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ON THE COVER: Jared Beafore M'07 (left) and Julius Jones '06 and M'09 make a difference in the world through their work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Read their story on page 8.

Letter from the President

If you've driven past campus along Route 13 recently, you know Salisbury University is developing a skyline! The Teacher Education and Technology Center at the College Avenue intersection, with its soaring colonnade, has been named one of the 10 best-designed new higher education buildings in the United States. To the south, at the Dogwood Drive intersection, a \$45 million shopping and residence complex, called Sea Gull Square, is nearing completion and becomes home to over 600 students this fall. In between, the new building for the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business promises to be as appealing on the inside as it is out. It, too, opens in the fall. Architecturally, these three blend beautifully; collectively, I think they form a panorama of a campus that is traditional and state-of-the-art, dynamic yet thoughtful.

I frequently say that Salisbury University is on the move. It is, however, still a community that cherishes its history and heritage. This academic year, we have been celebrating several milestones.



They include the silver anniversary of the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra, which, during its 25 years, has become a model of success throughout Maryland for town-gown collaboration. This is also the 30th anniversary of the Bellavance Honors Program, named after the late Thomas Bellavance, SU's sixth president, who played an important role in laying the foundation for today's campus. And, believe it or not, the University's Dance

Company is celebrating its golden anniversary – entertaining and educating audiences for 50 years!

I marked my own 10th anniversary as SU's president this academic year – a decade that parallels that of the Student Research Conference, honoring the life of the mind in scholarly and creative ways, and SU's Relay For Life, uniting the campus in confronting the scourge of cancer, which has touched so many we love.

None of these milestones would be possible were it not for the generous support of our SU alums. From participating in board meetings, to attending cultural festivities, to answering the call during our annual Phonathon, to joining the President's Club ... everything you do enhances our reputation as *A Maryland University of National Distinction*. This became evident to many individuals beyond our campus when last year University System of Maryland data showed that SU had the highest percentage of alumni giving of any USM institution. Thank you!

Reminiscing about the past and anticipating the future, SU celebrates its Homecoming November 4-6. I hope to see you then, if not sooner. We have much to look forward to – and for which to be grateful.



Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Ph.D.
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A Clean Sweep

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) tapped three graduates of SU's geography program to help clean up the BP Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf Coast region.

Last summer, Stephanie Hill '08 worked for Consolidated Safety Services as a data manager onboard a research vessel charged with "hunting" the oil plume and collecting water samples. Traveling from the wellhead to about 100 kilometers southwest, she gathered and analyzed the data, before sharing it with officials from BP, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and NOAA's Subsurface Monitoring Unit.

She later joined a Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) team in Gulf Shores, AL. "My crew was among the first to start snorkeling in the surf zone to search for buried or surface oil," she said. "So far, we've helped them locate and clean up nearly 300,000 pounds of tar from the Alabama coast."

Bryan Thom '10 and Emily Watson '08 work side-by-side as geographic information systems (GIS) analysts for Research Planning, Inc. They create daily maps of the Louisiana coast for SCAT coordinators who make recommendations for cleanup crews.

"We spatially interpret data, including the location and thickness of oil, as well as any environmental concerns," Bryan said. He was on his way to their home base in Houma, LA, just three days after receiving his SU diploma.

Emily, who landed an interview with Research Planning, Inc. soon after graduation, said: "My atmospheric science studies helped me understand how beaches change and, in turn, how they can weather the oil."



SCAT Team models their dry suits



Wellhead flame

It's In The Blood

By George Wallace '95



Cleanup operations by Onshore Beach Cleanup Crew working in Pascagoula, MS, removing oil from the beach.

George, Pat and Ed Wallace

For one family of SU grads, the British Petroleum (BP) Deepwater Horizon oil spill of 2010 led to a crossing of career paths. Emergency spill response and disaster management are not traditional careers, but for the Wallace family it is all in a day's work. Eldest brother George '95 describes their experiences in responding to this national disaster that captured the world's attention.

My younger brother, United States Coast Guard (USCG) LT Patrick Wallace '99, and I both played a role responding to the spill. As a vice president of business development, I responded as a member of Miller Environmental Group's (MEG) Management Team to perform oil spill response operations in the Offshore, Nearshore and Onshore environments. MEG is under contract to perform oil spill response services to Marine Spill Response Corporation as well as National Response Corporation, both of which were prime contractors to BP. My role focused on contract and client interaction. I worked from the Incident Command Post in Mobile, AL, ensuring that MEG was properly positioned given the operational direction from the Unified Command, which consisted of the USCG; the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida; as well as BP. MEG was primarily operating in Pascagoula, MS, and Pensacola, FL, from early May through mid-November 2010.

By the end of June, the spill response had expanded to over 35,000 responders stretching from Morgan City, LA, to Tampa, FL. The USCG was deployed to oversee and assist the cleanup operation, and that is where Patrick became involved in the response. He served as

the USCG Safety Officer at the Incident Command Post in Houma, LA, from late June through the end of July. Patrick supervised 61 personnel operating at eight Forward Operating Bases in three branches with a Vessel Safety Branch operating throughout USCG Area of Responsibility. He developed site safety plans, job hazard analyses, and planned and coordinated safety support across multiple jurisdictional lines to include liaising with OSHA, EPA, NIOSH, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and United States Fish and Wildlife.

For both of us, the experience was quite challenging and exciting at the same time. In the coming year, I will participate in many of the "lessons learned" sessions to explore areas for improvement throughout the oil spill response realm. Patrick recently completed his master's degree in public health at the University of Maryland and has been recognized as part of the USCG Response Team that managed the health and safety of the oil spill responders.

Author's Note: George and Patrick's siblings are also SU graduates. Edward '97 is also involved in the emergency response/disaster management business. A Major in the North Carolina National Guard, he received his master's degree in emergency and disaster management from American Military University, and was involved in last winter's North Carolina snow emergencies. Marie Wallace Mynster '92 is a homemaker living in New Bern, NC, with her husband Chris and their four children.

IT: A Redskin's Other Playing Field

By William Burke, Information and Decision Sciences Department Faculty

Perdue School faculty member William Burke frequently keeps tabs on his past students' accomplishments. To check in with Byron Westbrook '06, he just has to follow the Washington Redskins. Burke recently visited Westbrook and shares his recollections of this extraordinary student-athlete.

I met Washington Redskins Cornerback Byron Westbrook as he was planning on taking my course, Systems Analysis and Design, in the fall. Usually this course is taken in the last semester of a student's senior year, but Byron planned on attending the NFL Combine in spring 2007 and wanted to stay a step ahead in his course of study.

I was familiar with Byron's performance on the football field at SU. Being a Villanova alumnus and Philadelphia Eagles' fan, I also knew of Byron's older brother Brian from his days on the Villanova football team and then his career with the Eagles. Frequent pre-class chatter between Byron and me centered around his brother and the Eagle's season and the performance of quarterback Donovan McNabb. I recall discussing with Byron the possibility of a future game where both brothers would be on the field at the same time and become one of 333 pairs of brothers who have played in the NFL.

Enough about football, how about Byron the information systems major in the Perdue School of Business? Byron was a conscientious student who focused on his class work and obtaining his B.S. in information systems. The Systems Analysis and Design class he took with me was a capstone class, bringing together the 300-level technical classes in Application Development, Database Design and Networking in order to build a functional system and prepare the students for their careers in the area of information technology. Byron planned on starting his career in the NFL and then later moving into the information technology field.

Byron demonstrated many of the same characteristics in the classroom as he does on the football field. He was a good and reliable teammate for his capstone group who worked on their capstone systems project throughout the semester. He had the knowledge of the numerous terms and definitions in the information technology field. Byron was one of my "go-to persons" in the classroom. I could always count on him to answer the questions, and I knew that he would have his assignments

completed successfully and on time. Byron understood the importance of his course work and his responsibility as a student athlete.

Information systems and football may seem like an unlikely match, but when you take a closer look, you see how football has embraced technology with fantasy leagues, sports analytics and statistics. The convergence of technology and sports has surpassed other industries in regard to the speed of application, use of the Web and advanced broadcast technologies.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet Byron at Redskins Park to catch up on what has transpired for him since graduation. I was proud to update him on the new Perdue School of Business building, and Byron was pleased to hear about the significant growth in the number of students majoring in information systems.

As his NFL dreams are realized, it would be easy for Byron to forget his Perdue School aspirations. This is not the case with this Redskin. Byron maintains his interest in information systems and still hopes to pursue research and opportunities in the area of enterprise systems. I can't wait to see what is next for this rising star on and off the field.



Burke meets with Westbrook at Redskins Park in Loudoun County, VA, in front of the case holding the Redskins' 1983, 1988 and 1992 Super Bowl trophies.

(Photos courtesy of Washington Redskins.)





Gulls Of A Feather Flock To Annapolis

By Lisa Paddy '08

The Annapolis "SU 10"

- Nicole Aga, 2006
- Tierra Allen, 2008
- John Broderick, 2008
- Stefanie (Rusin) Carpenter, 1997
- Kevin Carr, 2006
- Lisa (Donadoni) Paddy, 2008
- Kasey Poynton, 2008
- Christina Shimko, 2007
- Shauna (Johnson) Snidow, 1996
- Lorena (Sachs) Swepston, 1979



Paddy working on a school service learning project.

Founded as a teacher's college, SU has a long tradition of producing top-notch educators. In fact, it is not unusual to find several SU grads in one school. Lisa Paddy '08 found herself in such a situation when she became one of 10 Sea Gulls at Annapolis Middle School.

There are not many people who can say they work with their friends on a daily basis, and there are still fewer that say they work with persons with equal training and common principles. Annapolis Middle School (AMS) is full of educators who can make such a claim. With 10 SU grads working there, talk of the "bury" is common, SU sweatshirts flood College Week and Tierra Allen '08 even wears her old cheer uniform for pep rallies.

"Even though we may have graduated in different years or even decades, there is a common bond that we have with each other. We can share similar memories and experiences that we had at Salisbury," said Stefanie Carpenter '97, lead physical education teacher.

However, it is the conversations based on good educational practices that are often powered by SU grads that have caught the eyes and ears of others in the building. AMS Principal Monique Jackson said that Salisbury University graduates are among the most enthusiastic professionals she has ever met: "I am impressed by the work ethic displayed by the SU graduates at Annapolis Middle. They understand the premise that teaching is not a job

but a career, and they are willing to do whatever it takes to make our children successful."

Kasey, Tierra and I were friends and classmates at Salisbury and were very excited to work together at AMS. Last year, our second year teaching, found us all in the same hall and in adjoining classrooms. The energy was palpable—both in our teaching and in the students' engagement in their own learning. We have been able to put principles learned at SU to practice at AMS. As do many SU students, we constantly refer to the curriculum (academic and hidden) learned in Dr. Teena Gorrow's Classroom Management class when facing difficult situations in our classroom.

"Student teaching and observations in Berlin and Snow Hill helped prepare me for teaching at AMS because their socio-economic status is similar to ours," said Christina Shimko '07, sixth grade science teacher. However, Lorena Swepston '79 said that her student teaching in the same location was very different in what was then an "isolated rural area" and unlike what she faced when she came to what used to be Annapolis Junior High.

No matter what graduation year or the subject, teaching methods learned at SU have helped us become successful at AMS and to create a great collegial climate in which to work.



Living Learning Communities: Beyond The Classroom

LLC students visit the U.S. Capitol

SU education professor Doug DeWitt believes teachers today have to grasp how federal policies and legislation impact their daily classroom routines.

To expose first-year students in his education major Living Learning Community (LLC) to current trends and issues in their field, he, for the past two years, has arranged face-to-face meetings with people in the trenches.

Last fall, his 16 students traveled to the Capitol to talk candidly with Mario Cardona and Amanda Mendoza, legislative staffers who help U.S. Senators Barbara Mikulski and Benjamin Cardin with education-related affairs. They met in a hearing room inside the Russell Office Building and, afterward, toured the White House. Later, the students used Skype video conferencing to ask questions of longtime *Washington Post* education columnist Jay Mathews.

“Dr. DeWitt gave us once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to meet with important leaders and experts to discuss issues in education today,” said freshman Frank Willingham. “Thanks to him, I now have a deep understanding of the field I am entering.”

Before meeting Mathews, the class read some of his recent columns and screened *Waiting for “Superman,”* a 2010 documentary that featured him. After seeing the film, which analyzed failures of American public education, one student remarked to DeWitt, “It made me want to be a teacher even more.”

The class also discussed the No Child Left Behind act and the powerful role of Education Secretary Arne Duncan and his Race to the Top grant funding. They dissected “How to Fix our Schools,” a manifesto recently issued by superintendents of major districts nationwide.

“We analyzed key issues and my hope was that, in the process, they also saw another way of actually teaching,” DeWitt said. “It’s not all worksheets and overhead projectors, lectures and quizzes. They watched me model some alternative teaching methods, even before they knew the concepts. I want that to stick with them for their upper-level classes.”

For students, enrolling in the LLC had many perks, including being able to use a brand-new classroom inside their recently renovated residence hall, Pocomoke. Some days, they even met in the building’s lounge. In addition to DeWitt’s course, mandatory for their major, the students also completed a General Education requirement: Professor Melany Trenary’s course on classroom communications.

So engaged in the LLC, the students even opted to start a book club this spring. Their first selection is, of course, a book by Mathews on the two young teachers who started KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) schools for disadvantaged children.

DeWitt knows there is a need for new teachers who drive the future agenda for education – and he is empowering SU graduates to do just that.

The Class Of 2014

The Class of 2014 has already set records at SU. According to the Admissions Office, it is the most diverse AND academically competitive class in University history. For the first time, more than 20 percent come from diverse families. In addition, it is the first incoming class with an average GPA of 3.65 and an average SAT of 1700. That is up nine points from last year!

The 1,250 students also comprise the second largest class in SU history. (Last year’s group was 1,276.) They hail from 20 states and 16 countries.

Some 77 members of the class call recently renovated Manokin Hall “home.” It re-opened last fall after a \$6 million update that included the installation of SU’s first geothermal heating and cooling system. Eleven of the students reside on that facility’s “Green Floor,” which is one of eight Living Learning Communities now offered for freshmen. Altogether, 161 students participate in the communities, taking a common course and engaging in social activities outside of class.

Last summer, New Student Experience outdoor programs gave 118 students the chance to build friendships and learn about college, while trying everything from canoeing in Canada to surfing at Assateague. Incoming students tackled the New Student Reader, *A Hope in the Unseen*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ron Suskind. At Convocation, the book’s inspirational main character, Cedric Jennings, shared his own path from D.C. streets to Brown University.

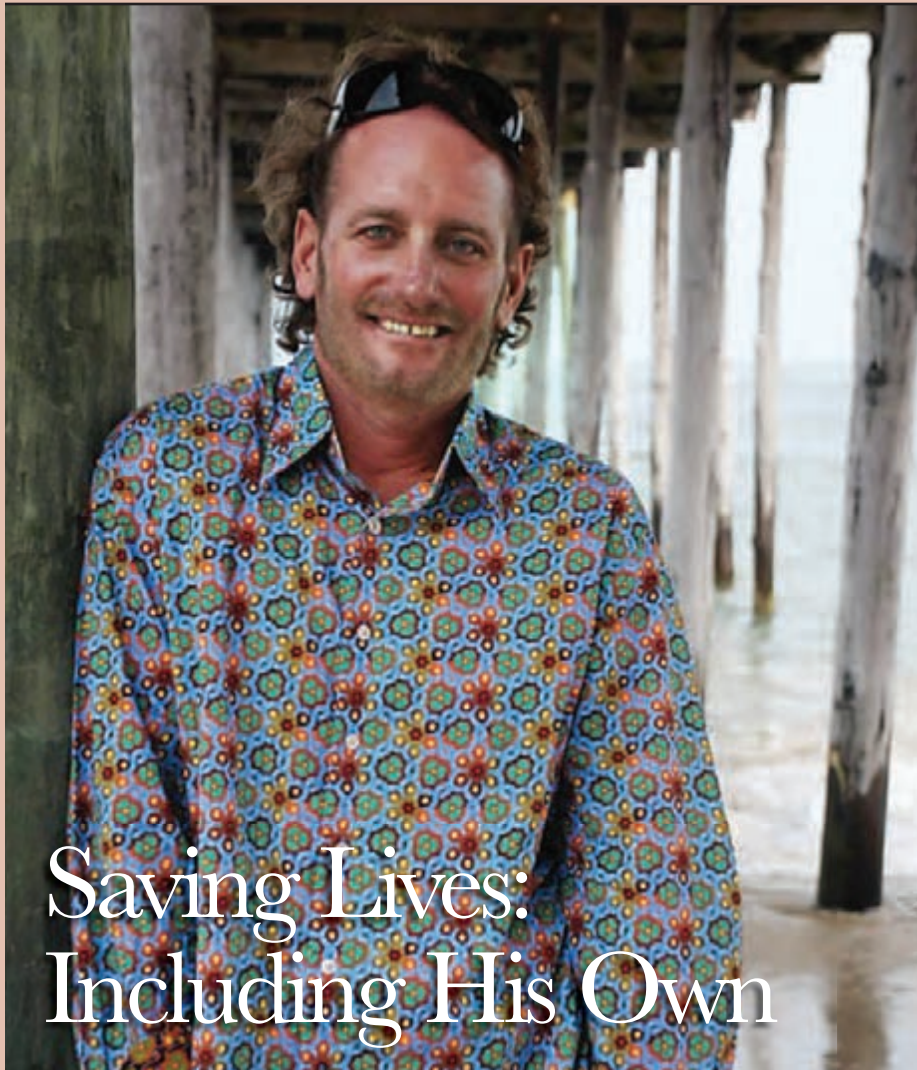
Overall, the Class of 2014 had a successful first semester at SU—some 285 of them made the Dean’s List!



The Cronin sisters, freshmen triplets and their older sister, all attend SU



Convocation speaker Cedric Jennings



Saving Lives: Including His Own

Excerpted from an interview by
Pamela J. Wood '81



You can learn more about the
foundation and its events at PJAF.org.

PJ Aldridge '89 was diagnosed with lung cancer early in 2010 during a trip to Costa Rica. Upon returning to the states and visiting the oncologists at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, Aldridge is so far tumor-free and the cancer hasn't spread. During this time, he has founded the PJ Aldridge Foundation, whose mission is to save lives by providing funding for research of lung cancer, to educate people of all ages about the disease, and improve awareness of the nation's current leading cause of cancer. The foundation provides funding for ingenious and cutting-edge lung cancer research programs. His goal is to raise \$1 million for the University of Maryland Medical Center for lung cancer research. To date, they have raised \$100,000. To honor his work, he was recently invited to *The Oprah Winfrey Show* for her "favorite things" episode—the proceeds from which he is using for the foundation. Fellow Sea Gull Pam Wood '81 took some time this winter to talk with PJ about his journey as a cancer survivor.

Looking back, can you identify any symptoms leading up to your health event in Costa Rica?

Until the time of my diagnosis, I was always fairly active and in okay shape—no symptoms whatsoever until four days before I was diagnosed with cancer. I was surfing in Costa Rica and got winded paddling out. At the time, I thought, "Wow, that's weird." I still surfed for four hours that day. The next day was worse, but the waves were better, so I surfed for four

more hours. Sunday I was wiped out. I wanted to surf, but I was physically unable.

I was scheduled to fly to San Jose on Monday and could not wait to get on the plane to get to a great hospital. Little did I know, my left lung would collapse on the flight—it was all I could do to make it from the airport to the hospital under my own power. Once I made it there, they figured out my lung was collapsed, and I had a tremendous amount of fluid in my chest (from the tumor) that had to be removed.

Initially the doctor told me he did not think I had cancer or pneumonia. Of course I was very happy, but as time went on, he was running out of options and said we needed to do a CT Scan, and that is where he saw something he didn't like. He said he would do a biopsy, and that is when we found out how bad the cancer really was. His initial diagnosis was not good at all. He said I could be dead within three months, and I had a few thoughts of my own about that! No way, not happening, can't happen. My family, my friends, I can't let them down and the list goes on.

Describe the emotions you have experienced.

My emotions have been all over the place. They have gone from "there is no way in the world this disease will beat me" to "I don't know if I can do this anymore" and everywhere in between. Physically, I feel like I can handle absolutely anything the doctors can throw at me. Emotionally, that's a different story. The toughest part of this battle is definitely the emotional and mental part. I tell everyone I am the luckiest man on the planet because I have been blessed with the best friends and family that anyone could ever ask for. If it wasn't for them, I definitely would not be here today.

My outlook is much better than my prognosis. With the type of lung cancer that I have, the goal of the doctors is to keep me alive year to year in hopes of a new drug or cure coming out. My outlook is that with the right attitude and through everyone's thoughts and prayers, I can be around a lot longer than the doctors ever thought possible.

Tell us about your foundation.

We have some very lofty goals this year! We are hoping to raise a couple of million dollars with all of the wonderful gifts that Oprah was kind enough to give to the foundation. We are going to have two separate raffles giving all of her gifts away! It should be fun, and it will be an inexpensive way for everyone to have a chance to win her prizes. We also will be having the second annual PJ Aldridge Foundation Golf Tournament in September 2011 at the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club. We will be having a 5K walk/run in Ocean City too. Check out our Web site, PJAF.org, for updates.

Managing Emergencies Is A Day At The Office

For SU graduates Jared Beafore M'07 and Julius M. Jones Jr. '06 and M'09, success in college opened doors to careers with the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Jared is a business analyst in the Strategic Resource Management Office dealing with the National Protection and Preparedness Directorate. His connections at SU landed him an interview with a former deputy administrator and he entered the Federal Career Internship Program in 2008. Now, Jared has a wide array of duties that range from budgeting and procurement to project management. Some of his human resource responsibilities include leading business process improvement teams and acting as point of contact for employee teleworking, travel and training.

Jared asserts that the time he spent at SU juggling his M.B.A. coursework with his Sports Information Office graduate assistantship provided great real-life exposure to the hectic schedule and high expectations he has found at FEMA. He explained: "I really learned how to be more personally accountable and responsible for what I needed to accomplish and achieve. SU also really prepared me in terms of budgeting my time and learning how to master multitasking to make sure I was being as efficient and effective as I could. I am now more comfortable with reaching out and assisting inside of FEMA." For Jared, he is most proud of these great working relationships he has established at FEMA.

Julius, a former SU SGA president who was the first and only student to serve as the University's government and community relations coordinator, was no stranger to the political arena when he began his job with FEMA. A project manager in the Office of Counterterrorism and Security Preparedness, Julius credits his success to the networking skills he gained at SU: "Since I have the gift of gab, talking to people and getting to know them helped me build relationships and establish a network of contacts who I could reach out to at any time. The old adage 'It's not what you know, it's who you know,' comes to mind, but I like to add 'it's what you know that keeps you there.'"

He currently provides technical assistance to 72 Fusion Centers, terrorism prevention and



response centers, around the United States. As a member of the National Response Coordination Center Activation Team, the group that handles medium- to large-scale events, Julius has the unique opportunity to step away from his "day job" and assist with disaster relief efforts. During the recent Haiti earthquake effort, he helped firsthand: "They didn't have any food for the infants, and we were able to have those supplies there in under 18 hours after the request was made. I can't tell you how rewarding it was when we heard the reports of its arrival."

It is comforting to know that these exemplary Sea Gulls are behind the scenes at FEMA in times of crisis.

Graduates interested in learning more about opportunities through the Federal Career Internship Program may visit:
www.opm.gov/careerintern

Sea Gull Love stories

Members of the *SUMagazine* staff decided to share the “love” this issue by soliciting alumni love stories. Through our online community and various other venues, we asked Sea Gulls to share their stories of how they met their future partners at SU. Here are a few of the stories we received.

Wayne '63 & Donna (Sheets) '65 Towers

The first time our paths crossed was in the doorway of the snack bar, located in the basement of Holloway Hall. Donna was an entering freshman and I a junior. Our “eyes locked” and that moment was the beginning of our relationship and, thus far, 47 years of marriage. However, before our wedding day, there were two years of “on again, off again.” Our life-changing moment came when we once again “locked eyes” on Main Street in downtown Salisbury the day of my graduation as I rode by with another girl. After three months of groveling on my part, the exchange of many letters, phone calls and several bus trips, we both came to the same conclusion, we truly loved each other. So in August, we planned to be married on Thanksgiving Day in 1963. Donna became a “day hop” [a student who didn’t live on campus], and I began a three-year career of teaching before entering the business world.



Joseph '07 & Amanda (Fields) '07 McWilliams

We met in Accounting 305 in 2006. Dr. [Kenneth] Smith put us in the same BAM [Business Activity Model] group, so we started spending a lot of time together. Almost immediately we were inseparable. We moved in together after graduation and were married on October 23, 2010.

Jason '00 & Kimberly (Church) '99 Gore

As a senior, I was not interested in starting a new relationship. My sorority sisters were certain they had a match for me for our annual spring formal. Doubtful of their match-making skills, I agreed to meet the potential date at a friend’s party. We hit it off and had a first real date shortly thereafter. Two weeks later, he proposed and I agreed without hesitation. A year and a bit later we were married. We have been happily married ever since, just celebrating our 10th wedding anniversary this past May. We have two beautiful girls, Mackenzie is 6 and Madison is 4. I could never thank my friends enough and will never again doubt their match-making skills!





An SU Wedding – In A Week

For two Sea Gulls planning a wedding in a week became a fun – and frenetic – reality this winter.

Alex Williams '08 & M'10 and his new wife Megan (White), currently enrolled in SU's respiratory therapy program at the Universities at Shady Grove and graduating in May 2011, won a "Wedding in a Week" competition sponsored by Mix 107.3 FM in Washington, D.C.

The couple, biology lab partners

who first met on campus in 2005, received a total of 31,720 votes from family, friends, co-workers and members of the public who heard their story on the air. The celebration, worth some \$40,000, was planned in just one week and was held on Friday, January 28, at Top of the Town, an elegant facility offering sweeping views of the Potomac River, and D.C. landmarks and monuments. Throughout the week, the public was invited to cast daily votes to help Alex and Megan choose important details, including the dress, the cake, flowers, food and more. Although the notice was short and a snow storm dumped several inches on D.C., many of Alex and Megan's Sea Gull family were able to join them on their wonderful day.

John '97 & Dixie (Furr) Herweh '94 & M'96

Our SU love story began 16 years ago. In fall 1995, we were employed together as graduate assistants in the Student Activities Office. Luckily for us, our job required us to collaborate on lots of projects, and during that time, our admiration and love for one another grew. Long walks through the beautiful SU campus and lunches at the Gull's Nest gave us a perfect opportunity to get to know one another. Within four months of dating, we were engaged to be married. Weddings bells rang a year later. Since that time, we have been blessed with two amazing children. We have traveled the world and endured a year-and-a-half-long deployment with the U.S. Army. This year we will be celebrating our 15th wedding anniversary. SU will always hold a special place in our hearts ... not only did they do a wonderful job preparing us for our careers, but more importantly, they helped us find the loves of our life.

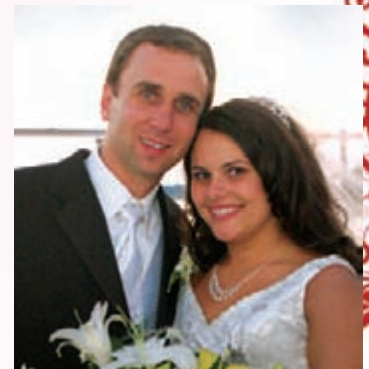


Patrick '79 & Grace (Byron) '80 Lamboni

Pat and I met each other while attending what was then called Salisbury State College. We both came from two different areas – Pat was from Baltimore and I was from New Jersey – but we caught each other's eye while taking physical education classes together. At the time, Pat was in his senior year, while I was just a junior, but we both ended up physical education majors. We also were both active in athletics. Pat played baseball, and I played lacrosse and tennis. I remember one morning especially well. I had gotten hurt at practice and was told I had to go to early morning treatments in the athletic training room. The first person I saw when I arrived was Pat, who was involved in the Athletic Training Program [he is now SU's head athletic trainer]. Every morning I had treatments, but I didn't mind because I got to see "The Bone" [Pat's nickname – short for Lamboni]. We began dating in 1978 and dated for two years before we married. On June 13, 1980, I married the love of my life and we have been together ever since. We have 30 years and three daughters together. We couldn't be happier with how our lives turned out and I'm glad to say it all started at Salisbury.

Brian '07 & Becky (Norris) '09 Kuhn

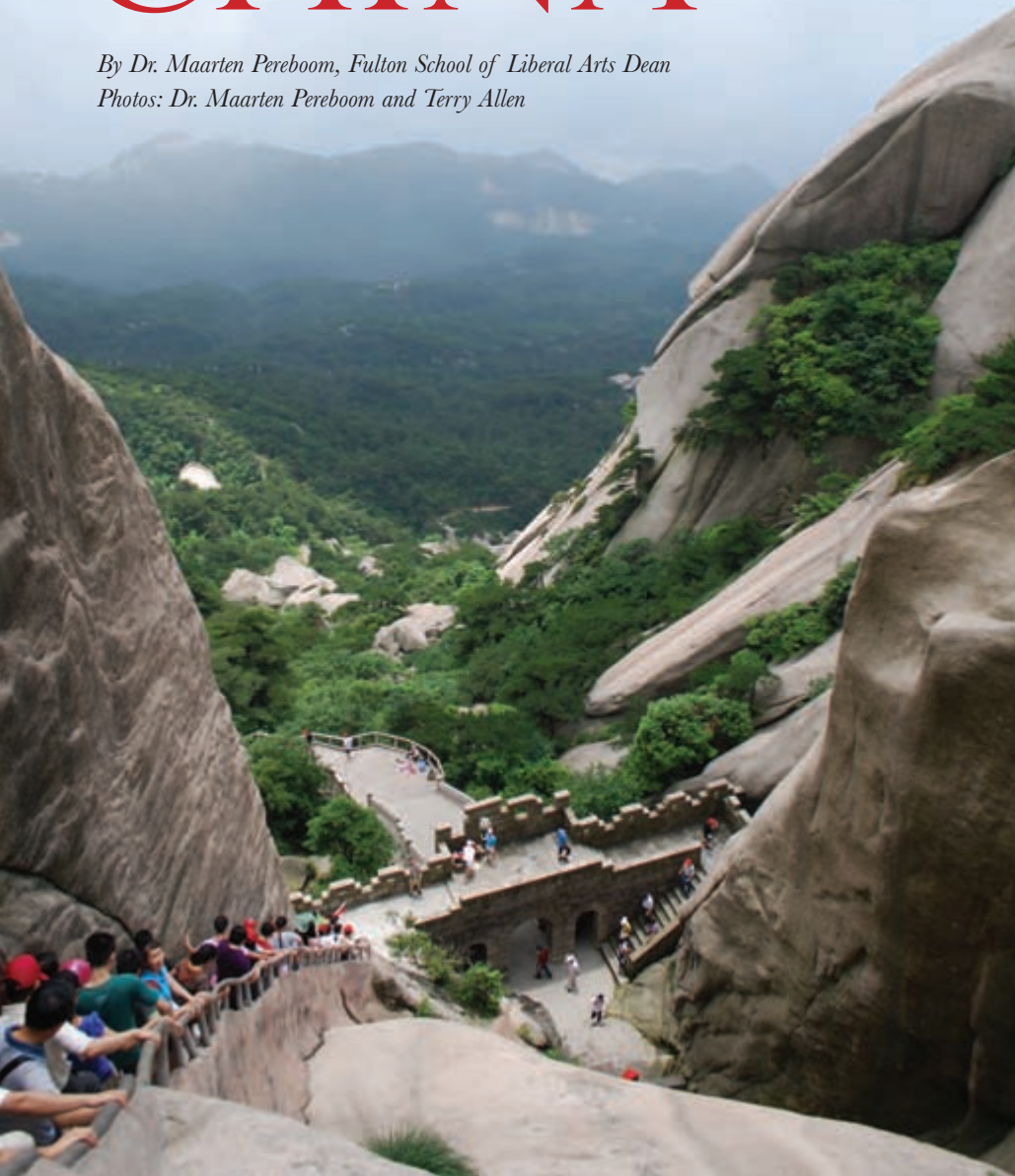
It was the fall of 2006 in Fulton Hall Room 113 when a new face walked down the stairs on the first day of Musical Theatre Workshop. Brian was a class veteran, so in order to make me feel welcome he walked right up and introduced himself. How could I have known that this was the day that would change our lives forever. By the end of the fall semester, we were dating and in the summer of 2009 Brian proposed. We were married August 7, 2010, and bought a house in Charles County, MD. We spent most of our time in Fulton Hall and shared many performances in the Bobbi Biron Blackbox Theatre, the Great Hall, the Wicomico Room and Holloway Hall Auditorium.



MANY VIEWS OF CHINA

By Dr. Maarten Pereboom, Fulton School of Liberal Arts Dean

Photos: Dr. Maarten Pereboom and Terry Allen



In summer 2010, an SU delegation traveled to China to establish an exchange program with Anqing Teachers College. During their travels, the participants enjoyed the breathtaking beauty of this exotic land, prompting Fulton School Dean Maarten Pereboom to provide this eloquent description of the region.

We traveled to meet with colleagues at Anqing Teacher's College and conclude agreements that would facilitate exchanges of students and faculty for years to come. But our sojourn in China in June 2010 was an education in its own right, full of experiences that connected us to a people with a brilliant past, a

promising future and a rich contemporary life shaped both by tradition and an exuberant progressive spirit.

China is developing at a rate and on a scale that you must see to believe. Shanghai, our port of entry into China by way of a gleaming ultramodern airport, presents, on one side of the Huangpu River, an elegant boulevard that strongly evokes the era of European concessions in the first half of the 20th century. On the other side is Pudong, a forest of futuristic skyscrapers that recalls Coruscant from the *Star Wars* movies, mostly built within the past 10 years.

Near Shanghai is the lovely city of Suzhou, renowned for its gardens and long history as a cultural

center. A short excursion from the city center took us to Zhouzhuang, a beautifully preserved town of canals and historic buildings.

Several hundred miles to the west is Anqing in Anhui province. One of the reasons why I think Anqing is such a great place to study is that it is a city on the cusp of China's rapid development.

Situated on the Yangtze River and once the provincial capital, it has an impressive pagoda and lovely lakeside parks where people gather to stroll, play games, sing, play instruments, dance, do tai chi or perhaps get married. It has a bustling city center, complete with McDonald's and KFC, but you don't forget



where you are, as you might in Shanghai's shopping malls. Anhui is not as developed as the provinces up and down the east coast, but it is changing quickly. Since our visit last June, a new high-speed rail line has opened up, linking its capital, Hefei, to the rest of the country.

Anqing is also situated near some of China's most fabled countryside, especially several mountains that have inspired philosophers, poets and artists for many centuries. In addition to two chairlifts, Tian Zhu Mountain offered us stairs to the top and spectacular views of the surrounding area. It was crowded, but in China you have to learn to go with that.



ALUMNI NEWS

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As I toured the recently renovated Pocomoke Hall a few months ago, I realized that things have changed quite a bit in the past decade since I was a student at SU, not just on our campus, but in our world.

When I was a freshman at SU, I didn't even have a cell phone and spent many evenings sitting atop a washer waiting for my clothes to be done. Now there are washers and dryers on campus that send a text message to your cell phone notifying you that your laundry is ready. Yes, I'd say we have come a long way in a very short amount of time.

Technology is not just changing the way people do their laundry, it is changing the way we live. Now, more than ever, it is easier to connect and reunite with family, friends, classmates and co-workers to update them on our lives, our families and our activities. Although we may hate to admit it, our lives have been entangled in online social networking. Did you know that Salisbury University has it's own online community? If you haven't already, please check us out at: <http://alumni.salisbury.edu>. The SU Alumni Association can also be found on Facebook, LinkedIn and even Twitter!

If you haven't visited SU's online community and are just using Facebook, Twitter, etc. to share pictures and talk about what you did last weekend, then you are missing out on a great opportunity to network. Whether you are online yet or not, as SU alums you are part of a network of people that is over 35,000 people strong. Educated, driven,

experienced people who share your Alma Mater, Salisbury University, are out there doing some wonderful things. Wouldn't it be great to connect with alums who are making a difference in our world? In this issue you will read about alumni who are teaching our children, helping clean up one of the worst oil spills of our lifetime and funding research to help find a cure for cancer. What's your story?

Log onto the SU online community and let the alumni office know where you are and what you are doing. You might rekindle a friendship with an old roommate, or you might make a connection that will open the door to a new career. Maybe you want to find out about Homecoming 2011 or see who's attending ... It's all just a few clicks away! Come join us.

I welcome all of the December 2010 and May 2011 graduates to our alumni family and wish for them all the success that they have earned. Please keep in touch with us and your other friends from Salisbury University.

Respectfully,

Robert T. Schultheis '00
Alumni Association Board President



New Alumni Board Members

Pamela J. Wood and Lisa Woodward recently joined the Salisbury University Alumni Association board of directors.

Wood is a benefits counselor for MAC, Inc. Area Agency on Aging. She formerly served as coordinator for Peninsula Regional Medical Center's 55+ membership program. She is also the owner of and instructor at Ballroom Made Simple in Salisbury. Wood earned her B.A. in communication arts from SU in 1981.

Woodward is an associate marketing manager at Perdue Farms, Inc. She is a member of the Women's Foodservice Forum and the Technomic Marketing Share Group. Woodward earned her B.S. in marketing and finance, summa cum laude, from SU in 2008 and her M.B.A. from Arizona State University in 2010.



Pamela J. Wood



Lisa Woodward

Alumni Cyclists Take Note!

Show your Sea Gull spirit and purchase the 2010 SU alumni Sea Gull Century bike shirt. Celebrating SU's opening in 1925 and its long-standing, annual bike ride, the shirt is a stylish addition to your cycling attire.

Shirts are \$60 (including shipping), and \$15 of the purchase price is applied to your annual giving gift for the fiscal year.

To order, visit the Online Store on the alumni online community: <http://alumni.salisbury.edu>



Save The Date!

■ **October 7-9**
Family Weekend



■ **Saturday, October 15**
Sea Gull Century



■ **November 4-6**
Homecoming



Learn more, register and stay connected with SU's online alumni community

<http://alumni.salisbury.edu>

and follow SU through social networking sites



Call for Nominations

Faculty Appreciation Awards

Was there a faculty member who was influential in making a positive impression on you while at SU or one whose teachings have further enriched your professional or personal life? Nominations are now being taken for Faculty Appreciation Awards to be presented by the Salisbury University Alumni Association at the December 2011 Commencement ceremony. The Alumni Association will honor one faculty member from each of the four schools who has made a lasting impression on alumni.

Nomination Guidelines

1. Have served on the SU faculty full time for at least 10 years.
2. Efforts have had a lasting impression on students.
3. Have provided dynamic classroom instruction.
4. Exhibit attributes graduates can take with them into their careers.
5. Have "made a difference" in the lives of their students.
6. Have influenced their students to make a beneficial contribution to their community.

For a complete list of eligible faculty members, go to: <http://alumni.salisbury.edu>



(From left) Dr. Clara Small, Dr. Joseph Howard, Dr. Michael Garner and Dr. Joel Jenne

Previous Recipients

Fulton School of Liberal Arts

- Charles Cipolla – 2001
- Donald Whaley – 2002
- Jerry Miller – 2003
- Harry Basehart – 2004
- Tony Whall – 2005
- Frances Kendall – 2006
- G. Ray Thompson – 2007
- Allan Pappas – 2008
- Wayne Ackerson – 2009
- Clara Small – 2010

Perdue School of Business

- Gerard DiBartolo – 2001
- Joseph Quinn – 2002
- Douglas Marshall – 2003
- Kashi Khazeh – 2004
- Fatollah Salimian – 2005
- Memo Diriker – 2006
- Susan Cabral – 2007
- Robert F. Dombrowski – 2008
- Robert Settle – 2009
- Michael Garner – 2010

Henson School of Science and Technology

- John Malenda – 2001
- Edward Senkbeil – 2002
- Augustine DiGiovanna – 2003
- Donald Cathcart – 2004
- Lee May – 2005
- Mark Holland – 2006
- Harry Womack – 2007
- Lisa Seldomridge – 2008
- Homer Austin – 2009
- Joseph Howard – 2010

Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies

- Geraldine Rossi – 2001
- Keith Conners – 2002
- John Wolinski – 2003
- Carolyn Bowden – 2004
- Patricia Richards – 2005
- Bob Long – 2006
- Marvin Tossey – 2007
- John Bing – 2008
- Nomsa Geleta – 2009
- Joel Jenne – 2010

Fulton School of Liberal Arts 2010 Honoree: DR. CLARA SMALL – HISTORY

"She converted me into a full-blown history fiend and taught me so much about various facets of American history that I had never learned before. I always enjoyed her adorable southern accent and was inspired by her contagious thirst for development of her own knowledge."



Henson School of Science and Technology 2010 Honoree: DR. JOSEPH HOWARD – PHYSICS

"He impacted my life more than I thought was possible by a professor. I was ready to change majors, as I was having difficulty with calculus. It was his ability to relate the math to real-world applications, as well as his sincere belief that I was capable of understanding it, that made this alumnus reconsider."



Perdue School of Business 2010 Honoree: DR. MICHAEL GARNER – ACCOUNTING AND LEGAL STUDIES

"He gives 100 percent of himself to his students, even after they graduate. He encouraged us to be committed to success, become involved in campus activities, study hard, network with the professional world and not forget to have a little fun, too. Dr. Garner is more than just a 'teacher' at SU; he's a member of the SU family and a devoted friend to his students."



Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies 2010 Honoree: DR. JOEL JENNE – EDUCATION SPECIALTIES

"He played an integral part in helping me realize my dreams of becoming a high school history teacher. He implemented the 'History Alive' training into the college curriculum, and it helped me land the job I have today. Through his efforts, Dr. Jenne helps teachers, who, in turn, have a chance to positively impact the lives of their students."



Alumni Recognized for Achievement

Each day, hundreds of drivers on Camden Avenue pass a building on SU's campus with the sign "Scarborough Student Leadership Center."

The brick structure, with its elegant Ionic columns, is one of the many accomplishments of SU alumnus J. Michael Scarborough. The SU Alumni Association celebrates his contributions to the campus, the financial industry and even the world of wine. Scarborough received the association's Lifetime Achievement Award during SU's 85th year Winter Commencement.

Earning his B.S. in finance in 1976, Scarborough is one of the nation's leading specialists on 401(k) plans, and a frequent speaker on CNBC and at national conferences. His firm, Scarborough Capital Management, Inc., is a pioneer in the 401(k) advice industry. His analysis and insights have been featured in publications including *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, *Money*, *USA Today* and *The Wall Street Journal*, among others.

Despite the frequent travel and long hours his job requires, Scarborough also finds time to operate Running Hare Vineyard in Prince Frederick, MD, with his wife, Barb. During its first two years, their wine has won four International Gold Medals—more than all other Maryland wineries combined.

At SU, Scarborough played wide receiver for the football team and was a founding member of the campus chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. From 2005-2007, he was the national president of the organization, which by then had become the largest men's fraternity in the United States. During his tenure, it grew faster than any other time in its 150-year history. The fraternity presented him with its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, in 2008.

Since 1998, Scarborough has been a member of the SU Foundation board of directors, through which he donated \$830,000 to help establish the student leadership center that bears his name. Upon its opening in 2001, it was the only such center of its kind in Maryland. He received an honorary doctorate from SU in 2005.

Also at Commencement, the alumni association presented local business owner Doug Church with its Young Alumni Award. Earning dual degrees in finance and management information systems from SU in 2003, Church founded TechSolutions to deliver IT support to



J. Michael Scarborough '76



Doug Church '03

small businesses in the Salisbury area in 2000 while still a student. The company merged with Web design firm Beacon Technologies in 2007 to form Vantage Point Solutions Group, with offices in Salisbury and Annapolis. After graduating from SU, Church also started Center City Investments, LLC, which has redeveloped several mixed-use properties in downtown Salisbury's historic area.

A member of the SU Foundation board of directors, Church is also a Chesapeake Regional Tech Council committee member, Salisbury Central District Commission member, former Urban Salisbury board of directors member and a graduate of Shore Leadership.

Alumni Gatherings Around The Country

New York City Alumni Event

Wayne '89 and Melissa '89 Judkins (in left photo) were joined by many SU alumni for an event in New York City at the Perfect Pint. This year, alumni events sprung up all across the United States from California to Texas to bring members of the Sea Gull family together to network and receive updates on what is going on at the University. If you would like more information about our alumni events visit <http://alumni.salisbury.edu>.



New Jersey Admissions Event

SU Parents and Family Advisory Council board member Toni George hosted an SU admission event at her office in Summit, NJ. The event was the brain child of Admissions Director Aaron Basko (shown here) and featured members of SU's admission staff, advancement staff, current and future SU students, and alumnus Jonathan Alperin '88, who spoke about how his degree from Salisbury has prepared him professionally.



Alumni Athletic Reunions: They Still “Got Game”



Men's Soccer Alumni Game • August 28, 2010



Women's Soccer Alumni Game • August 28, 2010



Field Hockey Alumni Game • August 29, 2010



Softball Alumni Game • October 16, 2010



Men's Lacrosse Alumni Game • October 16, 2010



Women's Basketball Alumni Game • January 15, 2011



Show Your Sea Gull Pride On Your Ride!

Alumni can display their “Sea Gull Pride” with specialty license plates on their passenger cars, multipurpose vehicles or light trucks registered in Maryland. Your purchase will not only help advertise Salisbury University, but you will be helping the University, as a portion of each purchase is contributed to the SU Foundation, Inc. Our goal

is to make SU's participation rate the highest for any school in Maryland, so show your Sea Gull pride today!

Plates are \$40 and can be obtained by e-mailing the Alumni Relations Office and requesting an MVA registration form: alumni@salisbury.edu

Homecoming Weekend

October 15-17, 2010

- 1:** Retired Faculty, Staff and Friends Luncheon
- 2:** Varsity Club Golf Outing at Nutters Crossing
- 3:** Athletics Hall of Fame inductees (from left) Sherry Esposito Stick '00, Ben Madarang '00, Amy Fenzel-Mergott '95, Joe High '00 and Chris Turner '00.
- 4:** Class of 1945 celebrating their 65th reunion
- 5:** Class of 1950 celebrating their 60th reunion
- 6:** Class of 1955 celebrating their 55th reunion
- 7:** Class of 1960 celebrating their 50th reunion
- 8:** Class of 1965 celebrating their 45th reunion
- 9:** Class of 1980 and 1985 celebrating their 30th and 25th reunions
- 10:** Class of 1975 celebrating their 35th reunion
- 11:** Class of 1970 celebrating their 40th reunion
- 12:** Class of 1990 and 1995 celebrating their 20th and 15th reunions
- 13:** Class of 2000 and 2005 celebrating their 10th and 5th reunions
- 14:** Class of 1990 and 1995 celebrating their 20th and 15th reunions
- 15:** Bennie Harper Memorial Bench Ceremony
- 16:** Homecoming King and Queen with President Janet Dudley-Eshbach
- 17:** Class of 1990 and 1991 Executive M.B.A Program reunion
- 18:** Geography Alumni Alliance weekend barbecue near the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative Building
- 19:** Football Game – SU vs. Huntingdon of Alabama
- 20:** Women's Lacrosse National Championship Ring Ceremony
- 21:** Alumni Hospitality Tent
- 22:** ROTC current and former cadets



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Remembering Bennie



Maybe it was his corny puns, or his huge smile, or even his innocent manner. Whatever it was, it made the campus community embrace Bennie "Roadrunner" Harper for almost two decades. While never an enrolled student, he left his mark on SU's history as a frequent guest in his "favorite"

classes. When Bennie passed away last June he had not been to campus in over 15 years, but SU always remained special to him. It was a place where he was accepted, respected and befriended. During Homecoming Weekend 2010, SU commemorated Bennie with a bench outside Devilbiss Hall that was bought with generous donations from alumni who wanted to honor this special person. To memorialize Bennie, the bench has a plaque that serves as a lasting reminder of this gentle soul who touched so many.

Stay Connected With Your SU Family

In spring 2010, SU moved students to the Microsoft Live@edu e-mail system. This new Web-based system allows graduates to have an SU e-mail for life. This means that for new graduates, the e-mail account that they had beginning *spring 2010 or afterward* will stay in effect forever. Microsoft only requires that graduates use the account at least once every three months to keep it active. This will enable you to stay in touch with friends and faculty long after you graduate. Alumni who graduated before spring 2010 can have a lifetime account created by making a request of the SU Alumni Office at <http://alumni.salisbury.edu>. Stay connected with SU e-mail!



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A Sea Gull Earns His Stripes



On any given night Sean Hull '88 is getting a few hours of face time on national television. His four-year-old daughter will recognize daddy on the screen doing his second job. And on a good night, she is the only one that notices him.

Hull was a two-sport student-athlete at Salisbury University, playing four years on the men's soccer team and three years of baseball. After earning an accounting

degree and a job in the same field in Ocean City, MD, he followed a path of officiating high school and eventually college basketball. Now, Hull is calling games for arguably the top collegiate conference in the nation — the Atlantic Coast Conference.

It all started when officials were needed for intramural indoor soccer. Who better than a collegiate soccer player? When the season was over, Hull

continued calling intramural games and basketball was next. Fellow SU baseball player Dave Funk '79, who officiated local high school basketball games, was running a class for new intramural referees and mentioned that those interested in working high school games should talk to him after class. Hull raised his hand right then to show his interest.

Always wanting to excel, Hull would attend camps during the summer, "simply to become a better high school official," he said. While working some of the top camps where the very best collegiate recruits were playing, Hull was noticed by the college officiating supervisors and he moved to the collegiate ranks. It wasn't always financially easy to get to those camps, but his mother, Ida, helped him to be able to further his aspirations.

In 1996, Hull called the biggest game of his life to that point, the NCAA Division II National Championship game, which was televised nationally on CBS. Ida, who would pass away later that year, was able to see what her support had helped create — her son doing what he loves.

"I am just glad she was able to see me benefit from having some success in officiating and some success starting my career," Sean said.

Ida succumbed to Sarcoidosis, a disease that involves inflammation that produces lumps of cells in various organs. Among the many things that Hull has done to give back to the community and those he loves is founding the Life and Breath Foundation in an effort to raise funds to fight the disease.

His success on the court continued to grow from that Division II title game, as he became affiliated with a number of conferences on the East Coast from the Atlantic 10, the Southeastern Conference and finally the ACC.

Now a relational manager in the wealth management center of PNC Bank, Hull balances work, his family, which includes four children, and officiating basketball games around the country. Looking back, it was at Salisbury University where he had a great teacher in knowing what you want and making it work for you — Men's Soccer Head Coach Gerry DiBartolo. In the mid 1980s as Hull was a young student-athlete, DiBartolo was a young head coach. DiBartolo was teaching classes at Salisbury while leading the men's soccer team in practices and in games. But on his few off nights, DiBartolo was driving two hours to Washington, D.C., to obtain his doctorate.

"I saw what he was able to do in pursuing his professional career. Now, I see that he holds a doctorate, has had significant success as a coach, is a sought-after marketing professor and is an assistant



athletic director in the Athletic Department. He's raised quality kids. And each and every year, the number of kids he has grows and grows with the alumni and the new players coming in."

Hull now takes on a similar schedule to his mentor. On any given day, he will be out of bed at 4 a.m. to start what he takes as a vacation day from his "real" job. The next step is getting on the road, whether it is by car, plane or train, and heading somewhere on the eastern seaboard to call a game that night. He will arrive in the city for his game and return some calls or e-mails for work before catching a quick nap. Next, he will officiate one of the best college basketball games in the nation before heading home in the middle of the night, all so he can be back at his desk in Baltimore the next morning.

As Hull has worked his way up as an official, his travel itinerary has grown. In March 2010, he worked his first NCAA Tournament, calling games at a first- and second-round site in New Orleans. This year, he called games in some of the biggest tournaments in the country, including the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic in New York City and the Maui Invitational.

But his home is calling games in his primary conference, the ACC, and being known as one of the best in the business.

"The ACC teams have a rich history and heritage, and there are probably 295 of our games on television," Hull said. "The number of bloggers and individual outlets that cover our games is at a very high level. We cannot afford to make a mistake. We have to be in the 94, 95 percentile of excellence and

correctness. Being in the right position and doing our homework so we can be right are vital. If we are wrong, the last thing we want to be is on SportsCenter every hour for the first six hours of each day, spot shadow, slow it down, frame-by-frame, with commentators saying that looks like an easy call. Well, it is not an easy call when it is in real time."

And every night, it is all about one thing: doing your best and not being noticed.

"You can't be perfect, but you can be close to it," Hull said. "The best game is when no one is talking about us, and we just high five and chest bump ourselves in the locker room and say we did it again and move on to the next one."

Hull's Top Spots To Call A Game

Cameron Indoor Stadium, Durham, NC

Comcast Center, College Park, MD

Madison Square Garden, New York, NY



CLASSNOTES

Information received prior to December 31, 2010
M = Master's Degree

1950s

Werner Rebstock '55 & Margaret Rebstock '56 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

1960s

William Lee Hammond '68 is an AARP Maryland president who, for the past two years, has chaired the AARP National Policy Council and urges retirees to volunteer.

Paula Quillen Jones '69 retired as principal of Showell Elementary School in Worcester County, MD, which was a National Blue Ribbon School during her administration. Jones now enjoys traveling, painting, volunteering and her grandchildren.

1970s

Carol Powers '72 retired from Montgomery County, MD, Public Schools after 35 and one-half years of teaching.

Don Fentress '77 was named top insurance producer for September 2010 by Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley in Willards, MD. Fentress has been with the agency since 1980 and specializes in property and casualty insurance for local and regional business customers.

Dan Gladding '78 is an IT contractor for the U.S. Department of Interior located in Herndon, VA, and took it upon himself to help the 43 AmeriPure Oyster Company (LA) employees who were displaced from their jobs when the company had to close its doors. Gladding worked many hours of overtime over a three-month span and eventually raised enough money to donate \$125 to each of the 43 employees, making the donation a total of \$5,375.

Pat Lamboni '78, SU's head athletic trainer, received the National Athletic Trainers' Association's 2010 Division III Head Athletic Trainer of the Year award in Philadelphia.

Terre Meurs '78 retired from Chincoteague, MD, Elementary School after teaching for 28 years in the kindergarten, first grade and third grade.

1980s

Gregory C. Muir '81 received the Meritorious Service Award while serving as an Anti-Submarine Warfare Instructor for Tactical Training Group Atlantic NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA.

James Caine '82 was deployed to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul October 26-May 11.

Erle Hall '84 was promoted to the educational programs assistant for the California Department of Education, High School Transformation Unit. He is administering the Career Partnership Academies Program.

Xavier Stewart '84 (below) had a retirement ceremony at Fort Indiantown Gap (PA). Colonel Stewart received several awards and honors including a Meritorious Service Medal, Presidential Certificate of Appreciation and promotion to Brigadier General on the Retired List. His wife, Donna Stewart, was presented with a Spouse Certificate of Appreciation.

Clifton Daisey '86 joined Taylor Bank as branch manager in Pocomoke City, MD.

Joseph Gaines '86 was assigned as the commander of the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site in the Marshall Islands.

Diane Auer Jones '86 held positions with the government as a career civil servant and as a political appointee. Jones worked on Capitol Hill as a professional staff member for the Research Subcommittee of U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science. She served as Princeton University's director of government affairs and was then called back to public service as deputy to the associate director for science in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Jones was nominated to be assistant secretary for postsecondary education and was confirmed by the Senate.

Tracy Tyler '86 was appointed the new president and chief executive officer of Cambridge International, the world's largest manufacturer of metal conveyor belting and wire cloth products. Tyler has had an 18-year career with Cambridge International.



Xavier Stewart '84

Brenda Brecke '87 joined the Southwestern Oregon Community College Foundation Board of Trustees in spring 2010.

Barbara Bilconish '88 was named director of Professional Nursing Practice and Magnet Program for Shore Health System.

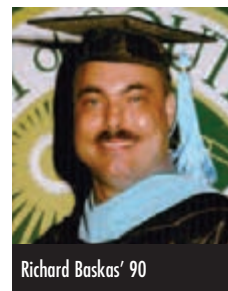
Michael I. Wheatley '88 was named president and chief executive officer at Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Denton, MD.

P.J. Aldridge '89 appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* for his work and founding of the PJ Aldridge Foundation, which provides funding for lung cancer research programs. (See article on page 7.)

Ann Ashe '89 retired after 26 years of working in Wicomico County, MD, public schools.

1990s

Richard Baskas '90 (right) graduated from the University of South Florida with a Master of Arts in Teaching in science education. He is currently studying for an Ed.D. in higher education and adult learning at Walden University.



Richard Baskas '90

Deborah Urry '90 was recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in administrative operations.



Scot Hawkins '91

Scot Hawkins '91 (left) received his Doctorate of Musical Arts from Catholic University.

Tracy Adams Hunter '91 & M '01 was selected as Worcester (MD) High School's Teacher of the Year

for 2010 and launched Project Lead the Way's Biomedical Sciences at Worcester Technical High School.

Richard Thornton '91 was promoted to vice president, audience and content development, for Media General's Richmond Media Group.

Stephanie Harris '92 was honored by Johns Hopkins University Center for the Talented Youth Sarah D. Barder Program.

Leslie Carey '93 & Neal Carey Jr. '02 opened the Flying Crane Café in Princess Anne, MD.

Celeste Jordan '93 earned National Board Certification for high school mathematics.

Don R. Brady '94 was named principal at Wicomico High School in Salisbury, MD. He served as assistant principal of Frederick High School from 2003-08 and as assistant principal of Monocacy Middle School from 2008-09.

Keith McKenna '94 was nominated for the George Almond Officer of the Year award by his commander Lt. Travis Baker.

Allison Marsh '94 was named Emergency Department supervisor at McCready Memorial Hospital in Crisfield, MD.

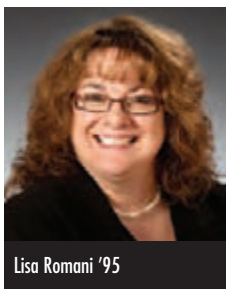
Allison Sabo '94 was named postmaster of the Eagle Rock, VA, post office.

George Scouten '94 was named the 2010 South Carolina Independent School Teacher of the Year. He began a new job in summer 2010 as the academic dean at Linden Hall, the oldest girls' school in the country.

Janis Robinson '95 was recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in library science.

Bill Schneider '95 was named associate vice president for research and performance management for the North Carolina Community College System office in Raleigh, NC.

Deborah Tulani Salahu '95 published a book titled *Time, Memory and Change: Configuring a Decade of Essays and Poems*. More information about her book may be found at www.createspace.com/3428660.



Lisa Romani '95

Lisa M. Romani '95 (left) joined the Stevens & Lee Energy, Communications and Public Utilities Group as a paralegal. Romani has over 14 years of public utility

experience with FirstEnergy and its predecessor companies.

Casey Baynes '96 is the founder and executive director of the Casey Cares Foundations. *The Oprah Winfrey Show* featured Eric Ware and his family who came to the Casey Cares Foundation and participated in their programs, which included free Redskins

tickets, seats at Disney on Ice and a vacation to Hershey Park.

Nicole Andrews '97 was selected as the 2010 Somerset County, MD, Teacher of the Year runner up. Andrews is a kindergarten teacher at Greenwood Elementary.

Patrick Bilbrough '97 is the new market executive for PNC Bank for the Eastern Shore region.



Gary Cucchi '97

Gary Cucchi '97 (left) was named to the prestigious 40 Under 40 Class of 2010 sponsored by *Long Island Business News*. Cucchi is vice president of Progressive Marketing Group, Inc. and received the 2007

Key of Excellence award from the Nassau-Suffolk Coalition for the Homeless (NSCH) for his efforts in facilitating the donation of more than 150 mattresses to the homeless through the NSCH.

Lucienne Gauffillet '98

(right) filled a new position as sustainable growth manager for Marion County in Florida. County Administrator Lee A. Niblock put together a team to stimulate the economy and to create and ensure the stability of new jobs.



Lucienne Gauffillet '98

Gavin St. Ours '98 joined the University of Maryland Baltimore County staff on August 16, 2010, as communications manager for community relations in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Karri Todd '98 was named senior business analyst at RPS ISG International in Cambridge, MD.

Kenna B. Lowe '99 earned a Zeta Tau Alpha Honor Ring, the highest individual honor granted by the fraternity. Lowe has been an active member and officer of the Annapolis, MD, alumnae chapter of ZTA for 11 years. Lowe is general advisor and academic achievement advisor with the Salisbury University ZTA chapter (Theta Delta), membership advisor with the Washington College ZTA chapter (Gamma Beta) and, since June 2006, Province President III-

Alpha, working with the four collegiate chapters in Maryland.

Kelley Selph '99 was added as a member of the board of directors for the Wor-Wic Foundation in Salisbury.

Cory Smith '99 will serve as assistant coach and strength conditioning coach for University of Colorado's men's lacrosse team.

Ian S. Stewart '99 was appointed director of finance for the self-funded turnkey energy services company Pro-Tech Energy Solutions, LLC, in Branchburg, NJ.

John C. Kennedy '99 received his M.D. from the University of New Mexico in May and will start as a resident at The University of Rochester. Kennedy received an M.Sc. in molecular medicine in 2003 from the University of Dublin, Trinity College.

Tara Kennedy '99 is a doctoral candidate in philosophy at the University of New Mexico. Kennedy also received a master's degree in philosophy from the University of New Mexico in spring 2007.

2000s

Christopher Anthony Calabrese '00 is stationed with *U.S.S. Carl Vinson* in San Diego, CA, in the Navy.

Douglas M. Cook '00 was named chief lending officer of Shore Bank of Hampton Roads Bankshares and president of its Maryland division. Cook brings over 16 years of experience in commercial and consumer lending and bank operations.

Kristopher Hallengren '00 was named one of SmartCEO's top 100 SmartCPAs of 2010.

Kelly Roberts '00 announced the completion of her Pilate's certification with Body Arts and Science International.

Jessica B. Trzyna '00 (right) was named to the boards of two business associations. Trzyna was named to the board of the Maryland Chapter of the American Marketing Association. A

two-time winner of the Public Relations Society of America's Silver Anvil, Trzyna plays an integral role in managing client relationships and strategic direction for Weiss PR.



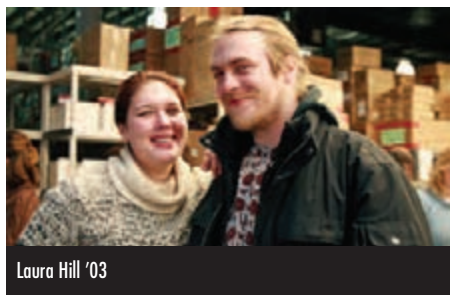
Jessica Trzyna '00

Amy Brooke Dagliano '01 was hired as a graphic designer at Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, VA.

Erin O'Toole Haney '01 was named the outstanding Teacher of the Year from Carroll County (MD) Chamber of Commerce. Haney was also named a top eight Outstanding Teacher of the Year finalist from the Cecil County, MD, Public Schools Board of Education.

Jennifer Rebok '02 was appointed assistant vice president at Hebron, MD, Savings Bank. She has been serving the bank's customers with their business account needs since 2006.

Charles Richard Cohen '03 joined the Merrill Lynch Wealth Management firm. Cohen was the previous president and CEO of CRC Consultants, Inc., a regional operational and turnaround consulting firm.



Laura Hill '03

Laura Hill '03 (above) is a project manager and business analyst at Birthday in a Box. She was working in marketing, product management, content management and information technology.

Katie Rohr '03 is a dental hygienist and serves her community with projects such as Give Kids a Smile and Mission of Mercy. Rohr is also serving as president of the Northern Virginia Dental Hygiene Association and is a delegate for the state association.

Suzanne Farris '04 was elected president of the board of the Seaford, DE, Board of Education. Farris was first elected to a seat on the board in 2007 and has previously served two years as vice president.

Barry Koluch '04 opened a new Carryout Crabhouse in Baltimore, MD. They specialize in steamed and live crabs and carry an assortment of fresh and frozen seafood.

Kristi Richardson '04 was hired as the new marketing and development coordinator at Hope and Life Outreach in Salisbury.

James S. Roser '04 is the internal auditor for Wicomico County, MD.

Michael Wilson '04 graduated from Norwich University with a master's in military history. Wilson was also named head football coach of Middle Township High School in Cape May, NJ.

Rosalea Acap '05 earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Nick Good-Malloy '05 is Glen Burnie (MD) High's new head football coach and has begun working as a physical education teacher at the school.

John Maybury '05 received his master's degree from the University of Limerick in Ireland.

Lindsay Moore '05 was promoted to assistant to the managing director, Amy Miller, at Sperry Van Ness-Miller Commercial Real Estate in Salisbury.

Thomas Joseph Hood '05 won the 1A 2010 Maryland state championship in outdoor girls' track and field as a coach for the Smithsburg High School. Last year, the boys' outdoor track and field won the 2009 1A state championships. Hood has only been the head coach in track for two years.

Doug Wilburn '06 (below) released his first book, a cookbook titled *Broke Guy Stir Fry*. The book features simple, tasty recipes that are easy to make and easier on the wallet.



Doug Wilburn '06

Justin Michaliga '07 was promoted to interactive developer at Warschawski of Baltimore.

Chris Nallan '07 is Tuscon's KVOA 4's meteorologist. Previously, he was at the 24-hour cable News 12 channel for 15 months.

Steve Leonard '07 was promoted to the position of vice president of operations optimization and innovation at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Leonard oversees the Medical Center's Pharmacy, Materials Management, Laboratory, Operational Performance Improvement and Information Systems departments.

Stacey Pokrywka '07 graduated with a doctoral degree in physical therapy from the University of Maryland School of Medicine.



Kristin Chapman '08

Kristin Chapman '08 (left) earned her certified public accountant (CPA) certificate. Chapman is a staff accountant with WHBG, a full-serviced certified public accounting and management advisory firm in Annapolis, MD.

Nicholas Fiorentino '08 was hired as an assistant coach for Ohio Wesleyan University's men's lacrosse team. Fiorentino spent the last two seasons as an assistant coach of the men's lacrosse and field hockey programs at SU.

Kristen Michelle Healy '08 (right) was hired in September at NASA – Goddard Space Flight Center as administrative support to one the largest branches, the Detector System Branch, providing support to the different programs at NASA.



Kristen Healy '08

James Matthews '08 opened a new Matthews Chiropractic & Sports Rehabilitation, LLC office in Marlton, NJ. Dr. Matthews specializes in chiropractic rehabilitation and sports performance. He received his doctorate in chiropractic from New York Chiropractic College.

James D. Maybury '08 joined Salisbury's PKS and Co. in 2007 as an intern while attending SU and was promoted to senior accountant. PKS and Co. is a company with certified public accountants and business advisors.

Mehwish Salim '08 won the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences student paper competition with "Cyber Terror: Unequivocal Threat or Hyperbole?"

Aidan E. Tacheron '08 received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Officer Training Center, Newport, RI.

Joshua B. Childress '09 completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Katherine J. McAllister '09 passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam. McAllister is now a registered professional engineer.

Luke Matthew Franklin '10 was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps at the Veterans Memorial at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, Salisbury, on May 28, 2010.

Michael Ring '10 joined the Reznick Group tax consulting team as an entry-level associate in Baltimore, MD.

Marriages

- Craig Ashley '91** & Shannon Horner
- Corinne Fritschler '98** & John Cummings
- Karen Little '98** & Lloyd Kitchner
- Heather Hartman '99** & Colin McKean
- John T. Todd '99** & Carmen Farmer
- Christopher Anthony Calabrese '00** & Patricia Russell
- Cameron Bryant '00** & Raquel Glaze '00
- Amy Dagliano '01** & Eric Neuan *(right)*
- Mike Svehla '02** & Jennifer Carey *(right)*
- Jamie Emmell '03** & Jason Sobolewski
- Kevin Fantacci '03** & **Laura Sanchez '03** *(right)*
- Paul Bazzano '04** & Cassandra DeWitt *(right)*
- Amy Bejm '04** & Eric Arthur Syversen *(right)*
- Julie Kirkpatrick '04** & Harry Simmons
- Jeff Bigas '05** & **Jessica Froots '06** *(right)*
- Kenneth Eyerly '05** & **Trish Whitelock '05** *(right)*
- Lauren Norris '05** & Travis Teal *(next page)*
- Michael Pheulpin '05** & **Amanda Barnas '05** *(next page)*
- Chase Newman '06** & **Diana Shepherd '05** *(next page)*
- James Creighton '06** & **Bridget O'Hagan '08** *(next page)*
- Natalie Carlson '07** & Bryan Morgen
- Dustin Holt '06** & Carol Collins *(next page)*
- Steven Hotz Jr. '07** & **Nicole DiPresso '08** *(next page)*
- Amy Lynn Dryden '07** & Ed Bohltling
- Natalie N. Rubeck '07** & Christopher L. Girardin
- Nick Williams '07** & **Sarah Plummer '08** *(next page)*
- Stephen Bradford '08** & Anna Bordelon *(right)*
- Alex Buhlman '08** & **Katie Tyminski '07** *(next page)*
- Lisa Donadoni '08** & Sean Paddy *(next page)*
- Katherine Anne Hendrickson '08** & Brittany Connell *(next page)*
- Nichole Sandeman M'08** & Daniel Batt
- Nicole Sunderlin '08** & **Brian Forrester '07** *(page 26)*
- Noah Pride Karengo '09** & Amanda Jennell Lipscomb



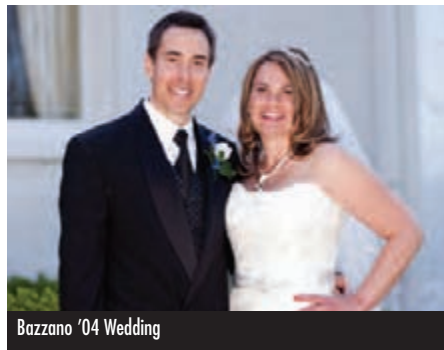
Dagliano '01 Wedding



Fantacci '03 & Sanchez '03 Wedding



Svehla '02 Wedding



Bazzano '04 Wedding



Bejm '04 Wedding



Bigas '05 & Froots '06 Wedding



Eyerly '05 & Whitelock '05 Wedding



Bradford '08 Wedding



Buhlman '08 & Tyminski '07 Wedding



Creighton '06 & O'Hagan '08 Wedding



DeVecchio '09 & Samson '09 Wedding



Donadoni '08 Wedding



Hendrickson '08 Wedding



Holt '06 Wedding



Hotz '07 & DiPresso '08 Wedding



Newman '06 & Shepherd '05 Wedding



Norris '05 Wedding. Pictured (from left) Lauren Hammen '05, Jen Krawczak '05, Erin Coady '05, Lauren Norris '05, Caitlin Harman '05 & M'10, Stacie Doan '05, Katherine Mulligan '07, Kelly Hejduk '05 & M'06



Pennini '10 & Harrison '10 Wedding



Pheulpin '05 & Barnas '05 Wedding



Weikers '09 & MacLean-Blevins '10 Wedding



Williams '07 & Plummer '08 Wedding

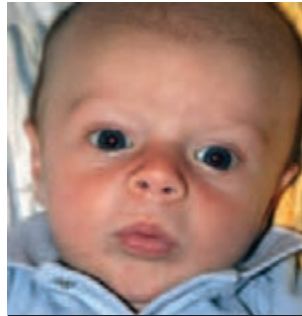
James DeVecchio '09 & Isadora Samson '09
(previous page)
Joshua Weikers '09 & Rebekah MacLean-Blevins '10
(previous page)
Kyle Pennini '10 & Samantha Harrison '10
(previous page)

Births

Vernon Usilton '72 & Wendy Usilton '99 – Son: Jaxson Barrett
Neil Benz '90 & Carolyn Benz – Son: Brady Copper *(right)*
George Scouten '94 & Janet Parenti Scouten '94 – Son: James Finley
Heather Blasingame '97 & Benjamin Blasingame Jr. – Daughter: Abigail Catherine
Sarah Fish '97 & Dan Fish '97 – Son: Daniel Thomas
Randy Halfpap '97 & Kelly Halfpap – Daughter: Harper Grace *(right)*
Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan '97 & Edward Hogan – Son: Aidan Matthew Edward *(page 28)*
Melissa Branscome '98 & Keith Branscome – Daughter: Kenzi *(right)*
Brian T. Harvey '98 & Kristen Harvey – Daughter: Bailey Quinn *(right)*
Lori Govar '98 & Justin Govar – Son: Nicholas Connor *(right)*
Karen Little Kitchner '98 & Lloyd Kitchner – Son: Eli Faust *(next page)*
Scott Jacob '98 & Lisa Dunn Jacob '99 – Son: Lucas Michael *(next page)*
Gregory Eugene Zapiec '98 & Valerie Sue Zapiec – Son: Joseph Gregory *(next page)*
Frank Baldwin '98 & Christine Henshaw Baldwin '00 – Twins: Josie Suzanne & Eliza Karen *(next page)*
Michele Poet '98 & Ryan Poet – Son: Nicolas Evan *(next page)*
Sean Cullinan '99 & Kerri Cullinan '00 – Son: Cole Patrick
Glen Doss '99 & Nicole Doss '00 – Daughter: Adelyn Grace *(right)*
Kenna Brigham Lowe '99 & Yancy Lowe '97 – Son: Nathaniel Gavin *(next page)*
John Kennedy '99 & Tara Kennedy '99 – Son: John Henry *(next page)*
Scott Walstrum '99 & Amy Swynenberg Walstrum '01 – Daughter: Liliana Rose *(page 28)*
Roy Brewington Jr. '00 & Dawn Brewington – Son: Roy Cathuel III *(right)*
Colin Exelby '00 & Jennifer Exelby '01 – Daughter: Adriana Lillian *(right)*
Lee Roth '00 & Jessica Roth – Daughter: Sienna Rose *(next page)*
Robert Schultheis '00 & Shannon Schultheis – Son: Benjamin Ryan *(next page)*
Marie Marquardt '00 & Dan Marquardt '99 – Daughter: Ella Reese



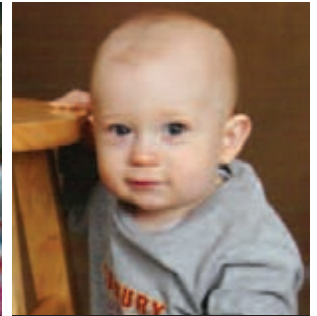
Sunderlin '08 & Forrester '07 Wedding



Benz '90 Baby



Branscome '98 Baby



Brewington '00 Baby



Creighton '08 & '06 Baby



Divilio '03 Baby



Doss '99 & '00 Baby



Exelby '00 & '01 Baby



Farris '04 Baby



Franz '03 Baby



Govar '98 Baby



Halfpap '97 Baby



Harvey '98 Baby



Hubbard '02 Baby



Jacob '98 & '99 Baby



Kennedy '99 Baby



Baldwin '98 & '00 Twins & Sister Lihana Joy



Kitchner '98 Baby



Lingg '03 Baby



Lowe '99 & '97 Baby



Ofeldt '03 & '02 Baby



Perrotti '03 Baby



Pheulpin '05 Baby



Copley '05 Twins



Poet '98 Baby



Roth '00 Baby



Schultheis '00 Baby



Sears '03 Baby



Tessier '03 & '04 Baby



Zapiec '98 Baby

Angela M. Cherry '01 & Greg Cherry – Daughter: Evelyn Liana (*next page*)
Julie Cross McColley '01 & Ian McColley – Daughter: Sara Mary (*next page*)
John A. Harper '01 & Sarah Dearing Harper '00 – Daughter: Logan Anne
Justin Hemm '01 & Amanda Hemm '01 – Son: Lucas Olin
Carrie Wright Holt '01 & Richard Holt – Daughter: Evelyn Grace
Christine O'Horo '01 & Justin O'Horo – Son: Colin James
Anne Hubbard '02 & Dan Hubbard – Daughter: Jillian Paige (*left*)
Sean Ofeldt '02 & Joane Ofeldt '03 – Son: Beckett Carpenter (*left*)
Bethany Ramey '02 & Brian Ramey – Daughter: Caroline Jane
Franklin Divilio '03 & Abbie Warnick – Son: Maxwell Thomas (*previous page*)
Tonya Franz '03 & Chris Franz – Daughter: Lily Grace (*previous page*)



Cherry '01 Baby



McColley '01 Baby with Mom Julie, Sister Cecilia & Brother Mitchell



Pagel-Hogan '97 Children



Waldron '05 Baby



Walstrum '99 & '01 Baby

Kyle Lingg '03 & Katie Lingg – Son: Trace Landen (*previous page*)
Devon Perrotti '03 & Matthew Perotti – Son: Joseph Matthew (*previous page*)
Dane Sears '03 & Katherine Sears '03 – Son: Logan (*previous page*)
Jeffrey Tessier '03 & April Tessier '04 – Lucy Marie (*previous page*)
Suzanne Farris '04 & David Farris – Daughter: Lilyan Ainsley (*page 26*)
Jessica Rose Lewis '04 & Evan Lewis – Son: Seth Alan
Kathryn Elmore Thomson '04 & Russell Thomson – Daughter: Caroline Elizabeth
Jason Copley '05 & Kara Copley – Twins: Evan Christopher and Landon Wesley (*previous page*)
Eileen Waldron '05 & Pete Davidovich – Daughter: Laura (*left*)
Michael Pheulpin '05 & Amanda Pheulpin '05 – Son: Colin Anthony (*previous page*)
Amy Bohtling '07 & Ed Bohtling – Daughter: Hannah Leigh
Thomas Dupont '98 & Alysson Dupont '07 – Son: Evan Randall
Bridget Creighton '08 & James Creighton '06 – Daughter: Olivia Grace (*page 26*)

Deaths

Lillian Richardson '30 – November 13, 2010
Mary J. Woolston '32 – June 28, 2010
Albia Riggan Elliott '36 – January 18, 2005
Frances P. Parish '38 – December 23, 2010
Frances Handy Lang '39 – November 17, 2010
Dr. S. Goldsborough Tyler '41 – December 30, 2010

Dr. Tyler was a former faculty member in the Department of Education at Salisbury University in 1968, he then later retired in 1980. During his time as a student at SU, he earned 12 letters in soccer, basketball and baseball. He was among those inducted into the inaugural class of the Salisbury Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985 and was inducted into the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996. Dr. Tyler also fell in love with and married an SU classmate, Anna Catharine Appleton. In his lifetime, he served as a trooper with the Maryland State Police, joined the U.S. Navy, going on to then earn a master's degree in physical education at Springfield College and then later earning a doctorate in education from the University of Maryland.



Dr. S. Goldsborough Tyler

Margaret B. James '43 – November 19, 2010
Mary Lee Leister '43 – December 31, 2010
Jean H. Potter '48 – May 13, 2010
Patricia Louise Guerrieri '57 – May 12, 2010
Janet Lee Hart Callaway '60 – December 9, 2010
Ervin Coley Marsh '60 – January 19, 2010
Norma Baker Williams '61 – May 29, 2010
Robert Clayton Ball '62 – August 6, 2010
Curtis J. Callaway '67 – June 23, 2010
Robert Wayne Webster '67 – December 16, 2010
Linda Yuhasz Behun '72 – December 3, 2009
Claire Krisewicz '74 – December 27, 2010
Stanley M. Pruitt '75 – July 14, 2010
Marshall B. Moore '76 – June 8, 2010
Beverly Broomell '78 – April 28, 2010
Joseph M. Rando '78 – January 22, 2010
Michael L. Haring '80 – August 2, 2010
Pamela M. La Lumiere '80 – February 18, 2010
Sampson G. Vincent '80 – June 25, 2010
Joseph C. Zavaglia Jr. '80 – March 5, 2010
Jennifer L. Watson '81 – June 19, 2010
Ruth F. Prettyman '82 – August 26, 2010
Christopher Boozer '84 – December 25, 2009
Ellen I. Fretterd '86 – December 3, 2010
Alice Fay Hadder O'Neill '88 – September 6, 2010
Joseph David Ball '91 – June 18, 2010
Dana Michelle Eley '93 – May 24, 2010
Kathi Michele Mills Moxey '95 – May 25, 2010
Allen M. Miller Sr. '98 – September 10, 2010
Jason Pasatiempo '98 – April 25, 2010
Clifton F. Brimer '99 – October 18, 2010
Jena M. Thomas '02 – August 8, 2010
Brandon Troy Molnar '08 – December 6, 2010

Carve A Memory Into The Alumni Garden

The Miller Alumni Garden fountain is surrounded by a brick walkway where you may purchase a 4" x 8" brick to be inscribed for yourself or in honor or memory of a classmate, faculty member, club, team, family member or any other important person or event in your life. Cost is \$100 per brick.

Megan '96 (McCray) and David Ferrara '98 have purchased several bricks: "we buy a brick each year to commemorate our wedding anniversary."

For more information, call or e-mail the Alumni Office or order online at <http://alumni.salisbury.edu> through the "Annual Giving" link.



CAMPUS NEWS

Broadband Grant Expands to Over \$2.12 Million

The Maryland Broadband Cooperative, Inc. (MDBC) really likes SU's work with the state's broadband mapping initiative. After the first year of the project, the contract for the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC) has been extended to five years and increased to more than \$2.12 million.

"With the increase from \$502,832 to \$2,121,160, this is now the largest single externally funded project in SU history," said Dr. Clifton Griffin, dean of graduate studies and research. "The ESRGC is doing tremendous work and is a prime example of the University's growing research capabilities, particularly in science-related fields."

The ESRGC is taking on a number of additional tasks related to expanding the scope of the online broadband map. Currently, the map shows the service areas of some 40 broadband providers that have their own physical infrastructure. The ESRGC is adding data about companies that rent the lines of these providers and resell broadband service to consumers. It also will track WiFi hotspots.



Farewell Faculty

SU bid farewell to some fabulous faculty in 2010. Among those who have retired are:

- Dr. W. Dorsey Hammond, Department of Teacher Education
- Dr. Richard Hunter, Department of Biological Sciences
- Dr. Karin Johnson, Department of Nursing
- Dr. Thomas Jones, Department of Biological Sciences
- Dr. Francis Kane, Department of Philosophy
- Mary Kane, Department of Nursing
- Frances Sistrunk, Department of Social Work

SU Still a Best Value

For the third consecutive year, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine has named SU one of its Top 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges."

Featured in the February 2011 edition, SU and the other campuses listed "deliver a stellar education at an affordable price," the magazine said.

The accolade is the latest addition to SU's national rankings. For the 12th consecutive year, SU is one of *The 373 Best Colleges* by *The Princeton Review*. For the 14th consecutive year, SU was named one of *U.S. News & World Report's* Top Public Universities in the North, one of the highest-placing public master's-level universities in Maryland.



Caps and Gowns Go Green

Pepsi, Coke or 7Up—what will your grad be wearing?

SU's 85th year Winter

Commencement was among the most sustainable in University history as all 569 graduates wore a new kind of cap and gown made from recycled plastic soda bottles.

SU is the first institution on the Eastern Shore—and one of only five in Maryland—to use the new "GreenWeaver" apparel from Oak Hall Cap and Gown, a leading academic regalia manufacturer.

An average of 23 bottles are melted down to create the plastic pellets spun to make each gown. After the ceremony, the gowns themselves may be recycled. Oak Hall's goal is to keep some 7 million bottles out of landfills.

In addition, the company is making a "green" commitment to SU, donating 25 cents to sustainable organizations on campus for each cap-and-gown set the University purchases.



TRiO = SU Student Success

By Dixie Herweh '94

For SU, 2010 was a landmark year in its ability to support the educational achievements of its students. In August, SU was awarded a \$1.2 million TRiO grant by the U.S. Department of Education. TRiO is a set of federally funded college programs developed to support students who are first-generation college students, low-income or students with disabilities achieve their goal of a college education.

Led by Dr. Heather Holmes, director of SU's Center for Student Achievement, SU created its ACHiEVE Student Support Services (SSS) program and has set three main goals for the five-year grant: increase the annual retention rate of SSS students to 83 percent (currently the rate stands at 77.8 percent), increase the six-year graduation rate of SSS students to 70 percent (currently that rate stands at 67 percent) and increase the number of SSS students in good academic standing.

SU students will benefit immensely from the academic support initiatives created through the grant funding. Among the new and enhanced offerings are tutoring, supplemental instruction for students in classes with historically low pass rates, study strategy workshops and cultural events to enhance the educational experience.



Students Get a Cash Course

As the number of college graduates with debt continues to increase, SU has partnered with Cash Course on a new Web site to help students become more financially savvy: www.cashcourse.org/salisbury.

The site explores topics including budgets, loans and credit cards, as well as eating healthy on a budget and steps to becoming a millionaire. Campus officials say the information is important because students nationwide are taking out loans, signing up for credit cards and spending money without planning.

In Maryland, a state mandate is being considered during the 2011 legislative session to encourage colleges and universities to provide financial literacy courses, Web sites or programs to help students become more financially savvy. Once again, SU remains ahead of the curve.

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- **To create a hedge against future inflation from your gift**

You can create a charitable remainder unitrust.

Benefit: Variable income payments, a charitable income tax deduction and possible reduction of estate taxes

- **To secure a fixed life income from your gift while avoiding market risks**

You can create a charitable remainder annuity trust.

Benefit: Fixed income payments, a charitable income tax deduction and often a boost to your rate of return

- **To avoid capital gains tax on the sale of an asset you will use to fund your gift**

You can contribute long-term appreciated securities or other property.

Benefit: A charitable income tax deduction, no capital gains tax on the sale of the asset and immediate impact to SU

- **To make a large gift with little cost to you**

You can contribute a life insurance policy you no longer need.

Benefit: Current and potential future charitable income tax deductions and immediate impact to SU



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LEAVING A LEGACY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

The
Class
of 1958

During the planning phase for his reunion, Dr. Wayne Smith, Class of 1958, was considering how best to celebrate this occasion and what he could do for Salisbury University. He and his wife, June Taylor Smith '60, had been long-time supporters through annual gifts, but they wanted to do more. They decided that starting a scholarship to commemorate their 50 years since graduation would be something that would honor this occasion.

"Considering what STC (Salisbury Teachers College) did for me (and many of my classmates), I feel a real desire to give back. Consequently, I conceived the idea of a class scholarship as a gift to Salisbury University and to future students" said Dr. Smith.

During the anniversary and subsequent year, letters were written to classmates asking them to join in making gifts to the Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund. While some classmates have made gifts to the scholarship program, it was one classmate and his spouse in particular who helped finally establish the endowed



scholarship. Gary White '58 and his wife, Marilyn '71, made a gift to push the total raised to over \$10,000. "This scholarship reflects our interest in teacher education and preparedness. We are impressed by the advances made at SU, particularly the new Teacher Education and Technology Center," said Marilyn. Gary considers attending STC as the turning point in his life: "it greatly helped to guide me to a successful career in education."

The Class of 1958 Scholarship will be awarded this coming fall to a junior or senior majoring in teacher education who demonstrates financial need. Preference is given to a descendent of a member of the Class of 1958, but alumni legacies and other students will be considered. Smith added: "While the scholarship is small, we hope that it will help deserving students at Salisbury change their career arc and enable them to become productive educators and citizens."

If you are interested in establishing an endowed scholarship fund, please contact: Jason Curtin '98, director of development, at 410-543-6176 or jecurtin@salisbury.edu.

