

Here are a few items for the campus community:

Events.

- State of the University address and announcement of staff/faculty award winners at 3 p.m. today in Pealer Recital Hall
- The Appalachian Festival will be held this weekend. Learn more about the events [here](#).
- Coffee/Morning Beverage for faculty & staff with Chancellor Perman next Wednesday, Sept. 21, 9:40 – 10:15 a.m. in Atkinson Room (please note new location)
- Lunch with students interested in meeting the Chancellor next Wednesday, Sept. 21 at noon in Chesapeake Dining Hall

National Hispanic Heritage Month begins today. Here is information about this month's celebration: *"Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America."* More info can be found [here](#). We will be publicizing our campus events as well.

Two requests for community participation.

The Allegany Chamber of Commerce has taken the initiative to conduct a county-wide survey of transportation needs for residents in the county. One goal is to gauge interest in Lyft & Uber-type services in the county. I encourage our campus community members, **especially students**, to complete the short survey so our voices can be heard. Here is the link to the [survey](#).

FSU, the City of Cumberland, Allegany County, Canal Place, and the Allegany Arts Council as the lead organization, are seeking funding for 3 years to support a Live Music Program at Canal Place. One of the components of the grant from the Levitt Foundation is an indication of citizen interest through an online voting procedure. To support our grant request, please vote for Cumberland, MD at this [link](#).

Visit by DBM. FSU hosted a visit from the Deputy Secretary, Budget Analysis Director and Budget Analyst for USM from the MD Department of Budget & Management yesterday. The visit went very well. The visitors toured campus, saw our needs and accomplishments (especially in physical facilities) and discussed our operational needs. The visit was one of several scheduled by DBM to visit campuses in person.

Congratulations. We received some good news this week that a \$3.2 million, multi-year grant from the Department of Education has been awarded to FSU and the College of Education through its Teacher Quality Partnership program. We were one of the very few institutions to get a perfect score on the grant proposal. Again, it points to FSU's commitment to reaching out to more individuals interested in becoming teachers. Congrats!

Family Weekend. We will be holding Family Weekend from September 23 through the 25th. More information on events will be sent in the upcoming days as we welcome families to visit with us on campus.
Let's hope for nice weather!

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