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## Letter from the President

Many thanks for the warm welcome that my wife, Victoria Rasmussen, and I have received from so many of you following the announcement of my appointment and our formal introduction to campus on May 4. We are both delighted to embark on this new adventure on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

In many ways, this is a homecoming for me. I grew up in Fairfax, VA, and most of my family lives on or near the East Coast. My father and my sister live nearby in Deale, MD, along with their families. I've been away for 34 years, but it's great to be back. Salisbury University is an excellent institution, and I am grateful for the honor and privilege to lead it as president.

As I visited with many members of the SU faculty and staff during the first week of May, a consistent theme quickly emerged that people love to work here for the benefit of students. If the heart and soul of SU are its faculty and staff, then surely the lifeblood of the institution is its students. This makes me happy because one of the greatest joys of being a university president is being surrounded by young, vital, curious students. No matter whether my travels take me to a sporting contest to cheer the Sea Gulls to victory, or to a classroom to teach a chemistry class, or to the Commons dining hall to share a meal, I find that helping students to fully realize their own potential in life is what keeps my boat afloat.

Many people at SU are curious about what my priorities will be as a new president, and where I will devote new energy and resources. To these questions I have consistently asked for patience as I embark on a listening tour of Salisbury University and its community. I want to fully understand where we are as an institution and to realize how we can best fulfill our potential for excellence, both on the campus and in our community. I want to hear from everyone, including alumni, parents, donors and friends of SU. Please don't hesitate to tell me your hopes and dreams, as well as your worst fears. Even if you only offer a small suggestion, this will go into the big melting pot of ideas and may emerge as part of a new strategic plan for SU. And don't be surprised if I eventually ask you to be part of the solution!

Please mark your calendars for Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend October 12-14. I look forward to meeting many of you as you visit campus and/or re-engage with your Alma Mater.

With kindest regards,

*Charles A. Wight*  
President, Salisbury University



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# Get to Know President Wight

*On July 1, Dr. Charles Wight assumed the presidency of Salisbury University. Prior to his start, he made a spring visit to campus to introduce himself to the community. The following are excerpts from his remarks made during a public session in Holloway Hall.*

We're going to get to know each other over the next several months, and I will be meeting with many of you, asking lots of questions about Salisbury University, getting to know you and this great institution. And you will be asking questions of me, getting to know me. So far, almost everything we know about each other is stuff that Google tells us. And that's not always the greatest picture, so let me introduce myself just briefly.

I was born in New York and grew up in Fairfax, VA, not far from here. In high school and college, I spent a lot of time driving through Salisbury to Ocean City and passed by what was then Salisbury State, of course. I went to college at UVA [University of Virginia] and earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry there, and then went to graduate school at Caltech in Pasadena, CA, and earned a Ph.D. in chemistry. I spent a couple of years in Boulder, CO, at the University of Colorado as a postdoctoral research

associate and then took my first permanent job teaching chemistry at the University of Utah.

## **My Path to the Presidency**

I had no particular ties to Utah at that time. When people asked me: "How long are you going to stay," I would say: "I don't know five, six, seven years and then I'll look around." But the longer I stayed at that institution, the better I liked it, and I ended up staying there a little over 28 years teaching chemistry. And as [University System of Maryland] Chancellor [Robert L.] Caret said, I had several different assignments in the administration there.

I had an unusual journey to the presidency. I think a typical journey to the presidency, from the academic side, at least, is that you're a faculty member and then, at some point, you become the chair of your department, and then perhaps, the dean of your college, and then, maybe an associate

provost, and then provost, and then, maybe, after a few years, you have an opportunity to become a president. I didn't do any of those things.

I took the long way around, and I started as president of the Faculty Senate [called the Academic Senate] ... and then I helped to lead some of the support of faculty and students for online courses at the institution. I was then asked to run the Division of Continuing Education for a few years, then back to Undergraduate Studies where I chaired the Undergraduate Council and oversaw the General Education curriculum for the university. Finally, I served as dean of the Graduate School for a few years before I had the opportunity to be president at Weber State starting January 2013.

Sometimes people ask me: "How did you get started in this administrative career? What was the thing that really launched that whole process?" And I usually answer by saying, "lightning."

In the spring of 1998, I was in Russia for a joint collaborative research project for about a month. And while I was over there, I got an email from the secretary of the Academic Senate saying, "You have been nominated to be president of the Academic Senate. Do you accept the nomination?" And I immediately and without hesitation typed "No, thank you," and hit send. Unfortunately, or fortunately, the night before, the institute in this little town called Chernogolovka had been hit by lightning, and it knocked out the internet for a week. During that week I was elected president, in absentia, and the rest is history.

## A Students' President

One of the great pleasures that I've had as president of Weber State is staying connected with students, and this has happened in many ways. I elected to continue teaching as president. Every spring, I taught an Honors section of second-semester General Chemistry, and a couple of days ago, I had an experience in that class where we were talking about electrochemistry and batteries and some of the technology that people carry around in their pockets these days. I was explaining to them how some of those batteries work, and a woman in the second row, suddenly her eyes got really big, and I said: "Maddie what's up? What's going on?" And she said: "I just realized this class isn't about memorizing formulas and equations; this class is about how the world works!" That moment was a big win for me. I hope that what we really do for our students is teach them how the world works and their part in it and how they can change it for good.

I've met with many students in classrooms. A couple of years ago, my wife Victoria Rasmussen – [who] is by my side a hundred percent of the time and provides the support that I need to do this kind of job – came to me and said: "You know, when you first came to Weber State you were kind of known as the students' president, and



Victoria Rasmussen  
and Charles Wight

you haven't been getting out and seeing students that often anymore." So, I tried a couple of different things, but the thing that worked best was going around to visit students in classrooms, and I got about 50 invitations from faculty to spend 20 minutes in their class talking. We had a lot of interesting conversations about parking and sustainability and whatever else was on their minds.

I have been involved with students early on. I went to a meeting in our Student Union, and as soon as I walked in the building, a group of student leaders took me aside and put two very large pythons around my neck ... I'm not a really big snake person, so when one of the snakes disappeared inside my jacket, I said: "That's the end of that." I did the ice bucket challenge for ALS, and they put me in jail until I could raise enough money for muscular dystrophy to bail me out. Just recently, a fraternity came to me and said, "We would like to ... sell opportunities to throw a pie in your face for a fundraiser." Now, I'm all about fun, but I try never to cross the line between fun and undignified, and I was pretty sure this was going to cross the line. But then I realized that this particular group of students had been incredibly active on campus raising awareness about sexual assault and keeping the campus safe, raising money for breast cancer awareness, raising money for all sorts of good causes, and so I relented. Every year, or most years, I hiked to the top of a local mountain, Mount Ogden, which is right behind the University, and ceremoniously planted a flag and sang the University fight song with [our students].

## Let's Have Some Fun

And, really, I say these things to you to point out that I try to have fun in my job. Fun is very important for me, and when I meet with students and give them advice, I usually tell them: "Choose a career based on your passion and make sure that whatever you decide to do in life, that it's fun, because if your job isn't fun, at least most of the time, well, go do something else, because you're going to spend a lot of time doing it, and you might as well have fun in your life." Fun is very important to me.

I have had a great time being a president, and I look forward to having a great time being president of Salisbury University. This is a great institution. The students are remarkably successful. This institution serves local and regional workforce needs. It's a leader in its community, and I believe every University has to be a leader in its community for economic prosperity and for social justice.

## First Steps

My first step is to go on a listening tour. I did this in my last position, and I was really glad that I did it because if I had come to Weber State and made a bunch of decisions based on my experience at a completely different institution, then I think I would have made some very serious mistakes. I think it's important for us to get to know each other before I start making important decisions and start changing things. I'm very fortunate that Salisbury University is in great shape and is *A Maryland University of National Distinction*. Things are going really well here, and so I wasn't hired by the Regents to go in and change a bunch of stuff and fire a bunch of people. We will make some decisions that will take this institution to the next level, and I'm going to listen first before we start making those decisions.

# Meeting Maryland's Growing Public Health Demands

## Announcing the New College of Health and Human Services

This fall, the new College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) opens. The largest academic unit on campus, the new college is home to nearly 2,200 students.

This dramatic restructuring of academic programs reflects the growing importance of these fields. It supports related workforce demands as the state and nation try to address the opioid epidemic, the rapidly aging Boomer Generation and distinct rural health care needs.

The idea for the new college came from faculty in the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology and the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies.

"They were looking for more efficient and effective ways for their disciplines to collaborate and achieve common goals," said SU President Emerita Janet Dudley-Eshbach at the spring announcement for the college.

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### The new college houses three different schools:

- Nursing
  - Social Work
  - Health Sciences
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Dr. Kelly Fiala is at the helm as transitional dean, bringing expertise in academic leadership, most recently as interim dean of the Seidel School and director of SU's Athletic Training Program.

According to POLITICO, the health care industry is on pace to become the largest job sector in the U.S. in the next three years. The country has experienced nursing shortages for decades, but an aging population means the problem is about to get much worse. Currently, some 10,000 Americans are turning 65 every day. According to a GrayShore study by SU's Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON), the population of the Eastern Shore is aging



faster than the rest of Maryland. With two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries suffering from multiple chronic conditions, the demand for nursing and other health care services will soar.

### School of Nursing

The Maryland Board of Nursing ranks SU as having the highest 10-year average pass rate of all USM institutions on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. Most recently, the University topped all B.S. and B.S.N.-granting programs in the state, said Dr. Jeffrey Willey, who leads the new School of Nursing.

### School of Social Work

"The Social Work Department has the largest graduate program on campus," said Dr. Deborah Mathews, who heads the new School of Social Work. "This realignment will enable us to collaborate more easily with colleagues and expand inter-professional programming. It also may help in securing grants or creating continuing education programs in areas such as addiction and substance abuse."

### School of Health Sciences

The School of Health Sciences includes: applied health physiology, athletic training, community health, exercise science, fitness and wellness, medical laboratory science and respiratory therapy, which produces the largest number of baccalaureate graduates in the country. "This unique combination of programs connects daily health maintenance with frontline medical care, positioning SU as a leader in interprofessional education for students interested in these fields," said Dr. Robert Joyner, who leads the Health Sciences School.

The University has no plans at this time to change its existing schools into colleges. Instead, it will have a mixed school/college structure, found at other peer institutions. What could change is the name of the new college – if an interested benefactor were found.

## Enhancing Partnerships for Public Health

By Thelonious Williams '15

*Williams is the City of Salisbury's Housing and Homelessness Manager. A history graduate, Williams' passion for community engagement blossomed during his time at SU. Through the University's AmeriCorps program, he served as the program coordinator for the Salisbury/Wicomico Youth Civics Council. During the 2013 Maryland General Assembly legislative session, Williams was a junior lobbyist with CASA de Maryland, a Latino and immigration advocacy-and-assistance organization. Williams spent the 2013-2014 school year in Ghana, West Africa, where he interned with the Center for Democratic Development. He became involved in local government through summer internships with the mayor of Salisbury. Williams shares here a unique, informed and global perspective on the regional public health issues that SU's new College of Health and Human Services is addressing and the partnerships needed to make a difference.*



Thelonious Williams

One of the most common mistakes that a municipal government can make is excluding public health components from its policy decisions. While the effects of a poor public health system are seen primarily in an area's hospitals and insurers, municipal governments also bear a large portion of its direct costs. These costs affect a city's emergency medical services, its police services and the general welfare of its citizens. Tackling a problem as immense as public health, however, cannot be achieved by any one organization; in order to successfully address the issue, a community must form strong partnerships.

Fortunately for the City of Salisbury, we have been able to form and grow these partnerships and Salisbury is focusing on three main areas: mental health, substance use and high hospitalization rates.

During his time in local government, [Salisbury] Mayor Jake Day has made quality mental healthcare one of his key policy issues. As a founding member of the

national Cities Thrive coalition, Salisbury has joined New York City's First Lady Charlene McCray in advocating for improved mental healthcare. Cities Thrive does this through federal advocacy, local government initiatives and the sharing of best practices.

More directly, Mayor Day and the City Council have funded Salisbury's first permanent supportive housing program for our chronically homeless population. Since

its creation in July 2016, this program provides chronically homeless households with a permanent rental voucher and intensive case management services.

To address our community's rampant opioid crisis, Health Officer Lori Brewster developed the Community Outreach and Addictions Treatment program. COAT is staffed by a team of peer recovery specialists, i.e., persons who have personally experienced the throws of

addiction. This team is on call 24/7 and works with people suffering from a substance use disorder to enter a treatment program. COAT also works closely with Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and local law enforcement to immediately respond to persons who have experienced an overdose.

Lastly, the Salisbury Fire Department has partnered with the Health Department and PRMC to create the Salisbury-Wicomico Integrated Firstcare Team. SWIFT works to identify our community's highest utilizers of ambulatory and hospitalization services and address their underlying health conditions. This team, comprised of an EMS technician, Registered Nurses and a Nurse Practitioner, meets with patients multiple times a week to meet their basic health needs. SWIFT also works to address any existing barriers to accessible primary care and provides referrals to third-party agencies as needed.

As a small local government, we are extremely proud to support and implement these innovative programs. With the creation of Salisbury University's new College of Health and Human Services, the City of Salisbury is glad to be the pilot location for the many bright minds and new ideas that will emerge.



# Salisbury University Announces the Inaugural Cohort Of Undergraduate Research Fellows



Thirteen student leaders were named Salisbury University's inaugural Undergraduate Research Fellows.

As ambassadors, they serve as role models for other students who are interested in research, connecting them with SU's Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (OURCA), faculty and administrators. They also provide input on the needs of student researchers and help develop new ideas to grow research and creative opportunities.

## Selected for the fellowships were:

- Austin Dabbs, a finance and chemistry double major
- Lauren DeLong, a biology major and chemistry and mathematics minor
- Myra Dickey, a biology major and chemistry minor
- Genevieve Kurtz, a communication arts major and Spanish and marketing minor
- Colleen Lynch, an exercise science and interdisciplinary studies major
- Ben Meister, an exercise science major
- Julia Miller, a chemistry major
- Patrick Miller, a biology major and chemistry minor
- Martina Maya-Cullen, an art and conflict analysis and dispute resolution double major
- Zachery Radziewicz, a geographic information science major and graphic design minor
- Amanda Rocker, a biology major and psychology minor
- Juliet Vapsva, a psychology major
- Danielle Walker, a political science and English major and film minor

"Getting my foot in the door early has given me valuable opportunities from experiencing the lab environment, enhancing my writing and presenting at conferences," said Rocker, who works in Dr. Jessica Clark's zebrafish lab. Engaging in research helps make students "competitive for internships, graduate school and jobs," she added.

Maya-Cullen said her research on the transformational power of art to spark social change allowed her to merge her two majors and bring awareness to such topics as eating disorders, sexual assault and global economic inequality.

Miller said assisting with Chemistry Department research on a cost-effective synthesis of an anti-migraine drug helped her excel in the classroom because she could directly apply course material in the lab.

"I am in the process of discovery myself, and it makes the learning process so exciting," said DeLong, adding that she is grateful to faculty for providing hands-on experience. Her work in SU labs led to research internships at the National Institutes of Health and, this summer, in Germany on a DAAD RISE scholarship.

Fellowship recipients receive \$500 stipends per semester. They must have a 3.0 GPA and be engaged in research or creative activities outside of coursework for at least two semesters or one summer. Many are members of the SU Honors College and have presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research and SU's Student Research Conference.

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Lauren DeLong, biology major and chemistry and mathematics minor







Undergraduate Research Fellows were among those who earned prestigious global fellowships this spring. Pictured are several of the students who garnered top honors this year: (from left) Dr. Sally Perret, associate director of the SU Nationally Competitive Fellowships Office (SNCFO); SU President Charles Wight; Martina Maya-Callen, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) to Argentina; Samantha Koehler, NOAA Hollings Scholarship; Danielle Walker, Fulbright ETA to Moldova; Kayla Rexroth, NOAA Hollings Scholarship; Mollie Jewell, Gilman International Scholarship to Scotland; Lauren DeLong, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Research Internships in Science and Engineering (RISE) Program; and Dr. Kristen Walton, SNCFO director.



**Clifton P. Griffin, Ph.D.**  
Dean of Graduate Studies  
and Research

I enthusiastically congratulate our inaugural cohort of SU Undergraduate Research Fellows. They are student leaders who serve as ambassadors for undergraduate research and creative activities. These 13 fellows were selected through a competitive process among applicants who had high grade point averages, multiple semesters of research experience (including projects, conferences, awards, grants and publications), strong letters of recommendation from faculty mentors, resumes and interviews that demonstrated excellence and potential, clear understanding of how research has impacted them, and a desire to bring research and creative opportunities to more students. We are proud of their accomplishments and excited to offer this opportunity for them to serve as leaders.

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# From the Baseball Diamond to the Fortune 500

Bob Livingston's story is a Salisbury University story.

From deciding on an education in economics, to landing the job that started his career with one of the nation's largest Fortune 500 companies (from which he recently retired as president and chief executive officer), to meeting his wife and starting his family, he found a Sea Gull connection at every turn.

A Salisbury native, Livingston '75 was familiar with the campus when he enrolled in 1971 with two goals in mind: becoming a mathematics teacher and playing collegiate baseball – not necessarily in that order.

Livingston spent two seasons in center field with the Sea Gulls. By his sophomore year, however, his pursuit of a teaching degree began to interfere with practice. The 19-year-old saw an obvious solution: He changed his major to one that better accommodated the baseball schedule.

He had enjoyed his one economics class at SU and thought perhaps he could build a career as a business and economics major. (He still kept a minor in math.) It was the first of many business decisions that served him well over the next 45 years.

After graduation, he accepted a position with Teleconsult, a D.C.-based firm specializing in designing communication systems for foreign governments.

"I didn't take the job that paid the most," he said. "I took the job where I thought I'd learn the most."

With Teleconsult, he spent several years in Africa, Southeast Asia and the Middle East, working with international clients. Suddenly, the James M. Bennett High School graduate who had gone to college less than a mile and a half away was a global jetsetter.

After three years, Livingston became Teleconsult's chief financial officer. When it was acquired by California-based Pacific Bell in 1980, however, he decided he had traveled enough for a while and was hesitant to move across the country to its corporate headquarters in Sacramento.

Several months later, he met Richard Bernstein '76, SU benefactor and then-owner of K&L Microwave, a Salisbury-based radio frequency and microwave filter manufacturer. Bernstein thought Livingston's experience would make him a good fit as K&L's vice president of finance.

Three years later, when Dover Corp., a New York-based industrial manufacturer, bought K&L, he suddenly found himself working for a Fortune 500 company.

He advanced through Dover's ranks, becoming president and chief operating officer of the company in 2008. Four months later, he was elected president and chief executive officer, a position he held for nearly 10 years before retiring in April.

Those years marked a decade of transition – both figuratively and literally – for Dover, which, at the time, was based on Park Avenue in Manhattan. In 2009, Livingston determined that the Chicago suburb of Downers Grove, IL, would better serve as the location for the company's headquarters due to its proximity to manufacturing operations as well as O'Hare International Airport, a global travel hub. The transition was finalized in 2010.

During his decade at the helm, Livingston expanded Dover's assets, leading the company's \$5 billion-plus acquisition strategy of nearly 60 businesses. This expanded the company's product breath and geographic reach into areas such as retail fueling, digital printing, auto service equipment and retail refrigeration.

He increased Dover's dividend to shareholders for 10 consecutive years and further enhanced shareholder value by spinning off two additional corporations: Knowles (electronic component manufacturing), in 2014, and Apergy (gas and oil drilling and production equipment), in 2018.

Tapping into his early interest in education, he also developed the Dover Executive Leverage and Leadership Academy (DELLA), focused on growing and advancing management talent within the corporation.

Beyond his civic work with Dover, Livingston also serves on non-profit boards including the Chicago Civic Committee and Chicago Council, among others, and serves as vice chairman of the board for the city's Museum of Science and Industry.

Livingston credits the support of his wife, Anna, with much of his success. When he announced Dover's relocation to Illinois, it was Anna who sold their children on the idea that Chicago could be just as exciting as New York.

After 35 years with Dover, Livingston is



now looking forward to other things. Anna wants him to teach her fly fishing. (Livingston is a big fan of nearly any activity involving water.) And he hopes to get in a few more rounds of golf than usual, preferably with his wife and children.

Family is important to Livingston. Before his mother passed away, the same year he took the reins as president of Dover, he returned to Salisbury often, and he still visits the area occasionally.

When in town, he usually finds time to stop by his Alma Mater, sometimes in an official capacity – he was a guest speaker in the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business' Executive Leadership Series in 2010 – and sometimes just to see what has been added since his last trip.

"I have been surprised on one hand but also very pleased on the other to see how the University has expanded over the last 20 years," he said. "I think student enrollment, as well as the facility footprint, has been very remarkable ... and I hope it continues."

As for today's business students who hope to follow in his footsteps, he offers the same advice he has given to each of his children in the past three decades:

"If you're going to do something, if you've got an assignment or a task, do it well, not just 'well enough.' Don't worry about the next assignment. If you're doing the job well, it will get noticed by others, and you'll be presented opportunities. Don't be uncomfortable trying something new. ... If you have the desire to do something, go try it. But do it well."

It's a philosophy that has served him well since 1975.

## Leading the Way: Academic Achievements

### New Seidel Dean

Dr. Laurie Henry is the newest dean of the Seidel School of Education.

Henry comes to SU from the University of Kentucky, where she was associate dean for clinical preparation and partnerships in the College of Education. She also has been interim chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, associate professor of early adolescent literacy, and faculty director of the P20 College and Career Readiness Lab, part of a communitywide student preparation partnership.

Henry has served on the advisory board for the International Reading Association's [readwritethink.org](http://readwritethink.org) website, as president of the Kentucky Reading Association, and on the editorial review board for the *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*. She also is part of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education's Clinical Practice Commission.

"I am excited to join the leadership team at Salisbury University, an institution with a rich history in educator preparation and a thriving community of innovation," said Henry. "As the new dean of the Seidel School of Education, I hope to revitalize the historic and enduring mission of teacher training while elevating educator preparation to new heights through engaged learning and scholarship as we address the most pressing issues and complex problems facing education today."

Henry earned her Ph.D. in educational psychology, an M.A. in education and a bachelor's in special education from the University of Connecticut. Her specializations include cognition and instruction, and literacy and technology. Her research has focused on the new literacies of online reading, writing and communication, as well as social equity issues related to the digital divide.

Henry has received more than \$2 million in external and internal funding for projects related to such areas as college and career readiness, and middle school science literacy. She began her career as a middle school teacher.



### New Honors College Dean

As *SUMagazine* went into production, SU announced that Dr. Andrew Martino had been named the dean of the Honors College, starting this fall. Martino served as director of the University Honors Program and professor of English at Southern New Hampshire University. He earned his Ph.D. in comparative literature from Binghamton University (SUNY) in 2003. Martino has extensive engagement with the regional and national Honors community, serving as president of the Northeast Regional Honors Council from 2016 to 2017 and on the Publications Board of the National Collegiate Honors Council.

### First Ed.D. Graduates

The Maryland State Normal School at Salisbury – now Salisbury University – opened in 1925 to train elementary teachers for rural classrooms. More than 90 years later, the campus awarded its first Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degrees to six area professionals at spring commencement. (Two will be three-time graduates of SU.) They are:

- Frederick Briggs ('99, M.Ed'05), an assistant superintendent for Wicomico County Public Schools
- Courtney Harned, a lecturer in the English and Modern Languages Department at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Gray Jack, site director of After School CARE Academy Program at Buckingham Elementary and professional development schools liaison for SU
- Jenny McFadden (M'09), a developmental English instructor at Wor-Wic Community College
- Heather Porter, assistant director of the Center for Student Achievement at SU
- Christine Taylor ('11, M'13), a high school mathematics teacher for Wicomico County Public Schools





## Dr. Janet's Tenure: A Transformative Time for SU

*In fall 2017, after 18 years at the helm, Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach announced she would be stepping down from the presidency of Salisbury University and would resume service as an active member of the faculty beginning the 2019-20 academic year. Dudley-Eshbach was appointed SU's eighth president in 2000, the first woman to hold the office. She is the University System of Maryland's longest-serving female president and is the second longest-tenured president in SU history. In the following, "Dr. Janet" reflects on the accomplishments during her tenure that have enhanced the reputation of Salisbury University.*

Eighteen years is a long time to be a college president. It's long enough to raise a child from infancy to adulthood, long enough to establish an academic legacy that will serve Salisbury University for many years to come ... long enough to wear a LOT of hairstyles!

When accepting the presidency in 2000, I saw great potential in this former state teachers college. Former presidents had laid a solid foundation upon which to build SU into *A Maryland University of National Distinction*.

In my first year, Salisbury State University lost its middle name and adopted a new logo.

Our selectivity in admissions has grown dramatically, which is especially impressive given that our student population has grown in number from 6,400 in 2000 to 8,700 today. Perhaps I'm most proud of the fact that one of my first initiatives, to make the campus population better reflect the demographics of our state, has been successful. An emphasis on diversity has allowed us to grow SU's minority enrollment from just 11 percent to 27 percent of the student body today.

Despite our dramatic growth, we have built a strong sense of community and Sea Gull pride. Shared governance is strong. We are renowned for our small-school feel, and I believe it's the care and attention of every person on campus that enables us to continue to attract the number and quality of applicants and robust donor support that we enjoy today.

Today, undergraduates may major in nearly 30 percent more fields of study as compared to what the University offered in 2000, and graduate students have a wealth of options, including SU's first two doctoral programs. New academic divisions include the Honors College and College of Health and Human Services. We are most proud of the academic excellence for which the University has become known. Students and faculty are receiving some of the world's most prestigious scholarships and fellowships. The U.S. State Department has named SU among the nation's top producers of Fulbright Scholars.

Given my own background, I am a firm believer in the value of international experiences. I established the Dudley-Eshbach Study Abroad Scholarship to provide students more global opportunities.



And the Center for International Education and our English Language Institute help attract students from all over the world. Today, our students hail from over 60 foreign countries. The campus truly has become a progressive, forward-looking, global community of scholars.

The campus skyline has changed dramatically, and its footprint has nearly doubled, to some 220 acres. I've had the privilege of seeing major new projects come to fruition: Henson Science Hall, Conway Hall, Perdue Hall, Sea Gull Square, SU's first parking garage and the award-winning Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons, a hub for campus life. The 30 new buildings that have become reality during my tenure include a totally rebuilt outdoor athletics complex – today we boast among the best outdoor facilities in NCAA Division III ... and we have the conference and national championships to show for it. Twelve men's lacrosse NCAA championships, three for women's lacrosse, five for field hockey, and 18 for track and field. That's a LOT of championship bling for one president!

Many of these new buildings were made possible thanks to the generosity of people like former chair of the Maryland House Appropriations Committee, alumnus (now

Dr.) Norm Conway [Conway '65, M'70 was honored with an honorary doctorate of public service at SU's spring commencement] and support from members of the University System's Board of Regents and private benefactors.

So much of our success has been due to other-than-public funds, resources that supplement our state support and student tuition and fees. The SU Foundation's assets have increased by some 175 percent since 2000, providing more students scholarships, faculty development funding, and helping us leverage new construction projects. Today, the Foundation's holdings are just under \$100 million, quite a feat for a public comprehensive university that is not yet 100 years old.

Importantly, our relationship with our surrounding communities has strengthened over the years, in part through the efforts of the Town-Gown Council, which I established early in my tenure. Whereas, when I arrived in 2000, the University relations with our neighbors were strained, and SU was described as "inward-looking." We've turned that perception on its head. Salisbury University is the region's cultural center. We have developed initiatives to promote civic engagement and help

address community problems. SU's presence in downtown Salisbury is growing, with an Art Gallery, Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative and a new Center for Entrepreneurship, made possible by generous private donations.

As SU has increased in size, stature and reputation, our regional economic impact also has grown – to nearly half a billion dollars annually.

Recently, I was told that *more than half* of SU's 50,000 alumni have graduated during my tenure as President. These students, alumni, donors, faculty and staff, USM Chancellors and staff, and members of the Board of Regents ALL have helped build the quality and success of this outstanding University.

As Salisbury University's President for nearly two decades, I feel grateful to have led the institution through a truly transformative time and am confident that its future is bright. Many years ago now, I established the tagline *A Maryland University of National Distinction*. I am grateful and proud to have played a role in Salisbury University's achieving that reputation.

# It's All in the (Sea Gull) Family

*There are several "Sea Gull Families" at Salisbury University. Their stories sound similar: One or more of the parents attended SU; the parents met and married (often to another alum or someone who would later become an alum); one of the parents became an SU employee; and during their long tenure with the University, the Sea Gull parents had children, who also became SU alums. Two of these "baby" Sea Gulls have grown up and share their families' SU stories here.*



## The Lamboni Family

By Katy Lamboni Hopkins '11, M'13

Salisbury University has held a special place in the hearts of the Lamboni family. Pat '78 & M'80, Grace '80 and all three of their daughters (including me) attended and have graduated from Salisbury University. It's no secret that our "legacy" family's roots began at SU. Pat Lamboni, head athletic trainer, has worked at SU for over 30 years. For the past four decades, my Dad has been part of the Salisbury University community.

Through those years of service, our family has grown. The story began at SU where Pat met his wife Grace while both were attending the University. In 1988, they welcomed me, the first of three daughters, then Stacey '13 and Kari '16.

The Salisbury University campus was a second home to us – the Lamboni girls. Coming on campus meant we were coming to visit Dad, from sitting under his desk, to running around on the football field. That second home never went away as we all three attended SU as undergraduates. The Salisbury love story continued for me when I met my husband, Sam Hopkins '15, while attending SU.

Pat's commitment and dedication to the University and student-athletes have shown through his years of service. For our family, SU has meant a lifetime of getting to know the thousands of lives he has touched through their stories and experiences. Not many can say they haven't met Pat Lamboni or don't have a "Lambo" story, but I think it is clear that for our family to say that we bleed Maroon and Gold would be an understatement.



Grace and Pat



Stacey



Kari



Sam and Katy



## The Senkbeil Family

By Dr. Erin Senkbeil Dudley '06

Salisbury University has been a part of my family for 50 years. As early as I can remember, my family attended turkey trots, plays and my father's science demonstrations at the University.

My father, Dr. Edward Senkbeil '72, taught a variety of chemistry courses in the Chemistry Department at SU for 43 years and is known for his love of chemistry experiments and demonstrations. One or two demonstrations in Devilbliss Hall may have set off a fire alarm, but those students never forgot the science of combustion or their professor. Many of my colleagues had my father for chemistry classes and often tell me how he was their favorite professor. He initiated laboratory safety, biochemistry and community chemistry outreach programs during his teaching career at SU. In retirement my father is instilling his love of science in his grandchildren with bubbles and homemade liquid nitrogen ice cream.

Salisbury University well prepared our family for future careers: my father, mother Eleanor '95, brother Eric '03 and I all earned Bachelor of Science degrees at SU before successfully going to graduate school. My two-year old loves her Opa's experiments and attended her first chemistry demonstration program in Henson Science Hall when she was a year old. I hope my children follow in their family's footsteps and are Sea Gulls as well.



# ALUMNI NEWS

*Dear Fellow Alumni,*



It's that time of year again! Summer is coming to an end and students will soon be buzzing around campus. I'm sure we all remember returning to campus after those summer breaks that were never long enough. Many of us spent our summers working,

taking classes, completing an internship, volunteering and plenty of partying.

I want to focus on volunteering at the moment or what I like to call giving back. Our country has a long history of individuals volunteering their time and skills to help build up their communities. Their actions have made a great difference and immensely improved the lives of countless people across the nation and world. Students at Salisbury log thousands of hours giving back to the community. I challenge each and every one of you to give back. Give not only to your local community, but to the Salisbury University community. Salisbury has several opportunities for you to get involved. Signing up to be a guest speaker, hosting students through internships and being an advocate are a few ways you can contribute to the student experience. Feel free to contact the Alumni Office to find out how you can help the next generation of Sea Gulls.

I also encourage you to come back to campus to see not only the changing landscape but reconnect with other Sea Gulls and meet the students. Walk around campus and pop into a building that you have never seen before. The

Guerrieri Academic Commons is a popular spot as the newest building on campus, but don't forget about taking a tour of the Henson Simulation Center where our students learn patient care and ultimately how to save lives. There truly is something for everyone, and like most things in life, it looks much better in person than what you see on your screen.

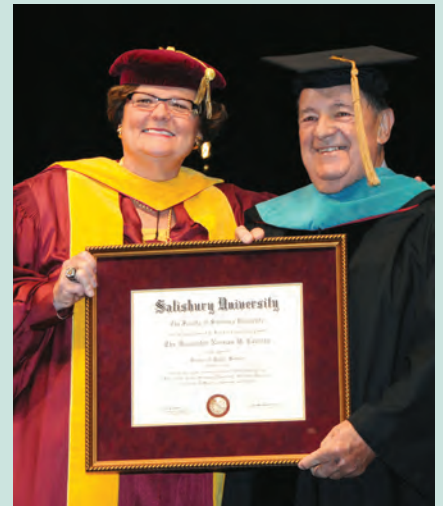
Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach on her 18 years at the helm of Salisbury University. I've had the privilege of knowing her for the majority of her tenure at SU and we have become great friends. Throughout her 18 years, I've watched her as a student and an alumnus elevate Salisbury to great heights. Her fierce advocacy with donors and in Annapolis has allowed her to transform the face of the campus by adding several new buildings, multiple athletic stadiums, scholarships and more, all benefiting the students of today. I personally thank Dr. Janet for all her hard work and service, and I welcome incoming President Chuck Wight and his wife Victoria Rasmussen to the SU Family.

Respectfully,

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



Homecoming 2005:  
Julius and Dr. Janet



## Conway Earns Honorary Doctorate

Norman H. Conway studied hard to earn his B.A. in education from then-Salisbury State Teachers College, culminating with his graduation in 1965. The long-time educator returned to earn his M.Ed. in 1970. He received yet another degree from his Alma Mater during Salisbury University's 2018 Spring Commencement: an honorary doctorate of public service.

From the 1965-1986, Conway played a prime role in molding young minds as a teacher, vice principal and principal at Salisbury's Pinehurst Elementary School. He continued his career with the Wicomico County Board of Education as supervisor of the school system's Chapter I programs until his retirement in 2004.

Conway's public service extended far beyond the classroom, however. He served on the Salisbury City Council from 1974-1987, including five years as president. In 1986, he was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates, a position he held until 2015.

During that time, he served as a staunch advocate for his native Eastern Shore, as well as his Alma Mater. Named chair of the Capital Budget Subcommittee in 1986 and then chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee in 2003, he helped secure funding for numerous capital projects on campus and throughout the region.

This is Conway's second SU Commencement honor in recent years. In 2014, he received the University's inaugural President's Medal in recognition of his service to the citizens of Maryland and support of education.



## 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.





## Alumni Spotlight: *Tim Cureton '96*

It's a Friday afternoon in May. Rise Up Coffee Roasters founder Tim Cureton pulls up to their newest location in Cambridge, MD, with his son and father. It was Grandparents Day at his son's school, and as usual, Tim has a busy schedule, but he always makes time for his Alma Mater. Family is everything to Tim. Like most, he has many families: he has his family who are relatives, he has his "work/specialty coffee" family, and he has his Salisbury University family. Each of these families is very real and very important to him, and with their support, Tim practices his art of coffee, reaching others and bringing joy to their lives.

When Tim was at Salisbury, he had two faculty members who would shape his life and set the course for what would be Rise Up Coffee Roasters. The late Dr. Phil Bosserman was a teacher and mentor who opened the door for Tim to enter the Peace Corps. During his time in the Corps, Tim gained a lifelong friend and a love for coffee. Tim and his friend went in different directions, the friend into the medical field and Tim into the beverage industry, but their time together inspired the specialty coffee business that would come. The friend shared his idea for a coffee business in the beautiful countryside of Hawaii with the name Rise Up Coffee. Inspired by this vision, Tim secured the trademark to give his coffee dreams a name.

His other SU-faculty connection came from sociology professor Dr. Charles Cippolla, whose class inspired Tim's non-traditional business model. Tim took a class with Dr. Cippolla as a freshman, and like many students became a fan. He opened Tim's eyes to a new way of thinking and viewing the world as well as the people in it. During a class discussion of relationships, Dr. Cippolla asked Tim: "Mr. Cureton, can you and I be friends?" Tim's reply was: "I thought we already were?" There was a good laugh in the class, but this moment and belief that everyone is



already a friend inspired Tim's business model to put people first – whether they are teachers, customers, staff, family or friends.

His people-first mentality has created a unique culture at Rise Up. His mission of having a quality brand backed by quality people has enabled him to achieve his goal of creating an oasis where people can relax



away from the craziness of life. As a testament to the welcoming atmosphere of Rise Up, most, if not all, of the employees are former customers. To many, Rise Up is not just a place to get great specialty coffee but a place to connect with others.

Tim's celebration of human connections is evident even in the design of his latest location in Cambridge. When choosing the wood for his countertop, the vendor shared the various trees he had available, including one from St. Michaels, MD, and more specifically Camp Wright. Tim purchased the entire tree. Tim was a counselor and actually ran Camp Wright during his time at Salisbury. Through the relationships he formed with the campers and their parents, Tim secured his initial business loan for \$16,000 to purchase his first coffee trailer, making the Rise Up dream a reality.

This is another example of how Tim sees relationships in everything he does. For most, they see a beautiful counter, but for Tim, that counter represents the relationships and people who helped make Rise Up Coffee Roasters the successful oasis it is today.

# Alumni Gatherings

- SU Alumni at Carolina Ale House June 21, 2017
- Alumni at Elements Eatery & Mixology - June 22, 2017
- Alumni at Shorebirds Game July 4, 2017
- Alumni at San Diego Padres Game - August 20, 2017
- Alumni at Hudson Coastal Raw Bar & Grill - October 26, 2017
- Eastern Shore Alumni & Staff at SU Day in Annapolis - February 14, 2018
- Alumni at 101 Deli February 22, 2018
- Alumni at Jailbreak Brewing Company - April 5, 2018
- Alumni at Bordeleau Wine Tasting - April 19, 2018
- Alumni at SweetWater Brewing Company - May 31, 2018
- Alumni at Camden Yards June 2, 2018



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Alumni Athletic Reunions: Gulls Fly Home



Men's Soccer Alumni Game

August 26, 2017



Women's Soccer Alumni Game

August 26, 2017



Field Hockey Alumni Game

August 27, 2017



Class of 1972 Football 45th Reunion

October 28, 2017



Men's Basketball Alumni Game

January 27, 2018



Women's Basketball Alumni Game

February 3, 2018



New Baseball Stadium Alumni Event

February 10, 2018



Annual Football Bull Roast

October 28, 2017



Men's Basketball 1996-1997 Reunion

July 15, 2017



Men's Lacrosse Golf

April 20, 2018



Maroon & Gold Homecoming Golf

October 6, 2017



Football Golf

July 15, 2017

## New Alumni Board Members

The SU Alumni Association welcomes four graduates to its board of directors: Patrick Donahue, Erin Senkbeil Dudley, Eric Hammond and Gloria Majchrzak.

Donahue earned a B.S. in business administration and accounting from SU in 1974 and an M.B.A. from The American Graduate University in California. A senior acquisition professional for over 25 years, he currently is director of contracts and compliance for the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that advances ocean research and policy. Donahue is a returning board member; he first joined in 1986 and previously served as president. He also has been SU's representative on the University System of Maryland's Alumni Association-International, Inc. At Salisbury, he played tennis and was a member of the cross country team when it first started.

Dudley earned a B.S. in chemistry from SU in 2006 before receiving her Pharm.D. from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. She is a pharmacist at Peninsula Regional Medical Center's HomeScripts pharmacy. As



Patrick Donahue



Erin Senkbeil Dudley



Eric Hammond



Gloria Majchrzak

an SU student, she was a member of the American Chemical Society. She and her husband have a daughter and a son.

Hammond earned a B.A. in communication arts with a psychology minor from SU in 2000. He is a marketing content manager for Maxim Healthcare Services in Columbia, MD, and he coaches beach volleyball for the Bay Area Volleyball Academy and USA Volleyball. Previously, Hammond assisted with coaching and recruiting for Towson University and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He played for the

men's club volleyball team at SU.

Majchrzak earned a B.S. in marketing and information systems from the Perdue School of Business in 2014. She is a store director at Target in Aberdeen, MD, and is a campus recruiting captain for the company. As an undergraduate, she was involved with research for SU's Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON), joined the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society, participated in case competitions, studied abroad in South Africa, and served as a Perdue student business leader and Admissions host.

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

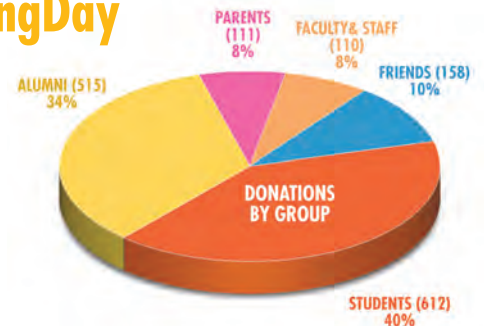
By Michelle Pryor '13, Annual Giving Coordinator

After last year's inaugural Giving Day at Salisbury University, Sea Gulls were optimistic for continued success. Giving Day educated students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends about the impact of giving back, working to continue a culture of philanthropy at Salisbury University.

Similar to its first year, SU's second annual Giving Day encouraged all Sea Gull supporters to give back to current students – in any amount. Generous donors Wayne '89 and Melissa '89 Judkins issued another impressive challenge gift to inspire not only Sea Gulls around the world to support current students but also students to support themselves.

On April 3, students showed up in overwhelming numbers to support the areas of SU that mean the most to them. After experiencing firsthand the process of giving back, they will soon see the impact of their own gifts across campus. This philanthropy will extend into their alumni years as they continue to give back to the organizations they hold close.

When midnight marked the end of Giving Day, 1,506 unique donors had given over \$133,000 to help various programs across SU's campus. Donors also earned over \$155,000 worth of matching gifts from the Judkins family for a grand total of over \$285,000 raised, four times more than the previous year.



The leaders of hundreds of deserving organizations, academic departments and student groups are now using Giving Day funds to improve the Salisbury experience. The brand-new SU Boxing and Kickboxing Club plans to purchase much-needed equipment, while the Biological Sciences Department will fund its monthly seminar series for students. As a special project, the Marketing 338 class will fund the creation of a job search website, and the University Writing Center plans to grow the services it provides across campus thanks to the financial support of Sea Gulls.

Giving Day truly demonstrates how the value of one gift – combined with others – can make a difference. Thank you to all of those who helped make SU's Giving Day a success! Join the excitement on Tuesday, April 2, for Giving Day 2019.

## 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 2018 Commencement ceremony. The Alumni Association will honor one faculty member from each school/college 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 2017 Faculty Appreciation Award winners were honored during the 2017 Fall Commencement. Recipients are (from left) Drs. Brent Fedorko, Elizabeth Curtin, Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Diane Davis and Hong Yao.



Fulton School of Liberal Arts

**DR. ELIZABETH CURTIN – ENGLISH**

*"Dr. Curtin's love of words and language is an inspiration to her students that encourages lifelong learning. Her classroom techniques are challenging and teach creative thinking. [She] opens her students' eyes to a world beyond the classroom, developing in them skills sought after by top employers."*



Perdue School of Business

**HONG YAO – ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

*"I was a supplemental instructor for Dr. Yao's microeconomics class. ... [she] encouraged me to take the opportunity to boost my resume. During job interviews, I found myself citing this experience in many of the questions I was asked. As a result of this experience, I was able to get a job in the federal government right out of college."*



Henson School of Science and Technology

**DR. DIANE DAVIS – MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE**

*"Not only did she teach our medical technology class and numerous others, but she also worked toward her Ph.D. while balancing her family. In addition to teaching me lessons from our medical technology textbooks, she also taught me some of life's greatest lessons."*



Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies  
**BRENT FEDORKO – HEALTH AND SPORT SCIENCES**

*"As a doctor of physical therapy, I never could have achieved my goals without Dr. Fedorko as a mentor and friend. ... None of my dreams would have been possible had he not gently guided me from the background as a club advisor and professor."*



## CREATING YOUR LEGACY



Audrey Calvin "Chris" Christopher

Audrey Calvin "Chris" Christopher graduated from State Teachers College in 1941. As a student, he was president of the junior class and president of the Student Council. He played on the soccer and baseball teams with classmates Frank Perdue and Goldy Tyler. Chris spoke fondly of his time as a student at Salisbury and how it shaped his life.

Chris' fond memories of classmates and faculty and his love for education kept him connected to Salisbury and led him to create the Chris C. Christopher Endowment for Education in 1996. He wanted to provide scholarship support for students in the field

of education. He saw them as "the future," and he knew the important role teachers serve to students and the community – just like the role his professors had served in shaping his life at Salisbury. He was committed to give back in some way to his Alma Mater, and by putting SU in his will he was able to make a much larger impact on many students like Diana Schultz.

If you have already created a legacy gift for SU or wish to talk about your legacy, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at 410-543-6042.

*"After receiving my M.Ed. in reading from SU, I was honored to be selected as one of the recipients of the Christopher Scholarship. This scholarship provided me with a wonderful opportunity to continue doctoral studies in literacy, enabling my learning and growth as a reading intervention teacher."*



Diana Schultz

# STORIES OF LASTING IMPACT

## SUPPORTING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships invite every able student to dream big, work hard and exceed expectations through life-changing opportunities. They help SU offer an excellent education as affordably as possible, and they empower the University to competitively recruit the brightest young scholars.



"My scholarship from the Fulton School of Liberal Arts gave me the opportunity to chase dreams that seemed unreachable. Mastering my major is only a matter of time with the help of this scholarship. I cannot thank alumni donors enough for what they have given me and I will be forever thankful."

— George Morton, Class of 2019



"My scholarships from the Henson School of Science and Technology have assisted my education in the field of geography and geosciences. With alumni support, the SU community has allowed me to transition my personal interests into professional interests that I can pursue for a living, and for that I will be eternally thankful."

— Nicholas Butler, Class of 2018



"Without my scholarship from Perdue School of Business alumni donors, financing my education would be exponentially more difficult. I know that once I graduate with my degree from Salisbury University, I will always be grateful for the support provided to me."

— Ryan Shannahan, Class of 2019



"The Seidel School of Education scholarship, provided to me by alumni donors, assisted as I pursued my goal of obtaining a degree in elementary education. The generosity of Salisbury University alumni will leave me forever grateful as I work with children in my dream career."

— Moriah Davidson, Class of 2016

## MAKE YOUR IMPACT

By supporting scholarships, a legacy is left at Salisbury University, providing students the opportunity to grow and learn at the highest level.

Please use the enclosed envelope, go online at [salisburyu.networkforgood.com](http://salisburyu.networkforgood.com) or contact us:

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# Reflections

## Retiring from Salisbury University After 1.5 Score Years

By Richard Culver '70

*When Gains Hawkins, then director of public relations, hired me in November 1985, it was a temporary position for 12 weeks. When I mentioned to him that I really had enjoyed my time here, I never thought he'd offer a job that would last into another century! Salisbury University welcomed its new president, Dr. Charles Wight, in July and I now have worked for four of SU's nine presidents (not counting two interims). As a student, I also attended classes under three others. So, I'm starting to feel like Methuselah's younger brother.*

*There are many things I want to do in retirement, but SU is a community I love: the people, the commitment to something beyond one's self, the sheer joy of learning, the beauty around us. The PR Office, with which I've been affiliated through my years at the University, is uniquely positioned to articulate the public persona of the institution as well as witness the private moments only a few see. Some experiences, which I'd like to share I've found especially moving because they have been so meaningful to our campus community.*

*(Please note: Because the following is based on memory, I won't vouch for all the facts!)*



## Presidential Highlights

### Dr. Thom Bellavance

In fall 1994, Dr. Thom Bellavance, in his 15th year as Salisbury's sixth president, stood in front of a packed Holloway Hall Auditorium. This was an annual meeting held with faculty and staff. A slightly-built man with deep-set eyes and a thick head of hair, he had begun cancer treatments months before. The prognosis wasn't good. Now, he was even thinner and bald, but his eyes sparkled. Welcoming everyone back to school, he joked about keeping his head warm. The normally reserved Bellavance then began modeling hats he was considering. They ranged from a spiffy straw boater straight out of *Masterpiece Theatre* to a comedic medieval jester's cap with dangling appendages. The mini-monologues accompanying each and the absurdity of the hats had the auditorium in stitches. Bellavance brought his beloved community together in facing his impending death with the best response possible: life-affirming laughter and affection. He received a standing ovation. The following fall he resigned; a few months later he was gone.

### Dr. Bill Merwin

Soon after arriving in 1997, SU's seventh President, Dr. Bill Merwin, elevated the entire stature of the Student Affairs Division by promoting Dr. Carol Williamson from dean to vice president. The usually genial and upbeat Merwin listened carefully the following year when she approached him on a sensitive topic: Binge drinking by college students across the country was making national headlines and Student Affairs staff thought it was important for the SU community to address it. From a PR point of view, the safe route would have been to deal with the issue quietly. But Merwin felt the entire University needed to be involved. Ultimately, the question was not political for him. It was, what was best for students? He very publicly launched a major drive to combat binge drinking and enlisted some of the brightest and best on campus to do so. One effort was an Alcohol Task Force, led by Dr. Jerry Miller. The respected philosophy professor put together a committee that met regularly throughout the year investigating addiction, successful wellness programs across the country and healthy campus lifestyles. The results were creative and fresh thinking, not just about the role of drinking in college life, but about the significance of a wellness culture. SU began investing more in activities students wanted, increased gym hours, and sought ways to better integrate academics and co-curriculars. People got excited about these positive changes. SU even tried a campus pub and staged events where of-age students could learn to drink responsibly. Word got out, and for its efforts, the University was spotlighted on ABC's *Good Morning America*.





A presidential act of controversial transparency and fresh ideas from the campus launched thoughtful changes in student and academic life.

## Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach

During her interview in 2000, SU's eighth President, Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, had the room laughing with her humorous take on academic administration. Throughout her 18 years here, she never lost her appreciation for the absurd, which endeared her to those she met. Even at one of her last official functions, the honorary dedication by the City of Salisbury of a part of Camden Avenue as "Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach Way," she quipped: "Long name." Laughter can be healing, but she also helped others in less public ways: I've seen her quietly reach out to suffering students during times of crisis, unobtrusively comforting the distraught, listening to and embracing them, sitting with them curbside as they poured out their fears and wiped away tears. With her calm, sympathetic presence, she has reassured students that they were safe and the University would support them any way it could. Whether in Salisbury or volunteering to help with poor villagers in Aguascalientes, Mexico (during a Global Services trip in which she participated), her compassion and empathy with others, not always on view, were healing.



## Personal Highlights

### First FUNday

We have been fortunate to have had not only presidents, but faculty, staff and students, whose concern for others has radiated out from campus to embrace the wider community. A particularly meaningful example was the first SU FUNday (Festival for University Neighbors) during the 75th anniversary in 2000. To launch the celebratory year, planners wanted something that would bring people to campus who normally didn't visit – and that spotlighted learning in an accessible, fun way. Planning began at the worst possible time – at the end of the spring semester when everyone was exhausted – and FUNday was set for September. But faculty and staff had families with kids, and as they talked about what an exciting community event this could be, enthusiasm grew exponentially.

Students were vital to the day's success. Kristen McFadden '00 (now Penczek), a member of the SGA, was a genius at event planning and labored throughout the summer to



make real what was envisioned. Nicole Vincent '01 (now Fleming), wrote complicated program copy and others conceived activities for children.

When FUNday arrived, a deluge of rain failed to dampen spirits. Kristen moved outdoor events inside. Despite the weather, thousands arrived to participate in some 100 activities for all ages, from digging in a faux archaeological site; spinning a pottery wheel; and participating in incredible chemical experiments; to making music and competing in games, contests and sports. For many families, it was the first time they had been on a college campus anywhere. They felt welcomed and SU, for a few hours on a Saturday, became part of their world.

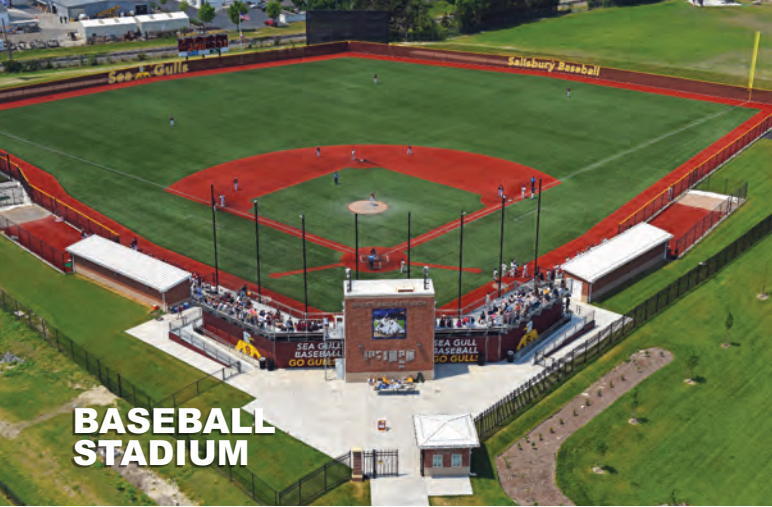
### Caring Community

I think American universities are so envied nationally and internationally because they are creative, caring communities. The power of SU's community is personified by alumnus Tim Kane '02, son of faculty emeriti Fran and Mary Kane.

In 2001, the geography major spent a fun summer visiting his brother in Manhattan and working as an intern at the NYC Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. A rising senior, he returned home in late August to start soccer practice and classes. He was stunned, days later, by the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers. He called his former colleagues to see if they were safe (they worked in Building 7 of the World Trade Center) and asked if he could help. Desperately needed, he got permission from his coach and professors and the next day he was in Manhattan. Putting his geographic information systems and leadership skills to use, he helped to bring order to the mayhem that had engulfed the area. Working 13- to 18-hour days for the next two weeks, the soft spoken 21-year-old became the night manager in charge of rescue and recovery logistics at Ground Zero, often overseeing 200 or more people. When he returned to finish classes at SU, *The Baltimore Sun* declared him a hero, representing all the unselfish Maryland volunteers of 9/11. After he graduated, New York's OEM snatched him up and he had a distinguished career there for many years.

### Collegial

As I begin the arduous task of clearing an office of 30 years of clutter, it's hard to say goodbye to an institution that has provided such meaningful examples of humanity at its best. The survival of such communities depends upon leadership striving to build a thoughtful and compassionate rapport among all its members in the classroom and beyond. Academe's love of the word "collegial" is not dated, in my opinion, but inherently wise. As a public relations professional committed to education, I've cherished that ideal. Although I've often been frustrated personally by my shortcomings in its service, I've never felt alone.



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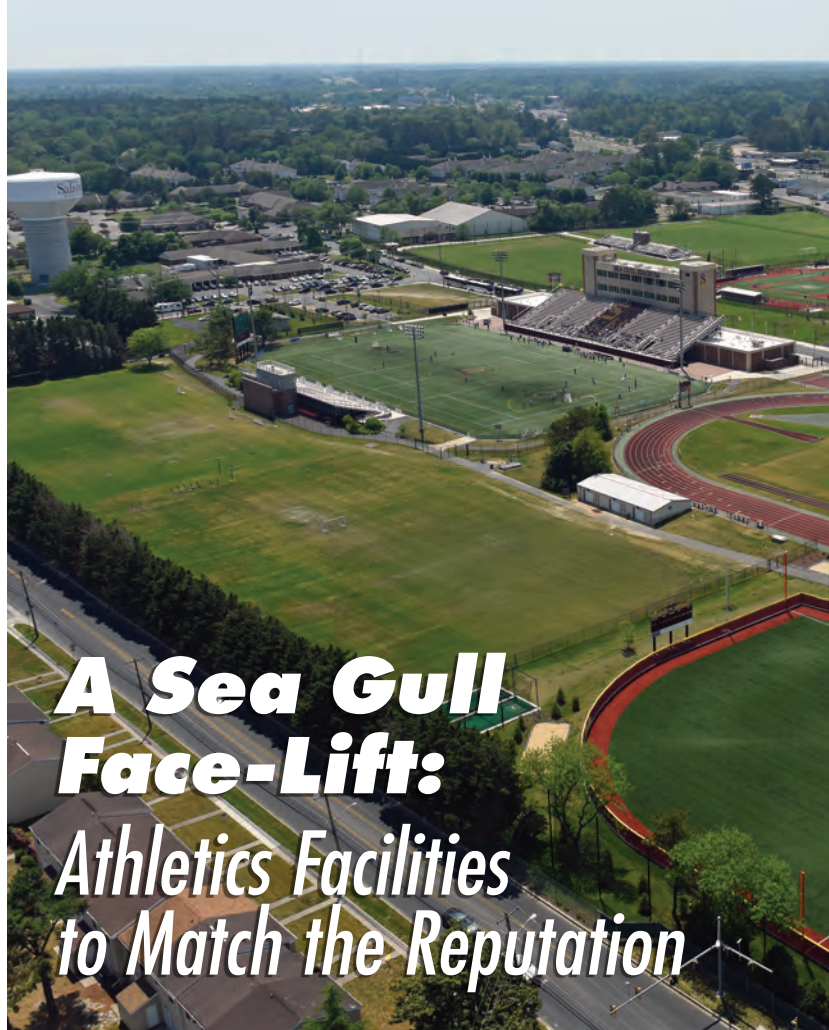
**INTRAMURAL & RECREATION FIELD**



**TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX**



**TENNIS CENTER**



# ***A Sea Gull Face-Lift: Athletics Facilities to Match the Reputation***

Intramural events in a dust bowl. Baseball games on a field with peeling turf. Football, field hockey and lacrosse games in a stadium with bleachers that hadn't been updated in years. For those who haven't been to campus in the past five years, this is probably how you remember the east side of campus ... but how times have changed!

From the time they were built in the 1960s and '70s, the athletic facilities had seen little or no improvement, but with the guidance of President Emerita Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, the Sea Gulls now soar in some of the top facilities in Division III athletics.

Beginning with the movement of the Salisbury University Tennis Center for the 2015 season and concluding with a permanent home for the athletic facilities team in fall 2017, the east side of Route 13 has undergone a major facelift.

The tennis courts were moved to make room for parking with the construction of the Guerrieri Academic Commons, but this has brought new courts and, most importantly, centered all of Salisbury's outdoor teams to the same geographic area.

The centerpiece of east campus is now the new Sea Gull Stadium, which has room for 5,000 fans, and it's the amenities for the fans that have taken attending the game to a new level. Home to the football, men's and women's lacrosse, and field hockey teams, the stadium features sections of chair-back seating, along with a full concession stand, team store, a giant video board and five luxury suites.

Completed in spring 2016, Sea Gull Stadium set off major changes to the Wayne Street stretch of facilities. Sea Gull Softball Stadium was completed next, with permanent seating for 500, an artificial outfield playing surface and modern



## Sea Gull Athletics Coaching Milestones

In the 2017-2018 academic year, several outstanding coaching milestones occurred:

- **Jim Berkman** (Men's Lacrosse) 500th victory at Salisbury in May of 2017. Just completed his 30th season
- **Troy Brohawn** (Baseball) 100th victory. Just completed his 4th season
- **Jim Nestor** (Women's Lacrosse) 300th victory. Just completed his 17th season
- **Margie Knight** (Softball) 800th Victory. Just completed her 22nd season
- **Justin Turco** (Volleyball) 100th victory. Entering his 7th season
- **Alex Hargrove** (Men's Soccer) Named to the United Soccer Coaches 30 Under 30 Program. Entering his 3rd season

dugouts – complete with heaters for the teams to combat the early-season cold and wind. The softball team opened play in its new facility in 2017.

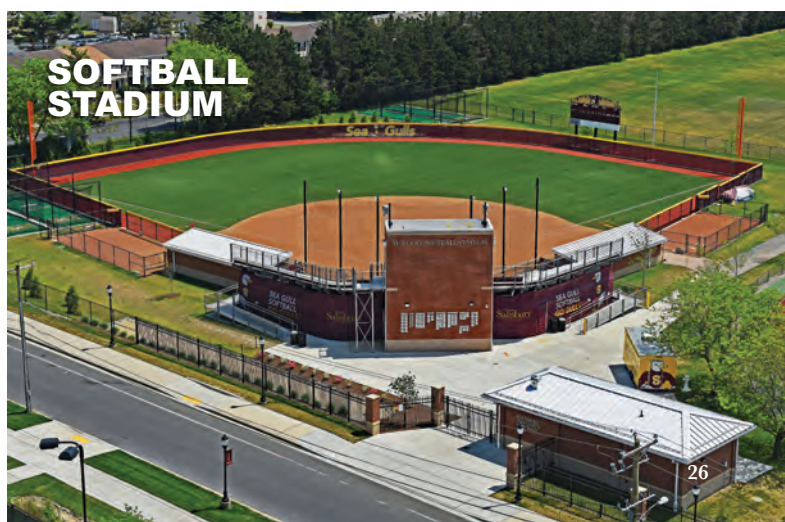
Fall 2017 saw an overhaul to the facility that houses the men's and women's soccer teams. The programs already had a team building, with changing areas for the teams and officials, but the playing surface, bleachers and press box were all renovated prior to the start of the 2017 season.

The final piece of the puzzle was the movement of the campus recreation fields to Avery Street, abutting the new tennis facility, with artificial turf, which can handle the abundance of use the fields will endure throughout the years from intramurals and club sports.

With the relocation of the recreation fields, the new Sea Gull Baseball Stadium was completed in its place. Similar to the softball facility, chair-back seating, heated dugouts and a new press box as well as a fully artificial playing surface, other than the pitcher's mound, allow for fewer schedule changes.

While not affecting the playing surfaces at all, the new construction for these facilities have made viewing events much more comfortable with the additions of permanent bathrooms at the tennis center, softball stadium and soccer stadium, with the Sea Gull Stadium restrooms also servicing the baseball stadium.

For alumni who have not made it to campus in recent years, there are many additions throughout the campus' footprint that deserve a visit, but the most stark changes may be on east campus where every Sea Gull can now fly a little higher.



# CLASSNOTES

Information received prior to May 1, 2018

M = Master's Degree

## Pardon Our Errors

**Jennifer Elizabeth Clymer '93** completed her first feature documentary film, *Be Prepared to Stop*, which focuses on the nation's infrastructure and its 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. The name was incorrect in the 2017 *SUMagazine*.

The 2017 *SUMagazine* incorrectly identified **Kristen Jones '11** as 2017 Teacher of the Year honoree for the Delmar (DE) School District. We apologize for the error.



Jennifer Elizabeth Clymer '93

## 1950s

**Joseph Brown '56** was inducted into the Edgewood High School Hall of Fame after a 30-year career in education.

**Nelson Lynch '59** is the author of several Amazon ebooks about his life on a farm during the Great Depression and World War II.

## 1960s

**Ann Brittingham Suthowski '62 & M'76** is a candidate for a seat on the Wicomico County Board of Education District 4 in the 2018 election.

**Bill Hutchison '69** is a lead educator emeritus for the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation located in Wilmington, DE. He has been a volunteer crew member since 2003.

## 1970s

**Gwendolyn Ogden-Dryden '70** retired from her graphic design company Ogden and Associates. She plans to spend her time painting, gardening and boating.

**Sandy Doyon '74, Jane Nashold '74, Lynda Anderson '75, Suzy Turner '78** (below) are SSC graduates who get together every year for a visit.



Sandy Doyon '74, Jane Nashold '74, Lynda Anderson '75 and Suzy Turner '78

**Robert Livingston '75** retired as CEO of Dover Corp., a global manufacturer of items such as consumable supplies and innovative equipment, after nine years with the company founded in New York City (see related article on page 9).

**David Tidwell '75** is a co-recipient with his twin brother, Daniel, of the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award for Del Tech's Owens campus in Georgetown, DE.

**Sally Boswell '76** joined the staff in development and outreach at Delaware Botanic Gardens in Dagsboro, DE.

**Gail Gladding '77** is a new member of the Snow Hill (MD) High School Athletic Hall of Fame for her performance in multiple sports at the school.

**Cathy Townsend '77** became the vice president of Women Supporting Women, a non-profit organization located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland that gives support, awareness and education to everyone affected by breast cancer.

**Ronaleen Gapetz '78** is the new director of Harmony On The Bay, a female *cappella* chorus in Centreville, MD.

**Dan Gladding '78** funded the creation of the Bradford-Gladding Courtyard, a garden dedicated to his mother and grandmother, at Hartley Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Pocomoke, MD.

**Chuck Markiewicz '78** retired as the head coach of the Arundel (MD) High School football team after going 243-99, making him the winningest head coach in the county's history. He moves on to be an offensive line coach at Archbishop Spalding High School in Severn, MD.

**Ross Burbage '79, Michael Schuchart '86 and John Baugher '91** (below) officiated together the 2017 Maryland 3A West Regional boys lacrosse final and the 2018 Frederick County boys lacrosse championship for the Western Maryland Lacrosse Officials Association.



Ross Burbage '79, Michael Schuchart '86 and John Baugher '91

**Margie Knight '79 & M'99** will be inducted into the 2018 Hall of Fame class at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association National Convention in December 2018. She has been the Salisbury University softball head coach for 22 seasons.

**Seth Mitchell '79** is running for Wicomico (MD) County State's Attorney in the 2018 election.

**Mike Seidel '79** celebrated his 25th anniversary at The Weather Channel in Atlanta, GA.

## 1980s

**Alan Foskey '80 and Vanessa Foskey '81** welcomed their first grandchild, Brandon Alan Foskey II, on April 19, 2017.

**Pamela Wood '81** (below) celebrated the 10th anniversary of her Salisbury-based ballroom dance studio, Ballroom Made Simple. She received a citation from the Maryland Department of Commerce for this anniversary.



Pamela Wood '81

**Allen C. Brown M'82** is running for a seat on the Wicomico (MD) County Board of Education District 1.

**Freddie Dickson Jr. '82** addressed the 2017 Salisbury University football team, accomplishing his goal to motivate and inspire the team for their upcoming season.

**John Hollis M'84** was presented with the John H. Taylor Jr. Education Leadership Award by the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and its affiliate The Partnership, Inc. The award is presented to someone who leads in the advancement of Delaware education and makes the community a better place.

**Paul Butler '85** is the new director of communications and community outreach for the Wicomico (MD) County Board of Education.

**Ruth Colbourne '85** is the director of the Wicomico (MD) County Department of Corrections.

**David Hall '85** was inducted into the Snow Hill (MD) High School Athletic Hall of Fame for his contributions to multiple sports at the school.

**John Redden '85** retired from the Wicomico (MD) County Department of Public Works after 29 years. He is now Somerset County's first Public Works director and will oversee three divisions.

**Diane Auer Jones '86** accepted a position as a senior policy adviser for the U.S. Department of Labor. She focuses her work on career training and has a long history of working in education.

**Talana Watson '86** is running for a seat on the Wicomico (MD) County Board of Education at-large.

**Joanie Brittingham '87** is a Lower School music teacher at Worcester (MD) Prep School. She started an after-school music program for students in grades 3-5 called the Musical Mallards (M&Ms).

**Bill McCain M'87** announced his candidacy for a seat on the Wicomico (MD) County Council at-large.

**Peter '88 & Linda '87 & M'93 Roskovich** were featured on HGTV's *Beachfront Bargain Hunt* while they renovated their bayside townhouse in Ocean City, MD.

**Lorraine Slama '87** received the 2018 Educator of the Year award from the National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC) for her excellent work in special education at the Benedictine School in Ridgely, MD.

**Martha Bennett '88** retired from the Ocean City (MD) Finance Department after being with the department since 1984. During her tenure, she served as assistant director of finance and finance administrator.

**Lynne Schaefer '88** was named the chief lending officer for the Dover (DE) Federal Credit Union. She previously held the positions of chief commercial officer and vice president of Business Services for Dover Federal Credit Union.

**Dee Copeland '89** is the owner and creator of My Naava Soul an online fashion boutique that aims to help empower women to accept themselves through convenient access to apparel.

**Amit Singh '89** (right) is president of Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood, WA. He has over 20 years of experience in higher education.



Amit Singh '89

## 1990s

**Tom Mahn M '90** was promoted to vice president of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation based in Dover, DE. He will continue to serve as head of the Finance Department as treasurer.

**Amy Miller '90 & M'94** was named SVN Ambassador of the Year. She serves as the managing director and CFO of the Sperry Van Ness-Miller Commercial Real Estate in Salisbury.

**Jim Nestor '90 & M'92** was inducted into the Gannon (PA) University Athletics Hall of Fame. He coached women's lacrosse at Gannon University and now coaches women's lacrosse at Salisbury University, where he reached the 300-win mark with the team during the 2018 season.

**Jim Perdue M'90** was presented with the Perdue Leadership Award from the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University. Jim serves as chairman of Perdue Farms, Inc.

**Christina Boyd '91** (below) is an editor, a contributor to *Austenprose* and a ceramicist. She is a life member of the Jane Austen Society of North America. In May 2017, she traveled to London to meet *Man of Steel* actor Henry Cavill. She was published in *The Darcy Monologues* and published *Dangerous to Know: Jane Austen's Rakes and Gentlemen Rogues*.



Christina Boyd '91

**Steven Hurley '91 & M'96** celebrated his 20-year anniversary at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, DE, where he holds the position of monsignor and vicar general. He is also the conductor of mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Wilmington, DE.

**Kristin Mallory M'91** is the vice president for academic affairs at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD.

**Beau Oglesby '91** was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge for Worcester County, MD.

**Cynthia Wilkins '91** became the executive director at Randolph Vocational Industries, Inc. in Asheboro, NC.

**Barry Ziehl '91** was featured in a *Coastal Style* article after his speech at Salisbury University. He is currently the senior vice president of public affairs and strategic initiatives for Warner Bros. Entertainment in Burbank, CA.

**Tracy Elzey '92 & M'96** was selected to be the curriculum supervisor for Talbot County Public Schools in Easton, MD.

**Paul Ewell '92** earned the 2017 Samuel Nelson Gray Excellence in Teaching Award from Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach, VA. His duties at the school include the chair of the Management, Business and Economics Department and the M.B.A. Program director.



Monica Moore '92

**James Ireton '92** is running for clerk of the Circuit Court in Salisbury, MD. The former mayor is using his past experience as his foundation to run for this office.

**Monica Moore '92** (left) was hired as the dean of graduate admissions at the F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College.

**Sharon Stevens '92** was one of 17 new faculty and staff members hired by Delmarva Christian School in Georgetown, DE, for the 2017-2018 school year. She was hired as a psychology teacher.

**Stacy (Ball) Cottingham '93 & M'08** graduated from University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, MD, with a Ph.D. in organizational leadership. She is currently employed as a quality/education manager at Coastal Hospice, Inc. in Salisbury.

**Byron McCrae '93** was appointed dean of students and vice president for student life at Davidson (NC) College.

**Andrea Redden '93** retired from the Wicomico County (MD) Board of Education after 30 years of working there. She recently accepted a position at the Instructional Resource Center in Salisbury.

**Chris Adams '94 & M'96** is hoping for re-election for a seat in the Maryland Senate District 37B.

**George Scouten '94** was promoted to assistant head at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, the premier independent school in Columbia, SC.

**Steven Trostle '94** is one of five candidates running for Harford (MD) County State's Attorney.

**Brian Weist '94** co-opened Integrity CPAs, LLC, an accounting firm that provides financial advice to individuals and businesses, located in Ephrata, PA.

**Jeanna Bryner '95** is the managing editor at Live Science, a company that provides information about archaeological finds, discoveries and amazing animals.

**Jeff Canada '95** accepted the position of procurement director at Salisbury University.

**Kevin Dart '95 and Kyle Hutchinson '05** hosted Salisbury University students at a New York Yankees game to help them connect with alumni and observe a good employer for career and professional development networking opportunities. Kevin works for the ticket office at Yankee Stadium and Kyle is the marketing and sales manager for the Yankees.

**Thomas Evans '95** is the new commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit Bangor.

**Erica (Cramer) Messer '95** is celebrating her seventh year as an executive producer for the popular show *Criminal Minds*. She is developing an original dramatic series with a two-year production deal with ABC Studios.

**Daniel Powell '95** was selected to be an associate judge in the Somerset County Circuit Court in Princess Anne, MD.

**Louisa Welch '95 & M'99** became the principal of Bayside Elementary in Grasonville, MD.

**Karen Archambault '96** (below) was elected president of the National Academic Advising Association, a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to promoting exceptional academic advising in higher education. She currently serves as the dean of enrollment management at Rowan College in Pemberton, NJ.



Karen Archambault '96

**Gaemus Collins '96** is the founder and CTO of Planck Aerosystems, a company that produces drones to provide aerial data for government agencies in San Diego, CA. His company used drone photography of

Summerland oil fields to guarantee the passage of the SB 44 legislation, which stopped oilwells from leaking.

**Kathryn Fiddler '96 & M'11** was promoted to vice president of population health at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury after serving as executive director for population health.

**Heather Guerrieri '96** became the president of the Hospice and Palliative Care Network of Maryland board of directors in Centreville, MD.

**Rebecca (Long) Jones '96 & M'08** leads the Worcester (MD) County Health Department as a health officer where she is tasked with juggling the management of multiple county health issues.

**Dylan McNamara '96** was awarded a grant by the National Science Foundation to do research on the effects of climate change on coastal communities.



Thad Moore '96

**Thad Moore '96** (left) earned a Service Award from the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association for his efforts as head athletic trainer and athletics director at Washington College in Chestertown, MD.

**Christine (Wallace) Davis '97 & M'03** was promoted to

curriculum supervisor for Talbot (MD) County Public Schools. She is in charge of supervising the curriculum for secondary English and social studies, library media, world language, and English for speakers of other languages.

**Matthew Maciarelo '97** is running for Wicomico (MD) County Circuit Court judge after being appointed in the summer of 2016.

**Kimberly Min '97** joined the Junior Achievement Board of Directors in Owings Mills, MD, where she will help educate young people on how to deal with the fast changing economy.

**John Reichenberg '97** (below) was selected to be a 2017-2018 NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Volunteer where he will help explain NASA's space exploration missions and discoveries. He also was selected for the 2018 Ecology Project International Yellowstone Teaching Fellowship, which allows access to research projects that involve field tracking the park's top five ungulate species.



John Reichenberg '97

**Louie Reyes Jr. '97** used an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to save a collapsed man who was in cardiac arrest at University of Maryland College Park. He used his knowledge from Salisbury University nursing major to save the man's life. He hopes this story will motivate others to learn CPR and how to use an AED.

**Jeff Schumacher '97** is general manager of the Keystone Centre, an arena that is the home of the Brandon Wheat Kings of the Western Hockey League in Brandon, MB, Canada.

**Eric Sheninger '97** was named to the Edvocate's 2018 Edtech 20 for his global edtech influence. He is a former principal at New Milford (CT) High School and now serves as a speaker and author.

**Mohammad Aqil M '98** is the CEO of FINCA Microfinance Bank, Ltd. in Pakistan. He was featured in an article with the *Business Recorder*.

**Heather Bacher '98** is a market manager at the Queen Anne's and Kent (MD) County branches of Shore United Bank.

**Doug Howard '98** was made partner in Zarren Law Group, LLC, a law group based in Owings Mills, MD.

**Maureen Keogh '98** announced her candidacy for the 2018 Republican nomination for State's Attorney for Caroline County, MD.

**Myles Loller '98** was selected on the board of directors of The Peoples Bank in Chestertown, MD.

**Brian Burden '99** co-wrote *The Sports Tourists' Guide to the English Premier League* after spending three months in England. The guide gathers information on English professional soccer and the culture around it.

**Jeff Gephart '99** published his third novel, the comedy/drama *Accidental Adulthood: One Man's Adventures With Dating and Other Friggin' Nonsense*.

**Kim Gillis '99** was appointed to the board of trustees of Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD.

**Kelly Heritage '99** is an integration director at Crosby Marketing Communications in Annapolis, MD.

**Mark Krause '99** celebrated his new leadership role at Krause Smiles, a dental practice located in Salisbury that specializes in children and those with special needs. He is also a new member of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Trisha Paine '99** joined ConnectYourCare as a chief marketing officer in Cockeysville, MD. She also was on the 2017 Very Important Professionals List by the *Daily Record*.

## 2000s

**Matthew Balish '00** accepted a job at Apple Discount Drugs as a pharmacist in Fruitland, MD.



Gail Kulp '00

**Wyatt Everhart '00** is a new host of *Midday Maryland*, a show on ABC2 in Baltimore that features businesses, community events and the lifestyle in Maryland.

**Gail Kulp '00** (left) was hired as an executive director for the Sea Tow Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps with boating safety and education, in Southold, NY.



Jay Owens '00

**Jay Owens '00** (left) was selected to be Indian River (DE) School District's assistant superintendent.

**Lee Roth '00** (below) co-launched a new travel experience, called Roadies, where their buses take passengers to new places so they can experience new adventures.



Lee Roth '00

**Jason Tarnow '00** became an instructor of physical education and the new men's lacrosse head coach at Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

**Adam Tolley '00 & M'13** became the supervisor of instruction of social studies and career and technology education at Queen Anne's (MD) County Public Schools.

**Christopher Whitt '00** became the vice provost for institutional diversity and inclusion at Creighton University in Omaha, NE.

**Jamie Dykes '01** was appointed to be interim Wicomico (MD) County State's Attorney.

**Matt Mullen '01** is the chief lending officer for Chesapeake Bank of Maryland in the Baltimore area. He is in charge of providing financing for real estate projects.

**Michael Steinen '01** (men's soccer) was inducted into the SU Athletics Hall of Fame in the fall of 2017.

**Rachel Alvarez '02** was the artist of the month featured on the Wandering Educator website, which is a global community of educators. She works out of her home studio on the Eastern Shore of Maryland creating paintings during her children's naptime, which inspired the name of her Etsy shop and blog, "the naptime artist."

**Jeremy Gsell '02** is the director of Football Rehabilitation Services at the University of Alabama and won the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship with the team.

**Shawn Hunt '02** was named Best Mortgage Specialist by *Coastal Style Magazine* for the second year in a row. He is a loan officer for Mortgage Network Inc.'s Salisbury branch.

**Brandy McMullen '02** became the general office manager at Choptank Transport in Tampa, FL.

**Anthony Parker '02**, also known as Wordsmith, released a hip-hop project titled *Perspective Jukebox* in summer 2017 through his record label NU Revolution Entertainment.

**Dennis Urban '02** was honored with the New York State PTA Honorary Life Membership Award.

**Dominick Bellia '03** (right) became the vice president for Councilor, Buchanan, and Mitchell, PC, a CPA and business advisor firm located in Bethesda, MD.



Dominick Bellia '03

**Jason Ewing '03 & '05** is a new member of the SU Athletics Hall of Fame after his exceptional performance for the baseball team during his time at SU.

**Tim Luipersbeck '03** continues to grow his young professionals' network for the Washington (MD) County Chamber of Commerce.

**Julia Ryan '03** is the chief financial officer and treasurer at Gladstone Management Corp., Ltd in Washington, D.C.

**Alice Wilkerson '03** joined Public Policy Partners, a lobbying firm located in Annapolis, MD, as a government affairs associate. She also was named to the 2017 Very Important Professionals List by the *Daily Record*.

**Amy Davis '04** was hired by the Occupational Health Department at Littleton (NH) Regional Healthcare.

**Vicki Dean '04** was hired as an account executive at Freestate and Son Insurance in Centreville, MD.



Suzanne Ferris '04

**Suzanne Ferris '04** (left) was named the 2018 Delaware Mother of the Year by American Mothers, Inc. This award is for mothers who are inspirational in their roles.



Whitney Hanson '04, Alison Benkovic '04, April Thomas (UM Graduate), Elizabeth Crepeau '04 and Genevieve Davis '05

**Whitney Hanson '04, Alison Benkovic '04, April Thomas (UM Graduate), Elizabeth Crepeau '04 and Genevieve Davis '05** (bottom, center column) visited the campus of Salisbury University for a reunion in the summer of 2017.

**Josh Hastings '04 & '05** is running for a seat on the Wicomico County Council District 4.

**David Lane '04** won the 2017 Belbas Larson Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is an assistant professor of anthropology and sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Dakota and was honored in the tenure-track category.

**Sarah Perdue '04** represented Somerset (MD) County as the County's Teacher of the Year at the 27th annual Teacher of the Year Gala at Martin's West in Baltimore.

**Chantal Russum '04** was hired as the new principal for Washington Academy and High School in Princess Anne, MD.

**Undrea "Nikki" Blake '05** won the National LifeChanger of the Year Award for 2016-2017 for her leadership and positive influence on her students at Pocomoke (MD) Middle School.

**Kelly Carey '05** was named the transportation coordinator for Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury.

**Anthony Darby '05** is opening a medical marijuana dispensary called Peninsula Alternative Health in Salisbury.

**Steven Lessner '05** is an associate professor of English at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, VA.

**Erin Silva '05 & M'12** (right) was presented the 2017 Employee of the Year Award at Salisbury University. She works as an Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative GIS analyst.



Erin Silva '05 & M'12

**Katie Weber '05** accepted the business development specialist position at Benfield Electric where she will use business development and marketing efforts to make more people familiar with the company's electrical services.

**Dustin Johnson '06** became the head football coach at William Patterson University in Wayne, NJ.

**Jensen Long '06 & M'13** is one of two new assistant principals at Carter G. Woodson Elementary School in Crisfield, MD.

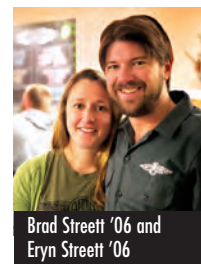
**Lacey Lord '06** (softball) was inducted into the SU Athletics Hall of Fame in the fall of 2017.

**Lisa Nicholson McKinnon '06** was awarded the 2018-2019 Wicomico (MD) County Teacher of the Year. She is a math teacher at Parkside High School in Salisbury.

**Christopher Parks '06** joined a division of the Shore United Bank, Wye Financial & Trust in Easton, MD, as a LPL financial advisor.

**David Plotts '06** is running for the District 4 seat on the Wicomico (MD) County Board of Education.

**Brad Streett '06 and Eryn Streett '06** (right) created a microbrewery and taproom at their new building for their business, AleCraft Brewing Supply, LLC, in Bel Air, MD.



Brad Streett '06 and Eryn Streett '06

**Byron Westbrook '06** (football) was inducted into the SU Athletics Hall of Fame in the fall of 2017.

**Courtney Blackford '07** is the sales and marketing manager for the Residence Inn by Marriott in Ocean City, MD. She has spent over 20 years in the resort market.

**Erica Cook '07** was selected to be the marketing manager for the golf division of Carl M. Freeman Companies where she will promote premier golf courses.

**Virginia Forcucci M'07** was awarded the 2018 Delaware State Teacher of the Year award. She is an English teacher at Sussex Technical High School in Georgetown, DE.

**Holly Fowler '07** is a member of the Charlotte's Quest Nature Center team located in Manchester, MD. She works on projects that give visitors a better understanding and connection with the outdoor world.

**Greg Jones M'07** had one of his pieces of music, *All Save One*, performed at the 16th annual Page-to-Stage New Play Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in fall 2017.

**Steven Leonard '07** is CEO and president of Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

**Melissa Smith Magassouba '07 & '08** opened Magass Family Medicine and Urgent Care, a family medical practice and urgent care in Finksburg, MD.

**Theresa Olenchick '07** was nominated for the 2018 Worcester (MD) County Teacher of the Year award. She is a kindergarten teacher at Pocomoke Elementary School.

**Kimberly Whitaker '07 & M'10** is an integration specialist at Chesapeake Health Care's Mental Health office in Salisbury.

**Frank Cooke '08** announced his candidacy for District 37A delegate in the Maryland General Assembly.



Julie Bayer-Vile '08

**Julie Bayer-Vile '08 (left)** earned a Master of Science in clinical laboratory science at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in December 2017.

**Kyle Hartzell '08** was selected to play for Team USA in the Federation of International Lacrosse Men's Lacrosse World Championships in Israel.

**Lisa Kenney '08** is a development director at Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, Inc. in Owings Mills, MD. She is in charge of annual giving and event efforts.

**Patrick Robbins '08** dedicated time to raise funds for a Nepalese family who took him in while he was completing his career training. After the 2015 devastating earthquake, the family's home was condemned and Robbins helped raise funds to provide them shelter.

**Randy Boyle '09** is vice president and general sales manager of Boyle Buick GMC in Abingdon, MD.

**Troy Brohawn '09** has reached 100 wins as the head baseball coach at Salisbury University after accepting the position in 2014.

**Tyrone Cooper '09 & '13** announced his candidacy for a seat on the Wicomico (MD) County Board of Education at-large.

**Lili Leonard '09 & M'11** earned her Ed.D. in educational leadership from Frostburg (MD) State University in spring 2018. Her dissertation is titled "Dedicated, Tireless, Unafraid: A Case Study of the Effort that Saved Sweet Briar College in 2015."

## 2010s

**Austin Brown '10** is the co-founder of a full-service, FAA-certified drone company called Global Air Media, LLC in Baltimore.

**Tomas Davila '10** was named a member of the Board of Library Trustees for Caroline County in Denton, MD.

**Trevor Ewing '10** was named the area director for Young Life in Talbot County in Easton, MD.

**Amy Hafez '10** was selected to serve three years as the Graduate Young Trustee at Duke University where she will develop graduate and professional education and interdisciplinary networks on campus.

**Amy Morgan '10** is the director of the Maryland Eastern Shore Allegro Children's Chorus.

**Katie Fost '11 & M'13** became the head coach of the York College of Pennsylvania field hockey team.

**Joey Gilkerson '11** joined Wor-Wic Community College's board of directors in Salisbury.

**Dustin Herbert '11** won a home run derby sponsored by Chris Davis from the Baltimore Orioles, raising funds for the University of Maryland Children's Hospital. He beat out 31 other athletes for the title and gave his prize of throwing out first pitch at an Oriole's game to a child from the hospital.

**Joseph Stigler '11** became a candidate for the 2018 Worcester (MD) County Teacher of the Year award. He is a math teacher at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, MD.

**Brian Cook M'12** was awarded the Technology and Literacy Award and named the regional recipient by the International Literacy Association for his innovative teaching style at Pocomoke (MD) Middle School involving the use of technologies like Skype and Google Hangout. He also was nominated for the 2018 Worcester (MD) County Teacher of the Year award.



Amanda Garcia '12

**Amanda Garcia '12 (left)** graduated with honors from the Master of Business Administration Program at La Salle University in May 2015. She is now a mortgage loan originator with First Home Mortgage. She joined First Home Mortgage to primarily serve Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, but she is also licensed in Pennsylvania. Amanda thoroughly enjoys playing an integral role in helping people achieve their dream of home ownership and is thrilled with the opportunity to live and work in Ocean City, MD.

**Kerra Hunter M'12** was named a Phenomenal Woman in Student Affairs by the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals in fall 2017.

**Ryan Maluski '12** is the associate client relationship manager at Maller Wealth Advisors in Hunt Valley, MD. His duties include preparing account reviews, retirement analyses and proposed portfolios for clients.



Travon Miles '12

**Travon Miles '12 (left)** was promoted to sports director at 47 ABC in Salisbury. He served as a team member since its launch in 2014.

**Sherita Roundtree '12** received the Conference on the College Composition and Communication (CCCC) Chairs' Memorial Scholarship from Ohio State University. She is one of four recipients of the scholarship that honors the chairs of CCCC who passed away.

**Gina Betz '13 & M'14** is a mental health therapist for Chesapeake Health Care based in Salisbury.

**Leah Edwards '13** is the director of member relations for the Independent Community Bankers of America where she will help members achieve their business goals and objectives.

**Kevin Hopkins '13 (top, right column)** is the systems integration technician for Maryland Sound International-Direct



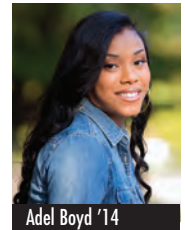
Kevin Hopkins '13

Field Acoustic Testing for spacecraft, simulating the vibrations of a rocket launch using sound in Gwynn Oak, MD.

**Lauren Zarin '13** accepted the position of program administrator for the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore in Salisbury.

**Tony Bevilacqua M'14** is the principal of Crisfield (MD) Academy and High School.

**Adel Boyd '14 (right)** accepted a job at the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education where she is in charge of Maryland's Next Generation Scholars, a program that helps eligible students in grades seven-nine prepare to graduate high school and go to college, in Wicomico (MD) Middle and High Schools.



Adel Boyd '14

**Mark Dickey '14** is the assistant program director and on-air host of 88.7 The Bridge in Milford, DE.

**Michelle Ferre '14** was chosen to participate in the Boston Marathon due to her excellent service in the classroom as a fourth grade teacher at Crofton (MD) Elementary School and outside of the classroom with her YouTube vlogs on her channel, "Pocketful of Primary."

**Trevor Hirsch '14** accepted a position at Aquacare Physical Therapy as a staff physical therapist in Millsboro, DE, and at Excellens Physical Therapy in Lewes, DE, a division of Aquacare Physical Therapy.

**Vira Ogburn '14** is leading a group of schoolteachers to create the nonprofit Minds in Motion Children's Museum in Salisbury.

**Christina Parent '14** was promoted to people development manager at Choptank Transport a national logistics company based out of Preston, MD.

**Lindsey Ward '14** is a client relations agent in the Community Association Practice of Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley based in Willards, DE.

**Austin Whitehead '14 & M'15** won the 2017 Rising Star Award for the real estate industry. He also earned a spot on the Board of Directors for the Coastal Association of Realtors.

**Lauren Boyd '15** is on the account team for Nobel Learning Communities for MGH Advertising in Baltimore.



Laura Devlin '15 & M'17

**Laura Devlin '15 & M'17 (left)** was awarded First Year Teacher of the Year at Holman Middle School in Glenn Allen, VA.

**Lisa Dixon '15 & M'17** is a mental health therapist at Chesapeake Health Services mental health facility in Salisbury.

**Meagan Farber '15 & M'17** was promoted to staff accountant at Calvin B. Taylor Banking Co. in Berlin, MD.

**Joachim Gawryolek '15** has a new sculpture, "Conversations," that can be viewed in the Tubbs Gallery at the Rehoboth Art League in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

**Jessica (Wiggins) Jenkins '15** opened her own Anytime Fitness franchise in Richmond, VA.

**Rachel Johnson '15** is the head softball coach of Salisbury (MD) Christian School.

**Sam Lucas '15** is a conservation initiative coordinator and marine science educator at Sanibel (FL) Sea School.

**Michael MacStudy '15** is the coordinator of commuter affairs at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

**Adam Manning '15** is the developer of a solutions provider called Sports Office 365, which helps recreational and competitive sports programs across the nation with their office and behind-the-scenes management. It has joined with six other companies creating a North American youth soccer alliance that is being held as the first of its kind, providing support to teams across North America. The program does email and phone communication, social media, scheduling, marketing, apps, fundraising, and much more.

**Alexandra Tobiasen M'15** was nominated for the 2018 Worcester (MD) County Teacher of the Year award. She teaches art at Pocomoke High School.

**Zack Tyndall '15** announced his candidacy for the District 3 Worcester County Commissioner seat in Berlin, MD.

**Tom Draper '16** is a loan officer with First Home Mortgage in Baltimore where he helps home owners select the right loan for them.

**Natalie Ewing '16 & M'17** successfully completed the CPA Exam to become a certified public accountant. She works as a staff accountant at TGM Group LLC in Salisbury.

**Jacob Miller '16** accepted a position at The Millstone Companies located in Upper Marlboro, MD.

**Carrie O'Connor M'16** became a board member at the Queen Anne's (MD) County Board of Education.

**Nicole Perez '16** is going on a study abroad trip to Guatemala where she will provide occupational therapy in temporary clinics in Zacapa.

**Lisa Rekos '16 & M'17** became a mental health therapist at Chesapeake Health Services at the Mental Health Department in Salisbury.

**Gabriella Tancona '16** joined Baltimore-based Warschawski as junior associate where she will be focused on strategic communication.

**Tyler Wilson '16** was selected to be a student naval aviator at Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI.

**Tyler Burroughs '17** helped bring Salisbury its second Sports Clips Haircuts location. He is currently the co-owner of the Waldorf, MD, Sports Clips.

**Kaitlyn Collins '17** is a sales agent by CR Realty located in Centreville, MD.

**Jeff Geary '17** is the head varsity baseball coach at Salisbury (MD) Christian School.

**Selaina Hopkins '17** is a math teacher at Maurice J. McDonough High School in Pomfret, MD.

**Molly Miller '17** traveled to India this summer to teach local teachers the skills to engage with students in the best way through the Limited Resource Teacher Training Program.

**Lauren Rothfeld '17** was a member of a 12-person basketball team representing the United States in the 20th annual World Maccabiah Games hosted in Israel in summer 2017 where they won the gold medal. She was one of five non-Division I athletes chosen.

**Rex Siers '17** is part of a history-making duo, he and his grandfather **Ron Siers Sr. '14** are working toward their master's in history at Salisbury University. **Ron Siers Jr. '89** is an associate professor in the Secondary and Physical Education Department at SU.

**Keirien Taylor '17** announced his candidacy for State Delegate in Maryland's District 36.

**Mahlet Yosef '17** joined Women Supporting Women, a non-profit organization that aids those affected by breast cancer, as a summer intern.



Palia '01 & Mabey '07 & M'09 Wedding



Willhide '10 & M'14 Wedding



Malingier '13 Wedding



Stern '08 & Dorman '13 Wedding



Jupitz '11 & Bream '13 Wedding



Jackson '90 Wedding



O'Neill '13 Wedding



Bannister '10 & Peters '11 Wedding



Barnhouse '13 Wedding



Byers '10 & Jordan '11 Wedding



Meek '15 & Kidd '16 Wedding



Kolodziejcki '10 Wedding



**Marriages**

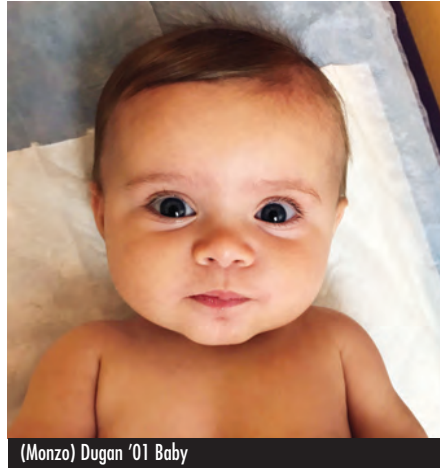
**Antony Palaia '01 & Meghan (Mabey) Palaia '07 & M'09** (previous page)  
**Ashley Stern '08 & Kevin Dorman '13** (previous page)  
**Jessica (Howard) Jackson '90 & P.R. Jackson** (previous page)  
**Jonathan Bannister '10 & Morgan (Peters) Bannister '11** (previous page)  
**Matthew Byers '10 & Jessica (Jordan) Byers '11** (previous page)  
**Jesse Kolodziejski '10 & Nicole (Mosman) Kolodziejski** (previous page)  
**Brian Willhide '10 & M'14 & Shana (Coneely) Willhide** (previous page)  
**Sean Jupitz '11 & Ariana (Bream) Jupitz '13** (previous page)  
**Megan O'Neill '13 & James O'Neill** (previous page)  
**Michelle (Maling) Pryor '13 & Jory Pryor** (previous page)  
**Amy (Barnhouse) Reedy '13 & Tim Reedy** (previous page)  
**Heather (Meek) Kidd '15 & Jonathan Kidd '16** (previous page).

**Births**

**Jason Curtin '98 & Katie (Martin) Curtin** – Son: Jake Everett (left)  
**LB Steele '99 & Jess (Townsend) Steele** – Daughter: Adelynn Elizabeth (left)  
**Melissa (Monzo) Dugan '01 & Daniel Dugan** – Daughter: Ella Grace (center column)  
**Mark Mitchell '01 & Michelle (Rowland) Mitchell '03** – Son: Ryan Casey (center column)  
**Adam Dudley '03 & Erin (Senkbeil) Dudley '03** – Son: Cole Edward (center column)



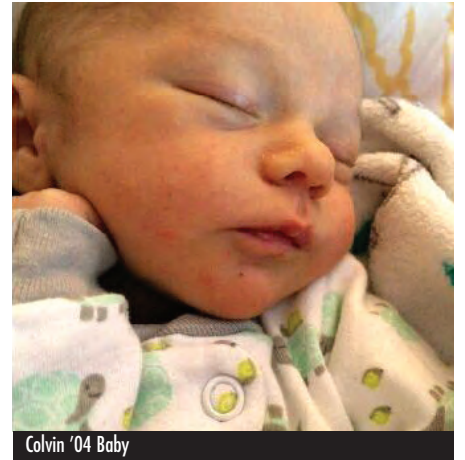
Curtin '98 Baby



(Monzo) Dugan '01 Baby



Griswold '03 Baby



Colvin '04 Baby



Mitchell '01 & (Rowland) Mitchell '03 Family



(Elcik) Duryea '06 Baby



Steele '99 Family



Dudley '03 & (Senkbeil) Dudley '03 Family



Larson '07 & (Goetschius) Larson '08 Baby

**Sean Griswold '03 & Jennifer Orning** – Daughter: Alexis Jolie (*previous page*)  
**Eric Colvin '04 & Joanna Colvin** – Son: Sidney Marshall (*previous page*)  
**Stacey (Elcik) Duryea '06 & Dennis Duryea** – Daughter: Emery Grace (*previous page*)



McGrath-Studniarz '07 Family

**Sean Larson '07 & Jackie (Goetschius) Larson '08** – Daughter: Cali Rae (*previous page*)  
**Katie McGrath-Studniarz '07 & Steven Studniarz** – Son : Caleb Alexander (*left*)  
**Amber (Webster) Kinney '08 & M'09 & Caleb Kinney** – Daughter: Hazel Mae (*left*)



Weikers '09 & (MacLean-Blevins) Weikers '10 Children

**Jeb Gibson '09 & Randi (Leahy) Gibson '09** – Son: Parker John (*left*)  
**Joshua Weikers '09 & Rebekah (MacLean-Blevins) Weikers '10** – Daughter: Addison Makenzie (*center column*)  
**Travis Boccher '10 & Stacey Boccher** – Daughter: Daphne Elise (*center column*)  
**Mia (Cardwell) Bowersox '11 & James Bowersox** – Sons: James Robert & Joseph Carroll (*center column*)

## Deaths

**Margaret (Laws) Engle '31** – May 15, 2018 (*see obituary, right*)  
**Carolyn Whittington '36** – September 26, 2017  
**Mary Ferrand '43** – December 31, 2017  
**Catherine Carey '45** – August 16, 2017  
**Eunice (Marine) Wheatley '48** – September 18, 2017  
**Orretta Sterling '52** – May 19, 2017  
**Carolyn Kniceley '55** – February 24, 2018  
**Kay (Bradley) Harrison '58** – September 25, 2017  
**Mary Twilley '60** – February 2, 2018  
**Rebecca Insley '62** – February 27, 2018  
**Neil LeCompte '62** – December 8, 2017  
**Pauline Brittingham '64** – October 9, 2014  
**Richard Wilson '64** – February 27, 2017  
**Diana Waesche '65** – January 3, 2018  
**Lenore (Parsons) Huffer '70 & M'78** – June 9, 2017  
**Edward Burton Jr. '77** – September 25, 2017  
**Susan (Elwood) Atkins '75** – October 20, 2017  
**Robert Abresch '79** – May 30, 2017  
**Steven Dashiell '79** – April 16, 2018  
**Steven Warner '80** – February 20, 2018  
**Samuel LesCalette '82** – March 1, 2018  
**Karen Wood '84** – April 18, 2018  
**Mona Lisa White '85** – February 7, 2018  
**Thomas Cook M'89** – January 27, 2018  
**Paul Joseph "PJ" Aldridge Jr. '89** – January 9, 2018  
**Merrill Burhans Jr. '90** – May 11, 2017  
**Stefanie (Petr) Ashdown '99** – May 18, 2017  
**Kristen Whitehead '07** – January 20, 2018  
**Daniel Stachurski '10** – November 20, 2017  
**Mildred McKnett '11** – November 30, 2017  
**Jared Young '11** – October 8, 2017  
**Christopher Castle '12** – August 30, 2017  
**Heather Ripley '13** – January 8, 2018  
**Amanda Twilley '14** – June 11, 2017

## Staff Death

**Mable Catherine Morris Thomas** (*location*) devoted 17 years to Salisbury University as the administrative aide to the dean of Admissions. She retired from SU in 1989, but her legacy remains.



Mable Thomas



(Webster) Kinney '08 Baby



Boccher '10 Baby



Gibson '09 & (Leahy) Gibson '09 Baby



(Cardwell) Bowersox '11 Babies



Margaret Laws Engle '31

## SU's Oldest Alumna Passes Away Margaret Laws Engle 1931

SU's oldest alumna Margaret Laws Engle died in her home at the age of 106 of natural causes on May 15, 2018.

Mrs. Engle received a two-year teaching certificate from then Salisbury Normal School (1931), a bachelor's degree from then Maryland State Teachers College (1939) and a master's degree from Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, in 1944.

Her teaching career began in Anne Arundel (MD) County. After six years, she returned to college, earning her bachelor's and master's degrees. She returned to the Eastern Shore as supervisor of elementary education in Worcester County. After marriage, and the raising of two children, she resumed her career at Snow Hill Elementary School, retiring as resource teacher in 1975.

Mrs. Engle had a life-long love of words and enjoyed word puzzles, crossword puzzles and writing short stories of her youth.

## EXPLORING THE EVERGREEN YEARBOOK

By Ian Post, University Archivist & Special Collections Librarian

Earlier this year, 77 volumes of *Evergreen* yearbooks from the University Archives at the Nabb Research Center were digitized by the Internet Archive with funding from the Salisbury University Office of Alumni Relations. Dating from 1926 to 2005, these yearbooks are now available online, making the historic documents fully browse-able, text searchable, downloadable and sharable to social media for the first time ever.

The yearbooks are among the most important sources for researching our school's history, providing readers with intimate perspectives on the people, places and activities of the University's past. More importantly, these annual snapshots of campus life offer more than names and faces; the *Evergreen* highlights the personalities of the school's faculty, students and clubs with the addition of features such as class wills and prophecies, campus jokes, personal nicknames, and favorite quotes or poems.

Browsing through the *Evergreen* from 1950 to 1953, one name in particular stands out because of the Academic Commons recently named in her honor – Patricia R. Guerrieri '53. "Patti Lou" Radcliffe started at State Teachers College (now Salisbury University) in 1949 and soon became a high scorer on the field hockey and basketball teams. Awarded "Best Woman Athlete" in 1952, Patti Lou excelled off of the court as a reporter for the *Holly Leaf* newspaper, the president of the Women's Athletic Association and a member in the campus theatrical troupe, the Sophanes Players.

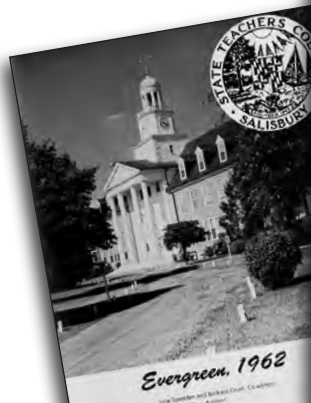
Pages in these *Evergreen* volumes also include photos that demonstrate her superior sense of fashion and comments on her "vivacious personality" – something that she was known for throughout her lifetime. During her senior year in 1953, she married Michael Alan Guerrieri and the couple eventually had five children, three of whom attended the Campus Elementary School. The Guerrieri family's commitment to SU has blossomed from Patti Lou's experiences in the 1950s and remained strong throughout the years.

Online accessibility to the *Evergreen* yearbooks means that alumni, friends or family can find themselves and others, as well as old advertisements from regional business who sponsored the yearbook. The yearbooks serve as a starting point for digging into Salisbury University's past, which oftentimes leads to interesting discoveries in other collections at the University Archives. Connecting with the past helps us appreciate the present and expand opportunities in the future – much like the case of Patti Lou Guerrieri.

To view the *Evergreen* yearbooks on the Internet Archive, visit [archive.org/details/salisburyuniversitylibrariesnabbresearchcenter](http://archive.org/details/salisburyuniversitylibrariesnabbresearchcenter) and please contact the Nabb Research Center with any questions.



- Patti Lou Radcliffe, Senior, 1953
- Women's Basketball Co-Captains Patti Radcliffe and Harriett Dickinson
- 1950 Field Hockey Team; Radcliffe kneeling in center



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# ALUMNI HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 12-14 • 2018

## FRIDAY

- Maroon & Gold Golf Outing  
*Nutters Crossing Golf Course*
- Athletics Hall of Fame  
*Congratulate the 2018 inductees*

## SATURDAY

- Reunions for Classes Ending in 3s and 8s
- Pre-Game Tailgating  
*Catch-up with old friends and get ready for the football game*
- Homecoming Football  
*SU vs. Montclair State*
- Athletic Events  
*Cheer on men's and women's soccer, volleyball, and field hockey*
- Multicultural Alumni Jazz Social

Look for Homecoming events and get details as they develop:

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