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## Letter from the President

Dear Sea Gull Family,

The 2019-20 academic year has been the most challenging, yet rewarding, in all my years of being a university president. We have encountered many obstacles this year, and in each instance, the resilience of our faculty, staff and students has prevailed.

My heart goes out to our May graduates – students who were set to enjoy the capstone of their academic and athletic careers before COVID-19 so drastically impacted our world. We tried to ease the disappointment with a special “Commencement in a Box” and many other events, competitions, tributes and celebrations that went virtual, but I know it wasn't what our graduates and their families originally expected. Our entire Salisbury University family continues to amaze me with their dedication and perseverance, and ability to move forward regardless of the circumstance.

Even prior to COVID-19, our campus had experienced turmoil following instances of racist, threatening graffiti. These acts of ignorance spurred conversation, understanding and a show of love and support that permeated our campus. Many new initiatives came out of this, with one being the hiring of a new chief diversity officer. In May, I was delighted to welcome Joan Williams to the SU family (see page 15).

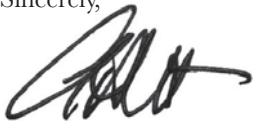
This past year, SU also confirmed two new academic deans. Dr. Kelly Fiala was named founding dean of the College of Health and Human Services, after serving for two years as transitional dean. SU alumnus Dr. Michael Scott '92 was named dean of the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology (see page 13). He had served as interim dean since 2017. Both will continue moving their units forward in innovative ways.

Provost Karen Olmstead was extremely busy hiring these two deans while leading the Academic Affairs Division; and just when she thought the pace would return to normal, COVID-19 impacted our campus. I would be remiss if I did not thank Dr. Olmstead for her leadership during this pandemic. In less than two weeks, our faculty went from teaching most classes with traditional face-to-face interaction to every class continuing virtually for the rest of the semester. Our Faculty Senate moved swiftly to adjust our grading system to give students the ability to choose to continue with a letter grade or have a pass/no pass designation that wouldn't negatively affect their GPA. The Administration and Finance Division worked hard to refund credits for a portion of housing, meal plans, parking permits and other fees, and our housing staff worked with students to vacate residence halls safely.

The impacts COVID-19 on our SU family is real and, in some cases, tragic. Through this time, we have seen many examples of students, faculty, staff and alumni forging ahead on the frontlines to help and care for those in need. I applaud and thank each of you for your service, as well as alumni and friends of SU who supported our Student Emergency Fund. Hundreds have given to help students who have had financial losses meet their most basic needs so that they can continue their education. Many of our students would not be able to stay enrolled without these funds, so I thank you for your support.

Our world and higher education are facing challenging times, but I can tell you from the students that I have engaged with during my class last fall, in the dining hall at lunch or, for the time being, virtually on Zoom, our future is bright. We have a strong University that will survive and thrive as we continue to navigate the obstacles before us. We Are SU!

Sincerely,



Charles A. Wight  
President, Salisbury University



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# SU's Swift Response to COVID-19 Makes Critical Impact on Students and Community



When the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic struck the United States, change seemed to happen almost overnight.

With the transition to virtual classes, moving students out of housing, issuing refunds and offering online services, one thing was clear: Salisbury University's swift response was key in helping its campus community through a challenging and confusing time.

## Rapid Changes and Rapid Responses

In early March, SU announced it would hold classes online for two weeks following spring break to help slow the spread of COVID-19. As more data and predictions about the virus emerged, it became clear that the online class model would need to extend for the rest of the semester. In addition, all activities on campus would have to be suspended and campus buildings closed to the public until further notice.

Once the announcement was made that classes would remain online for the semester, SU's Housing and Residence Life Office implemented a move-out plan to maintain social distancing practices. SU was praised for its efficiency in moving approximately 2,300 residential students out of campus housing and issuing refunds to students.

This efficiency allowed the University to clear more than 90% of rooms in its 10 residence halls in just three weeks.

## Refunds: An Early Top Priority

Residential students, scheduled to have been on campus for 101 days during the spring semester, received refunds of nearly 54% of their housing costs, reflecting the time remaining in the semester following spring break. Refunds were also issued for dining plans, parking passes and mandatory fees, including athletics, intramurals, student recreation, student activities, sustainability and student union operations. In all, refunds totaled more than \$10 million.

While most University System of Maryland (USM) institutions issued similar refunds, SU was lauded for the speed at which its refunds were processed. Because SU's Cashier's Office had calculated those refunds in advance, nearly 100% were processed within one week of being announced. SU students were the first in the USM to see the credits returned to their accounts.

"This was the right thing to do for our students," said Anthony Pasquariello, interim vice president of administration and finance. "Because some of our students and their families may be facing difficulties with the spread of COVID-19, we had to make decisions quickly regarding

## EVENTS CONTINUED IN THE VIRTUAL WORLD

**RELAY FOR LIFE:** A virtual ceremony was held for Relay for Life on Friday, April 24, in front of Holloway Hall. The event included a speech from an SU survivor, Dr. Lori DeWitt, and a lighting of luminaries in honor of those who have battled cancer. The event raised nearly \$12,000.



refunds. It only makes sense that we would work to get students their money back as quickly as possible.”

**Virtual SU: Providing Excellent Education and Resources**

Although the situation is far from normal, SU has been dedicated to making sure its students can continue their education and have access to all the resources they need.

“Most students quickly adapted to virtual classes when instruction was moved online to help slow the spread of COVID-19,” said Dr. Dane Foust, vice president of student affairs. “Our division and many other areas of campus followed suit to provide students with the benefits of an in-person campus in cyberspace.”

During the spring semester, students scheduled telehealth visits with Student Health Services and the SU Counseling Center (the latter of which also hosted a weekly “Tea Talk” virtual relaxation event and online meetings of its Sister Circle support group for women of color) and joined in online peer tutoring and question-and-answer sessions through the Center for Student Achievement.

They also participated in virtual group activities, such as trivia nights, through the Guerrieri Student Union and Campus Recreation, and took on a weekly “virtual challenge” competition hosted by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion expanded this year’s annual Multicultural Festival Week into a monthlong celebration, with virtual presentations open to the public.

Even future students joined online activities. SU’s annual Admitted Students Day was extended into a series of online events, allowing potential new students and their families to interact with students, faculty and staff without leaving their homes. Prospective students also are invited to ask admissions counselors questions any



SU members found solutions to the need for personal protective equipment

time via phone or Zoom. For those interested in taking a campus tour, the Admissions Office provided a virtual equivalent that can be viewed online.

“More and more, our students are discovering that SU is not just a campus; it’s a community,” Foust said. “And our community is sticking together to provide the best university experience possible, even during these challenging times.”

**Keeping Our Community Commitment**

SU campus members have taken their roles as partners in the community seriously as they step up to help fight COVID-19. Students, faculty and staff have donated food, given blood, provided education resources for children at home during school closures and collected (and, in some cases, 3-D printed) personal protective equipment for area hospitals. *Forbes* recognized SU among universities that are helping their communities by donating personal protective equipment to local hospitals.

**Finding Funds for Students In Need**

SU leaders also understand that the impacts of COVID-19 may hinder students in ways far beyond the classroom, including job loss, rising medical costs or other catastrophe that may impair their ability to continue pursuing their degrees. Students in dire circumstances were eligible to apply for emergency grants up to \$250 from the Student Emergency Fund to allow their continued attendance at the University.

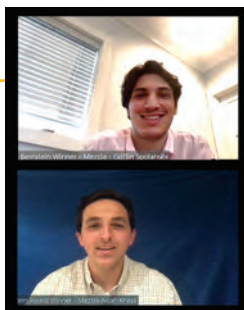
“These are uncertain times for many of our students,” said Jason Curtin, vice president of advancement and external affairs. “We want to help in any way we can, especially if that means the difference between a student being able to continue their academic pursuits or having to drop out of college. At this time, we are asking for many of our donors to consider contributing to the Emergency Fund ([www.salisbury.edu/giving](http://www.salisbury.edu/giving)) to ensure we have enough resources for all who may apply. ‘SU Cares’ is more than just a slogan. We want the best for our students regardless of their circumstances.”



VIRTUAL TOUR: Campus tours went virtual in March. Want to see what’s new? [www.salisbury.edu/campustour](http://www.salisbury.edu/campustour)

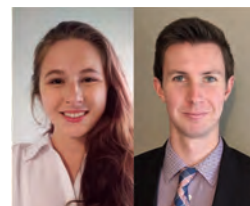
**ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITIONS:**

Griffin Spolansky and Noah Kness won the \$15,000 Bernstein Achievement Award for Excellence in this year’s virtual event. With a prize pool goal of \$100,000, some 46 teams participated in this year’s competition.



**ALBRECHT FELLOWS HAVE THE WORLD COME TO THEM:**

Erin Karrh and Aaron Stiegler were named Albrecht Fellows within the World Trade Center Institute’s Global Pathways Program for Students. The program introduced a select group of university students from Maryland to leading global companies in the state.



# A Bittersweet Last Semester: Adjusting Expectations and Seeing SU at its Best



Bull at NASA: Bull, right, demonstrates a prototype she developed to display launch data to two members of range safety during one of NASA's CRS rocket launches from inside the range control center.



Bull graduated from SU in May 2020 and has accepted a job at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD.

When Shannon Bull of Woodbine, MD, first toured the Salisbury University campus with her father, she knew she had found her perfect fit.

She loved the campus atmosphere and the involvement of the faculty and staff with their students, and her father was a 1989 alumnus. She enrolled as an applied mathematics and computer science double major, and by her final semester, she was involved in campus activities, research and an internship with NASA. She was set to graduate with her classmates in May, before COVID-19 hit.

When SU announced that it would be closing the campus and offering classes online for two weeks to prevent the spread, the idea was difficult for Bull, who was looking forward to living out her final semester on the campus she had come to call home. Then, she received the news that

the campus would remain closed for the semester.

"It was already bittersweet because I love SU so much, I almost didn't want to graduate," Bull said. "I was trying to live in the moment and make the most of my last semester, and then we all got sent home."

Like other students, Bull made a quick adjustment to online learning. She set up her computer in her childhood bedroom, and her family members became her new "co-workers." NASA had prepared for the possibility of its employees working remotely, so she was able to continue her internship at home. Her honors thesis was a bit harder because she was used to face-to-face time with her mentor, Dr. Donald Spickler. However, she said her professors went the extra mile for her during that time.

Many SU professors sent emails to their students to express their understanding and

encourage students to reach out if they needed anything. Bull said one of her professors did weekly check-in calls on Zoom to give students an option to come in and talk about anything, even if it was unrelated to class. When she got overwhelmed and some of her thesis deadlines began to slip, her thesis committee reached out not to ask for the work, but to see how she was doing.

"I'm really lucky to have the professors I did during this time," Bull said. "This wasn't what I hoped for during my last semester, but they did everything they could to still make this last semester special."

Bull was able to take part in a virtual celebration via Zoom and has a job lined up with NASA. After her internship, she transferred to the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD, as a full-time employee. She's excited for the day when she will be able to meet her co-workers in person instead of through a computer screen, and even looks forward to the hallway talk when people are getting coffee in the morning.

Right now, she's thinking of the little things. "It was sad to see the days pass by because I had the date 'May 16' in my head for graduation for so long," Bull said. "But this really highlighted some of the best people I've had contact with during these four years. I'm happy to graduate from SU."

## SU TEACHING INTERNS ASSIST SCHOOLS WITH REMOTE LEARNING



When schools closed their doors due to COVID-19, area educators faced a challenge of how to reach their students at home. Teaching interns from Salisbury University's Seidel School of Education continued assisting, taking initiative to keep young learners engaged with unique lessons and projects remotely. At Glen Avenue Elementary in Salisbury, teacher Kacie Robinson '06 & M'12 and teaching intern Skylar Gouin '20 both found solutions to keep learning going.



## Faculty Rise to the Challenge at SU and Across the Globe

As universities across the nation began the transition to online learning, Salisbury University's faculty demonstrated their commitment to maintaining the quality of learning for their students.

The efforts of some SU faculty have made a worldwide impact.

### GIS With Global Reach

Dr. Arthur Lembo of SU's Geography and Geosciences Department not only streamlined the transition of two of his courses online, but he also offered them to other geography professors at no cost.

The courses, Advanced GIS and Statistical Problem Solving and Geography, were made available using the Canvas Learning Management System. Faculty and students around the world are able to sign in and use them.

"Teaching in SU's online master's degree program for geographic information systems (GIS) management, I was familiar with distance learning," Lembo said. "I saw how challenging it was for faculty who weren't set up for online teaching and realized that many of my geography colleagues at other universities would have the same struggles. This was my attempt to alleviate some of that stress."

Searching for GIS online tutorials, these programs were exactly what geography students and faculty at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI, were seeking.

"Having the opportunity to participate in such a collaborative, worldwide experience like Dr. Lembo's class, and being able to learn new GIS concepts and techniques has been invaluable during this unprecedented time as students," said Aquinas junior Theo Malakowsky of Holland, MI. "It has been cool to see participation from people all over the U.S."

### Explore the M.B.A. 100% Online

The Franklin P. Perdue School of Business also offers an introductory course to its Master of Business Administration

(M.B.A.) program, allowing graduates and professionals to experience what it would be like to be an M.B.A. student before making the decision to enroll. For more information about SU's M.B.A. program (including a 100% online option), visit [www.salisbury.edu/mba](http://www.salisbury.edu/mba) or email Dr. Yvonne Downie Hanley '95 & M'99 at [yxdownie@salisbury.edu](mailto:yxdownie@salisbury.edu).

### Finding Solutions to Engagement

As the spring semester ended, the efforts to deliver quality experiential learning to students didn't stop. Many students looking ahead to summer sessions questioned if online courses could compare to in-person instruction, especially in areas like chemistry that often depend on hands-on lab work. For chemistry students, SU delivered the laboratories to them.

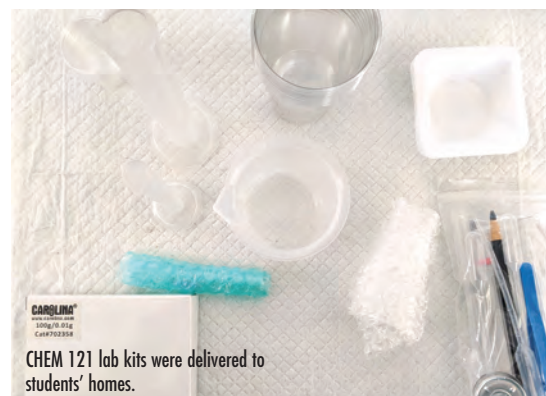
Students taking General Chemistry 121 and 122 purchased lab kits to be delivered to their homes, allowing them to follow along with experiments throughout the courses. The kits included beakers, test tubes, graduated cylinders, transfer pipettes, syringes, a mass balance, weight boats, chemicals to perform acid-base reactions and stoichiometric analysis, and safety goggles and nitrile gloves for safe handling of chemicals.

"We want students and parents to trust in the level of education SU is providing, whether in-person or online," said Dr. Anthony Rojas, assistant professor of chemistry. "This way we are able to maintain the learning outcomes expected in the classrooms and labs."

Other faculty members also did their part to help local school-aged students while schools were closed. Dr. Dean Ravizza, professor of secondary and physical education, charged his students with creating activity packets to encourage physical activity for younger children at home. The activities were designed to be done with little or no equipment and could be done as an individual or with siblings or



Corinne Pubill, chair of the Modern Language and Intercultural Studies Department, coordinated translation services for Spanish and Creole speaking patients at Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) in Salisbury.



CHEM 121 lab kits were delivered to students' homes.

friends, keeping in mind the social distancing recommendations. Senior teaching interns from the Seidel School of Education were also recognized for designing creative ways to engage with their students remotely, such as weekly read-aloud sessions and follow-along science experiments using household materials.

"The effort that SU faculty made in the pivot to remote teaching and learning was remarkable," said Karen Olmstead, provost and senior vice president of academic affairs. "They were not just able to carry on under the remote conditions, but kept our students engaged, learning and progressing throughout this challenging time. I am so grateful to our faculty for their commitment, focus, fortitude and willingness to learn new ways of doing things."

Updates are available at [www.salisbury.edu/news/coronavirus](http://www.salisbury.edu/news/coronavirus)

# Alumni Heroes: On Front Lines and at Home



Tressie Windsor '18 (far left) at PRMC

While people across the world have been forced to practice social distancing and stay at home, many are still on the front lines working to fight the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Whether they are health care workers treating patients directly or residents doing their part to help close to home, Salisbury University alumni continue to make their communities proud.

## SU Nurses Lead Efforts Nationally

SU has one of the most respected nursing programs in the region, so it is no surprise that nursing alumni are being recognized for their efforts during the pandemic. One such alum, Marina DiMattia '13, a triage nurse at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, was featured in the *New York Times* in April.

“The number of people who can't breathe, who are coming in with

respiratory issues, is overwhelming,” said DiMattia in the special feature. “But, in between gasps of air, they thank us.”

DiMattia shared her story as a critical health care worker in one of the nation's COVID-19 hotspots, describing the physical and emotional intensity of her work day. She described how difficult it was to see how the Manhattan streets, once bustling with people and activity, now seemed lifeless. She also talked about how one of the hardest parts of her day was separating patients from loved ones, who were no longer allowed in the hospital due to health and quarantine restrictions.

However, she shared that the gratitude among patients is remarkable.

“If we can, we walk outside and stand as a group on the corner and cry as we listen to people clap and honk their horns and say ‘thank you,’” she said. “It's the

most special, beautiful moment of my day.”

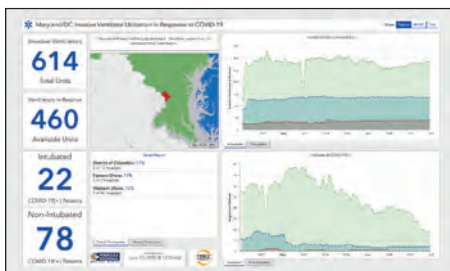
Tressie Windsor '18, another graduate of SU's nursing program and a former SU field hockey player, is a registered nurse at Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) in Salisbury. Upon recognizing the growing impact the pandemic was having on the world and communities close to home, she joined the PRMC COVID-19 Response Unit. The team is tasked with the treatment and care of confirmed COVID-19 cases as well as those under investigation. Although she has never seen a situation like this, she believes SU prepared her well for the position.

“The nursing program at SU teaches you all the basics required to be an effective nurse, but more importantly, it instills thinking through problems and acting as a leader,” Windsor said. “It has given me the confidence to step up where needed, even in the midst of a daunting situation like we are facing now.”

Windsor earned a number of accomplishments in her career, including Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year and Eastern College Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2017.

In an interview with Dawn Chamberlin M 87, her former coach, she described how being part of the field hockey team, where she served as captain, helped prepare her for her current role.

“Being a part of the field hockey team has taught me to look at the big picture, to be unselfish and to always put others first,” she said. “This is a moving target. We are learning new things every day and have to adapt and adjust quickly so our team doesn't fall behind.”



[www.salisbury.edu/dashboard1](http://www.salisbury.edu/dashboard1)

## TRACKING THE SPREAD AND IMPACT

SU's Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative developed a dashboard for COVID-19 in Maryland. In partnership with PRMC, they also developed a dashboard for ventilator utilization in the state (Eastern and Western Shores) and Washington, D.C.



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### Health Care Collaborators

Dr. Robert Joyner Jr. '91, director of the Richard A. Henson Research Institute at PRMC, has been one of the frontrunners helping to support the health of residents on the Eastern Shore during the pandemic. With the help of the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative, he has been working to create a ventilator utilization database for the State of Maryland. He also has been part of the team at PRMC working with Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Network to bring COVID-19 trials to the Eastern Shore, in addition to cancer trials and others that PRMC runs currently.

Other alumni working in health care fields include Jeff Geary '17, who graduated from the respiratory therapy program and is now part of the respiratory team for the COVID-19 unit at PRMC. Casey Duld '07 graduated from the biology program and now works with the NxGen MDx genetics lab in Grand Rapids, MI, which has supported expanded testing for the virus. Dr. Brian DelliGatti '02 is an ER physician at PRMC, and Dr. Chris Snyder '88 is chief of the COVID-19 Response Team at PRMC.



Jeff Geary '17



Dr. Chris Snyder '88

At the time of this issue, SU had 4,155 alumni of the College of Health and Human Services on the front lines of health care, including:

- 2,569 nursing alumni
- 605 respiratory therapy alumni
- 413 medical laboratory science alumni
- 120 community health alumni

There are also many graduates of the social work and pre-med programs who are serving their communities in various capacities, including as doctors.

### Meeting Community Needs

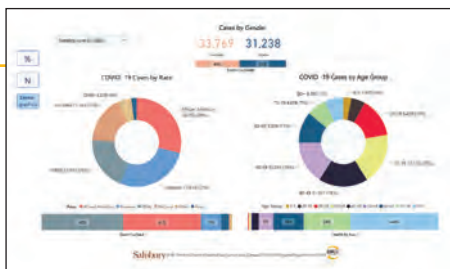
While she isn't donning scrubs or protective gear, one alumna has made a major impact on her community as the pandemic has closed businesses and schools. Lorissa McAllister '16, a graduate of the conflict analysis and dispute resolution program and owner of the Daily Brew Coffeehouse in Snow Hill, MD, turned her business into a home base for a volunteer operation, Bagged Lunch Promise, to feed area students and their families in need. Volunteers have packed nearly 200 lunches every day and distributed them to residents throughout the area.

"If you're hungry, we're going to do our very best to feed you," McAllister said. "We all know each other. We're such a small town, it doesn't take a lot of effort to reach out and help our neighbors."

"Our College of Health and Human Services and other schools continue to train our students for the challenges of the future," said SU President Charles Wight. "New graduates will soon join our alumni as health professionals, business leaders, educators, scientists and critical thinkers making a difference in our world."

The number of alumni who have stepped forward to strengthen and support their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic is immeasurable. Whether in hospitals or at home, they have demonstrated the best that Salisbury has to offer.

If you know SU alumni who have made a positive impact during the pandemic, please reach out to SU Public Relations at [publicrelations@salisbury.edu](mailto:publicrelations@salisbury.edu) with your story.



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## President's Town Halls Discuss Path Forward



Through open Town Halls and a Presidential Perspectives video series, Salisbury University President Charles Wight periodically addresses the campus community from his home, sharing updates and discussing current topics.

Following the announcement by the University System of Maryland (USM) that all USM institutions including SU could return to in person classes in the fall, Wight addressed SU's COVID-19 preparations and plan to return to campus. He discussed how SU is working internally and with the USM to plan a path forward, with everyone's health and safety in mind.

All past SU Town Halls may be viewed on YouTube or at SU's Town Hall website:

[www.salisbury.edu/town\\_hall](http://www.salisbury.edu/town_hall)

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### Guiding Principles

- Health and safety of students, staff, faculty and the surrounding community
- An unwavering commitment to educational excellence
- Solidarity among USM institutions balanced by local campus needs and conditions

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# A Special Send-Off for the Class of 2020

Salisbury University's Class of 2020 showed an incredible dedication and resilience as their final semester was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Although SU could not hold its in-person commencement ceremonies in the spring, faculty and staff knew that the efforts of their graduating students deserved special recognition.

## The Best Is Yet To Come

Around the time commencement would have taken place in May, members of the graduating class were mailed a special gift from the University and SU Alumni Association. A festive package containing graduation materials gave them the opportunity to celebrate at home. The box contained items such as a maroon cap with a 2020 tassel, a tote bag and SU pin, and a mini-diploma. (The real ones were mailed over the summer!) The box also displayed a message of future promise: "The best is yet to come."

Graduates were also encouraged to share their enthusiasm with their classmates and others via social media posts: #SUClassof2020!

## Virtual Well Wishes

Social media was one of the many ways SU was able to reach across distances to

help graduates celebrate during "senior week." Faculty and staff, academic schools and departments; parents, grandparents and family members; proud alumni and others saluted graduates with a Class of 2020 Kudoboard. It was filled with heartfelt tributes, fun videos and photos, and other special messages. U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and SU President Charles Wight were among those sending virtual congratulations.

## December Celebrations

Graduates also received a notice that many had been hoping for: Though no commencement would take place in the spring, in accordance with the Governor's order limiting public gatherings to 10 or fewer people, SU planned to combine their ceremonies with its annual recognition of fall students in December. This plan will mark the first time in SU history that spring and fall graduates from the same year have the opportunity to be celebrated at the same time, said Dr. Karen Olmstead, SU's provost and senior vice president of academic affairs. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!



**Congrats! Well Wishes**  
Salisbury University congratulates the Class of 2020! Please enjoy these messages of encouragement from faculty, staff, alumni, fellow Sea Gulls and others. We applaud all of your accomplishments and welcome you into the Sea Gull alumni family!  
To add a note, please email your message, photo or video to mlolmste@salisbury.edu.

Congrats, Shea, and the rest of the SU Class of 2020!  
View: Jacquelyn McClellan

We are so proud of you, Faith and Hayden! You worked hard for this day. Great opportunities are ahead for you both!  
— The Tynders  
View: Brad Henry

I'm so proud of my baby girl Taylor Bailey and her cousin Ameen Bailey! They graduated high school together and conquered Salisbury University together! The sky is the limit for you both. Love you guys!  
View: Precious Robinson

Congratulations to Joseph Falcone on four years of hard work! You were supposed to have your big day on the 28th, but your family is glad you've decided to participate in the December ceremony.  
We love you!  
View: Jennifer Haddock

"Congratulations, class of 2020! You did it!" — Mo Williams, Head Men's Basketball Coach  
View: Mo Williams

Congratulations, Megan!  
We are extremely proud of you, and we can't wait to see how the next chapter in your life unfolds. The world is filled with endless possibilities. Step out on faith and blaze your trail.  
Love always,  
Mom and Dad  
View: Dennis & Megan Higgins

Congratulations to our daughter, Sarah Proci! We couldn't be more proud of you today and know you'll do great things as you continue on life's journey.  
It was your perseverance and sincerity that earned you your Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and we are so excited for your success. We are so very happy to share in the excitement of your graduation day!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad  
View: Dana Proci

I want to congratulate you for persevering in this unprecedented time. We look forward to seeing you at commencement waiting across that stage in December, and we are so, so proud of you! — Lisa Leonard, Alumni Association Board President, Class of 2009 and 2011  
View: Lisa Leonard

This will be something to tell your grandkids about, I wish you all the best! — Paul Geiser, Field Experience  
View: Paul Geiser

Congratulations, Stephen! We are all very proud of you and your accomplishments these last four years. We can't wait to celebrate this big day with you soon! This will be a year you will never forget. You are going to do great things.  
Grad school next!  
We love you!  
Momma, Shawn, Daddy, Tammy, and Matthew

Congrats Class of 2020! Go Gulls!  
"My furbaby Roma heard about how hard my students worked and couldn't wait to congratulate them! Way to go, class of 2020!" — Jocelyn Bunting, Biological Sciences

### "Senior Day" for Student-Athletes

Graduating student-athletes also received recognition. In a normal year, during the final home game of the regular season, senior student-athletes would be honored with a pre-game, pre-match or pre-meet ceremony. This year, the Sports Information Office moved the recognition to social media, with graphics and videos dedicated to each of the spring seniors. Nearly 60 student-athletes affected this year were honored. The National Collegiate Athletic Association also granted a blanket waiver to student-athletes affected by the truncated season an additional year of eligibility.



### Commencement by the Numbers

In all, 1,532 seniors were eligible to earn their degrees this semester through SU's College of Health and Human Services, Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts, Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology, Honors College, Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, and Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education.

They included 1,290 eligible for the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Science. Another 231 were eligible for the Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Science and Master of Social Work. This semester's graduates also included 10 Doctor of Nursing Practice students and one Doctor of Education student.

Following standard practice, students received their diplomas in the mail over the summer once final grades were calculated.

## What's Next? Looking Ahead to Fall

Salisbury University is committed to keeping our community safe, healthy and informed. We have developed a website to communicate all COVID 19 related information and you can find the most up to date information there: [www.salisbury.edu/coronavirus](http://www.salisbury.edu/coronavirus).

Plans are being finalized as this publication goes to press, so we encourage you to visit this webpage for the most current updates. There, you will find information that ranges from the current level of operation of the University to guidelines for those with underlying health conditions. We have also developed pages specific to various campus audiences:

### Informed Students:

This section covers everything from instruction modalities to health monitoring and testing. Students should also keep an eye on their SU emails and review the course sections for their enrolled coursework for more information on how their classes will be delivered.

### Informed Faculty:

This section covers everything from teaching strategies to guidelines for leveraging the appropriate technology to keep courses running. We are committed to providing the best quality instruction we can while dealing with these new challenges, and many guidelines and resources are available for faculty here.

### Informed Staff:

This section provides guidelines for all employees, whether they are working on campus or from home. Only "essential employees" will report to work on campus and must complete a daily COVID 19 screening.

We also have various Q&A sections throughout this site. Visit us online to learn the answers to these questions and more:

- Will SU have in person classes on campus in the fall semester?
- How will courses be delivered?
- Will students on campus this fall be tested for COVID 19?
- What will you do to keep students and faculty safe in the classroom?
- Some campuses have announced a modification of the academic calendar due to COVID 19, starting and ending the fall semester earlier than normal. What are SU's plans?
- How will the dining hall work if buffet service is not an option this fall due to COVID 19 restrictions?
- Will visitors be allowed on campus once students return in the fall?
- What is SU doing for its international students?
- If in person instruction ends early in the fall due to the threat of COVID 19, as it did in the spring, how will student housing and dining refunds be handled?
- If students are unable to return to campus in the fall and classes are taught online only, what resources will be available?
- How will SU's campus operations under COVID 19 affect the freshman experience?

More information can also be found on the University's YouTube channel, where SU President Charles Wight addresses the campus through the Presidential Perspectives series. These weekly updates are uploaded every Friday and students, faculty and staff are encouraged to view them for current information. Other videos may also be found on the YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/salisburyuniversity](http://www.youtube.com/salisburyuniversity).

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

*There are many "Sea Gull Families" who are a part of Salisbury University. Sometimes, they are a pair of siblings who attend together. Other times, their stories span generations. But one thing is clear: SU becomes woven into their families, and the lessons and experiences they gain stay with them for the rest of their lives. This is the story of one such family.*

For the Bowdle family, Salisbury University has instilled a lifelong love of learning. To date, nine members of the family have attended SU. Shirley Ann Truitt (then Bowdle) was the first to attend, when the institution was still called Maryland State Teachers College. She was crowned Miss State Teachers College and graduated in 1955, going on to teach for 40 years.

Shirley started a story at SU that would span generations. There she met Herman "Bunky" Truitt '57, who she would later marry. Described as a "man of quite a few words" and a "math whiz," Bunky became a well respected math teacher in the region. Shirley's cousin, Jo Ann (Maloney) Staples '70, was next to attend, graduating with a bachelor's in history. It was during this time, when academics expanded beyond teacher education, that many programs and amenities still enjoyed today were established, including varsity athletics teams and the campus radio station. Jo Ann participated in the Phi Alpha Theta honor society and was on the Academic Council. Although she didn't know it at the time, Jo Ann became part of SU's history and a legacy for her family to follow.

"I chose Salisbury because my cousin attended and it was close to home, but I can tell you I really felt I got a wonderful education at Salisbury," said Jo Ann, who went on to earn master's degrees in

history and social work from other institutions. "I had to work very hard for it, but I really felt it allowed me to go on and do so much more."

The Bowdles' story continued when Shirley's nephew and niece enrolled: Richard "Rick" Bowdle Jr. '83 studied business administration and was in the Delta Mu Delta honorary business fraternity, and Theresa (Bramble) Dotson '88 majored in nursing. William "Billy" Staples, Jo Ann's son, became a two time graduate, earning a bachelor's in history in 2000 and a Master of Business Administration in 2008. Billy met his wife, Kristin (Droppa) Staples '01, at SU, where she studied psychology. The most recent graduate is Rick's daughter, Emily Bowdle, who graduated in 2019 with a bachelor's in biology. In fact, her father returned to graduate with an M.B.A. the same year as her.

Now, following the path that Shirley started in the 1950s, is Jessica Bowdle (Emily's sister), who is studying education. She is set to graduate in 2021.

Billy and Kristin are still very involved with SU. Kristin participated in the Delta Gamma sorority and now serves as a sponsor, and also serves on the We Are SU campaign committee. Billy was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity the same fraternity Theresa was a little sister of in the 1980s. Now owner of Staples & Associates Insurance in Salisbury, he has served on boards for



Miss STC Shirley Ann (Bowdle) Truitt '55

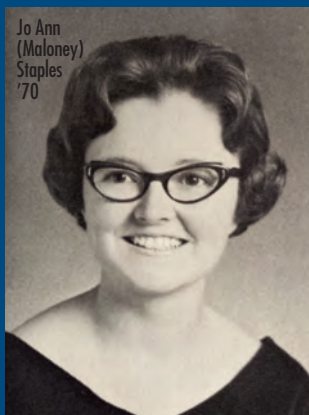
SU's Alumni Association and Mid Atlantic Sales Marketing Institute. He currently serves on the We Are SU campaign committee.

Likewise, Jo Ann credits her time at SU with giving her and her family lifelong connections and lessons. "I feel my time at SU really opened my eyes to a lot of things, and you carry that with you forever," Jo Ann said. "It certainly instilled a love of learning for me. Chesapeake College has an adult learning program that I participate in every semester now. And I think that comes from SU, just the love of learning."

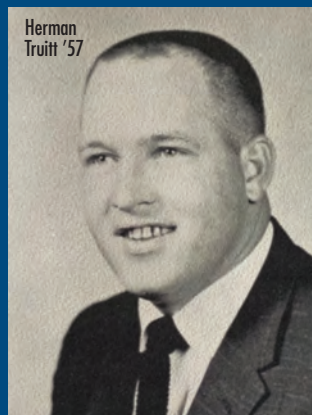
The rest of the family is making the most of their education and experience at SU as well. Using his business administration degrees, Rick has worked for Solo Cup/Dart Containers for 34 years, while Theresa is now a nurse with Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield. Kristin has expanded her horizons beyond her degree and now does photography, especially of newborns. Emily is participating in Brethren Volunteer Service in Arkansas. It's clear that forward momentum and giving back are values all of these SU graduates keep close to home, and Jo Ann was proud to share the stories of all of her relatives.

When asked what "family" means to her, Jo Ann paused.

"I think family is your essence," Jo Ann said. "Everything you are comes from your family. These connections go on as you can see over three generations in our family and I think all of us are pretty proud that we're graduates of Salisbury University."



Jo Ann  
(Maloney)  
Staples  
'70



Herman  
Truitt '57



Billy Staples  
'00 & M'08

# THE GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

A planned gift is a unique opportunity for you to create a lasting legacy for the Salisbury University programs that matter most to you. These gifts also provide a way for you to pass on your values achieve certain charitable and financial goals and may yield certain federal tax advantages.

Some planned gifts can even give you an income throughout your lifetime.

In other words they can be a win-win for both you and SU; and despite common misconception they don't have to be complicated.

## BEQUESTS

A Bequest is the simplest and most traditional way of giving through your will either as a specific sum a specific percentage of your estate or the rest and remainder of your estate after debts taxes expenses and specific bequests to your heirs.

## ANNUITIES & TRUSTS

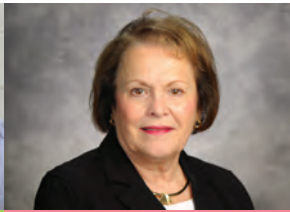
Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts provide you with income for the rest of your life while benefitting the University and a Charitable Lead Trust provides income to SU for a period of years with the remainder of the trust reverting to you or to members of your family upon its expiration.

## ROLLOVERS & GIFTS

There are many other easy options including naming the SU Foundation Inc. as a beneficiary of the remainder of a pension fund or an IRA; transferring ownership of a life insurance policy to the SU Foundation; or donating art a home or other property to the school.



*“Both my husband, Bob, and I are first generation college graduates who met as freshmen in SU’s registration line. We are totally committed to the value of higher education! Knowing firsthand the difference that a college diploma can make in a person’s life, we established an endowment and we have committed to enhancing the endowment through our estate trust.”*  
– Glenda Chatham Clarke 72



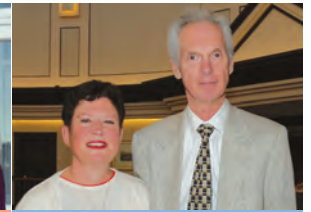
*“Desiring to have my scholarship at SU, I decided to leave a legacy to support the Honors College in my beloved field of education. Many friends have asked why I chose a legacy scholarship. My response is simple. As an undergraduate, I was fortunate to receive scholarships that enabled me to achieve my education at the university of my choice.”*  
– Carolyn Elmore Ed.D. M 82



*“For me, planned giving provided an opportunity to maximize my gift to the University as part of my estate. At the same time, it still enables me flexibility should my personal circumstances change during my lifetime.”*  
– Vincent Leisey



*“My wife Debbie ’80 and I met at SU and could think of no greater institution to leave our legacy to. We established a planned gift because we wanted to give back to the place where it all began for us. Salisbury University staff made it a breeze.”*  
– Don Cooper 77



*“After expressing what we wanted to do, Salisbury University even gave us the proper language to be used in our wills. Our lawyer was impressed. He didn’t make a single change to ‘translate’ the wording into his legalese!”*  
– Carol Powers 72

The SU Foundation hopes you will include Salisbury University when you are considering your lifelong financial planning priorities. If you would like to talk further about these opportunities please contact Amy Luppens at [asluppens@salisbury.edu](mailto:asluppens@salisbury.edu) or 410-829-6495.





## Henson School Dean's Path to Success Started at SU

Although his path in life has been crooked and full of forks in the road, Dr. Michael Scott believes he is right where he needs to be.

When he graduated from then Salisbury State University's Richard A. Henson School of Science in 1992, he didn't imagine he would ever become the dean of the same school he attended 30 years before. However, he doesn't think it's a coincidence.

As a student, Scott was named a Henson Scholar. The scholarship awarded \$1,000 toward a semester of tuition that was \$3,000 at the time – a significant award that allowed him to “take his foot off the gas” while he was working two jobs and helping his father on the family farm so he could focus on his studies.

“It was a big deal for me,” Scott said. “When you think about where I went after that, it's a direct line from the Henson Foundation gift to where I am today.”

The opportunity led him to seek his Master of Science and Ph.D. in geographic information science (GIS) from the University of South Carolina. Although GIS wasn't in his original plan – he started as a history major – he realized his aptitude in the field after one class and switched his focus.

In 1998, he returned to Salisbury as an assistant professor of geography and geosciences during a critical time: The Henson School was then attempting

to launch a GIS program and needed someone with experience in the discipline to teach classes. Scott was the perfect fit, and SU was able to grow as a leader in the field as it was starting to gain traction nationally.



*“Everybody's path in life is a very crooked path ... I tell my students that if opportunities present themselves, you have to be ready to take those opportunities.”*

In 2004, Scott became the founding director of the Eastern Shore Regional Geographic Information Systems Cooperative at SU. He also has earned the University System of Maryland Regents' Faculty Award for Excellence in public service and Wilson H. Elkins Professorship, among other honors.

He believes SU enabled him to have the life he has now. “Everybody's path in life is a very crooked path,” Scott said. “I tell my students that if opportunities present themselves, you have to be ready to take those opportunities.”

The Henson Scholar program continues today and awarded six to seven students this year. Many of these students

go on to enter prestigious graduate programs, earn Ph.D. degrees and become experts in their fields, Scott said.

Over 30 years, Scott has watched the Henson School grow in many other ways. Henson Science Hall saw the most activity in its history last summer, with nearly 70 students engaging in research projects. Millions of dollars a year are submitted to the school in grants and sponsored research. The first two Goldwater Scholarships in SU's history were awarded this year, and three Henson students also earned Fulbright Student Awards.

“The quality of our students and instruction have matched the change to our physical campus over the years,” Scott said. “I feel very privileged to be in a position where I can watch that happen.”

Scott's work with the Henson School continues as it looks ahead to increasing student recruitment and retention. He has made it his personal mission to attract the best students in the region and help put them on the path to success – the same as his professors did for him three decades ago.

“I feel extremely fortunate,” Scott said. “When I look back, I couldn't have planned to be the dean of the school that allowed me to create the career I have. SU is so special to me. Being able to give back to that is part of the rest of my life's work.”

## Why We Give: Voices from The Campaign for Salisbury University

*We Are SU: The Campaign for Salisbury University launched publicly in 2019 with thousands of alumni responding to the call to give back to their Alma Mater. This \$75 million fundraising campaign is the largest in SU's nearly 100-year history. The focus is all about people: students, faculty, staff, alumni, families, donors, friends and our community. So far, we've raised more than \$57 million!*



*The reasons for giving vary from person to person. Some give to support the next generation of students. Some give because of their memories, friends, life lessons and great experiences. Some give to protect the value of their diploma and the time and money invested in their education. All of our alumni gifts have one thing in common ... a strong belief in the value of education at Salisbury University. Here are two stories of SU supporters and the impact of their gifts during this campaign.*



Brian Willhide '10 & M'14 with his wife Shana and son Brody

### Passing on the Sea Gull Experience

Brian Willhide's story is your story—a person passionate about family, about friendship, about his SU experience. Just like you.

His annual gift supports and impacts the students, faculty and staff of the areas he personally cares about. He humbly said he wishes he

could do more for the University, but he continues to make a difference because students know they can count on his gift each year.

As a Sea Gull, Brian learned how to try, fail and try again with a renewed sense of determination. Earning a B.A. in communication arts in 2010 and a Master of Education in the post secondary education track in 2014, Brian had the joy of celebrating commencement with his family twice. From his place as the only freshman starting an NCAA playoff football game to his role as assistant football coach years later, Brian experienced tremendous growth at Salisbury University.

Like many of us, he is extremely grateful to those who helped him along the way and he cherishes those personal and professional relationships.

Since receiving his undergraduate degree, Brian annually gives to the areas that influenced his SU experience the most: "I knew it was my obligation and responsibility to give back to the institution that brought me so many great memories and opportunities. Right away, I tried giving back what I could in terms of donating time or money." Brian typically supports three main areas that played the largest part in his Sea Gull story—the football program, the Communication Department and the University Greatest Need Fund.

Like many loyal supporters, Brian wants others to be afforded the same opportunities he had. He expressed that whether the aspiring SU student is his own son or someone from across the country, it's important that he and other alumni contribute to be a part of their experience: "All of us coming together to help support SU, sustain it and ultimately make it even greater for future Sea Gulls is what is going to allow SU to thrive."

### Making Education Affordable for All

Phyllis Vinyard has always been a proud supporter of higher education. "We never stop learning," she said. "Higher education helps us better ourselves, our families and our communities."

Phyllis, who is a member of the Salisbury University Foundation Board, believes that everyone who desires to should have the opportunity to pursue a college degree, no matter their circumstances. She put these beliefs into action in December 2019 by establishing the Vinyard Family Scholarship to support nontraditional Salisbury University students with financial need.

"There are many scholarships available for graduating high school seniors entering college," Phyllis noted. "But, once you enter the workforce for a few years and then try to go back to school, there are fewer available opportunities. Cost often prohibits nontraditional students from going to college."

Phyllis is excited that her scholarship will support this underserved group of perspective Salisbury University students.

Phyllis understands the importance of scholarships to ensure the affordability of college education for all students in our community; several years ago, she set up a similar scholarship at Wor Wic Community College. She appreciates the letters and messages that she receives each year from recipients of the scholarship.

Phyllis is excited that her new scholarship at Salisbury University will benefit more nontraditional students. "It is wonderfully gratifying," she said, "to know that you are making a difference in your community."



Phyllis Vinyard

NEW CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER

# Leading Efforts to Continually Build an Inclusive Campus



Joan Williams

Following a national search, Joan Williams joined Salisbury University in early May as its new associate vice president for diversity and inclusion, and chief diversity officer.

Coming from the University of North Alabama (UNA), where she had served as the director of diversity and institutional equity since 2013, Williams already has found many reasons to feel at home at SU. The schools are similar in size and demographics, and the issues SU has been confronting are similar to ones she faced at UNA. She said SU also has impressed her with its commitment to creating an inclusive campus culture where all students have the opportunity to succeed.

“There is so much good work already going on that SU should be proud of,” Williams said. “My goal is to see continuous improvement.”

When she saw an opportunity to become part of a campus community where she could apply her unique experience, Williams couldn’t have predicted that she would arrive in the middle of a global pandemic and racial incidents that have sparked protests across the nation. However, she has proven that she is more than up to the challenge. In her first months with SU, Williams has been hard at work leading the newly reformed Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and moderated two dialogs on race, in light of national events. She also has outlined a plan with SU President Charles Wight to continually build a more inclusive campus.

The first phase of the plan focuses on education and training for students, faculty and staff. Many professional development opportunities and other events are planned, including diversity and inclusion training as part of Faculty Development Day in August, mandatory diversity training for all incoming first-year students as part of First Flight Orientation and a new advisory group to include members of the local community.

“There is so much good work already going on that SU should be proud of. My goal is to see continuous improvement.” — Joan Williams



In addition, SU will create a new minority alumni advisory council so campus leaders have the opportunity to hear directly from those who have attended SU. Williams expressed her passion for mentorship and said her vision is to also help build a professional network for current students.

“We want alumni to advise about the experience they had at SU so we can learn from those experiences to guide our efforts,” Williams said. “I would love for us to be able to create a partnership between this council, Career Services and the other programs on campus to build a larger network to mentor our students.”

Other events in the works include a book discussion group that would meet for eight weeks in the fall or a podcast that would invite campus and community members to join discussions about diversity. Although some details are uncertain due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion is forging ahead with educational opportunities, whether they will be offered virtually or in small, in-person groups.

Plans to include diversity education in the SU curriculum and other long-term professional development opportunities are ongoing. Williams said part of future plans is to connect with resources that are already available within SU’s schools and expand their offerings across the campus and into the broader community.

“A lot of great things are happening on campus already, such as diversity interest groups, and support groups at the Counseling Center for international and African American students,” Williams said. “Those efforts will continue to be developed. We want to wrap our students around these topics in a way that helps them understand that this is part of the skill set they need, not only at SU, but after they leave to become successful in the workplace and their communities.”

The ongoing plan to address diversity and inclusion on campus will be implemented in phases. The second phase will focus more heavily on recruiting diverse faculty and staff members. While SU is currently under a hiring freeze due to the pandemic, Williams’ team has developed a

list of diversity recruiting resources in preparation for searches.

While the Office of Diversity and Inclusion is working to lead SU to its vision for a more diverse and inclusive campus, Williams said it will take the entire campus community working together.

“No matter what our background, we all have to use our voices,” Williams said.

“We have to understand the important role our educational institutions play. We want to begin the conversation, keep it going and take the next step to advocate for change. This is about joining hands together and creating a community where everyone is whole, valued and respected.”

## SU Continues Dialogue on Race

The killing of George Floyd, an unarmed black man, by a white police officer on May 25, 2020, sparked many emotions: outrage, confusion, fear and pain. More than anything, one thought seems clear: Enough is enough.

Many voices were heard at SU’s “Dialogue on Race and Its Impact on People of Color” panel discussions held via Zoom in June, facilitated by Associate Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer Joan Williams. The panels aimed to provide a space for healing, understanding and awareness to discuss current events surrounding racial injustice and inequality, as well as a path forward.

“We have to create an environment that is not welcoming to racism, homophobia and sexism,” said panelist Dr. James King, professor of English. “We cannot change the world, but we can start by changing the dialog right here at SU.” Other panelists included SU education, history and social work faculty; Student Affairs and Counseling Center representatives; and Salisbury’s acting mayor (SU alumna Julia Glanz ’11 & M’13 – see page 34).

The discussions covered many questions about the climate in the U.S., including what people were taught about race growing up in schools, why looting and vandalism is occurring alongside protests, and what all Americans can do to address systemic racism. Many expressed that recent events are an explosion after hundreds of years of people of color speaking up without being heard.

“We have to be willing to think about what we’ve learned about race and how that plays out in our daily lives,” Williams said. “If you have been given privilege, what will you do with that privilege? Will you speak at the table you have been given a seat at? Will you speak for the people who have not been given a seat? Do you have the courage to use your voice?”

More diversity programming is being planned by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. For more information and anti-racism resources, visit SU’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion website at [www.salisbury.edu/diversity](http://www.salisbury.edu/diversity)



## SU: Hate Has No Home Here

In the wake of racially and sexually charged graffiti being discovered in buildings on campus in the fall and spring semester, the University community rallied together to declare that hate is not welcome at SU.

In a message to the campus, SU President Charles Wight declared: “Our campus is under attack by a coward. Not one but multiple racist threats are being directed at Black and Brown members of OUR community. An attack on some members of our campus community is an attack on all of us, and we all need to respond.”

That response was loud and positive. Students papered the campus with positive messages of support and community. Campus leaders met with students to hear their concerns and fears, and used that input to establish several new initiatives to address safety concerns and increase communication. With the new chief diversity officer and a task force to continue to address issues, the University moves forward in its commitment to our mission of diversity and inclusion.

# Something to Celebrate: Milestone Anniversaries for SU Outreach Organizations

*Beyond its many schools and academic departments, Salisbury University is home to numerous institutes, centers, outreach organizations and other entities that serve both the campus and greater communities. Some of them have a long history at SU, carving out a place on the campus as they celebrate decades of giving some of the best the Eastern Shore has to offer.*



## English Language Institute 10 Years

In fall 2010, SU's English Language Institute (ELI) opened its doors as the region's only full-time English program for non-native speakers. It was founded to increase the number of international students at the University, which was home to 61 non-immigrant international students at the time.

Today, the ELI is still the only institution of its kind in the area and has succeeded in its mission of bringing diversity to campus. The population of international students at SU has more than doubled, and the institute has continued to open SU's doors to students from around the world.

What sets the ELI apart is that it is designed to be much more than a crash course in the English language.

"When a student comes to study English with us, a good part of the challenge of arriving in a new country is figuring how to feed themselves, set up a bank account, use the library and function in a different culture," said Dr. Brian Stiegler, assistant provost for international education. "Our curriculum is not a test prep course. It is meant to prepare to students to be successful."

Many international students feel prepared to go into SU's undergraduate programs upon graduation from the ELI – something that would not be possible without English language competency. One of these students, Isaac Francois, came to study at the ELI from Haiti. After he completes the program, he will start his nursing major at SU. In fact, after he's earned his nursing degree, he said he may get another degree because he wants to continue studying at SU.

"The ELI has helped me a lot with my English," Francois said. "I'm so happy. I don't have enough words to describe what I love about SU."

Prior to 2010, SU only had undergraduate and graduate programs to admit international students on visas, both of which require proficiency in the English language. There was no third option for students who didn't speak English. The ELI attracts students of all ages and academic levels to study in the United States as a pathway into SU's undergraduate programs. Over the past five years, that initial vision has expanded, as the ELI now offers its Summer English Program, which brings foreign students to study English while exploring American culture and history in the mid-Atlantic region. Many of these students want to return to SU as full-time students.

Looking forward over the next 10 years, Stiegler said the ELI hopes to build its program as a resource for local immigrant communities and SU's non-native employees.

"We want to bring international nursing students and doctors to train at the Richard A. Henson Medical Simulation Center," Stiegler said. "We want to create opportunities for educational leaders around the world."

The ELI also is considering opportunities to build its programming as

the world adapts to online learning – a new development that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced program leaders to consider. Whether with online courses or short-term programs, competing globally is what the future holds for the ELI.

"Because of our international students, we are able to enrich our programs for all of our students," Stiegler said. "The ELI's primary goal going forward will continue to be growing the diversity of the SU campus."

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## Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement 20 Years

Our nation has always needed an informed citizenry. Since its founding, SU's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE) has tried to promote informed citizenship across and around campus. Over 20 years, PACE has grown to become an important part of the campus community.

PACE was launched in 1999 by Drs. Francis Kane and Harry Basehart (now faculty emeriti) as a nonpartisan institute committed to civic learning and community involvement. Dr. Sarah Surak, co-director of PACE with Dr. Alexander "Sandy" Pope IV, described the institute as having three baskets: faculty development, student programming and public events. Among its many offerings, the institute organizes voter registration on campus, provides students and faculty with interactive learning experiences, and hosts public speakers.



"When Sandy and I took on the role of co-directors, we came into the position as fairly new, untenured faculty," Surak said during her remarks at PACE's 20-year anniversary celebration. "We took seriously the University's mission, which states, 'Our highest purpose is to empower our students with the knowledge, skills and core values that contribute to active citizenship, gainful employment and lifelong learning in a democratic society and interdependent world.'"

In its early years, PACE was more externally focused on preparing students to run for public office. Pope and Surak have spent the past five years shifting to a more internal focus on student engagement, starting with faculty training. This initiative resulted in Civic Engagement Across the Curriculum, a 10-week seminar that supports faculty who are committed to incorporating civic engagement into their courses.

"Good civic engagement is where the community expresses how we can partner together," Surak said. "Rather than 'fix' a problem within the community, we support a reciprocal partnership between the University and the community."

Pope and Surak were named recipients of the Wilson H. Elkins Professorship, one of the University System of Maryland's (USM) most distinguished awards. The funding allowed PACE to continue its faculty training in implementing civic engagement in their course curricula, and the experience now supports USM faculty across the state. The program has been highlighted as a national model and recognized by the Maryland General Assembly, City of Salisbury, and Association of American Colleges and Universities.

Among its student-focused initiatives, PACE also organizes the Presidential Citizen Scholars program. Over the course of three semesters, students complete intensive study of civic engagement resulting in a large-scale community-oriented project. The establishment of a campus food pantry, Food for the Flock, is one such a project, which continues to provide support for the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Begun with a commitment to battle political apathy on college campuses, PACE has now become a national hub for providing civic reflection training. In 2018,

SU became the first higher education institution in the U.S. to use civic reflection on a large scale to facilitate new students' transition to college life. Surak believes PACE will only continue to expand the reach of its programs through trainings across the state and country.

"To me, one of the most important things that we can do is help students understand how their community works and how they can get involved to make positive change," Surak said. "Democracy requires participation. I want my students to be not only prepared but excited to engage in their communities."



### Business Economic and Community Outreach Network 30 Years

The Business Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON) of the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business at SU was founded in 1989 to increase the school's business outreach activities. Now, more than 30 years later, the organization continues to offer applied business and economic assistance to public, private and nonprofit organizations, as well as experiential learning opportunities to students.

Looking around, you'll find footprints of BEACON all over the Delmarva Peninsula.

If you see a bus or van with a Shore Transit logo anywhere on the Eastern Shore, it was made possible years ago by SU students and faculty. BEACON was in charge of the initial feasibility study for the project, secured the funding, organized the launch, bought the domain, created the operational guidelines and worked in conjunction with SU's Eastern Shore Regional Geographic Cooperative, which mapped the routes.

"That is one of our most impactful projects," said Dr. Memo Diriker, founder and director of BEACON. "Every time I see those buses going by, I feel pride."

BEACON has had a major impact right at home in Salisbury as well. The organization's first externally funded project was a feasibility study for the creation of what is today the Arthur W. Perdue Stadium, home of the Delmarva Shorebirds. Back then, in the early 1990s, BEACON handled about five projects at a time, where the highest-paid project was around \$3,000. Today, BEACON has more than 100 active projects at a time, with the biggest project funded at around \$300,000.

While these outreach projects were an important part of BEACON's inception, what the organization offers SU students is just as important.

"The majority of the work BEACON does is done by students," Diriker said. "Whether they come to us as part of a class or they are interns or project assistants we hire, each project has our students' hands in it."

Student work is done under supervision by Perdue School faculty or a BEACON staff member. Over 75% of BEACON's external revenue goes to paying the students stipends, tuition or hourly wages. Many students are able to complete the program because of the tuition BEACON affords them.

"I'm amazed at the variety of projects my team does, but nothing beats getting a phone call from someone who hired one of our students," Diriker said. "They'll say, 'I'm promoting her, I'm hiring another one, and it has to be a BEACONite.' With the billions of dollars that go into our projects, what's priceless to me is seeing where our students go. Our projects are not the real projects; it's our wonderful graduates."

As the founding director that has watched BEACON grow over the past 30 years, Diriker has a lot of pride in what the organization and its students have accomplished. However, he said ownership doesn't fully belong to him.

"From the beginning, we made sure it was Salisbury's BEACON and the community's BEACON," Diriker said. "I'm proud of Salisbury, and Salisbury is proud of BEACON. What we have here at SU truly is a hidden gem."

# ALUMNI NEWS

*Dear Fellow Alumni,*



To say it has been a strange year would be an understatement. COVID-19 has impacted nearly every facet of our lives and has changed the way we walk through life. Perhaps no group has felt this shift more acutely than our 2020 graduates, who had their spring semesters

disrupted and commencement festivities postponed. Despite the unprecedented and unconventional times, we are so proud of you for your perseverance and adaptability – traits that will serve you well throughout life. I am looking forward to shaking each one of your hands when we celebrate you in December – a few months later than you expected, but no less of an incredible accomplishment

I also celebrate another important group in our Sea Gull family – alumni who serve as first responders. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made for your communities and for literally putting yourself on the front lines to protect us. We are so grateful for your selflessness and service.

The pandemic also has changed the way Salisbury University interacts with its alumni. While many events have been postponed and canceled, the Alumni Engagement team has seized the opportunity to ramp up its social media presence and engagement. Despite not being able to set foot on campus, I feel more connected than ever to SU thanks to their efforts. Be sure to follow @SUAlumni to stay up to date

Once you've followed @SUAlumni and are caught up on the great things our Alma Mater is

doing, please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the University. With SU's Giving Day postponed until September 29, combined with the uncertain times we are facing, Salisbury University needs our financial support now more than ever. Remember, it's not how much you give, but that you give.

And finally – your Alumni Association Board of Directors is seeking passionate alumni who want to make a difference. We recently modified our bylaws, relaxing the requirement to attend meetings in person, with the goal of enabling alumni from across the country to join the board. Interestingly, this change was made long before COVID-19, which forced us to have our annual meeting via Zoom call. It was the first-ever fully remote meeting of the Alumni Association, and it was a huge success



If you'd like to learn more about joining the board, or would like to nominate a fellow Sea Gull, please visit [www.salisbury.edu/alumni/alumni-association/board-of-directors.aspx](http://www.salisbury.edu/alumni/alumni-association/board-of-directors.aspx)

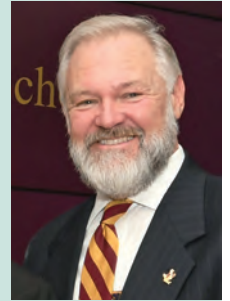
Wishing you and your family health and happiness – we will get through this together

Go Gulls,

*Lili W. Leonard '09, M'11, Ed.D.  
Alumni Association Board President*

## Marshall Honored with Perdue School Leadership Award

For more than three decades, alumnus Dwight "Duke" Marshall '88 has been a business and philanthropic leader on the Lower Eastern Shore. Earlier this year, the Executive Advisory Council of SU's Perdue School of Business



recognized Marshall for his contributions to the region, presenting him with the Perdue Executive Advisory Council Leadership Award.

As an SU student, Marshall was a member of the Student Government Association, Inter-Fraternity Council and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. For the past 20 years, he has served as an SAE advisor on campus, having earned the SAE Merit Key Award – one of the organization's highest national honors – for service to the fraternity and greater community.

One year after earning his B.S. in liberal professional studies from SU, he founded Marshall's Insurance and Financial Services in 1989. Based in Pocomoke City, MD, the Nationwide Insurance affiliate serves five states and Washington, D.C.

In 2003, Marshall joined the SU Alumni Association, serving as its president from 2007-2009. He was a member of the SU Foundation, Inc. board of directors, as well as a past member of the board of directors of the Ward Foundation, which oversees SU's Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art.

He also is a member of many community organizations, including the Salisbury Sunrise Rotary Club, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Smith Island United, Horizons, Worcester County Education Foundation and Salisbury B.P.O. Elks Lodge 817. In addition, he is co-chair of the Somerset County Tourism board of directors.

"Duke's success as an SU graduate provides a model to which our students can aspire," said Dr. Christy Weer M'96, dean of the Perdue School. "The fact that he has demonstrated as much leadership in the community as he has in the business world is a testament to his dedication to service instilled during his time with SAE and beyond. The Perdue School is proud to present him with this honor."



### ALUMNI BENEFIT!

As an alumnus, you may be eligible for a special discount on your auto insurance with GEICO. GEICO has a partnership with the Salisbury University Alumni Association and supports SU programming – such as our Senior Celebration that we host each spring




# Alumni Spotlight: Making Her Own Way: From SU to NPR

## Stacey Foxwell '87

By Kaitlyn Grigsby Hall

If you had asked Stacey Foxwell '87 in January 2020 if National Public Radio (NPR) could broadcast remotely, she would have told you that it was impossible. “We thought it would take at least a year to set up the logistics for remote broadcasting,” Stacey said.

As the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the country this spring, Stacey and the rest of the executive team at NPR worked with their staff to quickly set up the necessary logistics so that NPR’s news team could continue to broadcast safely during this challenging time. As vice president of operations for NPR – the first person to hold this position – Stacey applied her creativity, ingenuity and problem solving skills to this challenge and many others. Being a problem solver is never easy, but Stacey has years of experience making her own way.

Raised by her grandmother in Mardela Springs, MD, Stacey was the first in her family to attend college. She knew that a college education was important and decided to attend then Salisbury State College because of its affordability. While at SSC, Stacey particularly enjoyed her classes with Sylvia Bradley '61 and Paul Pfeiffer '75, who inspired her lifelong interest in theatre. Stacey also really loved her broadcast journalism courses in the Communication Arts Department and appreciate the advice and support of Department Chair Lou Ann Daly, who helped her choose her major. While in school, Stacey worked full time waiting tables at Pizza Hut. She graduated in 1987 debt-free with a degree in communication arts. After working in management for both Pizza Hut and the *Baltimore Sun*, Stacey joined NPR



Photo credit: Allison Shelley/NPR

in 2002 as an executive assistant to the senior vice president for programming.

Stacey’s skills at adaptation and management helped her forge an exciting new career at NPR. Stacey wasted no time taking on new projects and her initiative quickly led to the expansion of her role at the organization. Eventually, Stacey helped reorganize NPR’s executive administrative structure, which she calls the “glue of the organization.” Not only did this reorganization improve communication within NPR, it also helped elevate the profile of executive assistants and office managers and helped Stacey better advocate for them. Since being promoted to vice president of operations in 2018, Stacey has managed not just all executive assistants and office managers, but also NPR’s facilities and security team. Stacey said, “I like to think of my team as the UPS for NPR. I work with the facilities, security, food service and

administrative teams who handle much of the day-to-day logistics that keep NPR running from coast to coast.” Typically, about 1,000 employees work at NPR’s national headquarters in Washington, D.C. Stacey manages logistics not just at NPR headquarters, but also at the organization’s other locations in Chicago, New York and at NPR West in Culver City, CA.

Throughout her time at NPR, Stacey has worked to forge a path for new journalists. She helped launch the Kroc Fellowship Program, which has trained more than 40 fellows in the past 15 years, many of whom have gone on to continue working in public media, including NPR’s own Ailsa Chang and Hansi Lo Wang. Another of her key projects has been the Public Media Village, which aims to recruit diverse voices to public media through conferences and networking.

Her advice for aspiring journalists and new graduates? “Don’t sit back and wait for someone to call on you. Raise your hand,” Stacey said. “If you want to be a reporter, report. You learn from every job that you have. As long as you are learning, your time isn’t wasted.”

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– Stacey Foxwell '87

# Alumni Gatherings & Athletic Reunions



Bowie Baysox Game August 13, 2019



Layton's Chance Wine Tasting November 14, 2019



University System of Maryland Night at Baltimore Aquarium January 25, 2020



Dogfish Exclusive Dinner September 19, 2019



Friends of Sea Gull Football Annual Golf Tournament at Ocean City Golf Club July 20, 2019



Men's Soccer Alumni Game August 24, 2019



Women's Soccer Alumni Game August 24, 2019



Field Hockey Alumni Game August 24, 2019



Swimming Alumni Gathering October 12, 2019



Swish &amp; Slam Golf Tournament October 26, 2019



Women's Basketball Alumni Game January 25, 2020



Men's Basketball Alumni Game January 25, 2020



Men's Lacrosse 1995 National Championship Team 25 Year Reunion February 8, 2020



Women's Lacrosse 2000 Team 20 Year Reunion March 1, 2020

## Alumna Begins Career at Entertainment Tonight

Alumna Charlotte Blain has made her California dreams a reality. The 2019 graduate kicked off her Labor Day 2019 weekend by moving across the country to Los Angeles to pursue her passion for singing, acting and a career in the entertainment industry. She landed an ideal job as a production assistant for *Entertainment Tonight* the following month.

"Working in entertainment has been a dream of mine since I was a child, and I knew it was now or never," said Blain. "You have to have faith and just go for it."

Assigned to the show's archive – "the vault," a few of her duties pre- and post- production include researching and selecting background material and footage to be inserted into segments aired on the program, such as old interviews with celebrities or television clips to be discussed during the broadcast.

Live show duties include transcribing streamed footage from premieres and award show red carpets and injecting them into production line-ups. Production assistants are responsible for ensuring digital material can be found easily and in working order. They work long hours to produce supporting material for the producers and directors. An early standout assignment included preparing materials for actress Hilary Duff to co-host the show.

"The job itself is incredibly fast paced and always changing; you never know how much preparation goes into the things we watch on television and all the people in the studio who make it happen," she said.

After less than a month in her current role, Blain is in the process of training to transition to a media assistant. The role predominately takes place during the day before the broadcasts and includes fieldwork assisting directors with video shoots.

"This is such an amazing opportunity, and I'm happy to be among so many talented people, which allows me to constantly learn new things in a field that I already love," she said.

In the short time since Blain graduated with a communication major, there already have been big changes in the department.

Once Communication Arts, its name has been shortened to Communication. The new title aligns with the curricular changes since the major's inception in the 1970s.

"Communication" now accurately represents the expansion to include tracks in journalism, media production, media studies, public relations, and strategic and organizational communication.



# Alumni Association Welcomes Five New Board Members



Jodie Booras '07



Dr. Robert Joyner Jr. '91



Dr. Monica Moore '92



Rylie Shewbridge '16



Matthew Webb '93

The Alumni Association welcomes five graduates to its board of directors: Jodie Booras, Dr. Robert Joyner Jr., Dr. Monica Moore, Rylie Shewbridge and Matthew Webb.

Booras earned her B.A. in communication arts with a focus in journalism and public relations in 2007, with a minor in business marketing management. She is now a brand communications manager at PACIFIC Digital in San Diego, CA. While attending SU, she was a member of the varsity softball team for three years, Public Relations Student Society of America and American Marketing Association. She interned in the Sports Information Office and helped plan softball games for the annual Eastern Shore Senior Olympics. She was a member of the Communications Honors Society, Lambda Pi Eta, and was a staff writer for *The Flyer* student newspaper.

Joyner graduated with a B.S. in respiratory therapy in 1991 with a minor in chemistry. He is the director of the Richard A. Henson Research Institute at Peninsula Regional Medical Center. After his two decades employed with SU, he retired as a professor in 2019 and was awarded faculty emeritus status. Most recently, he served as the director of the School of Health Sciences and director of the Respiratory Therapy Program. As an undergraduate, he participated in the Respiratory Therapy Association. He is married to Lisa Joyner '89, M.Ed. '03, current chair of the Respiratory Therapy Program.

Moore returns to the board after her first term in 2017. She earned her B.A. in communication arts in 1992 with a minor in sociology. Over the years, she has developed an expertise in college admissions, marketing and communications, academic administration, leadership development, and fundraising. She is

the chief executive of graduate professional studies at Brandeis University. She has worked as the assistant dean of academic affairs at Johns Hopkins University for 12 years. She is also an admissions interviewer at the University of Pennsylvania, recently served as a member of the Diversity Leadership Council at Johns Hopkins University and was a former board member to the Executive Doctorate Alumni Board at the University of Pennsylvania.

Shewbridge double majored in conflict analysis and dispute resolution and political science, and she graduated cum laude with her B.A. in 2016. She served as a legislative aide to the Maryland General Assembly and worked at Maryland Municipal League and Alexander & Cleaver, P.A., before becoming a government relations associate at Bellamy Genn Group in Annapolis, MD. While at SU, she was a student assistant for the Government and Community Relations Office and a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. She was also a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, a national honor society in political science.

Webb earned his B.A. in political science in 1993. He went on to earn his Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law and was admitted into the Maryland Bar in 1998. He has worked for United Parcel Service since 1994 and is currently an employment counsel for UPS in the Corporate Legal Department in Atlanta, GA. He is co-chair of the UPS Employment Law Transformation Committee and developed a state-of-the-art advice and counsel structure, as well as employment litigation risk mitigation strategies for the organization with more than 425,000 employees.

“I am very excited to add four new board members and to welcome back Dr. Moore to the board for a second term,” said Jayme Block '97 & M'99, assistant vice president of Development and Alumni Engagement. “All five of them have hit the ground running and have made an immediate impact. Extending our board representation out west to California and south to Georgia will enable us to serve our alumni in those areas with greater engagement.”

## Carve A Memory Into The Alumni Garden

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

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





## 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 2020 Commencement ceremony. The Alumni Association will honor one faculty member from each school/college who has made a lasting impression on alumni. The following are the 2019 honorees.

College of Health & Human Services  
**WILLIAM CAMPBELL – NURSING**

*"I had the pleasure of being Dr. Campbell's student for three out of my four years at SU, and I am grateful. Not only did he present his material in a clear manner, he always made sure that everyone fully understood a concept before moving on. You could tell that he genuinely cared about the well-being and success of his students."*

Fulton School of Liberal Arts  
**ANJALI PANDEY – ENGLISH**

*"Dr. Pandey has prepared hundreds of teachers on the Eastern Shore to meet the challenges of a linguistically and culturally diverse student population. She has touched numerous lives as she trained us to teach this student population to speak, listen, read and write in mainstream classrooms. This is noteworthy because most of the counties on the Eastern Shore are quickly becoming minority-majority schools."*

Henson School of Science and Technology  
**MARK FRANA – BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

*"It was evident that Dr. Frana loved teaching by his enthusiasm in and out of the classroom. He encouraged students to take on undergraduate research projects in his lab as well as with others in the department to give us the real-world experience we needed to succeed after graduation."*

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 2019 Faculty Appreciation Award winners were honored during the 2019 Fall commencement. Pictured (from left) are Drs. Anjali Pandey, Ying Wu, Brandy Terrill, William Campbell and Mark Frana.

Perdue School of Business  
**YING WU – ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

*"Dr. Wu invested fully in his students. His classes were drenched in intellectual debate. When such debates arose, they allowed students to be empowered as academics. This environment expanded the learning experience exponentially and compelled the empowered to go the extra miles in their studies."*

Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies  
**BRANDY TERRILL '94 & M'00 – EARLY AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

*"Dr. Terrill had a huge impact on my education and my career as a teacher. She treated us as her future colleagues, which elevated the experience for everyone in the room. In fact, I am using many of the techniques she taught us in my own classroom now."*

## Education Alumna Leads Next Generation

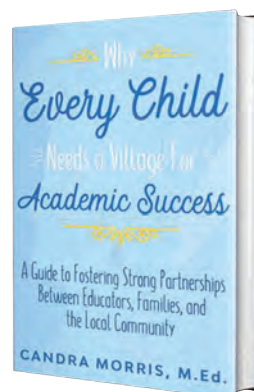


Even after graduating from Salisbury University, one alumna never stopped learning and now works to inspire the next generation of students.

Candra Morris graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in early childhood education. After graduation, she taught Pre-K through second grade in Wicomico County and Prince George's County public schools. While teaching, she attended Johns Hopkins University and earned her master's degree in education

supervision and administration.

In 2016, she became a senior implementation specialist for Waterford.org, a nonprofit focusing on early childhood education that serves more than 300,000 children annually. She now coaches teachers while leading the Waterford implementation for Prince George's County Public Schools Title I and Early Childhood offices. She also leads the Waterford Family Academy for parents and guardians.



Recently, she wrote her first book, *Why Every Child Needs a Village for Academic Success: A Guide to Fostering Strong Partnerships Between Educators, Families, and the Local Community*. The book serves as a practical guide for new teachers based on Morris' experiences during her time as a teacher.

"I know none of this would be possible if it weren't for my experiences during my time at SU," Morris said. "My professors and mentors helped to shape me into the educator I am today. For that, I am forever grateful."



# ALUMNI HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND 2019



## Hall of Fame

Six new members joined the SU Athletics Hall of Fame at the annual induction banquet: Jarrell Chandler '09, Dan Korpon '05, Linda (Ackermann) McCarthy '05, Stacey (Krebs) Frederick '09, Jason Cranford '06, and Tom Kress '86.



## Reunions

A lot may have changed since graduation, but SU pride was as strong as ever with alumni celebrating reunions. The Class of 1969, in particular, shared laughs and memories at its 50th Reunion Luncheon. A breakfast was held for current faculty and staff who are alumni, and retired SU employees also enjoyed a luncheon.

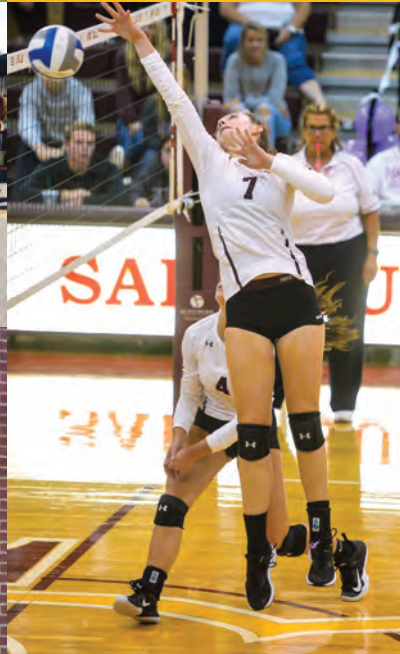


Looking back on 2019 and looking forward to 2020 and beyond!

Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2019 was full of events for graduates of all years and their families. We look forward to providing opportunities for alumni to connect in new and exciting ways in 2020 and beyond. Please visit [www.salisbury.edu/alumni](http://www.salisbury.edu/alumni) for up-to-date information on our alumni benefits and events as we continue to serve you in ways that are both fun and add value to your everyday life.

Flock Party and Football Game

Families and fans enjoyed a Flock Party before the Sea Gulls took on Rowan for the Homecoming football game. Halftime featured performances and the Homecoming Court.



Student Activities and Family Fun

Students and parents enjoyed activities throughout Homecoming Week and Family Weekend. Events included tie-dying, Gulltimate Frisbee, a fashion show and other performances.



# Margie Knight Full Circle: A 40-Plus Year Retrospective



By Megan Block '99 & M'01

*I have known Margie Knight '79 since 1997 when I was a sophomore on the softball team and she took over as head coach for the volleyball and softball programs at then Salisbury State University. With Margie's upcoming retirement after 24 years, the SU Alumni Association wanted to make sure one of their most successful alums was celebrated in this year's SUMagazine. Since my husband [Jayme Block '97 & M'99] is the head of the SU Alumni Association and is working from home due to COVID-19, he asked me to work on this project. My hope is to give everyone more insight into the life and career of Hall of Fame Coach Margie Knight.*

As a high school senior, Margie wanted to play basketball at the University of Maryland. She spoke to the Maryland coach about playing for the Terps, who promptly discouraged the idea. At that point, Margie followed up on her second choice, which was Salisbury State College. I think we can all agree that it worked out.



Coach Margie Knight '79 (left) & Megan Block '99 & M'01

Many people know that she played volleyball, basketball and softball during her time at Salisbury, but what most do not know is that an experience that forever shaped her life happened during field hockey tryouts. Margie came to campus her freshman year and asked Volleyball Coach Arden Peck if she could play volleyball and basketball due to a possible overlap in seasons. She told Margie that she would have to choose, so Margie chose basketball and decided to try out for the field hockey team.

During field hockey tryouts, Margie was paired with friend Shawn Staup for a 50-yard dash. The whistle blew and Margie got smoked. At that point, Margie knew she was in big trouble, but she kept working hard in hopes of making the team. When the cut list was posted, to Margie's surprise, she had made the team. She then went to the field hockey coach's office where Coach Linda Farver asked Margie if she knew why she made the team. Margie knew it wasn't for her field hockey skill and said, "it must be because of my good attitude because it couldn't have been based on talent." Coach Farver said that she made the team because of her great attitude and work ethic. Margie was excited and said: "This is great, but just so you know, I am doing this to get in shape for basketball. By the way, I will be starting in the first basketball game of the year." The field hockey coaches got a good laugh, but, in the end, it was Margie who had the last laugh.

Fast forward to the season tip-off for basketball in Tawes Gymnasium against, you guessed it, the University of Maryland. They announced the starting lineup and



Margie was the last starter announced. She ran out with the starters and pointed to the field hockey coaches in the crowd like Babe Ruth calling his shot to which she got a nod. So began the legend of Margie Knight – and the notion that your attitude and hard work can take you a long way.

During our Zoom interview, we didn't talk statistics, championships or records. We talked about relationships of the past that shaped her as a coach as well as those of her players in softball and volleyball. During her time as a player, Margie was greatly influenced by a host of mentors: Coach Peck, Mariuna Morrison, Troy Doyle, Charlie Muir, Dr. Lloyd Sigler and Ward Lambert. Dr. Tom Sticher '75 & M'77 (Margie's work husband) was by her side through it all, and Salisbury softball would not be the same without him. Her coaching style also was shaped by her players, and it is those relationships that she will miss most. She loved practice and would take it over a game any day of the week. I never knew that there were times Margie would get off the bus at 10 p.m. after we had played a softball doubleheader on the road and go to spring practice for volleyball. I knew she was dedicated to each of her teams, but stories like this drove that point home even more. From her own admission, Margie lived and breathed Salisbury University for 24 years. When asked which sport was her favorite, her answer is always "what time of the year is it?"

## DECADE OF DOMINANCE

### SU Athletics 2010s All-Decade Team

#### A Stellar Career

Coach Margie Knight '79 ends her tenure as one of the most successful coaches in Salisbury Athletics' history.

Her stats as head softball coach include:

- 846 victories
- 18 conference championships
- 9 College World Series appearances
- 20 NCAA Tournament appearances
- 38 All-Americans
- 116 All-Region honorees
- 14 CAC Coach of the Year
- 31 CAC major award winners
- 184 All-CAC Selections

And head volleyball coach stats include:

- 405 victories
- 8 conference championships
- 8 NCAA Tournament appearances
- 2012 Elite Eight appearance
- 13 All-Americans
- 19 All-Region honorees
- 4 CAC Coach of the Year
- 8 CAC major award winners
- 48 All-CAC Selections

When I asked her if there was anything that she wanted her players and assistant coaches to know, she simply said: "I really hope they know how much I love them. I pushed them because I could see where they were going long before they could. I think we will end it with that."

And yes Margie, we do. Thank you for everything and for making me and all your former players better in so many ways.

#### Another Alumna to Lead the Gulls

Lacey (Lister) Lord '06 is SU's new head softball coach. She comes home to SU after 12 seasons as head coach of Washington College's softball program.

One of the most dominant pitchers in all of Division III softball, she was a four-time All-American, four-time All-Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) First Team selection, four CAC Championships, 2003 CAC Rookie of the Year and three-time CAC Player of the Year.

Upon hearing the news of her successor, Coach Margie Knight shared: "I am so happy that Lacey will now be at the helm of the SU softball program. She is the most decorated player in our program's history. She is a savvy coach with high standards and, most importantly, a wonderfully caring person who will lead our program for years to come. Once a Sea Gull always a Sea Gull. Welcome home Lacey!"



**Nathan Blondino**  
(2014-17)

Nathan Blondino '17 (2014-17) earned Player of the Year honors by the USILA, IMLCA, ECAC and CAC during his All American season in 2017. Blondino was a member of two National Championship teams during the decade.



**Andre Carter**  
(2010-13)

A First Team All American in 2013, Andre Carter '15 (2010-13) was selected as the Empire 8 Defensive Player of the Year that same season. Carter helped SU qualify for three NCAA Tournaments and win the ECAC Championship in 2013. Carter ranks second in program history in career interceptions with 16.



**Michelle Gravdahl**  
(2010-13)

Michelle Gravdahl '13 (2010-13) was tabbed as an All American three times during her four year career at SU and was named the 2013 NFCA Catcher of the Year. A three time Academic All District selection, Gravdahl was a part of four NCAA Tournament and four CAC Championship teams.



**Luke Campbell**  
(2012-16)

The most decorated athlete in NCAA Division III track & field history, Luke Campbell '16 (2012-16) won 11 individual national championships during his undergraduate career. He is looking to qualify for the 2021 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.



**Anna Hackett**  
(2011-15)

Anna Hackett '15 (2011-15) was the D3hoops.com Mid Atlantic Player of the Year, CAC Player of the Year and an All American by the WBCA in 2014-15. Hackett helped SU win a CAC Championship and advance to the NCAA Elite Eight in 2015. She finished her career second all time in scoring and third all time in assists.



**Tara McGovern**  
(2008-11)

Tara McGovern '12 (2008-11) was an important part of the defense for the 2009 National Championship team and three CAC Championship squads. A three time All American, McGovern earned the CAC Player of the Year award in 2009.

Throughout April, the SU Sports Information Office along with current and former members of the coaching staff wanted to recognize student-athletes who made an impact in their respective sports from the past decade to be selected to the 2010s All-Decade Team. The student-athletes had to compete in at least two seasons from the spring of 2010 to the shortened spring season of 2020.

"We felt that this was a nice way to honor and recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Sea Gulls from the past 10 years," said Cyrill Parham, SU's sports information director. "It was tough to narrow the teams down with thousands and thousands of standout student-athletes that donned the maroon and gold in the past 10 years. We felt it was a great way for our community to stay connected and engaged during a time there were no live sports." Ultimately, 190 athletes were chosen on 19 different teams, with standouts from several sports highlighted above. The athletes ranged from the national champions and All-Americans to Scholar All-Americans and conference all-academic selections.

"It was such a pleasant surprise to be chosen to an All-Decade team," shared Hailey Dougherty '20, who was announced as one of the six players chosen to be on the SU Volleyball All-Decade Team. "To be alongside some great players that I only heard stories about was a tremendous honor."

#### Inside the Decade of SU Athletics

- Seven Team National Championships
- 16 Individual National Championships
- Five CAC All-Sports Trophies
- Five Men's CAC Commissioners Trophies
- Three Women's CAC Commissioners Trophies
- 64 Team Conference Championships
- 20 Academic All-Americans
- 227 Coaches' All-Americans

# CLASSNOTES

Information received prior to May 1, 2020  
M = Master's Degree

## 1950s

**Nancy (Donohoe) Ashley '57**, along with her team at ERA Martin Associates of Salisbury, MD, was recognized as the Top Producing Team for 2019.

## 1960s

**Roger E. Clark '65** was recognized by the Talbot County Public Schools Education Foundation at their second annual "Mission Possible" fundraiser in Easton, MD. This foundation recognizes distinguished alumni, celebrates Talbot County public education and raises funds, awareness and support for the Education Foundation.

**John "Jack" Messick '60**, a retired Marine Corp. Lt. Colonel, was hosted by Preston (MD) Historical Society and Museum where he told his memories of Operation Homecoming, the 1973 mission that brought home 591 American POWs from North Vietnam.

## 1970s

**David Colton '70 & M'76** authored *The Case for Universal Health Care*, Clarity Press, 2019.

**Sharon (Fritz) Upton '70** was honored by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and awarded the Maryland Century Farm award as the owner/operator of Jephtha Hayman Farm, which has been in her family and in continuous operation since 1834. In addition, the original farmhouse and smokehouse were awarded the Century Farm Historic Structures award, being built and in continuous use since 1836.

**George Mayer Jr. '72** joined and is happy to be part of the Grants Funding Team of Rauch, Inc. in Easton, MD.

**Jay Bozman '74** and his Christmas tree farm, P&J Tree Farm of Delmar, MD, was featured in *Metropolitan Magazine*.

**Michael McIntyre '74** retired after 41 years of state service as the director of environmental health for the Somerset County (MD) Health Department.

**Charlotte Powell '74** was featured in *Metropolitan Magazine* for her involvement in the Spirit Kitchen, a nonprofit organization providing hearty meals and essential groceries for folks in need. She serves as the food pantry manager.

**Alan Byrd '75** retired after 40 years as Pocomoke (MD) High School boys soccer coach.

**Victoria Jackson-Stanley '75** was named one of *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women of 2020 in Maryland.

**Nancy Mitchell-Ebert '75** was named the City of Salisbury's (MD) first Poet Laureate by Mayor Jake Day.

**Cathy Townsend '77 & M'97** retires in July 2021 as interim head of school for the Salisbury (MD) Christian School.

**Daniel Gladding '78** is the program manager for Chugach Information Technology, Inc. and was featured in an article titled "Passion, Dedication and Professionalism Vital to USPTO Process" in which he discussed his management of the PTO-IAC (Patent and Trademark Office and Inventors Assistance Center) contract and the long-reaching effects in helping with patent assistance and information.

**Margaret "Margie" Knight '79 & M'99** retired in 2020 as Salisbury University's softball coach after 24 years (see article on page 27).



Megan Wikander's '06 exhibit at the 2019 National Folk Festival

## Folk Festival Featured Artists

The following alumni were featured artists in the 2019 National Folk Festival in Salisbury, MD:

- **JoAnne Hoeffner '73** of Windmill Hill Studios in Bivalve, MD
- **Edward Ted Nichols '80 & M'82** of Noah's Ark Folk Art in Salisbury, MD
- **Edward Wozny '81** of Shorebird and Waterfowl Carvings of Cambridge, MD
- **Kelley Gravenor '83** of Kelley's Creations in Snow Hill, MD
- **Rachel Alvarez '02**, painter in Salisbury, MD
- **Megan Wikander '06** of BugZen in Salisbury, MD,
- **Sarah Halcott '07** of Amused Studios in Salisbury, MD



Eight alumni from the 1970s gathered for an annual reunion at the home of Judi (Ellwood) Linn '76. Pictured are (front from left) Liz (Saxton) Long '76, Cindy (Wertz) Peck '76, Judi (Ellwood) Linn '76, (back from left) Becky Beauchamp '77, Ann Olah '76, Kathy (VanSant) Blyman '75 and Jerome "Skip" Hutson '78 [Not Pictured: Carolyn (Carson) Fletcher '76].



Several alumni from the Class of 1982 had a small reunion on Mackinac Island, MI, in September 2019. Pictured (from left) are Karen (Collins) Coleman '82, Marsha Burrell '80, Hazel Berman '82, Mary Kelley Farrelly '82, Jane (Brauning) Hoffman, Lisa (Maddux) Pagano '82, Sandra (Taylor) Petersen '82, Ellen (Hofferberth) Leffler '82, Tracy Layfield and Margaret (Bosciano) Alica.

**Donna Parks '79** paid tribute to her experience at SU with a \$50,000 planned legacy gift from her estate in honor of the Salisbury University Class of May 1979. Her gift will benefit those in the nursing program as well members of SU's College of Health and Human Services and the greater Delmarva medical community who use the Henson Medical Simulation Center for training.

## 1980s

**Robert Benson '80** was recognized for providing pro-bono legal services by the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, the largest provider of pro bono civil legal services to low-income Marylanders.



Beth (Bosserman) Curts '80 and William "Bill" Lancaster '97 & '01

**Beth (Bosserman) Curts '80** and **William "Bill" Lancaster '97 & '01** (left) are two golf-loving, geography Gulls who met by chance in St. Andrews, Scotland.

**John Cannon '81** was named vice president of the Wicomico County (MD) Council.

**Colleen Dallam M'81** was recognized by Wor-Wic

Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 20 years of service as dean of general education.

**Charlene Upham '81** was a featured article in *Metropolitan Magazine* regarding her business, Upham Estate Antiques in Mardela Springs, MD.

**Christina Alfonsi '82** was recognized for providing pro-bono legal services by the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, the largest provider of pro bono civil legal services to low-income Marylanders.

**Lynne Bratten M'82** received the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association's Individual Service Award for her many volunteer contributions to her community. She was also named one of *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women of 2020 in Maryland.

**Lawanda Dockins-Mills '82 & M'96**, SU associate dean of students, received one of the University System of Maryland's highest honors, the Board of Regents' Staff Award, in the "Outstanding Services to Students in an Academic or Residential Environment" category. She also was named as the vice-chair of Salisbury University's Town-Gown Council.

**Paul Clements '83** was honored and recognized for 30 years of service to Salisbury University as a technician in the Henson School of Science and Technology.

**David Martz '83** was selected by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan as a judicial appointee for Wicomico County District Court.

**Robert Wheatley '83** was named one of three of Keller Williams Realty's Top Individuals for Overall Production Volume for 2018.

**Donna C. Hanlin M'84** was reappointed to a second term as superintendent of Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Edward Taylor '84** was recognized by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 20 years of service as professor of biological science.

**Robin Williams '84** is the founder and president of a new company, Legacy Biologicals of Mt. Prospect, IL, which is a supplier of products for growth media.



**Faith Hall '85** (left) is the new director of development at Volunteers in Medicine, Jacksonville, FL.

**Leigh (Wheeler) Passon '85** was awarded the Daisy Award for Exceptional Nurses by Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD, for the "incredibly meaningful difference [she] make[s] in the lives of so many people."

**Cheryl (Miller) Taustin '85** was honored by the Greater Ocean City (MD) Chamber of Commerce at their celebration of The Year of the Woman, honoring women who have made a difference in the business and tourism community of the city.

**Karen Hanson '86** joined Allianz Worldwide Partners USA, Inc. of Richmond, VA, as a claims examiner.

**Ronnie Holder M'86** was elected to the Accomack County (VA) Public Schools Board of Directors, District 8.

**Agata Liszkowska '86 & M'89 & M'03** was honored and recognized for 30 years of service to Salisbury University in the Center for International Education.

**Lynn (Fennell) Massey '87** is managing one of the first federally funded research projects looking at firearm prevention among children and teens through the University of Michigan Research Complex.

**Martin McGinty '87** was inducted into Baltimore Blast's Hall of Fame, Baltimore, MD.

**W. David Bromwell '88 & M'93** was one of two finalists and then unanimously elected by the board as interim superintendent for Dorchester County (MD) Public Schools.

**William Danaher '88** was one of nine featured members of the "First Saturday Writers" group in Berlin, MD, who shared a reading from his inaugural compilation of short fiction stories.

**Susan (Williams) Davis '88** was recognized by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 15 years of service as an instructor for biological and physical sciences.

**Lisa Johnson '88** was elected to the Accomack County (MD) Public Schools Board of Directors, District 3.

**Kenneth Kundell '88** was honored and recognized for 30 years of service to Salisbury University in Information Technology.

**Dwight "Duke" Marshall '88** received the Business Leadership Award from the Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University. (See article on page 19.)

**"Ted" Martin Peters '88** was featured in *Washington City Paper* dressed as "Captain Obvious" and named the unofficial mascot with regular appearances at Washington Nationals and Capitals games.

**Jeffrey Ridgell '88** was hired as the vice president of sales for Spectrum Lighting, Fall River, MA.

**Donald Rollyson '88** was recognized by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 10 years of service as the director of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy.

**Peter Roskovich '88** won Maryland's top business award, the Comptroller of Maryland's Cornerstone Award for Wicomico County, recognizing Adam's Taphouse and Black Diamond Catering, both in Salisbury.

**Dornell Woolford '88 & M'93** was recognized by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 20 years of service as evening and weekend administrator.

**Troy Anderson '89** joined Universal Technical Institute, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ, as executive vice president and chief financial officer.

**Kimberley Brown '89 & M'94** was named vice president of human resources of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore, MD.

**Mathew Cox '89** was promoted to the rank of Major by the Delaware State Police Department.

**Kristina Heister '89** will serve as the acting deputy superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site in Gettysburg, PA.

**Kevin Mann '89 & M'93**, SU Physical Plant director, earned a 2019 Pacesetter Award from APPA Leadership in Education Facilities. The honor recognizes excellence in educational facilities management. He also joined the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Board of Governors, St. Michaels, MD, and was honored and recognized for 30 years of service to Salisbury University.

**Belinda Miller '89** was announced as the executive director of Diakonia Inc., Ocean City, MD.

**Brent Wilhelm '89** was honored and recognized for 30 years of service to Salisbury University in Information Technology.

## 1990s

**Maria Chavez-Ruark '90 & M'91** was named one of *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women of 2020 in Maryland and is a Circle of Excellence inductee.

**Kenneth Connelly '90** was named vice president of operations for Lutheran Social Ministries of Maryland, Inc., Westminster, MD.

**Diane Huffman '90** was named Teacher of the Month in January 2020 for Sylvan Learning Center, Columbia, SC.

**Chris McDonell '90** was one of 52 individuals chosen for Leadership Maryland's 28th Class of 2020 and will complete the eight-month program focused on the state's most vital social, economic and environmental issues.

**Lisa Rusyniak '90** was named one of *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women of 2020 in Maryland and is a Circle of Excellent inductee.

**Terry Budd M'91** received the SHAPE (Society of Health and Physical Educators) Maryland Simon A. McNeely award for her continued efforts to support before-, during- and after-school events at Westside Intermediate School in Hebron, MD.

**Donald Cogswell '91** published the four-volume *Descendants of John Cogswell: The Cogswell Family 1635-2019*.

**Gerard DiCairano M'91** authored his latest book, *Nobody Speaks Hawaiian in New Jersey*, published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

**Kristina V. Gosnell '91 & M'98** was named the principal of Pittsville Elementary and Middle School in Wicomico (MD) County.

**S. Quinton Johnson '91** is the recipient of the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award given by the New Castle County Farm Bureau in Camden, DE.

**John "Jack" Siney '91** was a featured guest in a question-and-answer interview on *The Global Community* called "Five Things You Should Do To Become A Thought Leader."

**Heather (Stuart) Stewart '91** was promoted to assistant vice president of corporate special investigations at Beacon Health Options, Coral Gables, FL.

**Angela Blake '92** won the election for a seat on the Salisbury (MD) City Council, District 5.

**Ronald Boltz '92** was added to the Board of Directors of The Bank of Delmarva, Salisbury, MD.

**Kerrie (Jones) Bunting's '92** (below) son Kyle joined the SU Class of 2023 last fall. Kyle is pictured below as an infant with SU President Emerita Janet Dudley-Eshbach and as a freshman with current SU President Charles Wight.



Kerrie (Jones) Bunting's '92 son Kyle with SU presidents then and now



Elizabeth (Melhorn) Fournier '92

**Elizabeth (Melhorn) Fournier '92** (above) was promoted to captain of the City of Paterson, NJ, Fire Department.

**Kirsten (Skalstad) Jennette '92 & M'98** received the 2019 National Distinguished Principal Award for the State of Delaware.

**David Leiderman '92** was named one of Keller William's 2018 Top Producers from the Surf On Home Team of the Edgewater Lobby/Sea Colony Office, Bethany Beach, DE.

**Sean Pugh '92** joined the Washington, D.C., office of Faegre, Drinker, Biddle & Reath, LLC as counsel in the litigation group.

**Michele Buckler '93** is the owner of Sand N' Stones in Lewes, DE, where she transforms sea glass into treasured keepsakes. She was featured in an article in the March/April 2020 edition of *Coastal Style* magazine.

**Aaron D. Deal '93 & M'05** was promoted to the supervisor of technology and new teacher induction for Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Glenn Gibson '93** retires after 19 years as James M. Bennett's head football coach, Salisbury, MD.

**Jennifer (Kelly) Leggour '93** was named the new executive director for Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Inc., Berlin, MD.

**Keith Reynolds '93** was hired by Castlight Health, San Francisco, CA, as their new chief commercial officer.

**Dona Troyer '93** was hired as Sussex (DE) Technical High School's first career and technical education coordinator.

**Gregory VandeVisser '93** was the featured artist at the Paramount Theater in Burlington, NC.

**Carol B. Wilkes M'93** donated 22 Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia historical research volumes and Eastern Shore literature books to the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury University. They were given in memory of her father, the late Elmer Brittingham, who was a knowledgeable historian and genealogist of the lower Eastern Shore counties.

## Good Sports Award Winners

Seven alumni who coach various sports teams in Wicomico County, MD, were honored with the Good Sports Award:

- **Robert "Bob" Ayotte '94** – Upward Sports
- **Seth Blankensop '98** – Crown Sports Center
- **Dorsey Cook '01** – Salvation Army
- **Michael DeLizza '02** – MRC Youth Basketball
- **Dustin Mills '07** – East Wicomico Little League
- **Zachary Grubb '08** – Salisbury United Soccer
- **Dimos Pittas '19** – Richard A. Henson YMCA

**Patricia Crankshaw-Quimby '94** was appointed by the Governor's Office to serve as a member of the Maryland Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and the Maryland Department of Agriculture Spay/Neuter Advisory Board.

**Christopher Darling '94** joined Nanotech Security Corp., Vancouver, BC, as a sales executive focused on the North American commercial brand protection market.

**Tacy Steele '94** joined the staff at Sussex Technical High School, Georgetown, DE, as a special education teacher.

**Brandy Terrill '94 & M'00**, associate professor of early and elementary education, received the 2019 Faculty Appreciation Award from the Salisbury University Alumni Association, which was presented at winter commencement.

**Mary Lou Townsend M'94** was recognized by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 15 years of service as an assistant professor of mathematics.

**Carl Tyree '94** was featured on Spotify's *The Housing News* podcast on "Mortgage Rates, Housing Inventory and the Company's Mortgage Market Review."

**Donna Anderson '95** was voted best teacher in Wicomico County (MD) in the "Best Of" contest by *Coastal Style* magazine. She has been a teacher at Salisbury Christian School for 31 years.

**Burt Cashman '95 & M'17** was honored with a Tourism Award by Wicomico County, MD, for his leadership in running the Mid Atlantic Wrestling Association (MAWA) tournaments.

**Daniel Cowens' '95** firm, Oasis Marinas of Baltimore, MD, has joined forces with Siren Marine to bring monitoring technology to boaters and marinas.

**Bernadette DiPino '95** was featured in Stephen King's newest science fiction book *The Institute*, representing her role as the Sarasota, FL, chief of police.

**Terance M. Dunn '95 & M'02** was promoted to principal of Salisbury Middle School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Elizabeth (Gray) Fleming '95** was awarded the Daisy Award for Exceptional Nurses by Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD, for the "incredibly meaningful difference [she] make[s] in the lives of so many people."

**Susan (Douglass) Fliess '95** released a child's nonfiction book called *Flash and Gleam: Light in Our World*, which follows four kids as they experience light in their lives, demonstrating the celebration and science of light.

**Kevin Hroblak '95** was recognized in his position as a bankruptcy/restructuring attorney with the law firm of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP of Baltimore, MD, which was highly ranked by Chambers and Partners in their 2020 list of leading law firms and business lawyers.

**Amanda (Flater) Kiesewetter '95** was elected to serve as treasurer on the Worcester County (MD) GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) Board of Directors, a nonprofit providing emergency assistance in times of crisis.

## Wicomico County Teachers of the Year

The following alumni were nominees for Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools' 2020 Teacher of the Year:

- **Kelly Hamilton '94 & M'03**
- **Stephanie McCoy '04**
- **Staci (Carbone) McGowan '13**
- **Jeffrey Thamert '99 & M'07**
- **Heather Cherry '08 '12**
- **James "Matt" McMurdo '14**
- **Heather McDonough '01**
- **Danielle (Anderson) Thompson '08**
- **Renee Peshoff '14**
- **John Cox '02 & M'13**
- **Kelly Wells '09**
- **Christopher Okerblom M'15**
- **Katherine Diven '04**
- **Sherree West '09 & M'13**
- **Jason Hussey '04 '07**
- **Chelsey Mangum '12**

**Alana (Lewis) Long '95** joined Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, as an instructor of nursing.

**Jennifer Hope Wills '95**, a Broadway actress and singer, is now an adjunct professor at Salisbury University in the Music, Theatre and Dance Department.

**Allison (Tolson) Canada '96 & M'03** was elected for a three-year term as the District II representative on the board of the National Association of Educational Procurement.

**Timothy Cureton '96 & M'98** is the co-owner of Rise Up Coffee, which received the City of Salisbury's (MD) first Green Business Certification from the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

**Joseph Dorrego '96** joined the leadership team of Fox News Media, New York, NY, as executive vice president and chief financial/ chief operating officer.

**Ronald A. Greene '96 & M'04** was promoted to principal of Wicomico High School in Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Thaddeus Moore '96** was inducted into the Maryland Athletic Trainers' Association (MATA) Hall of Fame in recognition of his "dedication to Washington College, the Maryland Athletic Trainer's Association and the athletic training profession."

**Ryan Murphy '96** is a finalist in the Eighth Annual Maryland Capital Enterprises' Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur Award for Worcester County, MD. Ryan is the owner of RG Murphy Marine Construction in Bishopville, MD.

**Daniel M. O'Connell '96** was elected as managing partner for PKS & Company, PA, a certified public accounting firm in Salisbury, MD.

**Thomas Polen Jr. '96** gave the commencement address to the August 2019 graduating class of Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, Baltimore, MD.

**Christy Weer M'96**, dean of SU's Perdue School of Business, joined the Salisbury (MD) Area Chamber of Commerce as a voting council member.

**Elizabeth "Beth" Bell '97** joined Becker Morgan Group, Salisbury, MD, as the firm's CFO and Associate.

**Don Brady '97** was appointed as the new director of secondary education for Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**John DeRichie '97** was promoted to principal at SOSH Architects of Atlantic City, NJ.

**Kelly Dorman '97** was honored by the Friends of Wicomico (MD) Public Libraries during the 2019 Light of Literacy Awards with the Educator Luminary Award for her passion for literacy in education.

**Kimberly Min '97** was recognized in her position as a real estate attorney with the law firm of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP of Baltimore, MD, which was highly ranked by Chambers and Partners in their 2020 list of leading law firms and business lawyers.

**Melanie Pursel '97** was named Worcester County (MD) tourism director.

**Carolina Bown M'98**, senior lecturer at SU, was named a United Nations "WE Empower Challenge" coach.

**Eric Bromwell '98** was named the first opioid strategy coordinator for Baltimore County, MD.

**Christopher Forrer '98 & M'02** was named superintendent of the Franklin County Schools in Carnesville, GA.

**Noah Kegley '98** was featured in an article in *Metropolitan Magazine* as the head roaster for Rise Up Coffee, Salisbury, MD.

**Deborah Maupin '98** was named the vice president of the Eastern Shore Literacy Association (MD).

**Todd A. Smith '98** joined PKS & Company, PA, a certified public accounting firm, as the supervisor of the Tax Department, working in their Salisbury, MD, office.

**Micah Stauffer M'98** was appointed the chief finance and operations officer of Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Karri Todd '98 & M'06** was sworn in for a second term as the Salisbury (MD) Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors chairwoman.

**LaTonya Wilson '98 & M'04** was named assistant principal at Wicomico Middle School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Shawn Ali '99** serves as a U.S. Foreign Service officer serving in Turkmenistan, sharing his experiences and gratitude to some of the faculty of SU's Henson School of Science and Technology.

**A'ndrea Davis '99** joined Sussex County Public Schools as an English teacher at Sussex Technical High School in Georgetown, DE.

**Nicole Evans '99** joined the legal team of Jacobs & Cumplar, P.A. as a workers compensation and personal injury attorney.

**Kimberly (Carney) Gillis '99** was named vice chair of the Board of Trustees at Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD.

**Jonathan Mitchell M'99** was promoted to executive director of budget, cost and reimbursement for Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD.

**Josie (Able) Perry '99** was one of seven finalists for the 2019-20 Maryland Teacher of the Year Award. She is a social studies teacher at Rising Sun High School in North East, MD.

**Frederick Pomeroy M'99** and his family farm were featured in *Stardem* magazine in 2020 as a Maryland Century Farm, being owned and operated by the same family for 100 years or more.

**Kelley Selph '99** joined the Board of Directors of Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD.

**Christopher Tidmore '99** received the Stu Plitman Community Service Award from the Loudoun County (VA) Chamber of Commerce and The Valor Foundation at the 2019 Loudoun Valor Awards. Master Police Officer Tidmore retired after more than 20 years of service to the Town of Leesburg, VA.

**Kelly Weaver '99** was named the new budget director for Frederick County, MD.



## 2000s

**Samuel Atkinson '00**, assistant athletic director at Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., was honored with the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Mary Jo Haverbeck Trailblazer Award and is the CoSIDA president for the 2020-21 academic year.

**Larry Dodd '00 & M'04** was named president of Wicomico County (MD) Council.

**Michael Faith '00** was named the 2019 Coach of the Year for the second time as coach of Franklin and Marshall University's women's lacrosse team, Lancaster, PA.



Kenneth Farrell '00 &amp; M'03

**Kenneth Farrell '00 & M'03 (left)** had his poem "Gypsum and the Gypsy" published by the Haunted Waters Press, Blue Ridge Mountains, VA, in May 2019.

**Grant Fritschle '00** was installed as a director on the Board of the Coastal Association of Realtors in

Ocean City, MD. His team, Fritschle Barker Group of Keller Williams, received the Top Listing Volume for Teams, Top Written Volume for Teams, Top Sales Volume for Teams, the highest number of new listings and most ratified contracts awards from Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva.

**Jennifer Gardner '00 & '07**, owner of Platinum Paws Pet Services, LLC, was elected to serve on the board of directors for the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters.

**Latrice Gray '00 & M'12** earned the Registered Play Therapist credential conferred by the Association for Play Therapy.

**Tricia Griffis '00** was named one of *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women in 2020 in Maryland.

**Kristopher Hallengren '00 (right)** joined Vallit Advisors, LLC of Timonium, MD, as partner in the firm. **Gail (Hildenbrand) Kulp '00** was selected by *Boating Industry* magazine as one of 25 Women Making Waves, nominated by the boating industry and the magazine.

**Brian McDermott '00 & M'02** was hired by Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, MD, as the head coach of the girls' basketball team and has led the team to second in the Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference (ESIAC) standings. He was named the 2020 ESIAC Girls Winter Sports Coach of the Year.

**Corey Posey '00** was named diversity, equity and inclusion officer for University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee.

**Dane Schriver '00 (right)** was promoted to executive vice president and chief lending officer for 1880 Bank, Easton, MD.

**Douglas Bennett '01** was hired by MidAtlantic Farm Credit as a loan officer in their Salisbury, MD, office.

**Michael Catalanotto '01 & M'05** ran for a seat on



Kristopher Hallengren '00



Dane Schriver '00

the Smithtown (NY) School District's School Board.

**Laura Deeley-Bren '01** was honored by the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce as one of 14 Distinguished Women of Ocean City, MD.

**Patrick Holmlund '01** joined Chesapeake Health Care in Princess Anne, MD, as a general dentist.

**Elizabeth Jones M'01** was recognized by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 10 years of service as Arts and Humanities Department head and professor of English.

**Meredith Mears '01** was commissioned by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan as a member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents. She was also named one of *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women of 2020 in Maryland.

**Joshua Merkel '01**, head coach for men's basketball at Randolph-Macon College, recently won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference's Bob Johnson Coach of the Year Award for the third straight year, as well as being voted South District Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

**Melissa Thomas '01 & M'09** was hired by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, as an instructor of early childhood education.

**Susan Canfora M'02** was honored by the Friends of Wicomico, MD, Public Libraries during the 2019 Light of Literacy Awards with the Adult Luminary award for her passion for literacy in the community. She is serving as a reporter for the *Coastal Point* newspaper.

**Michael T. Cody & M'02** retired as acting principal of Pittsville Elementary and Middle School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Josephus Hastings '02 & M'06**, along with Mardela Middle and High School in Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools, was the recipient of the College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for attaining female student representation in AP computer science principles.

**Juanita Parks '02** was named the chief financial officer for Williamsburg Landing in Williamsburg, VA.

**Jennifer Sandt M'02** was recognized by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 20 years of service as vice president of administrative services.

**Cory Walsh '02**, assistant vice president, loan and business development officer with Taylor Bank, Ocean View, DE, graduated with honors from the Maryland Banking School, a three-year banking school provided by the Maryland Bankers Association.

**Lilia Willey '02** was named Employee of the First Quarter 2019 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, MD.

**Christina (Meiklejohn) Antonioni '03** was named one of Keller William's 2018 Top Producers from the Seaside Seven of the Marketplace at Sea Colony team, Bethany Beach, DE.

**Kelli (Martin) Cobb '03 & M'04** was promoted to member of the firm for Smith, Elliott, Kearns & Co., LLC in Hagerstown, MD.

**Franklin Divilio '03**, a new member of the Talbot County (MD) Council, shared his account of where he was during the 9/11 attacks at the World Trade Center during the 18th anniversary commemoration ceremony in Easton, MD.

**Melissa A. Eiler M'03** was appointed as the supervisor of early childhood for Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Sarah Beardsley '03** was named chief of staff for the State of Maryland Department of Labor.

**Tyler Harwood '03** was honored with the Hidden Hero Award (honoring a member who has done a job over and above the call of duty) by the Salisbury, MD, Jaycees at their annual awards and installation banquet.

**Courtney (Collins) Powell '03** was awarded the Daisy Award for Exceptional Nurses by Peninsula Regional Medical

Center, Salisbury, MD, for the "incredibly meaningful difference [she] make[s] in the lives of so many people."

**Brendan Riley '03 & M'06**, as head football coach for Parkside High School in Salisbury, MD, was honored along with the team by Wicomico County Tourism for their outstanding volunteer support of the Wicomico County (MD) Department of Recreation and Parks.

**Julia (McCarthy) Seeley '03** joined the Nanticoke Physician Network as a nurse practitioner at Nanticoke Immediate Care, Laurel, DE.

**John Tomey '03 & M'13** was promoted to assistant principal of St. Michaels Elementary School in the Talbot County (MD) Public Schools.

**Annette Wallace '03** was named one of *The Daily Record's* 2019 VIP (Very Important Professionals) Successful by 40.

**Amber Cowan '04** was a featured artist in the December 2019 issue of *Gray Magazine* in the article "The Glass Artist Who Transforms Tchotchkes into Gallery-Worthy."

**Melissa (Martin) D'Adamo '04 & M'08** and her husband, John, were the first couple to be featured in the *Catholic Review* in a series of articles about married couples who met through the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, MD.

**Nicole (Groves) Evans '04** joined the Maryland Chamber of Commerce as marketing and communications manager.

**Amanda Gibson-Messatzia '04 & M'11** was recognized by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 10 years of service as director of student success.

**Lisa Jeffers '04 & M'08** joined the clinical team as nurse practitioner of Peninsula Wound and Hyperbaric Center, Salisbury, MD.

**Stacy (Hopkins) Kearns '04** was one of 14 teachers from Anne Arundel County (MD) Public Schools who were semifinalists for 2020 Teacher of the Year.

**Sarah (Burnett) Perdue '04** painted the mural "Wings" near the plaza entrance in downtown Salisbury, MD, inspired by a random act of kindness. Some of her students from Washington High School helped her with painting the mural.

**Dara Phillips '04** was hired by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, as assistant professor of communication studies.

**Drue Stapleton M'04**, assistant professor of health sciences at Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ, was a featured speaker in a faculty lecture series, presenting "The Impact of Movement Quality on Performance and Injury."

**Andrea Vandiver '04 & M'09** was named the president of the Eastern Shore Literacy Association (MD).



Michael Antonioni '05

**Michael Antonioni '05 (left)** received the 2019 Teacher of the Year Award at Glasgow High School in Newark, DE.

**Susan Banks '05** was welcomed to the Ex-Officio Council of the Salisbury (MD) Area Chamber of Commerce, along with the other economic development directors from Worcester and Somerset counties.

**Nicole Blake '05** was named assistant principal at James M. Bennett High School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Brandon Ennis '05** was hired as the chief executive officer for Lower Shore Enterprises, Salisbury, MD.

**Angie Hayden '05** was recognized by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 20 years of service as director of admissions and records.

**Ryan W. Kessler '05** was promoted to principal of Pemberton Elementary School in Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Steven Lamkin '05** is the new head of school at Salisbury (MD) Christian School. He is currently the principal and assistant head for academics at the school.

**Gregory Murach '05** was named Howard County Public School's 2019 Teacher of the Year. He is a high school math teacher at Mt. Hebron High School, Ellicott City, MD.

**Kareem Otey '05 & M'07** was named athletic director for Cambridge-South Dorchester High School in the Dorchester County (MD) Public Schools.

**Wyatt Wiggins '05** was appointed sales and business development manager for Chaney Enterprises of Salisbury, MD.

**John Anello '06 & M'15** will be fulfilling a dream of running in the New York City Marathon this year, running for the American Cancer Society DeterminNation in memory of his mom, who suffered with carcinoid syndrome.

**Amanda Brumfield '06 & M'09** was recognized by Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, for 15 years of service as director of continuing education and workforce development.

**Sandra Durst-McAteer '06** is the first female funeral director in five generations of directors in her family's business, Durst Funeral Home in Frostburg, MD.

**Michele Ennis '06** will serve as Wicomico County's (MD) new director of finance.

**Jee Hwang '06** had her artwork unveiled and was a featured artist at The Shafer Art Gallery in Great Bend, KS.

**Steve Pappas '06** and his wife Dawne were recognized as the ninth annual recipient of the Hal Glick Distinguished Service Award for involvement in many civic organizations and charities. The award was presented in December 2019 in Ocean City, MD.

**Christopher Parks '06**, financial advisor at Wye Financial & Trust in Easton, MD, received his Certified Financial Planner certification.

**Gena Swift '06 & M'12** joined the team at Atlantic General Hospital and Health System's Gastroenterology Unit as a nurse practitioner, Berlin, MD.

**Byron Westbrook '06** was named Influencer Class of 2019 for the fifth annual Black Alumni Ball in Washington, D.C.



A group of alumni gathered for a reunion in January 2020. Pictured are (front from left) **Megan Carbone '07**, **Melissa (Kordish) Karp '08**, **Kelly (Cernik) Lonsdale '08**, **Daniel Sharfstein '05**, **Jeremy Nicholson '05**, (center from left) **Greg Milburn '08**, **Alexis (Kessler) Williams '08**, **Ashley Richards '05**, **Jessica Mitchell '07**, **Emily (Kordish) Winkler '05**, **Laura Kelly '03**, **Andrea (Woods) Ream '03**, **Isaac Truitt**, (back from left) **Gary Thompson '06**, **Jonathan Lonsdale '08**, **Dave Sciamarelli '06**, **David Mueller '07**, **Kyle Mitchell '05** and **Amy (Kirkwood) Maynard '05**.

## Alumni Baltimore Elementary School Teachers

Eight alumni who teach at Stoneleigh Elementary School in Baltimore County Public Schools system gathered for an alumni photo.

Pictured are (back row) **Jaclyn Cordasco '08**, **Erin (Hart) Ghattas '00**, **Christine (LaBue) Ciattei '04** and **Timothy Lane '06 & M'17**; (front row) **William Detwiler '05 & M'07**, **Jane (Stromyer) Conroy '08**, **Janine (Steele) Myers '99** and **Brett Imirie '89 & '96**



**Cameron Ball '07** was named dean of students at Mardela Middle and High School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Steven Leonard M'07** received the American College of Healthcare Executives Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Regent's Award at the Maryland Association of Healthcare Executives Educational/Networking annual conference in Towson, MD. He was also the recipient of the 2019 Boy Scouts of America Tri-County Distinguished Citizen Award as chosen by the Del-Mar-Va Council of Boy Scouts of America.

**James Maybury '07 & '08** was named a partner at PKS & Company, PA, a certified public accounting firm in Salisbury, MD.

**Dustin Mills '07** was named head coach for James M. Bennett High School's football team, Salisbury, MD.

**Jennifer Rennekamp-Layton M'07** is the general manager of Layton's Chance Vineyard and Winery in Vienna, MD, which was recognized as the first and only Certified Craft Winery in Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic.

**Samuel Richards M'07** joined Shanghai American School, Shanghai, China, as a high school social studies teacher after five years at Zurich International School where he was a humanities teacher and the middle school English Department chair.

**Christel C. Savage M'07** was named principal of James M. Bennett High School in Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Charles Smith '07** is the new dean of students at St. Johns College High School in Washington, D.C.

**Lesley Weihs '07** was named Fellow by the Nurse Leadership Institute at the University of Maryland School of Nursing because of her leadership potential and professional activities.

**Kennan Wilkinson '07** was promoted to senior property manager with St. John Properties, Inc. of Baltimore, MD.

**Benjamin "Jami" Dennis '08** was inducted into the RE/MAX Hall of Fame and was named Top Producer by *Washingtonian Magazine* in the 2019 Best Realtors edition.

**Andrea Drewes M'08** joined the faculty of Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ, as an assistant professor in the Department of Graduate Education, Leadership and Counseling.

**Sarah (Bunch) Guy '08 & M'09** was named one of *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women of 2020 in Maryland.

**Andrea Lynn '08** joined TBC, Inc. of Baltimore, MD, as the director of public relations.

**Demiah (Carpenter) Nooney '08** was recognized as 2019 Nurse of the Year by Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin, MD.

**Ashley Stern '08 & M'09** was promoted to partner with PKS & Company, PA, a certified public accounting firm in Salisbury, MD.

**Jerome Stover M'08** was named principal of Cambridge-South Dorchester High School in the Dorchester County (MD) Public Schools.

**Danielle (Twillie) Sweitzer '08 & M'09** was welcomed to Salisbury University's Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Daniel Zimmer '08** has passed the California bar exam after earning degrees in law from Rutgers University and music business and entertainment from Miami University in Florida.

**Kylor Berkman '09** was named the head lacrosse coach at Highlands Ranch High School, Highlands Ranch, CO.

**Jason Capobianco '09** was named assistant principal at James M. Bennett High School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Katey (Algier) Evans '09** made a pitch on *Shark Tank* and received an offer for ice cream, sorbet and "nice cream" made by her family-owned business, The Frozen Farmer of Bridgeville, DE.

**Aleksandr Felikson '09** was featured in *Bethesda Magazine* as the chef of Julij, a French mediterranean bistro/café in North Bethesda, MD.

NAI Coastal, LLC is a new commercial real estate company in Salisbury, MD, formed by Principal **Chris Gilkerson '09** and Principal **Joey Gilkerson '11**, joined by Real Estate Advisor **Meredith Mears '01** and Commercial Real Estate Advisor **Christian Phillips '05**.

**Lisa Guy '09** was featured in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) newsletter. She is a biological science technician and curator of the Microalgal Culture Collection at the Milford Laboratory in Milford, CT.

**Patricia Hunt '09** was an honored caregiver by the Prince George's County Council in Oxon Hill, MD, during National Family Caregivers Month.

**Kayleigh (Toth) Keilty '09** was named to *The Daily Record's* Very Important Professional (VIP) Successful by 40 list, which recognizes professionals who have been successful in Maryland.

**Kyle Livingston '09** received the 2019 Key Persons Award from the Salisbury (MD) Jaycees at their annual awards and installation banquet.

**Kelly Lloyd '09** joined the staff at St. Clare Walker Middle School in the Middlesex County (VA) Public Schools as an art teacher.

**Douglas Martin '09** was the honored keynote speaker for the Friends of Wicomico (MD) Public Libraries 2019 Light of Literacy Awards ceremony, where he honored several of his fellow alums from Salisbury University.

**Zachary M. Owens '09** (d. January 14, 2020) was recognized posthumously for his service to his nation and state with a promotion to the rank of Master Sergeant (EB) and the following awards: Army Accommodation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with bronze hourglass), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, two Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Driver and Mechanic Badge, Army Basic Parachutist Badge, Maryland National Guard Commendation Ribbon, Maryland National Guard Distinguished

Service Cross (with one silver botonee) and Maryland National Guard Outstanding Unit Ribbon.

**Sarah (Lake) Rayne '09** was honored by the National Association of Realtors with the Certified Executive designation, which recognizes exceptional efforts by realtor association executives.

## 2010s

**Rebecca Davis '10 & M'18** was hired as an ESL teacher at Kegotank Elementary School in Mappsville, VA.

**Alyana Gomez '10** is a co-anchor on *Q13 Fox News* in Seattle, WA.

**Brittney Herz-Glenn '10** has been honored by the Art League of Ocean City with the 2019 SHEro Award, honoring women who show courage in the face of adversity and turn it into something positive. She is the founder of the Lemonade Bookstand, a nonprofit that brings bibliotherapy to special needs children.

**Roland Jennings '10 & M'12** joined the Health and Counseling Center of Washington College in Chestertown, MD, as a certified clinical counselor.

**Gerard McDaniel '10** was promoted to portfolio specialist at Continental Realty Corporation in Baltimore, MD.

**James Morrison '10** was promoted to vice president of marketing and sales for the Allterra Group, LLC of Ocean City, MD. Allterra is the parent company of Valuation Expo, Collateral Risk Network and Appraisal Buzz.

**Randy Merritt '10** joined First Shore Federal Savings and Loan of Salisbury, MD, as a manufactured home loan originator.

**Matthew Tefteau '10** was hired as manager of government affairs with Choptank Electric Cooperative, Denton, MD.

**Lindsey Bledsoe '11** joined Authority Brands, LLC in Columbia, MD, as a communications specialist.

**James Eaton M'11** joined SC&H Group as a tax principal.

**James Gregory '11** was promoted to executive director of accounting for Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD.

**Katelyn Jones '11 & M'19** joined Chesapeake Health Care as a mental health therapist in their Berlin, MD, office.

**Polly (Smith) Kleissas M'11** earned her Ph.D. in instructional leadership for changing populations from Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore, MD.

**J. Zachary Kline '11**, owner of AIR Lawn Care in Rockville, MD, was featured in *Irrigation & Green Industry* magazine for his use of earth-friendly materials and equipment and for blazing a trail in the green industry.

**Dennis Mogan '11** opened his own restaurant, Mogan's Oyster House, in downtown Salisbury, MD.

**Alexander Politsch '11** is owner/partner in Doner Bros., a German restaurant in Baltimore, MD, and will be opening a second location there in the second quarter of 2020.

**Megan Singleton '11** was promoted to manager at TGM Group, certified public accountants in Easton, MD.

**Melissa Stansbury '11 & M'13** was welcomed to Salisbury University's Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Abby Taylor '11** was named to *Forbes'* 2019 list of 30 Under 30 entrepreneurs. She is the co-founder and CMO of Playa Bowls based in Stone Harbor, NJ, a juice and smoothie franchise.

**Parris (Travers) Abt '12** was named assistant principal at Beaver Run Elementary School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Caitlin (Walker) Ashley '12** was named head coach of field hockey at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD.

**Joshua Bergling '12** was promoted to vice president of technology for Choptank Transport, Preston, MD.

**Robert Bischoff '12** is general manager of Vesta Pizzeria and Family Restaurant, Boonsboro, MD, and was featured in *Around the Panhandle* magazine.

**Brian Cook M'12** was named the membership director and corresponding secretary for the Eastern Shore Literacy Association (MD).

**Lacey Eckert '12** joined the staff at Sussex Technical High School, Georgetown, DE, as a math teacher.

**Morgan Hazel '12 & M'17** was presented the Salisbury Award, which is Salisbury, MD's, oldest and most prestigious independent civic award.

**Robert Jeter II '12** was promoted to vice president for InFocus Financial Advisors, Inc. of Salisbury, MD.

**Holly Loh '12** was featured trauma unit registered nurse on the Trident Medical Center Facebook page, Charleston, SC.

**Jeanette (Lebarron) Opheim '12** was nominated as an honoree for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Nashville's (TN) Top 30 Under 30 award program. This foundation recognizes the city's most active young professionals and philanthropists under the age of 30.

**Sarah Slabaugh '12** has been accepted by the California Institute of Integral Studies in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies and Research, an emerging modality in mental health treatment and healing.

**Tyler Smith '12 & M'14** has been named the next ombudsman for Northeastern Illinois University in North Park, Chicago, IL.

**Jennifer Williams '12** was named executive director of the new branch of Mid Shore Community Mediation Center in Easton, MD.

**Heather Frostbutter '13** joined Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva of Ocean City, MD, as a realtor.

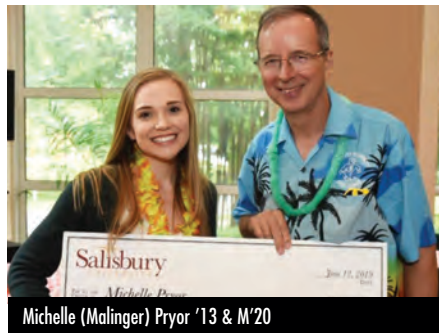
**Zachary Howard '13** was voted Hurlock (MD) 2019 Police Officer of the Year during National Police Week.

**Brandon Johnson '13** was installed as a director on the board of the Coastal Association of Realtors in Ocean City, MD. He was also recognized for Platinum Level Sales in 2019 by ERA Martin Associates of Salisbury, MD.

**Joseph Jones '13** has been named the head football coach for Laurel High School of the Laurel (DE) School District.

**Courtney Loftus '13** joined Rothman Orthopaedics in New York, NY, as a physician's assistant.

**Zachary Newton '13** was appointed resident director of the Ocean City, MD, office of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management.



Michelle (Maling) Pryor '13 & M'20

**Michelle (Maling) Pryor '13 (above)** was named Salisbury University's Employee of the Year 2018-19. Michelle led the annual giving team that received a Silver Award from the Council for Advancement and Support for Education (CASE) for her fundraising campaign and efforts with Salisbury University's Giving Day (see back cover for details on this year's campaign).

**Rebecca (Manley) Reed '13** was promoted to technical specialists at the University of Maryland Medical Center, which

was one of the top 10 hospitals in the U.S. for COVID-19 cases, and works behind the scenes implementing and managing critical initiatives in their lab related to COVID-19.

**Jessica (Lindner) Basom '14** was named administrator of the new branch of Mid Shore Community Mediation Center in Easton, MD.

**Aaron Curry '14** is the local PhysTEC Teacher of the Year, teaching science at Wise Jr. High School in the Prince George's County (MD) Public Schools.

**Lori Defnet '14** was welcomed to Salisbury University's Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Kelly Irving '14** was named digital project manager for GKV Marketing, Baltimore, MD.

**Artura Jackson '14 & M'16** was named an honoree by Prince George's County (MD) Social Innovation Fund for 40 Under Forty 2019 for her contributions in the Arts and Humanities Category.

**Emmy Liebig '14** was promoted to supervisor at TGM Group, certified public accountants in Easton, MD.

**Brandon Stoffel '14** received the Outstanding Flock Supervisor Award for Mountaire Farms at the Delmarva Poultry Industry Inc.'s 54th National Meeting on Poultry Health, Processing and Live Production held in Ocean City, MD.

## Alumna Named Acting Mayor of Salisbury



City administrator and SU alumna **Julia Glanz '11 & M'13** assumed the role of acting mayor of the City of Salisbury starting in June while Mayor Jake Day is overseas. Glanz serves in the position for approximately 10 months while Day is deployed to Africa with the National Guard. Glanz previously served as assistant city administrator. She earned her B.S. in management and political science and her M.A. in conflict analysis and dispute resolution from the University. While at SU, she participated in the Student Government Association and Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE). She is a member of the SU Alumni Association board of directors and continues to be involved with PACE, having attended the organization's 20 year anniversary celebration in October 2019. Glanz attended SU's Dialogue on Race and Its Impact on People of Color discussion as a panelist on June 4 (see page 16). When asked what American citizens can do to take a stand against racism and injustice, she said, "We must use our power for good to speak out when we can, knowing people will push back."

**Austin Whitehead '14 & M'15** was installed as director on the Board of the Coastal Association of Realtors in Ocean City, MD.

**Charles "Teddy" Breeding '15** joined the team of Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services of the University of Maryland's Shore Rehabilitation Center, Denton, MD, as an outpatient physical therapist.

**Megan Burak '15** held her third solo art exhibit at the Ocean Pines (MD) Library.

**Brian Hutchinson '15** is the assistant manager and resident wine specialist for Catch 54 Fish House, which was a featured article in the March/April edition of *Coastal Style* magazine.

**Stacey Kram D.N.P. '15** did a podcast in May 2019 for the American Public University System, Charles Town, WV, called "Nurses Working Overtime: Is It Safe?"

**Jamie Langley '15** joined the Ocean City, MD, office of Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva as a realtor.

**Danesha Owens-Harrell '15 & M'18 (right)**

is one of five winners of the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award for the 2019-20 academic year and the first from Salisbury University's new College of Health and Human Services.

**Alyssa Shockley '15** joined SVN Miller Commercial Real Estate of Salisbury, MD, as an administrative assistant.

**Stephen Smith '15** was nominated for the Hannah E. MacGregor Teacher of the Year History Teacher Award. He is a teacher in the Somerset County (MD) Public Schools.

**Becky Tubman M'15** was named assistant principal at Sudlersville Middle School in the Queen Anne's County (MD) Public Schools.

**Mitchell Byerly '16 & M'17** was promoted to senior accountant in the Tax Department of Cover & Rossiter, Wilmington, DE.

**Luke Campbell '16** competed in the World Track & Field Championship in London, representing Germany, where he carries a dual citizenship.

**John Giffin '16** was named to the newly created position of consumer care manager of Roy Rogers Restaurants.

**Abigail Hastings '16 & M'18** was named programs coordinator of the new branch of Mid Shore Community Mediation Center in Easton, MD.

**Matthew Jackson '16** and **R. Avery Showell '17** founded ThFctry radio station in Washington, D.C., DMV's top digital music curation outlet that supports up-and-coming artists in the local scene. The co-hosts of *ThFctry* radio show were featured in an article in *The Washington Post's Weekend Edition* called "Eight D.C. Tastemakers Show Us The Way Forward" in February 2020.

**Lindsay (Wilcox) Jester M'16** was promoted to supervisor at PKS & Company, PA, a certified public accounting firm in Salisbury, MD.

**R. Paige Knussman '16 & M'18** was named assistant softball coach for William Peace University, Raleigh, NC.

**Lori McAllister '16** is a finalist in the Eighth Annual Maryland Capital Enterprises' Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur Award for Worcester County, MD. She is the owner of the Daily Brew Coffeehouse in Snow Hill, MD, which was forced to close during the COVID-19 confinement, but became the home base for



Danesha Owens Harrell '15 & M'18



## GIS Alumni at Federal Conference

Several alumni attended and met Jack Dangermond, founder of Esri, at the Federal GIS Conference in Washington, D.C. Pictured (from left) are **Kathryn Maglio '15 & M'16**, **Jamie Freeland '17**, **Sierra Crist '17**, **Dangermond**, **Mary Buffington '07 & M'12** and **Suzanne McArdle '06**.

packing and delivering nearly 200 lunches every day to local residents and children.

**Jack Mister '16** is a fishing guide for Kenai River Drifters Lodge in Cooper Landing, AK, and credits his time at SU for leading him to his very rewarding career.

**Katelyn Nagler '16** was hired by Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. of Salisbury, MD, as a marketing assistant.

**Alyssa (Wilcox) Revell M'16** was promoted to supervisor at PKS & Company, PA, a certified public accounting firm in Salisbury, MD.

**Sarah Sharpley '16**, head coach of the Chincoteague (VA) High School's volleyball team, led the team to the first Volleyball District Championship title in 33 years.

**Allison Trice M'16** was named August 2019 Employee of the Month at Nanticoke Health Services, Seaford, DE.

**Andrew Weschler '16** has completed all the requirements of the Delaware State Board of Accountancy to earn his Certified Public Accountant designation.

**F. Riley Cannon '17** was named the new head football coach for Thomas Stone High School in the Charles County (MD) Public Schools.

**Nivek Johnson '17** has been named to the Board of Directors for the nonprofit Kent Attainable Housing in Chestertown, MD.

**Danielle Merritts '17** was hired by The Cyphers Agency as an account coordinator.

**Adam Miley '17** was promoted to senior accountant at TGM Group, certified public accountants in Easton, MD.

**Erin L. Nathan M'17** was promoted to principal of Bennett Middle School in Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Cari Parks '17** was promoted to senior accountant at PKS & Company, PA, a certified public accounting firm in Salisbury, MD.

**Catherine Raley '17 & M19** was appointed as the training coordinator in the Salisbury office of the Maryland Small Business Development Center, Eastern Region.

**Danielle Saltarelli '17** is working as a certified athletic trainer at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

**Rachel Thomas '17 & M'19** joined Chesapeake Health Care in Princess Anne, MD, as a mental health therapist.

**Alexander Butler '18** is a policy associate for the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) in Annapolis, MD.

**Arlene Cline '18** joined PKS & Company, PA as a staff accountant. PKS & Co. is a public accounting firm in Salisbury, MD.

**Corbin Davis '18** was hired as a life sciences teacher at Arcadia Middle School in Oak Hall, VA.

**Saylor Guy '18** joined McCrone Engineering in Annapolis, MD, as a surveyor.

**Ryan Martin '18** was promoted to senior accountant at PKS & Company, PA, a certified public accounting firm in Salisbury, MD.

**Rachel Rolle '18** is one of five winners of the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student award for the 2019-20 academic year, Salisbury, MD.

**Alexis Roskovich M'18** joined the Salisbury (MD) Area Chamber of Commerce as a board member.

**Michael Stern '18** was promoted to senior accountant at PKS & Company, PA, a certified public accounting firm in Salisbury, MD.

**Tessie Windsor '18** was featured in an article in *Delmarva Now* for her work on the front lines, being a member of the COVID-19 Response Unit as an ICU Registered Nurse at Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD.

**Maya Batson '19** was a featured scholarship spotlight article from Salisbury University, being the recipient of the Hattie M. Strong Foundation and Andes Family scholarships.

**Amy Catlin '19** is an internal auditor with Bank of Ocean City, MD, and recently graduated from the Maryland Banking School, a three-year program provided by the Maryland Bankers Association.

**Rayna Danis '19** was one of 15 semifinalists from Salisbury University for the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award for the 2020-21 academic year.

**Jordan Davies '19 (below)** joined Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. as a photographer. DB&F, Inc. is an architectural and engineering firm in Salisbury, MD.



Jordan Davies '19

**W. Jesse Drewer '19** was hired as a Planner II with the Wicomico County (MD) Department of Planning, Zoning and Community Development.

**Genise Fleming M'19** was named dean of students at Salisbury Middle School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

**Victoria Flynn M'19** joined the clinical staff of Shenandoah Community Health Primary Care, Martinsburg, WV as an integrated behavioral health therapist.

**Clayton Levy '19** was named an alternate from Salisbury University for the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award for the 2020-21 academic year, being considered for English teaching assistantships, going to Bulgaria.

**Martina Maya-Callen '19** earned the Running Start Congressional Fellowship, being one in only seven young women honored with the fellowship.

**Sergio Palazzo '19** is the chief operating officer at his family-owned business, Ocean View Jewelers of Ocean View, DE, and was featured in the March/April 2020 edition of *Coastal Style* magazine.

**Rocio Rodriguez-Vallejo '19** qualified for and will compete in the Ironman World Championship next October to be held in Kona, HI. She is the only Spanish female triathlete who is a three-time finisher in an Ironman 70.3-mile World Championship in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

**Alexandra Saunders '19** joined Comprehensive Financial Solutions as a client service associate.

**Blaine Steiner '19** created a metal sculpture called "Bloom" that graces downtown Salisbury, MD.

**Marriages**

**John Horney '91** & Randa Collins (right)  
 John Reb & **Maureen (Thompson) Reb '02** (below)  
**Michael Antonioli '05** & Berkeley (Harbour)  
 Antonioli '09 & '11 (right)  
**Ryan Mello '08** & M'14 & **Rita (Donson) Mello '15**  
 (below)  
**Anthony Fronczkowski '15** & **Shannon Kelly '15** (below)  
 Corson Fidler & **Kelly (Cann) Fidler '11** & M'16 (below)  
**Ian Pettitt '11** & **Rachel (Tavik) Pettitt '10** (below)

**Chris Traylor '12** & **Kiersten (Bumgardner) Traylor '14**  
 (below)  
**Steven Cenname '14** & **Amanda (Biederman)  
 Cenname '14** (below)  
**Cody Gankiewicz '14** & **Natalie (Daronco)  
 Gankiewicz '14** (below)  
**Stephen Frost '15** & **Emily Marecki '16** (below)  
**Jacob Martin '15** & **Felicia Warfield '15** (below)  
**Sarah Seipp '15** & **Teresa (Rogers) Seipp '15** (below)



Horney '91 Wedding



Antonioli '05 & (Harbour) Antonioli '09 & '11 Wedding



(Thompson) Reb '02 Wedding Pictured Marco Mastrangelo '02, Kevin Domboski '02, Maureen (Thompson) Reb '02, John Reb & Ashley Hanson '02



Fronczkowski '15 & Kelly '15 Wedding Pictured Zach Symons '12, Sam Shilling '14, Natalie Daronco-Gankiewicz '14, Michael Bosley, Anthony Fronczkowski '15, Cody Gankiewicz '14, Justin Sawka '14, Shannon Kelly '15, Frank Purdy, Kelsey Schott-Symons '14, Blake Bussard '15, Derrick Snyder & Kristen Russo '14.



Mello '08 & M'14 & (Donson) Mello '15 Wedding



(Cann) Fidler '11 & M'16 Wedding



Traylor '12 & (Bumgardner) Traylor '14 Wedding Pictured Amanda (Freese) Males '12, Rachel Darpino '14, Leanne McCabe, Melanie Benton, Chelsea (Stigile) Gilheany '14, Megan (Shockley) Gresham '14 & M'16, James Davis '13, Brian Lynch '12 & '14, Alyssa Sweeney '14, Jenny Gazda '14, Courtney Chrisman '12 & M'14, Melissa (Freese) Lynch '14, Erin (Cherniak) Reeves '13, Hayley Freeman '14, Corrine Link '14, David Gresham '13, Lindsay (Wild) Kolankowski '11 & M'13, Colleen (Fordham) Quandt '13 & M'15, Curtis Quandt '12 & M'14, Brandon Barbazette '12 & M'14, Patrick Reeves '11 & Garrett Connell '14.



Pettitt '11 & (Tavik) Pettitt '10 Wedding



Cenname '14 & (Biederman) Cenname '14 Wedding



Gankiewicz '14 & (Daronco) Gankiewicz '14 Wedding Pictured Meredith (Watts) Wayner '14, Tracy Morey '14, Anthony Fronczkowski '15, Shannon Kelly '15, Zach Symons '12, Courtney (Donnelly) Bennett '12, Tyler Bennett '12, Kelsey Schott '14, Kristen Russo '14, Justin Sawka '14, Blake Bussard '15, Sarah (Benson) Moffett '11, Richard Moffett '12, Morgan (Pearson) McDowell '14, Chelsea Chmel '15, Thomas Burke '15, Christy Smith '17, Ryan Burton '19, Julia Howser '15, Kelsey (Hoch) Cozza '14 & Kristina (Kanter) Garcia '14.



Frost '15 & Marecki '16 Wedding Pictured Abigail Richards '17, Laura Hartman '16 & M'18, Drew Landgren '16, Alexandra Shiffett '15, Brandon Austin '17, Kylie Vogelsang-Austin '16, Michael Inman '14 & M'16, Katherine Forte '16 & Will Jones '16.



Martin '15 & Warfield '15 Wedding



Seipp '15 & (Rogers) Seipp '15 Pictured Annie Seipp '17, Matthew Seipp '12, Michael Seipp '10, Tyler Wilson '16, Rachel (Doyon) Shaver '15 & M'17, Brandon Shaver '16, Shaina Yourik '16, Kenny Jacobson '15, Matthew West '15, James Goodwyn '16 & M'19, Krista Mohlenrich '16, Claire Schroyer '16, Stephanie (Yourik) Wiegand '12 & SU Women's Basketball Coach Kelly Baskow.

**Births**

Ryan Adkins & **Emily (vonGunten) Adkins '05** – Son: Logan Carter (*right*)

John Winkler & **Emily (Kordish) Winkler '05** – Daughter: Savannah (*right*)

**Joseph Eshbach '06 & '11** & Heather Eshbach – Daughter: Annabel Coral

**Joseph Conroy '07 & Jane (Stromyer) Conroy '08** – Daughter: Piper Mae (*right*)

Andrew T. Mattocks & **Celina (Ryan) Mattocks '07** – Daughter: Rosewood Celina (*right*)

**Nicholas Fiorentino '08 & M'10** & Kaitlyn Fiorentino – Son: Logan Scott

Michael Karp & **Melissa (Kordish) Karp '08** – Daughter: Madeline Jane (*right*)

Jason Dize & **Desirae (Green) Dize '09** – Daughter: Brynley Rae (*right*)

Ken White & **Jennifer Dunkes '09** – Daughter: Lillian (*right*)

Brad Smith & **Amanda (Brown) Smith '09** – Son: Myles (*right*)

Brian Soper & **Laura (Kordzikowski) Soper '09** – Son: Calvin Richard

Dugan Rossi & **Nina (Mancuso) Rossi '10** – Daughter: Eleanor Elizabeth (*below*)

**Brian Willhide '10 & M'14** & Shana Willhide – Son: Brody Robert (*right*)

**Matthew Teffeau '10** & Gina Carbone – Daughter: Harriet Nora (*right*)

**William Malloy '11 & Jacqueline (Durant) Malloy '10** – Daughter: Madeline Paige (*right*)

**Blake Newberger '11 & Anne Klase '11** – Son: Sutton William

Nicholas Trainer & **Amy (Worthington) Trainer '12** – Son: Jackson Christopher (*right*)

Aaron Rosenthal & **Dallas (Wiles) Rosenthal '13** – Son: Cooper (*next page*)

**Nicholas Yount '14 & Rebecca (McDaniel) Yount '14** – Daughter: Natalie Charlene Yount (*next page*)

William Morris & **Victoria (Phelps) Morris '17** – Daughter: Emalyn Grace (*next page*)



(vonGunten) Adkins '05 Baby



(Kordish) Winkler '05 Baby



Conroy '07 & (Stromyer) Conroy '08 Baby & Siblings



(Ryan) Mattocks '07 Baby



(Kordish) Karp '08 Baby



(Green) Dize '09 Baby



(Mancuso) Rossi '10 Baby & Sibling



Dunkes '09 Baby



(Brown) Smith '09 Baby



Willhide '10 & M'14 Baby



Teffeau '10 Baby



Malloy '11 & (Durant) Malloy '10 Baby



(Worthington) Trainer '12 Baby



(Wiles) Rosenthal '13 Baby



Yount '14 &amp; (McDaniel) Yount '14 Baby



(Phelps) Morris '17 Baby

## Deaths

Elizabeth A. (Martin) Amos – March 2, 2020  
 Paula A. Kritz – January 1, 2020  
 Peggy (Stauffer) Watkins Price '41 – April 21, 2020  
 Georgia (White) Mandich '43 – May 13, 2019  
 Ellen P. Libis '44 – January 25, 2020  
 Regina (Griffin) Roop '46 – July 2, 2019  
 Frances (Potts) Wainwright '46 – October 10, 2019  
 Elodie F. Beale '48 – May 16, 2019  
 Alice M. Fooks '50 – October 12, 2019  
 Grace (Wood) Heath '50 – July 11, 2019  
 Emily G. (Bourne) Hyde '50 – March 17, 2020  
 Walter A. Miles '50 – November 28, 2019  
 Margaret A. Toadvine '50 – December 19, 2019  
 Evert B. Fuller Jr. '51 – July 12, 2019  
 Howard "Vic" Keen Jr. '51 – March 20, 2020

Walter D. Webster '51 – October 25, 2019  
 Betty Mae (Dykes) Powell '53 – January 31, 2020  
 Betty (Moore) Simms '53 – October 18, 2019  
 Sylvia A. Givans '55 – December 27, 2019  
 Janice L. (Watson) Miles '56 – February 27, 2020  
 Philip M. Pryor '57 – March 20, 2020  
 Charlotte A. Brown '59 – December 27, 2019  
 Murray "Smitty" R. Smith Sr. '60 – January 20, 2020  
 Mary Jane (Parsons) Weber '60 – September 5, 2019  
 Floyd F. Bassett Jr. '61 – January 5, 2020  
 Edna "Ruth" (Tyler) Hennigan '61 – October, 2019  
 Carol T. Creasy '62 – July 1, 2019  
 Robert E. Greer '64 & M'72 – June 22, 2019  
 Deborah T. Ashley '66 – October 26, 2019  
 Donald K. Carey '66 – February 11, 2020  
 Elwyn "Ed" Cooper Jr. '66 – July 14, 2019  
 Lynn (Oakley) McPherson '66 – June 17, 2019  
 Harold L. Curry Sr. '68 – March 3, 2020  
 Donald C. Evans Jr. '70 - January 10, 2020  
 Stephen K. Buchly '71 & M'75 – January 16, 2020  
 Marilyn M. White '71 – February 9, 2020  
 Theresa (O'Neill) Kessinger '72 - March 20, 2020  
 Calvin L. Massey III '72 – December 27, 2019  
 Emily A. Brothers '73 – October 20, 2019  
 Clary L. (Moore) Jackson '73 - April 3, 2020  
 Jacqueline "Janette" (Fenn) Johnson '73 – October 20, 2019  
 Quentin R. Walsh Jr. '73 – February 9, 2020  
 Jane S. (Stryker) Barton '74 – December 28, 2019  
 Marguerite Ensor '74 – June 2, 2019  
 Robert "Bob" R. Caton '75 – August 24, 2019  
 Joseph F. Filgueras Jr. '75 – February 10, 2020  
 Charles H. Ford '75 - February 28, 2020  
 Philip W. Stephenson '76 – February 27, 2020  
 Gail (Tatterson) Gladding '77 – August 5, 2019  
 David T. Seymour '77 – December 19, 2019  
 Donna L. Godfrey-Rathel '78 – September 15, 2019  
 Shirley L. Smack '78 - March 31, 2020  
 Stephen A. Hall '79 – February 29, 2020  
 Anne M. (MacKay) Lawton '79 – May 19, 2019  
 Norval E. Pritchett Jr. '79 – September 15, 2019  
 Rita L. (Washburn) Weaver '81 – July 26, 2019  
 Kerry L. Blades '82 – March 1, 2020  
 Wanda L. (Crockett) Bonang '82 – July 18, 2019  
 Aronda "Roni" M. (Chapman) Taylor '82 – November 23, 2019  
 Dianne M. (Barlage) Ward '82 – June 11, 2019  
 Frances (Connell) Bradford '83 – October 12, 2019  
 Norma F. Llewellyn '83 – January 21, 2020  
 Kathleen (Casey) Saunders '83 – January 12, 2020  
 Monterey B. Miller M'85 – January 18, 2020  
 Theresa A. (Smith) Dinges '86 & M'93 – December 13, 2019  
 Paul K. Gilbert '86 – April 1, 2017  
 JoAnne R. Scott '86 – January 22, 2020  
 Kathleen (Brennan) Browne '87 – May 10, 2019  
 Kent E. Glindemann '87 – November 20, 2019  
 Leland H. Smith '87 – February 27, 2020  
 Michael K. Healey '88 – October 13, 2019  
 Curtis R. Belcher '89 – April 2, 2019  
 Charles E. "Chuck" Daringer '89 – October 11, 2019  
 George C. Berthard '90 – September 1, 2019  
 Stephen D. Hirsch '90 & M'92 – August 30, 2019  
 Suzanne (Southan) Hirtle '90 – April 5, 2019  
 Karen E. Dean '91 – January 19, 2020  
 Marie D. York '91 – August 27, 2019  
 Joan Demko M'93 – December 28, 2019  
 Suzanne (Pulk) Loeffler '94 & M'99 – September 14, 2019  
 Ralph C. Prepetit '94 – October 27, 2018  
 Patricia A. Taylor '95 – May 3, 2019  
 Antinette S. Turner '95 – July 25, 2019  
 Gregory B. Sherwood '96 – July 5, 2019  
 Patricia A. Elias '97 – August 31, 2019  
 Michael G. Ransom '97 – July 20, 2019  
 Erica L. (Dunn) Wolff '99 – January 12, 2020  
 Christine (Weiss) Martinez '00 – September 15, 2019  
 Kirstin M. Vasauskas '00 - March 18, 2020  
 Billy O. Smith Jr. '01 – January 17, 2020  
 Bradley R. Blumenauer '02 - April 23, 2020  
 Cristy A. Rybacki '02 – December 3, 2019  
 Jessica L. (White) Hock '04 – June 1, 2019  
 Maikki N. Nekton '04 – November 9, 2019  
 Loren R. Rolls '04 & M'07 – May 22, 2019  
 Roberta E. Lewin M'05 – October 6, 2019  
 Adam M. Callahan '08 – December 14, 2019  
 Kathleen S. (Ward) Lehan '08 – March 26, 2020  
 David J. Lerda '08 – July 22, 2019  
 Zachary M. Owens '09 – January 14, 2020  
 Andrew B. Wheeler '11 – May 19, 2019  
 Kyle H. Thompson '12 – October 17, 2019  
 Mary K. "Molly" Megargee '12 & M'15 – June 2, 2019  
 Issrael "Tony" Morales '14 – May 15, 2019  
 Connor D. Anderson '15 - April 27, 2020  
 Alexis M. (Cincotta) Young '17 – February 26, 2020  
 Jauntrena Stanley '17 – September 16, 2019

## Faculty & Staff Deaths

Betty L. Bloodsworth, Management Associate to President Thomas Bellevance – March 18, 2020  
 Susan L. Gray '02 & M'04 (SU School of Social Work Faculty) – April 26, 2020  
 Richard A. Haberstroh M'05 (SU Finance Program Faculty) – April 8, 2020  
 Vicky L. Hill, Admissions Department – January 18, 2020  
 John K. Knowles, Professor of Spanish Literature – September 9, 2019  
 Alfreda Milligan, Dining Services – March 28, 2020  
 George C. Rubenson Jr., Perdue School Associate Dean & Professor – February 25, 2020  
 Garland R. Savage, Custodial Services – July 20, 2019  
 William L. Shamehorn Jr., Director of Janitorial Services – September 14, 2019  
 Mark D. Street, Associate Professor of Management & Marketing – May 20, 2019  
 Wendy L. Thompson, Public Relations – April 22, 2020  
 Joy F. Tyler, Admissions Office – April 10, 2020  
 Helga von Kollmar, Theatre & Dance – September 4, 2019

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