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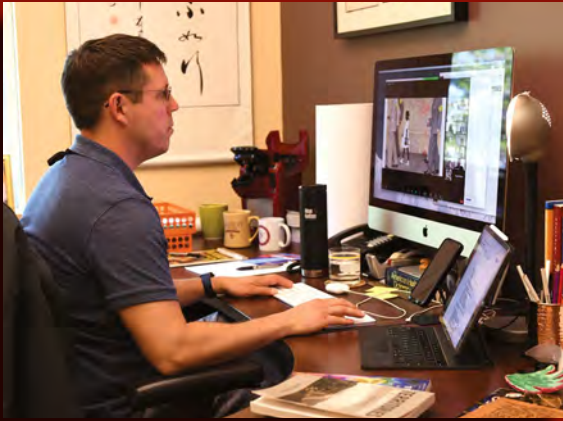
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On the Cover: Head Coaches (and SU alums) Jim Nestor '90 and Troy Brohawn '09 brought home national championships with their teams – women's lacrosse and baseball, respectively. Read about these leaders of the flock on page 9.

Letter from the President

Dear Sea Gull Family,

It is an exciting time to be a member of the Salisbury University community. As we move toward the later stages of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, our attention turns to safely bringing our campus population back to full capacity. This fall, we are looking forward to having our campus life return to our pre-pandemic activity level. We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2025 to campus for the first time as SU students, as well as those current Salisbury University students who opted to remain at home during the past academic year. There is nothing like the energy of an active and vibrant campus. As we look ahead to the 2021-22 academic year, I would be remiss if I didn't express my sincere appreciation for how our students, faculty and staff have persevered through these trying times. Our ingenuity and ability to overcome obstacles together will continue to serve us well into the future.

Many of you participated in one or both of our virtual SU Giving Days this past year. We sincerely appreciate your support of our students. Giving back to your Alma Mater is critical to the success of our institution. Your gift also shows confidence in SU and is a reflection of the experience you had on campus. Your philanthropy set a new standard for giving in one 24-hour period this spring, and I again thank you for your support. Each gift that you make is a part of We Are SU: The Campaign for Salisbury University. We are in the final stages of our \$75 million campaign, and we need your help. Every dollar that is given goes directly to our students to provide that margin of excellence that our state appropriations struggle to cover.

As campus opens back up, I invite you to return to your Alma Mater. We need your presence and your energy physically on campus. Reconnect with your favorite faculty or staff member who made a difference in your life. Engage in a meaningful dialogue while speaking to students in a classroom or join us for a reunion of your club or organization during Alumni Homecoming Week. The bottom line is that our students need YOU! It's been wonderful to see and meet with you all virtually, but nothing beats the personal connection. I invite you to take a campus tour with your family, attend a game or a performance, or simply drop in for a meal at the Commons. We are looking forward to having you back to campus to reconnect and create new memories that will last a lifetime.

With each year that passes, we edge closer to celebrating 100 years of excellence at Salisbury University. SU's tradition of being student-centered started when we opened as a normal school for training teachers in 1925, and that tradition is alive in every classroom today. If you have a piece of SU history that you would like to share, please review the article on page 20 on how to enhance our collection. Thank you for your continued support of Salisbury University, and I look forward to seeing you in person on campus soon.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Wight
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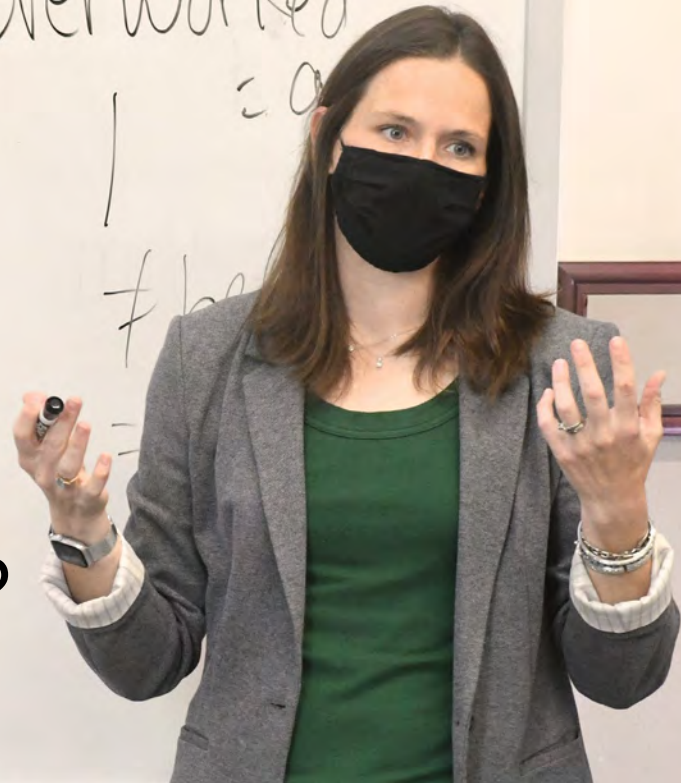
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What Will a Post-COVID SU Look Like?



The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way we live and learn. Almost overnight, Salisbury University faculty had to come up with new ways of providing meaningful learning experiences for their students – and some of these changes turned out to be a benefit. As more people get vaccinated and the world transitions to a “new normal,” not everything will return to the way it was. Faculty from each of SU’s schools and colleges share their experiences and explain how the post-COVID world of education may look different.

Clarke Honors College

Dr. Stacia Kock

Faculty Director, Bellavance Honors Program

“College campuses engage in a sense of community. We are individuals bringing to the table all of our unique skills and knowledge to have this collaborative educational experience with faculty, staff, students and community members. COVID-19 interrupted that experience, and in the process, I think we realized we have to re-evaluate how we create that sense of community.”

As faculty director of the Bellavance Honors Program in SU’s Clarke Honors College, part of Dr. Stacia Kock’s job is engaging first-year students in getting

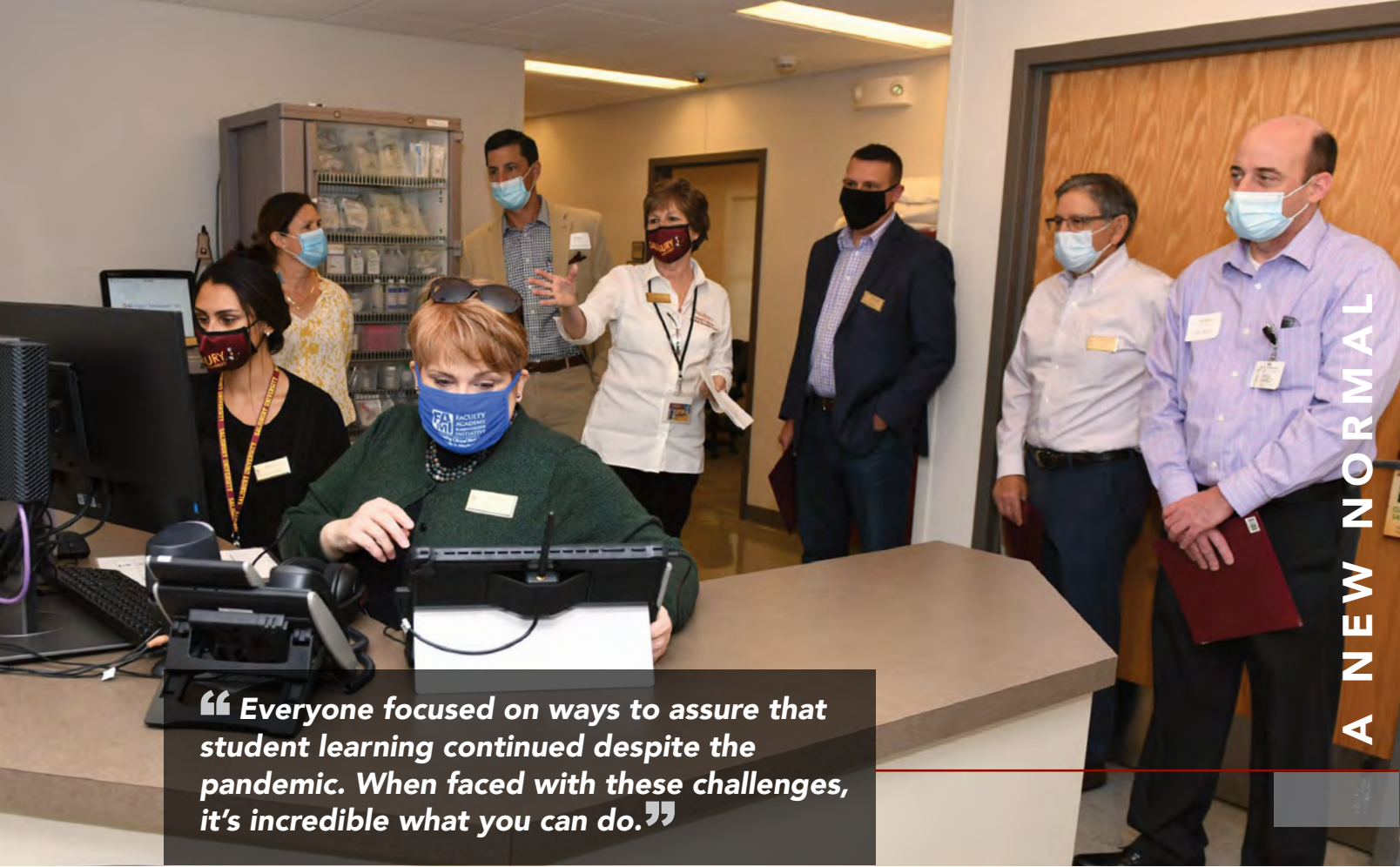
to know the SU campus and Salisbury community. Like undergraduate research, faculty mentorship, Living Learning Communities and civic engagement, the first-year experience course she teaches is what is referred to as a high impact practice – one that leaves a lasting memory with the student. She says high impact practices ask the student to bring their unique contributions to the table and a willingness to challenge themselves in order to engage with other people on campus.

When a lot of that hands-on work and in-person interaction was lost, faculty had to find new, creative ways to ensure students still got the high impact practices they need. Kock explained that before the pandemic they would rely on face-to-face communication; COVID-19 helped them figure out other ways to communicate and how to use technology to their advantage.

In the first-year experience course Kock teaches, students must present the preliminary findings of their semester research project to a scholarly audience, such as at a conference. In past years, these events modeled a traditional academic conference, where attendees could visit various panels and ask the presenters questions. This year, all of the student presentations had to be converted to an online format via Zoom.

Even so, SU faculty were surprised with how well the virtual conferences went. Students were especially engaged in Q&A sessions, being attentive listeners and asking thoughtful questions about the research of their peers. Many students took advantage of the chat feature on Zoom to field their questions, where in a traditional conference setting, they may have felt intimidated about speaking up. Many students felt more confident presenting from the comfort of their homes rather than in front of a conference hall full of people, and this allowed for more meaningful conversations. Kock predicts that moving forward, they will have virtual options for students to present their research even after the restrictions of the pandemic subside.

Another change Kock plans to make after the past year is to offer both face-to-face and virtual office hours. While many people are experiencing “Zoom fatigue,” Kock has found that virtual office hours are very convenient for her students. Many students have other circumstances going on in their day-to-day lives that faculty were less aware of before COVID-19. If a student is working a job while attending classes, for example, virtual office hours allow them to drop in, ask a quick question and drop out. Kock thinks that having virtual office hours in addition to in-person



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office hours allows her to be flexible for her students. She hopes that in a “post-COVID” society, faculty will continue to be innovative and mindful of how they’re helping students reach their goals.

“I think higher education is going to look a little different post-COVID,” Kock said. “It’s inevitable that all of us had to engage in different teaching practices during the shutdown period – and some of those practices turned out to be a benefit.”

College of Health and Human Services

*Dr. Lisa Seldomridge
Professor, School of Nursing
Director, Richard A. Henson
Medical Simulation Center*

When SU closed its campus in March last year, the Richard A. Henson Medical Simulation Center remained open for another month. It was deemed a critical operation, helping faculty pivot to remote instruction, compiling free educational resources and training patient actors in the use of technology to ensure learning experiences could continue. Dr. Lisa Seldomridge, the Sim Center director, said that by the time campus reopened in fall 2020, they had gained such skill and

comfort in delivering simulated learning remotely that there was almost a reluctance to return to in-person operations.

At the time, it made sense to continue remote instruction – just like many people across the world were having real telehealth appointments with therapists and specialists from their homes. Faculty had to adapt to the online learning environment so they could teach the same scenarios that students might see in real-world settings – everything from mental health counseling to discussing end-of-life plans with family members of chronically ill patients. In fact, some scenarios worked so effectively that they will continue in the fall 2021 semester.

“One of the things we learned through COVID-19 is under what circumstances we could deliver effective health care,” Seldomridge said. “We tried all kinds of interesting and different ideas – things we may have never thought were possible.”

When Seldomridge and her colleagues got together to solve the challenges presented by COVID-19, they found surprising possibilities to recreate the same learning experiences in new ways. They even learned they could control simulation mannequins remotely, allowing them to de-densify the space in the Sim Center by having learners inside the room, but operators outside the building. They also

learned that having students in these smaller, de-densified groups can be more effective because it required each learner to take a more active part in navigating the simulations. Thanks to support from the Provost’s Office, the Sim Center is receiving additional mannequins so it can operate more efficiently when students return for the fall 2021 semester.

While it cannot take the place of in-person appointments and physical examinations, many health professionals believe telehealth is here to stay. Telehealth existed before the COVID-19 pandemic, and as it becomes more commonplace, the technology may become more sophisticated – perhaps including interactions to examine a patient’s throat and ears. Students planning to enter health fields will need to have the communication skills necessary to serve patients remotely – and after what they’ve learned over the past year, Seldomridge said, the Sim Center is prepared to offer those experiences.

“I saw a tremendous amount of creativity among colleagues,” Seldomridge shared. “Everyone focused on ways to assure that student learning continued despite the pandemic. When faced with these challenges, it’s incredible what you can do.”

Fulton School of Liberal Arts

Dr. Sarah Surak

*Associate Professor, Political Science Department
and Environmental Studies Department*

When the shutdown happened last spring and everyone was forced to their homes, for many, it felt like the world had gotten smaller.

However, many faculty across the disciplines found ways to incorporate international elements into their classes and open doors to a bigger world. Dr. Sarah Surak of the Political Science and Environmental Studies departments is one faculty member incorporating “global enhancements” in her courses.

“There are some things you simply cannot do the same way in a virtual classroom,” Surak said. “The past year has challenged me to expand beyond my traditional teaching methods, adding in assignments and activities to leverage and respond to the new learning environment.”

As the world becomes more globalized, the importance of an international education is increasing. But for many students, the traditional study abroad experience is not possible. Students might be in athletics or working jobs, or have other individual circumstances that prevent spending an extended period of time outside of the United States. Each year,

only a small number of students study abroad, but global enhancement courses are something any student can do, even from their home.

When the learning environment was restricted to an online setting and study abroad opportunities came to a halt, Surak believed it was still important for her students to engage with people who have different perspectives than them. She connected with new colleagues at la Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología (ULACIT) in Costa Rica, and together they created group assignments pairing students from ULACIT and SU. In international groups, students participated in class debates and cultural exchange events. The ULACIT students were in a different time zone and had different world views, socializations, perspectives and languages, but Surak was impressed by her students’ ability to open up, engage and learn with them.

“The cultural exchange might start with them talking about something simple, like music or food, but the conversations turn to complex social issues quickly,” Surak said. “My students described having insightful, hourlong conversations with people with a different world view than them. These types of conversations would not occur in a typical classroom.”

“I won’t forget the experiences we discussed where we learned and embraced our cultures,” said Tyler Shaw, a student in Surak’s POSC 101 Introduction to Politics course. “These exchanges really should happen more because I would never have an opportunity like this outside of school. This is also very special because we were able to do it during a global pandemic.”

The pivot to online instruction has given educators new opportunities to approach teaching and learning. After teaching at SU for eight years, Surak said it’s easy to get into a routine, but having to think about things differently inspired her to explore new learning opportunities. It also created partnerships beyond the classroom. She has now given several guest lectures at ULACIT and plans to assess the global enhancement project through a formal research study with ULACIT partner faculty Professor Maria Batista. While she’s not quite sure what the future looks like for international education, there’s a lot she’s eager to keep incorporating into the classroom to make her classes more accessible to any type of student.

“I’m excited we have the opportunity to think about these things going forward,” Surak said. “I now feel very prepared to teach my students in any modality; this has helped me become a better teacher.”

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Henson School of Science and Technology

*Dr. Jennifer Nyland
Associate Professor, Biological Sciences Department
Director, Henson Honors Program*

Like many faculty, Dr. Jennifer Nyland became more aware during the COVID-19 pandemic that there is more than one type of learner. Translating her teaching methods to an online setting was a bumpy road, but she quickly found a way to take advantage of the technology and resources available to faculty.

“I felt SU did a really good job with giving faculty the resources they needed to teach in any modality,” Nyland said.

When returning to classes last fall, Nyland and her colleagues in the Henson Honors Program each found different ways to implement the same rubric. Her involvement was crafting the MyClasses environment to best facilitate students’ learning and take advantage of the platform’s capabilities. Where in a normal classroom she may write reminders on the board, she tried to simulate this by using MyClasses announcements and making all the class documents available digitally. She expects practices like making materials more accessible will continue and is open to all

different kinds of note-takers and learners.

On the other hand, teaching in the sciences – where hands-on lab experiences are critical to students’ learning – came with its own set of challenges. During the spring 2021 semester, she taught her Immunology and Cell Biology courses in a hybrid format to ensure students could spend valuable time in the lab. Even so, the de-densified classroom looked very different, with students working solo at their own lab stations.

“I found myself always saying, ‘In a regular semester, we would be able to do this ...’ In those cases, I always tried to frame it in a real-world setting,” Nyland said. “Even though they didn’t get the same experiences, all my students said they appreciated the ability to be in the lab touching things, using microscopes and experimenting.”

One thing she appreciated about her biology courses was that even though everyone was wearing masks and social distancing, they still found new ways to replicate the typical lab experience along with a sense of humor. Students were collaborating by shouting through their masks to classmates 6 feet away. Only one student could write on the board at a time, so others would use their phones to take

pictures of the notes. Nyland said some students would even lift their eyebrows over their masks and say, “Look how excited I am!”

As everyone prepares to move forward to the “new normal,” Nyland said her experiences during the pandemic solidified to her that the hands-on component is important for many students. In the past, she had thought about switching from a lecture-based class to a flipped model, where students complete readings at home and work on problem-solving skills during live class time. However, she was never able to try it until last spring, when she had to. For the 2020-21 academic year, she offered her upper-level Toxicology, Immunology and Cell Biology courses as a flipped experience, and she said it made class discussions much more useful. She never knew what students were going to ask, and she still had to find a way to make sure students always had what they need. As a result, the conversations her classes were able to have were much richer and more productive.

“One thing I am looking forward to in the future is being able to collaborate with each other more closely,” Nyland said. “Even if we have to continue wearing masks, we know better now how to meet students where they are.”

“The world is our textbook now. We may not have all the answers, but there’s a humility here that says, ‘Let’s figure this out together.’”



Perdue School of Business

Dr. Michael Koval
Associate Professor of Business Law,
Accounting and Legal Studies Department
Faculty Director, Business Honors Program

While taking a remote learning training course, Dr. Michael Koval heard that transferring an in-person class to an online format is a lot like adapting a novel into a movie. The story is the same, but the way you tell it is completely different.

“When we went online last year, I knew I had to take advantage of the new medium I was using,” Koval said.

Koval spent hundreds of hours over the summer reconstructing his courses to prepare for teaching in a hybrid modality in the fall. Rather than record lectures for the online component, he focused on enriching the course with outside voices and other visual elements. For each lecture, he created a “video storyboard,” which included PowerPoint presentations, images, videos, fun facts and other unique aspects. Students could scroll through the material as if they were going down a social media page.

“It was a lot of work, but I’m really proud of the result,” Koval said. “I was able to bring in diversity and demonstrate to my students that it’s not just me who is telling them this stuff. All of this information is out there in the real world. I think they really responded to it.”

Koval said the advantage of this is that he could bring various pieces and perspectives into the course that he wouldn’t have time to do in class. For example, during a lesson on product liability for his Legal Environment of Business course, he included skits from comedians talking about the odd warning labels on products. Where he may focus on more current issues in the classroom, the online modules allowed him to bring up old cases such as the McDonald’s hot coffee case, the seminal product liability case. He also included more “weird, interesting things.”

“Have you ever wondered why hairdryers include the instruction ‘Do not use while sleeping?’” Koval said. “It’s because of this case where a woman decided she could only fall asleep if she had her hairdryer running next to her pillow. It caught the bedding on fire, she was harmed, and she sued the company.”

Koval said this not only helped engage his students who suddenly had to take more responsibility for their learning, but it also allowed him to bring more diverse voices into his lessons. When searching for videos or other “fun” things to include in the online modules, he took care to choose ones that reflected a more diverse panel of experts. He also incorporated issues of diversity and systemic racism into a unique class project modeled after the Mad Libs

word game. Students filled in names of people, states, foods, etc., into a document that created a unique case for them. Each student then had to take their scenario and analyze the legal principles behind it – which, for example, may include looking into the laws of different states. Then, they were given a picture of the plaintiff and encouraged to think about how racial biases may affect their case. Adding such layers of nuance changed the feel of the assignment without diminishing the learning principles.

Koval has detailed his experiences in adapting to the pandemic in an article titled “Legal Environment De-densified: Making It Work by Letting Them Go,” which recently was published in the *Atlantic Law Journal*. For the fall 2021 semester, he is exploring ways he can continue to bring these unique elements and learning experiences into his courses.

“The days of professors being the gatekeeper are over. We’re no longer able to say, ‘Read the textbook and then you’re going to have a test on it,’” Koval said. “The world is our textbook now, and it’s our job to incorporate that into what we’re teaching. We may not have all the answers, but there’s a humility here that says, ‘Let’s figure this out together.’”

Seidel School of Education

Dr. Dean Ravizza

Professor, Secondary and Physical Education Department

When trying to find ways to translate his courses to an online environment, Dr. Dean Ravizza was met with a number of challenges. Much of his focus is in working with children and youth with disabilities – and for his students, nothing quite compares to the valuable firsthand experience they would receive in the classroom.

If a student were working with a child with autism and dealing with unforeseen noises in their environment, how would they get the child back on track? How would a student work with a child in a wheelchair versus one using crutches? Even if students are working with two children with the same disability, their experiences may be completely different.

“The spectrum of disability is why I teach my students to put the individual person before the disability,” Ravizza said. “I had to find a way for my students to experience the unpredictability of working with many types of children with disabilities.”

One way that Ravizza tried to give his students more authentic class time was by making videos of himself, which his students could then analyze – in a way, they were job shadowing through a screen. This way, they could see how a child might react in a particular situation where there may be unpredictable factors and discuss ways in which they could handle it. Other scenarios required more creativity, such as a swim class that could no longer be done in the pool. Instead, Ravizza demonstrated swim strokes on a scooter board on dry land (something his students got a kick out of). He also taught remotely from Maggs Gym, where he could get out his equipment, put himself in a wheelchair and ask his students to help guide him through a particular scenario.

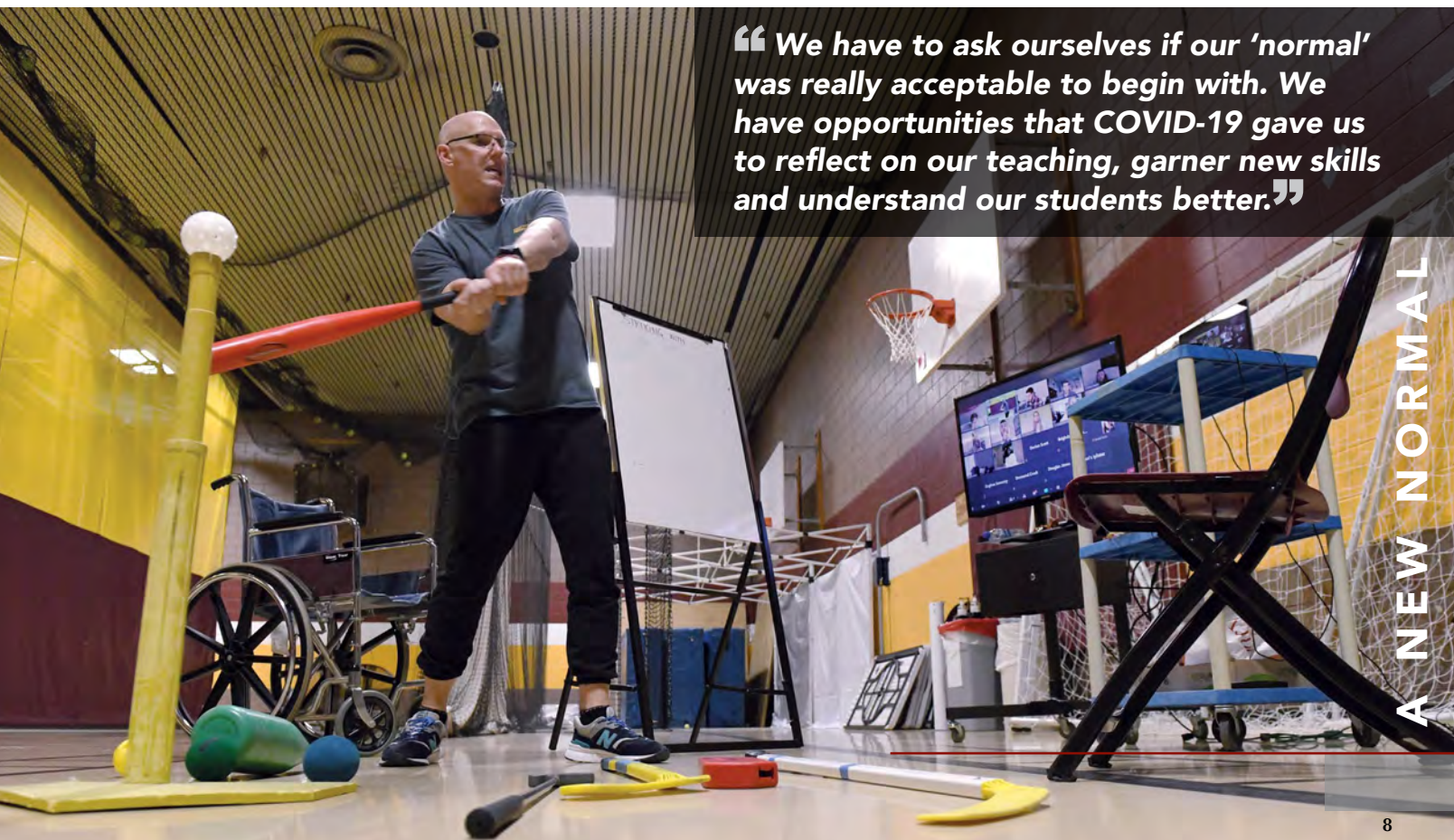
While trying to address these challenges with fun and creativity, Ravizza became more aware of the accessibility issues and individual circumstances of his own students. Some of his students struggled when classes moved online, and there were times that the digital divide or other issues such as income level or mental health became problematic for them. Allowing his students more freedom to work in self-paced ways was important, and he

tried to create accessibility options to help accommodate all types of learners from a wide range of backgrounds. One way he did this was by having “class time” where he would be available at the same time each week for students to drop in via Zoom and ask questions, but not requiring that students attend so they could set their own schedule.

Looking forward, Ravizza believes the academic world should consider replacing some classroom seat time with more competency-based requirements. This something he is continuing to think about going forward so he can ensure his students have the experiences and assistance they need.

“I think we’d be remiss to think that once this is all over, we’re going to go back to normal,” Ravizza said. “It’s not going to look the same, and I don’t think it should look the same. We have to ask ourselves if our ‘normal’ was really acceptable to begin with. We have opportunities that COVID-19 gave us to reflect on our teaching, garner new skills and understand our students better.”

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ALUMNI COACHES BRING IT HOME!



By Jayme Block '97, M'99
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Mental Toughness Is Key for Nestor's Team

There are many words you can use to describe the Salisbury University women's lacrosse team. Talented, determined, tough and hardworking are a few of the words that describe the team that brought home the 2021 National Championship. These are also the same words that can be used to describe their head coach, Jim Nestor '90.

A four-year member of the SU men's lacrosse team, Nestor played for three different coaches: Joe Rotellini, Ron Roberts and Jim Berkman M'84. He also wrestled for Coach Ron Otto. One theme that he carries with him to this day that he learned in high school and during his time as a student-athlete at Salisbury is that hard work pays off. Nestor took that work ethic to Frostburg State University, where as a graduate assistant he helped the women's lacrosse program win the Maryland State Championship and make the NCAA tournament. From there, he had stops at Colby-Sawyer College and Lafayette University. Then in 1995, he moved on to Gannon University to take over the women's soccer program and start their women's lacrosse program. At Gannon, he was named the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association NCAA Division II Coach of the Year in 1996 and the College LacrosseUSA.com Division II Coach of the Year in 2000. Gannon honored his service in 2018 by inducting him into their athletics hall of fame.

In 2001, SU's then Athletic Director Mike Vienna created a new head coaching position for the women's lacrosse and women's soccer programs. Based on his coaching experience (and desire to be closer to his family due to the birth of twin boys), Nestor applied for and was

selected for the position. He successfully coached both sports for 12 years, where he led the women's soccer team to three appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

Entering his 19th year at the helm of the women's lacrosse program, Nestor knows that every year is different with its own set of obstacles and circumstances. The grit and work ethic that are hallmarks of Nestor-coached teams was put to the test during the 2021 season. Uncertainty, distractions and ever-changing rules for how players were to conduct themselves on and off the field would test the resolve of the women's lacrosse team.

"The mental toughness that we exhibited this year was a big reason for our overall success. I continue to be impressed with how focused our players and coaches were throughout the season," Nestor said. "This was a year where having a seasoned staff who played at SU and knew our expectations of how to come to play every day were key components to preparing our players for success."

That success started with their first game in February and lasted until the National Championship game in May, bringing home their fourth National Championship and second undefeated season in program history.

Success for Nestor goes beyond winning national championships. As an alumnus and one who bleeds maroon and gold, the reputation of the University and lacrosse program means everything, encompassing the current players and alumni who have upheld their standards on the field and in the classroom.

"I am proud of the fact that we have so many alumni who text, email, attend games and give back to the program. The support we have received this year has been unbelievable and we could not have made this championship run without the support provided by our alumni and parents."





*Baseball Head Coach (left)
Troy Brohawn '09*

*Women's Lacrosse Head Coach
Jim Nestor '90*

Brohawn's Journey to the NCAA World Series

Eastern Shore native Troy Brohawn '09 grew up 30 minutes from Salisbury University, but his journey to being its head baseball coach was a journey that took thousands of miles.

A proud graduate of Cambridge-South Dorchester High School, Brohawn first got noticed when he participated in the junior national Olympic festival. He made the team and a whole new world of recruiting opened up. He signed with Nebraska on the pretense that he would be able to play outfield and not pitch for the Cornhuskers. His sophomore year, an injury-plagued season caused his coach to ask Brohawn to pitch for the good of the team. It came as no surprise to anyone who knows Brohawn that he pitched a complete game with 18 punchouts versus Clemson during his first game on the mound. Fast-forward two years and Brohawn was drafted in the fourth round by the Giants. He was then traded to the Diamondbacks, where he performed well as a starter until he blew out his elbow and received the famous Tommy John surgery. When he came back 18 months later, he was now a reliever, winning a World Series ring in 2001.

In 2006, after his professional baseball career was over, his journey to attending and coaching at SU started to take shape. Former Cambridge-South Dorchester High School football coach and then current baseball coach Doug Fleetwood '73 asked Brohawn to come to an SU practice to help their pitchers. At this time, he had no idea that SU had a varsity

baseball team. Brohawn thought he was going to help a club team or some sort of camp when he came to his first practice. To his amazement, SU had a real NCAA team that was talented and hardworking.

That same year, he started taking classes at SU to finish the degree he started at Nebraska. In his first professional contract, his mom made sure the Giants would pay for him to finish his degree and they did. While a student, Brohawn was the pitching coach from 2006-2009 alongside longtime assistant Dr. Ron Siers '89. That education line in his contract his mother insisted on set the stage for the opportunity to coach 30 minutes from where he grew up. After a stint as the head baseball coach at Cambridge-South Dorchester high school, in July 2014 Brohawn was named Salisbury's head baseball coach, succeeding Fleetwood with the ever-faithful Siers still on staff.

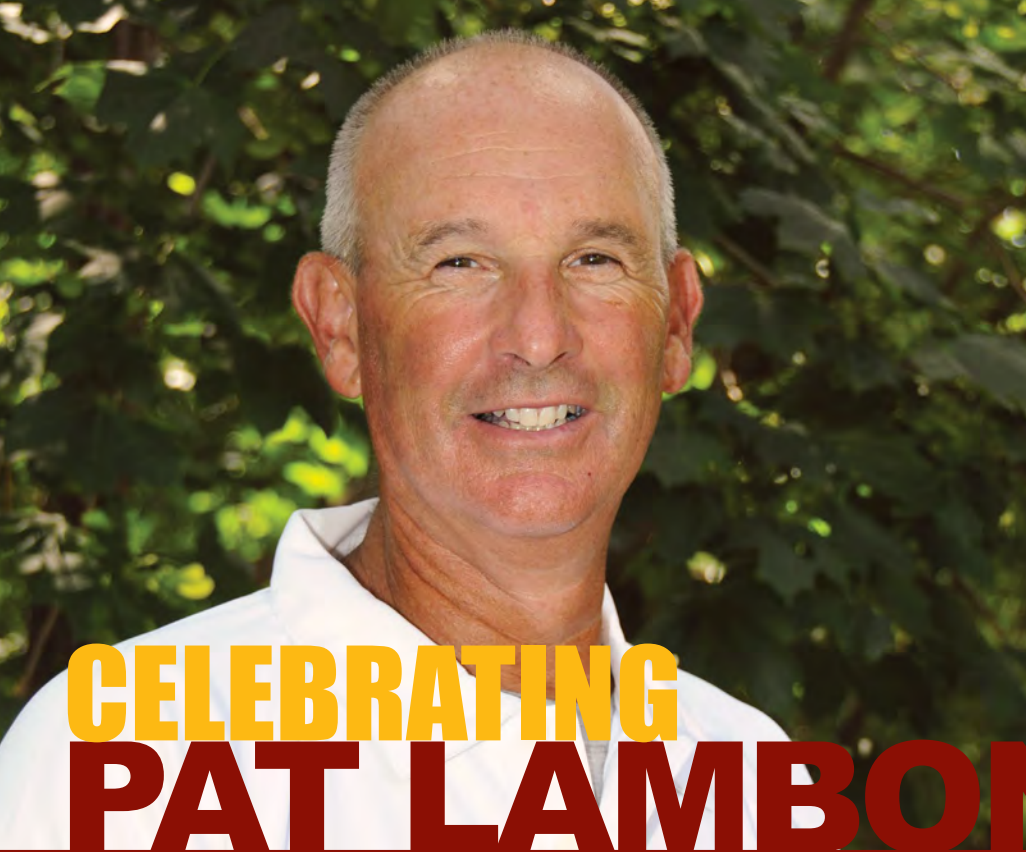
Brohawn's seventh year as head coach was unlike any other due to COVID-19. The added stress of wearing masks, weekly tests and the loss of 15 games tested the players and coaches like never before. When the Sea Gulls raised the National Championship trophy for the first time this spring, emotions spilled out from everyone.

"I look back in gratitude to all coaches who came before us, like Dean Deshon who started the program, as well as all the alumni who helped us win this championship. I am a firm believer that you don't have to play to have a part in winning, and that is certainly the case this year," Brohawn said, who was named 2021 NCAA Division III Coach of the Year. "The support we have received from our administration, alumni, parents, our athletic trainer Mary Tovornik '97 and other support staff has been tremendous. When I got back to the hotel room the night we won, I had 174 text messages waiting for me. That support is what is special about our Salisbury baseball family."

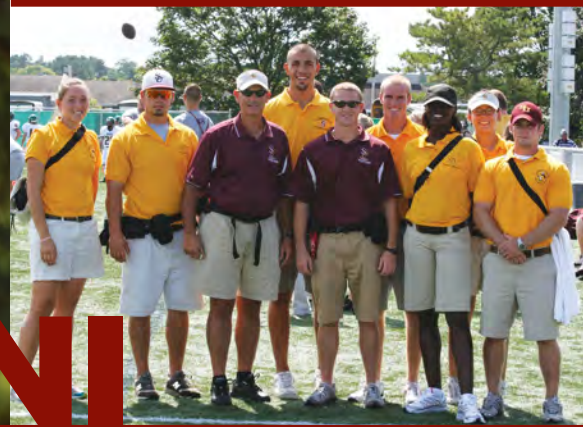


Celebrating Those Who Keep the Sea Gulls Flying

For many athletic programs during this last year, having their student-athletes take the field, court or pool would have been a win and having a team make the NCAA tournament would be cause to celebrate. At Salisbury University, making the NCAA tournament is routine, but with an environment full of unknowns this past year, every week of practice fulfilled was a victory. The COVID-19 pandemic was an opportunity for us to come together at the University and go the extra mile for our students and student-athletes. The unprecedented challenges we faced have tested our institution's culture and unsung heroes have emerged when they are needed most. SU's administration, athletic trainers, equipment trainer and grounds crew all went above and beyond to make the 2020-2021 athletic season happen. As we celebrate our 2021 national championship baseball and women's lacrosse programs, it's important to thank all of those who made it possible for our student-athletes to get the opportunity to participate in the sport they love and succeed.



CELEBRATING PAT LAMBONI



By Jayme Block '97, M'99
Assistant Vice President of Alumni
Engagement and Development

In 1975, no one would have thought that a baseball-loving groundskeeper at Essex Community College would start a journey that would impact the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of students. This year, he retires as a legend in the eyes of many.

The 2020-21 school year saw many changes, but one change that will be truly felt is the retirement of Pat Lamboni '78, M'80. There are many words that can be used to describe Pat: outspoken, tough, hardworking, dependable, loyal and, most of all, a family man. Pat has two families in the greatest sense of the phrase, his biological one and his Salisbury family. He has been there tirelessly for both for over 30 years, and as he starts a new chapter in his life, all

of us now have the opportunity reflect on the effect he has had on ours.

Pat didn't come to Salisbury State as a freshman. He went to Essex Community College to play baseball and hopefully fulfill his dream of announcing Orioles games. As a student-worker on the grounds crew, he met Jerry Vignola. Jerry was revolutionizing many areas of fitness and took Pat under his wing. He attended a Cramer Workshop, a three-day intensive workshop put on by Cramer products and supplies to recruit young professionals into athletic training. Pat was hooked, and since many of his friends were already playing baseball at then Salisbury State, he decided it would be a logical next step.

When he visited Salisbury, he met two individuals who would shape his life forever: baseball coach Dean Deshon and athletic trainer Hunter Smith. The

three of them met and worked out an agreement that would enable Pat to be a student trainer and play baseball at the same time, knowing Pat's goal was to become an athletic trainer upon graduation. Pat went on to play baseball on the 1977 and 1978 teams. They were talented teams that made the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history in 1977 and did it again in 1978. During his time playing baseball, Pat had to leave a game to take a player who dislocated his shoulder to the hospital. This hands-on experience served him well as he got his first full-time job at Catholic University in 1980. After a short stint at Catholic University, the father of athletic training at Salisbury, Hunter Smith, told Pat he was moving on and that he needed to apply for the position.

From day one as the head athletic trainer at Salisbury, Pat started to put his



thumb print on the program. He worked with the head of physical education at the time, Dr. Nelson Butler, to write a curriculum and started recruiting students to become athletic trainers. He hosted the Cramer intensive workshops on campus and attended others in the region to recruit students and to expand the overall education of athletic trainers. All along, he had the support of the University's administration and his colleagues, like Leslie Bartoshesky and Mary Ann Fardelmann, to name a few. Peninsula Orthopaedic Associates was an integral part of the growth of the athletic training program when in 1988, Dr. Tom Brandon joined the team and brought an expertise in sports medicine that helped to build the program to where it is today.

Pat certainly didn't do all of this by himself, but he led the way with passion and the ability to inspire others to do the

extra to be great. This dedication to his craft has produced athletic trainers at all levels and resulted in the University earning its first accreditation for athletic training in 1994. Over the years, Pat's students have worked in the NFL and NHL, and they have held prominent positions at the University of Alabama and Notre Dame.

As he was moving the athletic training program forward, he also was tending to his growing family at home. Pat met his wife Grace '80 at Salisbury in a gymnastics class. At best, Pat was an expert at forward rolls and log rolls, but it did enable him to start a conversation with Grace; the two started dating and it was history from there. Grace was a two-sport athlete during her time as an undergraduate and continues to be a prominent teacher in Wicomico County. The Lamboni's went on to have

three daughters who all graduated from Salisbury University: Katy '11, M'13; Stacey '13; and Kari '16. As his girls are now starting families of their own, Pat decided it was time to step away from his full-time position at SU, but he won't be stepping away from his Salisbury family. The relationships that he has built will last a lifetime and the impact he has made will live on in all the athletic trainers he worked with and all the athletes he cared for on a daily basis.

Many of Pat's colleagues and former students have contributed to create the Lamboni Family Scholarship to honor the commitment of the entire family to Pat's students and to putting resources toward helping the next generation of students who want to enter the field. If you are interested in honoring Pat in this way, please visit please visit giving.salisbury.edu.

Alumni Return to See Their Rocket Launch

Nearly three years ago, eight Salisbury University alumni had the opportunity of a lifetime to design and build a satellite for inclusion on a rocket headed to the International Space Station.

On February 20, 2021, those alumni reunited to watch the rocket take off from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS) at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Wallops Island, VA.

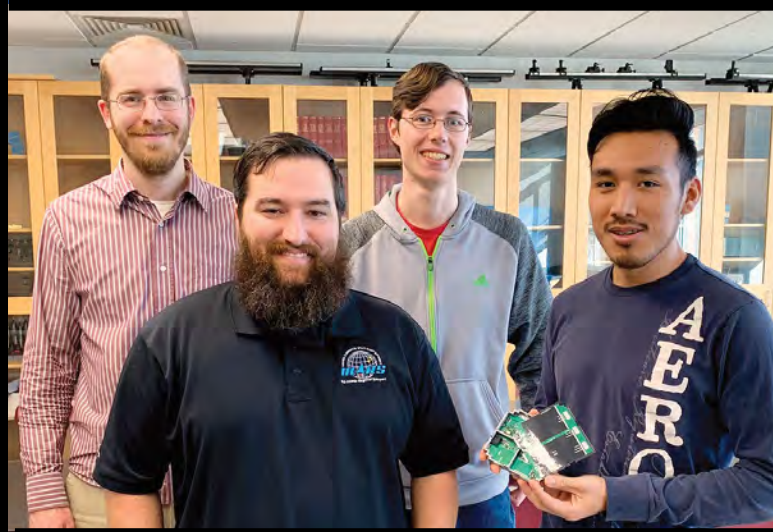
"That moment felt like a major accomplishment because it was three years of work in the making," said Samantha Koehler, who graduated from SU's Physics and Geography programs in 2020. "I've seen so many different launches, but the sense of pride I felt watching the rocket go up – knowing it was something I worked on – is indescribable."

The project was part of a Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority program that tasks students with creating a ThinSat – a small satellite (the size of a slice of bread) that, once launched, relays data back to Earth's surface for analysis. The program allows students to decide what they want to study, develop satellite hardware, test sensor components and collect data.

The eight SU students came up with the idea to measure changes in the magnetosphere and Strong Thermal Emissions Velocity Enhancement (STEVE) – a recently characterized atmospheric phenomenon similar to, but distinct from the aurora. The goal was to determine whether or not thunderstorms can impact the magnetic field in the lower thermosphere and to detect weather phenomena that may be harder to detect with ground-based instrumentation.

"Besides providing a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our students to build an experiment that goes to space, the ThinSat program gives the opportunity to make an impactful discovery," said Dr. Steven Binz, SU assistant professor of physics. Binz and physics colleague, Dr. Nicholas Troup, taught the courses related to the program.

Throughout three semesters during their undergraduate time at SU, Binz's former students researched what others have done in space, developed questions, and designed and tested a satellite that would collect data to answer those questions once launched. This included measurements of Earth's magnetic field, light intensity and color from aurora, and temperature.





Once the conceptual phase of the project moved on to implementation, the students learned firsthand about the challenges and unexpected aspects of working with satellites. Getting everything to fit in the ThinSat required careful planning, cutting out parts of circuit boards they did not need and some very tricky soldering.

"When you first see the size of the ThinSat, you might think that it will be impossible to do anything interesting with something so small," Binz said. "But when you remember how many sensors can fit into a cell phone, you start to realize that the sky is the limit."

Virginia Space created and funds the ThinSat program to increase student engagement and interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields with the long-term goal of building a local, agile workforce capable of performing 21st-century jobs.

Koehler said the project taught her important job skills, including project management, coordinating with a team, meeting deadlines and giving presentations on their work. The experience helped her earn a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) fellowship and an internship through NASA thanks to her experience with instrumentation. It even made her realize she wants to teach, so she can help other students get involved and see their excitement as they discover their passions in STEM. She is currently pursuing her master's in education at SU.

"All my experiences at SU and especially this project allowed me to focus my interests on what I want to do," Koehler said. ThinSat provided her the opportunity to consider several universities for when she is ready to get her Ph.D. She shared, "How many people can say they put something into space?"

Other SU alumni who participated in the ThinSat project include Jesús Cruz, Luke Schofield, Michael Limpert, Ian McCann, Jack DeRycke, J.T. Richter and Jake Sands.



Help a Student Blast-Off Their STEM Career at SU

If you are or know a student thinking about majoring in a STEM field, Salisbury University and the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology are the right choice. We have a small-school feel with big-school resources, critical for teaching and learning in science. Our talented faculty have made teaching science undergraduates their life work. Whether it's working on cures for diabetes or cancer, protecting elephants from extinction or finding habitable planets outside our solar system, our faculty have a real passion for cutting-edge research and teaching. Greater than 90% of Henson majors are either employed full time or in graduate school within one year of graduation. Majoring in a STEM field at SU is a proven pathway to lifelong success.



Matters of the Heart: The Clarke Honors College

By Dr. Andrew Martino
Dean, Glenda Chatham & Robert G.
Clarke Honors College



For Bob and Glenda Clarke, education has always been a matter of the heart. The two met in 1968 while standing in the registration line as undergraduates at what is now called Salisbury University. Soon after they first met, Bob left Salisbury to go into the Air Force and Glenda continued on to earn her B.A. in English. Despite the physical distance between them, Bob and Glenda's lives would forever become entwined from that first moment in an undergraduate registration line more than 50 years ago.

After a life in education, Bob and Glenda moved back to Snow Hill, MD. However, retirement was not in the plan. Once they were back in Maryland, Bob and Glenda became reacquainted

with Salisbury University, a university that had evolved and changed greatly since the late 1960s. In September 2020, the Honors College at Salisbury University officially became the Glenda Chatham and Robert G. Clarke Honors College. The naming of a college is a monumental step forward. It signifies that the donor believes in the mission and the direction that college is taking. For honors at SU, the Clarke gift means that we can continue to offer our honors students an enhanced undergraduate experience. It also means that the Clarke Honors College can play a larger role in helping to raise the level of conversation across campus.

Giving More Than A Name

Since first meeting Bob and Glenda in the fall of 2018, it was immediately clear to me that they were interested in more than endowing a part of the University with their name. There are a lot of different reasons people give to a universities and colleges, but for the Clarks, we are back to matters

“ We wanted to invest in people – the students – and we wanted to invest in something that would be there long after we’re gone. ” – Robert Clarke

of the heart. The Clarkes made it clear that they were not interested in naming buildings (they had done that in Vermont), but instead, they wanted to endow students, to give them the opportunities they might not otherwise have as undergraduate students. The significance of this cannot be overstated. With the Clarke endowment, our honors students will have access to greater resources, and for a regional comprehensive university, this is significant. It means that more of our students will be able to conduct research, travel to conferences, obtain laboratory equipment, access documents that carry licensing fees and a host of other educational experiences that might otherwise have been inaccessible.

In addition to the naming endowment of honors, the Clarkes also have generously pledged \$125,000 over five years for program development. Part of this gift will go to cover:

- The costs for students of two customized honors semesters abroad that are in development; one in Málaga, Spain, and the other in Siracusa, Sicily.
- The costs of updating a reading and social room in the Honors House.
- The costs of a guest speaker series beginning in the fall of 2021.

Endowing Gives Solid Foundation

The Clarke endowment has ensured that honors at SU will have a long and healthy life. The monetary gift left by the Clarkes has changed the trajectory of honors on this campus, but more importantly, the naming of the Honors College has endowed us with a renewed sense of meaning and purpose. We are no longer anonymous, but a named college that in turn reflects a love of learning as a matter of the heart.



Honors education is, by its very nature, interdisciplinary, and the Clarke Honors College draws from every major on campus. In choosing to endow the Honors College with their name, the Clarkes have given to the entire university. The Clarkes also have indicated that they wish to play an active role with our students, hosting them for dinners at their home, mentoring them and passing along a lifetime of experience. The Clarke endowment is a living thing, providing a solid foundation for future generations of honors students.

Sowing The Seeds Of Learning

We are only on this planet for a short time, and what we do with that time matters. Bob and Glenda Clarke have decided to use that precious time to invest in people and promote a life of learning and the pursuit of knowledge and the greater good. Their impact on honors, and on this campus and its surrounding communities, is immense. In a way, all of our students are like plants needing care and cultivation. Bob and Glenda Clarke are careful and caring gardeners, planting seeds that will doubtless yield a beautiful and fragrant future.

Four Fulbright Winners

With application numbers on the rise, SU is proud to have four earn the prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Award for the 2020-21 academic year – and all are members of the Clarke Honors College.



Senior Jessica Pierce won a research award to study neuroscience in Norway. Pierce, a biological sciences and psychology major, is researching the molecular pathways involved with epilepsy.



Senior Julia Rohrer earned an English Teaching Assistantship in Panama. Rohrer, an English for speakers of other languages major, is looking forward to making learning language fun.



Alumni Abiodun Adeoye '20 earned an English Teaching Assistantship in Kyrgyzstan. Adeoye, a history and political science graduate, aspires to teach English and learn about the country's education system.



Kathryn Stout '15 earned an English Teaching Assistantship in Serbia. Stout, an English graduate, plans to do research inspired by her great-grandfather, a Yugoslavian attorney and author who pursued reparations for World War II Yugoslavian prisoners of war.

SU Alumni Employees Come Together to Confront COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic brought many challenges to the Salisbury University campus community. As the situation changed day by day, many things were uncertain. But the one thing that was clear was that confronting the pandemic would take the efforts of every individual who calls the campus home. During this time, many SU alumni came together to make this possible.

One of the biggest challenges at the start of the pandemic was figuring out how to keep campus operating so students and employees could return in fall 2020. Wayne Shelton '79, M'91 (right, second from top), director of the Campus Sustainability and Environmental Safety Office, was one of the people involved in the early planning stages to address this challenge.

"Years ago, the avian flu gave us a small glimpse of emergency planning to go online, but COVID-19 was completely unprecedented," Shelton said. "There was no model for us to follow."

In addition to questions such as what protocols should be in place to protect campus members, there were many other logistics to consider. Shelton was involved in everything from installing air filters in older buildings to helping organize the campus' COVID-19 testing, including transitioning from outdoor operations at the nearby SU-owned Court Plaza shopping center to on-campus, indoors and facilitating self-testing.

"The culmination of our efforts to get testing as efficient as possible is an amazing turnaround," Shelton said. "Everyone worked hard to get things moving and keep the lights on, and it's so far down the road from where we started."

Testing alone was an endeavor that required the collaboration of numerous people and departments. Instrumental in COVID-19 testing was the Athletic Training Program team led by Pat Lamboni '78, M'81, head athletic trainer. SU hired 13 nurses to help with testing and contact tracing – the majority of whom were SU alumni. They are now part of Campus Health, the infrastructure that was created by Terri Stuck '88 to address COVID-19 concerns. Working in the Information Technology Department, Stuck has been a critical asset during the pandemic. She created the system to send testing results to the Wicomico County and State of Maryland health departments, as well as all of the internal IT systems that allow SU to function in a remote environment.

Coordinating many of these efforts and facilitating



communication between departments is Chief of Staff Eli Modlin '16 (left, top), who said the situation has relied on almost every area of campus to contribute. During this time, he's seen many SU alumni come together to keep the campus safe. The collaborative efforts even extend beyond campus, where alumni such as Kathryn Fiddler '96, M'11, D'15 with TidalHealth and acting mayor Julia Glanz '11, M'13 have played important roles in pulling SU and the Salisbury community together.

"From very early on, there was a recognition in the community that we were going to go through this together and address it together," Modlin said.

Looking back on the past year, Modlin said he thinks about the employees who worked late nights and weekends to meet on Zoom and address pressing issues, every student who did everything required to stay on campus and every student athlete who worked hard to keep playing on the field. The efforts of every individual have allowed the campus community to continue to experience SU, even during a global pandemic.

"Seeing how far we've come has been phenomenal," Modlin said. "I noticed this as a student and it's only more apparent now – we have amazing, intelligent, hardworking people who love SU and are willing to do anything necessary to move forward. We were able to accomplish so much because of our people."

Shelton agrees and he shared that as the University approaches something closer to "normal," the one thing he's looking forward to is seeing people return to campus.

"Even though we're all wearing masks, I've enjoyed seeing people come to campus for class or COVID-19 testing," Shelton said. "I'm looking forward to more on-campus events and even saying good morning to people."



Consider encouraging the students in your family to join the next flock of Sea Gulls!

Salisbury University has been serving students for more than 95 years. As SU alumni, you are a testament to the University's legacy of excellence. As the University begins to enter its second century, you are invited to take a new look at SU and consider encouraging the students in your family to join the next flock of Sea Gulls.

SU students engage in cutting-edge research, tracking elephant migration in Zimbabwe, investigating "shorebreak" for beachgoer safety and developing video gaming software for the hearing impaired. They learn from faculty who are experts in their fields, exploring environmental studies with Chesapeake Bay writer Tom Horton and conflict resolution with the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. They study in all corners of the world, discovering biodiversity in Honduras reefs and earning Fulbright Awards to teach English and conduct research abroad. They land jobs at such top companies as NASA, J.P.Morgan, Perdue Farms, Disney and Under Armour.

With one of the highest graduation rates in the University System of Maryland, SU offers students and families a high-quality education at an affordable price, with experiences that are truly life-changing.

SU consistently ranks among the nation's top colleges – and best values – by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Money*,

Kiplinger's and others. *Forbes* called the campus one "for those looking for an excellent return on one of the most important investments of their lives." Students rave about the Guerrieri Academic Commons, ranked by The Princeton Review as one of the Top 20 Best College Libraries in the country. Online graduate programs in business, nursing, social work and GIS management are highly ranked. And, SU is a leader in sustainability, with LEED-certified facilities.

"The SU community offers many special opportunities for students, including undergraduate research, competitive fellowships, professional internships, study abroad and other engaged learning experiences," said SU President Charles Wight. "Our exceptional facilities and our dedicated faculty and staff make SU the perfect place for students with a variety of talents to thrive and make an impact."

Home to 8,000 students, SU offers over 120 majors and minors. More than 70 students have won national and international fellowships, scholarships and awards in recent years, including the Boren, Goldwater and Gates-Cambridge. The U.S. State Department also has named SU a Top Producer of Fulbright students for the past four years. Faculty mentors help students amplify their strengths and goals.

Learn more about today's SU and schedule a visit to see how we've grown by visiting www.salisbury.edu.

According to a recent SU survey of 2018-19 alumni one year after graduation:				In another SU survey of graduates:		
92% were employed	88% were satisfied with the job they accepted	77% work in Maryland	\$50,000 is the median salary	95% are satisfied with their level of preparation for employment	91% are satisfied with their ability to experience intellectual growth	34% enrolled in additional formal education following their SU graduation

AN ADVOCATE AND LEADER: *Honoring Charles Elliott*

When you mention the name Charles Elliott '78 to alumni of various decades and some current students, there are many adjectives that come to mind: selfless, loyal, advocate and servant leader – to mention a few. Charles, who passed away in November 2020, was a talented individual whose ability to see the big picture and put others first created a legacy that will live on at Salisbury University for generations to come.

A Student Leader

Charles came to then Salisbury State College in 1974 from Woodlawn Senior High School in Baltimore. To say Charles was active during his undergraduate years is an understatement. He was a member of the football team and was president of the Black Student Union. He was instrumental in bringing national activist like Benjamin Hooks, Dick Gregory, Stokely Carmichael and Vernon Jordon to speak on campus. Charles was also a founding member of the Gamma Kappa chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. His service to his fraternity lasted well beyond his years as an undergraduate social work student. Charles became a lifetime member who was very active attending conferences all around the country.



A Faithful Alumnus

Charles' service to his community and Salisbury University did not stop at his graduation. He would return to campus multiple times a year, and one visit to campus truly shows the impact he had on others. On March 10, 2011, Dr. Clara Small, SU history professor emerita, received the Harriet Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Small and Charles had a long friendship that started when she was the advisor for the Black Student Union when Charles was its president. He always made it a point to make



sure the current members of the fraternity connected with Dr. Small on a regular basis. When she walked into the Great Hall of Holloway Hall and saw Charles with all the current members of the fraternity in suits there to honor her, she was blown away. Receiving this recognition was an honor, but having so many friends come back to celebrate it with her was the real joy for Dr. Small.

Up until his passing, Charles continued to come to campus regularly to visit the members of the fraternity and keep many of the traditions alive at SU. He never missed an opportunity to see his fraternity brothers and football teammates during Homecoming Weekend. Charles was a nonstop recruiter in the Baltimore area for SU; his unofficial work for the University sent countless students to his Alma Mater. As the president of the Maryland Football Association for 15 years and as a Raven's Rise youth football advisory board member, Charles was a strong advocate for resources to educate and empower the youth in the Baltimore area.

Honoring His Legacy

When close friends, fraternity brothers and family members were looking for a way to honor Charles' commitment to education, they decided to create two scholarships in his name. The first was through the creation of the Charles E. Elliott Foundation, which provides academic support to deserving inner-city student-athletes. The second was created through the SU Foundation. When SU's Charles E. Elliott '78 Memorial Scholarship was announced, the outpouring of support from alumni, friends and current SU students was enormous. They have created a fitting tribute to a man who put others first his entire life and loved his Alma Mater so much that he continually worked to grow the number of Sea Gulls in the flock.

To learn more about supporting the Charles E. Elliott '78 Memorial Scholarship, visit: giving.salisbury.edu/campaigns/charles-e-elliott-78-memorial-scholarship#

NABB RESEARCH CENTER: Call for Memorabilia for Centennial Archive

SU's Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture invites alumni to be a permanent part of history. To celebrate the University's history ahead of its 100th anniversary in 2025, the Nabb Center is calling for alumni to submit SU memorabilia to be added to a special collection within the University archives.

"You can hear a lot of voices throughout the history of SU," said Jennifer Piegols, University archivist and special collections librarian. "It really puts into perspective how things have changed over 100 years."

Piegols, who arranges the Nabb Center's University collections, said they are most interested in items such as alumni diaries from when they were students, personal letters written during their time at SU, and any materials related to student life and student organizations. These could include scrapbooks, photos, film and audiovisual materials, or copies of an organization's constitution, meeting minutes or even public relations material. In particular, they are seeking to diversify the existing collection and document more multicultural organizations and student life.

Dr. Creston Long, director of the Nabb Center, said their goal is to increase some of their holdings that speak to the lives of former students, both socially and culturally. As the archive will cover 100 years of SU's history up to the present, donations could also include reflection materials on the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Often, life on a college campus is reflected by broader society," Long said. "Examples of this might be alumni perspectives on how COVID-19 has affected their post-educational life. If you studied nursing, how did that prepare you for COVID-19?"

Piegols said they do not need materials such as yearbooks, newspapers, textbooks, spirit wear or apparel such as sweaters and beanies, as the archive already has a large sampling of these items. In addition, they ask that alumni not send in anything with severe damage, mold or pests. If there is something alumni want to share but don't want to give up, the Nabb Center can make a copy or take a photo for its online collection.

"SU has grown in student population and has expanded its borders since its inception. The buildings and faces have changed, but



the concept of being a student-centered community has always remained the same," said Jayme Block, assistant vice president of alumni engagement and development. "As we move ever closer to our centennial, it is important that we are able to celebrate as many of our stories as we can."

"It would be exciting for alumni to have their memories instilled in a permanent archive, so their experiences will never be lost over time," Piegols said. "It's fun to be a part of history. You know that another 100 years from now, you won't be forgotten."

Alumni interested in submitting items to the archive may contact Piegols at 410-548-2193 or jhpiegols@salisbury.edu. For those who don't have physical materials to donate, monetary donations are also important to help with digitizing collections and making them more widely accessible. Gifts may be accepted through SU's secure donation website at giving.salisbury.edu/campaigns/university-archives-1#. For more information, visit www.salisbury.edu/libraries/nabb.

The University Archives Is Seeking:

- Alumni diaries
- Personal letters
- Scrapbooks
- Photographs
- Audio and video tapes
- Student organization constitutions, reports, meeting minutes, publications and public relations materials
- Items from multicultural groups

Do NOT Need:

- Yearbooks
- Student newspapers (*The Holly Leaf*, *The Informer*, *The Flyer*)
- Spirit wear/SU clothing
- Textbooks
- Items with mold, mildew, pests, significant embrittlement or otherwise damaged beyond repair
- Personal student records/grades (anything with ID numbers, social security numbers, etc.)

ALUMNI NEWS

Dear Fellow Alumni,



“Out of adversity comes opportunity.”
– Benjamin Franklin

What a roller coaster the last 18 months have been, especially for our Salisbury University family – faculty, staff and students alike. In a global

pandemic with no playbook, leaders at SU were forced to write and re-write the rules day-by-day in the interest of keeping our community safe and healthy while maintaining some semblance of normalcy. And, they did it extraordinarily well; Salisbury University was the only institution within the University System of Maryland that did not have to shut its campus down or change its academic calendar.

Out of adversity, faculty and staff saw opportunity. Faculty adjusted their teaching modalities, schedules, syllabi, and went above and beyond to ensure their students had everything they needed to be successful. Staff across campus – Dining Services, Academic Advising, Residence Life and everything in-between – worked tirelessly, often behind-the-scenes, to provide structure and support for students.

Out of adversity, students saw opportunity. They adapted to online classes

and regular COVID tests. Graduating seniors celebrated in socially distanced, smaller cohorts. They persevered in ways no group of students had ever been asked to do.

Out of adversity, alumni saw opportunity. The thousands of alumni who have come through SU’s nationally ranked nursing program were on the front lines of the pandemic, selflessly caring for others. Alumni business owners shifted gears to keep their doors open. Many alumni put others ahead of their own needs by giving to individuals with financial needs as well as to SU students who received financial assistance from the Student Emergency Fund from the SU Foundation.

Now, the work has been done. Life is slowly returning to a “new” normal. I don’t know about you, but I am so excited to get back to campus for Homecoming 2021 – scheduled for October 18-24. If you’re reading this, you’ve got plenty of advance notice, so plan your trip to the Eastern Shore now!

Go Gulls,

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

Hats Off to New SU Alumni



Teaching and learning weren’t the only things that changed due to COVID-19. With no way to safely organize in-person commencement ceremonies, universities across the nation had to come up with more creative ways to celebrate the accomplishments and perseverance of their graduates.

Last year, SU sent graduates of the Class of 2020 a celebration box at home, and campus community members and families were invited to salute graduates with messages on a digital Kudoboard. This year, SU hosted a combination of in-person activities and six virtual ceremonies honoring graduates from each of its schools and colleges. A four-day “Grad Walk” allowed grads to invite guests to watch them cross the stage at Sea Gull Stadium and enjoy celebration zones around campus for photos. In-person events were designed to comply with COVID-19 public health protocols.

No matter what the future holds, we wish our graduates the best in their personal and professional lives, and look forward to hearing about their successes. Congratulations, Class of 2021 – and welcome to the SU alumni family!



ALUM CAMPBELL IS OLYMPIAN

Track & field standout Luke Campbell '16 joined Team Germany at this summer’s Olympic Games in Tokyo, competing in the 400-meter hurdles.

The most decorated athlete in Division III history, Campbell totaled 11 national championships and 16 All-American honors during his time at SU. Campbell entered the Olympics as the eighth-ranked 400-meter hurdler in Europe, and just prior to the Games, he earned a season-best time of 49.79 seconds in the event.

“The feeling is almost indescribable after such a long journey,” said Campbell when he found out he’d be joining the team. “I’m excited to see a fitting end to this chapter.”

Alumni Spotlight

Ralph Gootee III '05

By Stefanie Rider M'94

When choosing a college, the decision was an easy one for Ralph Gootee. He would follow in the footsteps of his father, Ralph Lee Gootee, and aunt, Amy Gootee-Ash, both graduates of Salisbury University. Initially, Ralph planned to major in computer science; after all, he had been programming since he was a child, but a trusted professor asked Ralph to consider a degree in mathematics. The rigor of these courses challenged him in ways he had yet to be tested, resulting in a firm grasp of concepts that he continues to use to this day.

Like many SU students, Ralph was financially responsible for part of his education. At SU, he worked as a Linux lab administrator and math tutor.

“My advice is to take advantage of the professors who focus on students and the multitude of opportunities at SU,” Ralph explained.

He remembers fondly the countless hours spent with instructors and classmates in the Mathematics Department. These connections would lead to an opportunity to work in the applied physics laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, where he would earn a master’s degree in applied mathematics, probability theory and stochastic processes. While at Hopkins, Ralph worked to develop optimization algorithms and visualization techniques for ballistic missile defense systems. His strong work ethic pushed him to earn a challenging degree while working full time.

Eventually Ralph moved to California and worked for Sony on the company’s first Android phone line before accepting a position at Pixar Animation Studios. At Pixar, Ralph worked as a systems software engineer, turning 3-D images to 2-D and learning from the folks who invented



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simulating physics and transparent images. His work can be seen in the films *Toy Story 3*, *Cars 2* and *Brave*.

Unfortunately, during this time, several of Ralph’s close family members suffered terminal illnesses and passed away. The impact of these losses had a profound effect on the trajectory of Ralph’s life. He decided to take a year, travel the world and experience life beyond the computer lab. While traveling, Ralph and his partner developed the idea for putting blueprints onto an iPad, which evolved into PlanGrid, a multi-million-dollar company. As chief technology officer and co-founder, Ralph and his wife, Tracy, spent the next eight years building the company, which eventually was acquired by Autodesk for \$875 million.

Although proud of his high level of professional success, Ralph considers his greatest accomplishments by far to be the life he has built with his partner in business and family, Tracy, and their two amazing children.

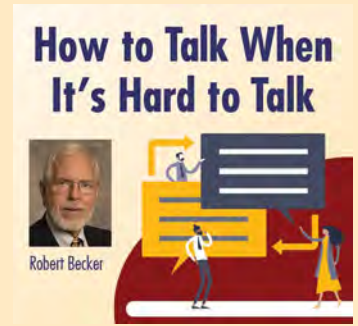
Ralph recently decided to create a scholarship at the University. “SU is a beautiful place where you can be heard and respected,” said Ralph.

The relationships he built with professors created a rich educational experience that he credits in part for his success. “The Gootee Family Scholarship is a way to give back to something that gave so much to me. I want to help someone who would otherwise be limited by financial constraints. I want to provide opportunity.”

Alumni Gatherings Go Virtual

When we could no longer gather together in person, SU's Alumni Association got creative. This past year, they offered a variety of virtual engagement opportunities for alumni with Zoom events focused on topics such as: *Sea Gull Workouts, 2021 Stock Market Outlook, COVID-19 Myth Busting* and *How to Talk When It's Hard to Talk*.

If you were a fan of these events or if you missed out, the Alumni Association plans to offer more virtual opportunities this fall. Be sure and check out the Alumni Events calendar for the most up-to-date listing: www.salisbury.edu/alumni/alumni-events.aspx



A Tale of Two Giving Days #SUGivingDay

By Michelle Pryor '13 M'20, Annual Giving Coordinator

Salisbury University's fourth and fifth annual Giving Days enthusiastically renewed the established culture of philanthropy on SU's campus. On September 29, a rescheduled date due to the coronavirus pandemic, SU's Giving Day 2020 virtually encouraged all Sea Gulls to give back to current students – in any amount.

Similar to previous years, alumni Wayne '89 and Melissa '89 Judkins generously issued a matching gift to inspire alumni and students to give back, while motivating several others to do the same. The SU Libraries, field hockey, School of Social Work, the Student Emergency Fund Endowment and many other campus causes had generous donors offer program-specific challenges to help raise

as much as possible. In one 24-hour period, 1,865 supporters gave \$152,715.67. With the generous matching gift of \$60,449.39, provided by the Judkins family, Sea Gulls raised over \$213,000! But it wasn't over yet.

Just six months later, SU's Giving Day 2021 returned to its annual spring schedule and allowed students another opportunity to fundraise for their programs. On April 6, 2021, with the Judkins leading the matching gift effort, and several other matches for programs like BEACON, softball and the General Scholarship Fund, SU optimistically kicked off another 24-hour fundraising challenge.

When midnight marked the end of Giving Day 2021, 1,863 unique donors had given \$174,519.90 to help various programs across SU's campus. With matching gift and challenge commitments of \$12,000 plus the Judkins generous matching gift of \$56,780.50, Sea Gulls raised over \$243,000! The leaders of hundreds of deserving organizations, academic departments and student groups are now using Giving Day funds to improve the Salisbury experience.

The growing Ice Hockey Club recently purchased its own skate sharpener with Giving Day funds and they plan to purchase ice slots for practices and games, while the Saferide program is saving long-term to replace one of its oldest vans. As a special project, the Medical Laboratory Science

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Program purchased a new water purifier and the Housing and Residence Life Office is funding a critical portion of its resident assistant training. Likewise, the Philosophy Department is funding ongoing programs like the Ethics Bowl team and Eastern Correctional Institution book discussion, while the Dance Company continues supporting its bi-annual dance concerts and visitation from guest-artists. Because of the generosity of SU supporters, the immense student impact of these gifts is too great to be listed entirely.

Thank you to all of those who helped make SU's Giving Days a success! Sign up to be an ambassador next spring and spread the word about Giving Day to fellow alumni, encouraging them to give back. Giving Day truly demonstrates how the value of one gift – combined with others – can make a difference. **Join the excitement on Tuesday, April 5, for Giving Day 2022.**





Your Savings, Your Legacy.

A planned gift is a unique opportunity for you to create a lasting legacy at Salisbury University. By creating a plan to leave your retirement assets to Salisbury University Foundation, you can support the programs that matter most to you while easing the tax burden on your loved ones and heirs.

CHARITABLE BEQUEST

If you plan to include charitable gifts in your estate plans, consider naming the Salisbury University Foundation as the beneficiary of your income in respect of decedent (IRD) assets, while leaving your cash and other investment assets to your heirs. Why? Our Foundation is tax exempt and, unlike your heirs, will not pay taxes on IRAs and other retirement plans.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

Funding a charitable remainder trust with your IRA or other IRD assets as part of your estate plan can help you provide for your heirs and lessen their tax burden. The trust will pay your loved ones' income over a number of years. Your heirs will pay tax on the income over time, as opposed to facing a large tax bill if IRA proceeds were given to them all at once. At the end of the trust, any remaining principal will go to help further our mission.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Some individuals prefer leaving their assets to fund a charitable gift annuity that will benefit a friend or family member with lifetime fixed payments. Typically, this type of gift is appropriate when the beneficiary is fairly senior and/or would like to receive payments that never change. A gift annuity is easier and less expensive to establish and administer than a charitable remainder trust. It also may be funded with a much lower amount. With this plan, usually only one charity is the named beneficiary of the remaining value.

MAY WE ASSIST YOU?

We are here to help! Please contact Director of Development Amy Luppens at 410-677-0084 or asluppens@salisbury.edu to learn how you can provide for the people and the causes you care the most about while avoiding unnecessary tax on your IRD assets.

JOIN THESE DONORS AS MEMBERS OF THE HOLLOWAY SOCIETY

Established to celebrate Salisbury University's heritage and honor Founding President William J. Holloway, the Holloway Society recognizes those who have made planned-gift provisions for the University.

"From 1977 to the present, SSC, SSU and SU has been where I taught and administered, and it is where I have supported with my time and money. My wife, Nancy, and I love SU and what it provides for our leaders of tomorrow. It is without a doubt something most worthwhile to invest in!" - Tom and Nancy Jones



"Salisbury gave me an excellent education that has opened doors for me all the way to the top level in my field. I want to give back and ensure that the next generation of students continue to be challenged on campus." - Gail Kulp



"We love the Eastern Shore in general and have deep emotional and family connections with the Lower Shore in particular. We see the University as an engine for economic and cultural growth and stability for the area through its support of the arts and its innovation and training for the workforce. On a more personal level, we specifically support the School of Social Work in recognition of all the vital work social workers have done for our special needs children." - Charles and Barbara Emery



Seven Join Alumni Association Board



Gail Kulp '00



Jamie McIlvain '96



Lee Roth '00



Patrick Brannan '02, M'04



Shauna Donahue '99



Oliver Gray '08



Jennifer Ziegenfus M'15

The Salisbury University Alumni Association this year has welcomed three graduates to its board of directors: Gail Kulp, Jamie McIlvain, and Lee Roth. Four members also were elected last year: Patrick Brannan, Shauna Donahue, Oliver Gray and Jennifer Ziegenfus.

Kulp graduated from SU in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education and history. She earned her Master of Education in 2004 and Certified Association Executive credential in 2012. She is currently the executive director of Sea Tow Foundation, a national organization dedicated to promoting safe boating practices. She is a member of the American Society of Association Executives.

McIlvain graduated from SU's Communications Program cum laude in 1996. He has 20 years of experience in the utility industry and is currently the manager of business applications and analysis at Exelon. He is experienced in project and program management, and he is currently studying for certification as a Project Management Professional.

Roth graduated from SU in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, international business and marketing. While an SU student, he studied abroad in Grenoble, France, and later studied abroad in India, researching the rise of the Indian economy for his Master

of Business Administration (M.B.A.) from Rutgers University. He has worked for major companies such as Coca-Cola and PayPal.

Brannan is a two-time graduate of SU, earning his bachelor's in accounting in 2002 and his M.B.A. in 2004. He is currently the chief accounting officer for the Agora Companies. He was recruited to lead the accounting and finance function of the 20 companies, which operate in 15 different countries. He has numerous accreditations, including as a Certified Public Accountant.

Donahue is a 1999 graduate of SU's Political Science Program. She later earned her Master of Arts in political science from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2004. She is currently program manager of CareerEdge Funders Collaborative, a workforce development initiative of the Greater Sarasota (FL) Chamber of Commerce. She chairs the Sarasota Local College Access Network Career Exploration Workgroup that connects high school students with careers through community and technical colleges.

Gray graduated from SU in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts in English with a concentration in writing and rhetoric. He later attended Johns Hopkins University, earning his master's degree in nonfiction writing in 2013. He is the marketing manager of Guinness Open Gate Brewery

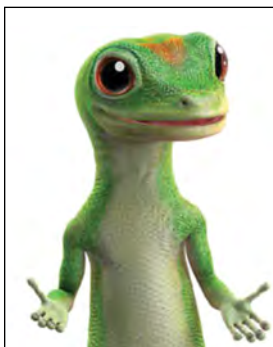
in Baltimore, MD. He is also an award-winning freelance writer whose work has been featured in *Tin House*, *All About Beer Magazine* and *Good Beer Hunting*.

With an undergraduate background in meteorology, Ziegenfus graduated from SU's Master of Education program in 2015. While a student at SU, she worked as an admissions counselor, later working for admissions at Towson University. She recently joined the University of Colorado Boulder as the director of recruitment.

JOIN THE BOARD!

The SU Alumni Association is searching for a diverse group of passionate Sea Gulls who are looking for a way to improve our alumni network and engagement with their Alma Mater. We are looking to add representation from all of our awesome Sea Gull alumni networks and groups across the country and around the world. Through the use of technology, you no longer need to be physically in Salisbury, MD, to attend our board and committee meetings – and to make an impact!

To get more information on how you can make a difference in our SU community and join the Alumni Board of Directors email us: alumni@salisbury.edu



ALUMNI BENEFIT

As SU alumni, 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.



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 2021 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 December 2020 honorees.

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

www.salisbury.edu/alumni/facultyawards

College of Health & Human Services

SCOTT MAZZETTI – HEALTH & HUMAN PERFORMANCE

“Dr. Mazzetti embodies a culture of excellence in and out of the classroom. His courses challenge students to think critically, ask questions, apply lessons to real-world situations, and establish professionalism in both independent and collaborative roles. He goes above and beyond to understand each student’s potential and inspire them to explore their unique interests.”



Perdue School of Business

LEONARD ARVI – ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

“Dr. Arvi helped open the minds of many students, including myself, in regard to investing in the stock market as well as real estate, and is instrumental in providing real-world advice to students. He always went and continues to go above and beyond for his students outside the classroom. In addition, he is adamant about connecting students to alumni and other colleagues to help with job placement, career advancement and further networking.”



Seidel School of Education

RON SIERS – SECONDARY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

“Dr. Siers always brought infectious enthusiasm to each and every class that I was in. He made a huge impact on me when I was at SU and is not only a great teacher, but also a great person who steps up for others in a time of need. Dr. Siers was one of the most memorable and influential teachers that I have had in my life, not just at SU.”



Fulton School of Liberal Arts

MICHAEL LEWIS – ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

“Dr. Lewis was the first to help me understand why I needed to care about history. He showed me how everything in the past relates to what’s going on in the world right now. And completely changed the way that I view the world and lit a fire of passion in me that has remained to this day.”



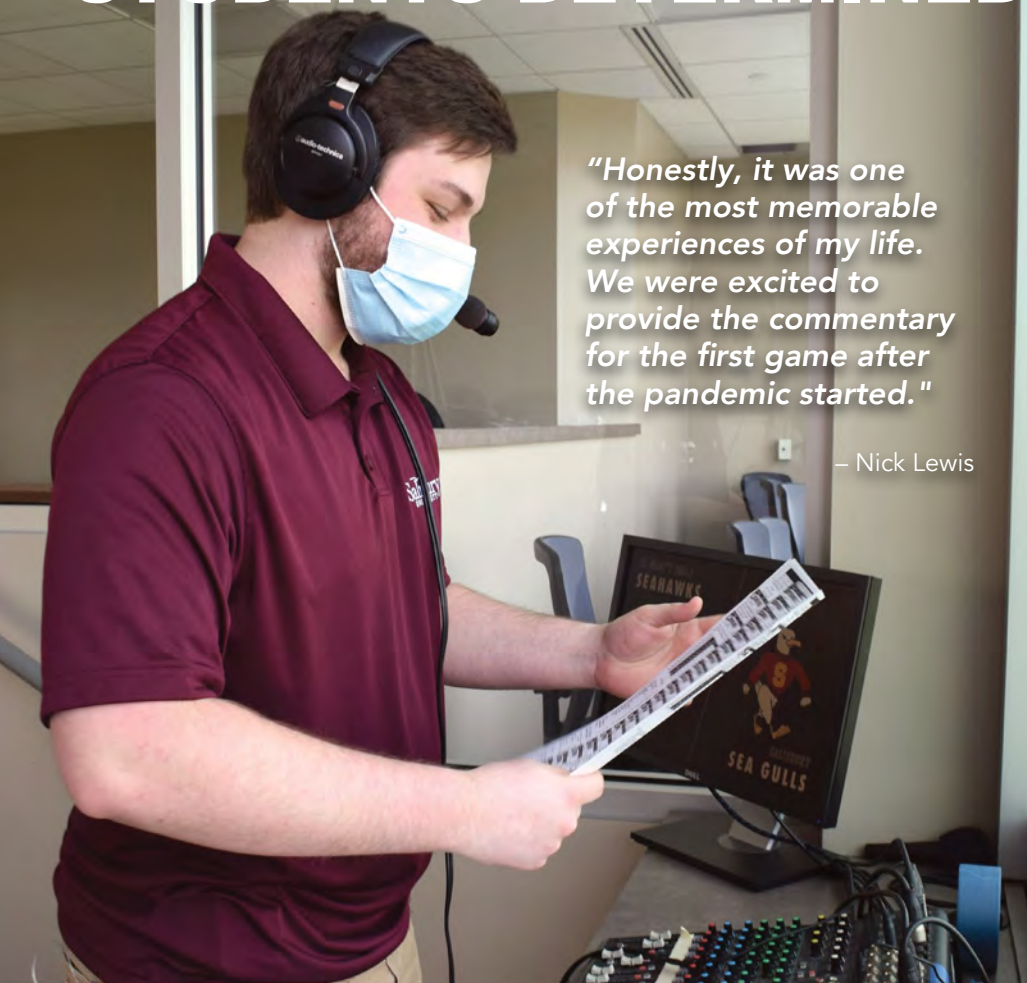
Henson School of Science & Technology

SOPHIE WANG – COMPUTER SCIENCE

“Dr. Wang taught us a way of life that we could not have known we needed before. She is one of a few women I had the pleasure of working with in the classroom who had been in the computer science field and worked in a male-dominated industry. Her courses were difficult, but more importantly, they were valuable; I think she did an amazing job teaching very complex concepts.”



STUDENTS DETERMINED TO PLAY ON!



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– Nick Lewis

It was a day that many people will remember across Salisbury University's campus: March 12, 2020. The baseball team had come back to defeat Shenandoah in a nationally ranked battle, but it was also the same day that SU Athletics announced its suspension due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic across the country. Track & Field athletes who were set to compete at the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships had to turn right around as they arrived in North Carolina and the teams were sent home for an extended break.

All of SU's spring teams had looked strong, as baseball, softball, and men's and women's lacrosse were ranked in the top 10 in the nation. But as the athletics suspension turned into a cancellation for the foreseeable future, it was an uncertain time for the Sea Gull community.

Adjusting To The Unknown

"I'm sure I had the same sentiments as a lot of the students at the time, that we were getting a nice, little break in the middle of the semester," said Nick Lewis, a junior communication major, who is one of the lead broadcasters for the Sea Gull Sports Network. "However, when the COVID-19 pandemic started to take shape, the shock was there and with it came the uncertainty throughout that spring and even into the summer and fall about what will the campus atmosphere be once we are back."

"It was a challenge to adjust to the grind of the season with playing and practicing almost every day to all of a sudden coming to a halt," said Kaleigh Edwards, a graduate student on the SU softball team. "I was so used to being with my coaches and teammates, and then we were at home. My team did a good job staying connected with everyone in the lockdowns."

A Question Of Eligibility

Edwards was in a unique situation as the 2019-20 season came to an end. She was a senior on the team and her athletic eligibility was supposed to be over as she graduated in May 2020. Due to the spring cancellations, the NCAA granted a blanket waiver for an extra year of eligibility for student-athletes who were impacted. Several student-athletes, including Edwards, took advantage of the opportunity of an extra year to play a sport that was near and dear to their hearts.

"I had mixed emotions when it came to whether or not I would be able to come back and use the extra eligibility," stated Edwards. "I knew it would be a two-year commitment to the graduate program if I decided to return to SU, but I know I would never get this opportunity again to play with this team and compete for a championship. The skills that I learned as an undergraduate prepared me well when it comes to time management as a graduate student and playing sports."

A Meaningful – And Safe – Experience

When the NCAA and new Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference announced before the start of the 2020-21 academic year the cancellation of the fall championships, SU and the athletic administration went to work on how to provide a meaningful and fulfilling experience despite not having formal competition in the fall. When students returned to campus in August, the athletic training staff and the sports performance coaches implemented protocols to make sure that student-athletes were fit for practices and workouts.

In January 2021, SU announced that athletic competitions were returning during the spring semester with the men's and women's basketball and swimming teams getting a chance to compete in the winter, and fall and spring sports competing in a condensed schedule beginning in March.

The Salisbury men's basketball team was the first to take the floor and represent SU in competition on January 20 with a 67-58 win over Virginia Wesleyan.

"Honestly, it was one of the most memorable experiences of my life," said Lewis. "We were excited to provide the commentary for the first game after the pandemic started. With no admittance allowed at the time, the campus community along with visiting fans relied on us and our production to keep up with how the Sea Gulls are doing. When myself, Malcolm (Gibson) and Matt (Munson) were texting back and forth to prepare for the game, you could tell the excitement was there and I hope it was translated clearly with that first broadcast."

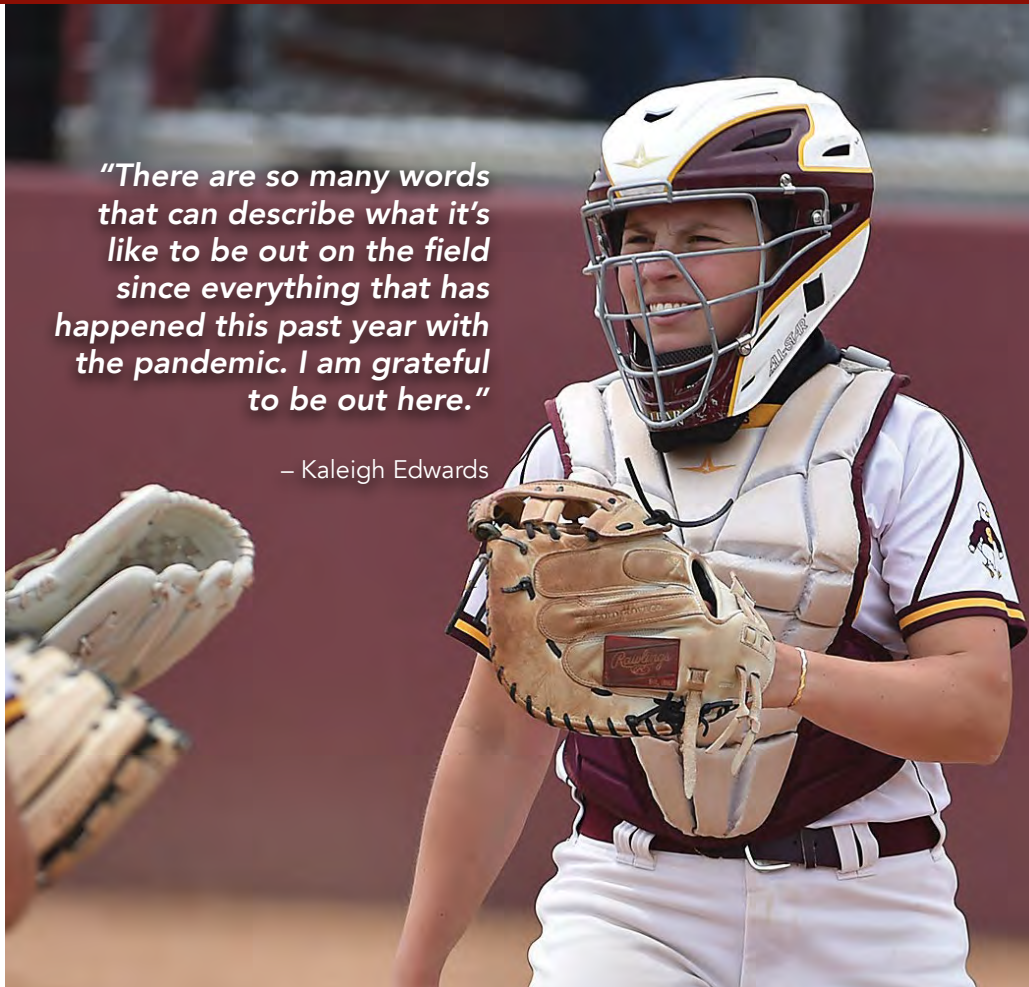
A Challenging Schedule

As the winter sports concluded, there was a new challenge with incorporating the fall sports along with the traditional spring sports as the season changed. The combined schedule provided some interesting and unique situations. For the first time, one weekend in March included men's and women's lacrosse, baseball, softball, and football all at home during the "super crossover" season.

"A lot of preparation went into those broadcasts, especially that weekend with all spring teams playing ranked opponents and football competing for a conference title," stated Lewis. "However, I knew I was going to be a part of a historic moment for SU being on the broadcast for a lacrosse and football game on the same day. It was a long day for sure, but it was fun and I'm glad to experience it."

As is usually the case every year, Salisbury's spring sports continued to lead the Division III world with several teams ranked nationally and competing for national championships. But many of student-athletes just felt happy to be playing sports and have camaraderie with teammates and friends.

"There are so many words that can describe what it's like to be out on the field since everything that has happened this past year with the pandemic," said Edwards. "I am grateful to be out here, but I am also happy, excited and eager to be competing. We had some unfinished business in 2020, and now we have a chance to take care of that in 2021."



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– Kaleigh Edwards

A True Team Effort

SU's student-athletes weren't the only ones impacted by changes due to COVID-19. The athletic training and coaching staff found themselves doing "other duties as assigned" supporting SU's COVID-19 testing center and other protocols.

"Testing was a very important report card to see how we're doing not only as an athletic department but as an entire school," said Head Athletic Trainer Pat Lamboni (read about Lamboni's retirement on page 11). "The athletic training along with the sports performance staff made sure that our student-athletes were ready and healthy once sports resumed during the school year."

Dedication And Perseverance

Dr. Gerry DiBartolo, director of Athletics and Campus Recreation, applauded SU's student-athletes, coaches and staff for their dedication and perseverance throughout the year.

"I know our student-athletes and coaches wanted to compete, and everyone worked hard to have seasons that were as safe and meaningful as possible," DiBartolo said. "We were very fortunate to have the testing capabilities that not many other schools in our area had. I give credit to our Athletics community for being resilient and finishing the year strong."

Athletics At A Glance:

- Women's Lacrosse: Won National Championship, C2C Champions
- Baseball: Won National Championship, C2C Champions
- Men's Lacrosse: Finalist in National Championship, C2C Champions
- Softball: NCAA Regional Appearance, C2C Champions
- Track & Field: Colleen Howard & Zachary Stump NCAA Qualifiers
- Men's Tennis: Alec Angradi NCAA Qualifier
- Football: NJAC South Champions
- Women's Basketball: First Undefeated Season Since 1955-56

CLASS NOTES

Information received prior to May 1, 2021

M = Master's Degree

1960s

Jean Bulkeley '64 was presented the Daisy Lifetime Achievement Award and celebrated 55 years with TidalHealth Peninsula Regional.

Patricia Oliphant '67 & M'77 is the director of curriculum and human resources for the Sussex County Vocational Technical School District in Georgetown, DE.

Daniel Savoy '67 & M'77 was featured in a *Daily Times* article called "MAC Salutes the Accomplishments of Area Seniors" where he was praised for his work as a creek watcher, monitoring the health of the Wicomico River in Salisbury, MD.

1970s

Karen Rayne '70 & M'93 retired from Salisbury University's English Department after 29 years of service.

Glenda (Chatham) Clarke '72 and her husband Bob announced a \$1.5 million planned endowment to benefit the Salisbury University's Honors College, which was named in their honor (read more on page 15).

David Massey '72 retired as chief of police from the Ocean Pines Association in Berlin, MD, after he served the local community for nearly five decades.

Doug Fleetwood '73 & M'76 was named to the 2020 class of the Salisbury University Hall of Fame as one of the winningest coaches in NCAA baseball history.

Marvin Jenkins '73 was promoted to coordinator of the Women's Business Center of Maryland Capital Enterprises in Salisbury, MD.

Janet Mercer '73 came out of retirement to return to TidalHealth Peninsula Hospital, Salisbury, MD, as a nurse to help administer vaccines in its COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

Susanne (Deakne) Snyder '73 retired after 47 years of teaching in Cecil County (MD) Public Schools and is working part-time for Special Olympics of Maryland.

Grace (Foxwell) Murdock M'75 won the Person of the Year award in the Stars of the Eastern Shore competition sponsored by the *Salisbury Independent*. She also was awarded the Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore in Salisbury, MD, for her exemplary leadership, vision, integrity, compassion and dedication to the community.

Deborah (Shockley) Abbott '76 was awarded the Business Professional of the Year award by the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce at their 100th annual awards luncheon held in Salisbury, MD.

Cynthia Dykes '76 was installed as corresponding secretary to the Wicomico Woman's Club of Salisbury, MD.

W. Richard Holloway Jr. '76 retired from Salisbury University Foundation's board of directors after serving for nine years.

J. Michael Scarborough '76 was welcomed as a member to the Salisbury University Foundation board of directors.

Ford Waggoner '76 & M'89 was selected as president-elect for the Rotary Club of Salisbury, MD.

Robyn (Dreier) White '76 was named Top Agent for 2020 by Long & Foster Real Estate in Salisbury, MD.

Eugene Malone '78 was elected as chairman of the board of Wicomico County Board of Education, Salisbury, MD.

Margaret Knight '79 & M'99 retired from Salisbury University's Athletics Department after 25 years of service.

Connie Spencer '79 & M'11 came out of retirement to return to TidalHealth Peninsula Hospital, Salisbury, MD, as a nurse to help administer vaccines in its COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

1980s

Alan Foskey '80 and Vanessa (Brockell) Foskey '81 are the proud grandparents of two grandsons, Brandon Alan Foskey II born April 19, 2017, and most recently Carter Cash Foskey born October 13, 2020.

Diane (Davis) Hayes '80 & M'89 was recognized by Salisbury University for 30 years of service in medical laboratory science.

Sandra (Davis) Hurley '80 retired from her position of curator at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum in Ocean City, MD, after 40 years of service.

Taryn (Richardson) Hutchison '80 had the release of her second book and debut novel, *One Degree of Freedom*, a historical fiction novel.

Peggy Wright '80 came out of retirement to return to TidalHealth Peninsula Hospital, Salisbury, MD, as a nurse to help administer vaccines in its COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

Robert Brosmer '81 retired from Salisbury University Foundation's board of directors after serving for nine years.

Randi (Chandler) Merritt '81 & M'84 was named one of Somerset County Public School's 2021 Teachers of the Year, teaching English/language arts and social studies at Somerset Intermediate School, Westover, MD.

Ralph Puccini III '81 was named the deputy city clerk for the City of Raleigh, NC.

Patricia (Marino) Royak '81 has been included in *Marquis' Who's Who* for her dedication to the fashion and wellness industries.

Mark Smith '81 was welcomed as a member to the Salisbury University Foundation board of directors.

Mark Steele '81 & M'91 retired as superintendent of Indian River School District in Selbyville, DE, after 39 years of service in the district.

Lawanda Dockins-Mills '82 & M'96 was named a Census Champion by 2020 Census Maryland for her service as SU's representative to the Salisbury/Wicomico Complete Count Committee, which oversaw the census efforts.

David Grise '82 was named Teacher of the Year for 2021-2022 by the Indian River School District, teaching research and technology at John M. Clayton Elementary School in Frankford, DE.

Louis Taylor '82 & M'89 was welcomed as a member to the Salisbury University Foundation board of directors.

Gregory Whitten '82 was elected as chairman of the board of directors for Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore, Dorchester County, MD.

Deborah Emge '83 & M'92 retired as principal of Northwestern Elementary School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools after years as an educator.

Cara (Griffin) Rozaieski '83 & '99 "retired" after 33 years as a director in nonprofit and public health agencies in Somerset and Wicomico counties, MD, and is currently pursuing enrichment activities.

James Berkman M'84 was inducted in the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Achievement for the Watertown City School District, Watertown, NY, for being a nationally recognized leader in the sport of men's lacrosse at Salisbury University.

Michael Dunn '84 was elected an executive board member and Wicomico County vice chairman of Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore in Salisbury, MD.

Sharon (Wootten) Malone '84 came out of retirement to return to TidalHealth Peninsula Hospital, Salisbury, MD, as a nurse to help administer vaccines in its COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

Monty Saylor '84 joined the board of trustees at The Salisbury School, Salisbury, MD.

William "Kelly" Shannahan '84 retired as Worcester County's assistant chief administrative officer after 30 years of public service to the Snow Hill, MD, community.

Carol Steffy '84 was featured in a *Daily Times* article called "MAC Salutes the Accomplishments of Area Seniors" where she was praised for establishing The Spirit of Esther Fund, which provides funds to area nonprofit organizations to go into nursing homes and interact with residents.

Sherman Wood '84 was recognized by Salisbury University for 30 years of service in the Athletics Department.

Gloria (Waters) Horner '85 & M'95 was recognized by Salisbury University for 30 years of service in Career Services.

Kenneth Johnson '85 & M'09 was awarded the Friends of Wicomico County (MD) Public Libraries 2020 Educator Luminary award in the Light of Literacy Awards competition.

Mark Liptrap '85 was hired as a social worker for the Monongalia County (WV) Health Department with its Quick Response Team.

John Psota '85 was appointed the director of administration for Wicomico County, MD, overseeing all county departments and agencies within the executive branch.

Bart Talbert '85 was recognized by Salisbury University for 25 years of service in the History Department.

Joseph Gaines '86 is serving as the deputy chief of staff for the Missile Defense Agency in the U.S. Department of Defense in Dothan, AL.

Kyle Hannan '86 & M'88 was added to the coaching staff of Lenoir-Rhyne men's lacrosse program as a senior advisor. Lenoir-Rhyne University is in Hickory, NC.

Tracy Tyler '86 was elected to the board of directors for Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore in Salisbury, MD, and served as past chair for the Dorchester County board.

Laurel (Scarborough) Figgs '87 won the Daisy Award from TidalHealth Peninsula Regional for her "loving kindness" to patients in the mother-baby unit of the hospital.

Lisa Hopkins '87 & M'95 joined Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD, as the TRIO student support services coordinator.

Martin Neat M'87 & M'90, president and CEO of First Shore Federal Saving & Loan in Salisbury, MD, donated \$10,000 to help nonprofit organizations on the Lower Eastern Shore that were impacted by COVID-19.

Russell Shiflett '87, a former member of the Ocean City Beach Patrol, was honored as Alumni of the Week by *The Dispatch*, which honors those who have protected beach goers in Ocean City, MD.

Anthony D'Antonio '88 & M'98 is the new high school academic counselor at the Sussex Academy of Arts and Sciences in Georgetown, DE.

Gary Desjardins '88 pride in his Alma Mater inspired him to donate \$25,000 through his company, Strat-Wealth, to establish the Strat-Wealth Financial Planning Scholarship for students of the Perdue School at Salisbury University.

Sharon Gribbin-Lindemon '88 was appointed council member of New Windsor Town Council, New Windsor, MD.

Brenda (Spencer) Grodzicki '88 & M'91 released a novel, *Take These Broken Wings and Learn to Fly*.

Dwight "Duke" Marshall Jr. '88 retired from Salisbury University Foundation's board of directors after nine years of service.

Mary Ashanati '89 was elected as executive committee member at large for the Wicomico County, MD, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mary (Peters) DiBartolo M'89 was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing 2020 Class of Fellows for her extraordinary contributions to the nursing profession. She is a Fulton Endowed Professor of Geriatric Nursing in SU's School of Nursing and was recognized for 25 years of service to the University.

Elizabeth (Patton) Rains '89 donated 25 heads of lettuce and kale to a community relief organization supporting the food insecure during the COVID-19 pandemic. The produce was from a garden at Roswell North Elementary School in Roswell, GA, where Rains is the science lab and garden teacher.

Ron Siers Jr. '89 of the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education at Salisbury University was honored with the alumni association's Faculty Appreciation Award (see page 26).

Cort Wahlig '89 was elected by the Roller-Skating Association International for a two-year term as its new president.

Brent Wilhelm '89 retired from Salisbury University's Information Technology Department after 31 years of service.

John Wood '89 won the Best Chiropractor Award in the Stars of the Eastern Shore competition sponsored by the *Salisbury Independent*, Salisbury, MD.

1990s

Michael Abercrombie Jr. '90, president of Cato Gas & Oil County in Salisbury, MD, in partnership with ExxonMobil Educational Alliance, presented to 15 area schools a \$500 check to support their science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs.

John Aukward '90 was named the 2020-21 president of the Rotary Club of Salisbury, MD.

Kelly (Watson) Catlin '90 earned her master's degree in school librarianship from McDaniel College.

Maria Chavez-Ruark '90 & M'91 was sworn in as a judge in the U.S. bankruptcy court for the District of Maryland.

David Dalfonso '90 was named the chief of police for the town of Crisfield, MD.

Robert Jadick '90 is a project executive with Bancroft Construction Company and will be leading the new office located in Salisbury, MD.

Bronna (Norris) Kahle '90 ran for and won her third and final term as the 57th State House District representative in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Leslie (Stufft) Knight '90 was featured in an article in *Themis*, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority's magazine, titled "A Leader Who Puts Her People First."

Darlene (Zakrociemski) Morcom '90 came out of retirement to return to TidalHealth Peninsula Hospital, Salisbury, MD, as a nurse to help administer vaccines in its COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

James Perdue M'90 was named to the Meat Industry Hall of Fame, which honors industry excellence. Jim is chairman of the board for Perdue Farms, Inc., Salisbury, MD.

Brenda (Figgs) Short '90 & M'95 joined Salisbury University as adjunct faculty in the Mathematics Department.

Karen (Howard) Sposato '90 was one of four women featured by WRDE Coast TV of Milton, DE, in their Women Series in light of Women's History Month.

Dionne (Smith) Church '91 was elected as secretary for the Wicomico County, MD, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Joann (Gordon) Evans '91 & M'03 was featured in an article in the Salisbury, MD, *Daily Times*, titled "Teachers Thankful for Chance to Educate," discussing the challenges of teaching during the COVID pandemic. Regarding her fifth graders, she stated: "I'm really thankful that my students have connected with me ... I can't even describe what the first day of school was like on Zoom. When they had their cameras on and some seeing each other for the time ... it's really cool to see."

William "Bill" Lewit '91 & M'93 was named the new head boys basketball coach at John Curtis Christian School in River Ridge, LA.

Barrett Mincey M'91 was featured in Walden University's newsletter as an School of Public Policy and Administration faculty member, admired for his resilience and ability to guide and respectfully encourage students.

Laura (Fretterd) Patrick '91 & M'96 was appointed the county health officer by the Caroline County Commissioners in Denton, MD.

Candace (Selph) Rutter '91 joined the team at Coastal Hospice at the Lake, Salisbury, MD, as the operations and nursing staff coordinator.

William Wilke '91 is a likely contender in the 2022 election for sheriff in Haywood County, NC.

R. Kevin Bernstein '92 retired from Salisbury University Foundation's board of directors after serving for nine years.

Andre Foreman '92 was inducted into the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2020.

Len Foxwell '92 established his own communications firm, Tred Avon Strategies, in Annapolis, MD.

Jill Loudon '92 transformed her business, Switch Purse, in Perry Hall, MD, to accommodate making masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Robert Mulford '92 celebrated 20 years of food, fun and memories, marking the 20th year in business of Market Street Inn, Salisbury, MD.

Donnie Waters '92 joined Maryland Capital Enterprises as a business consultant at the Women's Business Center in Salisbury, MD.

Timothy Almany '93 is the new mid-Atlantic district sales manager for Argos US in Alpharetta, GA, the world's leading supplier of construction materials and concrete production.

Stephen Burris '93 joined Coastal Hospice in Salisbury, MD, as vice president of finance.

D. Renee Edsall '93 joined the University of Maryland's Shore Medical Group in Easton, MD, as a nurse practitioner/certified critical care nurse.

David Stofa '93 & M'99 is the new principal at North Dorchester High School in Hurlock, MD, in the Dorchester County (MD) Public Schools.

Elayna' (Thompson) Wilson '93 is the new principal at Lindley Middle School in Mableton, GA, beginning with the 2020-21 school year.

Donna (Wiles) Chalmers '94 was named a semifinalist for Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching lab instruction at Choices Academy, Salisbury, MD.

Sherrie (Rodney) Connolly '94 officially assumed the role of principal at Sts. Peter and Paul Elementary School in Easton, MD, after serving as interim principal since July 2019.

Dana English '94 was appointed as the chief financial officer of Donohoe Hospitality in Washington, D.C.

Tamara Jackson '94 was featured in *Metropolitan Magazine* where she acknowledged that her degree in biology from SU helped her get to where she is now as owner of T's Divine Sweets and More in Cambridge, MD, where she provides "made from scratch" desserts to restaurateurs, busy moms and families.

Kimberly (Gleason) Pelot '94 retired after the spring season and over 12 years as field hockey coach for Parkside High School in Salisbury, MD.

Stacy McGrath '94, '04 & M'14 was welcomed to Salisbury University's School of Nursing as an instructor.

Daniel Quinn '94 was hired as the new defensive coordinator for the Dallas Cowboys NFL football team.

Pamela Schnupp '94 is a nationally board-certified teacher in the area of exceptional needs-mild/moderate disabilities.

Brian Webb '94 was promoted to senior vice president of manufacturing at Novavax, Inc. in Gaithersburg, MD. Novavax is responsible for the manufacturing of what is likely to be one of the best vaccines for COVID.

Amber Wright '94 was named Queen Anne's County (MD) Public School's 2020 Teacher of the Year. For this honor, she was awarded a new 2020 Ford Escape for her use during the 2020-21 school year.

Patricia (O'Rourke) Baer '95 was named a semifinalist in Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching geometry and algebra at Mardela Middle and High School, Mardela Springs, MD.

Jeffrey Canada '95 & M'01 was recognized by Salisbury University for 25 years of service in the Procurement Office.

Dawn Corkran '95 & M'05 is the assistant principal at Hurlock Elementary School in Hurlock, MD, in the Dorchester County Public Schools.

Darrell Fearnin M'95 was named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Wicomico County Rotary Club in Salisbury, MD. The Harris Fellow acknowledges individuals who contribute to the Rotary Foundation.

Margaret "Peggy" Genvert M'95 retired from Salisbury University's History Department after 25 years of service.

Ian Hall '95, a former member of the Ocean City Beach Patrol, was honored as Alumni of the Week by *The Dispatch*, which honors those who have protected beach goers in Ocean City, MD.

Marc Kline '95 accepted the position of director with Hilltop Advisors of McLean, VA.

Michael Mowery '95 (below) received the Celebrating



Michael Mowery '95

Excellence Award in the area of customer service, awarded by Rowan University in Stratford, NJ. In January 2021, he was promoted to interim administrator of the Vaccination Center at Rowan University.

W.E. "Ted" Shockley III '95 was selected as the

District 3 director of the board of directors of A&N Electric Cooperative in Tasley, VA.

Danielle Weber '95 & M'10 was named the next health officer for the Somerset County Health Department, Westover, MD, after serving as deputy administrative health officer since 2019.

Karen Archambault '96 received the Leading Light Award from NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising as part of the 2020 Global Awards Program.

Kristen (Harrington) Davis '96 was named one of Somerset County Public School's 2021 Teachers of the Year, teaching media at Princess Anne Elementary School, Princess Anne, MD.

Donna Langley '96 was hired as a business consultant for Maryland Capital Enterprise Women's Business Center in Baltimore, MD.

Thomas Polen '96 was in the Top 50 Healthcare Technology CEOs of 2021 by the *Healthcare Technology Report*. Tom is CEO of Becton, Dickinson & Company of Franklin Lakes, NJ.

Thomas Striplin '96 was named president of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield, WV.

Lisa (Adams) Tayman '96, '01, M'12, D'15 self-published her first romance novel under the pen name Greenleigh Adams titled *Love Burns*. She always wanted to write a novel, and after being diagnosed with cancer in 2019, she is now able to check this off of her bucket list.

Christy (Harris) Weer M'96 was named among Maryland's Top 100 Women for 2021 by *The Daily Record*, a Baltimore-based newspaper. Christy is dean of SU's Perdue School of Business.

Elizabeth Bell '97 is the executive board treasurer for Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore in Salisbury, MD.

Amanda (Taylor) Hopkins '97 & M'04 was elected as first vice president for the Wicomico County, MD, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Patrick Kiley '97 is the new head of school at St. Martin's Lutheran School in Annapolis, MD.

Zachary Seawell '97 was appointed the director of human resources for Calvert County Public Schools in Prince Frederick, MD.

Heather Bacher '98 was added as a member of the board of directors for the Mid-Shore Community Foundation in Easton, MD.

Laura (Dick) Barnaba '98 was promoted to chief executive officer of Home Land Environmental, Rosedale, MD.

Carolina Bown M'98 is a recipient of Salisbury University's 2021 President's Diversity Champion award for advancing diversity and inclusion. She is a visiting assistant professor in the Communication Department.

Cicely Burrows-McElwain '98 joined the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as the director for the technical assistance resource center in the community-based Interventions for Suicide Prevention Program in Charleston, WV.



Karen Cody '98

Karen Cody '98 (left) wrote and published her first children's book titled *Bella the Blue Crab*, which draws from her childhood experiences on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The book has received quick notoriety including a 5-Star Review Award from Reader's Favorite.

Marlene Dixon '98 joined Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD, as an assistant professor of developmental mathematics.

Tomeka Gilbert '98 was promoted to chief planning officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in Washington, D.C.

Sara (Wolff) Lewis M'98 was promoted to supply planning manager for Perdue Farms, Inc. of Salisbury, MD.

Michelle (Ras) McNeill '98 & M'01 was appointed the supervisor of Early Childhood, Reading English Language Arts PreK-2 Title I, English Learners and Migrant Education for Queen Anne's County Public Schools in Centreville, MD.

Megan (Hopper) Block '99 & M'01 was named head field hockey coach for Parkside High School, Salisbury, MD, after serving as the assistant coach for two years.

Eric Prendeville '99 was named the new president of Corona Tools, Corona, CA.

Ann (Layton) Hammond '99 was named Top Agent for 2020 by Long & Foster Real Estate in Salisbury, MD.

Mark Krause '99 won the Best Orthodontist award in the Stars of the Eastern Shore competition sponsored by the *Salisbury Independent*.

Jill (VanAtta) Rison '99 was one of 10 Catholic school teachers in her local diocese to receive the 2020 Golden Apple award for teaching excellence as a math and art teacher at St. Mary's Catholic School in Bryantown, MD.

Donelle VanHolten M'99 was honored with the Acme Teacher of the Month award by Beaver Run Elementary School in Salisbury, MD. She is a kindergarten teacher there and was nominated for the outstanding job she does for her students.

Jaime (Duncan) Wilson '99 joined Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD, as the adult education instructional coordinator.

2000s

Holly Anne Balish '00 was awarded the District Award of Merit by the tri-county district of the Delmarva Council of the Boys Scouts of America in Salisbury, MD.

Bryan Brushmiller '00 and his wife, **Nicole (Matheu) Brushmiller '99**, owners of Burley Oak Brewing Company in Berlin, MD, have purchased and will reopen The Globe restaurant in Berlin, MD, "having The Globe be the mecca of arts and entertainment on the shore." They have also opened The Lookal Branch, their first Delaware site, which will be used for Burley Oak's experimental, small batch brews, "showcasing our wildest ideas in an intimate setting."

Cmdr. Charles Dennison '00 stepped down as commanding officer of the "Wildcats" of Training Squadron (VT) 10 in a change of command ceremony held at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL.

Susanne (Adkins) Holloway '00 & M'01 is the first woman to be appointed to the board of the Richard A. Henson Foundation at Salisbury University.

Erica (Wagenhals) Joseph '00 was presented Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame award acknowledging her history of career achievement.

Lisa King '00 & M'13 was named the new assistant principal at Pinehurst Elementary School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

Jennifer (Munn) Lecates '00 and her husband **Jamie Lecates '93** opened Lilac Clothing Company, a clothing boutique, in downtown Salisbury, MD.

Kevin Lindsay '00 was named the inaugural director of strategy and alignment for the YMCA of the Chesapeake in Easton, MD.

Shannon Morrison '00 was selected as the new chief financial officer for the American Pharmacists Association in Washington, D.C.

Lamont Robinson '00 is the new head football coach at J.F. Webb High School in Oxford, NC.

Lee Roth '00 is a member on the Forbes Agency Council and contributed to an article on forbes.com titled "14 Tips For Keeping A Distributed Team Cohesive."

Jessica (Simone) Smith '00 was named a semifinalist for Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching school library/media at Pittsville Elementary and Middle School, Pittsville, MD.

Brandon Mason '01 wrote the feature length movie *Color Me You*, which was available on Amazon Prime, iTunes, Roku and other streaming platforms.

Matthew Furey '02 was named the principal of Tackan Elementary School in the Smithtown Central School District in Nescosset, NY.

Bethany (Tartufo) Ramey '02 was appointed as the Administrative Services Division commander on the command staff at Worcester County Sheriff's Office in Snow Hill, MD.

Derek Simmons '00 & M'03 was named interim superintendent for Caroline County Public Schools in Denton, MD.

Carl Vandivier '00 was promoted to assistant vice president of Calvin B. Taylor Bank, Berlin, MD.

Bethany (Chaffinch) Flood '01 was named Teacher of the Year for 2021-2022 by Indian River School District, teaching second grade at North Georgetown Elementary School in Georgetown, DE.

Joshua Merkel '01 is the recipient of the 2021 Glenn Robinson National Coach of the Year award. Josh is the head coach of men's basketball at Randolph Macon University, Ashland, VA.

Tamara (Krauch) Mills '01 & M'07 received the 2021 Eastern Region Supervision & Administration Art Educator Award by the National Art Education Association. Tamara teaches art in Worcester County (MD) Public Schools.

Jack Snyder Jr. '02 joined the firm of First Eagle Investment Management in New York, NY, as the national sales manager, Wirehouse and RIA Channel, and head of retail alternative sales.

Sarah Betlejewski '03 was named Delaware Middle School STEM Teacher of the Year for 2020 as awarded by the Delaware STEM Council. She is a seventh grade science teacher at Millsboro Middle School in Millsboro, DE.

Olivia Butler '03 is the communicable disease program manager for Wicomico County (MD) Health Department and leading the program investigating and tracing COVID-19 cases for the county.

Rafael Correa '03 & M'10 retired from Salisbury University Foundation's board of directors after serving for six years.

Jamie (McCoy) Gibbs '03 has opened a new resale business called 302 Deals in Delmar, DE.

Alicia Groveston-Jackson '03 & M'04 was named the first ever head coach of lacrosse at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.

Dawn (Layfield) Littleton '03 was named a semifinalist for Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching art at Bennett Middle School, Salisbury, MD.

Beth (Ahern) Mitchell '03 joined the board of directors of Inshuti of Rwanda in Brattleboro, VT, a nonprofit organization started by fellow SU alum **Lauren Marino '03**.

Aaron Neal '03 & M'04 was promoted as a principal at McNamee Hosea Attorneys & Advisors in Greenbelt, MD.

Steven Planzer '03 was added to the board of directors of the Ward Foundation of SU's Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Salisbury, MD.

Dane Sears '03 (below) and his wife **Katherine "Katie" '03**



Dane Sears '03 & Katherine "Katie" (Heyd) Sears '03

(Heyd) Sears '03, along with other family members, were contestants on the ABC game show *Family Feud* in April 2021.

Annette Wallace '03 established the Mary Conner Scholarship for Nursing endowment for the School of Nursing at SU in honor her grandmother.

Kathleen (Styer) Allam '04 was promoted to vice president of Calvin B. Taylor Bank, Berlin, MD.

Travis Auty '04 ran for a seat on the Little Compton School Committee in Little Compton, RI.

Lauren Ebersberger '04 was named a semi-finalist for the 2021 Anne Arundel County Public Schools Teacher of the Year award. She teaches science at Magothy River Middle School in Arnold, MD.

Darren Jackson '04 was promoted to vice president-healthcare business development officer for the State of Florida small business development at Wells Fargo Bank in Coral Gables, FL.

Stephanie (Hastings) McCoy '04 was named a finalist for Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching interactive media at Wicomico High School, Salisbury, MD.

Katie Rouse '04 was appointed deputy director of finance for Wicomico County (MD) Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism.

Sherry (Shaffer) Shupe '04 and her business, Fur Baby Boutique in Millford, DE, celebrated their 10th anniversary in business with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their new building. The event and business were featured in *Delaware Live*.

Anthony Darby '05, CEO of Peninsula Alternative Health, received the 2020 Maryland Capital Enterprises Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur of the Year award and had an interview in the *Salisbury Independent* identifying medical cannabis as alternative medicine.

Marina (Walters) Edwards '05 obtained her Legal Nurse Consultant certification, functioning as a legal nurse expert in medical malpractice and workers compensation litigations.

Dameon Gibbs '05 & M'07, along with his wife, completed his first novel, *Found in the Storm*, about an ex-Army helicopter pilot's adventures in rural Minnesota.

Christina (Wallace) Hargis '05, '11 & D'20 joined the team of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System as a family nurse practitioner at the Pocomoke, MD, primary care office.

James Penuel '05 is the new reverend at Bethel United Methodist Church in Lewes, DE.

Allison Tucker '05 is the director of the documentary *Love Letters to the Shore*, which celebrates Maryland's Eastern Shore, the people and food.

Michelle Carmean '06 was named the new enterprise fund controller at the Worcester County Commissioners Treasury Office in Snow Hill, MD.

Megan Caton '06 was named a new board member to the board of directors at Village of Hope, a transitional home for women and children in Salisbury, MD.

Michele Ennis '06 facilitated the formation of the Vulnerable Populations Task Force in Salisbury, MD, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The task force joins over 50 voices in the community to share information about sharing, food, housing, health care and other areas of community need.

Julius Jones '06 & M'09 was welcomed as a member to the Salisbury University Foundation board of directors.

Carrie Kellams '06, '11 & D'20 joined Chesapeake Health Care in Salisbury, MD, as a family nurse practitioner.

Ryan Kirby '06 was elected to the board of directors of Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore in Salisbury, MD, and served as past chair for Worcester County.

Lacey (Lister) Lord '06 is Salisbury University's new head softball coach.

Ashley Mariner '06 & M'13 was highlighted in *The Daily Record's* winner profile in her position as supervising attorney for Maryland Legal Aid.

Lisa (Nicholson) McKinnon '06 & M'13 is now dean of students as well as a math teacher at Parkside High School in Salisbury, MD.

Brian Powell '06 & M'08 was named the 2020-21 High School Principal of the Year for Baltimore County Public Schools. He is the principal of Kenwood High School, Baltimore, MD.

Michael Taylor '06 received a \$703,000 Faculty Early Career Development Program Award from the National Science Foundation for his project "CAREER: Optically Controlled Protein Proximity Labelling." He is a researcher at the University of Wyoming.

Jessica (Ramsay) Wilson '06 was welcomed to the Worcester County Treasurer's Office, Snow Hill, MD, as the new finance officer.

Petra Bernstein '07 was a solo exhibitionist for the Dorchester Center for the Arts in Cambridge, MD, featuring her work titled "Nature and Beyond."

Courtney (Roth) Blackford '07 was welcomed to the board of directors of the Art League of Ocean City, MD

Katie Cranor '07 was interviewed and featured in an article on NASA.gov on her position as associate division chief of the Wallops Safety and Mission Assurance Division at Wallops Island, VA.

Kristen (Digiammo) Donohoe '07 earned her master's degree in elementary education from McDaniel College.



Daniel Ensor '07

Daniel Ensor '07 (left) was admitted as a partner at TGM Group, LLC in Salisbury, MD. Daniel has been with the firm since 2005.

Katherine (Mulligan) Vann '07 was named the Indirect Care Nurse of the Year for Frederick Health Hospital in Frederick, MD.

Amanda Willey '07 & M'12, instructor of nursing at Salisbury University, received the Nurse Educator Doctoral Grant for Practice and Dissertation Research Award from the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Matthew Barnes '08 is now the football coordinator and assistant secondary coach for the Ohio State University Buckeyes in Columbus, OH.

Stephanie (Abt) Brohawn '08 is now the assistant principal at North Dorchester Middle School in Hurlock, MD.

Derek Lynch '08 was promoted to executive overseeing the Division of Commercial Banking Operations in Maryland for Wells Fargo in Baltimore, MD.

Cole Mangum '08, vice president of operations for Bell Nursery USA, LLC, was named the vice chairman of the board of AmericanHort.

Lindsay McCauley '08 & M'15 was featured in an article in Salisbury's *The Daily Times* titled "Teachers Thankful for Chance to Educate," discussing the challenges of teaching during the COVID pandemic. As an elementary and middle school physical education teacher, she has had to be creative to engage her students, such as teaching juggling skills to keep them focused and excited and having them fill milk jugs with sand for weights.



Megan O'Shea '08

Megan O'Shea '08 (left) was honored as a 2020 Rising Star for the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* CFO of the Year Awards. She is the CFO of the Mann Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia, PA.

Kelly Phillips '08 was named to the 2020 class of Salisbury University's Hall of

Fame. Kelly participated in SU's women's lacrosse.

Aaron Sebach '08, M'10 & D'15 earned his Ph.D. in nursing from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and was promoted to associate professor at Wilmington University in New Castle, DE, where he currently serves as chair of the Doctor of Nursing Program. He was named a senior fellow in hospital medicine by the Society of Hospital Medicine for his significant contributions to the field of hospital medicine.

Danielle (Twilley) Sweitzer '08, M'09 & '11 was named to the 2020 class of Salisbury University's Hall of Fame, being a star player for SU's field hockey team.

Danielle (Anderson) Thompson '08 was named a semifinalist for Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching kindergarten at Westside Primary School, Quantico, MD.

Debra Truitt '08 & M'10 retired from Salisbury University's Psychology Department after 20 years of service.

Kylor Berkman '09 was named a member of the 2020 class of the SU Hall of Fame, enshrined into the athletic fraternity, as a member of the men's lacrosse team, helping the Sea Gulls win two national championships.

Timothy Dickson '09 got a new position as a fifth grade teacher at Westside Intermediate School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

Christopher Hill '09 designed and created the "Jennie Dean" statue to be erected in Dean Park, Manassas, VA. Born a slave, Dean spent 10 years raising money for what would become the Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth.

Delannie Spriggs Jr. '09 was added to the 2020 class of Salisbury University's Hall of Fame. Delannie participated in SU men's track and field.

Olesya Taylor '09 is the new comptroller at Delmarva Veteran Builders in Salisbury, MD.

Joshua Weikers '09 joined First Bank, Nashville, TN as director of capital markets, supporting the unit's retail and consumer direct teams.

2010s

James Aherne '10 is the new TPA Services vice president at TransAmerica, Baltimore, MD.

Kultar "Sid" Bindra '10 & M'13 released his first novel, *Tears in the Flag: Based on a True Story*, which follows his own immigration story and his time at Salisbury University.

Michael Celenza '10 & M'13 was named a member of the 2020 class of the SU Hall of Fame, enshrined into the athletic fraternity, for his time as a former member of the baseball team.

Aiste (Petkelyte) Foreman '10 & M'14 was featured during Thanksgiving in Salisbury's *The Daily Times* in an article titled "No Limit to What You Can Achieve" where she spoke of emigrating from Lithuania to the United States (Ocean City, MD) and now owns her own travel company, Trabeona Travels in Millsboro, DE.

Kristin Gowie '10 won the Best Nurse Award in the Stars of the Eastern Shore competition sponsored by the *Salisbury Independent*.

Hillary Grove '10 was promoted to manager at SEK CPAs and Advisors in Hagerstown, MD.



Christopher Lyons '10

Christopher Lyons '10 (left) was appointed the assistant principal at Stone Mill Elementary School in North Potomac, MD, a school in the Montgomery County Public School system.

Mary Lynn Mather '10 & M'16 was named a semifinalist for Wicomico County

Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching kindergarten at Willards Elementary School, Willards, MD.

Catherine (Korpacz) Montemore '10, along with her colleagues at Frederick Memorial Hospital and George Washington University, won the 2019 *Clinical Laboratory Science Journal* Distinguished Author award in the clinical practice section.

James Rehak '10 opened a new gym called SOBO Strength and Performance in Locust Point, Baltimore, MD.

Katie (Vincent) Serenyi '10 & M'16 was named a semifinalist for Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching seventh grade math at Salisbury Middle School, Salisbury, MD.

Kyle Sterling '10 was named to the 2020 class of Salisbury University's Hall of Fame after a record-setting career with the SU men's soccer team

Christina Stewart '10 & M'15 was promoted to principal of Westside Intermediate School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.



Matthew Teffeau '10

Matthew Teffeau '10 (left) was added to the board of directors for the Arc Central Chesapeake Region in Severn, MD, a nonprofit enhancing the lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dustin Thomas '10 & M'15 was awarded Wicomico

County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching health/physical education at Prince Street Elementary School, Salisbury, MD.

Doncella Wilson '10 & M'11 was appointed to the board of directors of Mid Shore Behavioral Health Inc. in Easton, MD.

Matthew Althoff '11 was given the Rising Star award under the Excellence in Real Estate Category for Maryland's *The Daily Record* 2020 winners.

Patrick Blanchard '11 opened his first brick-and-mortar store in Bowie, MD, called What Should I Call My Store??

Thomas Crum '11 was voted Best Pharmacist by *Metropolitan Magazine* readers in their recent "Best Of" poll. Tom is the pharmacy supervisor at Apple Drugs in Salisbury, MD.

Alexan "Aly" Dargan M'11 was promoted to principal of Northwestern Elementary School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

Ronald "Ronnie" Curley '11 and Lindsey (Van Coutren) Curley '08 & M'10 have a young son diagnosed with the rare genetic disorder SELENON/SEPN1 related myopathy. In their endeavors to research SELENON, they discovered that funds for research were minimal due to the rarity of the disorder. They decided to raise funds themselves and hosted the Swings for Finn Golf Tournament in July 2021. All proceeds went to Cure CMD, a nonprofit organization supporting rare genetic disorders.

Valerie Folsom '11 & M'15 was promoted to assistant principal of Fruitland Intermediate School in the Wicomico County (MD) Public Schools.

Julia Glanz '11 & M'13 stepped into the position of acting mayor for the City of Salisbury, MD, during the military deployment of the sitting mayor.

William "Bill" Jordan '11 is a hydroponic farmer in Millsboro, DE, and was featured in *Delmarva Now* in an article titled "Delaware Entrepreneurs Start Growing Crops In Water. Will Hydroponic Farms Catch On?"

Kaitlyn (Gaertner) Pabon '11 was promoted to director of national marketing for Decorating Den Interiors in Easton, MD. She has been with the company since 2012.

Christa (Kinnamon) Peek '11 was accepted by United Nations University to develop and lead Maryland's restorative justice initiative as well as speak at the UN Regional Centre of Expertise conference in September 2020.

Irina Piatselchys '11 & M'16 was welcomed to Salisbury University as a lecturer in the Management and Marketing Department.

Melissa Stansbury '11 & M'13 defended her dissertation at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC, and has earned her doctorate.

Abby Taylor '11 is the CMO and co-founder of Playa Bowls, which added its 106th location in Salisbury, MD, serving up fruity combinations.

Allison Bennett '12 was promoted to administrator of the Hagerstown Healthcare Center in Hagerstown, MD.

Jordan Braniff '12 & D'18 joined TidalHealth Primary Care in Berlin, MD, as a doctor of nursing practitioner.

Matthew Cohen '12 was a \$10,000 winner of SU's Philip E. and Carole R. Ratcliffe Foundation Shore Hatchery entrepreneurship competition for his socially and environmentally sustainable platform for sourcing ingredients from international farming communities.

Joshua Davis '12 was named one of Somerset County Public School's 2021 Teachers of the Year, teaching fourth grade at Carter Woodson Elementary School in Crisfield, MD.

Julie (Messick) Parsons '12 was promoted to senior assistant branch manager of adult services at the Bel Air, MD, branch of the Harford County Public Library.

Kristina Powell '12 was named a semifinalist for Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching first grade at Beaver Run Elementary School, Salisbury, MD.

Chad Surman '12 & M'15 was named the new head coach of men's lacrosse at Mercer University in Macon, GA.

Megan Baker '13 received one of the University System of Maryland's highest honors, the Board of Regents' Staff Award in the Outstanding Service to Students in an Academic or Residential Environment Category.

Brittany Foutz '13 & M'17 was accepted by United Nations University to develop and lead Maryland's restorative justice initiative as well as speak at the UN Regional Centre of Expertise conference in September 2020.

Catherine Henry '13 joined the firm of Wilmington Trust as a senior wealth advisor, covering the greater Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, MD, regions.



Diana Johnson '13

Diana Johnson '13, (left) founder of Teluna textiles company, was featured in *Northern Virginia Magazine* as a company that celebrates all things green.

Christine Okerblom '13 was promoted to curator at the Ocean City (MD) Life-Saving Station Museum.

Vani Vemuganti

M'13 was promoted to chief financial officer for Credit Plus in the greater Seattle, WA area.

Biage Alexandre M'14 started at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, MD, as an academic advisor.

Matthew Anderson '14 was named one of the top millennials to watch in New Jersey politics by *InsiderNJ* and was in a featured article titled "What 2020 Taught Us."

Patricia Filutze '14 won the Excellence in Administrative Support Award from Salisbury University's Fulton School.

Ashley Fletcher '14 (right) graduated with her Master of Fine Arts in graphic design from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, MD.

Natalie (Daronco) Gankiewicz '14 was

awarded the Daisy Award at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional in Salisbury, MD, in her role as a nurse, for her dedication and compassion to her patients.

LaFabian Marshall '14 is the new coordinator of the Crisfield Arts and Entertainment District in Crisfield, MD.

Dominic Milburn '14 was promoted to associate head coach of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Seahawks men's basketball team in St. Mary's City, MD.

Elizabeth (Zeaser) Nally M'14 was recognized by the College Board's Advanced Placement Program and Educational Testing Service for her significant contributions to the Advanced Placement Reader Program. She is an AP English teacher at Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, MD.

Jennifer Nicolas '14 & M'18 was named one of Somerset County Public School District's 2021 Teachers of the Year, teaching second grade at Greenwood Elementary School, Princess Anne, MD.

Daniel Norris '14 & M'16 was named the 2020 Higher Education Luminary in the Wicomico County Friends of the Library Light of Literacy Award.

Adam Quigley '14, along with a group of friends, raised \$30,000 for Covenant House, \$10,000 for World Central Kitchen and hosted a Mother's Day Teach-A-Thon, offering workshops, all during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gabrielle (Cammarata) Ross '14 accepted the Water Warrior Award on behalf of the Concerned Citizens Against Industrial CAFOs (CCAIC), a local community clean water champion at their virtual award ceremony.

Brittany (Wilson) Wolske M'14 & C'14 was named a semifinalist for Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching biology at Parkside High School, Salisbury, MD.

Jessica Baroniak '15 was recognized by TidalHealth



Ashley Fletcher '14

Peninsula Regional in Salisbury, MD, as the Employee of the Quarter. She works in Surgical Services.

Chelsea Chmel '15 voluntarily offered physical therapy services via telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emily (Lewis) Daniel '15, pilot and owner of Chick and Rudder Aviation, LLC in South Hampton, NJ, was awarded the John Robert Horne Memorial Award at the 2020 Agriculture Aviation Expo of the National Agricultural Aviation Association. She is the only female pilot to have received this award.

Sarah (Sheats) Fox '15 is the clinical supervisor on the heart and vascular unit of Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD, as it launches its cardiac surgery program.

Michelle "Shelly" Gilmore '15 was named a semifinalist for Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching pre-kindergarten at Pemberton Elementary School, Salisbury, MD.

Taylor Goebel '15 won Best of Show and First Place Press Association awards for her article in *Delmarva Now* on disappearing black history in a Rehoboth, DE, community.

Joseph Laque '15 was named the new executive director of the Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce in Snow Hill, MD.

Andryse Leukeu

'15 (right) graduated from the University of Maryland's Francis King Carey Law School with a Juris Doctorate and a health law certificate.

Samantha Lucas '15 is the new community outreach coordinator for Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation in Sanibel, FL.



Andryse Leukeu '15

Stacey (Rowinski) Malinowski D'15 was promoted to the role of assistant dean/chief nurse administrator of the nursing programs at the American Public University System in Charles Town, WV.

T. Mitchell Northam '15 is the new digital producer for WUNC, the NPR affiliate in Chapel Hill, NC.

Brandon Puhalski '15 was honored as Teacher of the Week by WWAY-3 TV for making learning about math fun and interesting. Brandon teaches in New Hanover County Schools in Wilmington, NC.

Jennifer Reeves '15 graduated from New York University in May 2020 with an M.A. in music business.

Aarti Sangwan M'15 was awarded the Teacher of the Year for 2021 by Worcester County (MD) Public Schools, teaching AP physics at Worcester Tech.

Stephen Smith '15 was named one of Somerset County Public School District's 2021 Teachers of the Year, teaching history at Washington Academy and High School, Princess Anne, MD.

Kathryn Stout '15 was a semi-finalist for the Fulbright Scholarship to Serbia.

Maria Tawes '15, Progressive Care Unit clinical manager at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional, assisted in planning a safe, socially distanced graduation celebration for nursing students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Zackery Tyndall '15 & M'18 was elected as mayor of the City of Berlin, MD.

Hilari Ashton '16 was welcomed to the board of directors for the Art League of Ocean City, MD.

Miranda (Ardis) Canter '16 & M'18 was welcomed to Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD, as a part-time academic advisor.

Zachary Johnson '16 was nominated for Fan's Choice Player of the Decade in Howard County (MD) boys' soccer sponsored by the *Baltimore Sun*, for his outstanding ability when he played both forward and midfielder in high school for Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, MD.

Kelsey Murphy '16 was named a semifinalist for Wicomico County Public Schools 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, teaching first grade at Fruitland Primary School, Fruitland, MD.

Joseph Ruffo '16 is Wicomico County (MD) Housing Authority's first Homelessness Services case manager.

Rylie Shewbridge '16 joined the Bellamy Genn Group in Annapolis, MD, as a government relations associate.

Rachel Taylor '16 started a job as a branded content creator for 6AMCity and RALToday in Durham, NC.

William Thompson '16 is the new assistant principal at Maple Elementary School, Cambridge, MD, in the Dorchester County (MD) Public Schools.

Laura Wheeles '16 joined the firm of Boppre Law Firm, PLLC of Minot, ND, as an attorney.

Katelyn Barcus '17 earned her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Clarkson University.

Stephanie "Stevie" Danielczyk '17 joined WMAR-TV ABC-2 in Baltimore, MD, as their meteorologist.

Christopher Eccleston M'17 turned an unused 1,600-square-foot tent into Believe Marketplace, a free venue for small businesses and nonprofits that wanted to operate outdoors during the COVID pandemic. The tent was set up in the parking lot of his business, Delmarva Veteran Builders, in Salisbury, MD. DVB also announced the launch of a commercial waste company, Delmarva Veteran Trashforce, in December 2020.

Tina Johnson '17 had her artwork showcased by the Worcester County Arts Council, Berlin, MD, during the Black History Month celebration.

Graham King '17 is a Maryland state trooper who survived a life-threatening accident while on duty in May 2020. He was featured in an article in *Delmarva Now* titled "Doctors, Nurses and First Responders Honored for Saving Eastern Shore Trooper's Life."

Katelyn Kirby '17 founded Together We Own It, a nonprofit advocating for children and families in need, and was awarded funding from the governor of Maryland's Office of Crime Prevention.

Michael LaBriola '17 has a new job as an integration manager for Crosby Marketing Communications in Annapolis, MD.

Emerson Lyons '17 is currently in the physician assistant program at Rush University in Chicago, IL and received his white coat.

Bradley Martinelli '17 was nominated for Fan's Choice Player of the Decade in Howard County (MD) boy's soccer sponsored by the *Baltimore Sun*, for outstanding ability when playing midfield in high school at Marriotts Ridge High School in Marriottsville, MD.

Alison Mitchell '17 is the assistant athletic trainer for football at Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY.

Antonio Pitocco '17 announced his campaign for the United States Congress seat representing Maryland's 3rd Congressional District in 2022.

Cody Revel '17, founder and trainer of Athlete Academy in Salisbury, MD, showed his support for the family of a client after the tragic death of their family member by creating a bear crawl fundraiser: "We decided on bear crawls because they're terrible. Your family is suffering and . . . we want to show we'll suffer with you."

Stephen Romano M'17 is the new assistant principal at Cambridge-South Dorchester High School, Cambridge, MD, in the Dorchester (MD) County.

Dana Seman '17, along with an SU student, hosted a "free yard sale" to assist the less fortunate residents of the Salisbury, MD, area.

Rex Siers '17 & M'19 joined the Lafayette Group, Inc. in Vienna, VA as a business intelligence consultant, serving federal, state, local and tribal governments.

Michele Sterling '17 & M'19 was promoted to the position of clinical treatment manager for Hudson Behavioral Health in Salisbury, MD.

Peter Vorel '17 & M'18 was nominated for Fan's Choice Player of the Decade in Howard County (MD) boy's soccer sponsored by the *Baltimore Sun*, for his outstanding ability when playing starter at center back and midfield in high school at Centennial High School in Ellicott City, MD.

Michael King '18 was awarded the Daisy Award by TidalHealth Peninsula Regional Salisbury, MD, for going above and beyond to help a married couple in the ICU battling COVID-19, showing immense compassion and kindness.

Sara Mercado '18 received the 2020 Outstanding Graduate Student Award from SU's Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

Jacob Mondoro '18 & M'20 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Heather Porter D'18 earned the position of associate editor for the International Literacy Association's *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy*.

Samuel Stevens '18 & M'20 won the U.S. Fulbright Student Research Award to Hungary for the 2019-20 academic year and is a semifinalist for the 2020-21 year.

Marlyn (Baker) Taylor M'18 is the family care coordinator with the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Maryland chapter, and hosted a virtual session to educate the public about how to spot the 10 signs of Alzheimer's.

Zia Ashraf '19 was a semi-finalist for the Fulbright Grant to Tampere, Finland.

Maya Batson '19 was featured in an article in the Salisbury, MD, *Daily Times* titled "Teachers Thankful for Chance to Educate," discussing the challenges of teaching during the COVID pandemic. She engages her first graders with puppets and stated: "It's almost like *Sesame Street* . . . sometimes the kids will ask where they (the puppets) are . . . and (they) talk with them, you can see the excitement."

Keaton Burke '19 gave a \$20,000 gift to the Salisbury University swimming program. Student-athletes on the varsity swim teams now can relax in the Burke Family Swim Team Lounge.

Amy Catlin '19 was promoted to vice president of the Bank of Ocean City, working at the branch in Berlin, MD.

Logan Downes '19 earned the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional Salisbury, MD, for her excellent care and compassion for a patient and the family during the patient's final days.

Michael Fowler '19 is training for and pursuing a professional wrestling career, training at the MCW Pro Wrestling Center in Joppa, MD. He attributes his theatre classes at SU with teaching him how to implement theatrical "moves" into wrestling.

Casey King '19 was featured in an article on Fl.Audubon.org regarding her work in the preservation of the roseate spoonbill as part of the Audubon Everglades science team in the Florida Everglades.

Andrew Mace '19 joined Becker Morgan Group of Dover, DE, on the surveying team.

Kacie Neeb '19 is the new gallery assistant at The Art League of Ocean City, MD.

Nicole Weber '19 was hired as a junior designer for Clapp 360 Communications, Baltimore, MD.

2020s

Abiodun Adeoye '20 was a Critical Language Scholarship semi-finalist for the Fulbright Grant to Kyrgyzstan.

Aubrey Anderson '20 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

A. Gloria Atameklo '20 is a semifinalist for the Fulbright Scholarship for German major/international studies minor to Germany.

Christopher Barone '20 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Sabrina Barry '20 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

John Bunke '20 was a Critical Language Scholarship semi-finalist for the Fulbright Grant to Azerbaijan.

Jonathan Clark '20 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Jeremiah Copeland '20 won his category at the National

Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) national student auditions, performed in a virtual platform.

Jesus Cruz '20, Samantha Koehler '20, Jonathan "Jack" Derycke '20, Jordan "JT" Richter '20 and Jake Sands '20 were among SU students and alum who designed and built a ThinSat two years ago that was included on a rocket headed to the International Space Station launched in February, 2021 (See page 13 for details).

Parker DeWitt '20 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Anastasiya Deem '20 joined the Ocean Pines, MD, office of Tidal Health Primary Care as a certified registered nurse practitioner care provider.

Bryce Garretson '20 joined the construction management team of Willow Construction, LLC of Easton, MD

Cody Herr '20 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Arielle Johnson '20 was one of nine finalists for the

2020 NCAA Woman of the Year award as an SU field hockey standout.

Chase Kipke '20 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Nicholas Kundrat '20 published his first book *Positively Type 1: How Living With A Chronic Illness Can Be Your Most Powerful Motivator For An Extraordinary Life*.

Harrison Leon '20 won the Friends of Wicomico County Public Libraries' Light of Literacy Student Luminary Award, Salisbury, MD.

Thomas Marlin '20 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Alexandra Nicklow '20 was welcomed to Huff Insurance in Pasadena, MD, as the commercial account manager.

Megan Reynolds '20 joined the administrative team of Becker Morgan Group, Salisbury, MD.

J. Logan Webster M'20 was the 2022 Teacher of the Year for Somerset County Public Schools. Logan is a social studies teacher at Crisfield Academy and High School, Crisfield, MD.

BIRTHS

John Winkler & **Emily (Kordish) Winkler '05** - Son: Aiden (*below*)

Trenton Garman '08 & Meredith (Ray) Garman '09 - Son: Shepherd Ray (*below*)

Richard King & **Meredith Griffith '08** - Son: Rhys Aramis (*below*)

Justin A. Serenyi '08 & Katie (Vincent) Serenyi '10 & M'16 - Daughter: Addison (*below*)

Jeremy Smith '10 & M'13 & Erin (Matonak) Smith

'09 & M'11 - Son: Leo Herrmann (*next page*)

Christopher Lyons '10 & Adele Solis '13 - Daughter: Layla (*next page*)

Ryan Alexander '11 & Cathryn Alexander - Daughter: Aria Brieller (*next page*)

Matthew Dennis & Emily (Firr) Dennis '11 - Son: Roscoe

Timothy Reagin '11 & M'13 & Savanna Reagin - Son: Owen Mitchell (*next page*)

Michael Biskach & Samantha (Ingraham) Biskach '12 & M'17 - Daughter: Charlotte Lorraine (*next page*)

Ryan Miller & M'12 & Ashley Miller '11 & M'14 - Daughter: Rowan Kennedy (*next page*)

Jonathan Blazejowski & Megan (Elkins) Blazejowski '13 - Daughter: Kaylyn Gerald (*next page*)

Sarah Atwood-Starkey '13 & Aundrea Atwood-Starkey '13 - Son: Blake Mitchell (*next page*)

Wesley Gould '14 & Natasha (Naglowsky) Gould '12 - Son: Henry Gould (*next page*)

Brian Zockoll Jr. M'14 & D'18 & Andrea Zockoll - Daughter: Camden Jenn (*next page*)



(Kordish) Winkler '05 Baby



Meredith Griffith '08 Baby



Garman '08 & (Ray) Garman '09 Baby



Serenyi '08 & (Vincent) Serenyi '10 & M'16 Baby



Smith '10 & M'13 & (Matonak) Smith '09 & M'11 Baby



Lyons '10 & Solis '13 Baby



Alexander '11 Baby



Reagin '11 & M'13 Baby



(Ingraham) Biskach '12 & M'17 Baby



Miller & M'12 & Miller '11 & M'14 Baby



Atwood-Starkey '13 Baby



(Elkins) Blazejowski '13 Baby



Gould '14 & (Naglowsky) Gould '12 Baby



Zockoll M'14 & D'18 Baby



(Jentilet) Vo '13 Wedding



(Federici) Cropper '02 & M'04 Wedding; alumni pictured: Marc Hannah '97 & M'00, Shannon (Goggins) Hannah '96, Sheree (Tate) Satchell '09 & M'11, Leroy Satchell '06, & Janeen Goggins '97 & M'01



(Spence) Ryce '17 Wedding with bridesmaid Catherine (Coulter) Raley '17 & M'19



Fox '15 & (Sheats) Fox '15 Wedding



(Benkovic) Orndorff '04; alumni pictured: Beth Gibson-Creapu '04, Whitney Hanson '04, Jen Thompson '04, Carson Porter '04, the bride, Genny Fitzgerald '05 & April Thomas '04



Webber '16 & M'18 & Staley '18 Wedding



Chafin-Lomonosov '16 & M'18 & (Hiken) Lomonosov '16 Wedding; alumni pictured: Brandon Mincey '15, Rebecca Thomas '16, Rayne Trouwborst '16, Jessica (Werth) Mincey '16, Kathryn Todorovich '16, Lena Ferreira '17, Casey Hartzell '14, Megan (Hamilton) Dayhoff '16, Dominique Allesio '16, Robert Chafin '19 & Chris Dayhoff '16



(Beauchamp) Parsons '20



Cusic '17 & (Stadler) Cusic '17 Wedding

MARRIAGES

Doug Walmsley & Donna (Levay) Walmsley '85
 Jabez Cropper & Diana (Federici) Cropper '02 & M'04 (above)
 Clint Orndorff & Alison (Benkovic) Orndorff '04 (above)
 Steven P. Callaway & Mariya (Berge) Callaway '12 & M'16
 David Vo & Jessica (Jentilet) Vo '13 (above left)
 Robert A. Fox '15 & Sarah (Sheats) Fox '15 (above left)

Michael Webber '16 & M'18 & Alec Staley '18 (left)
 Ashley Chafin-Lomonosov '16 & M'18 & Allison "Gabby" (Hiken) Lomonosov '16 (above)
 Christopher A. Cusic '17 & Rachel (Stadler) Cusic '17 (left)
 J.D. Ryce & Megan (Spence) Ryce '17 (above)
 Michael Parsons & Rylee (Beauchamp) Parsons '20 (above)

IN MEMORIAM

Josephine (Gray) Twilley '45 - March 4, 2021
 Nellie B. Wright '46 - May 10, 2020
 Constance (Messick) Rathell '48 - January 22, 2021
 Mahlon H. Trout Jr. '50 & '57 - August 2, 2020
 Dorothy V. (Waterman) Lennon '51 - January 17, 2021
 Howard L. Tyndall Jr. '52 - January 10, 2021
 Robert H. Majors '54 - July 28, 2020
 Bonnie (Ree) Feeny '55 - February 15, 2021
 Charlotte H. (Hardesty) Haberstroh '55 & M'76 - December 15, 2020
 Anne E. (Gorman) Abel '58 - December 31, 2020
 William M. Brown '58 - August 4, 2020
 James S. Larmore '58 - December 10, 2020
 Russell M. Miles '58 - March 18, 2021
 Patricia A. (Webster) Malone '59 - April 2, 2021
 Joan C. (O'Connor) Kuyper '63 - July 14, 2020
 Fayre "Fay" (Parker) Ringler '63 - February 26, 2020
 Roy A. Milbourne '64 - January 15, 2021
 Jean D. (Marberger) Oakley '64 - May 22, 2020
 Josephine (Callahan) Shortall '64 - September 20, 2020
 Sara Belle (Jefferson) Larmore '65 - June 7, 2020
 Jolene (Simms-Miles) Pearce '66 - December 18, 2020
 Shirley M. (Robinson) Tingle '66 - November 10, 2020
 Norman G. Francis '67 - August 30, 2020
 Joana (Stuchlik) Donovan '68 & M'74 - October 4, 2020
 Donna J. (Seymour) Trout '68 - February 23, 2021
 Joseph S. Whitlock Jr. '68 - January 8, 2020
 Rebecca "Becky" F. (Flurer) Hopkins '69 - April 16, 2021
 Dale R. Mumford '69 - September 5, 2020
 Karen (Corbett) Disharoon '70 - March 15, 2021
 H. Douglas Schenker '70 - September 3, 2020
 Robert L. Tingle '70 & M'75 - June 19, 2020
 Karen (Lippert) Holland '71 - February 8, 2020
 Thomas W. Hurley '71 - February 2, 2021
 Miriam (Raudenbush) Shires '71 - October 18, 2020
 Gerald "Jerry" A. Buckworth M'72 - September 20, 2020
 Carol L. (Davidson) Dickson '73 - July 3, 2020
 George E. Majors II '73 - May 4, 2021

Douglas A. Bloodsworth Jr. '74 - December 3, 2020
 Nancy K. Covert '74 - July 20, 2020
 Michael Allen Marshall '74 - February 18, 2021
 Susan B. (Stant) Phoebus M'74 - March 4, 2021
 Barbara-Lee (Kirchmyer) Steiner M'74 - November 13, 2020
 Eldon R. Stoltzfus '74 - January 24, 2021
 Thomas A. Timmons Sr. M'74 - June 15, 2020
 Thomas V. White '74 - December 20, 2020
 Brian L. Hayes '75 - February 20, 2020
 Betty Jo Newcomb M'75 - October 25, 2020
 Harry E. Reid '75 - August 8, 2020
 Judith A. (Wharton) Baker '76 - September 19, 2020
 Dennis J. Rogers '76 - October 3, 2020
 Donna K. (Ennis) Shupe '76 & '78 - February 14, 2021
 John W. Mountain '76 - March 23, 2021
 Deborah A. Ross '77 - April 7, 2020
 Charles E. Elliott '78 - November 5, 2020
 Howard L. Hedges '78 - September 28, 2020
 Kaye (Webster) Holloway '78 - November 13, 2020
 William H. Price '78 - April 26, 2021
 Edward T. Taylor M'78 - May 30, 2020
 George C. Chester Jr. '79 - September 24, 2020
 Susan E. (Humphreys) Holland '79 - July 31, 2020
 Edwin W. Hultgren '79 - December 2, 2020
 Richard K. Cox Sr. '80 - November 20, 2020
 Laurie (Small) Reese '80 - December 7, 2020
 Claudia (Redmond) Riley '80 - December 16, 2020
 Joan L. (Culver) Tisinger '80 & M'87 - March 8, 2021
 Patricia L. Berard '81 - November 11, 2020
 Debra L. (Perry) Jackson '81 - June 5, 2020
 Ronald M. Wilson '82 - February 22, 2021
 George Garrison III '83 - December 7, 2020
 JoAnn (Jasinski) Shoemaker '83 & M'94 - February 15, 2021
 Carolyn J. (Morosco) Welsh M'83 - December 16, 2020
 Theresa (Russell) Herrmann '86 & '99 - June 15, 2020
 Kathy A. (Shaffer) Dill '88 & M'94 - April 25, 2021
 Patricia L. McGowan '88 - October 25, 2020
 Kathy A. (Shaffer) Dill '88 & M'94 - April 25, 2021
 Leslie (Collins) Brett M'89 - November 20, 2020
 Irving N. "Tray" Webb III '89 - April 5, 2020
 Marjorie L. (Klink) Bunting '90 - January 18, 2021

Patrick C. Grogan '90 - July 30, 2020
 Michael S. Hartman '90 - May 3, 2021
 Candy L. (Adkins) Burns '91 - January 16, 2021
 Sarah "Sally" (Willis) Vermilye '91 - April 4, 2021
 Joyce A. (Connor) Taylor '92 & M'01 - July 25, 2020
 Ruth Ann Phillips M'93 - October 15, 2020
 David H. Rin Jr. M'93 - May 11, 2020
 Brandy Jo (Starkey) Terrill '94 & M'00 - January 13, 2021
 James M. Welch Jr. '95 - January 3, 2021
 Janice A. Wood '95 - December 30, 2020
 Michael C. Brewington '98 - March 18, 2021
 Wayne B. Ewell M'99 - September 12, 2020
 Jocelyn L. (Wright) Hardee '99 - January 1, 2021
 Mary A. Laurenzano '03 & M'08 - March 22, 2021
 Lisa A. (Bernstein) Brenner M'05 - December 15, 2020
 Brandon L. Ennis '05 - November 18, 2020
 Paul S. Sarbanes D(H)'06 - December 6, 2020
 Theodore T. Jefferson Jr. '07 & '10 - July 14, 2020
 Thonia W. (Heyward) Waters & M'07 - September 11, 2020
 Brian S. Lucas '09 - December 15, 2020
 Alexander C. Arndt-Kohlway '11 - February 27, 2021
 Dennis J. Mogan IV '11 - January 8, 2021
 Sandra Mae Sigmund '11 & M'13 - December 5, 2020
 Brienna S. Lux '16 - October 17, 2020

IN MEMORIAM FACULTY & STAFF

Jerry R. Adkins, Physical Plant - January 15, 2021
 Alfred S. Beebe, Math & Computer Sciences - October 24, 2020
 Clement L. Counts III, Biological Sciences - December 24, 2020
 Lori DeWitt, Communication - June 22, 2021
 Stephen G. Hardy, Advancement Services - August 24, 2020
 Donald R. Harter, Art - November 25, 2020
 Natalia M. Hoenigmann-Lion, Psychology - July 7, 2020
 Mark A. Holland, Biological Sciences - October 29, 2020
 David Andrew Reese, Library Services - April 2, 2021
 Brandy Jo (Starkey) Terrill '94 & M'00, Early & Elementary Education - January 13, 2021

FACULTY & STAFF RETIREMENTS SU bid farewell to 33 faculty and staff who retired in fiscal year 2021. They are (date of hire in parentheses):**SOCIAL WORK**

- Marvin Tossey (1978)

MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE

- Linda Cockey (1979)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Mike O'Loughlin (1980)

ATHLETICS

- Pat Lamboni (1982)
- Jill Stephenson (1995)

UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES

- Charles Palmer (1983)
- Althea Jones (1996)
- Gertrude Hutt (1997)

- Lola Andrews (1999)
- George Vandenbergh (2005)

APPLIED HEALTH PHYSIOLOGY

- Sidney Schneider (1986)

STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Lawanda Dockins-Mills (1988)
- Marie Bradford (1990)
- Robin Evans (2009)

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

- Stephen Gehrlich (1988)
- Betty Smith (1992)
- The Late Mark Holland (1993)
- Samuel Geleta (1999)
- Wanda Perkins (2003)

PSYCHOLOGY

- Craig Clarke (1989)

HOUSEKEEPING

- Baron Polk (1992)
- Daryl Carter (1999)
- Joanne Nicholson (2001)
- Margo Palmer (2006)

INFORMATION & DECISION SCIENCES

- Jeffrey Kottemann (1994)

CAMPUS RECREATION

- Wayne Gorrow (1997)

NURSING

- Michele Bracken (1999)

ECONOMICS & FINANCE

- Tylor Claggett (2002)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Roberta Adams (2003)

SU LIBRARIES

- Cynthia Nyirenda (2004)

EXERCISE SCIENCE

- John LaManca (2005)

MANAGEMENT & MARKETING

- Olivier Roche (2006)

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

- Marvin Pyles (2008)



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ALUMNI HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

OCTOBER
18-24
2021

FRIDAY

- Reunion Luncheon
*Celebrating Class of 1971 | Other classes recognized are 1936, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61 & 66
All classes from 36-75 are invited to attend*
- Hall of Fame Banquet
- Communication Alumni Happy Hour
- School of Social Work Reunion

SATURDAY

- Pre-Game Flock Party & Carnival
- Homecoming Football Game
Salisbury vs. Kean
- Additional Athletic Events
*Women's Field Hockey vs. Rowan
Men's & Women's Soccer Alumni Games*
- Class of 1976 45th Reunion
- Seidel School of Education Reunion

SUNDAY

- Run the Boards Like Rob

Look for Homecoming events and get details as they develop:
www.salisbury.edu/Homecoming