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Through the years, Salisbury University has evolved from a small “normal” school specializing in teacher education to a comprehensive University with a robust offering of 42 undergraduate majors in four endowed schools, and graduate programs that include four post-baccalaureate certificates, 14 master’s degrees and two doctorates. As we celebrate our 90th year of existence by remembering the past, we also look forward and celebrate those faculty and students who are enhancing our reputation as *A Maryland University of National Distinction*.

SU’s esteemed faculty continue to excel on the national and international stage. As Fulbright scholars, Drs. Dean Kotlowski of the History Department and Olivier Roche of the Management and Marketing Department will teach and conduct research in Europe next spring. Kotlowski will be the Fulbright-Botstiber Visiting Professor of Austrian-American Studies at the University of Salzburg in Austria, while Roche will be at the Belarusian State University in Minsk. Dr. James King of the English Department earned SU’s first Fulbright-Hays international education grant to explore cross-cultural curricular connections in Ghana with a group of area educators over the summer; while Aaron Basko, assistant vice president for enrollment management, traveled to Japan as SU’s first Fulbright International Education Administrator. Two professors from SU’s Franklin P. Perdue School of Business also earned the University System of Maryland’s highest faculty



Bernstein Award winner Jenna DeLetto with Kevin Bernstein M'92

honor: the Regents’ Award for Excellence. William Burke, director of SU’s entrepreneurship competitions, was honored for public service and Paula Morris of the Management and Marketing Department was lauded for mentoring.

Our students are following in the footsteps of our faculty with their successes on campus and beyond. Recent graduate Mayra Melendez, who was a force for immigrant student activism on campus, was one of only seven FirstGEN Civil Rights Fellows at the National Immigration Law Center in Washington, D.C., before starting an Immigrant Justice Corps fellowship in New York this fall. Other students recently earned

internships at the Library of Congress, Baltimore City Planning Department and NASA’s Wallops Flight Facility. During SU’s 2015 Student Entrepreneurship Competitions, finance major Jenna DeLetto was the top winner, garnering some \$27,000 in cash and prizes for her 5 POP football training device. We look forward to what the 2015-16 academic year has in store for our campus!

For the second year in a row, Salisbury University combines Homecoming and Family Weekend to provide our alumni, SU families and students a more diverse offering of events to enjoy. There is something going on for everyone, so mark your calendars to come back to campus October 9-11 to see old friends, participate in activities and celebrate 90 years of excellence. Join us and see why Salisbury University continues to earn our reputation as *A Maryland University of National Distinction*.

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Celebrating 90 Years: 9 of 99 Stories

In 1999, the SU Publications and Public Relations offices sought stories from alumni, students, faculty and staff and compiled them into a publication called "99 Stories: A Patchwork of Human Experiences." The writers' goal was simple, to share "a good yarn or two or three" to "remind us of those halcyon days of college life and the people who made them memories of a lifetime"; the stories "traverse the ridiculous to the sublime and parts in between." As Salisbury University celebrates its 90th birthday, the SUMagazine editor excerpts liberally from "99 Stories" and shares with you nine of those stories for your entertainment, and perhaps education. Read, remember, enjoy!



Can You Pronounce 'Pergola'?

The peaceful pergola (PURR-go-luh) pathway to the Guerrieri University Center is not the first such structure on campus. A pergola was erected by the Class of 1933 to mark the completion of Holloway Hall, but it was destroyed by Hurricane Hazel in 1954.

This strange word – and structure – was re-introduced to the campus lexicon in 1987. The Guerrieri Center was under construction and Joe Gilbert, executive vice president, asked Les Lutz, horticulture director, to look over a landscape architect's drawings for a connecting link between the GUC and the rest of campus.

"I just told Joe the drawings represented another Red Square," said Lutz. "He told me to come up with some ideas. I designed the pergola."

Students in history professor Dr. Ray Thompson's Early Roman Empire class were asked to stage a toga party for the christening of the pergola in 1989. Thompson can't recall whether it was the rugby or lacrosse team that came that cold day – feeling no pain – dressed in their bed sheets and nothing else.

Making a Mascot

In 1949, when Lloyd Fry '53 was a freshman, there was a "Name the Salisbury Teachers College Mascot" contest. Fry won with the name "Golden Gulls." The "Sea Gull" was one of the runners-up. However, since the name was often referred to as the "STC Gulls," it eventually was shortened to the "Sea Gulls."

On Homecoming Weekend 1998, Fry gave Alumni Director Roy Perdue the pen Fry won for naming the mascot, and it is still on display in the Alumni House.



Connected by the Game

The kick-off to the men's soccer season is the annual Elmer Lord Soccer Classic. Mr. Lord didn't attend SU, or any college for that matter. He wasn't a parent. He wasn't an athlete. But for nearly 25 years, he never missed a home soccer game.

He was an icon, recognizable to all the Sea Gull faithful. With a Santa-like white beard and his own folding chair, he'd sit at a far corner of the field and cheer throughout the contest. Anonymously, he sponsored the team's annual alumni award. When he passed away in February 1999 at the age of 86, the team had just enjoyed its best-ever season.



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A Presidential Story

In the early 1970s when student radio station WSSC opened, an unidentified voice read a short "bedtime" story for the students every night just before the station went off the air. The students were never told who was the reading stories. Station Manager Bob Dunphy was the only person who knew it was the voice of the president, Dr. Norman C. Crawford Jr.



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Ghost Story

In 1973, Dr. T. Paul Pfeiffer '75, co-chair of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and artistic director of SU's Bobbi Biron Theatre, was a freshman living on the third floor of Holloway Hall. One night, heading back to his room, he paused on the stairwell. Something from the Social Room attracted him. Heading down the short corridor toward that room's double glass doors, Pfeiffer said he began to develop an even stronger feeling of "go away." Not about to stop, he cupped his hands around his face and peered through the locked glass.

Nothing seemed extraordinary. As his eyes adjusted to darkness, however, he began to make out the silhouette of someone sitting in a chair. He was struck by the stranger's "Clarence Darrow" look: wool suit, rounded shirt collar, hair with a high part. The gentleman may have been sitting there quietly smoking, or the moonlight could have caused the haze – Pfeiffer couldn't tell. At any rate, he felt more uncomfortable and turned away without speaking.

Skeptics might dismiss his vision as a late night illusion. The gentleman he saw looked much like the Social Room portrait of Dr. William Holloway (above), Salisbury Normal School's first principal, who died in 1936.

Diana's Dalliances

The bronze and gold casting of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' 1873 statue of Diana that is featured in the rotunda of the Commons is not the first Diana to grace SU.

It was tradition at Salisbury Normal School that the graduating class make a donation to the institution. A most intriguing gift came in the form of a 7-foot plaster statue from the Class of 1931.

Diana the Huntress was not intended for campus landscaping, though she often appeared in that capacity. For the first several years, she stood in the front of the library. In 1937-38, a bit dirty and disheveled, she was relegated to a storage space. After years there, some sympathetic faculty decided to bring her back out.

This is when her exploits began. Mysteriously she would appear on the front campus, on the front steps and in all manner of places. Overnight she would take up smoking and wearing lipstick. On a December night in 1949, in 21-degree temperature, Diana appeared across the street at the College Market. It took four men to bring her home.

Five nights later she was discovered at 3 a.m. by a city policeman on the courthouse lawn. She was in a pitiful state, her head and some other portions missing. Diana, alas, was in such bad condition that no one could restore her. She was retired to a secret burial place.

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Seal of Distinction

Necessary parts of any school's traditions are songs, colors and emblems. In the first year of opening, the school had a song and chose the school colors, maroon and gold. The second year, Dr. William Holloway, the school's first principal (president), decided the school should have a special seal and organized a design contest for art students.

Of five designs submitted, the one drawn by Grace Hallam '27 was selected by a faculty committee and sent to the State Board of Education for its sanction. Hallam's design, used without changes (except to the institution's name) since spring 1927, was carefully composed to indicate a uniquely identifiable Salisbury school:

The loblolly pine is characteristic of the Eastern Shore; the sail boat represents the fishing industry; the plow and farm demonstrate agricultural interests; the strawberry bed in the lower left foreground represents a leading industry of the Eastern Shore; the sun at its zenith signifies the educational service which it is hoped the school will render; the Maryland shield signifies that the school is a Maryland institution.



What's in a Name?

In 1965, the Student Government Association decided it was time to place formal names on the campus buildings, which were referred to at the time in generic terms. The campus facilities were known simply as the administration building, the gym, the library, etc. The SGA sent its President Avery Saulsbury '65, who later became SU's registrar, to make a formal proposal to President Wilbur Devilbiss. After carefully listening to young Mr. Saulsbury's presentation, the president duly informed him that naming of buildings "was not student government business."

Whether by coincidence or inspiration, within the next two years, a committee was formed and most campus structure received formal monikers. It was decided that academic buildings would be named after former presidents, residence halls after rivers on the Eastern Shore and the dining hall after Miss Ruth Powell (left), the school's social director in its early years.

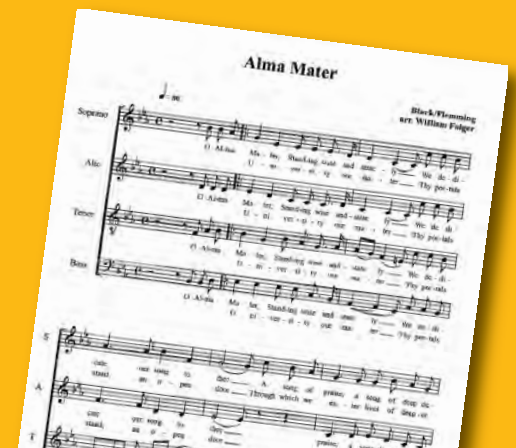
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Cut the Racket

Miss Margaret H. Black, music instructor and director of the men's and ladies' choruses, is remembered for composing "Salisbury Normal Here's to Thee," the schools Alma Mater. Students of art instructor Miss Henrietta Purnell may also remember Miss Black for holding the raucous class next door. Purnell on more than one occasion would bang on the wall asking Black and her class to "please be a little quieter."

Alma Mater

*O Alma Mater, standing wise and stately,
We dedicate our song to thee –
A song of praise, a song of deep devotion,
A song of love and endless loyalty.
Salisbury University, our mater
Thy portals stand, an open door
Through which we enter lives of deeper
wisdom,
Oh, we shall love thy name forever more.*



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Named Endowments: Your SU Legacy

In Salisbury University's 90 years, the support of its alumni and community partners has been paramount in its evolution into *A Maryland University of National Distinction*. SU was the first university in the State of Maryland to have all of its academic schools privately endowed. These significant investments are tangible proof that donors have put their faith and funds behind the University to ensure that SU students have access to excellent academic programs and facilities.

As the University begins to enter its second century, further endowments are being sought to continue to enhance SU's educational programs, including such naming opportunities as department chairs, professorships

and scholarships. When you establish an endowment fund, you create a permanent legacy of support for Salisbury University.

An endowment gift provides SU with a self-sustaining source of funding. Endowment assets are invested, and each year, a portion of the value of the fund is paid out to support the fund's purpose, and any earnings in excess of this distribution are used to build the fund's market value. In this way, an endowment fund can grow and provide support for its designated purpose in perpetuity.

SU is proud to currently hold two endowed professorships: the Lucy Tull Nursing Department Enhancement Fund and the Fulton Professorship in Geriatric at SU – both in the Henson School. The hope going forward is to establish

at least one endowed professorship or chair for each of the four academic schools.

Scholarship or fellowship endowments are also an important – and much-needed – way to provide academic support. Awards are made annually to deserving students according to the donor's wishes and current financial aid policies of the University. While it is preferred that scholarships or fellowships be unrestricted, occasionally it can be appropriate to specify that the scholarship or fellowship be awarded to students from a specific academic focus or geographic area.

For more information or to establish an endowment, please contact the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. at 410-543-6175.

SU'S SCHOOL ENDOWMENT HISTORY



1986

Franklin P. Perdue School
of Business



1988

Richard A. Henson School
of Science and Technology



1989

Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton
School of Liberal Arts



1997

Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School
of Education and Professional Studies

*Endowments allow you to take your vision and bring it to life,
building a legacy with the power to create futures.*

A 'Master Plan' for SU's Future

In 2000, when President Janet Dudley-Eshbach first arrived at Salisbury University, History Professor Emeritus Sylvia Bradley was just completing her comprehensive history of the University. At that time, she asked President Dudley-Eshbach to share her vision for SU. Whether she possesses a powerful crystal ball or a strength of will to make a vision a reality, as you will see from her statement below, the campus of President Dudley-Eshbach's aspirations is now a reality in most ways:

[I foresee] a student population that may one day reach 8,000 or more, with larger numbers of graduate enrollments and non-credit professional development offerings. A small number of doctoral programs will be offered to meet the needs of the region. Campus facilities will grow, too, with a new Teacher Education and Technology Complex that will parallel in size and innovation the new Henson Science Hall. A new library facility, field house and business school building will become a reality, with development of SU's southeast corner. All of these changes will provide the structure within which SU's current reputation for educational excellence will be enhanced. Salisbury University will become one of the nation's best mid-sized comprehensive public universities.

Now, 15 years later, the University continues to look to its future campus development and the President officially unveiled the campus' new Facilities Master Plan in the spring. Approved by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, it focuses on maintaining a compact academic core, strengthening connections between east and main campus, and enabling future projects in academic and student life, recreation and the arts.



Some of the building highlights over the next decade are a proposed Field House on east campus and a Fine and Performing Arts Complex on main campus, new residence halls, and closer attention to connections between the periphery of main and east campuses. Included is the development of landscaped and well-lighted walking and biking paths bordering the east campus rail line.

A clearly defined University District crossing Route 13 would be readily noticed by travelers using the heavily-trafficked north-south corridor, helping unite the 183-acre main and east campuses.

The Facilities Master Plan “outlines enhancements to the University’s already vibrant learning environment, our arboretum and cultural offerings,” said the President. It “identifies improvements that will add utilitarian and beautiful spaces to learn, research, live, create and perform. Each project moves us closer to the vision of a campus that ranks as one of the nation’s best mid-sized universities, both public and private.”

Phase One

The 10-year plan is broken down into two five-year phases. Already underway in Phase One are the construction of the new \$117 million Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons, with much-needed new library, academic, research and meeting spaces on main campus, and a \$19 million stadium, also sorely needed, on east campus. Both are scheduled for completion in 2016.

Other goals in Phase One are focused on east campus development and general facilities renovations and upgrades. They include:

- The first residence halls on east campus;
- A new field house on east campus;
- Improvements to the East Campus Complex (currently housing Delmarva Public Radio, University Police and other offices);
- Reconfiguration and landscaping of athletics fields including a new outdoor tennis center building; and
- Other renovations: the current Blackwell Library, Guerrieri University Center and Maggs Physical Activities Center.



Phase Two

Phase Two renovations for 2018-2023 are focused on main campus with significant impact for the fine and performing arts. St. Martin’s and Chesapeake residence halls would be razed. Around that site would rise a new addition to Fulton Hall, home to the liberal arts school, and a new performing arts center. This complex would be organized around a new Arts Quad.

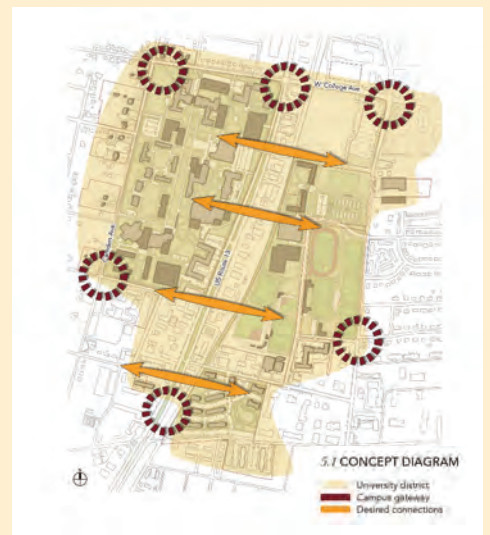
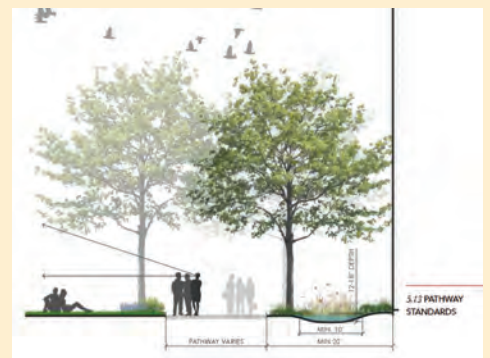
Other planned main campus additions include:

- A new residence hall on the Dogwood Village site (currently modular housing);
- A new academic building at the Blackwell Library location;
- Expansion of the Commons, which provides dining, meeting and other services, and expansion of the Guerrieri University Center, which serves student life; and
- Expansion of Henson Science Hall.

Sustainability & Safety

Sustainability is a priority. All newly proposed buildings and major renovations will seek U.S. Green Building Council LEED certification, silver level at a minimum. A bicycle-friendly campus, routes will be improved and expanded. The current campus arboretum also will be enhanced, incorporating east campus.

The safety of cyclists and pedestrians, particularly when crossing Route 13, is crucial in the creation of a coherent University District, and crosswalks and other connections will be improved upon.



Like all master plans, implementation will be contingent upon the availability of public and private financial support. The plan does not imply approval of capital projects or funding. These projects will be reviewed through normal State procedures and processes. Priorities may change; the plans, however, are important guides.

A complete copy of the 129-page document is available at: www.salisbury.edu/president/fmp



RUN CLIMB COMPETE

Intramurals at SU

By Jayme E. Block '97 & M'99

The blood, sweat and tears are all worth it when, at the end of the season, you are able to hoist up the championship shirt while taking a celebratory picture with your teammates knowing that you are the best. I am not referring to an NCAA championship in a varsity sport, I'm talking about intramurals. For many Salisbury University students over the years, intramurals have been a way to be competitive, relieve some stress and meet new people.

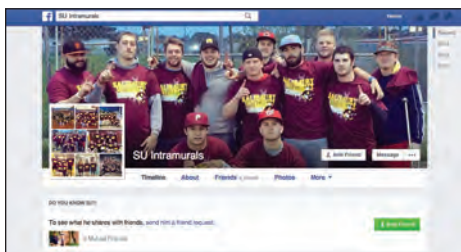
Who remembers sitting at the captain's meeting listening to the rules for the season while you were secretly eyeing up the competition or searching for an individual to fill up your roster? And, I'm sure you recall the most challenging task of all, coming up with the perfect team name. Did you want to express your creativity, intimidate your opponents or try to sneak in something inappropriate without administration noticing or catching on? Just like in years past, today's intramural warriors still have the same hurdles leading up to the opening match.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, 2,254 students participated in a wide range of activities from flag football to coed floor hockey and even a rock climbing competition in Maggs Physical Activities Center. With an activity for everyone, it is not surprising that nearly a quarter of the undergraduate student population at SU participates in intramurals at some point over the course of a year. This does not include the students, faculty and staff who run in the famous Turkey Trot. The Turkey Trot has taken place every year around the Thanksgiving holiday for 32 years. Everyone who participates in the 5K gets a t-shirt, and turkeys are still given to the top male and female in the student and staff divisions. Recently, the Turkey Trot has teamed with Toys for Tots and participants are asked to bring a toy or donate \$5 for the purchase of a toy for needy children.

Intramurals is also on social media with a Facebook page that has information for



participants as well as the coveted picture of the winning team with their championship shirt. More specifically, the page is used to promote new events, post schedule updates and provide prestige to the winning teams. In the past, paper flyers and word of mouth were the marketing strategy. Today, those strategies are aided by the use of a website, email and social media. From Polaroid pictures to Facebook, Intramurals has stood the test of time and so has its fearless leader.



Since being a graduate assistant in 1984, Wayne Gorrow '79 has been synonymous with the Intramural Program at SU. When he was named assistant director in 1986, he took over a program that was one of the most beloved at then Salisbury State College. Through the years, he has seen the program expand with an increased student body, and the competitive spirit and friendly rivalries still shine through:

We may have increased participation since I started in the late 1980s, but the same comradery and competition still remains high. I still have students tell me that they have met their best friends through our Intramural Program. It's a great feeling knowing that we are continuing to add value to the student experience.





Riding the Surf and Changing Lives

By Paige Lewis '14

While I was studying at Salisbury University for my degree in Spanish, I was lucky enough to study abroad in both Chile and Ecuador. During my time in Chile, I was introduced to Valpo Surf Project, a non-governmental organization (NGO) based out of Maine but operating on the ground in Valparaiso, Chile. I fell in love with the organization and with the country during my time there, so when I learned that I could graduate early from Salisbury in December 2014, I jumped back in with both feet.

Valpo Surf Project (VSP) is an NGO dedicated to youth mentorship. We use surfing, English instruction and environmental awareness as tools to reach out to children in unstable situations. I find that people view my job with some pretty rose-colored glasses, thinking that all we do is surf and teach a little English, but the reality is different. Our children live in areas that are damaged by the repercussions of drugs, poverty, abuse and stigma from outside communities. Many of our kids live with a view of the ocean, but they have never even swam in



it, let alone have gone surfing.

Surfing offers the opportunity to get out of their communities, if only for a few hours, and to experience a sport that would normally never be offered to them based on their economic status. It is also a few hours a week that they get to spend

with adults who are truly invested in seeing them succeed and be happy, which is something that isn't always a factor in their lives.

I became an intern at VSP for a year, starting in January 2015, and I am now working as volunteer coordinator and Environmental Programs coordinator, along with various other positions as needed. A normal day for me can consist of anything between surf sessions on the Chilean coastline or time in the office working behind the scenes. Planning lessons, talking to volunteers, finding sand crabs and making sandwiches are some of my normal tasks.

I have the unique opportunity to work in almost all aspects of an NGO, and working with our kids is one of the most rewarding experiences I've had in my life. I am fortunate to be able to spend my first few months after college working with an organization whose values I truly believe in while I take the time to decide which direction I want to go with my life.

Intern applications for the coming year can be found at valposurfproject.com!

Where FOX and Finance Meet

By Stefanie K. Gordy

Joe Dorrego '96: Senior Vice President Chief Financial Officer of FOX Television Stations, LLC; Husband; Father; and SU Graduate. Joe wears all of these titles with pride, but his most high-profile title, that of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the largest television station group in the United States, is the result of years of dedication to the entertainment giant and a deep passion for a dynamic industry.

Joe grew up in Northern New Jersey, graduating from Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights. As one of four children, Joe soon realized the financial challenges that putting four kids through college would create for his parents. With this in mind, he sought out a college that in his words, "would generate a great return on my investment." He found the right fit on the campus of what was then Salisbury State University. Over the next four years, Joe would go on to develop close relationships with several of his professors, an active campus life and eventually become an honorary founding member of Beta Alpha Psi fraternity. Upon graduation in 1996, Joe aspired to land a job at one of the then Big 6 accounting firms.

His professors challenged him to work hard and taught him to never underestimate himself or his education from SU. These lessons helped create a successful transition from student to professional as he began his accounting career at Price Waterhouse in New York City. At Price Waterhouse, and eventually PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Joe learned to do whatever he was asked to the best of his ability. It was by his diligence and strong work ethic that Joe gained the trust of his superiors and confidence in his abilities. At PwC, he would rise through the ranks eventually working audits for such high profile clients as AT&T, the NFL and the NBA with the goal of one day making partner. The Enron scandal and corresponding changing landscape of public accounting caused Joe to begin questioning his choice for a future in public accounting. Simultaneously, Joe was approached by a colleague who invited him to interview with what is now 21st Century Fox, Rupert Murdoch's media conglomerate, which is home to a global portfolio of cable and broadcasting networks and



properties, including FOX, FX, FOX Sports, Fox News, National Geographic Channels, STAR India, 28 local television stations in the U.S. and more than 300 channels that comprise Fox International Channels; film studio Twentieth Century Fox Film; and television production studios Twentieth Century Fox Television.

Joe moved to what is now 21st Century Fox in 2004 and worked in the company's SEC Reporting and Accounting Policy group. It was during these years that Joe realized he wanted to expand his role beyond accounting and into the field of corporate finance and investor relations. He began attending night classes at New York University and eventually earned an M.B.A. During the next several years, Joe worked his way through increasing levels of responsibility within Fox, including overseeing the company's Financial Planning and Analysis Group, and subsequently serving as vice president of investor relations, all culminating in his rise to his current position of senior vice president and CFO for FOX Television Stations, Inc. Stepping into this role during such an exciting and evolving time in the entertainment industry is the result of a career built upon perseverance, staying grounded and knowing that ultimately to succeed you need to prove yourself through a lot of hard work!



"Hold yourself accountable by sharing the credit for successes and accepting responsibility for mistakes."

From Farmer to Medical Researcher

By Stefanie K. Gordy

Dr. Herman Staats '88 enrolled at SU as a medical technology major in 1984. He had no previous experience in the field of medicine, but he had an interest in science and he thought that armed with a degree in the field, he would have a good shot at getting a job after college. This choice became a turning point in his young life that would ultimately lead to a Ph.D. and a coveted spot at Duke University School of Medicine.



Staats grew up in Millsboro, DE, and was the first member of his family to earn a college degree. He spent much of his time working on neighboring farms tending livestock and growing crops of soybeans and corn. He knew after his first few biology classes that he found the fields of microbiology and immunology fascinating. By junior year, Staats had decided to attend graduate school and pursue a doctorate degree in the field. By November 1993, Herman had earned a Ph.D. from the University of South Alabama and completed postdoctoral training in the area of mucosal immunology and vaccines at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He moved to Duke University and began working on a second postdoctoral fellowship in mucosally administered vaccines for HIV-1. His hard work and dedication gained him recognition from his colleagues, and in 2008, Dr. Staats was promoted to the rank of professor.

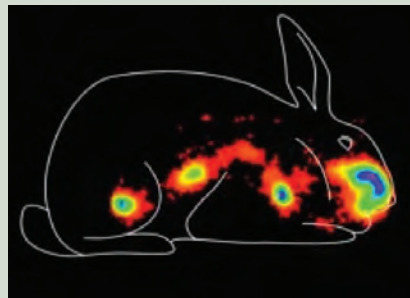
On any given day, Staats can be found in his lab performing research to develop vaccines that can be administered by nasal delivery in contrast to vaccines delivered by a needle injection. The lessons learned in SU's medical technology program (now called medical laboratory science) provided a strong foundation that he still applies today in his work at Duke. Dr. Staats' research, which is primarily supported with research grants from the National

Research interests in the Staats' lab currently include:
OPTIMIZING NASAL IMMUNIZATION FOR USE IN HUMANS

Nasal immunization studies in mice have demonstrated the ability of nasal immunization to induce protective immune responses equal to those induced by a vaccine delivered with a needle. However, when nasal immunization is performed in rabbits or non-human primates, animals with a nasal cavity structure/anatomy that closely resembles the human nasal cavity, nasal immunization is often not as effective as immunization delivered with a needle. Studies in Staats' lab have demonstrated that an increased nasal residence time in rabbits correlates with increased vaccine immunogenicity. Studies are being performed to develop vaccine delivery techniques and vaccine formulations that maximize nasal residence time and therefore, the immunogenicity of the vaccine.



Vaccine deposited in the nasal cavity



Mucosal clearance of nasal vaccine,
90 minutes post-delivery

Institutes of Health (NIH), focuses on the development and testing of vaccine adjuvants. Adjuvants are substances added to vaccines that activate the host's immune system to induce a more potent, protective

immune response. A better understanding of factors that control the induction and regulation of mucosal immune responses may aid the development of vaccines and treatments for infectious agents such as HIV and agents of bioterrorism, cancers and environmental allergies.

In addition to research, Dr. Staats mentors graduate students and teaches graduate-level courses in the Department of Pathology and the Department of Immunology. He encourages his students to follow their dreams, to set high goals and work hard to achieve them. He serves as the director of the Duke Center for AIDS Research Developmental Core. The Developmental Core provides important mentoring resources and financial support to aid the career development of postdoctoral fellows and faculty working in the fields of HIV/AIDS. Dr. Staats has 72 publications as well as numerous article and book chapters in the fields of vaccines and mucosal immunology. He is listed as the inventor on five patents and he serves on numerous grant review panels for the NIH.



Herman's work has taken him from small country town to internationally recognized lab, but he still remains true to his roots. He recently returned to his Alma Mater and spoke with SU students about his research and career path, offering insight to those considering a career in higher education. When not working, Herman and his wife Janet enjoy spending time with their animals, which include horses, dogs and cats, and working on their hobby farm.

"I was inspired by my professors at SU.

I thought they were the smartest people I ever met." – Dr. Herman Staats '88

Studying Colonial History: It's All in the Location

By Eric Nardi '12, M'15



After completing a B.A. in history at Salisbury University in fall 2012, I made the decision to return to pursue a M.A. the following year. When I enrolled in graduate school at SU, I looked forward to aspects of the university that I had come to value as an undergraduate – an excellent faculty and an individually oriented educational atmosphere. Indeed, over the ensuing two years, I grew enormously as a student due, in large part, to these two factors. But I also encountered and utilized many great opportunities at SU that were previously unknown to me.

I entered the program with the intention of concentrating my major studies around 20th-century U.S. history; however, at the end of my first year, I endeavored to change to focus on colonial America. I developed an avid interest in the history of the colonial Chesapeake Bay region. Salisbury is uniquely suited to support this area of study. Located on the lower Eastern Shore, it is within driving distance of historic St. Mary's City and the Maryland State Archives depository in Annapolis. Even more accessible was SU's Edward C. Nabb Research Center, which houses regional, colonial-era sources and staff who were invaluable to my own research. Finally, the early-Americanist historians at SU, namely, Dr. Creston Long and Dr. Céline Carayon, acted as superb guiding influences for me inside and outside of the classroom.

During the four semesters that it took me to complete my M.A., I had the fortune of participating in several of the many great professional work opportunities that SU provides for its graduate students. I worked as a graduate assistant to the exhibit

department at SU's Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art and gained experience researching and constructing exhibits, creating and maintaining archival collections, and drafting promotional articles for publication. In addition, during my time at the Ward Museum, I also had the opportunity to co-produce a 14-minute documentary film titled *Nature's Counterfeiters: Lem and Steve Ward*, which used materials from an archival collection that I created to depict the story the two famous Maryland decoy carvers and artists.

This past spring, during my final semester at SU, I had the pleasure to work as a teaching assistant under the dean of the Fulton School of the Liberal Arts, Dr. Maarten Pereboom, in his Holocaust history course. In this capacity, I gained invaluable experience grading assignments, interacting professionally with undergraduate students, facilitating discussions and taking part in the administration of a college-level history course. This experience, when coupled with that of my graduate assistantship at the Ward Museum, contributed greatly to my own development as a young professional.

The rich professional experience that I have cultivated inside and outside of the classroom while studying in the M.A. history program at SU has allowed me to craft a resume specifically oriented toward my career goals. I now intend to return to school in fall 2016 to pursue a Ph.D. in colonial American history with a specific focus on the colonial Chesapeake. I am excited to take what I have learned at SU and apply it in competitive doctoral programs as well as my future career as a historian.

All About the M.A. History

By Dr. Céline Carayon
History Department
Graduate Program Director

The History Department's M.A. program offers its students the opportunity to undertake advanced coursework in many areas of history, affording them an academically enriching experience in the heart of the Eastern Shore and only a short drive away from world-class libraries and collections in Washington, D.C., Annapolis and Baltimore. Graduate seminars on specialized topics are taught by a diverse and outstanding faculty, whose primary goal is to see that students acquire the dispositions necessary for conducting professional historical research. With its small classes, dedicated teachers-scholars and unique access to rich local, national and international archival collections, the program is able to provide individualized attention and train students for a variety of careers related to history. It furnishes an excellent foundation for those interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in history as well as for those aiming at the fields of library science, archives and record management, digital humanities, public history, archaeology, and teaching. Evening offerings give teachers and other nontraditional students an invaluable opportunity for continuing education and career development.

The diversity and quality of our faculty expertise enable us to offer areas of concentration in U.S., European and world history, and it is especially strong in the study of the Chesapeake region (colonial period to present), drawing upon the rich resources of the Lower Shore community and SU's Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture. With its emphasis on research, reading and writing, the M.A. program in history not only prepares its students to succeed in challenging academic and professional environments, but it also promises to foster in them a lifelong love of learning and appreciation for the complexity of the human condition.



OCTOBER 9-11, 2015

Homecoming 2015 is a tremendous opportunity to come back to see the updated campus, relive the old days, see old friends and make new ones. From Friday to Sunday, there are activities from collegiate sports to the arts and everything in between.

Put the social media away and meet up with friends you have only seen on Facebook for the last few years. College is the best years of your life, and it is time to return to where it all took place. All are invited, and we extend a special invitation to those alumni who graduated in a year ending with a 0 or a 5 to come back and celebrate their graduation anniversary. For the fourth year in a row, the signature event for Homecoming is the Alumni Pre-Game Barbecue. This family-friendly event is the perfect venue to meet your SU friends and to enjoy great food while having a tasty beverage. With activities from crafts to corn hole, there truly is something for everyone at this event.

For the second consecutive year, just around the corner from the Alumni Pre-Game Barbecue, Salisbury University is putting on a parade featuring student groups from across campus. Your Sea Gull pride will be overflowing after you view this great event.

As you can see from the lists of events, Homecoming and Family Weekend will be the event of the fall. Make your reservations for your favorite events and make your travel plans now, so you can join in on all the fun!

EVENTS FOR ALUMNI

Thursday: Noon: Emeriti Faculty & Retired Staff Luncheon
 Guerrieri University Center, Wicomico Room
 Reservations required through a special mailing



Friday: 10 a.m.: Golf Outing

Green Hill Golf Course • Cost: \$65 per player, \$240 per team

Pre-registration required: <http://alumni.salisbury.edu/event/HomecomingGolf>

Shotgun start, four-person Captain's Choice. Open to everyone, including beginners. Soft spikes or tennis shoes are required. Prizes awarded to closest to the pin, longest drive and best team score.

Friday: 2:30 p.m.: Resident Hall Association Annual PowderPuff Football Game

Holloway Hall Lawn

For more information, contact Diana Federici at 410-543-6040.



Friday: 6 p.m.: Athletics Hall of Fame Reception and Banquet

Guerrieri University Center, Wicomico Room

Cost: \$30, \$25 past inductee

Pre-registration required: <http://alumni.salisbury.edu/event/HOF2015>

SU adds five new members to the Athletics Hall of Fame: 2015 inductees include Jeff Bigas '05, Lindsey Elliott '04, Stacie Gado '97, Dan Meehan '03 and Melissa Webster '04.



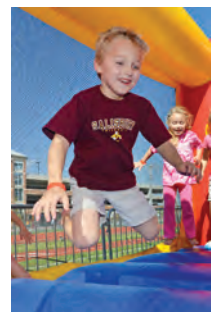
Saturday: 11 a.m.: Alumni Pre-Game Barbecue

Sea Gull Stadium • Cost: \$15 adults, \$5 children 10 & under (includes donation). Pre-registration includes football game ticket.

If registering on the day-of, cost does not include game ticket <http://alumni.salisbury.edu/event/BBQ2015>

• Day-of registration begins at 11 a.m.

Join fellow Sea Gulls at the annual Pre-Game Barbecue with all the sides and beverages. Enjoy children's games and activities.



Music provided by Beauty for Ashes. Valid ID is required for beverages.



Saturday: 4:30-6:30 p.m.: Multicultural Alumni Jazz Social

Guerrieri University Center, Gulls Nest

Mix and mingle while enjoying a cash bar, free hors d'oeuvres and jazz entertainment with Rhythm Jones.



& FAMILY WEEKEND

EVENTS FOR EVERYONE

SUPPORT THE TEAM!

- **Football vs. Rowan University (NJ)**
Sea Gull Stadium • 1 p.m. Saturday
The SU Pep Band entertains during the game.
- **Women's Volleyball vs. Mary Washington**
Maggs Gym • 1 p.m. Saturday
- **Men's Soccer vs. Penn State-Harrisburg**
SU Soccer Field • 2 p.m. Saturday



ENJOY ARTS & CULTURE

- **Sea Gull Shopping at the Bookstore**
- **Theatre: To Kill A Mockingbird**
Fulton Hall, Black Box Theatre • 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 2 p.m. Sunday
For tickets, visit www.salisbury.edu/performingarts
- **Chesapeake Wildfowl Expo**
SU's Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, 909 S. Schumaker Drive • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday
- **SU Art Galleries Exhibits:**
For times, visit www.salisbury.edu/universitygalleries

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DINING EXPERIENCES

- **A Taste of the Chesapeake**
Commons, Bistro • 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday
Check out Such Fools as they entertain diners while they enjoy Eastern Shore favorites.
- **Jazz Brunch**
Commons, Bistro • 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday

EVENTS FOR FAMILIES



Saturday: 11 a.m. Homecoming Parade

Starting on Wayne Street/
Ending on Intramural Fields
This year's parade features participants from fraternity and sorority life, athletics and recreation, and registered student organizations.

Saturday: 11:30 a.m. Block Party

Wayne Street & Intramural Fields
A block party hosted by the SGA begins immediately follows the parade. Students, alumni, families and friends are welcome.



Saturday: 6-8 p.m. Bangin' Bingo

Guerrieri University Center, Wicomico Room
Purchase your \$5 bingo card for an evening of family fun and a chance to win awesome prizes!

Find more information on Family Weekend events at:

www.salisbury.edu/parents/familyweekend

Please join us for Homecoming and Family Weekend 2015. With class reunions, an alumni barbecue, athletic events, a Block Party and performances, there's something for everyone. For a comprehensive schedule, a list of individual reunion events and registration, visit: <http://alumni.salisbury.edu>



The Time for a Library Is Now

Join the 'Academic Village'

The Guerrieri Academic Commons will be the new home for the Edward H. Nabb Center for Delmarva History and Culture, the Center for Student Achievement and Success, the Writing Center, and Instructional Design and Delivery. While the State of Maryland has generously provided the bulk of funding, there are many needs related to the new building and its programs. Numerous naming opportunities are available to honor a loved one or someone who has had a great impact on student learning. For information, please contact Jason Curtin '98, assistant vice president for development and alumni relations, at 410-543-6176 or jecurtin@salisbury.edu.

The Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons isn't scheduled to open until fall 2016, but it is already making a huge impact on the landscape of Salisbury University's campus. As anticipation and excitement grow, we take a moment to reflect on the importance of a library, both historically and in our modern, technology-enhanced culture.

When Thomas Jefferson designed the emblematic Rotunda for the University of Virginia, he envisioned it as the heart of what he called the "academic village." Inspired by the Pantheon in Rome, the Rotunda became the architectural focal point of UVA's campus and initially served as its library, with books selected by Jefferson. Its oval rooms also housed classes.

Jefferson's vision of the library as integral to a university is classic and remains true. As Scott Carlson wrote in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*:

Today's academic-library buildings, more than any other campus structures, have to be all things to all people – places where social and intellectual pursuits collide, places that serve the community and the individual simultaneously. Dig into a book. Get a latte. Collaborate on a project. Nap during a study session. College libraries are a destination for those activities and more.

Today's university library, in many ways, echoes the classical concept of the athenaeum, where scholars, leaders and students in ancient Athens and Rome gathered for purposes from the intellectual and serious to the cultural and social.

At Salisbury University, the Guerrieri Academic Commons is a contemporary version

of the ancient athenaeum. The new library will be SU's intellectual, cultural and academic center, complete with 21st century amenities: traditional stacks of books, state-of-the-art technology, historic archives about the Eastern Shore, meeting rooms, private study spaces and a cyber-café, welcoming both town and gown. Prominently located, it will be the University's visual focal point – architecturally distinctive, sustainably designed and beautifully landscaped. The Guerrieri Academic Commons will be SU's Rotunda or, as inscribed at the Royal Library of Alexandria, "the cure of the soul."

To those who ask: "In the age of the Internet, doesn't technology make libraries obsolete?," the answer is simple: Technology is a tool in education, but it is not the sum total of education.

Libraries flourish with technology. Go into even a small town library today and next to the traditional stacks of books are computers, electronic card catalogs, online databases, Wi-Fi, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, microfiche, and even (gasp) newspapers and magazines! The rise of Kindles and other electronics doesn't mean that fewer books will be published – just the opposite. Libraries are becoming more important because the tools of learning and research are becoming more complex.

The Guerrieri Academic Commons is the place for the human interaction and collaboration needed to inspire the scholarly growth of our students. A physical meeting space and the integral tools the library provides are essential for new ideas to flourish, inspiration to be born and a web of understanding to be created.

Paying It Forward Through Science and Scholarship

By Rachel Wood '71, M'84

In the early '80s, I returned to Salisbury University to earn a master's degree in science education. Although I come from the Ellis family in Delmar, a family known for being devoted educators, as a young person I had vowed not to become a teacher. It was not until I did a brief stint as a substitute teacher that I realized I was meant to follow in the teaching footsteps of my mother, sister, aunt and uncles.



The wisest professional decision I ever made was to enroll in the M.Ed. program at SU. My goal was to become a certified biology teacher, and since my area of concentration was science, I had the good fortune of having Dr. Lee Garigliano both as an instructor and as an advisor. At that time, there was no way of understanding the degree to which Dr. Garigliano would not only shape and define my approach as a teacher, but also as an educational leader. Long before it was popular, "Dr. G" impressed upon me the importance of having students "conduct real scientific investigations" in order to better understand the nature of science. Once I became a biology teacher at Delmar High School, my students spent time designing their own experiments rather than simply following a cook book approach to lab work. They developed models, tested devices, presented arguments, constructed scientific explanations and explored the outdoors all because Dr. Garigliano taught me the importance of having students "learn science by doing science." Many of these Delmar students would go on to become successful chemists, engineers, doctors and science teachers.

In 1992, I was recruited by the Delaware Department of Education to co-chair the 46-member task force charged with developing Delaware's science standards. During that process, I helped write and submit a \$6 million grant to the National Science Foundation to reform K-12 science education in Delaware's public schools. After being awarded the grant, I served as a co-principle investigator and established a centralized resource center to distribute inquiry-based science curriculum and materials to teachers across the state. I also facilitated many hours of professional development with Delaware teachers and would model the instructional approach Dr. Garigliano used when working with adult learners.

In 2004, I had an opportunity to help start a middle school in Corning, NY, the Alternative School for Math and Science, to better prepare students for high school and college. As the head of school, I encouraged students to conduct long-term inquiries (to learn science by doing science), and the last period of the day was reserved for students to investigate a problem, a technology or an issue that interested them. In 2006, a team of our girls was the national winner in the Toshiba Exploravision Competition, and the team was awarded \$40,000 for a biosensor they proposed to monitor asthma. In 2007, the school's Lego Robotics team won first place in computer programming at the national event in Atlanta; and in that same year, the school was selected as one of three Intel Schools of Distinction in science. Over 70 percent of the students who attend the school declare STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) majors in college. In 2010, I began efforts to lead professional development sessions for teachers in the Corning public schools and to establish inquiry-based science throughout the district.

Since retiring and returning to Delaware, I am working on long-term science projects with middle school girls from inner city Wilmington. Although this is some of the most challenging work I've ever done in education, it is proving to be some of the most rewarding.

My husband and I often speak of how blessed we were to attend universities that so profoundly and positively influenced our professional careers; in his case, Virginia Military Institute and Penn State, and in my case, Salisbury. Of course the key to success for any university lies in the quality of its instructors, and we recognize what a remarkable impact teachers have had on our lives. We feel a deep sense of obligation to give back to those institutions that shaped our futures and acknowledge those individuals who contributed to our success.

I considered a number of ways to recognize and thank Dr. Garigliano for his influence on my life, and I decided that nothing would please him more than to establish a scholarship in his honor at Salisbury University that would be awarded to future teachers. When I receive thank you letters from the recipients of the scholarship I am reminded of how blessed I was to have had Dr. Garigliano as a teacher and how much the scholarship means to Salisbury University students.



Dr. Lee Garigliano and his daughter, Michele M. Garigliano '83, who serves on the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors



Current biology students use state-of-the-art equipment

ALUMNI NEWS

Dear Fellow Alumni,



It has been 27 years since I walked across the stage as an undergraduate earning my Bachelor of Science from the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies. During the spring commencements, I had the privilege to

shake over 1,400 undergraduate, graduate and our first-ever doctoral students' hands as they crossed the stage into the next journey in their lives. Making me even more proud was to see one of my former fifth grade students fulfill his dream and graduate from the Perdue School of Business. How exciting it is for me to be able to welcome all the spring 2015 graduates to the Salisbury University alumni family!

With so many types of social media such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram, it is so easy for alumni to stay connected to Salisbury University. Throughout the year, the SU Alumni Association sponsors a variety of social and networking events where you can connect with other alumni in your area. Take the time to check out our website – alumni.salisbury.edu – for upcoming events.

As an alumnus, you also can receive alumni benefits with GEICO for insurance, UMB



Bank Visa Card and USI College Insurance for your coverage needs. These companies give our alumni discounts and support our programming such as our Senior Celebration that we host each spring.

As alumni, wouldn't it be great for you to nominate a faculty member who was influential in making a positive impression on you while at Salisbury University or one whose teachings have enriched your professional or personal life. Be sure to visit alumni.salisbury.edu/?FacultyNominations to nominate your favorite faculty member. The Alumni Association will honor one faculty member from each of the four schools at the December 2015 Commencement Ceremony.

In addition, I extend my congratulations to Micah Muessig, who is this year's Alumni Board of Directors Scholarship recipient.



Need a weekend away this fall? Why not come back to your Alma Mater October 9-11 to be a part of SU's Homecoming and Family Weekend events. Once again, the Alumni Association sponsor its annual Pre-Game Barbecue featuring music, food, drinks and free SU items while relaxing under a large, white tent. Don't forget to sign up and show your Sea Gull Spirit!

It has been my privilege to be able to represent you, the alumni, during my presidency. I thank each of you who have given contributions back to the University. Your gift and mine show that we are supporting SU's tradition of excellence and investing in its future. It is through our gifts to the University that we make a positive impact on future graduates and set an example for new graduates.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Phillips '88

*Cynthia (Cindy) Kratz Phillips '88, M'93
Alumni Association Board President*

SU Business Owners Unite

For years, Salisbury University has been the catalyst in providing our students the tools to be successful business owners. The SU Alumni Association now is adding to this effort by supporting and promoting our alumni-owned businesses across the United States and around the world by offering our alumni the opportunity to join our Alumni-Owned Business Program.

The mission of this program is to promote businesses owned in part or solely by SU alumni to give them a free place to market their business as well as give them the opportunity to show their Sea Gull pride. Once the application is approved, each member of the Alumni-Owned Business Program receives a window cling and a certificate of membership that they can display in their place of business.

Go online at <http://alumni.salisbury.edu/AlumniBusinesses> to update your business information as well as upload your logo, which will be displayed on our Alumni-Owned Business Program webpage. This page will be promoted throughout the year in various ways to our entire alumni base.

By giving our alumni a vehicle to promote their businesses and give discounts to fellow graduates, the SU Alumni Association is looking to improve the small business economy while promoting our esteemed alumni.



Tony Sposato '90 with Delaware Senator Tom Carper and Mark Paine

Alumni Spotlight: *Beth Cooper '88 (Accounting)*

Current Employer

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation

Current Occupation

Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Describe your career path.

My career has taken many twists and turns. When I left Salisbury University, I went to work for Arthur Young, which at the time was one of the Big 8 accounting firms. I was recruited by an SU alumnus who was a manager with Arthur Young. I accepted the position and moved to northern Virginia where I served as a staff auditor for just under two years. I was able to work on a host of different projects and also engage with companies of all sizes – from start-ups to public companies. Ultimately, I made a decision to return to the Eastern Shore (where I am from) and actually take a position with Chesapeake Utilities Corporation as a treasury analyst. I wanted to work inside a company and have an impact directly – not just providing insights/recommendations from the outside. Since then, I have advanced through over 10 different positions, to my current position as senior vice president and CFO, and I have referenced my education on so many different fronts

What's the most important thing you learned at SU?

Make the most of your education while in college because it equipped me well on so many fronts. It not only prepared me well for my career, but it equipped me in so many other areas of my life. I also utilize skills from across the full spectrum of classes that I took. While one may think they will not utilize a particular class, they may end up being very surprised. Being able to write, speak, analyze and make quick decisions are necessities in today's business world. In addition, I still pull out some of my old textbooks to reference. Education is ongoing.

Best SU memory?

There are so many wonderful memories that I have of SU. I was constantly challenged and motivated to perform at higher and higher levels. I was excited to learn about the broad range of business areas and devoured as much as I could – whether it was business law, accounting, finance, statistics, management, policy, etc. My professors were encouraging and inspiring on so many different fronts. They challenged me to always dig deeper and persevere. On the personal side, SU also brought me so much. First, I met my husband while at Salisbury. We have been married for 25 years. I also met my best girl friend while at Salisbury. We are still the best of friends today, and she and her husband are the godparents of our son. From an educational standpoint, the University prepared me to enter the workforce and compete for positions and opportunities at the same level as my peers who graduated from more well-known, larger universities. When I attended graduate school at the University of Delaware, I was surprised at how much more I was prepared in terms of the education I received from my undergraduate degree relative to other students with similar degrees also pursuing their M.B.A. I really can't think of a way or an area in which Salisbury University could have better prepared me.

Why did you choose Salisbury?

I was looking for a college environment where I would be able to interact directly with professors. I wanted to be challenged to reach my potential. I wanted a college that offered an exceptional business curriculum with a high CPA pass rate. SU provided all of these attributes.

Describe Salisbury in three words.

Inspiring. Transformational. Opportunity. SU encourages students to reach their potential; professors are inspiring. I know the education was transformational for me and I know many others where the experience was similar. I learned to believe in myself and recognize that I could do so



much more. SU provided me many opportunities to experience new things – both in the classroom and beyond. I visited the New York City financial district with the business school, was a contestant for the Bernstein Award, substituted for one of my professors when he was out – I had so many new experiences, there are just too many to name.

Greatest accomplishment?

From a career standpoint, there are so many that I have already mentioned, but the two greatest would be being the first female senior officer appointed within the company and being senior vice president and chief financial officer. In addition, securing my CPA and M.B.A. were significant accomplishments. From a personal standpoint, balancing a career and progressing through the ranks over the years while raising two kids with my husband has been a very significant accomplishment. In addition, watching my kids grow up and become such terrific individuals who teach me new things each and every day. They make me so proud.

What is something people don't know about you?

I have visited 48 states and I am 48 years old. I have a goal to see all 50 states by 50 years of age.

Alumni Gatherings

- Washington, D.C.: Washington Wizards • January 16, 2015
- Delmarva: Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay • February 7, 2015
- La Plata, MD: St. Babe's Tavern on the Green • February 20, 2015
- Delmarva: Ballroom Made Simple Dance Lessons • March 13, 2015
- Tampa: Tampa Bay Brewing Company • March 20, 2015
- Baltimore: Jailbreak Brewing Company • March 26, 2015
- Baltimore: Max's Taphouse • April 23, 2015
- Delmarva: Seacrets • May 15, 2015
- Annapolis: Chesapeake Bayhawks Game • June 6, 2015
- Baltimore: Orioles Games • June 13, 2015
- Washington, D.C.: DC Redline • June 17, 2015



Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay • Delmarva



Ballroom Made Simple Dance Lessons • Delmarva



DC Redline • Washington, D.C.



St. Babe's Tavern on the Green • La Plata, MD



Max's Taphouse • Baltimore



Chesapeake Bayhawks Game • Annapolis



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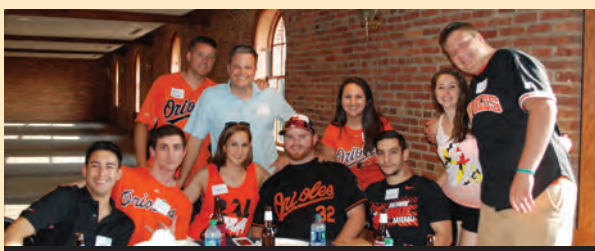
Washington Wizards • Washington, D.C.



Seacrets • Delmarva



Tampa Bay Brewing Company • Tampa



Baltimore: Orioles Games

Alumni Athletic Reunions: Gulls Fly Home



Men's Basketball Alumni Game • February 7, 2015



Women's Basketball Alumni Game • February 7, 2015



Football Bull Roast • March 7, 2015



Men's Lacrosse Golf Tournament • April 3, 2015



Baseball Alumni Event • April 4, 2015



Softball Alumni Game • April 11, 2015



Women's Lacrosse Alumni Game • April 18, 2015



Women's Rugby Alumni Event • May 2, 2015

Five New Members Slated for Induction into Athletics Hall of Fame

The Salisbury University Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed its first class of inductees in 1985. The Hall was created to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to Salisbury's athletics heritage. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor the University can bestow upon its former student-athletes, coaches and administrators.

Each year, the induction ceremony is held on the Friday night of Homecoming Weekend. This year, the ceremony is October 9 and five new members, all former student-athletes, will be recognized, bringing the total number of Hall of Fame members to 131.

In order to be eligible, a former student-athlete must have been graduated from the University for at least 10 years and must have been nominated through the online system on the Athletics website at: www.suseagulls.com



Jeff Bigas, Men's Lacrosse

Jeff Bigas, a member of the Class of 2005, helped lead a stingy defense that assisted the men's lacrosse program to three-straight national championships from 2003 through 2005. In his four years with the Sea Gulls, the program lost just six games, going undefeated in Bigas' junior and senior years.



Bigas was a team captain in those unbeaten years and named the team's Most Valuable Player in 2005. He claimed second-team All-Capital Athletic Conference honors in his freshman year and was named to the first team in his final three seasons.

He was recognized on the national level, as well, being named a first-team All-American in his final three years and claiming the honor of the National Defensive Player of the Year in 2005. He was just the sixth player in program history to earn three first-team All-American accolades.

His 315 career ground balls still rank sixth in program history and second among defensemen. During the 2003 season, the Salisbury defense was the best in the nation, surrendering just 6.05 goals per game, while Salisbury was the best team nationally from 2003 through 2005 in scoring margin per game.

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Lindsey Elliott, Field Hockey

Lindsey Elliott, a member of the Class of 2004, is one of the top offensive players in program history, still ranking in the top 10 in numerous statistical



categories 11 years after the completion of her career.

During her four years in maroon and gold, Elliott played in 81 games, dishing out 30 assists, which still stands tied for fifth in program history, while scoring 55 goals and recording 140 points.

She was a team captain in her senior season and was named to the All-Capital Athletic Conference first team in 2002 and 2003, while being named the CAC Player of the Year in 2003. She collected first-team All-American honors in her final two years, as well. She is one of just 11 players in program history to be named a first-team All-American twice in her career.

Since graduating, Elliott has remained in the sport as a coach, first with Salisbury as an assistant coach and spending the last four years as the head coach at fellow Capital Athletic Conference member the University of Mary Washington.

Stacie Gado, Field Hockey and Women's Track & Field

Stacie Gado, a member of the Class of 1997, was an All-American in two sports and nearly a national champion.

In field hockey, Gado lettered four years and was a member of a strong defense that led the Sea Gulls to a four-year record of 47-26 and three NCAA tournament

appearances. The team advanced to the second round of the tournament during Gado's sophomore season, the first of 21 consecutive seasons that the team has played in the postseason – a streak that has carried through the 2014 season.

Gado was named to the All-CAC first team during her junior and senior season; and during her senior season, in 1996, Gado was named to the All-Region first team and she earned third-team All-American honors.



In the spring, Gado was one of the top throwers in the Capital Athletic Conference, being named the league's Women's Track & Field Athlete of the Year in 1994, while earning first-team All-CAC honors in the shot put, javelin and discus. Through her career, she earned eight All-CAC selections and advanced to the NCAA championships three times in the javelin. After placing seventh, for All-American honors in 1994, Gado finished as the national runner-up in 1995, with a career-best distance of 156' 11". She closed her career with a third-place finish in 1996 for her third All-American performance.

Dan Meehan, Men's Soccer

Dan Meehan, a member of the Class of 2003, was a two-year letter winner in men's soccer, making an immediate impact and helping the team to the NCAA tournament quarterfinal round in his final year in 2003.

When Meehan joined the program in 2001, he stepped in and became an instant offensive threat, scoring 11 goals, which was second on the team, with six of them being game winners. After playing just two games and missing the remainder of the 2002 season due to injury, Meehan came back in 2003 to score nine more goals and add six assists. He closed his two-year career with 21 goals and 12 assists for 54 points, all of which still stand in the top 25 in program history.

Meehan had a knack for scoring at the right time as nine of his 21 career goals were game winners.

Meehan was named to the All-Capital Athletic Conference first team in his two

seasons, while being named the league's Player of the Year in 2003. He was twice named first-team All-Region, while being one of just 12 All-Americans in program history, earning that honor in 2003.

Melissa Webster, Field Hockey

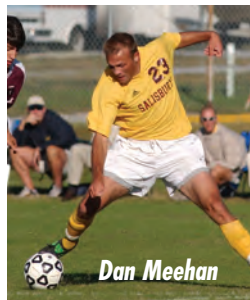
Melissa Webster, a member of the Class of 2004, was one of the key playmakers for the field hockey team in four years in maroon and gold, still standing in the top 10 in a number of statistical categories for assists.

In four seasons, Webster regularly found her teammates for strong scoring chances, dishing out 39 assists, which was second in program history at the time of her graduation and still stands third. She was consistent throughout her career, with 14 helpers in 2002, 12 in 2003 and 11 in 2004. The 14 assists remain tied for sixth in program history for a single-season mark.

She could also find the back of the cage herself, scoring 21 career goals, with 15 during her senior campaign, including three game winners.

Webster was recognized with awards throughout her career, being named the Capital Athletic Conference's Rookie of the Year in 2001 before claiming first-team All-CAC honors in 2003 and 2004. She was also named the league's Player of the Year in 2004.

She picked up first-team All-Region and All-American honors in her final two seasons, as one of just 11 players in program history to be named a first-team All-American twice.



Sea Gull Stadium: The Next Generation

In 1980, then Salisbury State College opened Sea Gull Stadium with two small team rooms built of concrete block, a press box on telephone poles and aluminum bleachers holding approximately 1,200 fans. This humble stadium was home to numerous national championship teams and nationally ranked teams, as well as countless conference championships with many dominating performances along the way.

Thirty-six years later, Salisbury University is opening a revamped, state-of-the-art stadium that will have six locker rooms, a concession stand and retail store, while having seating for nearly 5,000 fans. SU is providing \$19 million in institutional funds toward the overall construction project, but to make this a truly special facility, we need your help.

Each year, more and more colleges and universities are building new facilities and are funding athletic programs at an ever-accelerating rate. Our programs need your support to give our coaches the tools to provide the current student-athletes a first-class experience while creating an environment that will attract the best recruits from across the country. Continue SU's legacy of excellence by making a gift today.

For more information, please contact Athletic Development Officer Erin Smith at 410-677-5069 or emsmith@salisbury.edu.



First Doctoral Grads



A first in its 89-year history, SU graduated its inaugural cohort of eight doctoral students, from the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, during Spring Commencement ceremonies. Since this is the University's first chance to unveil its D.N.P. regalia, we take this opportunity to share the history and meaning of academic regalia (excerpted and adapted from the SU Commencement Program).

The traditional caps and gowns worn by students and faculty in the academic procession have been the historic costume of scholars since medieval times. Because many scholars of that period were members of monastic orders, the academic costume – regalia – resembles ecclesiastical dress.

A uniform code for academic costumes was drafted by an intercollegiate commission in 1893 and has since been adopted by the majority of colleges and universities in the United States. Each of the three academic degrees – bachelor's,

master's and doctor's – has its own distinctive gown and hood. The gown representing the bachelor's degree is distinguished by its long, pointed sleeve. The master's gown has a longer, narrow closed sleeve, extending below the knee; the arm is passed through a slit at the elbow.

In contrast, the doctor's gown has a full, bell-shaped sleeve with three bars of velvet. The opening of this gown is faced with wide velvet bands. The most colorful and distinctive item of the academic costume is the hood, which passes around the neck and extends down the back. The colors of the silk lining exposed in the center of the hood are those of the college or university that conferred the degree – maroon and gold, in SU's case. The colors of the binding or edging of the hood indicate the subject to which the degree pertains – for example, apricot for the Doctor of Nursing Practice.



Pictured above, the inaugural cohort of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program pose at commencement with President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and the dedicated faculty and administrators whose support made the program a reality. To commemorate this first doctoral class, President Dudley-Eshbach commissioned a one-of-a-kind medallion (left) for the graduates.



CLASSNOTES

Information received prior to June 26, 2015
M = Master's Degree

1970s

Lanae A. Shaw '71 has been with Adams Bank & Trust since 2011, most recently serving as the retail services assistant.

Ronald Laws '75 joined County Bank as chief financial officer. Laws' extensive banking experience encompasses 30 years in financial management. Most recently, he served as the CFO at Community Bank Delaware.

Victoria Jackson-Stanley '75 was presented with 2015 William Donald Schaefer Helping People award for Dorchester County, MD. Cambridge Mayor Jackson-Stanley is the first woman and first African-American elected to lead the city. Comptroller Peter Franchot who honored the mayor with the award said, "She is a catalyst for getting things done, employs communications, collaborations and cooperation."

Judy (Harris) Davis '77 is a retired teacher who currently substitutes at Worcester County schools.

1980s

Paul Richard Hughes '83 is part of a new radio show *Tell Me Something Good* along with Veronica Brandon Miller. The show, which airs on Sundays on WSRQ (98.9FM, 106.9FM and 1220AM) at 11 a.m., focuses on the good that is happening in the Sarasota-Manatee, FL, community.

Brian McGuire '85 volunteers for the NFL Scouting Combine once a year for the past seven years. McGuire helps more than 300 NFL draft prospects stretch out before their 40-yard dashes, shuttle runs, vertical leap tests and broad jump tests. He also helps them deal with any injuries that might arise.



Bringing various backgrounds and expertise to the unit are (from left) Lana Nelson Condon '87, Jennifer Foehrkolb Halstead '00, Elizabeth Miller Lissimore '06, Jennifer Harkins Thomas '02, Tracy Bokinsky Tracy '85 and Kelly Greto Neville '05

Tracy (Bokinsky) Tracy '85 (above) and several other SU alumnae provide exceptional care for child-bearing families at University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air.

Sally (Cliff) Wolfe '85 is a media specialist at Sunderland (MD) Elementary School, and she was named *The Washington Post's* 2014 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher for Calvert County.

Ron McGann '88 was promoted to vice chairman of J.P. Morgan U.S. Private Bank.



Matthew Masucci '89

Matthew Masucci '89 (above) was named as the chair of the Department of Kinesiology at San Jose (CA) State University. In addition, Masucci was promoted to professor.

Carlos Mir '89 is the new operations manager of the Apple Discount Drugs in Berlin, MD. Mir is responsible for managing day-to-day operations and assists in a marketing capacity with the company's website, email blasts and promotions.

1990s



Neil Beahan '90 (right) with Delaware Governor Jack Markell

Neil Beahan '90 (above) of the Southern Delaware School of the Arts was named Delaware's 2014 Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Delaware Association of School Administrators and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Beahan has been an employee of the Indian River School District for 33 years, serving as a teacher for 26 years and an administrator for seven years.

Andrew Sachs '90, M'92 is Salisbury University's new head coach of men's basketball. He joins the Sea Gulls following a 24-year collegiate coaching career, most recently spending six years as head coach at Bethany College in West Virginia, where he led the Bison to a 117-49 record and two NCAA tournament berths.

Dawn (Sheetz) Lister '92 was named All-Met Girls Soccer Coach of the Year by *The Washington Post* for the 2014 fall season.

Bruce Lesh '92 is the K-12 coordinator of social studies for the State of Maryland and works at the Maryland State Department of Education where he oversees curriculum, instruction and assessment as it pertains to social studies. He left Baltimore County Public Schools after teaching in the classroom for 22 years.

Nick Nichols '92 became the tribal and environmental justice coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management at Environmental Protection Agency.

Theresa Bosworth '93 retired after 18 years of teaching first grade in the Anne Arundel (MD) County Public Schools to move to the Atlanta area to be closer to her son and father. Bosworth now assists kindergarten teachers.

Ann (Tirocchi) Byrd '93 is the recipient of the Council of Administrative Educational and Supervisory Organization of Maryland (CEASOM) Edna Mae Merson Leadership Scholarship. She accepted her award at the CEASOM conference in April. She works as an ELA Specialist for Carroll County Public Schools. She is attending McDaniel College, where she will complete her certification in educational leadership.

Jason Rennie '94, vice president of sales for First Advantage, is a 17-year solutions consultant, with the last five years focused on the pre-employment screening. He helps clients develop background check strategies to manage their talent acquisition risks. Rennie was part of First Advantage's Webinar Series on Pre-Employment Best Practices.

Laura Becker '95 was a finalist for the Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year for 2015.

Jennifer Dolph '95, '05 and **John W. Reichenberg '97** attended Space Camp® at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, NASA's official Visitor Information Center for Marshall Space Flight Center. The educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), while training students and adults with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and decision-making.

Mike McClure '95 was promoted as a publisher for Morning Star Publications, which publishes the *Salisbury Star*, *Seaford Star*, *Laurel Star* and *Business Report*. McClure previously served as managing editor and has worked for the company for 13 years.

W.E. "Ted" Shockley III '95 began his new role as executive editor at The Gannett Co., Delmarva Media Group, working with journalists in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. He is making this transition after a decade of being the editor of the *Eastern Shore News* and *Chincoteague Beacon*.

Jennifer Hope Wills '95

(above) came back to the Eastern Shore to perform with the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at Salisbury University. Her greatest role has been that of Christine in Broadway's longest-running musical *The Phantom of the Opera*. Other Broadway credits include her critically acclaimed portrayal of Eileen in the revival of *Wonderful Town* – opposite Brooke Shields, *The Woman in White* and *Beauty and the Beast*.

Timothy Cureton '96, M'98 is the owner of Rise Up Coffee, which is expanding to a second Salisbury location.

John DeRichie '97

was promoted to associate at SOSH Architects, where he began in 2000 as an intern architect and has since become a leader in the firm's architectural design team. Formerly holding the title of project architect, John has more than 15 years of experience and has actively participated in

the conceptual development of more than a billion square feet of space while working at SOSH.



John DeRichie '97



Jennifer Hope Wills '95

Kristine George '97 was appointed the new executive director of Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers. George has more than 15 years as a communications and marketing professional.

Lori (deStwolinski) Graf '98 was appointed the chief executive officer of the Maryland Building Industry Association. Graf runs the 1,300-member trade association located in Fulton, MD. She assumes responsibility for the alignment and prioritization of staff as well as fiscal management and strategic planning for the association.

Wendy Hildebrand '98 was hired by Ruppert Landscape as the IT application development manager at its corporate headquarters in Laytonsville, MD.

Jeffrey Alan Powell '99 is the owner of 2 J's BBQ & Seafood in Salisbury.

2000s

Kristen (McFadden) Penczek '00 joined Maryland Public Television's management team as a managing director for special events and community engagement. Penczek was a former Baltimore-area conference director and events manager.

Stephanie (Behles) Blades '01 joined University of Maryland Shore Regional Health's Center for Integrative Medicine in Easton, MD. Blades is a licensed massage therapist and has been a nurse for 16 years and a massage therapist for two years.

Jamie Dykes '01 worked for nearly nine years with the Wicomico (MD) County State's Attorney's Office. The former prosecutor is now a senior associate at Long, Badger and Sheller, LLP in Salisbury.

Carrie (Wright) Holt '01 was promoted to branch chief for the Litigation Support Group at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Kelly A. Powers '01 was elected one of the 10 new principals of Miles & Strockbridge P.C. law firm. Powers is located in the Baltimore and D.C. offices and represents parents and children in state, interstate and international family and child law matters. She is president of the Women's Law Center of Maryland.

Shelley Wetzel M'01 created a device called the jang" go that makes it easier to use and read a tablet, Nook or Samsung products. Wetzel was also the owner of a marketing agency. She is the founder of the eduWEB conference that draws people from higher education. She is also a member of the American Marketing Association.

Jonathan Wienecke '01 joined Planning Solutions Group, LLC as a financial planner. Wienecke also successfully completed the comprehensive examination to obtain the Certified Financial Planner industry designation.

Marci LePore D'Alessio '03 was promoted to marketing director at Avemco Insurance Company in Frederick, MD. She has more than 10 years of experience in advertising and marketing.

Theresa Driscoll '03, M'09 was recognized by the Dundalk (MD) Chamber of Commerce as its Middle School Outstanding Teacher for 2015. Driscoll has been a teacher at Sparrow Point for the past three years and has been teaching for 12 years.

Jason Ewing '03, '05 was named to the Capital Athletic Conference Silver Anniversary Team. Ewing is the North Dorchester (MD) High School varsity baseball coach.

Rosalea Knight '05 opened Elite Care Physical Therapy in September 2014. Knight also graduated in 2010 from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore with a D.P.T.

Jill (Hudak) Eddy '05, Chris Herian '04, Jen Krawczak '05 and Jacob Eddy '05 (below) got together at Easter and made use of their Alumni Party Pack.



Jill (Hudak) Eddy '05, Chris Herian '04, Jen Krawczak '05 and Jacob Eddy '05

David Marchetti '05, associate clinical professor of the athletic training program at Kings College, earned a selection to serve as a sports medicine volunteer with the U.S. Olympic Training Committee. He works with the full-time medical staff and treats Team USA athletes for orthopedic and general health care issues.

Lacey Lister '06 was named to the Capital Athletic Conference's Silver Anniversary Softball Team, honoring the 25 top softball student-athletes in the conference's 25-year history.

Anthony Russo '06 published his first book in November, *Eastern Shore Beer: The Heady History of Chesapeake Brewing*. Russo wrote several essays on colonial beer. After graduating from SU, he did freelancing for Delaware newspapers before working as a staff writer for the *Bayside Gazette* in 2004.

C. Daniel Parson M'07 presented "An Oral History of the African American Richard Allen School in Georgetown, Delaware" at the Lewes Historical Society Lunch and Learn. Parsons is the historic preservation planner and records manager for Sussex County.

Anisa (Gharbi) Diab '08 joined the board of directors for the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, Inc. JKMF is a non-profit corporation that exists to end the tragedy of youth suicide and its consequences, to provide a place of healing and compassion for survivors of suicide loss, and to provide financial aid to graduates of Snow Hill (MD) High School who have demonstrated a strong commitment to making the world a better place.

Douglas J. Vile '08 (right) earned a Ph.D. in medical physics from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is a resident medical physicist in the VCU Department of Radiation Oncology.

Leonardo Cabrera '09, M'12 and business partner Stephanie Bright run Modern Mixture Too, a popular destination in Milton, DE. The eatery is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu promises to keep everybody happy with everything from vegan tamales to fried mac and cheese.



Douglas J. Vile '08

Angela Glorioso '09 joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Homesale as member of the Balcerzak Group. She specializes in residential sales throughout Baltimore, MD.

David Larmore '09 joined the United States Army in fall 2010. Larmore was on active duty and spent time in Fort Jackson, Fort Irwin and Joint Base Lewis-McChord. He transitioned into WA State service in fall 2014. Larmore is now a human resources consultant for the Department of Social and Health Services.

2010s

Carlene Campbell '10 joined Wor-Wic (MD) Community College as an assistant professor of nursing. Campbell has more than 20 years of nursing and health care-related administrative experience and eight years of teaching experience.

Ashley Crawford '10 (right) joined the 2015 Baltimore Ravens Cheerleading Squad.

Alyana Gomez '10 is the winner of the 38th Annual Suncoast Emmy Awards for 2014. Gomez was part of the evening newscast for *Action News at 11* in Jacksonville, FL.

Michelle Muir '10 joined the practice of Michael S. Dunham & Co., PA as tax manager. Muir has more than 15 years of experience in all aspects of 1040 tax preparation.

Jeff Hale M'12 is 2015 Somerset County (MD) Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Emily (Chismire) Maddox M'12 is Dorchester County (MD) Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016. Maddox is a special education teacher at Sandy Hill Elementary School.

Kayla Smith '12 joined Coldwell Banker as their new marketing assistant in Easton, MD. Smith is in charge of implementing and training on digital marketing through email campaigns, social media platforms and content creation.

Emily Frank '13 choreographed the Severna Park (MD) Middle School musical *The Little Mermaid Jr.* for the local community. Supported by the Spartan Lyrical Society, more than 75 students participated as the cast and crew.

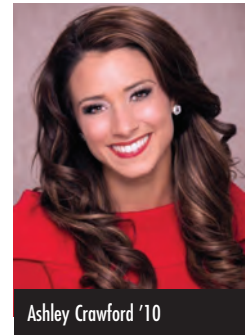
Eric S. Russell '13 graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, TX. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Hannah Carroll '14 joined *The Daily Times* in its Bethany Beach, DE, office.

Courtney Clopper '14 is a corporate recruiter for Choptank Transport, a nationwide transportation and logistics provider.

Krystal Donaldson '14 received the Student National Dental Association Freeman-King Scholarship. The annual award honors a first-year dental student who exhibits leadership and expresses interest in practicing dentistry in historically underserved communities.

Nicholas Ross Simpson '14 is the co-founder of the Thor Electric Longboard, an electronic board that is greater in length and width than a skateboard, and has more stability, traction and durability due to its larger wheel size and lower wheel hardness. The new product won second prize and \$12,000 at the TCNJ Mayo Business Plan Competition.



Ashley Crawford '10



Van Arnam '91 Wedding



Shriner '07 - Olewine '10 Wedding



Schimkaitis '98 - Cozart Wedding



Webster '09 - DeFranco '09 Wedding: Pictured are Joey Bell, Sarah (Rizzutti) Bell, Justin Hamilton, Courtney (Anderdron) Mumej, Megan Lawn, Theresa (Piccione) Strong, Kori (Parker) Yekstat, Luke Woods, Katie Parker, Tim Temby, Brian Forrester, Nicole (Sunderlin) Forrester, Nick Strong, Brandon Hubbard, Nick Kiss, Josh Stallknecht, Justin Pirotte, Mary Beth (Mitrani) Laub, Bryan Yekstat, Derek Lynch, Meghan Yingling, Brett Dickinson and Keith Luber



Morgan '02 - Johnson '07 Wedding

Marriages

- Timothy Ragan '78 & John Randall Haney '80
- John Van Arnam '91 & Barbie Lewis (above)
- Heather Schimkaitis '98 & Jared Cozart (above)
- Erin Baldwin '02 & Anthony DiLeva
- Matthew Morgan '02 & Sarah Johnson '07 (left)
- Benjamin Shriner '07 & Allyson Olewine '10 (above)
- James Hagan '08 & Kimberly Bowen '10
- David Webster '09 & Francesca DeFranco '09 (above)
- Sean Turner '10 & Jasmin Wilcox '10 (left)
- Rhett Burden '13 & Terri Lomax '14 (below)



Turner '10 - Wilcox '10 Wedding



Burden '13 - Lomax '14 Wedding



Happy Anniversary!

Dr. Norman Crawford, SU president emeritus (1970-1980), and his wife Garnette celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The two first met in Newport, RI, where she worked for the Newport Housing Authority and he was an instructor at the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School. They were married June 25, 1955. They have two daughters, Sally Crawford of West Ocean City, MD, and Ellen Price of Charlotte, NC.



Archambault '96 Baby



Lowe '97 & '99 Baby



Schultheis '00 Baby



Florkowski '02 Baby

Births

Karen Archambault '96 & Brendan Galiano – Daughter: Katherine Elizabeth (*above*)

Yancy Lowe '97 & Kenna (Brigham) Lowe '99 – Daughter: Addison Elyse (*above*)

Robert Thomas Schultheis '00 & Shannon Schultheis – Daughter: Savannah Reese (*above*)

Greg Florkowski '02 & Melissa (Ambrose) Florkowski '02 – Daughter: Autumn Rose (*left*)

Christine Smith M'02 – Daughter: Caroline Hope (*right*)

Amanda Messatzzia '04, M'11 & Ryan Messatzzia – Madeline Paige (*below*)

Eric Siegel '05 & Jessica Siegel – Twins: Mckinley Gwen and Cannon Ivan (*below*)

Ashley (Nock) Thornes '07 & Paul Thornes – Daughter: Scarlett Madison (*below*)



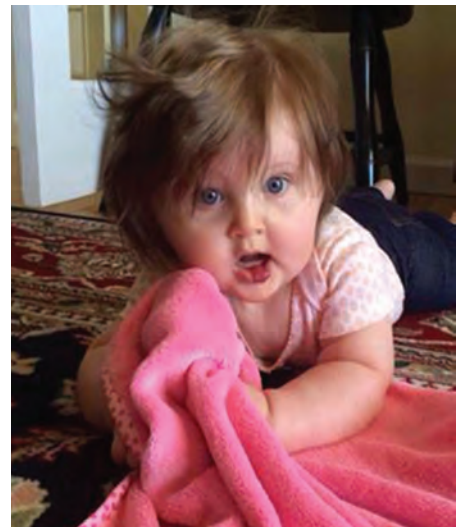
Smith M'02 Baby



Messatzzia '04, M'11 Baby



Siegel '05 Babies



Thornes '07 Baby

Deaths

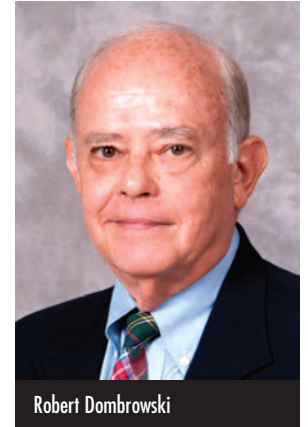
- Madge A. Thomas '28** – February 24, 2015
- Kathleen (Smithson) Pusey '44** – January 13, 2015
- Norma (Mills) Penuel '45** – April 13, 2015
- Marita (Willard) Watts '46** – November 19, 2014
- Patricia J. Fox '51** – February 24, 2015
- Phillip W. Slacum '57** – April 23, 2015
- Jean (Pusey) Jones '59** – May 19, 2015
- Rose (Lewis) Brous '60** – March 17, 2015
- Phyllis E. Truitt M'73** – March 23, 2015
- John F. Mitchell '74** – July 13, 2014
- Mary (Rowbottom) Baker '75, M'80** – February 7, 2015
- Susan Byrd Pusey '81** – July 19, 2015
- Mary Alice Brittingham '78** – February 15, 2015
- Michael R. Simon '78** – March 14, 2015
- Naaman L. Myers III '84** – April 22, 2015
- Susan Womack '87** – March 21, 2015
- Sally Russum '90** – December 8, 2014
- Lesli Elisabeth Friend '91** – July 13, 2015
- William J. Owen '92** – January 28, 2015
- Debra (Bradshaw) Chambers M'98** – June 9, 2015
- Douglas Romano M'01** – April 13, 2015
- Matthew Del Grosso '12** – May 21, 2015



Homer W. Austin



Anthony R. Curtis



Robert Dombrowski



Lesli Elisabeth Friend '91



George W. "Buzz" Gering Jr.



Philip E. Luft

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 Ferrera '98 have purchased several bricks: "we buy a brick each year to commemorate our wedding anniversary."



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

Faculty, Staff & Friends Deaths

Homer W. Austin (above) passed away on March 6, 2015. Austin was a professor who taught mathematics at the college level for over 45 years. He received his undergraduate degree from James Madison University, his master's from the University of Wyoming and his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He was employed by Salisbury University from 1983 until the time of his death.

Anthony R. Curtis (above) passed away on January 23, 2015. Curtis began his teaching career in 1967. He taught communication arts at Salisbury University, among other colleges and universities. He was interested in digital media, particularly the online environment Second Life, where he interacted with students from around the world.

Robert Francis Dombrowski (above) passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2015. After retiring in 1989 from the U.S. Air Force as a Colonel, he and his family travelled much of the world and shared many rich and rewarding experiences. Dombrowski then embarked on a second career as a member of the accounting faculty at the Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University. He was a valued faculty member who produced numerous scholarly articles. Over the course of a 24-year career, he served as department chair, was faculty advisor to Beta Alpha Psi, led the school's Study Abroad Program and created a unique Audit Internship course for his students. In 2008, he was awarded the University of Maryland Board of Regents Award for Excellence in Mentoring. Dombrowski was particularly adept at challenging his students to reach their full potential.

Lesli Elisabeth Friend '91 (above) passed away on July 13, 2015. Friend was a longtime supporter of SU through her work on the SU Alumni Board of Directors, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and her work with Multicultural Student Services. She was an active member of a number of clubs and organizations, including the Black Student Union, NAACP, and the African Historical and Philosophical Society. She was instrumental as an undergraduate in planning the Alumni Weekend and Student Leadership Day at Salisbury University. Lesli was very involved in encouraging alumni to give back to the University and to support Homecoming activities. She was the keynote speaker for the Multicultural Student Services Senior Banquet in 2013 and keynoter for the Alumni Luncheon for Powerful Connections. Lesli had an enthusiasm for education and for SU that permeated everything that she did. She will be missed by her alumni peers and the SU community.

George W. "Buzz" Gering Jr. '78 (above) passed away on April 21, 2015. After retiring in 1975 from the U.S. Air Force as a Colonel, he began a long teaching career at Salisbury University. He was a lecturer in the History Department since 1978, serving in a full-time capacity for 32 years.

Philip E. Luft (above) passed on February 21, 2015. He was a member of the Salisbury University Department of Mathematics and Computer Science from 1982-2008.

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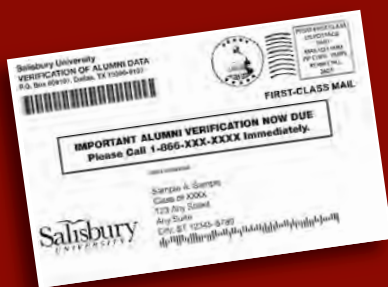
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