Good afternoon,

It looks like winter is fast approaching. Here are a few updates:

ARC Conference. Governor Hogan hosted the first-ever Appalachian Regional Commission conference in Maryland earlier this week at Rocky Gap Casino Resort. FSU hosted a press conference attended by Gov. Hogan and Gov. Wolf (of PA) along with Chancellor Jay Perman. The press conference was followed by a luncheon at FSU announcing grant winners. One of the grants went to Garrett County to support more broadband for homes in Western MD. The Governors both had nice things to say about FSU and our commitment to regional development.

Chamber of Commerce Local Business Showcase. The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Local Business Showcase from **4:30 to 7:30 p.m. today in the ARMAH**. While this isn't a job fair, it does provide an outlet for our students to gain knowledge about local businesses and inquire about possible job openings, education and skills to be part of the workforce. The event is free and open to the general public.

Thursday Night Football. For the third consecutive year, MASN and ATT SportsNet will be broadcasting an FSU football game on a Thursday evening. The game starts at 7 p.m. and I encourage those of you interested to attend and fill the stands. We get considerable to time showcasing our campus during these broadcasts. There will also be a number of "watch parties" for alumni throughout the state and the MASN/ATT SportsNet broadcast regions.

Campus Visit Day. FSU will host a campus visit day for prospective students and families this Saturday. Please say hello if you see these students and family members.

Maryland Congressional District 6 Candidate Forum. FSU, ACM, Garrett College and Hagerstown Community College are hosting a candidate forum for the Democrat and Republican candidates for this district's house race. It will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Atkinson Room. FSU has been nationally recognized for its civic engagement. The best way to help shape the future direction of this country is through our elected representatives, so please come out to hear from the candidates and ask questions about issues that are important to you.

Have a safe and, hopefully, warm weekend!

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