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## Letter from the President

Here at Salisbury University, 2016-17 was another banner academic year. As I begin my 13th year here, I am more convinced than ever that Salisbury University has risen to the ranks of the very best institutions of higher learning in our nation. We have students, faculty and staff who continue to earn national and international recognition; and we have alumni and friends like you, who continue to invest in the University with your time, talents and financial support. We could not be more grateful.

For some two decades, SU has been one of the best colleges in the country, according to *The Princeton Review* and *U.S. News & World Report*. We also are a "best value" in publications including *Money*, *Forbes* and *Washington Monthly*. Three students recently earned prestigious Fulbright Awards to conduct neuroscience research in Sweden and teach English in Mongolia and Thailand. Our professors also continue to shine with two earning the University System of Maryland's highest faculty accolade: the 2017 Regents' Award for Excellence. Dr. Stephen Habay of the Chemistry Department was honored for teaching; Dr. Michèle Schlehofer of the Psychology Department was lauded for public service. SU students benefit from a committed faculty who are dedicated to providing excellent opportunities for exploration in the classroom, the lab, the surrounding community and around the world.

We also continue to see many physical changes on campus, providing students, student-athletes and coaches the excellent facilities they deserve. Last fall, we opened the \$117 million Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons, made possible by a generous \$8 million gift from the Guerrieri Family Foundation in honor of alumna Patti Lou Guerrieri. Architects have said that the new building is at the leading edge of a national resurgence in academic libraries. I can attest that for students and faculty alike it certainly has become a favorite campus "hang out." Last fall, we also cut the ribbon on a turf field and video scoreboard at the new Sea Gull Stadium. In February, we played our first home game at a hugely improved Softball Stadium. With more athletics complex upgrades on the horizon, SU will boast some of the best outdoor facilities in all of Division III.

Last spring, I announced a \$5.5 million gift from Dave and Patsy Rommel to support SU's new Center for Entrepreneurship in downtown Salisbury and other activities of the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business. This special investment supports the economic development efforts of SU and the surrounding community by providing a place for new business ideas and collaboration to grow.

The SU Foundation, Inc. also is thinking about the future with the recent purchase of some 8.5 acres of land south of main campus on Route 13. The location gives the University flexibility in the short and long term for growth and expansion. It also bolsters our campus footprint to its largest size to date, just over 200 acres. The University also purchased the former Tri-State Engineering building on Milford Street as a new home for our growing three-dimensional arts programs, including glass blowing, sculpture and ceramics. With its 12,000-square-foot shop, nearly 3,000-square-foot office building and 1.18 acres of land bordering campus, this acquisition will more than double the space currently available at Fulton Hall.

I encourage you to come back to see the many changes on campus and also to reconnect with faculty, staff and fellow alumni who made a difference in your life during your time at Salisbury University. Thank you for your continued support of Salisbury University and I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.



Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Ph.D.  
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# Kristen Visbal: Sculpting a Life in Art

By Richard Culver '70

Kristen Visbal '95, creator of the "Fearless Girl" sculpture, ushers me into her studio shortly after the *Delaware News Journal* photographer leaves. She has seven interviews throughout the day, from the BBC to *SUMagazine*. (That's me.)

The old house with brownish taupe siding and red trim, situated in the center of a Lewes, DE, vineyard, is inviting. She somehow has managed to dress the shady yard with coleus, begonias and other flowers before the onslaught of reporters. For weeks, she has been inundated with calls, emails and letters, following the sudden celebrity and controversy over her latest work.

We settle into a narrow, welcoming office fronting her studio. She listens politely to my questions, and as her enthusiasm grows, her voice resonates with passion. Direct, honest and determined, she has needed to be. As Sondheim wrote, "Art isn't easy ...."

"When my Mom died, which was just a few years ago," Visbal said, "I started reading a lot of the works of Elizabeth Kubler-Ross." The final statement of one of her books hangs on the studio refrigerator. "As she says, it is very important that you do only what you love to do. You may be poor, you may go hungry, you may live in a shabby place, but you will totally live."

"I am an artist through and through," Visbal continued. "And I can't tell you that I always love it. It's a hard life. It's a million hours. I've given up a lot of fun times and celebrations because I'm trying to make some deadline. I live the majority of my life

in these four walls. And it's a lot of labor."

For 19 years, Visbal has been building a reputation as a public artist with an impressive portfolio of large outdoor sculptures. Salisbury University was where she discovered her medium. A non-traditional student, she had studied at the universities of Arizona and Maryland College Park. She worked for a few years in metropolitan Washington, D.C., for Omni Hotels. She enjoyed a successful career and life, but something was missing. Her parents had built a summer home in South Bethany and had been coming to the Shore from the time she was 11. "I always felt very peaceful here," she said. "I remember taking a vacation in February. I was walking on the beach, and it was just stormy and beautiful. And I thought ... I want to live here." She quit the city and made the move. At age 30, she started art classes at nearby SU to finish her degree (*summa cum laude*).

Marie Cavallaro was chair of the Art Department and taught Visbal ceramics. Cavallaro remembers her now famous student as a self-starter with focus and passion. "Marie was great," Visbal said, "because she let me do my own thing." Lucy Rabine, a young artist and adjunct faculty, had even more impact. A photograph of an early abstract work from a Rabine three-dimensional arts class still hangs in Visbal's studio. Rabine introduced her to Turner Sculpture in Onley, VA, where she did a brief internship after graduation. Turner's staff pointed her to the prestigious Johnson Atelier in Mercerville, NJ, which



offered internationally competitive apprenticeships. There wasn't a lot of money, but she survived and learned about lost wax bronze casting during three years there. She also sold her first piece, "Girl Chasing Butterflies," to Merrill Lynch. Afterward, she set up studio in Lewes.

Visbal's ongoing love of water shows in her work. She has water-themed sculptures in Myrtle Beach, SC, and at beaches in Florida. Another, of Olympic runner Bob Hayes, led to one of her largest commissions, "The Cradle of Coaches," at Miami University, OH, featuring 10 larger than life-sized figures. "I like to take motion and push it beyond the boundaries of reality," Visbal said. Her first statue of Alexander Hamilton, for Hamilton, OH, has a billowing cape framing him. Wind almost seems to be part of the sculpture. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy has commissioned her to do a second Hamilton.

"Fearless Girl" came when State Street Global Advisors, an asset management company, wanted to highlight the need for



Photo: Jason Minto/The News Journal



more women in corporate leadership. Their idea of a girl, fists on hips, positioned in front of the famed "Charging Bull" sculpture near Wall Street, has been hailed as a stroke of advertising genius. But success wasn't guaranteed. They were on a tight deadline and needed an artist who also could model children. Several of Visbal's bronzes feature children and Johnson Atelier, now Digital Atelier, recommended her.

Surprisingly, one of the world's most popular statues was created in a few weeks. "They called me on November 30 (2016)," she said. "I did 11 mock-ups or sketches, and three of those showed the girl at different sizes in front of 'Charging Bull.' And I did five different hairstyles." Visbal also worked with two different girls as models, the daughter of a friend in Wilmington and a "beautiful Latina girl" who lived nearby. December was devoted to sketching. The clay model was sculpted in three weeks – she finished it on January 21, the day of the Women's March in Washington. On January 30, the mold and wax cast was ready for her to check. "I was up all night long working on it, and it was delivered to the Baltimore foundry (New Arts) the next night." After it was cast in bronze, she did the metal check on February 28, and it was installed – capturing international headlines – on March 6.

The roster of technical details – from digital milling to sculpting with pipe insulation foam, revising and refining, calculating the color tones in bronze alloys, and finishing with a patineur – sounds exhausting. At this stage in her career, however, they are simply maker process.

"I haven't gotten as much done since Mom died," said Visbal, reflecting on other recent works. Her father, "an amazing diplomat," and her mother had four children. He died when she was planning her move to the Shore. "My mother was a really great artist," Visbal said. "She actually won a Fulbright to study 17th-century Dutch art history in Holland ... and spent a summer in Paris (before her marriage)." As a painter, "She flip-flopped between realism and the abstract," Visbal added.

And this is something her daughter wants to do: "I'm looking to break out of the box."

If, following her mother's death, Visbal found solace in Kubler-Ross, she also found hope, unexpectedly, in "Fearless Girl."



"When I go up to New York City, there's always a bunch of little girls around getting in the power pose or looping their arm into (hers) ... and it's so great. It's setting the example of power and strength for them. After all, they are our future."

In February, a particularly exhausting time, Visbal asked herself, "Is it really worth it? But it goes back to Kubler-Ross. I don't think I could do anything else."

"You don't go into art to make money or to have a balanced life. ... I go out and

have a good time with my friends and blow off steam every now and then, but ... You cannot create without being alone, I don't think."

She momentarily smiles to herself and her voice softens. "There have been a lot of people in my life who have helped me, and I'm grateful for them. I think my career is working exactly as it was intended. When I became a sculptor, everything just lined up the way it was supposed to, and I knew I was doing the right thing."



# SU Medical Simulation: Exceptional Education for Students and the Community

By Katie M. Curtin



When Salisbury University's Richard A. Henson Medical Simulation Center opened in 2011, it had one robotic child patient, "Chuckie." An early-generation, high-fidelity manikin, he wasn't very life-like and lacked some functionality.

"But, in a very short time, our simulator family grew," said Dr. Lisa Seldomridge, director of Graduate and Second Degree Nursing programs. "Now we have a brand-new child manikin, a high-end adult manikin, a birthing manikin and two newborn manikins! All are wireless and tetherless, and much easier to use."

The Sim Center also expanded its physical space by more than a third with a recent renovation. SU now has some 7,500 square feet to provide high-quality clinical simulation and training for students across health care fields, as well as community professionals.

"Our new addition includes a high-tech debriefing space and classroom, which allows us to bring in more students to watch their peers engage in simulations and more external groups," Seldomridge said.

The Sim Center is designed to be a "safe space" for students to practice, make mistakes and master new skills as they learn how to think like health professionals, including nurses and respiratory therapists. "The equipment and supplies that we have to replicate the clinical environment are extraordinary," Seldomridge added.

Dr. Robert Joyner, Respiratory Therapy Program director and associate dean of the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology, said interprofessional learning opportunities are another unique feature that have expanded.

"Students from different professions are able to interact side-by-side and on teams because that is how they are going to practice in the real world," he said.

The center is used for research by SU applied health physiology graduate students and faculty. It also has been used by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore's Doctor of Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant programs, as well as SU mathematics students modeling respiratory mechanics.

Community groups that have trained there include Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) pediatric hospitalists, area school nurses, the Wicomico County Health Department's Drug Action Response Team and the Eastern Shore Collaborative for Interprofessional Education of Health Care Professionals. Other users include Bay Shore Services, Worcester Technical High School, Leadership Maryland, the SU Women's Circle, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, Eastern Shore legislators and Delaware Technical Community College's Upward Bound program.

In addition, the Sim Center houses SU's Eastern Shore Faculty Academy and Mentoring Initiative (ES-FAMI), a grant-funded educational program for clinical nurses who want to teach at Salisbury or regional community colleges.

"Being able to film scenarios and debrief on interactions with student actors helps them develop as instructors," said Director Bradley Hauck. New built-in video conferencing technology also better links ES-FAMI to regional partners, including Chesapeake College and Shore Regional Health System.

Simulation Coordinator Deanna Schloemer described how SU students use four specialized labs for neonatal, pediatric and adult care, and labor and delivery. They make real-time decisions about injuries, diseases and births. A mental health wing features "standardized patients" or trained actors who also have roles in some manikin simulations. Everything is video recorded for later review with professors.

"Students feel much better prepared for clinical settings," Seldomridge said. "There's a lot of personal attention, feedback and coaching from faculty."

Senior Tressie Windsor used the Sim Center three times just in her first semester in nursing. "You check vitals and give meds, and assess a patient that talks to you," she said.

Alumnus Jeff Geary '17, now employed as a respiratory therapist at PRMC, added: "Not everything you are expected to do as a clinical practitioner can be learned through a textbook. It takes hands-on experience. Doing it on a manikin makes it easier. It's not just knowledge, it's something you can actually perform."

Located near campus at 106 Pine Bluff Road, the Sim Center and its offerings have been supported by over \$3.7 million in grants from the Maryland Hospital Association and the Maryland Higher Education Commission NSP-2 program; a \$1 million gift from the Richard A. Henson Foundation, Inc.; and funding and space provided by the SU Foundation, Inc. and Henson School. Delmarva Veteran Builders led the expansion. For more information visit, [www.salisbury.edu/henson/simcenter](http://www.salisbury.edu/henson/simcenter).





## SweetWater – SweetLife: A Brewery and Marriage Decades in the Making

Jayme E. Block '97, M'99

Nick Nock's '93 Salisbury story started out like many others who came to (then) Salisbury State College in the fall of 1986.

The short commute from Washington, D.C., made it easy to return home when needed. Nick assimilated into the Salisbury and the Ocean City beach community, meeting many great people along the way. One person of interest was Mary Jane (MJ) Steffens, an SU friend who would pop in and out of his life as the years past.

In 1992, MJ moved to Key West for a year with a friend. At that same time, Nick's father got into biking, so he and Nick drove to Miami and biked to Key West, and, of course – you guessed it, saw MJ there. This experience and relationship would serve him well in the years that followed his time at Salisbury.

After graduation, Nick got his start at WZBH (now 93.5 The Beach) as a disk jockey. He was there for a short period, but after listening to himself on the air, he didn't think he was very good, so he began bartending in Ocean City for a while. Nick loved Ocean City and Salisbury, but with a high school friend getting married in Seattle during the OC off season, Nick jumped at the opportunity to make a new start. He and his girlfriend at the time packed up his VW bus and drove cross country to the wedding, visiting a number of Salisbury friends along the way.

Nick knew he wanted to eventually return to the East Coast, but he was not sure where. He drove from Seattle to New Orleans, where he stayed for a short time, realizing that it was not the best place for him. In 1996, he moved to Atlanta because he knew the Olympics would soon flood the city with opportunities. He gave himself two weeks to find a stable place to live and a bartending job, drawing on his experience gained from his days in Ocean City. On the last day of that two-week period, a bartending job came through at Planet



Alumni Gathering at SweetWater Brewing Company in Atlanta on May 31, 2017

Hollywood and a house became available in Homepark, which is in midtown Atlanta.

In January 1997, Nick made a New Year's resolution that he wanted to earn a living through his hobby of brewing beer. Since his time at Salisbury, he had been a homebrewer, learning the craft on rudimentary equipment, but he set a goal of becoming a professional brewer and chose to work at making it a reality. He worked at several brewpubs in the Atlanta area while his girlfriend was a bartender at a local establishment, often visiting her between brewpub jobs during the day. During one of his visits, a guy came in with a six pack of SweetWater, hoping the bar would pick it up. Nick struck up a conversation and asked if they were hiring. He said no, but invited Nick to check the place out. Nick did and started to volunteer at SweetWater. With his bartending job at Planet Hollywood going very well, Nick was able to volunteer for six months until he was offered a full-time job at SweetWater in 1997.

During the time of Nick's volunteering at SweetWater, MJ resurfaced in his life. Living in Boston, she traveled to a sales conference in Atlanta held by her employer Aerotek. There were so many people at the networking events that MJ decided to walk across the street to have a drink at Planet Hollywood, where, you guessed it, once

again she would see Nick. During the ensuing months, they fell in love and MJ transferred to the Atlanta office at Aerotek in September 1999. Nick and MJ married in 2002.

As his relationship with MJ blossomed, so too did his relationship with SweetWater. When Nick first started at SweetWater, there were three owners and Nick – the company's first employee. SweetWater Brewing now has over 150 employees. Nick went from cleaning kegs and loading a small delivery truck with about 12 kegs a day to becoming the head brewer, producing enough beer to load 20 18-wheelers a day, delivering up and down the East Coast. They moved locations to midtown Atlanta to make the brewery more accessible for tours.

SweetWater's annual 420 Festival (held on Earth Day – April 20) is another aspect of the company that has grown beyond what they could have imagined. Initially held as a bar crawl celebrating the environment and the company's unofficial birthday, the 420 Festival was a small event featuring the Atlanta Bugle Corps playing at each stop along the short journey. Music still plays a big part in the celebration, but SweetWater's 420 Festival has expanded to a three-day extravaganza held in Centennial Olympic Park with over 50,000 attendees.

From Salisbury to Seattle to Atlanta and from a 25-barrel brew house to the largest craft brew house in America at 400 barrels, Nick Nock and SweetWater, together, have traveled a long and winding road, but they have stayed the course and SweetWater is now one of the top craft breweries in the country.

The road to the altar was also long and winding for Nick and MJ. Despite time and distance, their Salisbury love story is testament to perseverance and being open to the possibilities that await you in life.



# The Janus Time

By Dr. T. Paul Pfeiffer '75,  
Professor of Theatre, Emeritus

I came to Salisbury as a freshman in 1971 and have continued to be active in what was then Salisbury State Theatre until I joined the faculty in 1980. Here I began my journey through a life in academic theatre. Thirty-seven years later (46 in all) I approach the gateway to a new life – outside of academia – redolent with fresh opportunities and challenging choices. The old question echoes anew: “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Approaching what I had long referred to as, “The Golden Time I Look For” (borrowing from Shakespeare), I pause at the threshold to consider what is before and, more specifically, what is behind. Now, is the “Janus Time.”

Janus was the ancient Roman god of beginnings, transitions, duality, passages and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks to the future and to the past. I have been reminded of Janus as I have gone through the emotional and intellectual process of readying myself for bidding farewell to my beloved Alma Mater. When one has spent a lifetime in a single institution of learning (which is very rare now) and has dedicated so much of oneself to nurturing the development of a program, some remorse is to be expected – not at the thought of leaving so much as at the prospect of what has been left yet to do. Yet there will always be those tasks uncompleted; those goals not quite met; and yet there remain on the balance side an enormity of goals well-met or tasks triumphantly accomplished. These will be the life’s work of the generation to follow. They must take up the torch – just as I had done so long ago.

When I first arrived at Salisbury State College, the dorms were separated by gender and the rules of



co-mingling were strictly enforced. Curfews – for women, at least – were watchfully kept and infringement seriously punished. Within my four years as a student, co-ed dorms and 24-hour visitation became the norm. The Cultural Revolution of the 1960s had finally reached Salisbury.

But with greater freedoms came greater responsibilities, and students were increasingly held to be responsible for their actions. There was no hand-holding or coddling – now regarded as so critical to undergraduate success. As part of another “Janus Time,” students on the threshold of adulthood were given the freedom to choose for themselves, but with the caveat that they also accept the consequences of their choices – as adults. I will always be grateful for the power of those lessons on the reality of my adult life.

I was hired in 1980 after the sudden death of my mentor and teacher, Dr. Leland (Lee) Starnes. I began as an assistant instructor responsible for our technical theatre needs and for those of all incoming events, as this was before the creations of Events Services. Theatre was, at that time, still a part of the Communication Arts Program, and so I also taught Fundamentals of Communication. I also undertook the costume design and those courses, as we had no such position at the time, and began working on my master’s degree at College Park – commuting

for classes all the while holding down my full-time job at Salisbury. Eventually, I began to direct and to teach performance classes and Theatre History. These ultimately became the content of my professional life – Acting and History – and I have reveled in all of it.

I had, in effect, fulfilled my goal of furthering Lee’s work. When he had once asked me what I wanted to do with my life, I replied, “I want to do what you are doing.” His response was, “Then get out there and get some letters after your name.” I did. And I have carried on his work and feel proud that I have succeeded not only in continuing our theatre, but in solidifying our reputation and enlarging our impact and our artistic contribution to the campus and the community.

Meantime, our little Salisbury State College was growing and meeting the challenges of those times with aplomb – all thanks to the many dedicated professionals in administration and in instruction who quietly pushed forward – as is expected of us all. Every human institution is flawed. Although each must be guided in growth, yet it must evolve naturally. Salisbury has changed immensely in the last half-century – as it inevitably must and as it ought to have done.

The single most dramatic change – which has impacted the most – and that which has led to so many related shifts in practice as well as philosophy



has been the creation of Salisbury University and the four endowed schools of study. As one who knew the institution well before this great shift, however, I cannot stifle a moment of lament at the loss of the simplicity and familiarity of that smaller and more intimate haven affectionately called "Salisbury."

Yet, the creation of the University has led to immense growth and immeasurably valuable experiences for our students. I feel envy for our students now for the incredible opportunities afforded them by such programs as the Honors College and the Study Abroad Program. Surely, the newer facilities also create the impression, at least, of greater educational opportunities – at least enjoyed under better circumstances.

The faculty, too, have become much more global and diversified, and as a result, Salisbury University has become more renowned and more competitive in what has become the business of American higher education. I intend no criticism but accept this as the way of our present world. Higher education is now much more clearly the realm of politics. We have become, of necessity, more global, more diverse and more concerned with issues beyond our own red brick walls. Our survival is reliant upon a world-wide vision. The insulated and protected climate of "The Ivory Tower" is no longer possible – nor perhaps desirable – in the larger interests of

creating global citizens and not simply majors.

As our old "Salisbury" has continued to evolve and to expand, it has also diligently retained its dedication to its students and respect for its faculty. For this, I credit the leadership of its current president, "Dr. Janet," who has steadfastly nudged, charmed and otherwise shoved the Maryland legislature to support that vision of old "Salisbury" as a truly global and educationally competitive institution with its foundations in tradition, but its feet now firmly planted in the sands of our ever-shifting world.

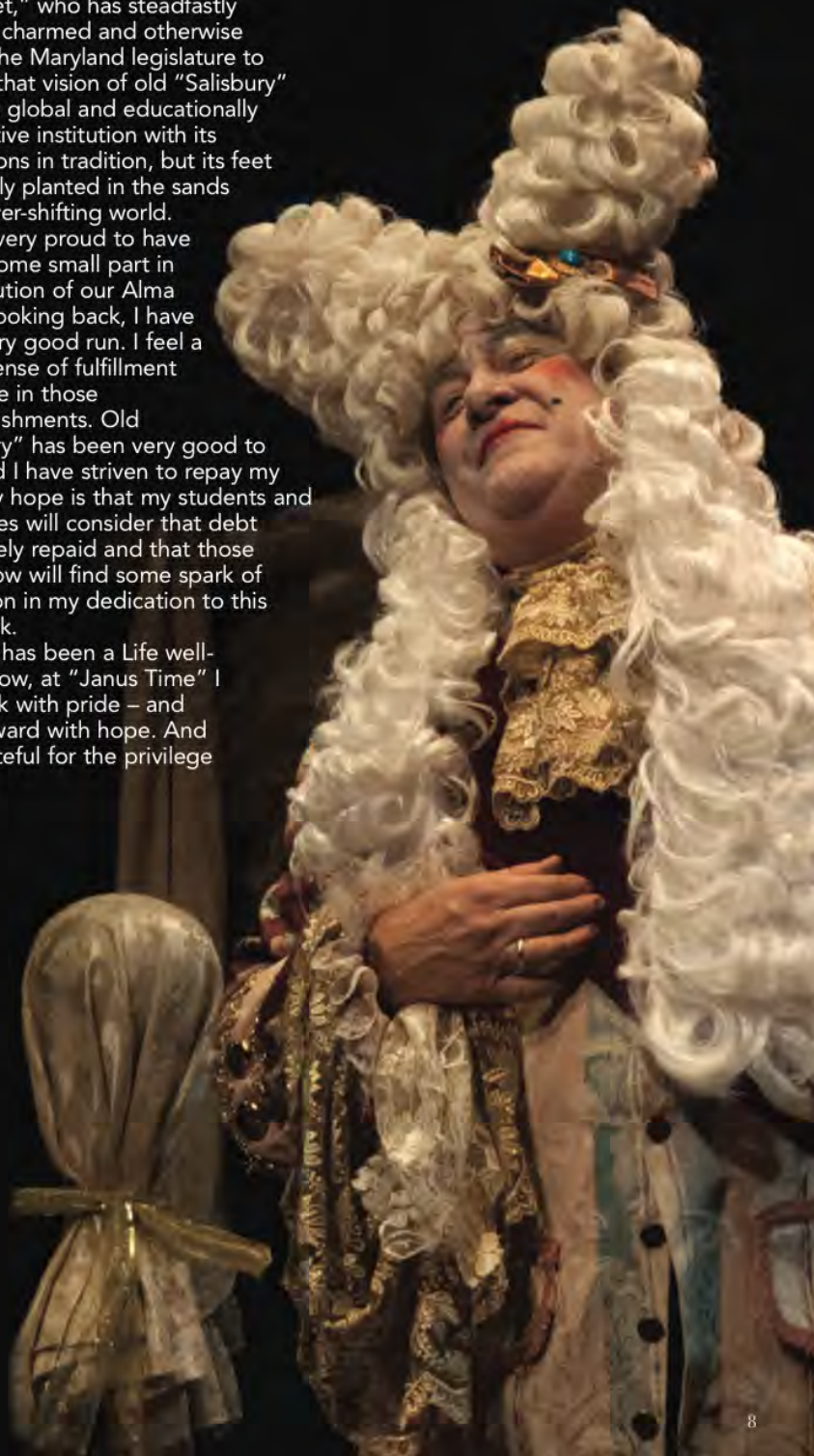
I am very proud to have played some small part in the evolution of our Alma Mater. Looking back, I have had a very good run. I feel a strong sense of fulfillment and pride in those accomplishments. Old "Salisbury" has been very good to me – and I have striven to repay my debt. My hope is that my students and colleagues will consider that debt adequately repaid and that those who follow will find some spark of inspiration in my dedication to this life's work.

Mine has been a Life well-spent. Now, at "Janus Time" I look back with pride – and look forward with hope. And I am grateful for the privilege of both.

**Dr. T. Paul Pfeiffer retired in spring 2017 following a 37-year career with Salisbury University and its theatre program.**

**"Thanks, and Thanks and ever Thanks."**

*– Shakespeare, of course!*





# A Lasting Legacy Through Scholarship

By Michelle Pryor '13



Danny Landsman was one of a kind. A Salisbury University student who was compassionate, motivated and dedicated to success in all areas of his life. He was extremely active on campus, passionate about helping others and creating better experiences for those around him. After a sudden collapse in Maggs Gym the winter of his junior year, Danny's time with those around him was cut short.

Fifteen years after his untimely death, Jerry Daniel Landsman "Danny" is still remembered as a Salisbury University student leader through his memorial scholarship the Dan Landsman Outstanding Student Leader Award. This award was created as a memorial to Danny Landsman and a way to recognize students who impact student life through their varied commitments and activities.

According to Heather Holmes, director for the SU Center for Student Achievement and friend of the Landsman family, the scholarship is impactful because it embodies all of the characteristics of an outstanding student-leader. It emphasizes the qualities that were important to Danny – scholarship, leadership, mentorship and community. "I often share his words (How to Get a 4.0) with students in the pursuit of academic success," Heather shared. "I am so proud to have known and worked with Danny."

When Danny arrived at SU, he was an honors graduate of Boonsboro High School and was active on the cross country, wrestling and baseball teams. Before his death, Danny was in the business administration Honors program. His advice, "How to Get a 4.0," served him

well in this regard. He was co-director of Saferide, co-president of the Fishing Club, a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society and involved in several other student groups. His legacy is carried on through the selfless, tireless leadership of these organizations.

Funds for the award are raised each year through the annual JDL 5K commemorative run held by Saferide. Heather said: "I participate in the JDL Run each year to reconnect with alumni and the Landsman family, and to share Danny's vision with current students." Proving the lasting impact of his time at Salisbury, Heather shared, "Danny still inspires me to engage in all aspects of life."



## Danny's Advice for Academic Success: How to Get a 4.0

1. Read the Syllabus
2. Don't Skip Class
3. Get the Easy Points
4. Focus, Concentrate, Relax
5. Use Reasoning
6. Prioritize (See the Big Picture)
7. Time Management
8. Participate

This year, the award was presented to junior Allen Reynolds, who has served on the Saferide executive board as a general assistant as well as vice president of personnel. "I am extremely thankful to be the recipient of the scholarship," Allen said. "The Danny Landsman Memorial Scholarship eases a potentially significant burden." Allen also has a special connection with the Landsman family through his paternal grandfather, who was Danny's elementary school principal. He said his grandfather often speaks of how the Landsman family are very kind-hearted and active in the community, something they shared and passed on to Danny.

Danny's father Jerry Landsman, shared: "[Danny's] proudest achievement was his involvement with the Saferide program ... When we [Jerry and his wife Cathy] discussed ways to memorialize Danny, the creation of the Saferide scholarship was the most logical choice. We have been pleased that the organization continues to operate the JDL Run and to continue his legacy. We have not, however, been surprised, as SU has always been warm, welcoming and supportive to our family and friends. It will always be a special place for us."

Fifteen years may have passed, but through this award supported by friends, family, alumni and current students, Danny is remembered and continues to create better experiences for Salisbury students.

For more information on how to support the Danny Landsman Memorial Award or various other scholarships at Salisbury University, please contact the SU Foundation at 410-543-6175.



# Future (and Current) Business Leaders in NYC

By Luke Smith '17

This spring, I attended the annual Financial Management Association (FMA) trip to New York City, along with 26 of my peers, Dr. Ani Mathers, Dr. Danny Ervin and Perdue School Dean Christy Weer. The FMA, aided by SU alumni, arranged several incredible meetings. This was an opportunity that will have a lasting impact on each student who attended. While it was stunning to see the huge buildings and glitzy high-rise views, and to experience NYC, these things pale in comparison to the vast knowledge and influential advice that we received from the alumni and executives we met.

The first morning, we split into two groups. One group visited Fox Television to speak with SU alumnus Joe Dorrego '96, CFO of Fox Television, and the other group met alumnus Sean Carmody '09, vice president in Capital Markets at Maxim Group, LLC. Peers who went to Fox said it was an amazing experience, and I can say the same of my experience at Maxim Group. Carmody greeted us and gave a brief tour of the offices, located in the Chrysler Building, followed by a meeting with most of the company's executive team.

One piece of advice that seemed integral to the success of those we spoke to was to be career diverse and adapt to change. Clifford Teller, executive managing director of Investment Banking, advised us that, "You have to be evolving constantly." This was echoed in Carmody's path, as he started in investment banking, spent time in foreign exchange, then moved to capital market sales at Maxim. This seemed like very useful advice and it stuck with me: Don't get married to any one path or you are limiting yourself before you start. If you find opportunities in other areas, you need to take them and adapt.

In the afternoon, we had the unique experience of visiting the floor of the New York Stock Exchange for the closing bell. The floor is not open to the public, and our visit was arranged by SU alumnus



Ron McGann '88, who also hosted us at J.P. Morgan the next afternoon.

The second day, one group visited SU alumnus John Fitzgerald '95 at Société Générale while my group toured Bloomberg. Later, both groups rendezvoused at J.P. Morgan Private Bank to meet McGann. He arranged for us to hear from several employees of the investment bank, including a senior equity researcher often seen on CNBC and a recruiter who gave us valuable insight into what J.P. Morgan looks for in the hiring process.

McGann also shared his story and provided advice (such as the importance of aggressively following-up) and motivation. One message he shared was, "You can get there from here," a motivation for those students who feel like coming from a relatively smaller school limits their job options.

It was an inspiring trip that left many students with a new outlook on just how far hard work can get you. The only caveat, in McGann's words, is, "You need to know where you're going."



*"My colleagues and I very much enjoyed our day hosting students from Salisbury University. Every year, students join us for a tour of*

*the New York Stock Exchange and visit with us at J.P. Morgan headquarters, where they can ask questions and participate in an analyst panel. As a Perdue School Executive Advisory Council member, it is a privilege to spend time with young people who are enthusiastic about learning and who want to engage with the world on their own terms. There is nothing more gratifying than being able to encourage and guide them as they explore their own paths."*

– Ron McGann '88  
Vice Chairman  
J.P. Morgan Private Bank





# The McGlinchey Legacy

## Golfing with Purpose

By Jayme E. Block '97 & M'99  
Director of Alumni Relations and Gift Development

During spring 1996, former SU football and wrestling coach Mike McGlinchey needed a computer and some other technology to better his quality of life. At that point, Coach McGlinchey was steadily battling the effects that amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) was having on his body. A gifted communicator throughout his life, Coach McGlinchey was able to get the most out of everyone who played for him or whom he taught in the classroom. He had that gift, and for a small period of the time, the gift was gone.



(From left) Tony Hartman, Dave Spradlin, Joe Kelly and Ed Borda pose with Baltimore Colt Legend Johnny Unitas at the Third Annual Mike McGlinchey Golf Tournament Beach Club, 1998.

He had not been able to speak or use his hands for some time, so this new technology that the McGlinchey's found at the University of Pittsburgh gave Mike the ability to write using his feet. Finally, the people who he was always there for had the opportunity to return the favor and provide the resources he needed to purchase this equipment. Little did anyone know that the resulting golf gathering to help their coach, mentor and friend obtain the ability to communicate and actually write his philosophy on life would lead to a very successful fundraiser that would continue for the next 22 years and beyond.

Over the years, this golf event has gone through a few names since its inception in 1996. For the first year, it had no name; it then changed to the Mike McGlinchey Memorial Golf Tournament after the passing of the beloved coach; and now it is the Friends of Sea Gull Football Golf Tournament. No matter what the name of the tournament, the reason to come together is always the same, to honor Mike McGlinchey.

The concept for the tournament was created by SU alumnus and football great Johnny Watson '75. Later others stepped forward to help shape the event, including SU pillars Pat Lamboni '78 and Robb Disbennett '86, along with Mike's wife Marylane McGlinchey '87, and SU alumni Dave Kirchoff '79, Frank Oliver '87, Tim Jones '95, Mitchell David '97 and Bobby Vermillion '83, who supplies a golf getaway for a lucky raffle winner. Gerry McGinty, the father of Salisbury wrestler and SU Hall of Famer Gerry McGinty '82, was the conduit to the wrestling community that substantially supported the golf tournament right from the start. Year after year, the golf tournament grew in stature and became an event in July that could not be missed. Over the past 10 years, the tournament has grown to average over 200 golfers annually!



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# Mike McGlinchey Memorial Endowment

By Tony Hartman '85

Under their leadership and with help from other McGlinchey players and supporters like Mike Hartman '90, Chris Higgins '88 and Joe Magnolia '90, the Friends of Mike McGlinchey were able to maintain a golf tournament that is going strong today. Teamwork made the dream work: Steve Pappas '78 providing t-shirts from the Greene Turtle, Jeff Cranford '88 and Tony Hartman '85 providing golf balls for each player, and numerous other donations all in the name of Mike McGlinchey. SU alumnus and Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Dan Quinn '94 donates a football package, which includes four game tickets, airfare and hotel accommodations for the winner of the reverse raffle held at the reception.



Although Coach McGlinchey would be hesitant to have a golf tournament named in his honor, he would love seeing the teamwork displayed by his former football players, wrestlers and students to raise funds to battle ALS and help the Wicomico Youth Wrestling Program as well as the football and baseball programs at Salisbury University. Over \$100,000 has been donated to the Robert Packard Center for ALS research in hopes of finding a cure for this terrible disease.

In 2017, the Mike McGlinchey Memorial endowment was established to enable aspiring football coaches to get the professional development that they need to succeed at the next level. This is a fitting tribute for a coach, teacher and friend who provided mentorship for so many.



Marylane McGlinchey (center) surrounded by former SSC athletes at the unveiling of the Mike McGlinchey memorial plaque, Oct. 5, 2016.



This past year, a task force of former Salisbury State football players, wrestlers and coaches established the Mike McGlinchey Memorial Endowment at Salisbury University, culminating with the unveiling of a memorial plaque in the new Sea Gull Stadium.

Kicked off by former SU quarterback and philanthropist Bob Moyle '77, the Mike McGlinchey Memorial Endowment provides funding to help develop young football coaches at SU as they strive to get to the next level in the coaching profession.

Mike McGlinchey established an early foundation of excellence and national prominence in both football and wrestling at then, Salisbury State College.

He was loved and highly respected by students, athletes, faculty and members of the community at large for his unmatched intensity, discipline and commitment to excellence. He shaped the confidence and character of hundreds of young student-athletes beyond the sport itself and upheld this commitment through the end of his life.

Mike McGlinchey embodied the spirit of overcoming adversity, rising to your maximum potential and never fearing to take on the greater challenge. He pushed his players to attain a level of performance that they would not have otherwise envisioned and he continues to stand as a strong role model for student-athletes at Salisbury University.

We lost Coach McGlinchey in 1997, at a young age and after a long fight with ALS. His memory and legacy are branded into the success and history of this great institution.

We hope you will consider giving today and help carry on a great legacy at SU. Please visit [SalisburyU.givecorps.com](http://SalisburyU.givecorps.com) under the Maroon & Gold Club section to make a

secure online donation or contact Jayme Block at [jeblock@salisbury.edu](mailto:jeblock@salisbury.edu) for more information.



# HOLLY THE LEAF

## Looking Back at *The Holly Leaf*

By Margaret Long '16, M'18

Recently, the Salisbury University Alumni Office received a letter from Levin Heath, an alum who attended the State Teachers College from 1947 to 1950. Heath's letter details memories made while attending the College, many of which were recorded in the school's newspaper, *The Holly Leaf*. Glimpses into the past that we uncovered are shared here.

Articles detail times such as when Heath, who was the Student Government Association's president from 1949 to 1950, attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the Men's Dormitory (now Wicomico Hall) and even introduced President Blackwell. Heath's letter also mentions the opening of the snack bar in the basement of Holloway Hall, the soccer team's prowess and the shenanigans students partook in.

A picture on the front page of the October 12, 1950, edition of *The Holly Leaf* portrays Dr. Blackwell pouring the first soda from the new snack bar. The article that follows details that the college had discussed adding a snack bar for quite some time and that Mr. Fleming, an economics professor, had a great hand in the planning stages. It is also mentioned that the majority of the snack bar was paid for by the State Department of Education, something that Heath mentions in his letter. The only items not paid for by the State



The 1948 Salisbury State Teachers College soccer team.



Students at the snack bar in Holloway Hall. Photo by Donald Turner on March 8, 1950.

### Student In The Spotlight



*The Holly Leaf* spotlight on Levin Heath, who at this point had just been voted the Student Government Association president.



Levin Heath crowning May Queen Margaret Phillips.



President Blackwell pours the first soda for the opening of the snack bar in Holloway Hall.

Department of Education were the grill and the milkshake machine.

Heath mentions that during his time at Salisbury State Teachers College, the soccer team excelled under the coaching of Benn Maggs. While Heath was on the team during all four years he attended the college, the soccer season of 1947 was a rather impressive one since the team only lost once to the University of Maryland. The seasons from 1948 to 1950 had similar statistics, albeit with a couple of tied games, but the years 1948 and 1950 were also met with the only loss to the University of Maryland. *The Holly Leaf* covers these losses, but always mentions hope for the next season.

The November 19, 1948, edition of *The Holly Leaf* includes a section titled "Through the Keyhole," written by someone under the pseudonym "Snoopy." The section detailed campus gossip and student shenanigans. Snoopy's article comically mentioned relationships on campus and even made a sly comment on "midnight raiders" in the girls dormitory. Coincidentally, Heath briefly mentioned in his letter a glass window between the girls and boys dormitories in Holloway Hall that was constantly broken due to these midnight raids.

Other similar articles depicting what life was like on our campus over 50 years ago can be found throughout *The Holly Leaf*. Anyone wishing to investigate the University's history will find it worthwhile to look into *The Holly Leaf*, whether it be for academic reasons or personal perusing.

Photographs and other documents from the University's past can be found in the University Archives at the Nabb Research Center. Digitized copies of *The Holly Leaf* can be found online at:

<https://mdsoar.org/handle/11603/3300>



# Proud to Be a Sea Gull

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By Jason E. Curtin '98,  
Vice President of University Advancement  
and External Affairs, and  
Executive Director of Salisbury University  
Foundation, Inc.

I am honored to have been asked by President Janet Dudley-Eshbach to serve Salisbury University as the vice president for advancement and external affairs and the executive director of the SU Foundation, Inc.

Salisbury has been part of nearly half of my 40 years on this earth: I earned a communication arts degree here; I've spent 14 years (and counting!) on staff here; I've met lifelong friends, and my wife, here. Perhaps one day, I'll even be a Sea Gull parent.

During this time, I've proudly watched the campus grow in stature and reputation, in student enrollment, and in size — both in terms of land acreage and the square footage of facilities. While yes, we are a state-supported public institution and the President advocates tirelessly for those funds, we only truly are able to achieve this growth because of private philanthropy and alumni support.

People often ask what my job entails. I've learned from my mentors that it's both "friend-raising" AND fundraising. I work alongside dedicated colleagues to share campus news, plan and promote events, help recruit students, engage alumni and community members, garner financial support, and invest those resources for the

ultimate benefit of this great University for generations to come.

We've seen in recent years the remarkable construction of Conway Hall, Perdue Hall, Sea Gull Square, Sea Gull Stadium and the Guerrieri Academic Commons, just to name a few highlights. In the near future, we'll be looking to establish a College of Health and Human Services, build support for a Fine and Performing Arts Center and a new Fieldhouse, and grow our Honors College, as well as endowments for scholarships and programs. All of this is very exciting.

But the best part of my job is visiting with alumni on campus and on the road. I'm amazed at what all of you are doing in your post-Salisbury lives. I've traveled from Maine to Florida, New York to California, and each alumnus I meet fascinates me. Your stories of success all have a similar thread — they start with your experience at SU.

The other facet of my job that I love — and this is true for many faculty and staff — is being around our students. I have taught as adjunct faculty for the Communications Arts Department, advised student organizations and led a new student outdoor orientation program for over a decade. Our students invigorate me. They are passionate, creative and



entrepreneurial, and I feel good about the next generation of leaders and their impact on the world.

I look forward to the continued relationships and welcome future connections with you, as alumni and supporters of our Alma Mater. If you see me at an event, come say hello. I will be sure to do the same. Or even better yet, if you've not been back to campus in some time, please do so ... you'll be amazed at what you see. I think you'll be proud, like I am, to say you are a Sea Gull.

TOP: 2014 New Student Experience Outdoor Orientation Program trip to Bubble Rock, Glacial erratic Acadia National Park  
Photographer: Regan Connaire

RIGHT: 2013 New Student Experience Outdoor Orientation Program students with Curtin





# Invest in You!

Hello Sea Gulls,

We understand that many of you are considering ways to improve yourself and considering what is the best option for investing time, energy and money. Of course, there is no better investment than yourself!

A graduate degree from Salisbury University provides increased opportunity and experience at a great price. As a proud Sea Gull, you “get” the value of an SU degree. Add to this value by pursuing a graduate degree from your Alma Mater. If you have already completed a graduate degree at SU, we hope that you agree it has been a great decision for you and has provided you a chance to advance your personal and professional goals. If you haven’t, then welcome back!

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# Graduate Studies at Salisbury University





# The Bells of SU Arrive

The bells in Salisbury University's 48-bell Brown and Church Carillon were hung this summer at the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons.

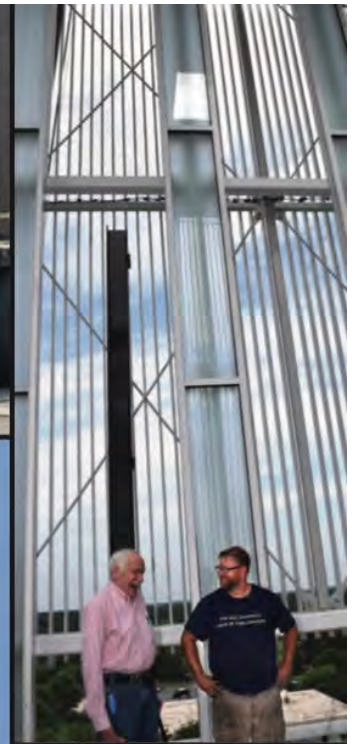
The carillon was funded through a \$2.4 million gift from Delaware entrepreneur William Church in memory of his long-time partner, Samuel Brown. Both have been supporters of SU for many years. The two largest bells, weighing approximately 2 tons each, are inscribed with their names.

The first of the bells hung were made by London's Whitechapel Bell Foundry, which also cast the original Liberty Bell. The company closed earlier this year after more than five centuries in business.

The remaining 46 bells were cast by Meeks, Watson & Co. in Georgetown, OH, the largest producer of carillon bells in the nation. Installation is expected to take up to three weeks.

According to the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America, a traditional carillon consists of at least two octaves of bells that can be played musically with a touch-sensitive keyboard. (Smaller groupings of bells are referred to as "peals" or "chimes," depending on number and ringing method.)

By this definition, the Brown and Church Carillon, with four octaves, is the first traditional carillon on the Eastern Shore – and one of fewer than 200 in the U.S.



## BY THE NUMBERS

**4**

Total number of tiers in the bell frame

**4**

Total number of octaves represented by the carillon

**7.125"**

Diameter of smallest bell

**16.25 lbs.**

Weight of smallest bell

**30"**

Approximate length of each wire from bell to console

**60"**

Diameter of largest bell

**147'**

Height of bell tower, the tallest structure on campus and believed to be the tallest enclosed structure in Wicomico County

**4 tons**

Combined weight of the two largest bells

**27,655 lbs.**

Total weight of bells (nearly 14 tons)





# Spring Break on Lake Victoria: A GIS Story



“ Working on the NSF grant is a really big deal. It’s cool because it’s actual real-world research. We are discovering real things that real people are going to use and that are hopefully going to solve real-world problems.

They had data, but the data we are giving them is better. . . . We’re showing them how to use GIS techniques so they can incorporate the information we provided to come up with solutions. It helps them in the long term by having a more accurate map. When they are running their models of where fish live they now have a better understanding of where the deep parts of the lake are and where the shallow parts are.



– Noah Krach '17

From that, they can narrow it down to where fish are going to be.

By digitizing the shoreline, we got the islands as well. Before the project, there were 95 known islands, and after digitizing the shoreline, there were 900 islands. There aren’t new islands; we just have better data.”

Dr. Stuart Hamilton of SU’s Geography and Geosciences Department received a \$1.8 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to support geospatial data collection and analysis for fishery institutes around Lake Victoria in East Africa. Hamilton is responsible for designing environmental suitability models for various fish species at different stages in their life cycles. He believes the project will contribute to improved food and income security in East African nations that rely on the natural capital provided by Lake Victoria.

During spring break, Hamilton travelled to Africa with seniors Noah Krach and Hannah Sweet, who helped them prepare and teach Open Source GIS workshops in three institutes: National Fisheries Resources Research Institute in Jinja, Uganda; Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute in Kisumu, Kenya; and Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute in Mwanza, Tanzania. This amazing opportunity was life-changing for these two geography majors.

Africa Photo Credit: Dr. Daniel Harris

“ It was incredible! I’ve always wanted to travel . . . and it was an opportunity that I’ve always wanted to have. . . . We were teaching the workers of the fisheries some of the Open Source GIS methods, and it was really enjoyable to see these people passionate about it. They are able to do more research now and help us with the project as well.

When I came to SU, I didn’t think I’d get an internship where I’d get to go to Africa and actually do real work. With my geography major, I’ve always wanted to do a real project and this really opened my eyes and gave me a great experience. . . . It has helped me realize that I do want to continue to do GIS, and I want to get into cartography particularly. Doing this project has helped me a lot with figuring this out.”



– Hannah Sweet '17



# THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

When Irina Bokova, director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), visited Salisbury University this spring, she became the fourth recipient of SU's President's Medal for leadership and service.

Created in 2014, the Medal is one of the University's highest honors, conferred upon speakers and guests who have made significant contributions in politics and culture, serving as models of civic engagement for SU's students and others. In addition to Bokova, awardees have included a president, two prime ministers from abroad and the chair of Maryland's powerful House of Delegates Appropriations Committee.

The inaugural medal was bestowed upon Maryland Delegate and SU alumnus Norman H. Conway (B.A. '65, M.Ed. '72) during SU's Fall Commencement in 2014, shortly before his retirement from politics after 28 years with the House of Delegates. Conway began his political career as a 13-year member of the Salisbury City Council before being elected to the House in 1986. He served as chair of the House Capital Budget Subcommittee and Appropriations Committee, advocating for funding for projects on the Eastern Shore, including SU. One of those projects, SU's Teacher Education and Technology Center, was renamed Conway Hall in his honor last year.

All other recipients have been guest speakers in SU's One Person Can Make a Difference lecture series, sponsored by the Bosserman Center for Conflict Resolution. The first, Dr. Lobang Sangay, came to the University on the eve of his reelection as sikyong (prime minister) of Tibet and political successor to His Holiness the Dalai Lama to discuss "Democracy and the Third Way." During the talk, he advocated for a peaceful, non-violent solution for Tibet to regain national autonomy within the Chinese constitution, similar to systems in place in Hong Kong and Macau.

In 2016, the medal went to former Democratic Republic of East Timor (Timor-Leste) President and Prime Minister José Ramos-Horta. A founder of the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor, he shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Roman Catholic Priest Carlos Belo, also of Timor-Leste, in 1996 for their non-violent efforts to end the Indonesian occupation of the country. A decade later, he became the nation's second prime minister, just four years after it gained



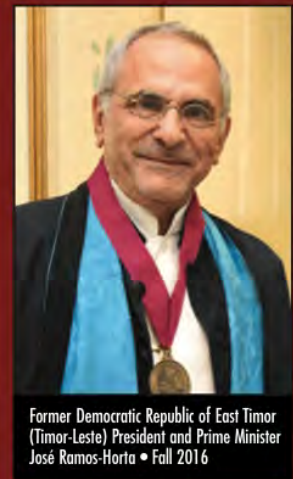
Irina Bokova, director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) • Spring 2017



Maryland Delegate and SU alumnus Norman H. Conway (B.A. '65, M.Ed. '72) • Fall Commencement 2014



Dr. Lobang Sangay, sikyong (prime minister) of Tibet and political successor to His Holiness the Dalai Lama • Fall 2015



Former Democratic Republic of East Timor (Timor-Leste) President and Prime Minister José Ramos-Horta • Fall 2016

independence from Portugal. He served as president from 2007-2012. Today he is a special representative of the United Nations.

Bokova, the most recent President's Medal recipient, discussed "Preventing Violent Extremism in the 21st Century: Fostering a New Generation of Global Citizens" at SU. Becoming first female and first southeastern European to head UNESCO in 2009, she also served two terms as a member of Bulgaria's National Parliament. Through UNESCO, she advocates for

gender equality, improved education, preventing terrorism funding, enforcing the protection of intellectual property, and opposing racism and anti-Semitism.

These four President's Medal recipients have impacted the lives of millions — including SU's students. Whether studying in the buildings Conway helped fund or taking inspiration from the deeds of world leaders, the message remains the same: One person really can make a difference.



# ALUMNI NEWS

## Dear Fellow Alumni,



It's that time a year again! Students will soon be back on campus, bustling around, getting acclimated to their new classes and daily routines. I remember many years ago when I was that student finding my way across Salisbury's campus. I was

amazed by the four benefactors whose endowments laid the foundation for what Salisbury has become. But, the success of the University is so much more than that. SU would be no where without all the dedicated and supportive alumni.

Every day, alumni like you serve the University and students in the classrooms, as donors, mentors, employers and political activists, among many others ways. My responsibility is to make sure that your university



2017 Alumni Scholarship Recipient Abbie Boltz

also looks out for and serves the needs of our alumni. One of the ways we look to accomplish this is through a new initiative to expand our Alumni Scholarship Fund, which will allow us to offer the opportunity for a full scholarship for children of our esteemed alumni.

Over the next few years, we'll be taking actions to bolster our fund to allow us to provide this revamped scholarship opportunity. I know this is a lofty goal, but it is my belief that if you don't

reach for the stars, you'll never reach them. We believe that your children (future Sea Gulls) deserve an opportunity to fly free without the weight and burden of student loans.

How can you help? You can designate your future donations to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Homecoming and Family Weekend is Friday-Sunday, October 6-8, this year. The Alumni Office has been diligently working throughout the summer and are in the process of putting the final touches on the major alumni events. After great success last year, the Alumni Association will once again offer the Pre-Game Barbecue with a reduced rate to all alumni who preregister! This continues to be a growing tradition during Homecoming, so I encourage you to preregister and attend this tremendous event. We will be celebrating reunion years of those who graduated in years ending in 2s and 7s, but everyone is invited. Please visit [www.salisbury.edu/homecoming](http://www.salisbury.edu/homecoming) for a full list of activities and events.

Thank you to all those who made a gift during the 2017 fiscal year. Your continued financial support of all things Salisbury has directly helped our students in their pursuit of an outstanding collegiate experience. As mentioned before, making a gift, becoming a mentor or having students at your place of business to get a real sense of the workplace are all ways we shape our legacy as alumni while making an impact on the current and future students at Salisbury University.

Respectfully,

Julius M. Jones Jr. '06, M'09  
Alumni Association Board President



## Young Alumni Achievement Award

At SU's 91st-year Fall Commencement, the SU Alumni Association bestowed Jennifer Truitt-Lewis, who earned her B.A. in elementary education from SU in 2004, with the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

After graduating from Salisbury, she began her teaching career in Wicomico County, going on to earn an M.Ed. in education law from Park University in 2008 and a master's in education administration from Arizona State University in 2014 – the second while battling stage 3A breast cancer. Today, she is principal of Colonel Johnston Elementary School in Fort Huachuca, AZ, and an adjunct faculty member at Northern New Mexico College. She remains a passionate advocate for breast cancer survivors through her work with the American Cancer Society and Susan G. Komen Arizona.

## ALUMNI BENEFIT!

As an alumnus, you receive alumni benefits with GEICO insurance.

GEICO gives our alumni many types of insurance discounts and supports SU programming – such as our Senior Celebration that we host each spring.



### New Alumni Website!

The SU alumni website has returned to [salisbury.edu](http://salisbury.edu) in an effort to realign our offerings and information with the great things going on at the University. With an improved giving page, event registration page and up-to-date Twitter feed, we are confident you will enjoy the new site more than ever! Visit us and try it for yourself.

[www.salisbury.edu/alumni](http://www.salisbury.edu/alumni)





## Alumni Spotlight: *Joe Hart '79 (Sociology)*

I have been director of Spiritual Support Services at Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) since 1996 as well as the executive director of the GBMC Center for Spiritual Support Training since 2010, providing spiritual support and emotional reassurance to patients, families and staff. Presently, I also clinically supervise seminary /graduate students from a variety of higher education institutions.

My B.A. in sociology with an emphasis in healthcare and gerontology that I earned in 1979 has served me well in my present work where much of my hospital chaplaincy focuses on the elderly. I am also co-chair of the hospital Ethics Committee, which enables me to easily navigate my responsibilities through my knowledge that began at Salisbury. The basis for my present hospital work I attribute to my studies guided by my professors at SU, in particular Dr. Charles Cipolla and Dr. Phillip Bosserman. Their guidance and wisdom have guided and molded my focus and desire to have my life in ministry be lived in the care of others, in particular the sick and vulnerable.

Following my studies at Salisbury, I went on to my graduate work in theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, America's first seminary, founded in 1791. Upon graduation with a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and a Master of Divinity in 1983, I served a variety of churches in Baltimore, where in 1994, I



was hired as the first chaplain and coordinator of volunteers for the Hospice of Baltimore, now Gilchrist Services, Maryland's largest hospice organization. Two years later, I was hired to my present position at GBMC.



Over the past year, I had the opportunity to have conversations with many of my colleagues, but one that I had with Justin Hamilton '08 in between visiting intensive care patients sent me down a path that I did not expect. During our conversation, I asked Justin where he had done his undergraduate studies. As the conversation continued, Justin told his story and his love for the Respiratory Therapy Program at Salisbury University. He shared: "I feel I got to know a lot of people while at SU who have become lifetime friends, and I learned at a higher level because of the smaller, warmer class sizes and inviting environment."

After this conversation, I wondered who else at GBMC might also have studied at Salisbury. As it turns out, there are eight nurses who presently work with patients and are in nursing leadership who are graduates from the SU Nursing Program. Among the nurses is Kim Kalista Vohrer '03, who is the manager of Unit 38 at GBMC. Overseeing the Progressive Care Unit in her leadership role, Kim impacts nurses in honing their skills and

interactions with patients, keeping her staff current with ever-changing medical technology to improve the patient experience. When I asked Kim about her experience at SU she said: "The clinical knowledge that I gained while at SU created the foundation that has supported my career, but the program was more than just knowledge. I developed a bond with the students who graduated in my class. We worked hard, we supported one another, and we had a sense of discipline. We knew that it was not a responsible choice to go to the Monkey Barrel the night before a 7 a.m. clinical where we had to care for patients."

I am proud of my work as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland as I serve as the chaplain and director of spiritual support services at GBMC as well of being an alumnus of Salisbury University. SU gave me and my alumni colleagues a foundation of knowledge that has served us well no matter what situation comes our way.



# Alumni Gatherings

- Athletic Training Event: June 23, 2016
- Class of 1972 Football Reunion: October 22, 2016
- Brewer's Alley Frederick: November 17, 2016
- Irish Penny Paint Night: December 4, 2016
- Washington Wizards: January 14, 2017
- Pre-Valentine's Dinner EVO & Sposato Winery: February 9, 2017
- Calvert Brewing Company: March 16, 2017
- Timothy O'Toole's Pub, Chicago: March 20, 2017
- Cardiff Beach Bar at Tower 13, San Diego: March 23, 2017
- Baltimore Zoo: April 27, 2017
- Class of 1962 Reunion: April 27, 2017
- Comida at the Source Colorado: May 4, 2017
- Tall Tales Brewing Company: May 19, 2017
- SweetWater Brewing Company Atlanta: May 31, 2017
- Baltimore Orioles: June 3, 2017



Brewer's Alley Frederick Event



Irish Penny Paint Night Event



Athletic Training Event



Tall Tales Brewing Company



Baltimore Zoo Event



Timothy O'Toole's Pub, Chicago



Washington Wizards



Baltimore Oriole's Game



SweetWater Brewing Company



Calvert Brewing Company Event



Class of 1962 Reunion



Comida at the Source Colorado Event



Cardiff Beach San Diego Event



Pre Valentine's Dinner EVO & Sposato Winery Event



Class of 1972 Football Reunion



# Alumni Athletic Reunions: Gulls Fly Home



Men's Soccer Alumni



Women's Soccer Alumni



Field Hockey Alumni



Football Golf



Men's Basketball Alumni



Softball Alumni



Women's Basketball Alumni



Football Bull Roast



Men's Lacrosse Golf



Women's Lacrosse Alumni



## New Alumni Board Members

The Salisbury University Alumni Association has welcomed two communication arts graduates to its board of directors: Katy Hopkins of Millsboro, DE, and Dr. Monica Moody Moore of Silver Spring, MD.

Hopkins earned her B.A., and a minor in conflict analysis and dispute resolution, in 2011. She returned for her M.Ed. in post-secondary education in 2013. Currently, she is the director of marketing and recruitment for Sposato Landscape and Sposato Family Vineyards.

No stranger to alumni relations, Hopkins worked for six years as an undergraduate student and graduate assistant in SU's Alumni Office, helping to plan and organize events including Homecoming and reunions. She also coordinated weddings for SU Event Services. She is a former captain and assistant coach for the SU field hockey team and, in the



Katy Hopkins '11, M'13



Dr. Monica Moody Moore '09, M'11

community, has been a longtime coach for the Shore Byrds Field Hockey Club Team and is the assistant field hockey coach at Worcester Prep in Berlin.

Moore earned her B.A. from SU in 1992, later receiving her M.Ed. from the University of Maryland College Park and Ed.D. from the

University of Pennsylvania. She is associate dean of academic programs at Johns Hopkins Carey Business School and the founder of High Aspirations, an educational and management consulting service.

SU's Multicultural Student Services Office has welcomed Moore for numerous keynote lectures and seminars for students. She has given leadership and coaching workshops across the U.S., and is an adjunct lecturer. Previously, she served in senior leadership positions at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Georgetown University, American University and the University of Maryland College Park. A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and Jack and Jill of America, she is the author of *Take Me to the Happy Place*. She and her husband have two children.

## One Day. Every Sea Gull. Everywhere. #GullsGive24

By Michelle Pryor '13, Annual Giving Coordinator

Giving Days have been popping up on campuses across the country for the last few years. It is a day where a University can celebrate philanthropy and educate students, alumni, faculty and friends about giving back to their institution. For Salisbury University, it was a step into the unknown and an opportunity to generate excitement about giving back. Luckily for SU, generous donors Wayne '89 and Melissa Judkins '89 created a challenge gift to help obtain new donors to SU. With high hopes on April 4, 2017, Salisbury alumni, students, staff, parents and friends joined together for SU's inaugural Giving Day Challenge, GullsGive24.

GullsGive24 was a 24-hour, midnight-to-midnight challenge encouraging all Salisbury University supporters to financially give back to current students – in any amount to any area of campus. All student gifts were matched 2:1 to the same area of campus by the Judkins, and gifts from alumni and friends were matched 1:1 to the donor's scholarship. Thanks to several other supporters, major challenge gifts were unlocked every 50 donors toward the 200-donor goal.

Several exciting events were planned for the day, including free coffee for Giving Day donors sponsored by alumni-owned Rise Up Coffee and an appearance at the Salisbury University versus the Shorebirds baseball exhibition game. Hourly raffles and social media challenges involved supporters online and encouraged them to

share Giving Day information with friends.

When midnight marked the end of GullsGive24, 487 donors had given over \$34,000 to help various programs and organizations across SU's campus! Donors also unlocked \$14,000 worth of challenge gifts and earned over \$30,000 worth of matching gifts from our alumni donors.

Thank you to all of those who helped make SU's inaugural Giving Day such a success. So many deserving organizations, academic departments and student groups were shown the love by Sea Gulls and GullsGive24 demonstrated how the value of one gift – combined with others – can really make a difference!

If you missed the inaugural giving day, don't worry because it will be back in 2018 on April 3.



Over \$34,000 raised in 24 hours!





## Call for Nominations: *Faculty Appreciation Awards*

Was there a faculty member who was influential in making a positive impression on you while at SU or one whose teachings have further enriched your professional or personal life? Nominations are being taken for Faculty Appreciation Awards to be presented by the Salisbury University Alumni Association at the December 2017 Commencement ceremony. The Alumni Association will honor one faculty member from each of the four schools who has made a lasting impression on alumni.

For a complete list of eligible faculty members and nomination guidelines, go to:

[www.salisbury.edu/alumni/facultyawards](http://www.salisbury.edu/alumni/facultyawards)

The 2016 Faculty Appreciation Award winners were honored during SU's 91st-year Fall Commencement. (From left) Recipients: Paula Morris, Dr. David Rieck, Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Dr. Laurie Andes and Dr. Chrys Egan.



Fulton School of Liberal Arts  
**DR. CHRYS EGAN –  
COMMUNICATION ARTS**

*"Dr. Egan taught an exciting class about technology that had me completely engrossed in the material all semester long, not just because of the topics but the way she presented the, at times, strange material in a very relatable manner."*



Perdue School of Business  
**PAULA MORRIS –  
MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING**

*"I have never had an educator who was as vested in his or her students' professional and personal successes as Mrs. Paula Morris. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide me with the support and resources I needed to become employed soon after I graduated from SU."*



Henson School of Science and Technology  
**DR. DAVID RIECK –  
CHEMISTRY**

*"Dr. Rieck is an outstanding educator and role model for his students. He has inspired many students to continue with their education and pursue graduate degrees. Dr. Rieck deserves a great deal of credit for his good work."*



Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies  
**DR. LAURIE ANDES –  
TEACHER EDUCATION**

*"Dr. Andes made the classes interesting. She had so much knowledge and created a fun learning environment. . . . She showed a love for teaching reading, the importance in reading and how to make kids love reading."*



## IN MEMORIAM: Dr. K. Nelson Butler (1939-2017)

By Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, SU President

Dr. Butler came from a generation of faculty and administrators at Salisbury University whose dedication and openness to new ideas and programs helped lay the foundation for today's modern campus. A guiding principal of his work was: Would it benefit the students? Would it help others?

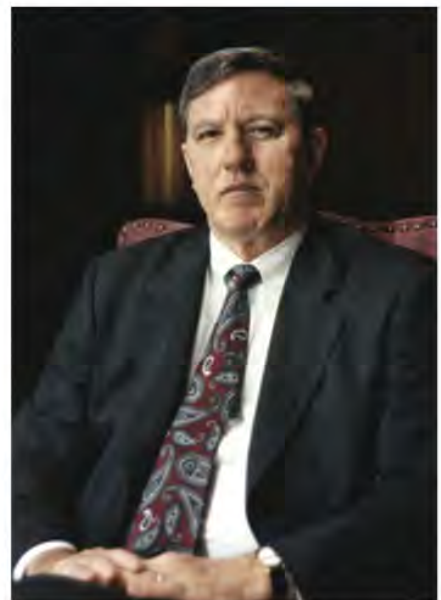
He was a man of multiple interests: An athlete with a distinguished background in physical education, he was also a supporter of the arts. He helped to build partnerships between SU and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore; ultimately the campuses won the nationally prestigious Hesburgh Award for their collaboration. He actively supported programs that touched the lives of young and old, from the YMCA to the Eastern Shore Senior Games.

He played key roles in the life of the University as the founding dean of the School of Professional Studies

and later vice president of academic affairs, a position he held from 1986-1995. This was a period of remarkable growth for SU, with the endowment of three schools and the opening of several buildings, including the Guerrieri University Center (recently renamed the Guerrieri Student Union) and Fulton Hall.

He was Interim President of the University in 1995-96 during the illness and death of Dr. Thom Bellavance, whom he had served faithfully. Nelson always was willing to go where needed, whether supervising physical education majors in a school setting or courting donors as the interim vice president of advancement.

The depth of his commitment to one institution is a hallmark of the man and his generation. We at Salisbury University, and in the community, are grateful recipients of his legacy.





# Alum Runs for Germany

The run to becoming one of the best in the world didn't begin for Luke Campbell '16 his freshman year at Salisbury University in 2012. It didn't begin at Brunswick High School or at his first thought about running competitively. Luke Campbell's run for world relevance began the day he was born – in Germany.

His father, serving in the United States military in Germany, met Luke's mother. The two eventually married and had a baby boy in Germany, giving Luke dual citizenship there and in the U.S.

As he rose through the ranks of track & field here in the United States, becoming the most decorated Division III men's track & field athlete of all time, he needed to forge a path on which he would take the next step.

Campbell finished his time with the Sea Gulls on Memorial Day Weekend 2016, winning the final of his 11 national championships – 10 individually and one as part of a relay team. He won seven high hurdle championships and three in the 400-meter hurdles, while claiming a 4x400-meter relay title at the Division III indoor

championships during his senior season.

He remained in Salisbury to train following his graduation in May 2016, and in the spring 2017, Luke traveled to Germany to train and compete with his club LG Eintracht Frankfurt. Campbell has already gotten a good grasp on the German language and has acclimated to the culture, making his way around the cities and the country – for numerous competitions – easily.

The training regimen of a professional athlete was startling for Campbell, who has been focusing his efforts on the 400-meter hurdles.

"Training has been intense and eye-opening for sure," Campbell said. "Every day I have training; however, the intensity and specificity varies a bit in order for my body to recover when it needs to and to be under the correct stress when necessary."

Campbell improved on his personal-best time twice early in the summer, including a time of 49.40 seconds at the German National Championships to win the title by nearly a full second. Following the national win, Campbell turned his focus to the World Championships in August, with the ultimate goal a trip to the Olympics in Tokyo in 2020.

"Germany is where I was born and where I lived for the first few years of my life," he said. "A good portion of my family lives there as well, so I feel like I missed out on a lot growing up. Having this privilege allows me to reconnect with many aspects of the country. Competing for them would be a great honor, and in my mind, would be the perfect way to pay homage."





# Softball Takes Place in New Nest

The Salisbury University softball program has been one of the best in the nation over the past few decades, and in spring 2017, the program opened a facility whose prestige matches that of its former and current players and coaches.

The new facility replaced the former Sea Gull Softball Field, which had stood on the space at the corner of Bateman and S. Division Streets since the 1970s.

For the teams, the stadium features expanded, heated dugouts, as well as an artificial turf outfield and a clay infield. Both the home and visiting team have access to two batting cages each and a bullpen located near each dugout.

For fans, there is a large seating area that accommodates 500, a new press box with an updated sound system, a permanent ticket booth and permanent restrooms.

Sea Gull Softball Stadium opened on the weekend of March 4 as the team hosted the Sea Gull Classic. Alumni of the program – players, coaching and support staff – got a sneak peak of the facility during an open house on the night of March 3.

With cold temperatures during the open house, the new heated dugouts were well received, as friends and family gathered to see the new set up.

"We had more than 70 alumni show up, which was a great turnout," said Head Coach Margie Knight '79, M'99, who is a Salisbury Athletics Hall of Fame member from her playing days of softball and volleyball. "To be able to see people who I maybe hadn't had time for more than a quick conversation in the past 10, 15 or 20 years, and even seeing the ones that had just walked out of the door a couple months earlier, it was great to be able to spend some time with them."

The next day, the official opening ceremony featured a ribbon cutting and a ceremonial first pitch thrown by SU President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach and additional pitches from the program's alumni. The Sea Gulls won the first game in their new facility,

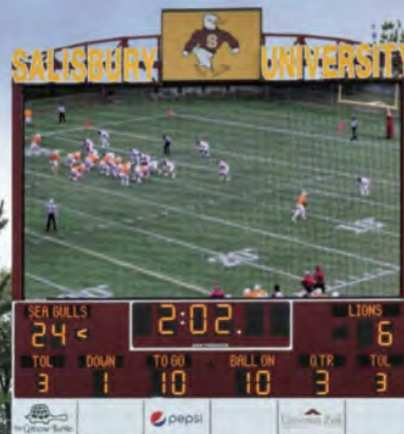


defeating Clarkston University 5-3, with the play of the game a three-run home run late in the contest from senior Caitlin Lake.

Sea Gull Softball Stadium is part of a multi-year athletics facility upgrade plan that began with the new Sea Gull Stadium, housing the field hockey, football, and men's and women's lacrosse teams. Prior to the 2017-18 season, upgrades to the SU Soccer Complex and a new stadium for the baseball team will be completed.

## Video Board Adds Stadium Excitement

The new Sea Gull Stadium got an early upgrade with the unveiling of a Daktronics Video Board replacing the scoreboard located in the southeast corner of the stadium. The board allows live game action to be shown during the game, as well as in-game replays, graphics and pre-produced videos. The board was installed in August 2016 and used for the first time during the football team's opener against Albright College on September 2.





# CLASSNOTES

Information received prior to May 1, 2017  
M = Master's Degree

## 1950s

**Niel Carey '56** received the Presidential Award of the National Career Development Association for his work as chair of the Government Relations Committee and member of the Steering Committee of a coalition of more than 100 business and education organizations, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, which supports strengthening career development in American education.

## 1960s

**Katheryn (Fitzsimmons) Hill '62** was inducted into both the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Hall of Fame for her volunteerism as well as the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

**Norman Conway '65** was the first recipient of the Paul S. Sarbanes Service Award that is given to a Democrat who best represents the interests of Wicomico County and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.



Vera (Dishroon) Torrence '68

**Vera (Dishroon) Torrence '68** (left) was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award by Johns Hopkins University in recognition of service as a university faculty member who excels in the art of instruction. She teaches graduate courses for the Educational Leadership Program.

**Bill Hutchison '69** is a member of the *Kalmar Nyckel* Foundation and presented a program at the Delaware Public Archives where he details how the *Kalmar Nyckel* vessel operated.

**Edward Taylor '69 & M'72**, former Wicomico County councilman and career-educator, was recognized for his longstanding work within the community with a plaque on the Wetipquin Bridge in Maryland. This plaque represents his essential role in the bridge's reconstruction.

## 1970s

**Daniel Long '70** retired after 26 years as a circuit court judge, but he is looking forward to sitting as a "senior judge" in courtrooms across the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

**Carol (Leverage) Williamson '73** is the Maryland State Department of Education's deputy state superintendent for teaching and learning.

**Steve Price '74** has worked for Worcester (MD) County Public Schools since 1996 and now serves as the chief operating officer and assistant superintendent for operations.

**Elain (Lee) Wong '75 & M'82** retired from Clovis (CA) Unified School District after teaching elementary students for 40 years.

**George Ensenat '76** is a board member for Unified Community Connections, a nonprofit agency serving children and adults with disabilities throughout Maryland. He will be using his 25 years of experience as a business banker and branch manager to build working relationships with clients and staff.

**Brenda Rose '77** is the granddaughter of Ruth Starr Rose, an artist who painted scenes from the Eastern Shore of Maryland's

African American community; her art remains an important part of Eastern Shore and African American history. Her work was displayed in an exhibit at Salisbury University in 2016.

**Dave Cottle '78** was inducted into the U.S. Lacrosse Chesapeake Chapter Hall of Fame.

**Vici Nagel '78** is a featured speaker and leader of a special resource-network meeting in Apple Valley, CA, to inspire, instruct and encourage collaboration among nonprofit organizations. She is the Academy for Grassroots Organizations first CEO and has over 30 years of successful non-profit and for-profit business experience.

**Steve Pappas '78** celebrates ownership of The Greene Turtle for 40 years with his college buddy Tommy Dickerson. The original location in Ocean City, MD, has grown to 48 other locations.

## 1980s

**Susan (Smith) Bunting '81** was nominated by the governor of Delaware and elected as the secretary of education for the State of Delaware.

**Cynthia (Calvacca) Everts '81** is a mathematics teacher at Orchard View Intermediate School in West Virginia. She is one of 213 mathematics and science teachers who are recipients of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This honor is awarded to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country.

**Marc Hoffman '81** was named to the Greater Baltimore Chapter of U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame in January 2017.

**Mark Steele '81 & M'91** is the new superintendent of the Indian River School District in Delaware.

**Mark Marvel '82 & M'87** is offering private daytime music lessons to help homeschooled students in the Sussex County, DE, area.

**Richard Midcap '82** was named the 13th president of Garrett College in McHenry, MD. Midcap's previous position was vice president of student affairs at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, MD.

**Lou Taylor '82** was named Maryland's Worcester County school superintendent.

**Jeff Bowers '83** joined the Y's Howard (MD) County Community Leadership Board.

**Charles Dennig Jr. '83** has been promoted to senior associate for Becker Morgan Group after 15 years with the firm's Salisbury, MD, department.

**Michele Garigliano '83** was among 130 honorees selected to receive the 2017 STEP (Science, Technology, Engineering and Production) Ahead Award given by the Manufacturing Institute that recognizes women who impact their companies through leadership, advocacy and engagement.

**Kelley (Phillips) Cox '84** is one of two who were appointed to head the Maryland Oyster Advisory Commission, which is charged with providing the Maryland Department of Natural Resources advice on its oyster policies and practices and helping to guide ongoing and future oyster restoration activities.

**Kathy (Steinhauer) Knight '84** was inducted as a fellow into the American College of Trial Lawyers. Only the top 1 percent of the total lawyer population in each state have this honor. She currently practices in Montgomery County, MD.

**Monty Saylor '84** was appointed administrative vice president and group manager for middle market banking at M&T Bank locations in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

**Sarah (Shafer) Burton '85 & M'91** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Michael McGee '86 & M'92** joined the board of the United Way Foundation of Indian River County, FL.

**Sheri Sanzone '86** is the 2017 Circle of Excellence recipient, recognizing her efforts to better landscaping through her business Bluegreen based in Aspen, CO.

**Jim Jones '87** joined the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, MD, charitable organization's board of directors.

**Paula Price '87** was appointed as a judge to the circuit court of Somerset (MD) County.

**Wayne Ackerson '88 & M'90** incorporated Angel Tree of Lawrenceville, Inc. as a 501(c)3 charity. The organization provides Christmas gifts for poor children in the Gwinnett County, GA, area. Last Christmas, working with only one other volunteer, Wayne distributed over 450 gifts to 90 children.

**Mary (Peters) DiBartolo M'89** has received Salisbury University's first Fulton endowed professorship in geriatric nursing.

**Ron Sotak '89** joined the law firm of Cosmich, Simmons & Brown as director of e-Discovery for the firm's Strategic Business Solutions Practice Group in Scottsdale, AZ.

## 1990s



Richard Baskas '90

**Richard Baskas '90** (left) finished his second year as an education specialist of GED, ESL and Spanish GED for the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons at USP, Leavenworth, KS. He is the SHU Educational Program developer and coordinator for inmates who can earn program points toward their GED. He also teaches a GED Essay Writing Workshop as well as developed and also teaches a GED Math Workshop for inmates who need extra help in math and writing essays. Richard is an Ed.D. candidate at Walden University and is currently drafting his dissertation proposal titled "Identifying Barriers to Persistence Among Military Veterans Using the GI Bill." He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, International Education Honor Society.

**Karen (Howard) Sposato '90** co-owner and vice president of marketing and sales at Sposato Family Vineyards in Milton, DE, was featured in an article where she discussed her fashion choices and classy style.

**Christina (Angel) Boyd '91**, an Austenesque editor and artist, was featured in an interview with the Meryton Press website where she describes her love and knowledge of Jane Austen's work.

**Susan (Travers) English M '91** is the new vice president for academic affairs at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, VA.

**Bill Pino '91** founded Squidnation, the largest manufacturing company based in Tyaskin, MD. He built this company from scratch and now has business opportunities with 30 countries around the world.

**Patricia (Walter) Saelens '91** served as the interim superintendent for Maryland's Carroll County Board of Education.

**Len Foxwell '92** (right) joined the Board of Governors of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD.

**Annette Wood '92** has been appointed as a pupil personal worker in the Department of Student Services in Leonardtown, MD.



Len Foxwell '92





Suzanne (Bickford) Zigo '92

**Suzanne (Bickford) Zigo '92** (left) earned her master's in educational leadership in 2011 and her doctorate in organizational leadership in 2016, both degrees were from Wilmington University in New Castle, DE. She is the current owner of Cowntown Cowboy Outfitters. **Christopher Benjamin '93** is the assistant vice president of the

lending team for the Community Bank Delaware in Lewes, DE. He will use over 24 years of experience to fulfill this position.

**Kathleen (Peterson) Burley '93** was appointed parks and recreation director for Harford (MD) County.

**Charlie Echard '93 & '00** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Jennifer (Clymer) Moyer '93** completed her first feature documentary film. *Be Prepared to Stop* (right) focuses on the nation's infrastructure and reliance upon the invisible industry of freight and how both are in desperate trouble. This is her first turn as a director and as a member of the Producer's Guild of America.



Jennifer (Clymer) Moyer '93



Dr. Gerald DiBartolo, SU athletics director, congratulates Dan Quinn '94 on his appearance at the Super Bowl this year.

**Dan Quinn '94** (above) is the head coach of the Atlanta Falcons and led his team to Super Bowl LI in Houston, TX.

**Christy (Bisker) Briggs '95 & '01** was one of seven teachers from across the state who competed for the Maryland Teacher of the Year.

**Jeanna (Bryner) Clark '95** published an article for *The Event Chronicle* about the largest Oklahoma earthquake on record and how the environmental and man-made factors could have played a role in this event.

**Shelly (Neal) Edwards '95** is the new director of the Kent County Department of Social Services in Chestertown, MD.



Jennifer (Lubaczewski) FitzPatrick '95

**Jennifer (Lubaczewski) FitzPatrick '95** published her first book *Cruising through Caregiving: Reducing the Stress of Caring for Your Loved One* (left). The book focuses on helping caregivers save money, energy and time.

**Lawrence Priebe '95** is the new safety and quality control director for Keen Compressed Gas Co. located in Salisbury, MD.

**Deborah Salah-Din '95**, curator and museum specialist for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, gave the keynote address and kickoff for the African American History Month celebration at Salisbury University.

**Kristen Visbal '95** is the creator of the *Fearless Girl* statue on display in New York City across from the Wall Street bull statue. The goal is to highlight the lack of gender diversity and workplace equality. The statue made its debut on the 2017 International Women's Day. Read more on page 3.

**Karen Archambault '96** was named dean of enrollment management at Rowan College of Burlington County, NJ, in June 2016. Karen oversees admissions, registration, financial aid and additional student support programs. She also was elected as the vice president of the National Academic Advising Association, the global community for academic advising whose headquarters are in Kansas.

**Casey Baynes '96** continues to serve families with critically ill kids through her Baltimore foundation called Casey Cares. She provides children and their families with birthday surprises, care packages and occasional long-weekend vacations. She strives to fundraise so no family that is qualified for this program gets turned away because of financial reasons.

**Mark Donovan '96** was promoted to chief credit officer at First Landmark Bank based in Marietta, GA.

**Heather (Carroll) Jackson '96 & '01** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Thad Moore '96** has been promoted to director of athletics at Washington College in Chestertown MD.

**Greg Penczek '96 & '01** is the head athletic trainer at Towson University and was honored in Virginia Beach, VA, as a Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association award winner.

**Bessie Taylor M'96** (right) was one of seven writers chosen from 200 teachers in Maryland to participate in the ideas exchange by the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA). The goal is to find out why Maryland cannot retain their new teachers for more than five years and to synthesize the ideas into a report to be presented to the MSEA Board of Directors.



Bessie Taylor M'96

**Ronald Wolfe '96** is the tax manager for the Certified Public Accounting firm of Horne, Holmes, Crenshaw, Blake & Rathbun, PA in Altamonte Springs, FL.



John DeRichie '97

**John DeRichie '97** (left) has been promoted to senior associate at SOSH Architects, with more than 16 years of experience. John started as an intern for the New Jersey firm in 2000.

**Brian Donahue '97** graduated with his doctorate in educational leadership from Rowan University. He currently serves as an assistant principal at Colts Neck (NJ) High School.

**Matt Maciarello '97** has been named Wicomico (MD) County Circuit Court Judge by Governor Larry Hogan. He has served as Wicomico County state's attorney since 2011.

**Jay Owen '97 & '99** was named the 2017 NCAC Men's Lacrosse Coach of the Year for the first time in his career after leading the Whittenton College Tigers to a winning record of 6-2 in the league and a 9-7 overall season record.

**Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan '97** was named the Pen Parentis Fellow for 2016-2017; the Pen Parentis Writing Fellowship for New Parents has been awarded annually since 2010. The fellowship is intended to encourage writers to produce new works of quality fiction at the very busiest point in their parenting journey.



John Reichenberg '97

**John Reichenberg '97** (left) was one of 50 teachers from around the world to be awarded with a scholarship to attend Honeywell's Green Boot Camp in San Diego, CA. John also was selected for the Space Foundation 2016-2017 Teacher Liaison Program. He received the Cisco-EIE (Engineering is Elementary) Scholarship for Engineering is Everywhere. He participated in STEM training in Boston, MA, and received the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Farm STEM Experience Scholarship 2017.

**Scott Sharpless '97** was elected with his running mate Frank Mikuletzky for two seats on New Jersey's Barnegat Light Borough Council. Scott is the chairman of public works.

**Eric Sheninger '97** was chosen as one of the top 20 "Best of the Best" for EdTech's The Advocate's 2017 ranking of global EdTech Influencers.

**Arnetta Thomas '97 & M'07** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Megan Worrell '97** (right) is a partner in the New York Duane Morris Attorney's Firm and was honored by the Duane Morris Women's Impact Network for Success (WINS) with the Margery Reed Professional Excellence Award for her contributions toward creating, mentoring and modeling others in work-life management.



Megan Worrell '97

**Torrey Brown '98** joined Wor-Wic (MD) Community College as the new webmaster and software developer.

**Lorianne (Sharpless) Menzel '98 & M'08** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Jason Curtin '98**, Salisbury University's vice president of university advancement and external affairs and executive director of the SU Foundation, Inc., was recognized by the University's Town-Gown Council for "Diligently working to strengthen university and community relations" and "often surpassing the duties in his job description" to enhance campus connections. Read Jason's message to alumni on page 14.

**Gary Wolfe '98** is one of two candidates running for the 35th Representative District seat that covers the northwest corner of Sussex County, DE.

**Kimberly (English) Adkins '99** was named laboratory director for Nanticoke Health Services based in Seaford, DE.

**Susan (Miller) Coppage '99** has been appointed to serve as the director of Queen Anne's (MD) County Department of Social Services. In her new role, she will work closely with county residents and commission partner agencies to provide vital resources to people in need.

**Ella (Durham) Disharoon '99** was appointed state's attorney from her previous position of deputy state's attorney for the Wicomico (MD) County State's Attorney's Office.

**Christian Metzger '99** is the new executive director for the nonprofit organization Moveable Feast. This organization delivers nutritious meals to people living with life-threatening illness like cancer and AIDS in Baltimore City, the surrounding counties and Maryland's Eastern Shore. In his new role, he is responsible for management and leadership of the nonprofit to ensure their mission is fulfilled.

**Geoff Turner M'99**, the president and CEO of logistics firm Choptank Transport, has been named to Salisbury University's Executive Advisory Council for the Perdue School of Business.



His company is honored to be among Selling Power's 50 Best Companies to sell for. Companies are judged on compensation, sales culture, onboarding strategies, training and coaching process, and annual turnover percentage.

**2000s**

**Samuel Atkinson '00** has been selected to serve a four-year term as a member of the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Committee, where he will help coordinate and oversee all aspects of the Division III Men's Basketball Championship.

**Melissa Boog M'00** earned a Ph.D. in organizational leadership from University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Melissa is the associate vice president for academic affairs at Salisbury University.

**Douglas Cook '00** joined Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company in Berlin, MD, as executive vice president and chief lending officer.

**Kimberly (Moore) Dow '00** is the creator of a magazine, *Sass*, focused on women and spotlighting ones within the community. *Sass* has grown from 4,000 copies to 10,000 in its first 20 months. The magazine is distributed to outlets in West Virginia, Shepherdstown, Montgomery County, Carroll County and Fredrick County.

**Gail (Hildenbrand) Kulp '00** has joined the board of directors of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership as the new executive director in Union County, PA.

**Rebecca Tittermary M'00** was selected to present at the 2017 National Art Education Association Convention in New York. Her presentation is titled "Utilizing Technology to Bring Museum Experiences to Students."

**M. Branden Meredith '01** joined the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in Maryland as vice president of finance.

**Nick Waldner '01** was featured on the real estate website Inman.com for his remarkable progress as a real estate agent and team leader for the Waldner Winters Team of Keller Williams Realty based in Maryland.

**Rebecca (Cody) Webster '01** is the new workforce director for the Lower Shore Workforce Alliance through the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

**Alexis Willing '01 & M'05** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Keith Burney '02**, (right) after spending eight years as a systems analyst following his graduation from SU and six years of seminary studies, was ordained a Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Washington at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. He is currently assigned as the parochial vicar at St. Jane de Chantal Church in Bethesda, MD.



Keith Burney '02

**Shannon Hurley-Wilson '02** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.



Michael Kipe '02

**Michael Kipe '02** (left) was one of two recipients of the 2016 Outstanding Alumnus Award by the Hagerstown (MD) Community College Alumni Association

**Barrett King '02** is the president of the Board of Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc. for a two-year term.



(From left) Sean McGuinn '02, M'05; Jessica Seabright Lechart '09; Maya Alexander '16; Heather Hatfield McCarthy '02; and Brad Deise '11

**Sean McGuinn '02 & M'05** (above) works as an outdoor educator with fellow Salisbury alums **Jessica (Seabright) Lechart '09, Maya Alexander '16, Heather (Hatfield) McCarthy '02 and Brad Deise '11** at the Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center.

**Melody (Page) Oneschuk '02** won Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017 at the Southern Delaware School of the Arts where she teaches music to all grade levels, kindergarten through eighth grade.

**Anthony Parker '02** is Baltimore-based rapper Wordsmith, who is making a name for himself after he started his own music label NU Revolution Entertainment. He has shifted his focus away from the business side of things and is focusing more on the music and his love of the Baltimore community.

**Kristina Powell '02** is one of the top five finalists for the 2017 Harford (MD) County Teacher of the Year award. She has taught vocal/general music at Bel Air Elementary School for 14 years.

**Jason Warfield '02** joined the Cambridge (MD) Main Street Board of Directors. He established Mid Shore Graphics in 2004.

**Laurie Davies M'03** was a high school finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Stacia Hines '03** taught English in Ecuador and then joined the Peace Corps, serving a tour in Ecuador. She has since gone on to earn a Master of Social Work from the University of Baltimore and is now working with bilingual families at Wrap Around Maryland in Baltimore, an organization that supports children with mental health challenges and the families that love them.

**Lauren Marino '03**

(right) has been traveling to Rwanda and building homes for families in need. Her labor of love is now an official non-profit organization called Inshuti of Rwanda. Inshuti means friends in Kinyarwanda, and they are not just building homes but a community of Inshuti. The houses they build are made with local materials and employ local workers, which provides a foundation for the future of their families. They recently launched their website, which highlights their beginning and the families they intend to help in 2017.



Lauren Marino '03

**Mildred Peyton '03** is promoting conversations between parents and children about bullying in her new book *A Bully on the School Bus*, which works on making that conversation easier for both the parent and the child.

**Andrew Stuhl '03** is an assistant professor of environmental humanities at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. He authored his first book, *Unfreezing the Arctic: Science, Colonialism, and the Transformation of Inuit Lands*.

**William Woolston M'03** was made partner for Covington & Burling, a law firm with headquarters in Washington, D.C. He specializes in retirement plans and compensation agreements.

**Curtis Alston '04** is the Title I elementary student, family and staff engagement supervisor in the Department of Supplemental School Programs in Leonardtown, MD.

**Josh Chamberlain '04** hosted the inaugural Film and Television Workshop at Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, MD.

**Amber Cowan '04** (right)

was one of the first SU graduates majoring in the Art Department's hot glass program. She came back to SU in April 2017 to give a lecture and hot glass demonstration to current SU students.

**Amy Heger '04** was a semi-finalist for the Somerset (MD) County 2017 Teacher of the Year.

**Trevor Hill '04** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Worcester (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Sarah Perdue B.A. '04 B.F.A. '04** was the 2017 Teacher of the Year for Somerset (MD) County.

**Cathy Ramey '04** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Matthew Rosati '04** has been appointed assistant principal at Ridgely Middle School in Lutherville, MD.

**Drue Stapleton M'04** was appointed as an assistant professor in the Biology Department at Rider University in Lawrence Township, NJ.

**Aaron Szager '04** joined BlueSky Wealth Advisors in New Bern, NC, as a senior wealth advisor.

**Jennifer Truitt-Lewis '04** was awarded the Young Alumni Achievement Award for Salisbury University in 2016. The award was presented to Jennifer during the December 2016 Commencement Ceremony. Read more on page 19.

**Undrea "Nikki" Blake '05** was nominated for the Life Changer of the Year Award for her dedication to students in and out of the classroom. She is a sixth grade math teacher at Pocomoke (MD) Middle School.

**Brad Elliott '05** (below) had a great time and took advantage of Salisbury University's Party Pack program at his get-together with other SU alums.



Brad Elliott '05 hosts fellow alums

**Jamie Heater '05** was named the new arts and entertainment executive director for the City of Salisbury. She is the founder and coordinator of the 3rd Friday events held in downtown Salisbury.

**Caitlin Jones '05 & M'10** earned her Licensed Clinical Social Worker LCSW-C from the Association of Social Work Boards after the completion of a minimum of 3,000 supervised clinical hours.



**Yvonne Liswell '05 & M'09** was honored at the Quota International meeting in Cambridge, MD, and gave a presentation on her experience as a woman in the military. **Miles Macleod '05**, a teacher at Heritage High School in North Carolina, was named Wake County's 2016 Teacher of the Year as well as the North Central Region Teacher of the Year. **David Marchetti Jr. '05** received the National Athletic Trainers' Association highest honor for young professionals, the Young Professional's Committee National Distinction Award.



Dan Thraikill '05

**Dan Thraikill '05** (left) was promoted to tax director at Ellin & Tucker, where he continues to serve the firm's notable real estate and technology client bases in Baltimore.

**Brian Ellis '06** was named vice president and portfolio manager of diversified fixed income at Easton Vance Management in Boston, MA.

**Cristin Eurice-George '06 & M'16** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Randolph Mitchell '06** has been employed at Perdue Foods since 1998. He has been elected as the Poultry Science Association's 110th president. He will be in charge of the nutrition program, feed mill quality control, analytical laboratory and live poultry research program.

**Tim McFadden '06** was featured as the artist spotlight on examiner.com. He is the co-founder of Magma Build Studios, a custom design studio with a focus on lighting, furniture and Topologie, which specializes in custom glass faucets and fixtures located in Baltimore. Both brands are a part of the larger company, Zero Gravity Creations, which focuses on fusing glass and metal as their main materials.

**Emily Boland '07 & M'15** was a semi-finalist for the Somerset (MD) County 2017 Teacher of the Year.

**Donald D'Aquila '08** was named a finalist for the 2016 Arthur B. Cecil Jr. Award for Excellence in Health Care Improvement by the University of Maryland Shore Regional Health. The award recognizes initiatives that impact the quality of health care for patients. He was recognized for implementing pharmacologic therapies in the management of pain and non-pain symptoms.



Steven Leonard M'07

**Steven Leonard M'07** (left) has accepted the position of president/CEO designate for the Peninsula Regional Medical Center and Health System in Salisbury, MD.

**Samuel Richards M'07** published his first book, *The Middle Holds*, which traces the 150-year history of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Canonsburg, in southwestern Pennsylvania. It explores the theological, financial, leadership, missionary struggles and triumphs of a small, mainline church. He is a humanities teacher and English curriculum area leader at Zurich International School in Switzerland.

**Alida Canzanese '08** (right) graduated from her three-year podiatric medicine and surgery residency, which she completed with the Christiana Care Health System in Northern Delaware. Following her residency, she entered private practice in Glenside, PA, and is now the owner of her practice, Gordon Podiatry, LLC, which focuses on all aspects of podiatric medicine, including foot and ankle surgery and specializing in sports medicine.



Alida Canzanese '08

**Andrew Kehl '08** is a manager with the audit services group for Reinsel Kuntz Leshner, LLP in Pennsylvania.

**Andrea Lynn '08** joined the Baltimore-based Fallston Group global reputation agency as the marketing communications manager.

**Lindsay McCauley '08 & M'15** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Ryan Mello '08 & M'14** (right) was featured by the American Association of Geographers in their GeoMentor Spotlight for February 2017.



Ryan Mello '08 & M'14

**Shannon Mitchell '08** (right) is the new director of events for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD, where she works with clients who want to use the museum as a unique wedding and private event venue.

**Danielle Thompson '08** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Shannon Wyman '08** is the new senior digital program manager for Crosby Marketing Communications, based in Annapolis, MD, where she will direct major web and mobile programs.



Shannon Mitchell '08

**Alison Wysocki '08** was a middle school finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Leonardo Cabrera '09** grew the small lime-green restaurant called Modern Mixture in Rehoboth Beach, DE, into a go-to spot that features both healthier and regular options with a Mexican flare to please all types of taste buds.

**Phoebe Horsman '09** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Nick Schratwieser '09** was promoted to assistant principal at New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science in Jamaica, NY.

**Stephanie (Wampole) Yerkes '09** is now the head chef at Bacchus Wine Bar of Milton, DE.

## 2010s

**Jeri Cook '10** is the new election director for the Talbot Board of Elections in Maryland. She has 20 years of experience as a chief election judge and was chosen for this position over 49 other applicants.

**Chris Daly '10** joined a team of engineers and experts at Cambridge (MD) Engineered Solutions, one of the world's largest manufacturers of metal conveyor belts.

**Kellie (Mooney) Elmeraji '10** has been promoted by the Cyphers Agency from social media coordinator to digital marketing director. In her new role, she oversees the integration of digital marketing components from the company's headquarters in Annapolis, MD.

**Jesse Hoffman '10** gave an inspiring keynote speech at the induction ceremony for Mount Hebron High School's first ever millionaire's club. A graduate of Mount Hebron in Carrollton, TX, he shared the story of how he was able to attain "millionaire status" by using personal finance techniques combined with knowledge of the real estate market.

**Beth Nori '10** has been named associate advisor with Brotman Financial Group in Lutherville-Timonium, MD.



Sean Reincke M'10

**Sean Reincke M'10** (above) was the 2017 Dorchester (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Valerie Folsom '11 & M'15** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Julia Glanz '11 & M'13** was appointed as Salisbury, MD, city administrator. Julia was one of over 100 applicants who applied for the position.

**Kristen Jones '11** is a 2017 Teacher of the Year honoree for the Delmar (DE) School District. She is a middle school career and technology education teacher at Delmar Middle School.

**Amy (Gilbert) Richardson '11** has been honored with Maryland's 2016 Women to Watch Emerging Leader Award by the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants.

**Robby Sheehan '11** earned a spot on *The Daily Record's* prestigious "20 in their Twenties" list, honoring young professionals in Maryland who are making a difference within their communities.

**Sarah Wray '11 & M'16** is now an instructor of nursing at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD.

**Jocelyn Armes '12** was promoted to the new music director for the Trinidad (CO) school district No.1.

**Tara Ball M'12** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Worcester (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Jeff Gold '12 & M'14** is the new Fitness and Wellness Program coordinator for the Hunterdon (NJ) County YMCA.

**Julia Hill M'12** was the 2017 Worcester (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Laura Hurley '12** has been named council administrator for Wicomico (MD) County Council Office where she will be responsible for the day-to-day operations.

**Vincent Lubetski '12** was among 260 graduates awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Gloria (Orellana) Olivares M'12** is a nurse practitioner within the Baltimore Washington Medical Center and has been named a 2017 Top Doctor in Ellicott City, MD.

**Chris Simpson '12** joined Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD, as an admissions and scholarship adviser.

**Ginger Wille '12** has been named December 2016's Nurse of the Month at Nanticoke Health Services in Seaford, DE.

**Chuck Barton '13** is the new clinical coordinator and assistant professor of emergency medical services at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD.

**Courtney Gum-Layton '13 & M'13** has been promoted to medical social services resource coordinator at Coastal Hospice in Salisbury, MD.

**Jeremy Harbaugh '13** is the president executive officer and **Felipe Creighton '15** is the vice president of College Brewer, a startup company that aims to simplify the beer brewing process with the target audience of college students. They are currently raising money to launch this new business.

**Michael Kropkowski '13** joined the technology solutions group at CPA consulting firm Gross Mendelsahn as a junior network engineer for the Baltimore area.



**Christine Okerblom '13** was hired as the assistant curator for the Ocean City (MD) Life-Saving Station Museum.

**Eric Sichau '13** was named the front office Employee of the Year by the Shorebirds' fan club. He is currently the director of marketing and promotions for the Delmarva Shorebirds Baseball Team in Salisbury, MD.

**Jessica Weber M'13** was hired by the Philadelphia Fed as a writing coach with the goal of helping to improve the bank examiners' writing on their reports to make it more succinct and efficient.

**Erika Gerhold '14** joined Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD, as an instructor of mathematics.

**Liza Roe '14** dreams of owning a tiny home in Annapolis, MD. Due to zoning codes, these tiny homes are not allowed. She plans to lobby in an attempt to change this code not only for herself but for others who want to go the same route.

**Jessica Seay '14** has been named head field hockey coach for St. Mary's College of Maryland. She is the ninth head coach in the Seahawks' history.

**Cortney Yeatman '14** joined KConway Physical Therapy as a health coach at Conway Health and Wellness Club in Prince Frederick, MD.

**Rahel Alemu '15** joined University of Maryland Community Medical Group as a neurology nurse practitioner in the Neurology and Sleep Medicine Practice.



Emily Depasse '15

**Emily Depasse '15** (left) graduated from SU with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies - gender and sexuality studies. She dedicates her time to activism focused on destigmatizing STDs/STIs. She publishes in *The Feminist Wire*, *Thought Catalogue* and *Elite Daily*. She is also a guest

speaker/blogger/human sexuality educator with a nonprofit in Baltimore.

**Adam Manning '15** is the new vice president of league communications for the American Soccer League.

**Erin Matthews M'15** was a semi-finalist for the 2017 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year.

**Zachery Tyndall '15** won the race for Berlin, MD's, District 2 council seat. His local heritage helped him to achieve a 69 vote lead over his competitor.

**Lauren Brittingham '16** was accepted into the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) Program beginning July 2017. Lauren also completed 1,232 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail in 2016 and biked 3,500 miles on the Transamerica Trail.

**Luke Campbell '16** ended his career as an athlete for Salisbury University as the most decorated men's Division III track & field athlete in NCAA history. He was featured in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd" section. He finished his Salisbury career with 11 individual championships and was named the Most Outstanding Performer from the 2016 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championships, his third time claiming this honor. He earned the Capital Athletic Conference Male Athlete of the Year and plans to train for the Olympics with hopes of making the American or German team. Read more on page 25.

**Nicholas Clay '16** joined Unleashed Technologies, a web-hosting firm in Columbia, MD, as the inside sales associate.

**Maeve Gonder '16** joined MGH Advertising, Inc. based in Baltimore as a social media marketing associate designer.

**Megan Mahedy '16** is the recipient of the Columbia University Teachers College Scholarship Award, which gives her full funding to pay for her first semester of graduate studies. As a graduate student at Columbia University in New York, she was chosen and awarded the Clarence Pearson Fellow for Global Health and Aging at the American Federation for Aging

Research. She also was awarded the Ruth P. McCarthy Scholarship at Columbia for excellent academic achievement and scholarship as a second-year master's student, which is a \$10,000 award.

**Lorissa McAllister '16** is helping to revitalize the East Coast town of Snow Hill, MD, by opening her Daily Brew Coffeehouse.

**Eli Modlin '16** is the deputy chief of staff and director of government and community relations at Salisbury University.

**Marissa Moran '16** (below) was awarded the Judith H. Shaw Award for best student poster presentation at the 717th meeting of the Helminthological Society of Washington that was held at Salisbury University. She is a first-year master's student in biology as well as a teaching assistant. Currently, she is working to elucidate the life cycle of a parasite by combining morphological and molecular techniques in collaboration with Dr. Anna Phillips of the Smithsonian Institution Natural Museum of Natural History.



Marissa Moran '16

**Kensley O'Neill '16** joined GKV, MGH and Abel Communications in Baltimore as a media assistant.

**Lawrence Reagan '16** is one of seven candidates for the District 29C delegate spot in Maryland.

**Austin Roberson '16** joined WMDT 47 ABC staff as weekend director/studio tech/editor for the Maryland/Delaware Region.

**Katelyn Robinson '16** was named 2017 Miss Outdoors at the opening night of the National Outdoor Show in Toddville, MD.

**Danny Sherr '16** has been named Apple Discount Drugs of Salisbury, MD's, marketing associate for Apple Infusion. His responsibility is to market home intravenous therapy and enteral therapy provided by Apple infusion.

**Michelle Winters '16** is a new AmeriCorps service member for the Lower Shore Land Trust that is focused on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.



Zukowski '99 Wedding



Taylor '02 & Inkrote '11 Wedding



Wills '03 Wedding



Scott Cannon '04 & Lauren Colandreo '05 Wedding: (top, from left) Chris Reading '99, Kelly (Edwards) Reading '98, Tim Lacoek '04, Greg Armstrong '04, Jeanette (Rizzo) Weidner '04, Griffin Gloff '04, Christy Weisner '05, (bottom, from left) Matthew Nuzzi '04, Lauren (Colandreo) Cannon '05, Scott Cannon '04, Rachel Lazarick-Ward '05 and Sarah Shlagel '05

## Marriages

**Keith Zukowski '99** (left) & Amy Zukowski  
**Russell Taylor III '02 & Brandy (Inkrote) Taylor '11** (left)

**Winfred Wills '03 & Jessica Smallwood-Wills** (left)  
**Scott Cannon '04 & Lauren Colandreo '05** (left)  
**Andrew Baker '10 & Laura (Hutchison) Baker '12** (next page)

**Megan (Maloney) Rothermel '10 & Kyle Rothermel** (next page)

**Cory Wilson '10 & Alanna (Poole) Wilson '11** (next page)





Baker '10 & Hutchison '12 Wedding



Maloney '10 & Rothermel Wedding



Wilkinson '10 & Klenkel '09 Wedding



English '11 & Johnson Wedding



Martin '12 & Kroll '14, M'16 Wedding



Quandt '12 & M'14 & Fordham '13 & M'15 Wedding



Wilson '10 & Poole '11



Backman '12 & Bonnington '13 Wedding



Tretina '14 & Schramm '14 Wedding



Yount '14 & McDaniel '14 Wedding



Pruett '15 & Raddcliff '14 & M'15 Wedding

De'Yonte Wilkinson '10 & Samantha (Klenkel) Wilkinson '09 (left)

Jade (English) Johnson '11 & Scott Johnson (left)

Dan Backman '12 & Hayley (Bonnington) Backman '13 (left)

Austin Martin '12 & Hallie (Kroll) Martin '14 & M'16 (left)

J. Curtis Quandt '12 & M'14 & Colleen (Fordham) Quandt '13 & M'15 (left)

Nicholas Tretina '14 & Stephanie (Schramm) Tretina '14 (left)

Nicholas Yount '14 & Rebecca (McDaniel) Yount '14 (left)

David Pruett Jr. '15 & Candace Raddcliff '14 & M'15 (left)

**Births**

Laura (Schott) Houliaras '99 & Serafim Houliaras – Daughter: Lydia Rose (next page)

Byron Hughes '00 & Megan Hughes – Daughter: Madigan Malone (next page)

Lisa (LeBeau) Lombardi '00 & Christopher Lombardi – Son: Harrison Warren (next page)

Ryan O'Connor '00 & Lori (Morsberger) O'Connor '00 – Daughter: Bently Grace (next page)

Christa (Dise) Dameron '01 & M'06 & Jason Dameron – Son: Riley James

Lisa (Shook) Wilkins '03 & Ben Wilkins – Son: Parker Reid (next page)

Matthew Rosati '04 & Samantha (Young) Rosati '04 – Son: Joseph Gabriel (next page)

Lauren (Hammen) Essary '05 & Joseph Essary – Son: Ezekiel Alexander (next page)

Jamie (Cugler) Emely '06 & Erik Emely – Daughter: Emma (next page)

Bobby Murray '09 & Kaitlin (Meimbresse) Murray '10 – Daughter: Olivia Joy (next page)

Amanda Smith '09 & Brad Smith – Daughter: Maura Josephine (next page)

Megan (Maloney) Rothermel '10 & Kyle Rothermel – Daughter: Delaney Raye (next page)

Brett Edelen '11 & Angi (Doran) Edelen '12 – Daughter: Addison Charlotte (next page)

Stephanie (Thornes) Evans '11 & William Evans '13 – Daughter: Gwyneth (next page)

Jessica (Dashiell) Weber '11 & Matthew Weber – Son: Graham Landon (next page)

Rebecca (Larrabee) Zick '11 & Jason Zick '11 & M'12 – Daughter: Tristan Adelynn (next page)





Houliaras '99 Baby



Hughes '00 Baby



(LeBeau) Lombardi '00 Baby



(Morsberger) O'Connor '00 Baby



(Shook) Wilkins '03 Baby



(Young) Rosati '04 Baby



(Hammen) Essary '05 Baby



(Cugler) Emely '06 Baby



Murray '09 & (Meimbresse) Murray '10 Baby



Smith '09 Baby



(Maloney) Rothermel '10 Baby



Edelen '11 & (Doran) Edelen '12 Baby



(Thornes) Evans '11 & Evans '13 Baby



(Dashiell) Weber '11



(Larrabee) Zick '11 & Zick '11 & M'12 Baby



## Deaths

Ellen (Greig) Bloodworth '36 – June 21, 2016  
 Frances (Keese) Sheehan '36 – January 3, 2017  
 Irma (Disharoon) Henshall '39 – September 14, 2016  
 Loma (Dryden) Murray '39 – January 24, 2017  
 Catharine (Appleton) Tyler '41 – January 1, 2017  
 Matilda (Devoe) Zeller '43 – December 26, 2016  
 Justine (Vickers) Travers '48 – June 5, 2015  
 Mabel (Lynch) Linthicum '53 – May 10, 2016  
 Maybelle (Murphy) Moxey '51 – September 7, 2016  
 Jeanette (Messick) Taylor '51 – February 24, 2017  
 Susan (Nock) Olds '56 – January 18, 2017  
 Anne (Hummer) Ball '57 – May 13, 2015  
 Wanda Milbourne (Parks) '59 – January 3, 2017  
 Charles Mulford '59 – May 17, 2016  
 Elizabeth (Reid) Morris '63 – September 22, 2016  
 Richard Wilson '64 – February 27, 2017  
 Virginia (Hastings) Hickman '65 – June 21, 2016  
 Susan (Bennett) Steele '65 – August 27, 2016  
 William Phillips '66 & M'73 – July 9, 2016  
 Dr. Stuart Scott '66 – July 26, 2016  
 William Hammond Sr. M'68 – December 9, 2016  
 Martha Rayne M'70 – February 26, 2017  
 Philip Elzey '72 – November 1, 2016  
 Paul Rendine '74 – July 9, 2016  
 Lucille Rudnick '75 – September 2, 2016  
 Jean (Cannon) Hill '76 – August 20, 2016  
 Thomas Riggan '76 – March 11, 2017  
 Jackie (Landon) Adkins '78 – February 15, 2017  
 Carol (Shivers) Scissons '79 – January 12, 2017  
 James Corbett '80 – April 23, 2017  
 Garry Mumford '81 – April 22, 2017  
 Grace (Brooks) Barnes '82 – March 10, 2017  
 Jane (Fields) Beardley '82 – May 8, 2016  
 Mabel Cullen '82 – September 28, 2016  
 Amy (Baumgartner) Mally '82 – August 17, 2016  
 Kathy Ann (Pickren) Psota '82 – April 27, 2016  
 Nancy (Fritz) Pantalone '82 – December 30, 2016  
 Eleanor (Hall) Conway M'83 – September 21, 2016  
 Deshera Mack '84 – January 05, 2017  
 Katherine (Peters) Panchyk '85 – July 19, 2016  
 John Jones '86 – July 4, 2016  
 William Lilliston '87 – November 20, 2016  
 Robert Blevins Jr. '90 – October 14, 2016  
 Diane (Odell) Beach '91 – October 16, 2016  
 Charles Fulkerson '91 & M'93 – December 12, 2015  
 Sonja VanHoose '91 – January 23, 2017  
 Leslie (Horner) Street '93 – February 24, 2017  
 Etta (Conway) Duncan '95 – July 9, 2016  
 Francis Gate M'95 – September 12, 2016  
 Charles Smith III '95 & M'04 – August 11, 2016  
 Gregory Zapiec '98 – April 28, 2017  
 Levin Purnell '00 – April 4, 2017  
 Curtis Alston M'04 – February 21, 2017  
 Kevin Bauer '06 – March 20, 2017  
 Brent DeShields '09 – January 18, 2017  
 Brittany Dickerson '12 – June 7, 2016

## Faculty & Staff Deaths

**Ernest "Ernie" Bond** (*below*) passed away on September 20, 2016. Read more below.

**Nelson Butler** (*right*) passed away on February 15, 2017. Read more on page 24.

**Eugene Farace Sr.** (*right*) passed away on September 10, 2016. The founder of the Geography Department at Salisbury University in 1955, he was a devoted mentor to students for over 40 years. His love and devotion to teaching was evident in everything he did. Along with teaching, his passions included traveling the world with his family, friends and students.

**Lorraine Kulynycz (Long)** (*right*) passed away December 19, 2016. She dedicated at least 15 years to Salisbury University's Financial Service Office.

**John Tyvoll** (*right*) passed away December 6, 2016. He dedicated many years to the Salisbury University Chemistry Department, where he served as the department's chair for his last three years at Salisbury. He taught analytical chemistry and environmental chemistry. Along with teaching, he was the faculty advisor for SU's Field Hockey Club.



Nelson Butler



Eugene Farace Sr.



Lorraine Kulynycz (Long)



John Tyvoll

## Dr. Ernie Bond (1963-2016)

By Dr. Patricia K. Dean, Associate Professor, Teacher Education Department

There is an unbearable silence in the Conway Hall Teacher Education Department. A frequent guffaw and an array of chortles were often heard throughout the suite as Dr. Ernie Bond entered the department. We miss many things about our friend, but the absence of his joyous laughter is a constant reminder that something is amiss. His empty office is the first one you spot when you enter the department. Ernie passed away unexpectedly in September 2016. This was his 17th year at Salisbury University as our children's literature 'guru.' Both students and faculty spent the fall semester with heavy hearts as we adjusted to life at Salisbury without him.

His expertise in children's and young adult literature was surpassed by none. He was a scholar – one who published frequently and studied always. His text, *Literature and the Young Adult Reader*, is used by professors across the country. He served as a jurist on several committees, the most prestigious being the Hans Christina Andersen Award. Bond held the position for two years with the International Board for Books for Young People (IBBY). His expertise was recognized in 2006-2007, when he received the University System of Maryland Regents' Award for Teaching Excellence, recognizing exemplary faculty achievement. He was also the Carnegie Foundation's 2007 Maryland Professor of the Year.

In 2005, Dr. Bond, Dr. Laura Marasco and I with two members of the Nature Generation created the Green Earth Book Award. Each year, Ernie would work with me to presort the hundreds of books that arrived, selecting those that fit the criteria and sending them off to selection committees. This year, his absence was felt both in presorting and in choosing the winners. The conference call discussions were less lively and the committees echoed the enthusiasm he

always brought to the process where winners were chosen.

Conway Hall houses the Curriculum Resource Center (CRC), providing over 10,000 resources for students and faculty to check out as needed. Most of the books were donated by Dr. Bond. As Ernie prepared for his children's literature classes, he would spend hours in the CRC.

With his passing, many colleagues suggested the renaming of the CRC to the Dr. Ernie Bond Curriculum Resource Center. The dedication ceremony occurred Friday, April 20, 2017, as part of the Children's and Young Adult Literature Festival. To add to the historical event, Caldecott/Coretta Scott King Award winner Bryan Collier painted a portrait of Dr. Bond. When presenting the portrait, Collier stated, "I chose this photo to paint because it showed the sparkle in his eyes." It has been hung in the newly named CRC.

On April 22, 2017, the 18th Children's and Young Adult Literature Festival was held. The title of the festival was, "Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Ernie Bond." Ten authors were present; most of them knew Ernie and shared "Ernie Stories" during their presentation. Literature friends from New Zealand and Australia sent video memories of Ernie to show during the event.

As Abraham Lincoln once said, "It's not the years in your life but the life in your years." Ernie lived life large.



Ernie Bond





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