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2017 Faculty Achievement Award Winners Honored at FSU Convocation



Pictured from left are Faculty Achievement Award winners Dr. Amy Branam Armiento, Dr. Justin Dunmyre and Dr. Gregory Wood.

The recipients of the 2017 Faculty Achievement Awards will be honored at the FSU Honors Convocation on **Wednesday, May 24**, at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall.

This year's recipients are **Dr. Amy Branam Armiento**, Department of English, for teaching; **Dr. Justin Dunmyre**, Department of Mathematics, for teaching; and **Dr. Gregory Wood**, Department of History, for academic achievement. The awards are made possible through generous gifts to the FSU Foundation, Inc.

In addition to the faculty award, outstanding graduating students will be honored at the convocation by their departments for academic excellence and leadership.

In the 11 years that Armiento has taught at FSU, she has consistently received student evaluation scores that exceeded department, college and university averages. As a teacher, she provides avenues for students to engage in unconventional, creative and challenging opportunities outside of the classroom. She has been actively involved in developing classes to support the needs of her department, college and students. She succeeded in adding African American Literature to the Identity and Difference category of the General Education Program, and she developed and taught two learning communities. Armiento received the Outstanding Mentor Award in 2015, which emphasized her commitment to guiding individual students through personal and academic crises, listening to their ideas and concerns and challenging them to venture into new territory. Through her teaching, she fosters student activism and self-directed learning. Her involvement with students in the Brownsville dedication, the African American Studies Minor, the National Coalition Building Institute and other diversity opportunities further emphasizes her determination and commitment to students.

Dunmyre is a caring and highly effective teacher with a strong commitment to student success. He creates a lively and engaging classroom culture where students are comfortable discussing and presenting solutions to peers. He builds rapport with students quickly, is an incredibly innovative teacher and finds creative ways to include research-based strategies to motivate and improve learning. Dunmyre has been involved in the National Science Foundation-funded grant project TIMES (Teaching Inquiry-Oriented Mathematics: Establishing Supports), collaborating with a group of mathematicians to develop inquiry-oriented materials in an evidence-based way to test potential classroom modifications. Dunmyre manages the Mathematics Department's learning assistant program, is involved with the Center for Teaching Excellence and started a very popular social club called The Dead Poets Society, which encourages problem solving and provides additional support for students in a fun atmosphere.

Wood has shown outstanding performance as an educator and scholar at FSU. He has presented and published numerous scholarly works, including conference papers, book reviews, articles, a book chapter and a book. Wood's new book, titled "Clearing the Air: The Rise and Fall of Smoking in the Workplace," is a study that examines how cigarette smoking among working-class men and women shaped labor-management conflicts, the rise of unionization and social reform movements throughout the 20th century. Wood has been an extraordinarily productive member of the History Department. He has served as the director of the Honors Program since 2014, demonstrating outstanding performance and continuously enhancing the quality of and enrolment in the Honors Program.

For info on the Faculty Achievement Awards, contact the FSU Office of the Provost at 301-687-4211.

Presentations

16th Annual TASTE Conference Is Coming Soon!



FSU's 16th annual Technologies and Strategies for Teaching Excellence Conference will be held **Wednesday, May 31**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Gira Center and Lane University Center.

All sessions are 50 minutes in length. Presentation tracks include:

- Information Technology – Computer Security, Cloud Services, Software Demos and Uses, Hardware Demos and Uses and Internet Safety
- Teaching and Learning Technologies – Gamification, Video, Mobile Devices and Apps, eBooks and Blackboard Learn
- Teaching and Learning Strategies – Accessibility, Game-Based Learning, Open Educational Resources, Quality Matters, Advising, Course Design and Learning Activities
- Collaboration and Online Learning – Virtual Classrooms, Group Collaboration, Texting, Discussion Boards, Document Sharing and Social Media

For info, email taste@frostburg.edu or call Beth Kenney at 301-687-4244.

Music

FSU Student Brian Weyant to Present Senior Recital

FSU student **Brian Weyant** will present his senior percussion recital on **Sunday, May 21**, at 7 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. The recital is free and open to the public.

Weyant will be accompanied by FSU's Jazz Combo – **Greg Hays** on guitar, **Deandre Cook** on trombone, **Eric Foreman** on saxophone, **Grant Strickning** on bass guitar and **Mirto Dorcil** on piano.

The program consists of six compositions by 20th-century composers, beginning with the "Suite for Solo Snare Drum" by Siegfried Fink. Fink was the first composer to make use of 17 different sound shapes this instrument is capable of, and he put these in a highly satisfying musical environment. The next selection is Arthur Lipner's piece for solo vibraphone, "Crystal Mallet," which combines a simple melody with a trance-like mood to create a very musical work. The third piece, David Mancini's "Suite for Timpani," is a contemporary contest piece for solo timpani, featuring a variety of meters and styles.

After intermission, Weyant will be joined by the jazz combo for "So What," the first track on the 1959 album "Kind of Blue" by American trumpeter Miles Davis. The actor Dennis Hopper claimed that Davis named the song after one of their intellectual conversations, during which Hopper would reply "So what?" The next song, "Yesterday," written by Paul McCartney (credited to Lennon-McCartney), is a melancholy ballad about the breakup of a relationship. It remains popular today with more than 2,200 cover versions and is one of the most covered songs in the history of recorded music. The last song on the program, "Mr. P.C.," is a jazz classic composed by John Coltrane in tribute to bass player Paul Chambers who had accompanied Coltrane for years. It first appeared on the album "Giant Steps" where it was played with a fast swing feel.

For info, contact FSU's Department of Music at 301-687-4109 or visit www.frostburg.edu/concerts.

Points of Pride

2017 FSU Leadership Awards

The following outstanding students, faculty and staff members were honored at the 2017 Leadership Awards Reception:

Student Awards

- Pillar of the Community Award: **Nicholas DeMichele**, presented to a student who inspires with service, tenacity and unparalleled love for Frostburg.
- Emerging Leader Award: **Micah Hunter-Goskie**, presented to an outstanding freshman or sophomore for the energy and enthusiasm he or she has devoted to the collegiate experience.
- Derek Thomson Sheely Leadership Award: **Johana "J" Gourdin**, presented to the junior, with a grade-point average of 3.40 or higher, who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership that Sheely demonstrated.
- Father Ed Hendricks Award: **Canyon Lohnas**, presented to a student who embraces Father Ed Hendricks' spirit by being passionate and community minded, and who has a sense of service.
- Student Government Association Outstanding Senior Service Award: **Valerie Ehimhen**, presented to a senior serving in SGA who has dedicated him- or herself to service to the college and community throughout his or her college career.
- Social Change Award: **Johana "J" Gourdin**, presented to a student in recognition of strides in enacting positive change in local, state, national and global communities.
- Outstanding Programming Award: **Social Work Alliance** and **Alpha Sigma Tau**, presented to a student or group of students who organized and executed an exceptional campus event. These two organizations collaborated on the Clothesline Project and

sought to raise awareness of dating and domestic violence while allowing those affected a space to share their narratives anonymously. During the course of a week, Social Work Alliance and Alpha Sigma Tau shared responsibility for the color-coded display of student-designed T-shirts decorated with messages from survivors and in support of survivors. In addition to the display, these organizations coordinated with other organizations to host a forum on relationship violence in conjunction with their work.

Faculty/Staff Awards

- Outstanding Faculty Member Award: **Dr. Amy Branam Armiento**, associate professor and chair of the English Department.
- Outstanding Staff Award: **Danielle Dabrowski**, director of Veterans Services.
- Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award: **Dr. Rebecca Birnie**, associate professor of music, advisor to the National Association of Music Education.

2017-2018 President's Leadership Circle

Twelve rising seniors have been selected to participate in the 2017-2018 President's Leadership Circle. They are **Stephanie Claar, Joseph Cox, Amber Eure, Nere Eyeguokan, Johana "J" Gourdin, Nneka Itabor, James Kirk, Nicole Leighty, Canyon Lohnas, Sarah Polkaba, Renee Poffenberger** and **Jacob Williams**.

The President's Leadership Circle recognizes the top senior leaders at FSU while also providing them personal and professional development opportunities to help further their reach across the campus and world.

Dr. Michael Flinn and Students Visit HughesNet



From left, Dr. Michael Flinn, Aaron Roy, Lucas Bruck, Bradley Roar, Raphael Azenadaga, Benjamin Phillips, Victoria Mann, Zoe Hylton and Cecil Crawford

Dr. Michael Flinn, an associate professor in FSU's Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies, coordinated a field trip to HughesNet for his ITEC 355 Network Implementation class. Hughes is a global satellite Internet service provider and its Germantown network operations center is responsible for network monitoring and trouble shooting. The educational experience gave the students a valuable industry perspective on the company's network infrastructure and network-monitoring capabilities.

FSU Philosophy Students Attend Jefferson Lecture in Washington, D.C.



FSU philosophy students and faculty at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., from left, Andrew Beachy, David Cook, Rhett Ritter, Dr. Shoshana Brassfield, Jordan Neal, Amanda Godwin, Dylan Newberry and Karim Alanazi

Members of FSU's Philosophical Society travelled to Washington, D.C., on May 1 to attend the 2017 Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities delivered by Dr. Martha Nussbaum, the Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago. Established by the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1972, the Jefferson Lecture is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government for intellectual achievement in the humanities.

Nussbaum's lecture, "Powerlessness and the Politics of Blame," highlighted the philosophical and socio-cultural aspects of the many issues that take center stage in today's political climate, such as income inequality, xenophobia and sexism – issues that many feel powerless to confront. Nussbaum criticized the central role of anger in the retributive judicial system and in everyday political activism. For Nussbaum, anger is an emotion that seeks revenge instead of a solution.

Students attended the post-lecture reception where they had a chance to meet Nussbaum and ask questions about some of the topics that she had discussed. "Nussbaum's lecture served to highlight the important relationship between philosophy, politics and political activism, as well as the crucial connection between philosophy and public policy," said philosophy major **Andrew Beachy**. "This trip was a welcome opportunity to meet with a pivotal member of today's philosophical community, and this trip served to provide a valuable learning experience for some of Frostburg's budding philosophy students."

Take Note

One Helping of Community Service and a Side of Leadership: The LaVale Lions Club Scholarship at FSU



Pictured from left are LaVale Lions Scholarship Committee Chair Mark Kyle, FSU President Ron Nowaczyk and LaVale Lions President John Warnick.

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

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

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

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

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

In keeping with the Lions Club's mission of service, applicants must provide a written statement that demonstrates a significant role in community service and a record of leadership activity, as well as the intent to continue service and leadership as an FSU student. Through those award criteria, the scholarship supports students seeking to be engaged leaders who actively serve their communities.

"That was one of the essential requirements," Wallinger said. "It fits perfectly with the Lions Club purpose. Our motto is, 'We serve.' We are a service organization – period. Every dollar we earn in fundraising goes right back into the community."

Many FSU students choose to serve their community, and the University helps them find opportunities for service and leadership. The Office of Civic Engagement connects students with volunteer opportunities in nearby communities, while individual student organizations often choose local charitable groups or projects to support. Students can also join FSU's Lions Campus Club.

Through programs like the Sloop Institute for Excellence in Leadership, the leadership studies minor and others, FSU students have numerous opportunities to develop as leaders.

The LaVale Lions Club has served the youth, elderly and less fortunate in the LaVale area of Allegany County since it was chartered in 1955. The Lions have built parks and athletic facilities, loaned convalescent equipment, sponsored youth activities, provided vision screenings and collected eyeglasses and hearing aids to be recycled for those in need, all at no cost to the community. They partner with local elementary schools to provide clothing shopping sprees and sponsor an American Heritage Essay Contest at local schools.

To establish a new scholarship or support an existing scholarship at FSU, call the FSU Foundation, Inc., at 301-687-4068 or visit www.frostburg.edu/foundation.

To learn more about the LaVale Lions Club, visit www.lavalelions.com.

The Dominican Republic in Winter 2018



AAST 490 The Slave Narrative will take place during Intersession 2018. This online class features eight days in the Dominican Republic. Trip details can be found at www.efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/1997507NM. For info, contact Dr. Amy Branam Armiento at abranam@frostburg.edu.

AL Conducting Survey for Watershed Moments Community Learning Series

The Appalachian Laboratory is conducting a community survey to assist in planning its Watershed Moments Community Learning Series events for the next academic year.

Launched in 2015, the series is free, open to the public and held at AL or other nearby venues.

The survey can be accessed by clicking the survey link found at www.umces.edu/al/watershed-moments. Responses will be kept anonymous, and the survey will remain open until **Friday, May 19**.

For info, contact Rhonda Schwinabart at 301-689-7102 or rschwinbart@al.umces.edu.

Honors Course Opportunities Still Available for Fall 2017

The FSU Honors Program reminds students that with the abundance of valuable and enriching honors courses being offered in fall 2017, next semester is a prime opportunity to take multiple honors classes. As students work toward completion of the program, the fall semester often offers them an array of honors classes to fit a diverse spectrum of academic majors and schedules.

Seats remain available in upcoming honors courses. As students continue to plan and choose their academic schedule for next semester, the Honors Program encourages them to consider signing up for two classes that can count toward their pursuit of graduating with honors.

Students interested in the FSU Honors Program are encouraged to stop by the office in Fuller House.

Graduation Will Be Here Soon!

Commencement will take place on **Thursday, May 25**, in the Cordts PE Center.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at 9:30 a.m. and the Colleges of Business and Education will present their graduates at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be required for admission. Liberal Arts and Sciences graduates will each receive five tickets and Business and Education will receive nine tickets.

If you have not applied for graduation, contact the Registrar's Office to submit your application and to ensure everything is in order for you to graduate.

The first of two mailings has been sent to your home and email address. Check your PAWS account to make sure your home address is correct. If you need to update your home address, send an email from your FSU account to the Registrar's Office at reginfo@frostburg.edu.

Caps and gowns are provided at no cost to graduates (excluding doctoral) and may be ordered online at <http://bookstore.frostburg.edu>.

A Grad Fair will be held **Wednesday, May 17**, in Lane Manicur Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You will also have the opportunity to pick up your graduation tickets, enter drawings, purchase graduation merchandise and more.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement webpage at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or clbohn@frostburg.edu, or check out Frostburg Graduation on Facebook and @FrostburgGrad on Twitter.

Deadlines

Last Day for Graduate Grade Changes

The last day for graduate grade changes, including the removal of incomplete grades for the fall 2016 and intersession 2017 terms, is **Tuesday, May 16**.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?

FSU student Shantia Hamler in France



The Center for International Education offers a variety of study abroad opportunities to FSU students. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester or a year in Ireland, England, Spain, France, China, Italy, Australia, Peru, South Africa or in many other countries. FSU also offers summer study abroad programs. Financial aid, student loans and scholarships are available. For info, arrange to attend a Study Abroad Information Session by calling 301-687-4747 or emailing Sarah Heilig at seheilig@frostburg.edu. Also, check out the CIE webpage at www.frostburg.edu/admin/cie/stdyabrd.htm and the Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/FSUStudyAbroad.

Student Life

Graduation/Late Stay Requests

As a reminder, the residence halls officially close on **Wednesday, May 24**, at 7 p.m. If a faculty or staff member has a student who needs to stay on campus past that time, he or she must send a message to rlo@frostburg.edu with the student's name and his or her official reason for staying, e.g., that person is part of the Commencement band or a guest speaker.

For those students working at or participating in commencement, they must be checked out of their rooms by hall staff two hours after their ceremony has ended on **Thursday, May 25**.

Residence Life must receive requests for students to stay before close of business on **Wednesday, May 17**. Students can also request a late stay through the Housing Self-Service portal at https://FROSTBURG.datacenter.adirondacksolutions.com/FROSTBURG_THDSS_PROD, although they will need additional verification for official FSU purposes.

For info, contact Sean McNalley, associate director of Residence Life, at semcnalley@frostburg.edu.

Where Are You Living on Campus at FSU?

Edgewood Commons Contracting for Fall 2017

Edgewood Commons is accepting applications for the fall semester. Contact Edgewood directly for contracting questions. All the information about Edgewood Commons is available at www.edgewoodFSU.com.

Apartments come fully furnished and have private bedrooms and semi-private bathrooms. Utilities (gas, electricity, water, Internet and cable) are included in the contract fee.

To set up a tour or find out more, call 301-689-1370.

FSU Events Calendar

For info on FSU events, go to <http://events.frostburg.edu/calendar>.

Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information is subject to change.

Note: FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301-687-4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1-800-735-2258.

Got Seasonal Allergies?



Go shoeless at home.

Wash your hair before bed.

Close windows and outside doors, and turn on the air conditioning.

Change the filters in your furnace and air conditioner.

Check the pollen count, and plan your day accordingly.

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Frostburg State University is a student-centered teaching and learning institution featuring experiential opportunities. The University offers students a distinctive and distinguished baccalaureate education along with a select set of applied master's and doctoral programs. Frostburg serves regional and statewide economic and workforce development; promotes cultural enrichment, civic responsibility and sustainability; and prepares future leaders to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

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