. 28, 2017.

2008

Daniel Weatherholt married the Rev. Elizabeth-Anne Sipos on July 29, 2017.

2011

Shonna Ferree married **Jay Hemmis '13** on Sept. 23, 2017, at The Back Farm on Piney Run in Frostburg.



Rose Jackson married Michael Speiser at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Md., on June 10, 2017.

2014



Victoria Suess married **Nicholas Finagin '14** on Oct. 15, 2016.



Kelly Bean married **Meredith Miller '14** on Oct. 21, 2017.

2017



Gabby Garner married **Robert Newton '15** on Oct. 14, 2017. The two were high school sweethearts whose love grew while spending many years in Frostburg.

Births

1975

Claudia Gattis Martin and her husband, **Al '75**, welcomed their grandson, **Caleb Michael Beach**, on Sept. 16, 2017.

1998



Peter Forno and his wife, **Coty Warn-Forno '06**, welcomed their son, **Dominic Lawrence**, on Nov. 2, 2017.

2000



Dr. Sara Beth James Bittinger D'17 and her husband, **Zach**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Lavada Lizrose**, on Aug. 3, 2017.



Lucinda Stendera Lanson and her husband, **Nick '00**, welcomed their

daughter, **Elizabeth Kelly Lanson**, on July 8, 2017.

2001



Adam Fitzpatrick and his wife, **Robin**, announce the birth of their son, **Reece Michael**, on Sept. 25, 2017.

2005



Justin Andrews and his wife, **Jen**, announce the birth of their first child, **Emmett William**, on July 10, 2017.



Dr. Melody Hanna Kentrus and her husband, **Dr. Ryan Kentrus '04/M'07**, announce the birth of their son, **Sullivan Christian**, on Sept. 5, 2017.

2007



Talia Warsaw D'Adamo and her husband, **Ed**, announce the birth of their twin, **Arturo Joseph "AJ,"** on June 8, 2017.

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Kathryn McNealy Truitt and her husband, **Isaac**, announce the birth of their son, **Wyatt**, on Aug. 30, 2017.



2008
Parenthood is the gift that keeps on giving for **Robert Tolbert '08** and his wife, **Nia**. After the birth of son **Shai**, then twin

sons **Riley** and **Zander**, the couple now has triplet daughters, **Mackenzie**, **Bailey** and **Zuri**, born Jan. 30, 2018. Read their story at bit.ly/FSUtriplets.

2009



Meredith Martin Clancy M'11 and her husband, **Brendan '09**, announce the birth of their son, **Logan**, in January 2017.

2010



Carlisle Zoubek Hart M'10 and her husband, **Jake**, welcomed **Calvin Keith Hart** on Oct. 11, 2017.

In Memoriam

Alumni

- 1944

Ruby O. Byers M'69

Dec. 17, 2017
- 1945

Maxine Agnew Jackson

Oct. 6, 2017
- 1946

Helen M. Kreiling Watson

Oct. 24, 2017
- 1951

William C. Sonnenberg

Aug. 5, 2017
- 1953

T. Carolyn Browning Brouillard

Jan. 21, 2018
- 1955

Mary A. Winters Greise

Nov. 17, 2017
- Marian M. Coonts Hill

July 9, 2017
- 1958

Jean Browning Kimble

Nov. 23, 2017
- 1959

Arthur D. Hugglestone

Oct. 4, 2017
- Patsy J. Kerns

Aug. 14, 2017
- Anne Creegan Schlereth

Dec. 2, 2017
- Shirley J. Durst Wilson

Sept. 19, 2017
- 1961

John G. Stallings

Jan. 17, 2018
- 1962

Kathleen Chambers Sines

Nov. 23, 2017
- James M. Smith

July 26, 2017
- 1963

William E. Dye

July 22, 2017
- John R. Mummert

Jan. 14, 2018
- 1964

Mary Jo Sirna Howie M'74

Dec. 3, 2017
- Nancy L. Schuckle McDorman

April 29, 2017
- Kathryn DeMuth Simpson

Sept. 2, 2017
- 1965

Charles Edward Robinson, Jr.

Dec. 30, 2015
- 1966

Donald A. Fritz

June 8, 2017
- G. Wayne Wolford

Dec. 14, 2017
- 1968

James B. Barmoy M'70*

Aug. 15, 2017
- 1969

Bonnie L. Miller Legge M'69

Aug. 31, 2017
- 1972

Linda K. Wilson

Feb. 21, 2017
- 1973

David L. Day M'73

Oct. 4, 2017
- Ansell Jefferies, Jr. M'73

Sept. 29, 2017
- Mr. Harris W. LeFew M'73

Jan. 12, 2018
- Charles H. Orme

July 15, 2017
- Alan J. Roby

Nov. 9, 2017
- T. Edward Smith M'73

Oct. 12, 2017
- The Rev. Alva D. Tice

July 14, 2017
- 1974

Linda C. Eyler

Nov. 26, 2017
- Harry W. Grove, Jr. M'80

Jan. 8, 2018
- Diana L. James

July 31, 2017
- Janet E. Stollenmaier

March 9, 2017
- 1975

Jeffery L. Athey

July 1, 2017
- 1976

Dr. Harold C. Carl II M'76

Nov. 16, 2017
- Brian J. Matthews

July 9, 2017
- 1977

Stephen E. Steinle

Nov. 14, 2017
- William P. Zentz M'77

Dec. 20, 2017
- 1978

John R. Kayajanian

March 14, 2017
- Michael L. Mackereth

Jan. 4, 2018
- Alan J. Walters

Jan. 9, 2018
- 1980

Col. William H. Hames, Jr. M'80

July 6, 2017
- 1981

Jonathan Y. Shirley, Jr.

Aug. 9, 2017
- 1982

Samuel L. Randall

Oct. 29, 2017
- George R. Shaffer, Sr. M'82

Dec. 21, 2017
- 1983

Dr. M. Margaret Galligan M'83

Jan. 15, 2018
- 1984

Marie Potts-Deakin M'84

Nov. 3, 2017
- 1987

Debra Mertz Langan

Oct. 18, 2017
- 1988

Lt. Col. James E. Contreras

Sept. 10, 2017
- Constance A. DeArcangelis Shoup M'88

Oct. 31, 2017
- 1989

Sandra Lee Schultz

Oct. 21, 2017
- 1992

Sheri A. Woods Evans

Dec. 4, 2017
- 1993

Virginia D. Rice Avona

July 2, 2017
- 1995

William S. Spooler

Nov. 30, 2017

- 1997

Pauline L. DeWitt Bittinger*

Oct. 7, 2017
- James T. Lewis M'00

Dec. 27, 2017
- 1998

Christopher M. Pero M'98

Dec. 27, 2017
- 2000

Rosemary G. Hansen

Dec. 21, 2017
- 2001

Lorelee Millard Farrell M'01

Nov. 8, 2017
- Krista R. Spiker McKenzie M'03/M'04*

Jan. 29, 2018
- 2002

Mary Jane Gorge Roush

April 22, 2016
- 2004

Matthew T. Farasy

Oct. 28, 2017
- 2009

Matthew D. Cole

Oct. 21, 2017
- 2016

Mr. Brandyn R. Boyle-Smith

Jan. 17, 2018
- 2017

Andrew B. Burns

Oct. 22, 2017
- Alexander V. George

Dec. 4, 2017

Friends of the University

- Doris L. Anderson

Feb. 18, 2018
- Olen J. Beitzel

June 23, 2017
- Leia J. Bettis

July 28, 2017
- Barbara A. Baer Bluebaugh*

Oct. 23, 2017
- Arthur T. Bond

Sept. 15, 2017
- Dr. Robert D. Brodell

Nov. 18, 2017
- Thomas E. Conlon

Dec. 8, 2017
- Ashley S. Donaldson

Aug. 12, 2017
- Justin F. Duarte

July 1, 2017
- Bobbie Nell Dykes

June 23, 2017
- Leslie F. Forrest

Aug. 5, 2017
- The Honorable James S. Getty, Sr.

Nov. 11, 2017
- Richard M. Harvey

Dec. 20, 2017
- Randall D. Holmes

Nov. 28, 2017
- Fulton H. Katz

Jan. 15, 2018
- Lawrence V. Kelly

Sept. 12, 2017
- Michael P. Keys

Jan. 1, 2018



Dr. Dana Severance D'15, who died Jan. 12, 2018, following a battle with cancer, was director of Residence Life, joining FSU in 1995. Dana mentored scores of student Residence Life staffers with warmth, sensitivity and humor. He served in numerous leadership and service roles at FSU, as well as in his field. He was past president of the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers, an organization that honored him in 2004 with the James Hurd Outstanding Service Award. He was a frequent presenter at student affairs and residence life conferences. He will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery. Dana

- Freda M. Garlitz Minick*

Jan. 11, 2018
- Richard B. Murray

Aug. 3, 2017
- Carol L. Sterling Myers

Jan. 6, 2018
- E. Susan James Orndorff

Aug. 26, 2017
- David L. Pumphrey

July 10, 2017
- Dean Peterson*

Jan. 25, 2018
- John R. Reckley

Oct. 14, 2017
- Robert E. Simmons

Nov. 18, 2017
- Herbert G. Smith*

Nov. 25, 2017
- Margaret Grefe Smith

Dec. 16, 2017
- Leon G. Snyder

Dec. 15, 2017
- Albert R. Spataro*

Dec. 10, 2017
- David T. Speidel

Oct. 14, 2017
- Perette St. Clair

June 23, 2017
- Dorothy M. Savage Thomas

Aug. 5, 2017
- Harriet A. Underwood

Jan. 13, 2018
- Richard M. Willetts

Oct. 6, 2017
- Michael H. Woorman

Nov. 30, 2017

* Former faculty or staff member.

is survived by his husband, Kerry Richard, and his daughters **Hannah Deprey-Severance '12** and **Sarah Deprey-Severance '16**.

Dr. Jason Edwards, who died on Sept. 17, 2017, had lived with ALS for more than a year and a half. He was on the faculty of the Department of Psychology since 1998. Jason taught in the undergraduate and graduate psychology program, focusing on child and family psychology and family therapy. He was a recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award for Academic Achievement and the Institute for Service Learning Unsung Hero Award, and he was co-director of the FSU Center for Children and Families. He was a gifted teacher, enthusiastic about advancing knowledge in his field, active on-campus and off. He is survived by his wife, Susan Keller, and two children.



Dr. Anthony Lo Giudice, who died on Dec. 29, 2017, was a professor emeritus of psychology. Tony began teaching at Frostburg in 1976, focusing on the graduate counseling psychology program and earning a reputation as a challenging and masterful teacher, while also establishing the undergraduate internship program. He was a voracious reader and pursued his widely varied interests – from sports, to gardening to his beloved cats – with passion. He is survived by his wife, **Dr. Maureen Connelly**, professor emerita of social work, and four daughters.



Dr. Albert Marlin Crall, who died on Jan. 15, 2018, was a professor emeritus of psychology, retiring in 1999. He was a member and beloved advisor for the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity for many



Dr. Albert Crall

years and was active with the Boy Scouts, his church, Emmanuel Episcopal in Keyser, W.Va., and the American Legion Farrady Post 24. Al served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1954 to 1958. He is survived by his wife **Sarah Decoster Crall '82**, professor emerita of computer science; a son, **Stewart Crall '86**; daughters, Sarah Christine Reiser, Deborah Crall and **Penelope Crall Gillett '95**; and six grandchildren.

Don A. Emerson, who died on Jan. 17, 2018, was a professor emeritus of biology. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He taught at FSU for 25 years, retiring in 1981. Don served on commissions under four Maryland governors, including the Department of Water Resources and Environmental Education. He advocated and promoted the establishment of the Appalachian Environmental Laboratory, serving on its Board of Visitors, Executive Committee and Conservation Education Committee. Don received many awards for his service, including the Goodyear Conservation Award, The Allegany Soil Conservation



Don Emerson

Award and a Chesapeake Bay award from the Izaak Walton League and DuPont. He was a pioneer in conservation education who placed strong emphasis on Chesapeake Bay ecology and conservation. He is survived by a daughter and a granddaughter.

Dr. Todd Rosa, who died Feb. 4, 2018, was a faculty member in the Department of Educational Professions. He joined FSU in 2008, working as undergraduate secondary program coordinator, social science major coordinator, clinical supervisor for undergraduate social studies and a faculty member in the secondary undergraduate program, secondary MAT program and the Ed.D. program. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and, while completing his dissertation, a secondary school teacher in Baltimore City before coming to FSU. His research interests include Cold War United States foreign relations, the history of American education and the politics of education. He is survived by his wife, Laura Blessing.



Dr. Todd Rosa

- Read Dr. George Plitnik's tribute to his colleague, **Bert Thiel M'81**, at [bit.ly/ProfileThiel](#). ■

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Richard Albright, stationary engineer, joined FSU in 2011.

Victoria Lynn Davis, administrative assistant in the Admissions Office, joined FSU in 1976.

Dr. Joseph Hoffman, dean of the College Liberal Arts and Sciences, joined FSU in 1981.

Anne Marie McLane, housekeeper, joined FSU in 2007.

Deborah Markel, groundskeeper, joined FSU in 1994.

Dr. John Neral, professor in the Department of Economics, joined FSU in 1986.

John Ninesteel, geographic information specialist in the Department of Geography, joined FSU in 2001.

David Rose, vice president for Administration and Finance, joined FSU in 1985.

Mary Ann Schurg, housekeeper, joined FSU in 2002.

Retirements from September 2017 to February 2018

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Construction on the new hall is slated to begin this summer, with completion scheduled for fall of 2020. The project is estimated to cost \$44 million.

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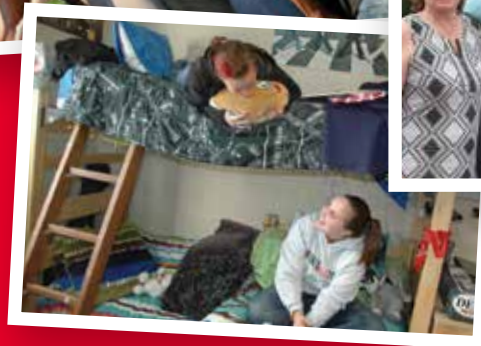
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